

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Massachusetts Renewable Energy
Task Force Webinar**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013
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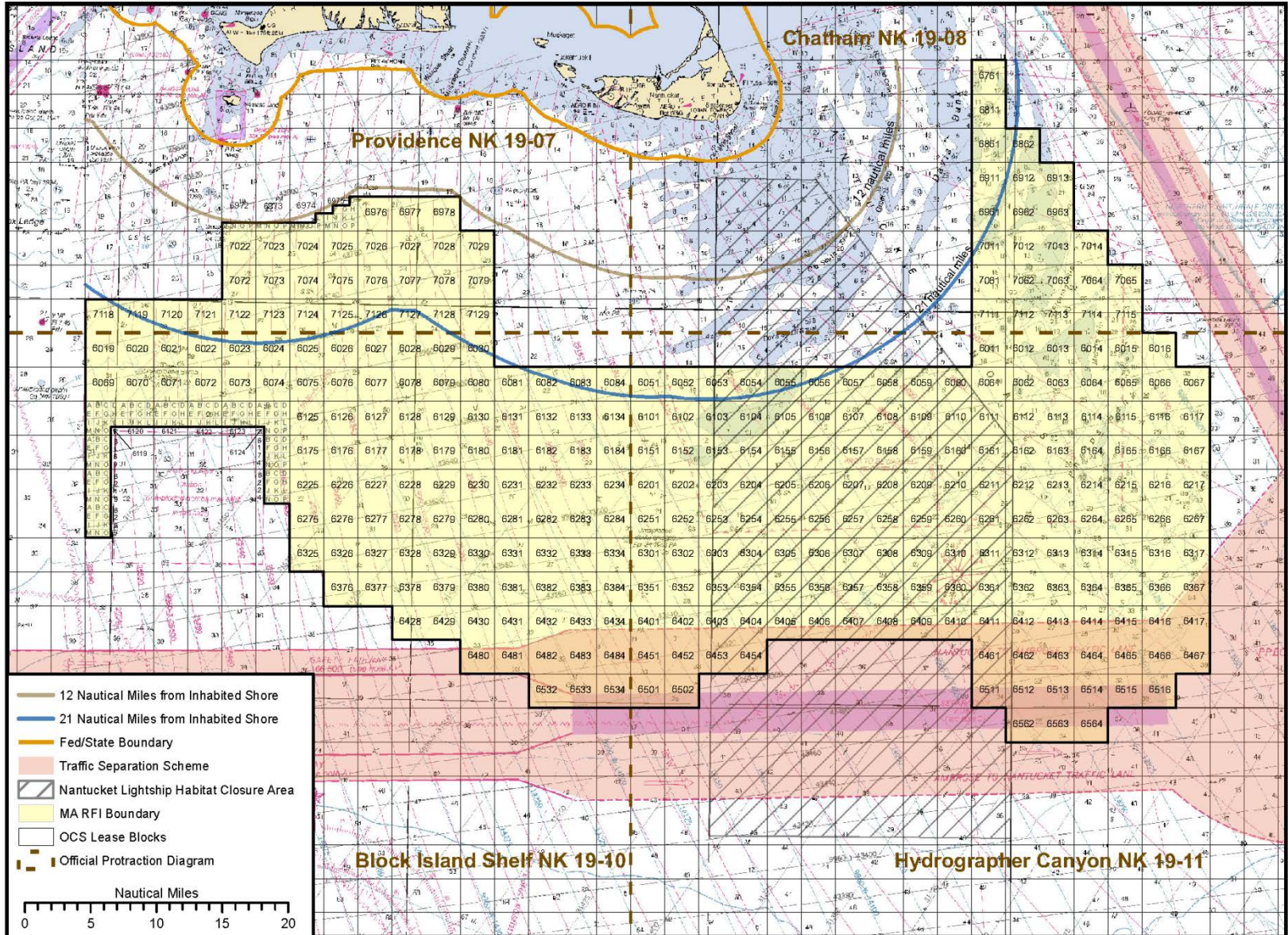
Webinar Agenda

- Introductions & Progress to Date
 - Jessica Bradley, Project Coordinator
- Methodology for Delineating the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area
 - Walt Musial, Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Next Steps
 - Jessica Bradley, Project Coordinator

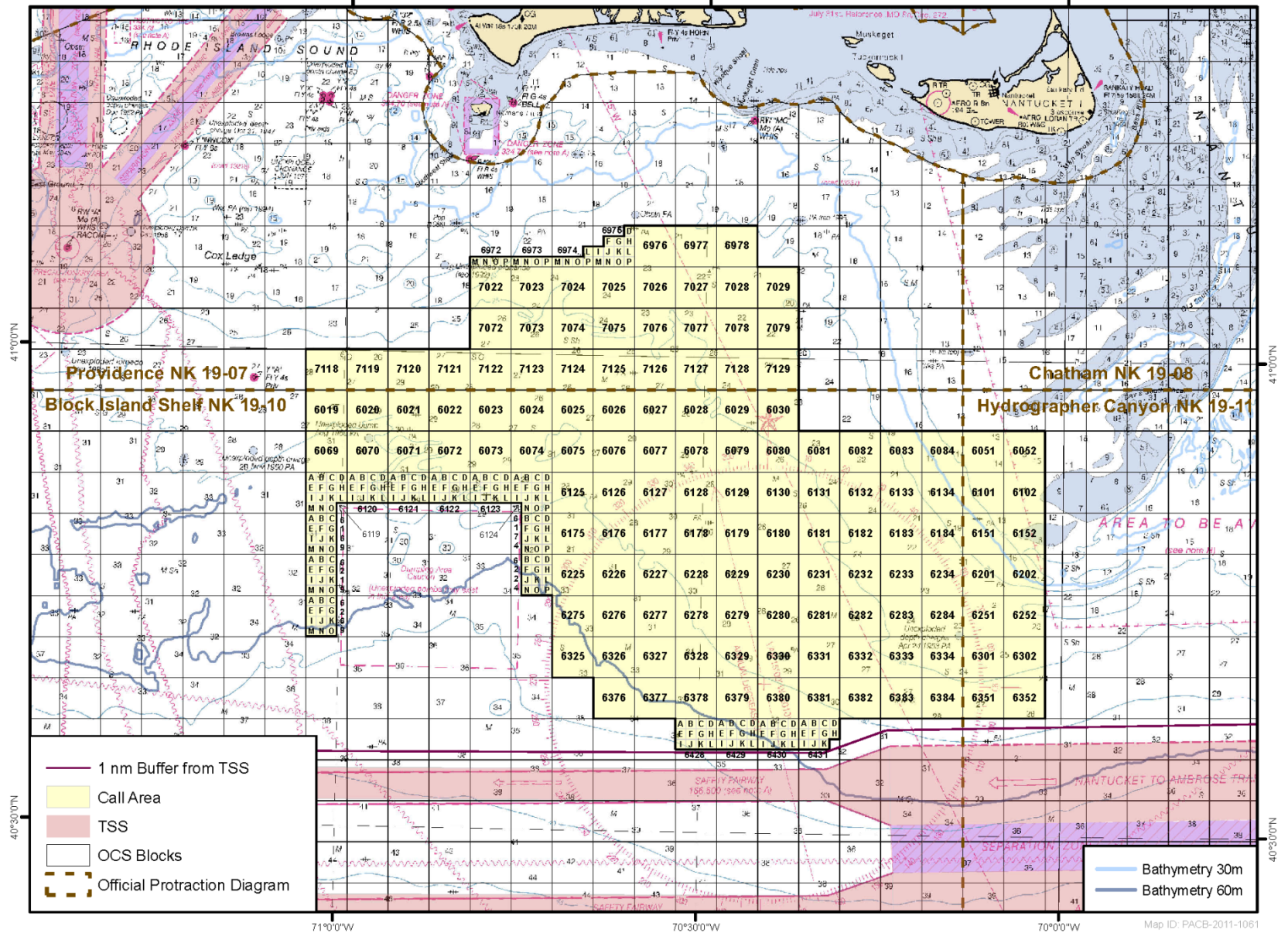
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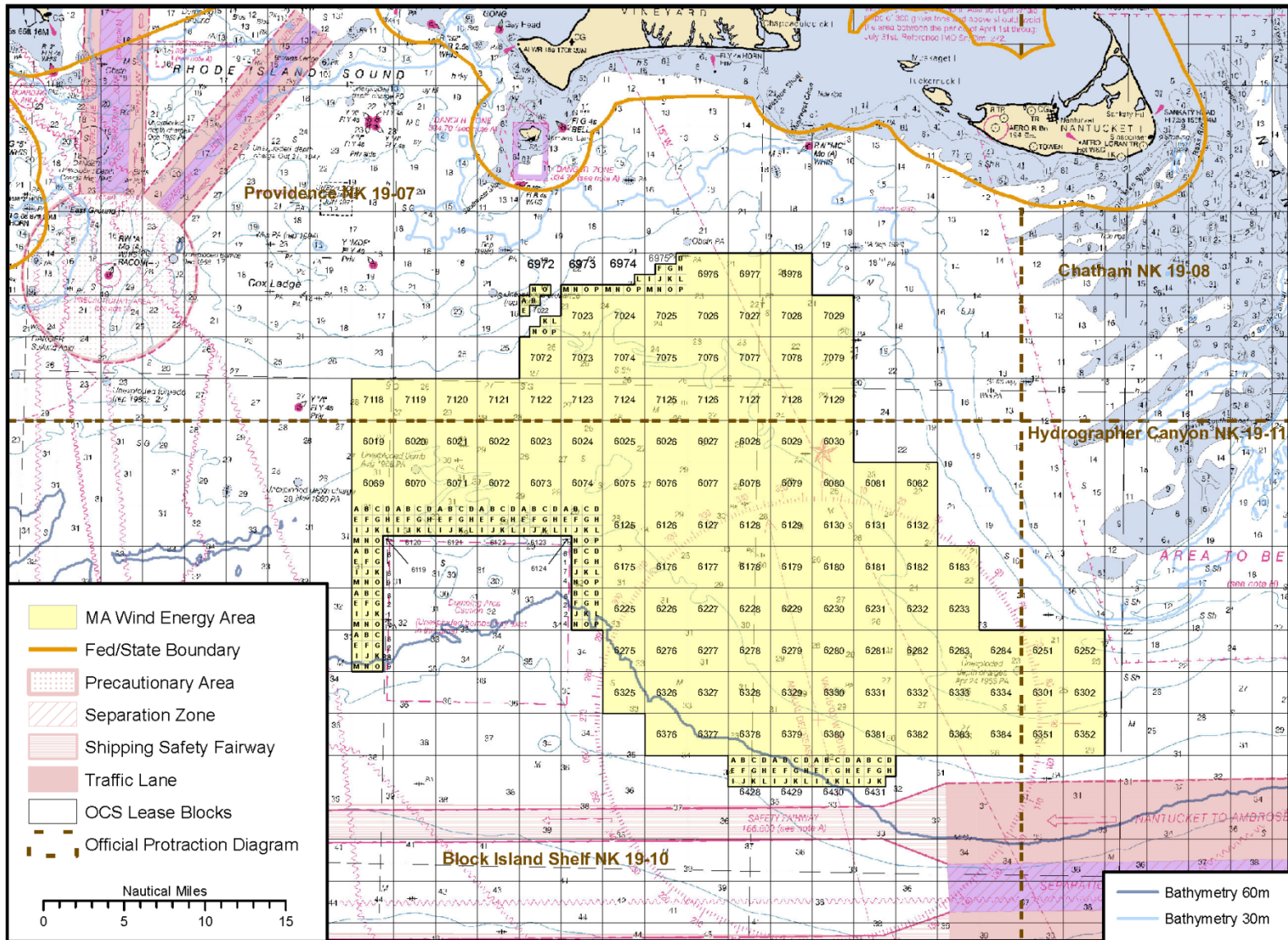
- Intergovernmental Task Force Meetings
- Public Outreach and Information Sessions
- Request for Interest (December 2010)
- Announcement to Reduce Eastern Portion of Request for Interest Area (May 2011)
- Call for Information and Nominations & Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (February 2012)
- Area Identification of the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area (May 2012)

Massachusetts Request for Interest (RFI) Area



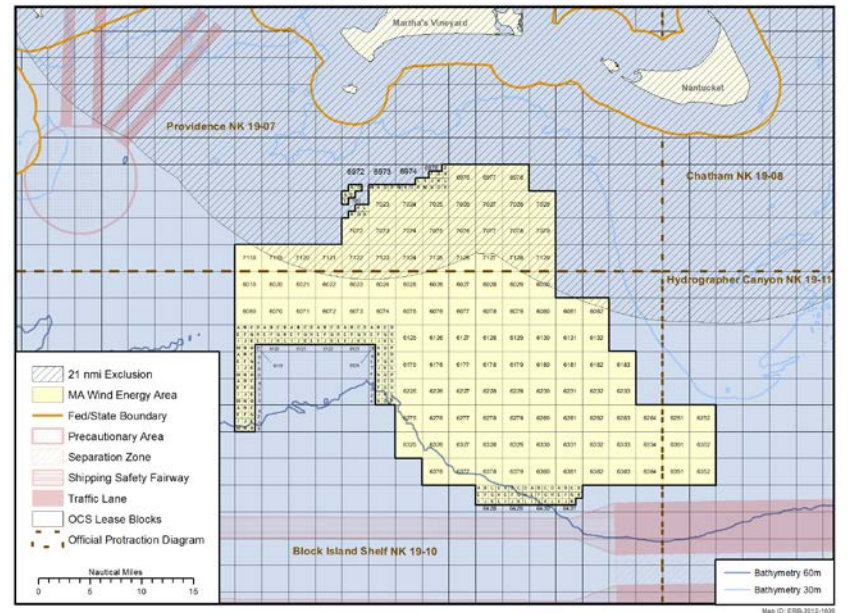
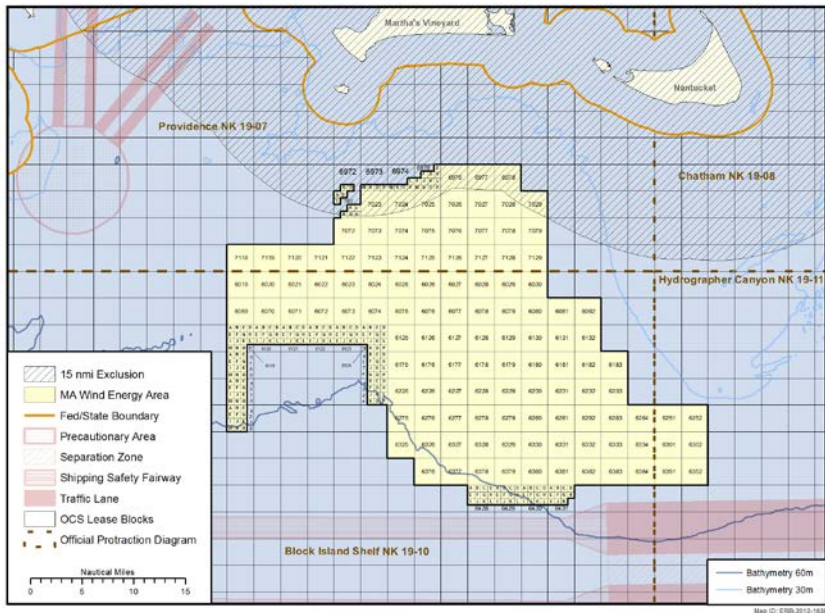
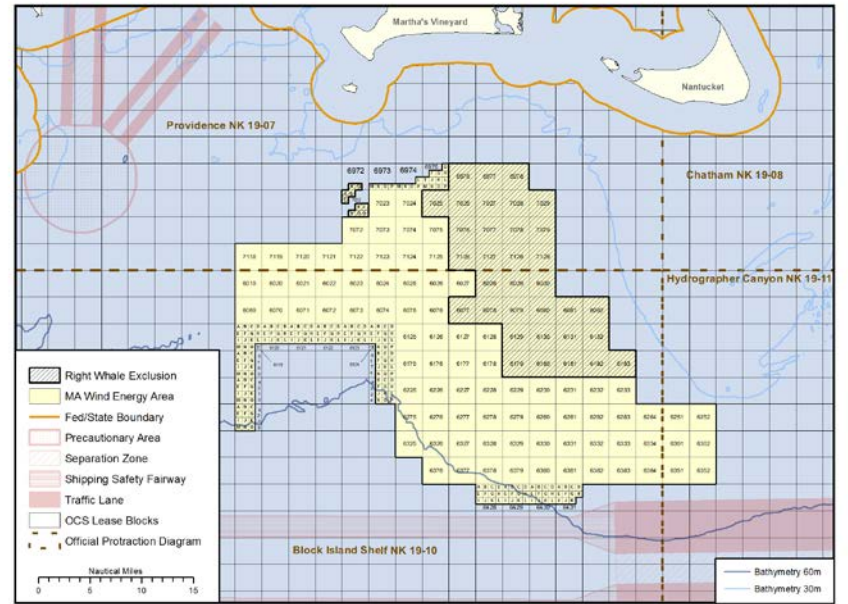
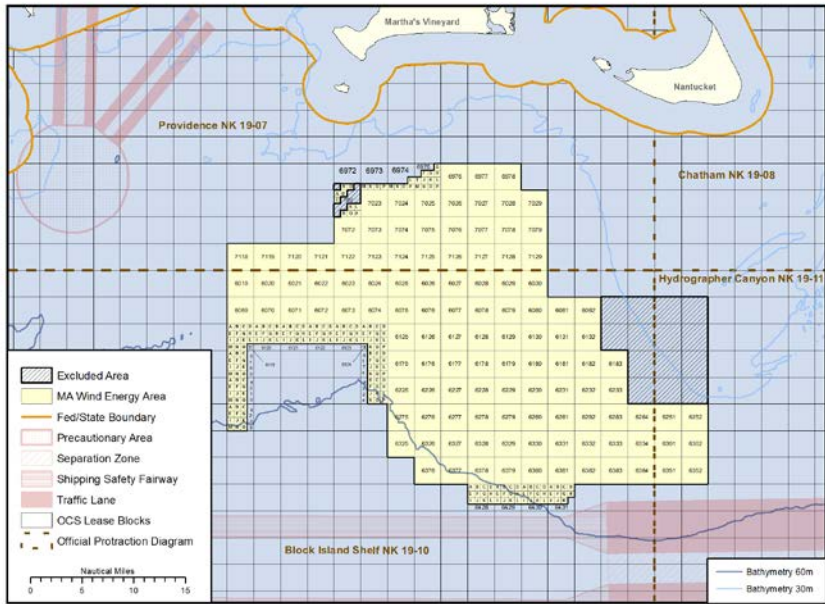
Massachusetts Call Area





Environmental Assessment

- Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Potential Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic OCS offshore MA published on **November 2, 2012**
- Public information meetings in Boston, New Bedford, Vineyard Haven, Nantucket **November 13-15, 2012**
- 30-day comment period ended **December 3, 2012**



Environmental Assessment Comments

- A total of 25 public comments were submitted
- Commenters included private citizens, Federal and State agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- The majority of the comments focused on marine resources, endangered species, support and opposition, the standard operating conditions, wind energy, and the general process.

Environmental Assessment

Next Steps

Based on the nature and extent of comments received, we may:

- Publish a Finding No Significant Impacts (FONSI);
- Revise the EA; or
- Determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

Next Steps

- NREL Draft Assessment Report – June 13, 2013
 - BOEM will circulate to Task Force membership for review
- NREL Final Assessment Report – July 20, 2013
- NREL Presentation of the Final Assessment Report to the Task Force
- BOEM will consider the Lease Areas delineated by NREL for the draft Proposed Sale Notice

Next Steps

- Next Task Force Meeting to discuss draft Proposed Sale Notice – TBD (July 2013)
- Proposed Sale Notice
 - Proposed auction details and lease terms and provisions
 - Publish in the Federal Register for a 60-day comment period
- Final Sale Notice
 - Final auction details and lease terms and provisions
 - At least 30 days prior to the auction

Questions?

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