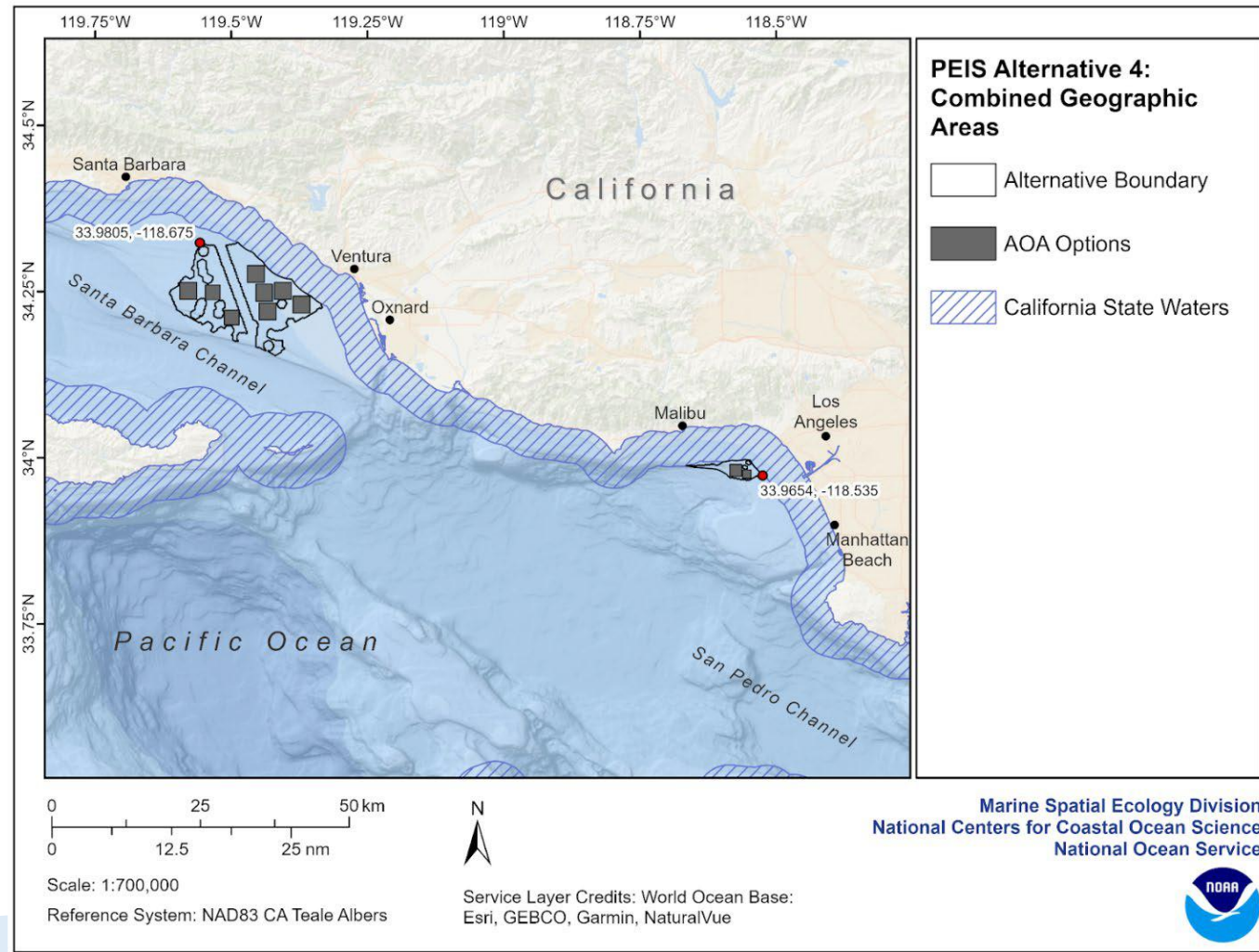


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Final PEIS - Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (9/19/25)



FPEIS - AOA's

- Analyzes potential impacts to the human environment that could result from identifying AOA's and **generally evaluates** the impacts of siting aquaculture in those locations.
- The action is a planning effort and **does not propose to authorize or permit any specific aquaculture-related activities or individual aquaculture projects.**
- Proposed Action - Alternative 4b (**all types of aquaculture** in both the Santa Barbara Channel and Santa Monica Bay)



AOAs - What is next and Who is involved?

- Project Proposals submitted
- Lead Agencies and Cooperating Agencies (operations in Federal waters):

Federal

- USACE
- EPA
- NMFS
- USFWS
- DOD
- USCG
- FDA
- Tribal consultation also undertaken

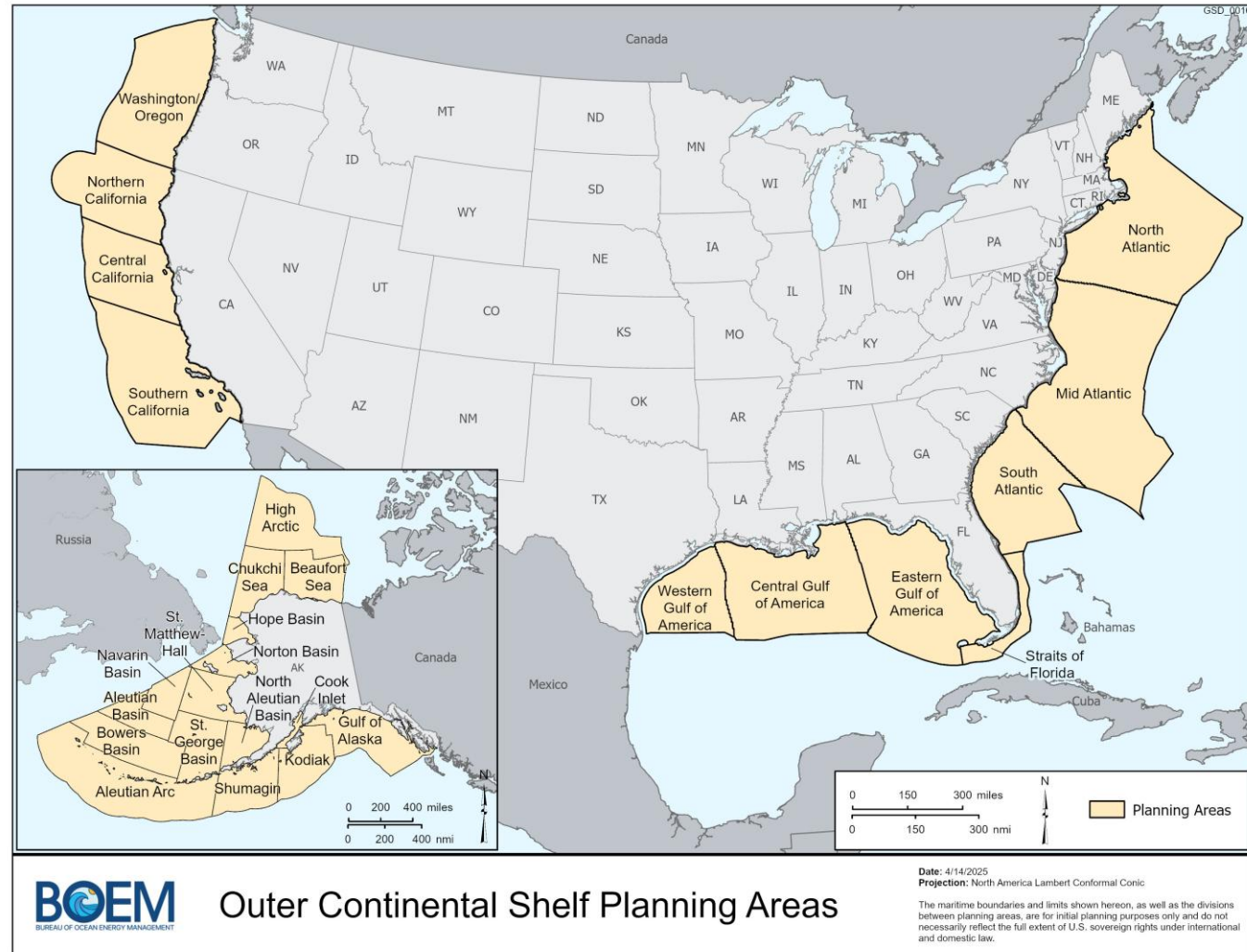
State

- CCC
- CDFW

- See - June 2025 Publication - Guide to Leasing, Permitting, and Authorizing Commercial Aquaculture Operations off the California Coast



BOEM - 11th National Oil and Gas Leasing Program



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Steps in the Process/Timeline

1. Requests information and comment from all stakeholders regarding all 27 planning areas - 45-day Comment Period (Closed on June 16, 2025)
2. Draft Proposed Program (DPP) - 60-day Comment Period (Publication imminent)
3. Proposed Program - 90-day Comment Period
4. Proposed Final Program (PFP) - 60-day waiting period
5. Approval



State Updates

California

- California Offshore Wind Energy Fisheries Working Group

Oregon

- EOs 25-25 and 25-26
- STAC (Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee)
- Roadmap Updates

Washington

- December WCMAC meeting
- Potential undersea cable project



MPC Recommendations

- **AOAs**

The Council task the MPC (and HC) with monitoring potential project proposals within the AOAs and; if necessary, collaborate on a potential Council comment letter during any applicable public comment period. Depending on the timing of such proposals, it may necessitate utilizing the Quick Response Process.

- **BOEM National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program**

The Council task the Habitat Committee and MPC with monitoring developments on the DPP and; if necessary, collaborate on a potential Council comment letter during the 60-day public comment period. Depending on when the DPP is published, it may necessitate utilizing the Quick Response Process

- **Oregon Roadmap**

The MPC outlined three potential options (bottom of Page 5 of the Supplemental Report) to consider drafts of the Oregon OSW Roadmap. Each of which could result in the Council considering potential comments to DLCD.



Questions & Thank you

