



THE VIRGINIA CALL FOR INFORMATION (CFI) AREA

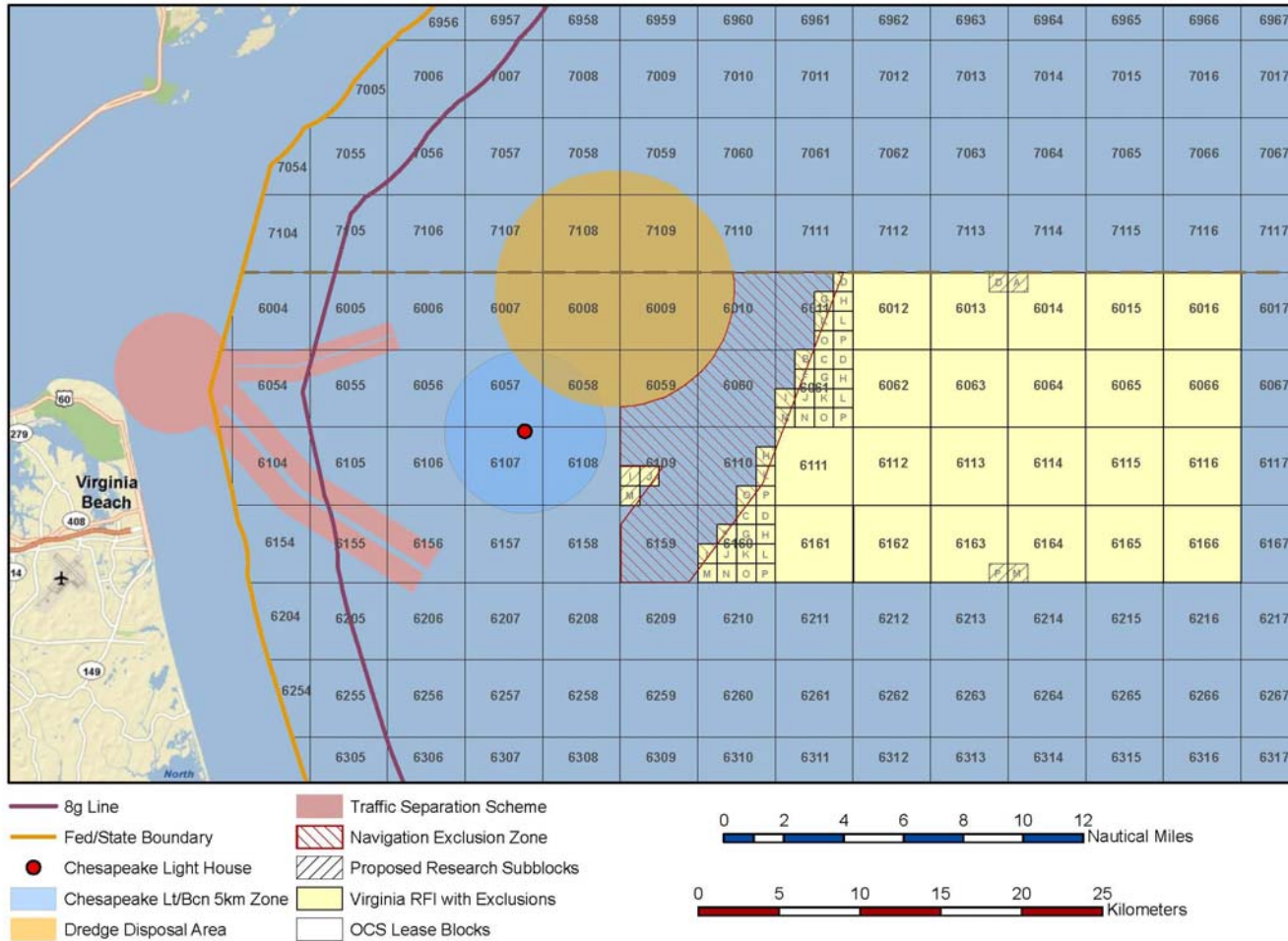
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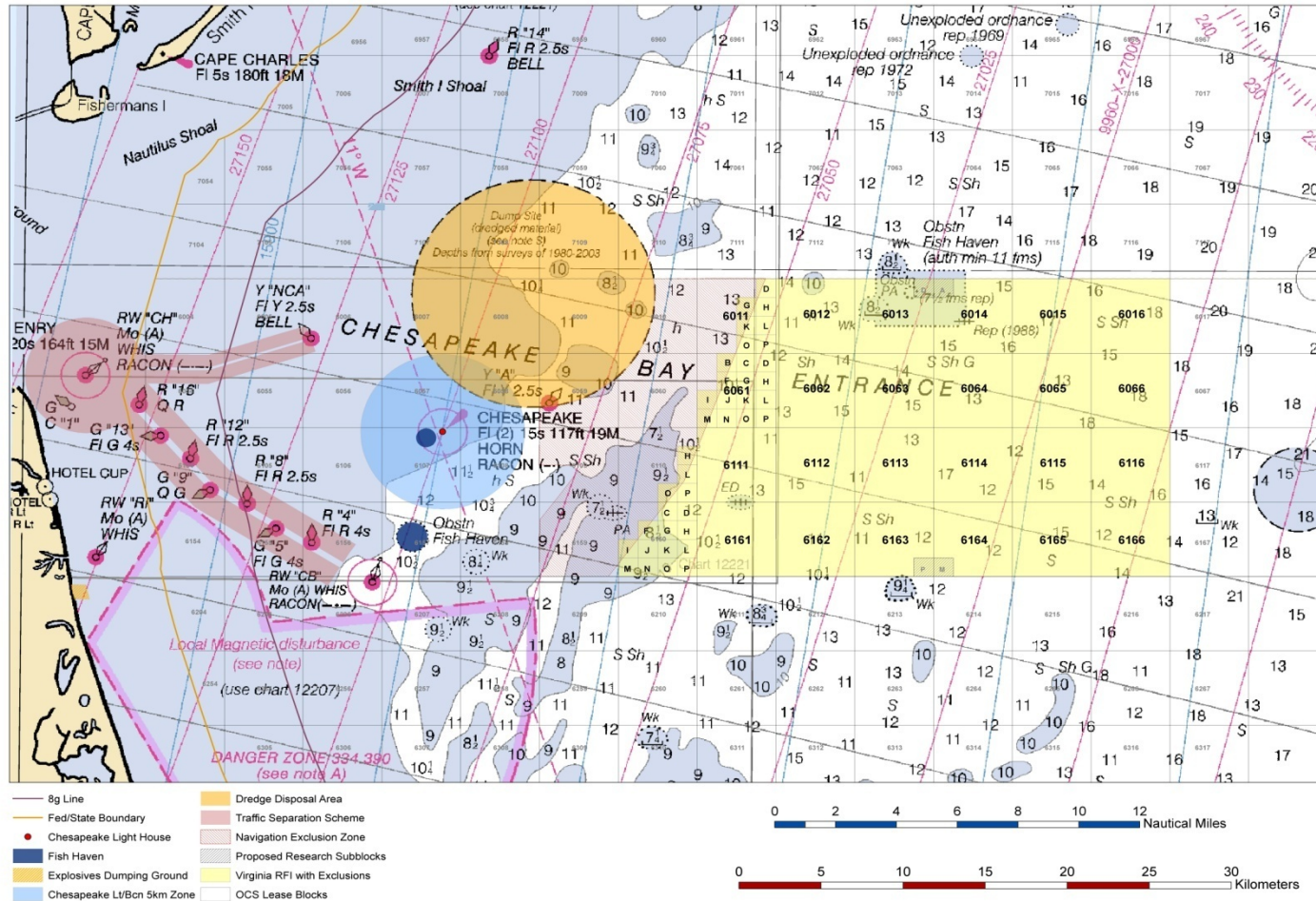
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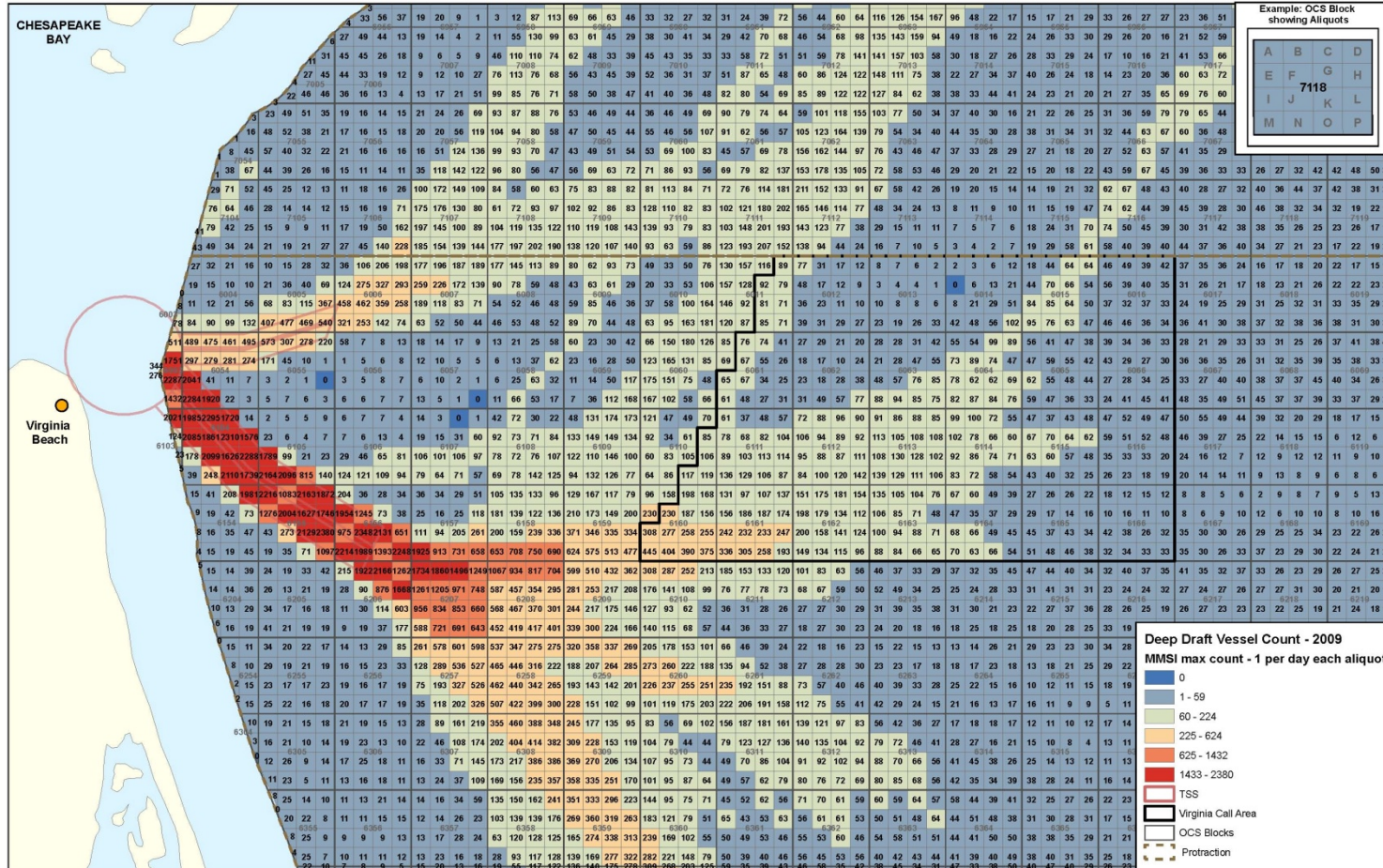
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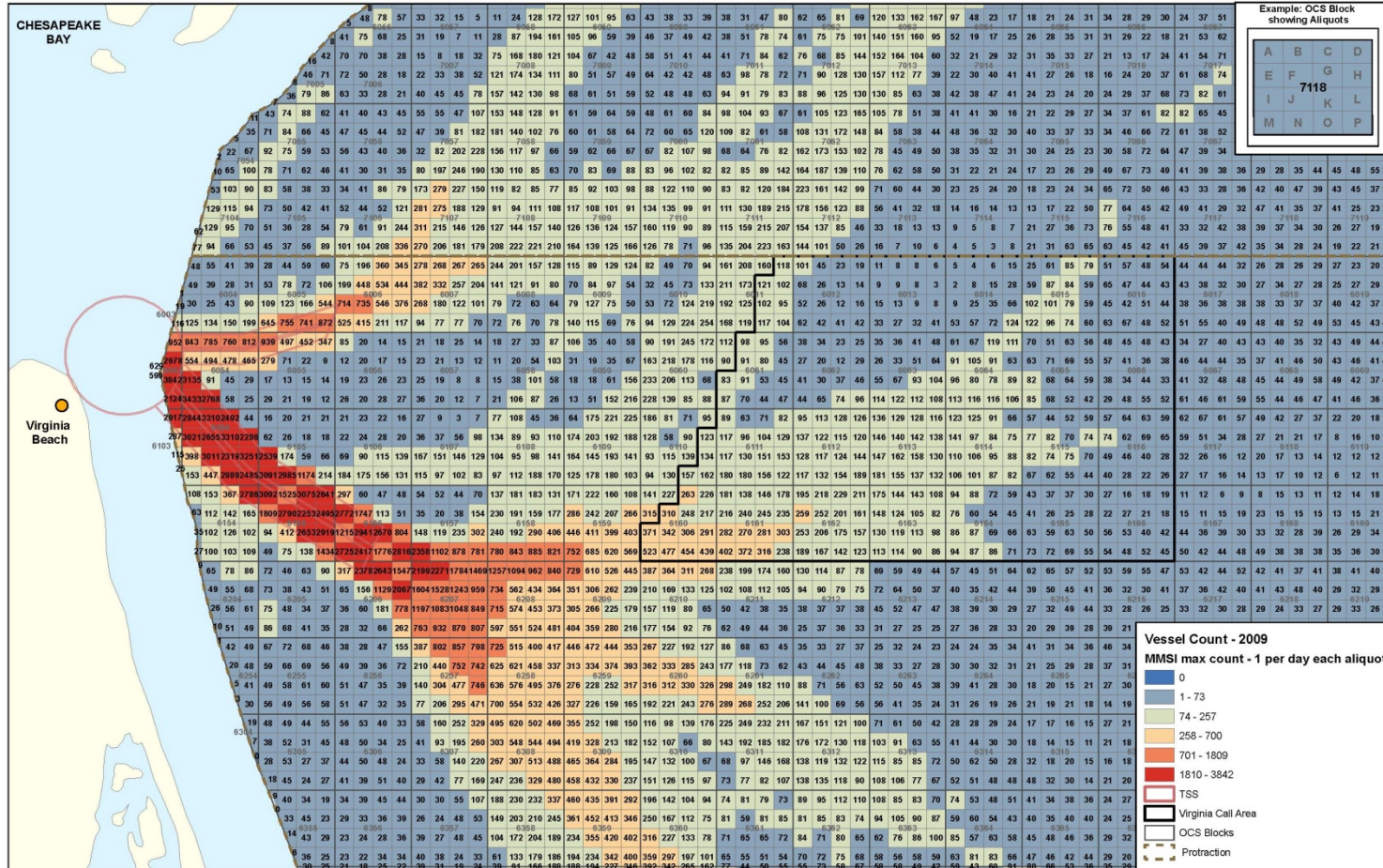
2009 Vessel Counts by Aliquot - Deep Draft Vessel Types (Cargo, Tanker, Towing, Towing >200m, Tugs)





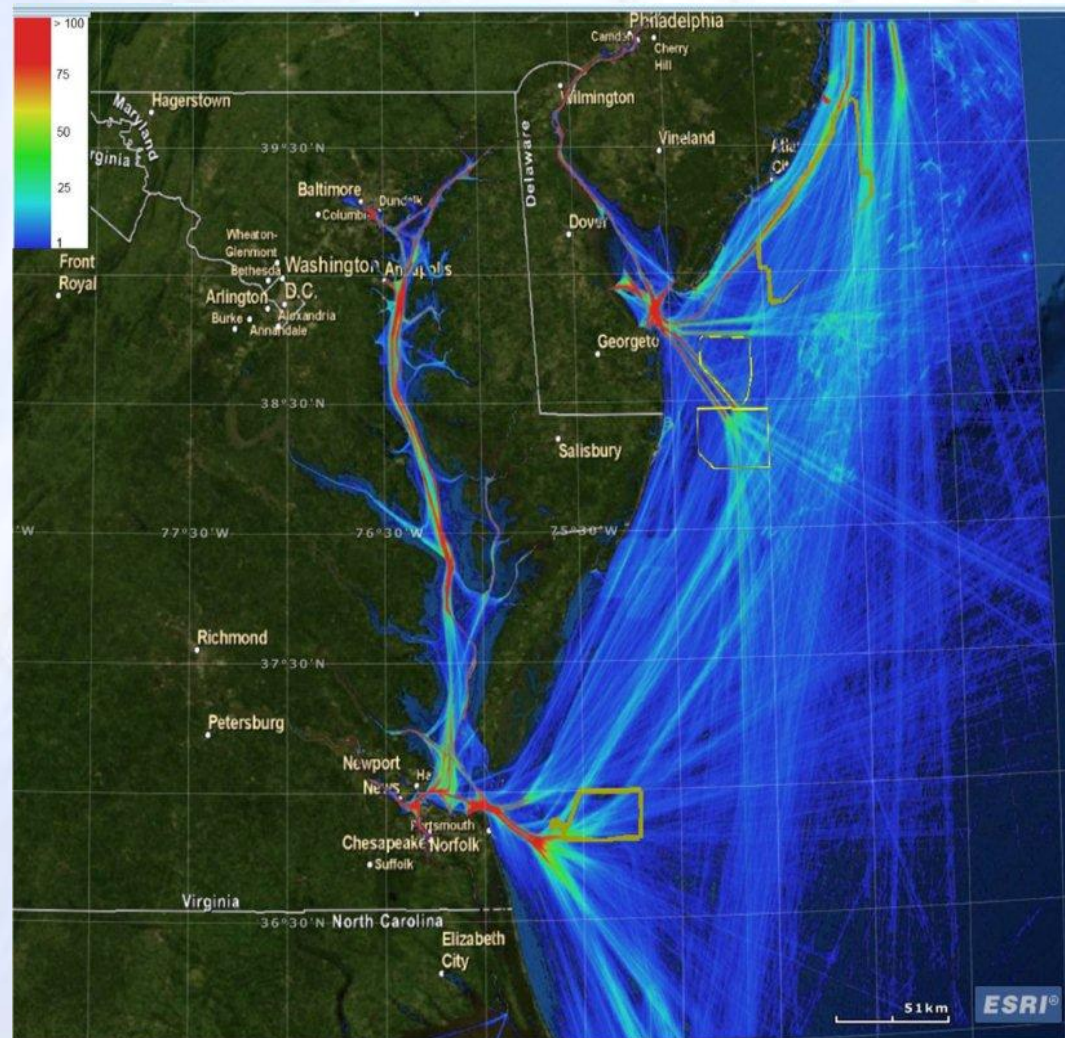
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2009 Vessel Counts by Aliquot - All Vessels





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PROCESS

- Developed Red-Yellow-Green (R-Y-G) definitions
- Developed a process for classification of lease blocks
- Need to review available information including
 - AIS data and user input
- Need to review existing traffic patterns
- Need to review existing literature
- Consider opinions/advice of USCG Subject Matter Experts (SME) on waterways management and the ACPARS Workgroup



PROCESS

- Apply concepts from UK MGN 371 (guidance for determining risk levels based on proposed OREI distances from shipping routes)
- Consider potential modifications to existing routing measures and the creation of new routing measures
- Senior Coast Guard leadership review
- Meetings/conference calls with BOEMRE
- Submit recommended classified blocks to BOEMRE



CAUTION

The USCG has advised BOEMRE that all blocks included in the Call may be considered for possible leasing and potential development. However, the USCG advises that these blocks require further study and analysis of existing traffic usage and patterns, as well as projected future traffic increases based on the development of adjacent and adjoining blocks which will be accomplished during the ACPARS. Such an evaluation will help the USCG determine what, if any, risks exist, and whether USCG should recommend that BOEMRE remove any blocks included in the Call area from consideration for leasing and potential development, or consider potential mitigation measures for blocks that are made available for development.



CONCERNS

- “Moving / relocating” traffic
- Cumulative impacts of Atlantic Coast projects
- False expectations of developers
- Shrinkage of area / Economic viability
- Tug and barge routes



FUTURE

- BOEMRE publishes the CFI
- Review comments to the CFI
- Conduct/complete the ACPARS
- Revisit recommended R-Y-G classification
- Recommend to BOEMRE revisions to CFI



ACPARS



- Announced in the *Federal Register*
 - 76 FR 27288; May 11, 2011
- Comment period closed Aug 9, 2011. Docket will still accept comments.
- Reopening of comment period
- Conduct public outreach including public meetings
- Complete by May 1, 2012



RESULTS OF ACPARS

- Results
 - Inform the USCG about the navigational safety risks, if any, associated with construction of OREIs
 - Establish new vessel routing measures
 - Modification of existing routing measures
 - Removal of some existing routing measures off the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida



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