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Tracking Movements of Endangered Roseate Terns and Threatened Piping Plovers in the NW Atlantic

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BOEM Information Need

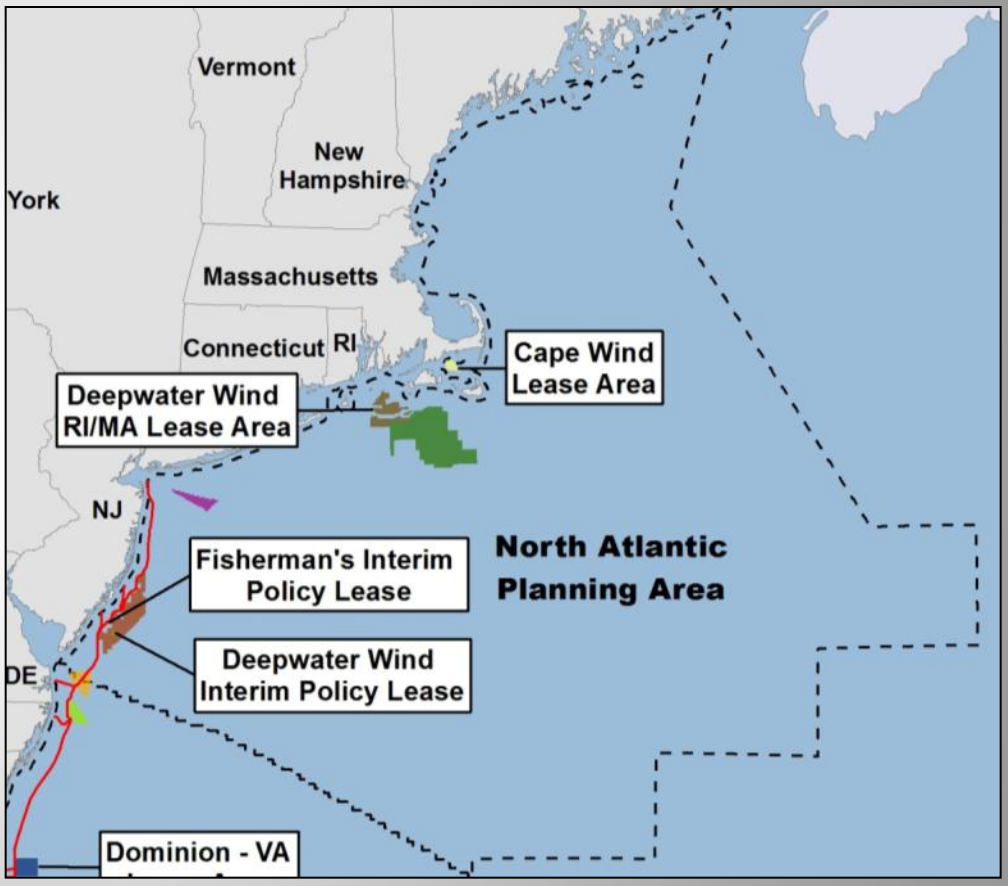
- ESA consultations & NEPA analyses

Date Information is Required

- Now

Study's Objectives

- Describe movement within the planning area during the breeding, staging and migration periods.



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Tracking Roseate Terns & Piping Plovers

Pilot study: Tracking offshore occurrence of common terns and American oystercatchers with VHF Arrays (AT-13-01)

- Interagency agreement with USFWS in collaboration with MDFW and UMass Amherst
- **Objectives**
  - Describe fine scale movements in and near Nantucket Sound during breeding, staging, and migration periods.
  - Refine Nanotag technology use with automated tracking arrays.
  - Develop the safest and most effective methods for roseate terns and piping plovers.

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- Captured birds and attached Nanotags
- Monitored productivity
- Tracked movements on land, boat, and aerial platforms.

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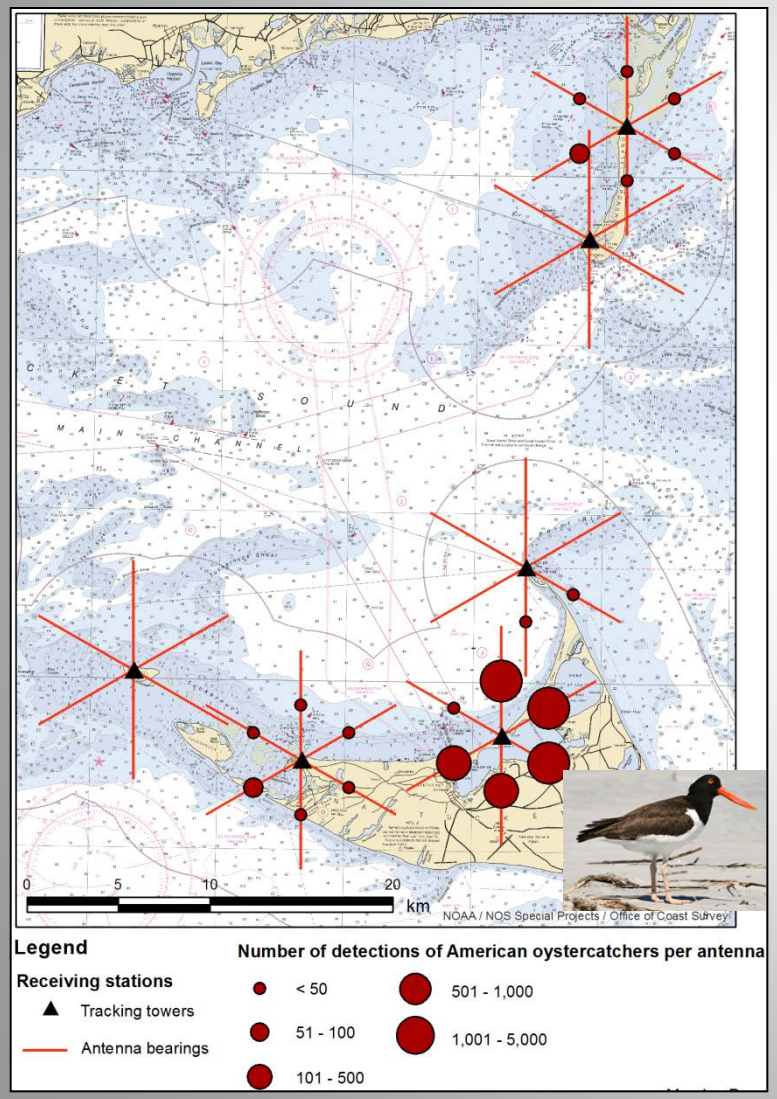

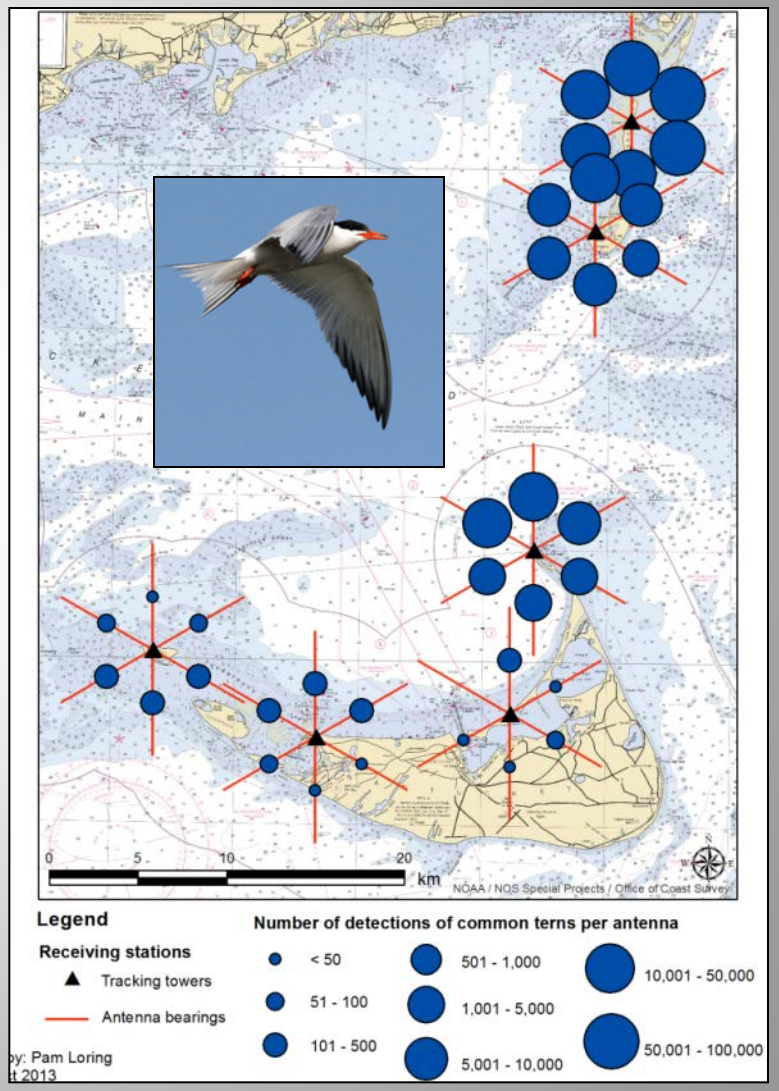

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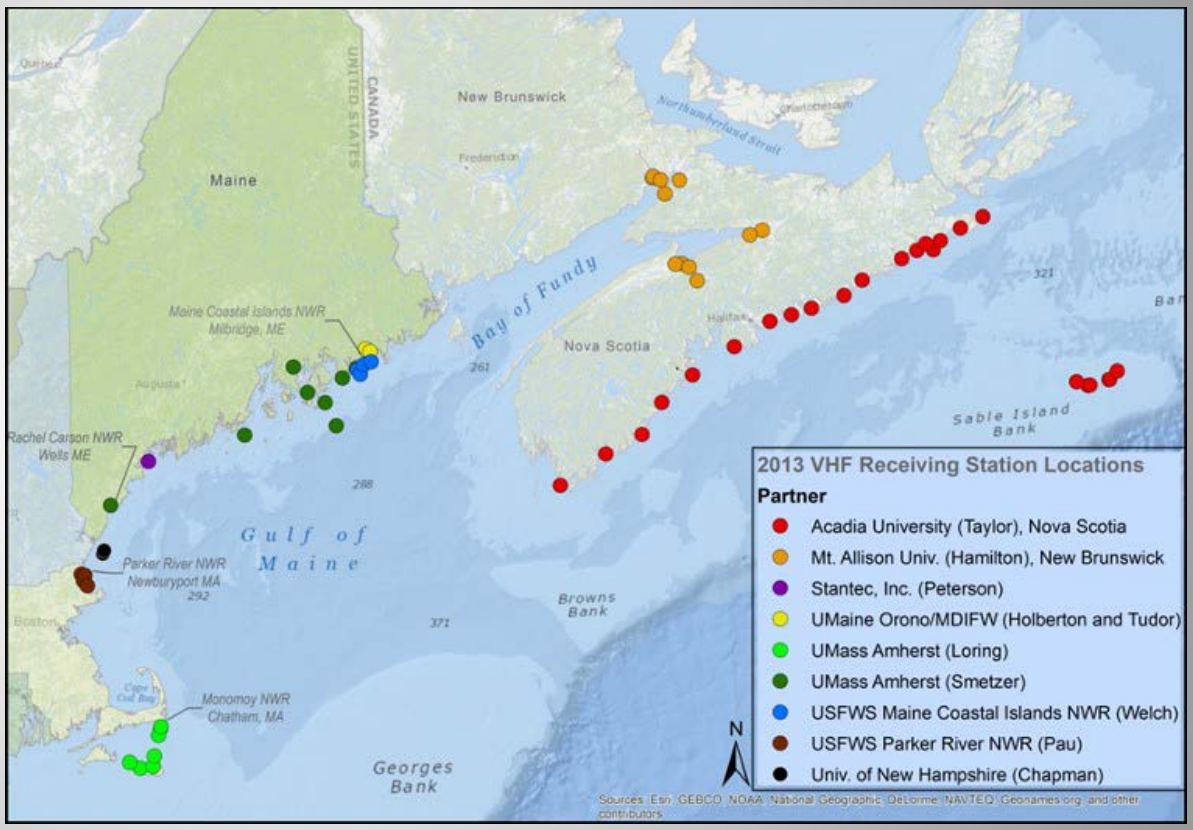
Stations were tuned to detect tagged birds from other telemetry studies

- semipalmated plovers
- black-bellied plovers
- piping plovers
- red knots
- black-poll warblers
- red-eyed vireos
- saltmarsh sparrows
- Ipswich sparrows



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Cape Wind

Avian Bat Monitoring Plan

Pre-construction telemetry study

- Nanotags on 12 common terns and 12 semipalmated plovers
- 3 automated tracking stations and aerial surveys

http://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/BOEM/Renewable_Energy_Program/Studies/Cape%20Wind%20ABMP.pdf

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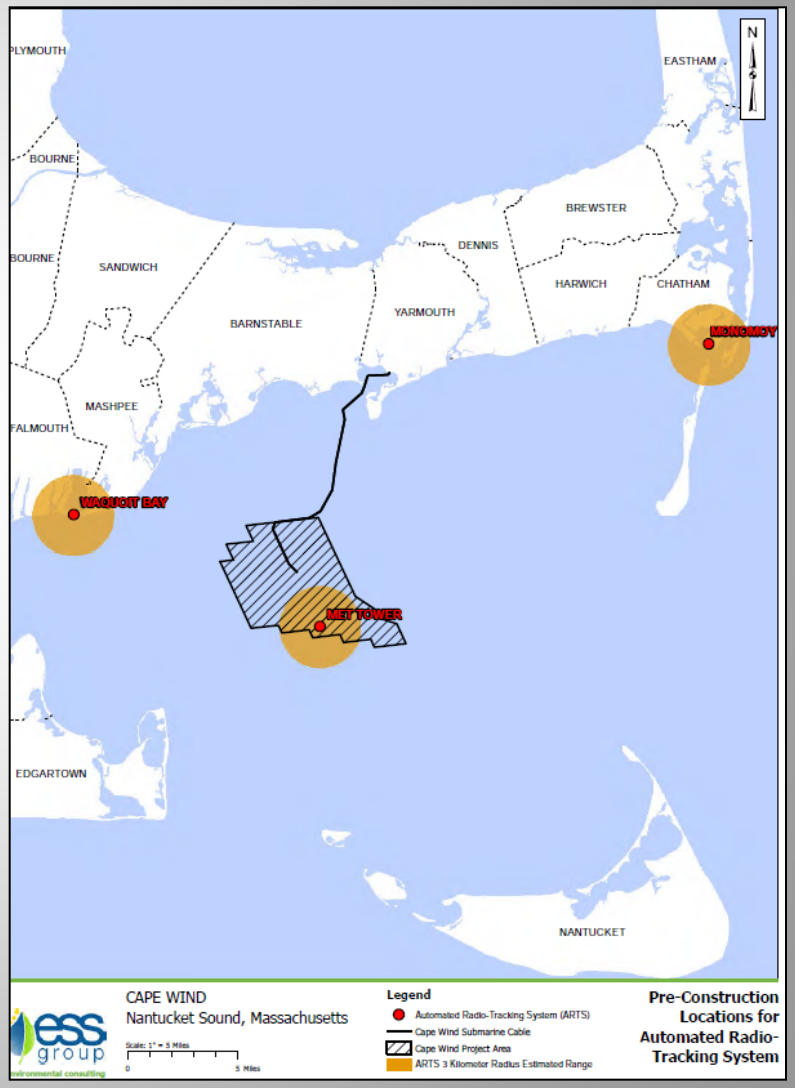

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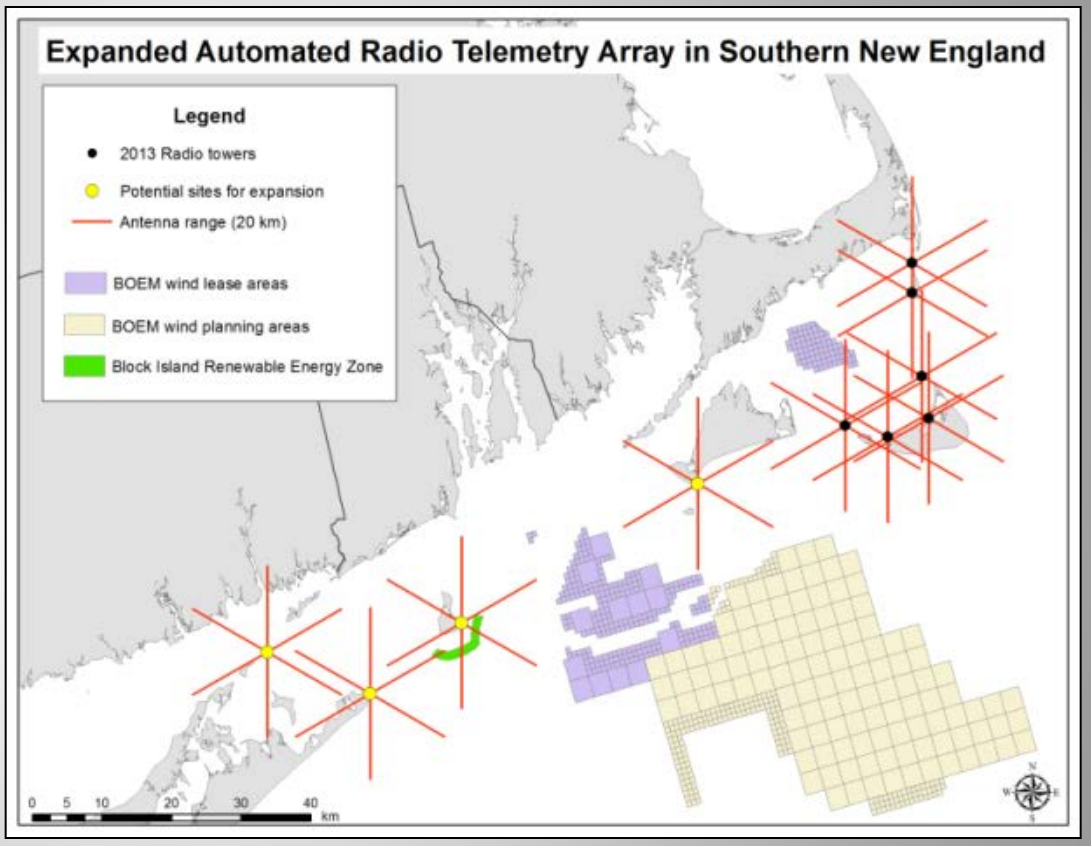
- Tag 150 common terns
- Monitor productivity
- Deploy additional tracking stations
- Develop movement models to estimate proportion of tagged birds on the OCS and duration



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Study's Objectives:

Describe movement within the planning area during the breeding, staging and migration periods.

Study's Methods:

- Continue collaboration, use existing infrastructure & similar methods.
- 50-100 common terns (control), 50-100 roseate terns & 25-50 piping plovers.

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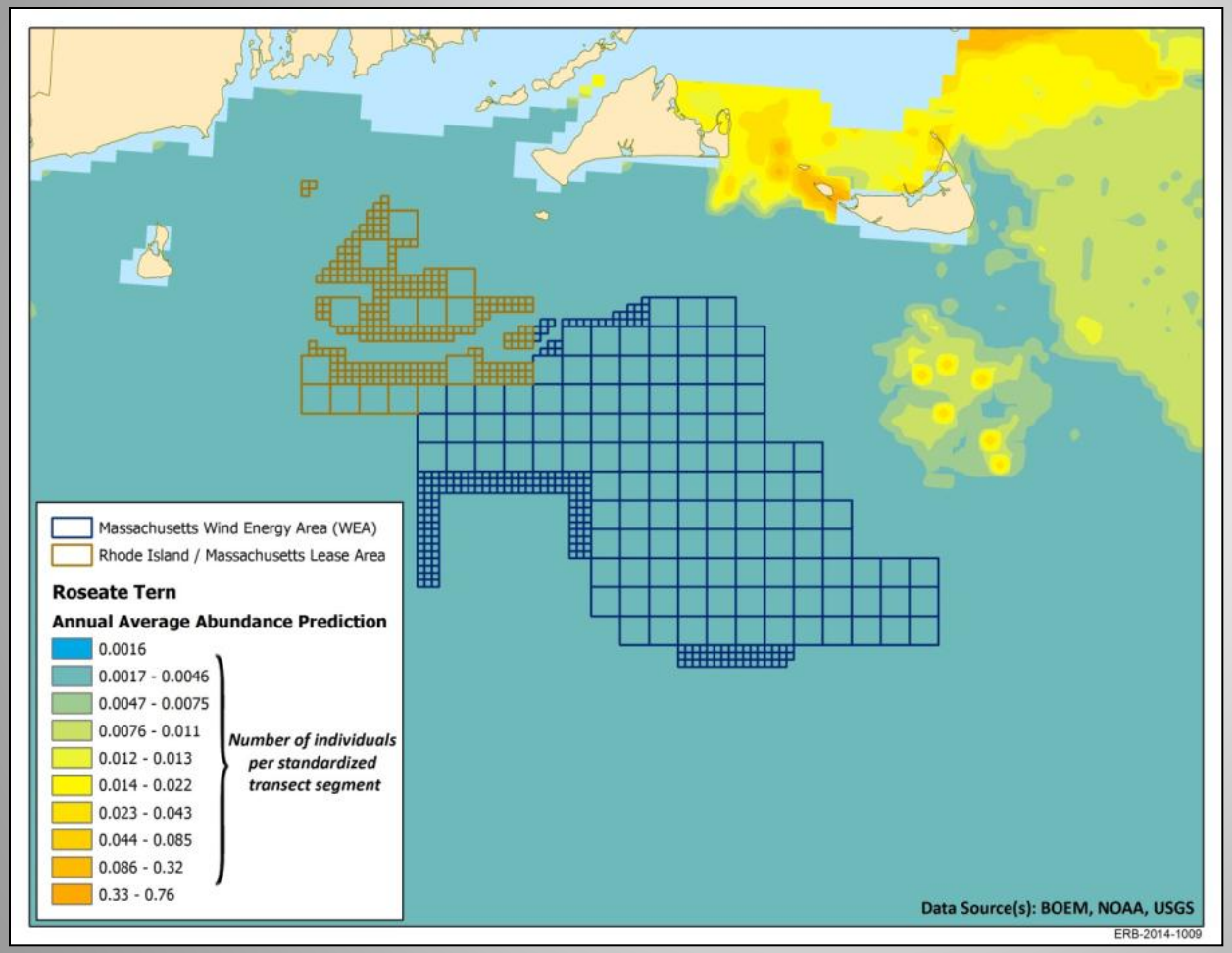

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