

# U.S. Department of the Interior In Case You Missed It

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## Secretary Haaland Announces Ambitious Roadmap for Offshore Wind

**WASHINGTON** — Yesterday, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland outlined the path forward for future offshore wind leasing to meet the Biden-Harris administration's goal to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030. Secretary Haaland announced plans for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to potentially hold up to seven new offshore lease sales by 2025 in the Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, Central Atlantic, and Gulf of Mexico, as well as offshore the Carolinas, California, and Oregon.

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#### AP: New wind farms would dot US coastlines under Biden plan

Seven major offshore wind farms would be developed on the East and West coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico under a plan announced Wednesday by the Biden administration. The projects are part of President Joe Biden's plan to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030, generating enough electricity to power more than 10 million homes. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said her department hopes to hold lease sales by 2025 off the coasts of Maine, New York and the mid-Atlantic, as well as the Carolinas, California, Oregon and the Gulf of Mexico. The projects are part of Biden's plan to address global warming and could avoid about 78 million metric tons of planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions, while creating up to 77,000 jobs, officials said.

### New York Times: Biden Administration Plans Wind Farms Along Nearly the Entire U.S. Coastline

The Biden administration announced on Wednesday a plan to develop large-scale wind farms along nearly the entire coastline of the United States, the first long-term strategy from the government to produce electricity from offshore turbines. Speaking at a wind power industry conference in Boston, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said that her agency will begin to identify, demarcate and hope to eventually lease federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of Maine and off the coasts of the Mid-Atlantic States, North Carolina and South Carolina, California and Oregon, to wind power developers by 2025.

Bloomberg: Biden Wind-Farm Sale Opens Path to Turbines on Nearly All Coasts

The Biden administration on Wednesday outlined plans to expand offshore wind development across almost all U.S. coasts, raising the prospect that turbines could be installed from the Carolinas to California. "We have big goals to achieve a clean energy economy," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said during a speech at American Clean Power's Offshore WINDPOWER conference in Boston on Wednesday. Haaland called the administration's plan a road map to show "exactly where we're headed and how we plan to achieve a clean energy future by 2030."

#### The Hill: Biden administration planning massive expansion of offshore wind farms

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and the department announced a series of next steps in the Biden administration's offshore wind push. Haaland said Wednesday that the U.S. could hold as many as seven lease sales by 2025 for companies who want to use oceans to develop wind energy offshore. These sales could happen in the Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, Central Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, as well as offshore of the Carolinas, California and Oregon, according to the Interior Department.

#### The Verge: Biden administration gives offshore wind farms a big boost

Offshore wind farms could be coming to nearly every coastline along the continental US. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland today announced plans to auction off leases to developers for up to seven new areas by 2025. That includes waters in the Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of Maine, Central Atlantic, New York Bight (between Long Island and New Jersey), and off the coasts of Oregon, California, and the Carolinas.

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