A Boundary Delineation System for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Who is BOEM?



- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is the bureau within DOI responsible for the exploration and development of energy and marine mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).
- Minerals Management Service
 1982 2010
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

2010 - 2011

Authority

Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953:

"... all submerged lands lying seaward and outside of the area of lands beneath navigable waters... and of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States and are subject to its jurisdiction and control."





- Extends from the official baseline of the nation's coastline to the full extent of the OCS.
- * Includes the block grids and official boundaries.
- Enables BOEM to define, describe, analyze, and account for every acre/hectare of federal offshore submerged lands.



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1954 – Bureau of Land Management creates first *Leasing Maps*

West Cameron Area, LA

State Plane Coordinate System

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Blocks contain 5000 acres

South Padre Island Area, TX

Submerged Lands Act

- * Passed by Congress in 1953
- Granted title to the natural resources located within three nautical miles of a coastal state (nine nautical miles for Texas and the Gulf Coast of Florida – also Puerto Rico).
- * SLA boundary is projected seaward from officially recognized baseline points along the *mean lower low water line* of the coast line.

1963 – First Leasing Maps with the Submerged Lands Act Boundary

Tillamook Area, OR

Newport Area, OR

Figure 5 Curve intersecting a straight line.

Figure 6 Tangent intersected by a superimposed arc.

GULF OF MEXICO

Extent of Leasing Maps in the Gulf of Mexico - 1967

1967 – BLM utilizes the **Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) grid system** for the first Lease Maps generated for the Gulf of Alaska.

MIDDLETON ISLAND,

Middleton Island, AK

Yakutat, AK

Computer Mapping Software - 1970

- Based on FORTRAN programming language code
- * Block grid is mathematically generated
- * SLA boundary is mathematically projected from points along the coast line
- * Manually intensive, requiring many steps
- * Unable to project a line seaward beyond 12 nautical miles
- * Unable to generate blocks and boundaries in the Southern Hemisphere or west of 180°.

Official Protraction Diagram - 1972

* UTM grid

- * Blocks are increased to 5760 acres
- Measure 1° in latitude by 2° in longitude south of 48°
 latitude; increase to 3° in longitude north of 48°
- * Printed at 1:250,000 scale

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Salisbury, NJ

Section 8(g) Zone

- * 1978: OCS Lands Act amended.
- Section 8(g): rents, royalties, and other revenue obtained from leases located "within three nautical miles of the seaward boundary of any coastal state" will be shared between the state and the Federal government.
- * Area between three and six nautical miles offshore referred to as the "8(g) Zone."
- * 1986: Section 8(g) amended to specify that the **coastal state would receive 27% of the revenues generated**.

Supplemental Official Protraction Diagram - 1980

- * Generated for OCS blocks that contain at least one boundary
- * Reflect the position of a federal boundary, or boundaries
- Coordinate values for where the boundary enters and exits the OCS block
- * Arc and tangent segments projected offshore from the baseline
- * Arc centers from the contributing baseline points

WEST CAMERON AREA Lease Block crossed by the 3 Mile Line.

August 2, 1962

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Lease Block Diagram - 1962

West Cameron Area, LA

Supplemental Official Block Diagram - 1983

West Cameron Area, LA

NAD27 and the Gulf of Mexico

- * Minerals Management Service (MMS) created in 1982
- * 1989: All Federal agencies that perform mapping activities are instructed to migrate to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).
- * 1990: Over 5000 oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico
- MMS planned to convert all maps from NAD27 to NAD83.
 Conversion was completed for all Regions except the Gulf of Mexico.

Changing the Datum

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

1983-2022: 1-2 meters

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1992 – Technical Information Management System (TIMS)

TIMS database contains all major business functions required for BOEM to perform leasing activities.

Block and Boundary component contains tabular data and mapping tools

Geospatial data cannot be stored in TIMS

Mapping tools not functional outside of North America

Building a New System - 2007

- * Replace TIMS mapping tools with GIS technology
- * Custom tools for all processes (calculations, generate blocks and boundaries, produce maps)
- * Contracts with Esri, Inc. signed 2009 and 2010
- * First set of custom tools delivered in December 2010, including the **Project Boundary** tool.

Baseline: the most seaward, or salient, points along the shoreline.

Subset of isolated points

Subset of points connected by lines

Subset of bay closing lines showing limit of inland waters.

Baseline and SLA Boundary, Upper Cook Inlet, Alaska

Building the Boundary Delineation System - 2015

- * New contract with Esri: replace majority of custom tools with commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) tools.
- * New Data Model will utilize 39 separate file geodatabases, accommodating all OCS areas of the U.S. regardless of datum.
- * Import of TIMS Block and Boundary data into the geodatabases for the Atlantic, Pacific, and Alaska Regions.
- * Utilize the **Data Interoperability** extension for importing and exporting Block & Boundary data between the BDS and TIMS.

Building the Boundary Delineation System - 2015

- Generate new blocks for the principal Hawaiian Islands and subdivide all blocks into aliquot parts.
- * Esri Project Boundary tool for creating official marine boundaries.
- Map Production tools will be configured to generate OPDs and SOBDs.

Mapping and Boundary Branch, Leasing Division, Office of Strategic Resources, BOEN OPD OREP prototype 5-2012 al 5/11/2012

BOEM Prototype: Official Protraction Diagram

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Supplemental Official Block Diagram

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BOEM prototype: Supplemental Official Aliquot Diagram

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Official Protraction Diagram with Esri Oceans Basemap Dry Tortugas, Florida

OPD: Pensacola, Florida - 1988

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OPD: Pensacola, Florida - 2015

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