

U.S. Baseline Points

Description - Baseline points from which the Submerged Lands Act boundary is measured.

Primary Agency – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Spatial Extent - "Ordinary low water," interpreted as mean lower low water, as depicted on National Ocean Service nautical charts and/or appropriate supplemental information (Thormahlen 1999b).

Description - Submerged Lands Act, sec. 1312. U.S. Code 43 U.S.C. §§ 1301 et seq. (UNCLOS 1997), art. 16(1).

Official Depiction – BOEM official protraction diagrams, leasing map, and supplemental official outer continental shelf block diagrams.

Known Digital Data Source – On-line at <http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/mapping/>

Notes - Baseline points are ambulatory unless "fixed" under a joint motion by the U.S. Supreme Court (e.g., parts of Florida). Baseline points are fixed for Submerged Lands Act purposes only.

Issues - Incomplete for some areas (e.g., southwest Florida).