



# 2024 FALL WIND AMENDMENT

# Background

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## FUNDING FOR THE COAST VIA REVENUE SHARING

- When the Gulf of Mexico Energy Securities Act (GOMESA) passed in 2006, we gained a model for sharing Outer Continental Shelf revenues with energy producing states, coastal counties and parishes, and conservation programs.
- Louisiana voters also overwhelmingly elected to further dedicate all state GOMESA dollars to the coastal trust fund.
- Under current federal law, however, revenues generated from offshore wind must be returned to the US Treasury.
- Federal efforts like the RISEE (Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act) & BREEZE (Budgeting for Renewable Electrical Energy Zone Earnings Act) acts seek to amend GOMESA to increase amounts shared with Gulf Coast energy producing states and to begin sharing offshore wind revenues.

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## READY FOR REVENUE

Should federal law allow for additional revenues to flow to Gulf States involved in traditional and alternative energy production through vehicles like RISEE and BREEZE, it would help reduce the coming funding gap for coastal protection and restoration investments resulting from the end of Deepwater Horizon oil spill payments in 2031.

# Finally in the Fall

ONLY AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT

- The Constitutional Amendment to provide that federal revenues received by the state from Outer Continental Shelf alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Trust Fund will be on the ballot on November 5, 2024.
- It seeks to amend current state law to add offshore renewable and alternative energy sources to the existing revenue sharing model we have for oil and gas.

# Ballot Language

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"DO YOU SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT FEDERAL REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE STATE GENERATED FROM OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ALTERNATIVE OR RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION BE DEPOSITED INTO THE COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND?"





# Game Plan

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Sharing educational  
toolkit with partners

Adding and fact checking  
resources

Testimonials/support

# Tool Kit Content

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## WHAT WE PLAN TO SHARE

- Background and context
- Talking points
- Ballot language
- FAQs
- Sample resolutions
- Key facts
- Research/references
- Timeline



# Questions/ Feedback?

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