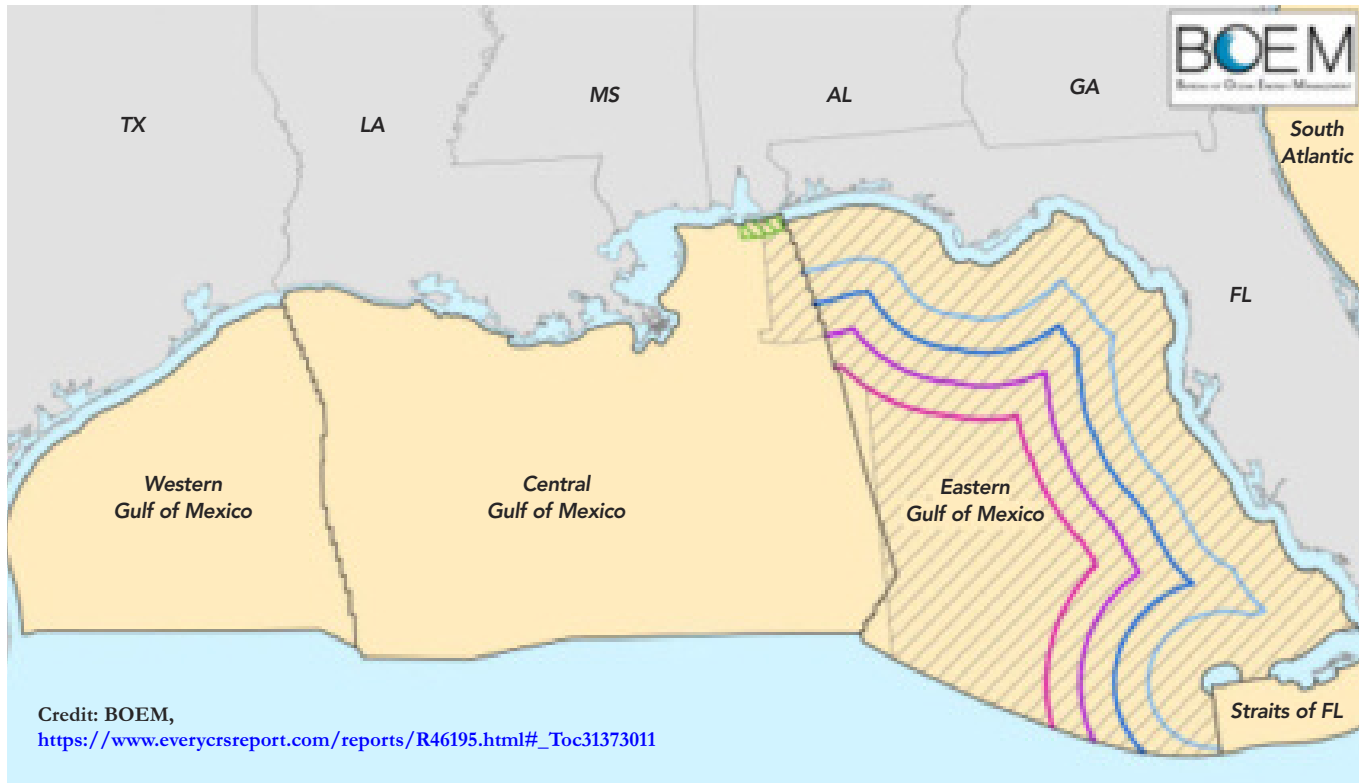


# BOEM's Request for Interest in Wind Power Development in the Gulf



To help gauge the interest in developing wind power in the Gulf of Mexico, BOEM published a Request for Interest in Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (Request) in the *Federal Register* in June 2021.<sup>1</sup> Responses to the Request will help the agency determine whether a competitive lease sale is needed, or, if only one entity is interested, whether a noncompetitive lease is more appropriate. The Request sought interest in the Central and Western planning areas of the Gulf. See the map for where those areas are located.

Additionally, the Request sought information even from those who would not develop wind energy but could contribute to the process. BOEM's requested such information as:

- Known archeological or cultural resource sites on the seabed,
- Potential impacts on historic properties, offshore and onshore,
- Potential conflicting uses such as fishing vessels, oil and gas leasing, and sediment resource areas,
- Information related to visual and aesthetic impacts, and
- Other relevant socioeconomic, cultural, biological, and environmental information.

This data helps BOEM anticipate and avoid conflicts with sites of environmental and historical significance under the National Environmental Policy Act, wildlife protection statutes, and the National Historic Preservation Act. 🐦

## Endnotes

- Geological/geophysical information such as hazards,

1. 86 Fed. Reg. 31339 (June 11, 2021).