



## Renaming Gulf of Mexico and Denali

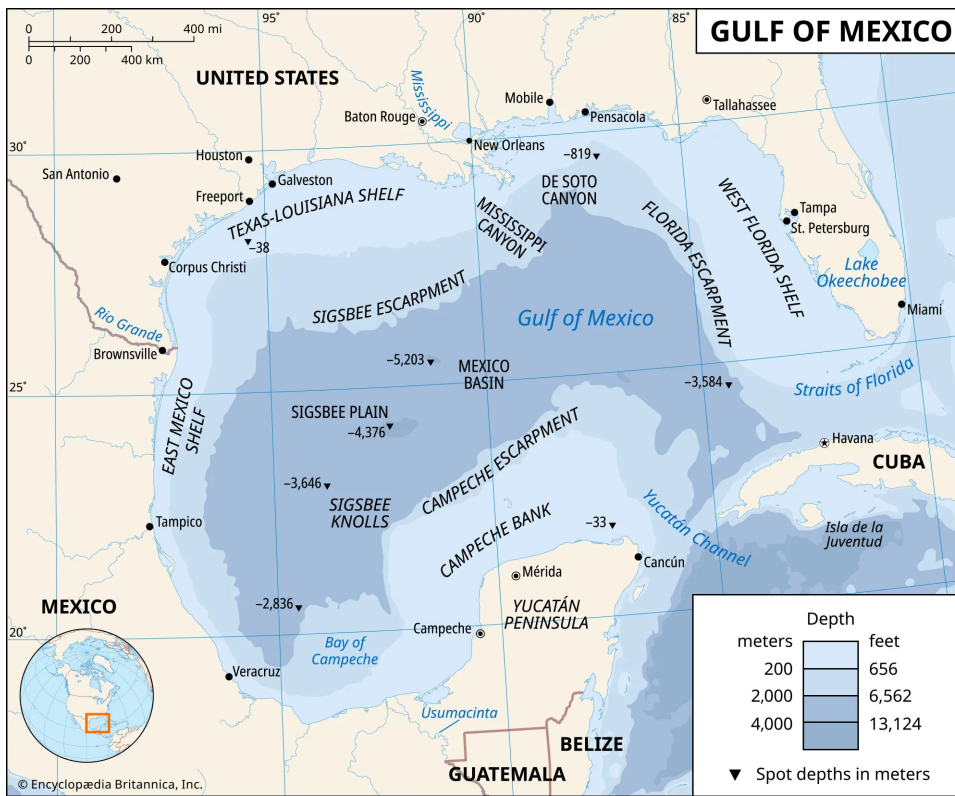
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US President Donald Trump signed an executive order to rename the [Gulf of Mexico](#) as the **Gulf of America** and revert [Denali](#) to **Mount McKinley**, to honor American greatness.

- **Governance on Naming:** [International Hydrographic Organization \(IHO\)](#) (US and Mexico are members), ensures uniformity but allows domestic alternative names, with **no formal renaming protocol**.
  - Mexico and Cuba aren't bound to the new name, and international agreements still use the **Gulf of Mexico**.
- **Gulf of Mexico:** It is the world's largest gulf, bordered by **Cuba, Mexico, and the US**, connects to the Atlantic via the [Straits of Florida](#) and to the Caribbean via the [Yucatán Channel](#).
  - The Gulf of Mexico supplies 14% of US [crude oil](#), 5% of [natural gas](#), and hosts 48% of the **US petroleum refining capacity** and 51% of the **natural gas processing capacity**.



- **Mount McKinley:** Mount McKinley, the **highest peak in North America**, is located in **Alaska** and was renamed Denali in 2015 to honor the indigenous **Koyukon people**.
  - Reverting to Mount McKinley honors **President William McKinley (1897-1901)** for his leadership in the **Spanish-American War and US economic growth**.
- **Similar Global Disputes:** The ["Persian Gulf"](#) vs. ["Arabian Gulf"](#) between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the ["Sea of Japan"](#) vs. ["East Sea"](#) between Japan and South Korea, and territorial naming disputes in the [South China Sea](#).



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