

**Source URL:** <http://www.newswest9.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** Offshore Technology Conference 2013 kicks off Monday | News

**Outlet:** Click2Houston.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 579,678

**Source URL:** <http://click2houston.com/news/offshore-technology-conference-kicks-off-monday/-/1735978/20028508/-/5ycv9i/-/index.html>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** ABC 40 KRHD

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 7,403

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**Title:** News Minute: Here is the latest Louisiana news from The Associated Press

**Outlet:** WXVT 15

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 6,821

**Source URL:** <http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877997>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** wbtv.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 168,458

**Source URL:** <http://www.wbtv.com/story/22167798/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling | The-Dispatch.com

**Outlet:** Dispatch

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 268,002

**Source URL:** <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130506/APF/1305060856>

**Title:** Coastal governors say federal permitting slows offshore drilling, say drilling creates jobs

**Outlet:** Daily Reporter

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 9,075

**Source URL:**

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/12fcd9a97bfc42d09a13920982adb282/TX--Offshore-Energy-Governors>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

**Outlet:** heraldonline

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 954,144

**Source URL:** <http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/05/06/4836952/coastal-governors-call-for-more.html>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

**Outlet:** therepublic.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 281,898

**Source URL:**

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/12fcd9a97bfc42d09a13920982adb282/TX--Offshore-Energy-Governors>

**Title:** News Minute: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

**Outlet:** WSFA 12 News

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 248,800

**Source URL:** <http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

**Outlet:** islandpacket.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 750,328

**Source URL:** <http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/05/06/2492365/coastal-governors-call-for-more.html>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** 7 News

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 21,270

**Source URL:** <http://www.kswo.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** The Wire: OregonLive.com

**Outlet:** OregonLive.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 3,048,218

**Source URL:** <http://www.oregonlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling/12fcd9a97bfc42d09a13920982adb282>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

**Outlet:** Sunherald.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 927,542

**Source URL:** <http://www.sunherald.com/2013/05/06/4645888/coastal-governors-call-for-more.html>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** KTRE 9

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 446,386

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**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** KSLA News 12

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 698,640

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**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy - FOX Carolina 21

**Outlet:** foxcarolina.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 58,422

**Source URL:** <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/22167798/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** kcbd.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 89,618

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**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** NewsChannel 10

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 16,732

**Source URL:** <http://www.newschannel10.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** Star-Telegram

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 1,245,571

**Source URL:** <http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/05/06/4827339/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk.html>

**Title:** Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

**Outlet:** Yahoo! Singapore Online

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 27,455

**Source URL:** <http://sg.finance.yahoo.com/news/coastal-governors-call-more-offshore-202341587.html; ylt=AwrHgVqeFohR3TMATQBJw8RG; ylu=X3oDMTNybTRzamc2BG1pdANTZW>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** WECT 6

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**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** heraldonline

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 954,144

**Source URL:** <http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/05/06/4834411/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk.html>

**Title:** 07-05-2013 00:53 Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling

**Outlet:** Swissquote

**Source URL:**

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**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

**Outlet:** KTEN.com

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 111,455

**Source URL:** <http://www.kten.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

**Title:** McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy | WashingtonExaminer.com

**Outlet:** Examiner

**Source URL:** <http://washingtonexaminer.com/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy/article/feed/2095912>

**Title:** McCrory to be in Houston to talk up off shore drilling

**Outlet:** Under the Dome

**Unique Visitors Per Month:** 55,302

**Source URL:**

<http://projects.newsobserver.com/under-the-dome/mccrory-to-be-in-houston-to-talk-up-off-shore-drilling>



OCS Governors Coalition  
Action Items from May 6, 2013 Meetings  
Houston, TX

**Review of May 6, 2012 Meeting:**

- Media:
  - Over 110 outlets carried coverage of the OCS Governors Coalition meeting at the Offshore Technology Conference. Wire services, including AP and UPI, ensured broad international and national coverage, including in each of the eight member states. These outlets reached over 200 million readers.
  - Press releases issued by the member-states have been hyperlinked on the OCS Governors' website, <http://ocsgovernors.org/news/>.
- Audio-visual capture:
  - CEA contracted with the Offshore Technology Conference to capture video of the panel discussion as well as still photos in the green room and panel room. These will be available within one week. Clips of the event will be archived on the OCS Governors website. Please contact Shawn Martini ([smartini@consumerenergyalliance.org](mailto:smartini@consumerenergyalliance.org)).

**Action Items:**

- OCS Governors Letter to the Federal Congressional Delegations:
  - The governors agreed to send a joint letter to each of the 85 Representatives and 16 Senators discussing some of the current policy priorities of the Coalition and urging the Members to collectively support legislative initiatives that advance these policies.
  - A draft letter is attached. Please send any edits to Nathan Butzlaff ([nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov](mailto:nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov)) and Natalie Joubert ([njoubert@consumerenergyalliance.org](mailto:njoubert@consumerenergyalliance.org)).
  - Once the letter has been approved by each member state, please work with Governor Parnell's office on autopens.
  - Target sending date by the Coalition: End of May 2013.

- Next Meeting:
  - Governor Parnell and Governor Haley have agreed to hold the next meeting of the OCS Governors Coalition in Charleston, SC in September 2013. Exact dates, times, location and agenda will be discussed with the OCS Governors representatives.
  - Initial Objective for the next meeting:
    - Invite Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to meet with the governors to discuss in detail some of the regulatory concerns that the governors have. Additional invites to White House officials and/or the member state's federal delegation are also for consideration as the date nears.

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May XX, 2013

The Honorable [Name of U.S. House Member or U.S. Senator]  
[Office Address]  
[U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives]  
Washington, DC [Zip Code]

Dear [Title and Last Name of House Member or Senator],

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Regards,

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The Honorable Phil Bryant

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Governor of North Carolina

cc: [Name of State] Congressional Delegation

## Baker, Josh

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**From:** Natalie Joubert <NJoubert@hbwresources.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 1:21 PM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Subject:** OCS Gov. Coalition  
**Attachments:** Congressional OSCGC Intro Letter Draft (043013).docx

Hi Josh,

In a follow-up to my voicemail, I would like to connect with you on a few action items coming out to the May 6<sup>th</sup> OCS Governors Coalition meeting in Houston.

Of note, the governors agreed to finalize a letter to the 101 U.S. Representatives and Senators representing the 8 OCS Governors' states. The letter introduces the group to the Members and reviews some current policy positions that the Governor support. The latest draft is attached. Most of the states have approved this version.

Second, as you may know, Governor Haley announced at the May meeting that she would like to host the next meeting of the Governors in Charleston in May.

Governor Parnell's staff, my colleagues and I have been discussing these items very tentatively with Kurt Pickhardt, but I'm uncertain where these discussions stand with Governor Haley and your staff.

If you could please reach out to me in the near future, I would very much appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Natalie

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June XX, 2013

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- 5) Improving management and stewardship of coastal resources related to coastal and ocean activities. Sustainable production of our ocean energy resources remains a high priority for each of the governors.

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**From:** Natalie Joubert <NJoubert@hbwresources.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2013 12:48 PM  
**To:** Amy Dobson (AK); Chip Kline (LA); Chris Champion (MS); Cindy Sims (AK); David Holt CEA; Doug Domenech (VA); Elizabeth Bluemink (AK); Emily Domenech (TX); Garret Graves (LA); I'man Robinson (VA); Janie Mason (AK); Jeffrey Jones (AK); Jill Boxer (AL); Jose Romano; Baker, Josh; Haltiwanger, Katherine; Kim Genardo (NC); Kirk Sims (MS); Mark Robbins (AK); Martin Kent (VA); Natalie Joubert; Nate Hickman (TX); Nick Tew (AL); Randall Ruaro (AK); Sara Benhauser (VA); Shana Gooch (TX); Sharon Leighow (AK); Stefanie Moreland (AK); Tony Almeida (NC)  
**Cc:** kip.knudson@alaska.gov; Nathan Butzlaff (nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov)  
**Subject:** OCS Gov Support for Offshore Legislation  
**Attachments:** HR 2231 and HR 1613 Parnell OCS Governors Letter (062513).pdf

Dear OCS Governors Coalition Reps:

Governor Parnell's staff would like to alert you to a letter sent to U.S. House Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi late yesterday on behalf of the Coalition. The letter underscores the governors' support for two pieces of legislation, H.R. 2231, the "Offshore Energy & Jobs Act," and H.R. 1613, the "Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act." This support is due to the bills' inclusion of measures that would expand revenue-sharing to all coastal states and would expand offshore leasing to new areas, including in the Atlantic. These two bills will be up for consideration by the full House later today. The letter is attached and will be available on the OCS Governors' website later this afternoon at this [link](#).

On a related note, the Coalition has a pending letter to be signed by the full Coalition that will be sent to each of the 101 U.S. Senators and Representatives from the 8 OCS Governors states. This letter introduces the Coalition to the Congressmen and reviews some of the group's policy objectives. Many of you have already approved the language and worked with Gov. Parnell's office on the electronic signatory process. If you have not done so, please contact Nathan (cc'd) or myself. Additional news on the status of the letter and its intended release date will be shared with the group in the near future.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
House Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi,

On behalf of the members of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition, I am writing to you in support of H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, and H.R. 1613, the Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act. I understand that the House of Representatives will vote on these bills in the near future. These pieces of legislation advance the policy goals of the OCS Governors Coalition, namely expanding areas available for offshore energy development, and expanding OCS revenue sharing.

In particular, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Bill requires the Obama Administration to open new areas in the OCS for energy production by mandating a new OCS lease plan by 2015, conduct additional lease sales off the west and east coasts, and expand OCS revenue sharing beyond the Gulf Coast states. The Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act formally authorizes new oil and gas exploration and development along the United States-Mexico maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico.

The governors who are members of this coalition look forward to the enactment of these important pieces of legislation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor of Alaska  
Chair, Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition

## Baker, Josh

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**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Cc:** kip.knudson@alaska.gov; Nathan Butzlaff (nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov)  
**Subject:** OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting  
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Hi Josh,

Thank you for chatting with me this afternoon. As we discussed, the Coalition would like to confirm Governor Haley's participation in a few upcoming activities.

First, the Coalition would like to send the attached letter to the 101 U.S. Senators and Representatives from the 8 member states. The letter reviews the Coalition's policy objectives and urges the Members to act in concert on OCS energy issues. Each of the other states has agreed to sign-on to this language. Ideally, the Coalition would like to send next week. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if your office has any edits. If you approve the letter, please work with Nathan (cc'd) to authorize use of an electronic signature.

Second, we like to begin discussions about the next OCS Governors Coalition, to be tentatively held in Charleston on Sept 15-16 (in conjunction with the RGA meetings). As the host state, Gov. Parnell's office and CEA would like to begin coordinating with your office on invites, agenda, and other logistics. I understand your office is working to identify staff to coordinate this meeting. If possible, Gov. Parnell's staff and I would like to hold a teleconference after the Fourth of July holiday with your office to begin planning this meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kip, Nathan or myself.

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April 28, 2013

The Honorable [Name of U.S. House Member or U.S. Senator]  
[Office Address]  
[U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives]  
Washington, DC [Zip Code]

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- 4) Improving understanding of potential energy resources adjacent to coastal states. In the FY2010 House Interior Appropriations bill, Congress instructed DOI to provide a timeline for its completion of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that would allow seismic activity to occur in the Atlantic. At the time, DOI responded that a Final PEIS would be issued in April 2012. A final PEIS has yet to be issued.

The OCS Governors Coalition hopes to cultivate a substantive, ongoing dialogue with Obama Administration officials on the opportunities and challenges facing offshore energy development, including the priorities mentioned in this letter. As the Coalition pursues these efforts, we encourage Congress to develop similar relationships and encourage the administration to pursue decision-making in a transparent, collective manner that values the opinion of state and local leaders. The Coalition has already communicated many of the concerns highlighted in this letter with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. We hope you will do the same.

In closing, feel free to utilize the OCS Governors Coalition as a source of information and advocacy on OCS issues. If you would like more information about the OCS Governors Coalition, please visit our website at [www.ocsgovernors.org](http://www.ocsgovernors.org) or contact Mr. Kip Knudson, the Director of State/Federal Relations for Alaska Governor Sean Parnell, who serves as chair of the Coalition. You may reach Mr. Knudson at 202-624-5859 or via e-mail at [kip.knudson@alaska.gov](mailto:kip.knudson@alaska.gov).

Regards,

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The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor of Alaska (Chair)

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The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Governor of Louisiana

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The Honorable Rick Perry

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The Honorable Phil Bryant

Recipients

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Governor of Texas

Governor of Mississippi

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The Honorable Robert Bentley  
Governor of Alabama

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The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina

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The Honorable Robert McDonnell  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Pat McCrory  
Governor of North Carolina

cc: [Name of State] Congressional Delegation

## Baker, Josh

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**From:** Natalie Joubert <NJoubert@hbwresources.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 3:24 PM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Subject:** RE: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Hi Josh –

I'm following up to a voicemail that I left you on Wednesday regarding my discussion with Gov. Parnell's office on the OCS Gov. meeting in South Carolina.

If you could reach out to me when you're available, the Coalition would like to make a decision whether to move forward with planning for Sept 15-16 in Charleston or begin discussing alternative dates and location for its next meeting.

My desk is 202-429-4931.

Thank you,

Natalie

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**From:** Natalie Joubert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 5:40 PM  
**To:** 'LeMoine, Leigh'  
**Subject:** RE: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Thank you, Leigh. I'll be in touch after I meet with Gov. Parnell's staff.

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**From:** LeMoine, Leigh [<mailto:LeighLeMoine@gov.sc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 5:07 PM  
**To:** Natalie Joubert  
**Subject:** RE: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Hi Natalie, I'm in a holding pattern as we work on the Governor's schedule. I'm willing to speak with you on the prospective of the event, but I do not have clarity on the schedule at this point.

Thanks,  
Leigh

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**From:** Natalie Joubert [<mailto:NJoubert@hbwresources.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 5:01 PM  
**To:** LeMoine, Leigh  
**Subject:** RE: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Hi Leigh,

I'll be meeting with Gov. Parnell's office tomorrow to discuss this event and map out a potential agenda. Would you have time tomorrow afternoon or later this week to discuss with Gov. Parnell's office and me?

Thank you,

Natalie

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**From:** Natalie Joubert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 03, 2013 2:30 PM  
**To:** [leighlemoine@gov.sc.gov](mailto:leighlemoine@gov.sc.gov)  
**Cc:** Nathan Butzlaff ([nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov](mailto:nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov)); Baker, Josh ([JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov](mailto:JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov))  
**Subject:** FW: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Hi Leigh,

In following up to my voicemail, I wanted to discuss with you an upcoming OCS Governors Coalition meeting on September 15-16 that Governor Haley agreed to host with Governor Parnell in Charleston. Do you have availability to discuss this event with myself and Governor Parnell's staff early next week?

We would need to review with you logistics (event locations, timing), invitations, and the agenda for the meeting.

Please let me know your availability and I can forward teleconference information.

Sincerely,

Natalie

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**From:** Baker, Josh [<mailto:JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:28 AM  
**To:** Natalie Joubert  
**Subject:** RE: OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Natalie,

We're fine with the letter. For conference logistics, please coordinate with Leigh LeMoine, [leighlemoine@gov.sc.gov](mailto:leighlemoine@gov.sc.gov); she's the best single point of contact for now.

Best,  
Josh

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**From:** Natalie Joubert [<mailto:NJoubert@hbwresources.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Cc:** [kip.knudson@alaska.gov](mailto:kip.knudson@alaska.gov); Nathan Butzlaff ([nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov](mailto:nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov))  
**Subject:** OCS Governors Coalition - Letter & Charleston Meeting

Hi Josh,

Thank you for chatting with me this afternoon. As we discussed, the Coalition would like to confirm Governor Haley's participation in a few upcoming activities.

First, the Coalition would like to send the attached letter to the 101 U.S. Senators and Representatives from the 8 member states. The letter reviews the Coalition's policy objectives and urges the Members to act in concert on OCS energy issues. Each of the other states has agreed to sign-on to this language. Ideally, the Coalition would like to send next week. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if your office has any edits. If you approve the letter, please work with Nathan (cc'd) to authorize use of an electronic signature.

Second, we like to begin discussions about the next OCS Governors Coalition, to be tentatively held in Charleston on Sept 15-16 (in conjunction with the RGA meetings). As the host state, Gov. Parnell's office and CEA would like to begin coordinating with your office on invites, agenda, and other logistics. I understand your office is working to identify staff to coordinate this meeting. If possible, Gov. Parnell's staff and I would like to hold a teleconference after the Fourth of July holiday with your office to begin planning this meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kip, Nathan or myself.

Thank you,

Natalie

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## Baker, Josh

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**From:** Williams, Kate (Energy) <Kate\_Williams@energy.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** Baker, Josh; Pederson, Spencer (Scott)  
**Subject:** RE: Revenue sharing hearing  
**Attachments:** 130710 FAIR Act v2 Final JAC13446.pdf

Thank you Josh,

Attached is a copy of the bill (S.1273). Below is a summary of the bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or email. Thanks again for your help.

Kate

### **Bill summary:**

The bill extends offshore revenue sharing for oil and gas to all coastal states. 27.5% of these revenues are directed to coastal states. 25% of this amount is directed to “coastal political subdivisions” (county-equivalents. How these funds are spent is left to the discretion of the states and CPSs which are best positioned to determine their needs in light of and to respond to increased development. Coastal states may receive an additional 10% of offshore revenues if they establish funds in their treasuries to support projects and activities related to alternative and renewable energy, energy R&D, energy efficiency, or conservation. This amount is not shared with coastal political subdivisions. Revenue sharing is limited to states within a particular OCS region or planning area (i.e. Alaska OCS region, Pacific OCS region, Gulf of Mexico OCS region, North Atlantic planning area; Mid-Atlantic planning area, South Atlantic planning area). For example, this means that revenues from Virginia’s OCS are shared only with other states in the Mid-Atlantic planning area, and would not be shared with any states in the North Atlantic planning area such as New Jersey.

In Alaska, 90% of the funds for coastal political subdivisions are divided between the boroughs closest to the leased areas and 10% are split evenly among other boroughs determined by the State of Alaska to be “significant staging areas” for offshore development. For CPSs in the other coastal states, these funds are divided between the CPSs based on the same formula used to distribute funds under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (i.e. population, miles of coastline, distance from leased areas). The Alaska “exception” ensures only boroughs actually impacted by development receive revenue sharing funds. For example, the Municipality of Anchorage will not receive revenue sharing from Beaufort or Chukchi leases, unless the Muni is determined to be a significant staging area. Conversely, the North Slope Borough will not receive revenue sharing from Cook Inlet leases.

The bill also extends the offshore and onshore revenue sharing programs to revenues from the development of alternative and renewable energy sources. Alternative and renewable energy is defined to mean energy from wind, solar or ocean (tidal, wave, current) sources. Currently, states receive 50% of the revenues from the development of coal, oil and natural gas on federal lands within their borders (though language in the past several Interior Appropriations bills has taken 2% of the states’ share for administration).

The bill amends the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 so these states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas) may receive revenues from Gulf leases sooner, beginning in FY2014 rather than in FY2017. [Note: The Gulf states currently receive some revenues from a limited number of leases entered into before GOMESA.] Under GOMESA, revenue sharing for the Gulf states is capped at \$500 million annually from FY2016-FY2055. Under the FAIR Act, revenue sharing is capped at \$500 million in FY2014 with the cap increasing by \$100 million each fiscal year until 2024. After 2024, there is no cap on the amount of revenues the Gulf states may receive. In addition, beginning in FY2014, \$62.5 million annually in Gulf of Mexico revenues is directed to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This is similar to what already occurs under GOMESA, but ensures that the amount to the LWCF does not continue to increase as revenue

sharing payments to the Gulf states increases. The FAIR Act does not amend the percentage of revenue sharing the Gulf states will receive, which is 37.5% under GOMESA.

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**From:** Baker, Josh [mailto:JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 11:37 AM  
**To:** Pederson, Spencer (Scott)  
**Cc:** Williams, Kate (Energy)  
**Subject:** Re: Revenue sharing hearing

Spencer,

Thank you for the invitation and introduction to Kate.

I have put the Governor's schedule on alert and I expect to hear from her shortly. In the mean time, if you could send me information on the bill and the current bill itself, that would be helpful in focusing our remarks.

I'm out of the office most of this week, but will give you a call if when/if I get schedule confirmation.

Best,

Josh

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**From:** Pederson, Spencer (Scott) [mailto:Spencer\_Pederson@scott.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 10:55 AM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Cc:** Williams, Kate (Energy) <Kate\_Williams@energy.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Revenue sharing hearing

Josh,

Good morning and I hope you two had a nice weekend. Thanks for the conversation last week about revenue sharing—it was helpful to better understand the Governor's perspective. I'm emailing because Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is ready to send out invitations for the July 23 hearing on revenue sharing and they were hoping that Governor Haley would be able to make the trip up to testify. I know it's cutting it close but I am Ccing Kate Williams with Senate ENR who is handling this hearing for Ranking Member Murkowski and can answer any and all questions you might have.

It would be great if it worked out and I know Senator Scott would enjoy having the Governor testify if it works with her schedule. Thanks and look forward to speaking with you soon.

Spencer

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To establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fixing America’s In-  
5 equities with Revenues Act of 2013” or the “FAIR Act  
6 of 2013”.

7 **SEC. 2. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES TO COASTAL STATES.**

8 Section 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1338) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 9. DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.**

2 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

3 “(1) **ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE EN-**  
4 **ERGY.**—The term ‘alternative and renewable energy’  
5 means energy derived from a wind, solar, or ocean  
6 (including tidal, wave, and current) source.

7 “(2) **COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**—The  
8 term ‘coastal political subdivision’ means a county-  
9 equivalent subdivision of a coastal State all or part  
10 of which—

11 “(A) lies within the coastal zone (as de-  
12 fined in section 304 of the Coastal Zone Man-  
13 agement Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453)); and

14 “(B) the closest point of which is not more  
15 than 200 nautical miles from the geographical  
16 center of any leased tract.

17 “(3) **COASTAL STATE.**—

18 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘coastal  
19 State’ means a State with a coastal seaward  
20 boundary within 200 nautical miles distance of  
21 the geographical center of a leased tract in an  
22 outer Continental Shelf region adjacent to the  
23 State.

24 “(B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term ‘coastal  
25 State’ does not include a coastal State, the ma-

1           jority of the coastline of which is subject to a  
2           leasing moratorium.

3           “(4) DISTANCE.—The terms ‘distance’ and ‘dis-  
4           tances’ mean minimum great circle distance and dis-  
5           tances, respectively.

6           “(5) LEASED TRACT.—The term ‘leased tract’  
7           means a tract or other area leased or made available  
8           for the exploration, development, or production of  
9           oil, natural gas, or alternative or renewable energy.

10          “(6) LEASING MORATORIUM.—The term ‘leas-  
11          ing moratorium’ means any State or Federal prohi-  
12          bition on the development of oil, natural gas, and al-  
13          ternative and renewable energy sources, including  
14          preleasing, leasing, and related activities, on the  
15          outer Continental Shelf.

16          “(7) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REGION.—  
17          The term ‘outer Continental Shelf region’ means—

18                 “(A) the Alaska outer Continental Shelf  
19                 region;

20                 “(B) the North Atlantic planning area (as  
21                 described in the 2012-2017 Outer Continental  
22                 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program);

23                 “(C) the Mid-Atlantic planning area (as  
24                 described in the 2012-2017 Outer Continental  
25                 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program);

1           “(D) the South Atlantic planning area (as  
2           described in the 2012-2017 Outer Continental  
3           Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program);

4           “(E) the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental  
5           Shelf region; or

6           “(F) the Pacific outer Continental Shelf  
7           region.

8           “(8) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
9           the Secretary of the Interior.

10          “(b) COASTAL STATE REVENUE SHARING FOR  
11          OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ENERGY SOURCES.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the other provi-  
13           sions of this section, for fiscal year 2014 and each  
14           subsequent fiscal year—

15           “(A) the Secretary of the Interior shall de-  
16           posit in a special account in the Treasury, 37.5  
17           percent of all revenues derived from all rentals,  
18           royalties, bonus bids, and other sums due and  
19           payable to the United States from the develop-  
20           ment of oil, natural gas, and alternative and re-  
21           newable energy on the outer Continental Shelf;  
22           and

23           “(B) the Secretary shall, in accordance  
24           with subsection (b), disburse—

1                   “(i) 27.5 percent of the revenues de-  
2                   scribed in subparagraph (A) to coastal  
3                   States and coastal political subdivisions;  
4                   and

5                   “(ii) 10 percent of the revenues to  
6                   coastal States that establish funds in the  
7                   treasuries of the coastal States to support  
8                   projects and activities relating to alter-  
9                   native or renewable energy, energy re-  
10                  search and development, energy efficiency,  
11                  or conservation.

12                  “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—The revenues described in  
13                  paragraph (1) do not include—

14                  “(A) the qualified outer Continental Shelf  
15                  revenues described in the third proviso under  
16                  the heading ‘OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT’  
17                  under the heading ‘BUREAU OF OCEAN EN-  
18                  ERGY MANAGEMENT’ of title I of the Depart-  
19                  ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related  
20                  Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (division E  
21                  of Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 994);

22                  “(B) revenues from the forfeiture of a  
23                  bond or other surety securing obligations other  
24                  than royalties, civil penalties, or royalties taken  
25                  by the Secretary in-kind and not sold; or

1                   “(C) revenues generated from leases—  
2                    “(i) subject to—  
3                      “(I) section 8(g);  
4                      “(II) section 8(p)(2)(B);  
5                      “(III) the Gulf of Mexico Energy  
6                      Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331  
7                      note; Public Law 109–432); or  
8                      “(ii) in the Gulf of Mexico before the  
9                      date of enactment of the Gulf of Mexico  
10                     Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C.  
11                     1331 note; Public Law 109–432).

12                   “(3) ALLOCATION AMONG COASTAL STATES  
13                   AND COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

14                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
15                   graph (B), for each fiscal year, the amount  
16                   made available under paragraph (1) from any  
17                   lease shall be allocated to each coastal State in  
18                   amounts (based on a formula established by the  
19                   Secretary by regulation) that are inversely pro-  
20                   portional to the respective distances between  
21                   the point on the coastline of each coastal State  
22                   that is closest to the geographic center of the  
23                   applicable leased tract and the geographic cen-  
24                   ter of the leased tract.

1           “(B) LIMITATION.—The allocable share of  
2           a coastal State is limited to the revenues col-  
3           lected from a leased tract located no more than  
4           200 nautical miles from the coastline of the  
5           coastal State and within the outer Continental  
6           Shelf region of the coastal State.

7           “(C) PAYMENTS TO COASTAL POLITICAL  
8           SUBDIVISIONS.—

9           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
10           shall pay 25 percent of the allocable share  
11           of each coastal State, as determined under  
12           subparagraph (A), to the coastal political  
13           subdivisions of the coastal State.

14           “(ii) ALLOCATION.—The amount paid  
15           by the Secretary to coastal political sub-  
16           divisions shall be allocated to each coastal  
17           political subdivision in accordance with  
18           subparagraphs (B), (C), and (E) of section  
19           31(b)(4).

20           “(iii) EXCEPTION FOR THE STATE OF  
21           ALASKA.—For purposes of carrying out  
22           this subparagraph in the State of Alaska,  
23           of the amount paid by the Secretary to  
24           coastal political subdivisions—

1           “(I) 90 percent shall be allocated  
2           in amounts (based on a formula es-  
3           tablished by the Secretary by regula-  
4           tion) that are inversely proportional to  
5           the respective distances between the  
6           point in each coastal political subdivi-  
7           sion that is closest to the geographic  
8           center of the applicable leased tract  
9           and the geographic center of the  
10          leased tract; and

11           “(II) 10 percent shall be divided  
12          equally among each county–equivalent  
13          subdivision of the State of Alaska, all  
14          or part of which lies within the coastal  
15          zone (as defined in section 304 of the  
16          Coastal Zone Management Act of  
17          1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453), that—

18           “(aa) is more than 200 nau-  
19          tical miles from the geographic  
20          center of a leased tract; and

21           “(bb) the State of Alaska  
22          determines to be a significant  
23          staging area for oil and gas serv-  
24          icing, supply vessels, operations,  
25          suppliers, or workers.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REVENUE SHARING FOR CERTAIN ONSHORE EN-**  
2 **ERGY SOURCES.**

3 Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
4 191) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) REVENUE SHARING FOR CERTAIN ONSHORE  
6 ENERGY SOURCES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
7 disburse 50 percent of all revenues derived from all rent-  
8 als, operating fees, royalties, bonus bids, rights-of-way,  
9 and other amounts due and payable to the United States  
10 from the development of alternative or renewable onshore  
11 energy sources to the State within the boundaries of which  
12 the energy source is located.”.

13 **SEC. 4. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES TO GULF PRODUCING**  
14 **STATES.**

15 (a) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED OUTER CONTI-  
16 NENTAL SHELF REVENUES.—Section 102(9) of the Gulf  
17 of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331  
18 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended by striking sub-  
19 paragraphs (A) and (B) inserting the following:

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified  
21 outer Continental Shelf revenues’ means all  
22 rentals, royalties, bonus bids, and other sums  
23 due and payable to the United States received  
24 on or after October 1, 2013, from leases en-  
25 tered into on or after the date of enactment of  
26 Public Law 109–432 for the portions of the

1 Western Gulf of Mexico planning area, the Cen-  
2 tral Gulf of Mexico planning area, and the  
3 Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area not sub-  
4 ject to a leasing moratorium under section  
5 104(a) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security  
6 Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law  
7 109–432).

8 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘qualified  
9 outer Continental Shelf revenues’ does not in-  
10 clude—

11 “(i) the qualified outer Continental  
12 Shelf revenues described in the third pro-  
13 viso under the heading ‘OCEAN ENERGY  
14 MANAGEMENT’ under the heading ‘BUREAU  
15 OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT’ of title  
16 I of the Department of the Interior, Envi-  
17 ronment, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
18 tions Act, 2012 (division E of Public Law  
19 112–74; 125 Stat. 994);

20 “(ii) the qualified outer Continental  
21 Shelf revenues described in the third pro-  
22 viso under the heading ‘OFFSHORE SAFETY  
23 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT’  
24 under the heading ‘BUREAU OF SAFETY  
25 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT’ of

1 title I of the Department of the Interior,  
2 Environment, and Related Agencies Appro-  
3 priations Act, 2012 (division E of Public  
4 Law 112–74; 425 Stat. 995);

5 “(iii) revenues from the forfeiture of a  
6 bond or other surety securing obligations  
7 other than royalties, civil penalties, or roy-  
8 alties taken by the Secretary in-kind and  
9 not sold; or

10 “(iv) revenues generated from leases  
11 subject to subsection (g) or (p)(2)(B) of  
12 section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf  
13 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337).”.

14 (b) DISPOSITION OF QUALIFIED OUTER CONTI-  
15 NENTAL SHELF REVENUES.—Section 105 of the Gulf of  
16 Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331  
17 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
19 paragraph (1), by striking “shall deposit” and all  
20 that follows through the period at the end of para-  
21 graph (2)(B) and inserting the following:

22 “shall deposit—

23 “(1) in a special account in the Treasury—

24 “(A) 37.5 percent of qualified outer Conti-  
25 nental Shelf revenues, which the Secretary shall

1 disburse to Gulf producing States in accordance  
2 with subsection (b); and

3 “(B) \$62,500,000, which the Secretary  
4 shall disburse to provide financial assistance to  
5 States in accordance with section 6 of the Land  
6 and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16  
7 U.S.C. 4601-8), which shall be considered in-  
8 come to the Land and Water Conservation  
9 Fund for purposes of section 2 of that Act (16  
10 U.S.C. 4601-5); and

11 “(2) the remainder of qualified outer Conti-  
12 nental Shelf revenues in the general fund of the  
13 Treasury.”.

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)—

16 (i) by striking “(1) ALLOCATION” and  
17 all that follows through “subsection  
18 (a)(2)(A)” in subparagraph (A) and insert-  
19 ing the following:

20 “(1) ALLOCATION AMONG GULF PRODUCING  
21 STATES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning in  
23 fiscal year 2014, the amount made available  
24 under subsection (a)(1)(A);

25 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (I) by inserting “each historical  
2 lease site and the geographic center of  
3 the historical lease site, as determined  
4 by the Secretary” after “closest to the  
5 geographic center of”; and

6 (II) by striking “the applicable  
7 leased tract and the geographic center  
8 of the leased tract”; and

9 (iii) by striking subparagraph (B);

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2)” and  
11 all that follows through “(C) HISTORICAL LEASE  
12 SITES” and inserting “(B) HISTORICAL LEASE  
13 SITES”;

14 (C) in paragraph (1)(B)(i) (as so redesign-  
15 nated)—

16 (i) by striking “subparagraph (A)(ii)”  
17 and inserting “subparagraph (A)”; and

18 (ii) by striking “December 31, 2015”  
19 and inserting “December 31, 2012”;

20 (D) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
21 paragraph (2); and

22 (E) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),  
23 in subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraphs  
24 (1) and (2)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”;  
25 and

1           (3) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the  
2 following:

3           “(f) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTED  
4 QUALIFIED OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES.—

5           “(1) DISTRIBUTION TO GULF PRODUCING  
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14 Continental Shelf revenues distributed to Gulf  
15 producing States under subsection (a)(1)(A),  
16 the cap on amounts specified in subparagraph  
17 (A) shall be for—

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19           and

20           “(ii) each of fiscal years 2016 through  
21 2024, the applicable amount for the pre-  
22 vious fiscal year increased by  
23 \$100,000,000.

24           “(C) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—For  
25 fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter,

1 all qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues  
2 made available under subsection (a)(1)(A) shall  
3 be made available without limitation for alloca-  
4 tion to the Gulf producing States in accordance  
5 with subsection (b).

6 “(2) PRO RATA REDUCTIONS.—If paragraph (1)  
7 limits the amount of qualified outer Continental  
8 Shelf revenues that would be paid under subsection  
9 (a)(1)(A)—

10 “(A) the Secretary shall reduce the amount  
11 of qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues  
12 provided to each recipient on a pro rata basis;  
13 and

14 “(B) any remainder of the qualified outer  
15 Continental Shelf revenues shall revert to the  
16 general fund of the Treasury.”.

17 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act and the amendments made by this Act take  
19 effect on October 1, 2013.

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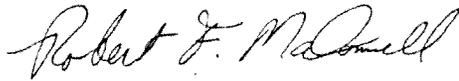
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1404 Longworth House Office Building  
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July 17, 2013

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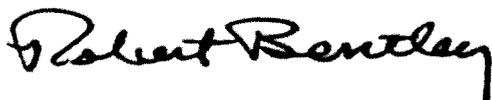
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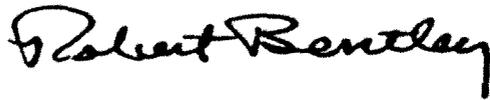
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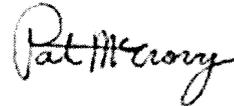
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Please use the call-in information below. A separate call notice will also be circulated.

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Have a wonderful weekend,

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All,

Please find attached and below an agenda for today's OCS Governors Coalition teleconference at **4pm ET/3pm CT/12pm AK**.

We look forward to speaking with you then.

Sincerely,

Natalie



Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition

### **Teleconference Agenda**

Wednesday, July 24, 2013: 4pm ET/ 3pm CT/ 12pm AK

1-866-299-7945 (Passcode: [REDACTED])

- I. Review of Recent OCS Governors Coalition Activity**
  - a. Letters to OCS Governors' federal representatives – an introduction to the coalition and our priorities
  
- II. Proposed Future OCS Governors Meeting**
  - a. Discussion of meeting agenda and goals
  - b. Discussion of possible non-governor invitees (e.g., Interior Secretary Sally Jewell)
  
- III. Other Pending Items for Discussion**
  - a. Possibility of creating the position of Vice Chair