



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.

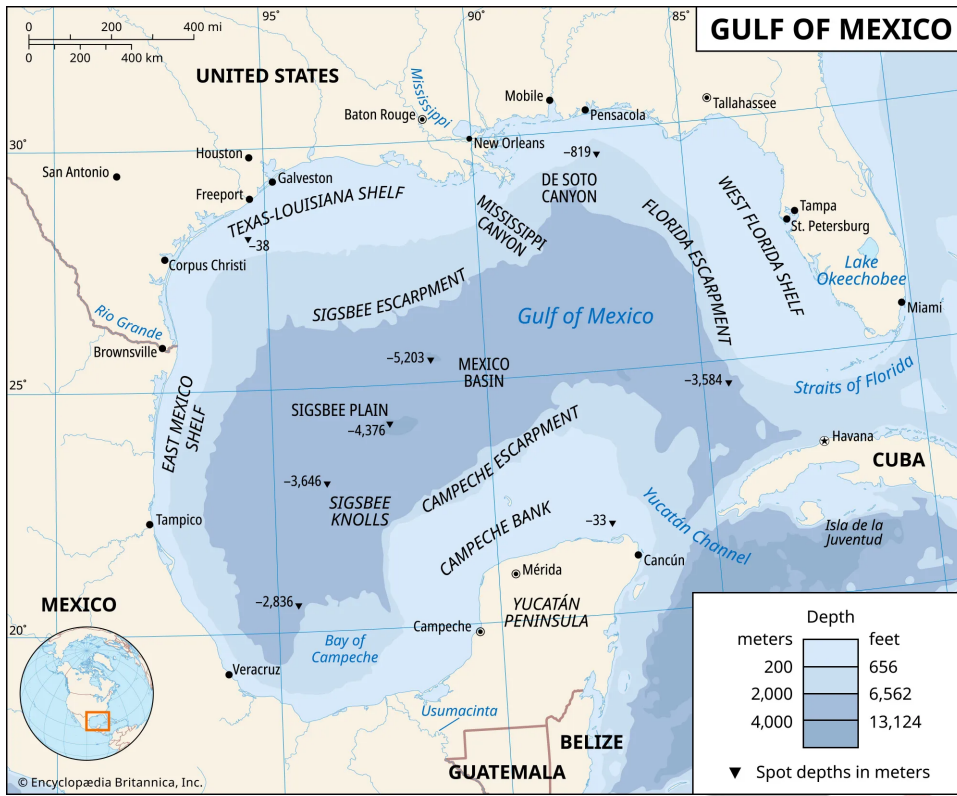
- **Governance on Naming:** **International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)** (US and Mexico are members), ensures uniformity but allows domestic alternative names, with **no formal renaming protocol**.
 - Mexico and Cuba aren't bound to the new name, and international agreements still use the **Gulf 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**.

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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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