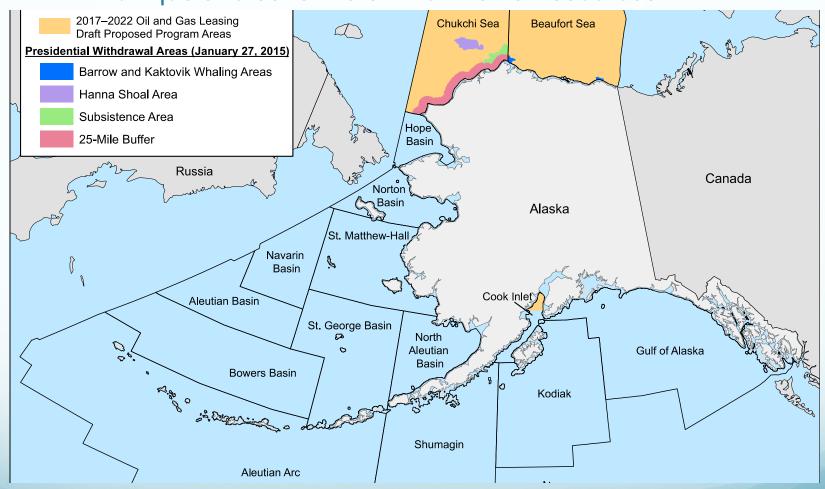
MPA Working Group- Nov 9-10th Working Group Arctic Marine Protected Areas Meeting.

A focus and review on major ocean uses in the U.S. Arctic

Oil and Gas Background, Regulatory Structure, and Environmental Stewardship.

On January 27, 2015, President Obama withdrew certain areas of the Alaskan Arctic OCS from future oil and gas leasing due to their importance for subsistence use by Alaska Natives as well as for their unique and sensitive environmental resources.



Leasing, Exploration and Development Process

Pre-Lease

Develop OCS 5-Year Program (18 to 24 months)

Solicit Comments

45-day Comment Period Publish Draft Proposed Program

60-Day Comment Period Announce Proposed Program Publish Draft EIS

90-Day Comment Period Announce Proposed Program

Publish Final EIS 60-Day Period with Congress Announce OCS 5-Year Leasing Program

Planning for Specific Sale (1 year)

Publish Call for Information

45-day Comment Period Define Sale Area Publish Draft EIS Proposed Notice

90-Day Comment Period Publish Final EIS

CD to Governors

Exploration Plan Approval (18 to 24 months)

Publish Proposed Notice of Salle

90-Day Comment Period

30-Day Comment Period

60-Day Comment Period Publish

Notice of Sale

30-Day Comment Period Lease Sale

Issue Leases

Post Lease

Submit Exploration Plan

Begin Environmental Assessment

Begin CZM Review 90-Day CZM Review by States Approve Exploration Plan Approve Drilling; Grant Environmental Permits Start Exploration Drilling

Complete First Exploration Well

Delineation Drilling

Development & Production Plan Approval (3 to 5 years)

Submit Development and Production Plan Begin CZM Consistency Review Publish Draft EIS

90-Day Comment Period Publish Final EIS Obtain CZM Consistency

Approve Development and Production Plan Production Well Application First Oil and Natural Gas Production