

Step-by-Step Guide: How to Submit a Public Comment to BOEM on Offshore Drilling

What's Happening

The **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)** is preparing the **11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program**, which will replace the current 2024–2029 plan. BOEM is now requesting **public comments** on whether, where, and how offshore oil and gas drilling should proceed.

This is a critical opportunity for communities, businesses, and leaders to voice support for protecting their coastal economies, ecosystems, and quality of life.

Who Should Comment

- Coastal business owners (tourism, hospitality, fishing, etc.)
- Chambers of commerce and business groups
- Local elected officials (mayors, councilmembers, county commissions)
- Environmental organizations
- Concerned residents and families
- Tribes and Tribal organizations

Deadline

Comments must be received by **June 16, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST**.

Note: All comments can be viewed by the general public.

How to Submit a Comment

Option 1: Submit Online (Preferred)

1. Go to: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/04/30/2025-07479/request-for-information-and-comments-on-the-preparation-of-the-11th-national-outer-continental-shelf>
 - a. If the link does not work, go to www.federalregister.gov , scroll to the search bar and enter the docket #: BOEM-2025-0015.
2. Click on the green button near the top of the page that says, “SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT”.
3. Select whether you are submitting as an individual, organization or anonymous.
4. Fill out your name, contact information (optional), and enter or upload your comment.
5. Click **Submit**.

Option 2: Submit by Mail

Mail your written comment to:

Ms. Kelly Hammerle
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166-9216
Label envelope: “Comments for the 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program”