



Offshore Renewable Energy Program: Information Meetings

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OCS Renewable Energy Program Philosophy

- **Coordinate** with federal, state, and local agencies, tribal governments, and stakeholders
- Apply our renewable energy regulatory framework in conjunction with interagency-led planning activities
- Focus on **multiple-use**
- Work within the current authorities and responsibilities of agencies and continue ongoing activities

Stages of Renewable Energy Program*

Planning and Analysis

Leasing

Site Assessment

Commercial Development

* Engage Intergovernmental Task Force, stakeholders, & public throughout

Planning and Analysis Stage

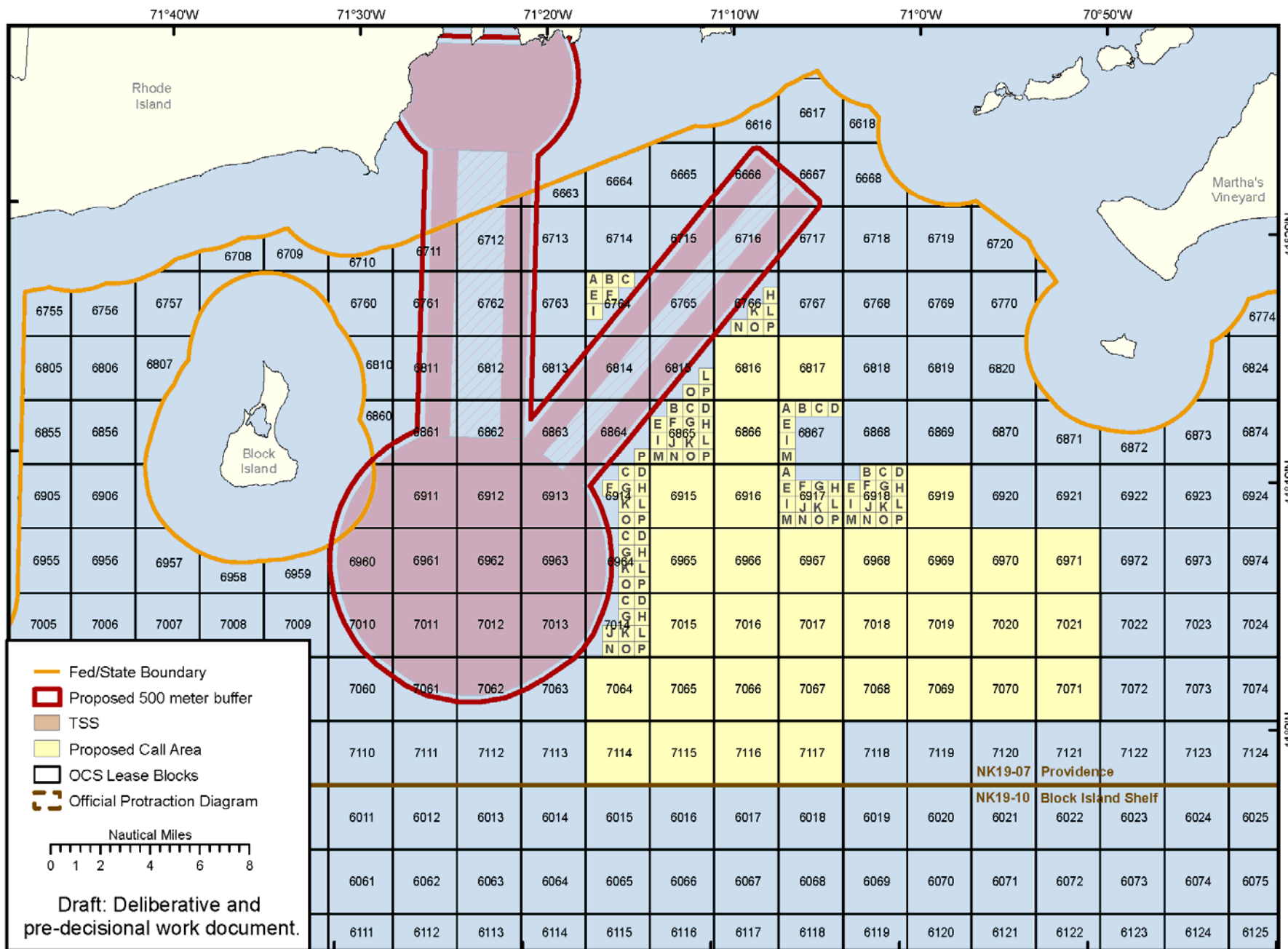
Planning & Analysis: RI

- Engage Intergovernmental Task Force, stakeholders, and public
- Publish Planning Notices
 - Request for Interest (RFI)
 - **Call for Information and Nominations (Call)**
- Announce Area Identification
- Conduct environmental compliance and consultation

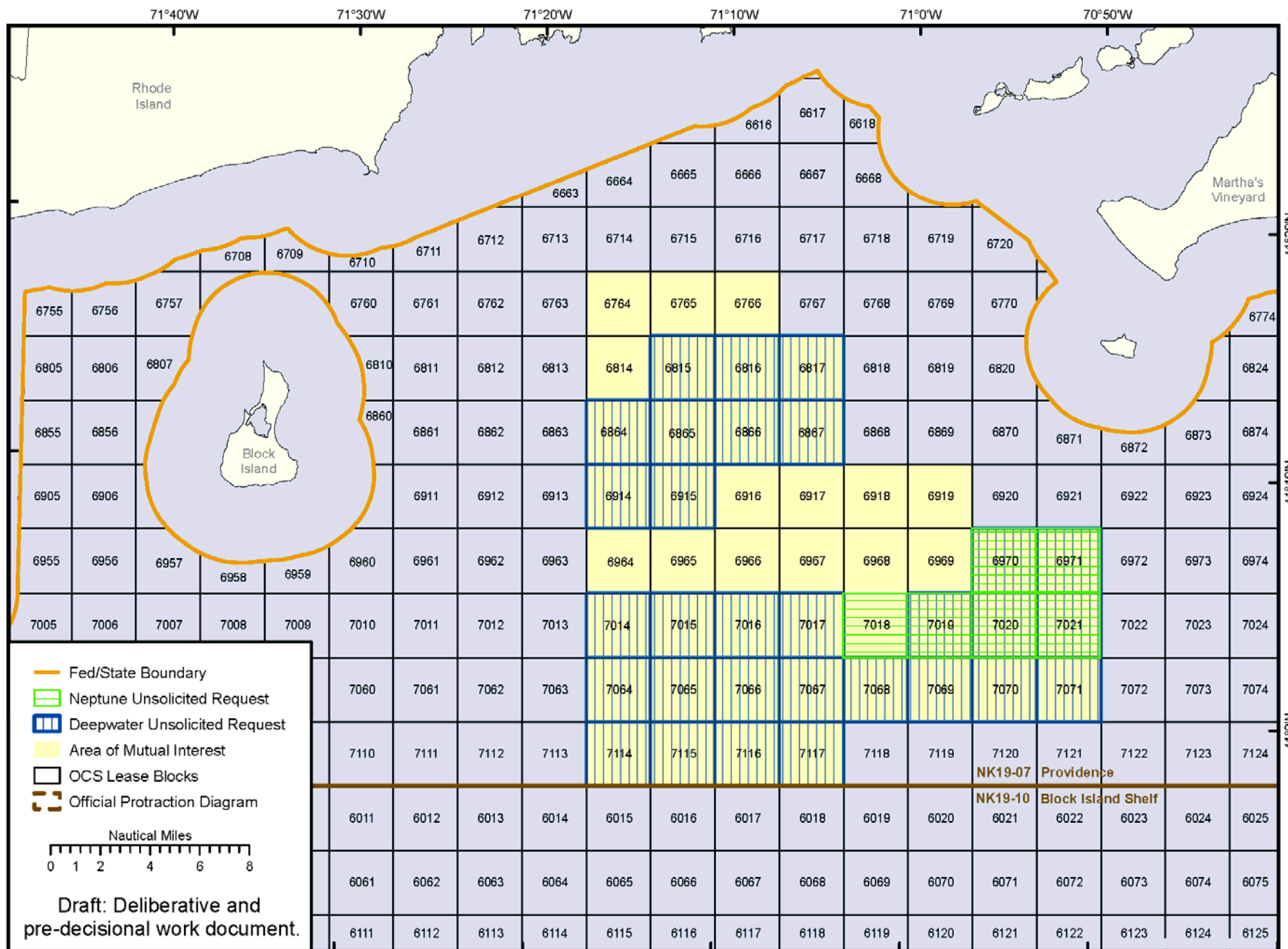
Rhode Island: Summary of Efforts

- Established Task Force in November 2009
- Governors signed MOU in July 2010
- Received two separate unsolicited requests in October and November 2010
- Informed Task Force members of unsolicited applications and discussed next steps in December 2010
- Determined unsolicited applicants qualified (legal, technical, & financial) in March 2011
- Working with Task Force on draft Call Information and Nominations

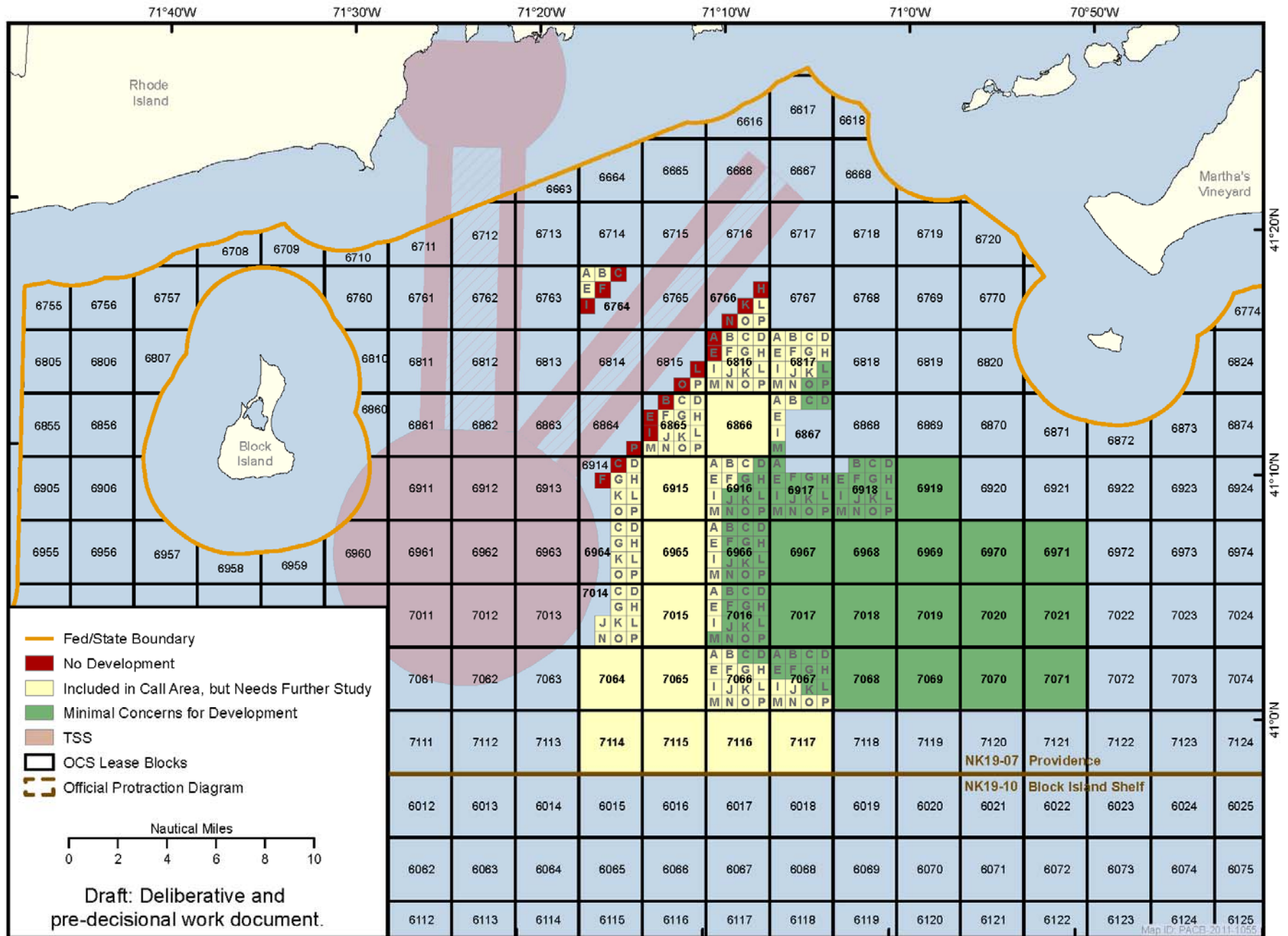
Preliminary Draft Rhode Island / Massachusetts Call Area



Rhode Island / Massachusetts Area of Mutual Interest and Unsolicited Proposals

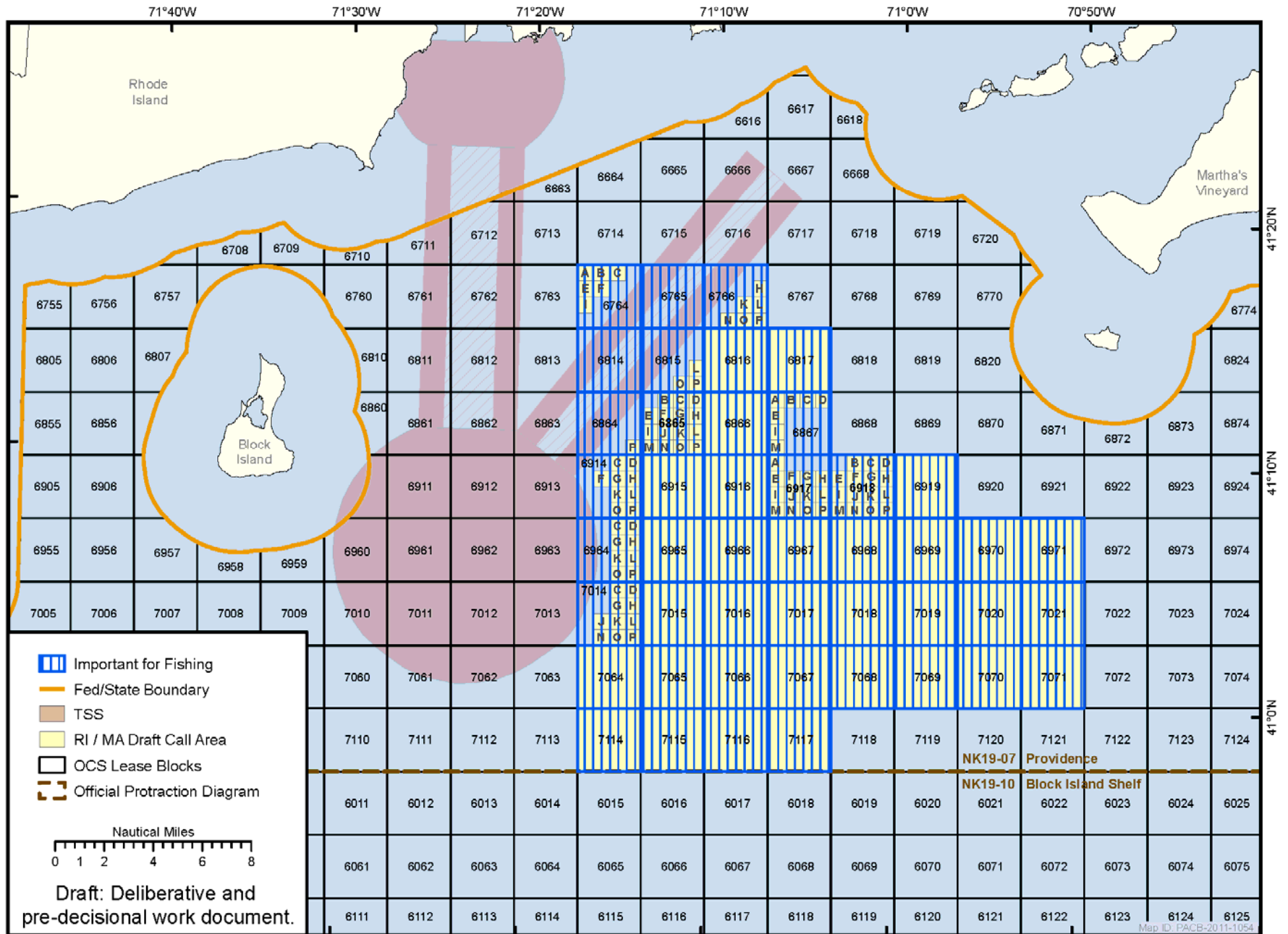


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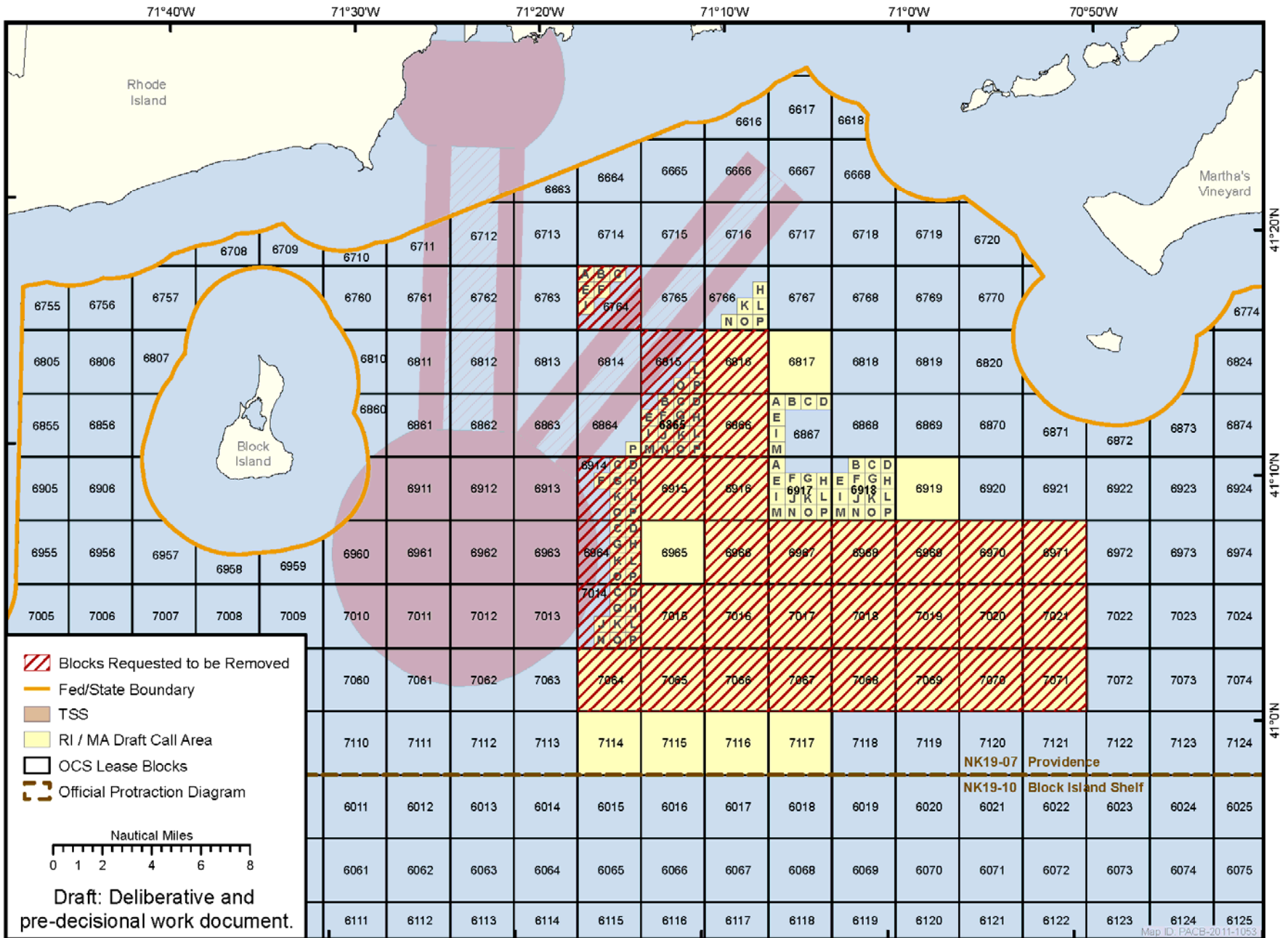
Legend:

- Important for Fishing
- Fed/State Boundary
- TSS
- RI / MA Draft Call Area
- OCS Lease Blocks
- Official Protraction Diagram

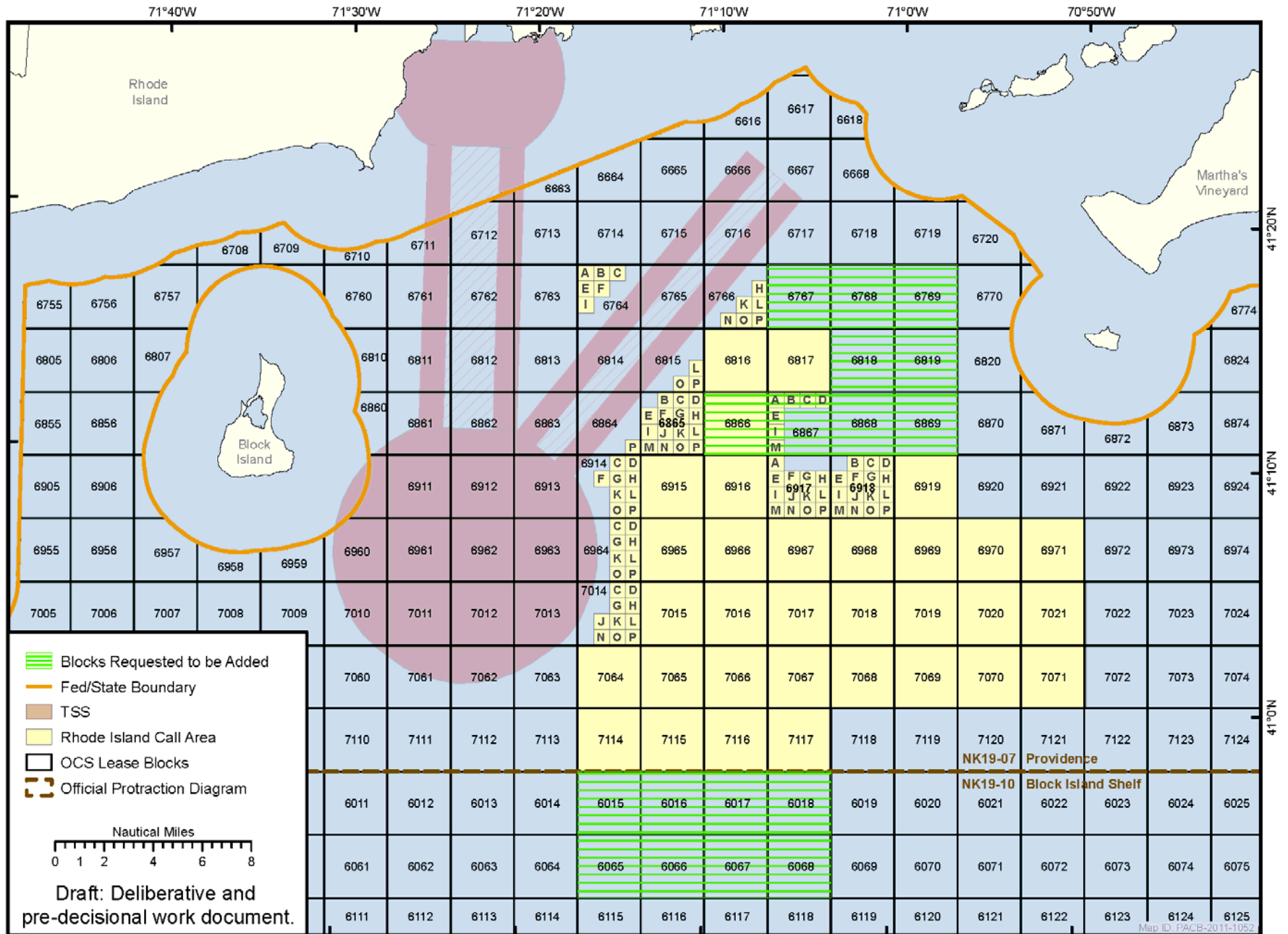
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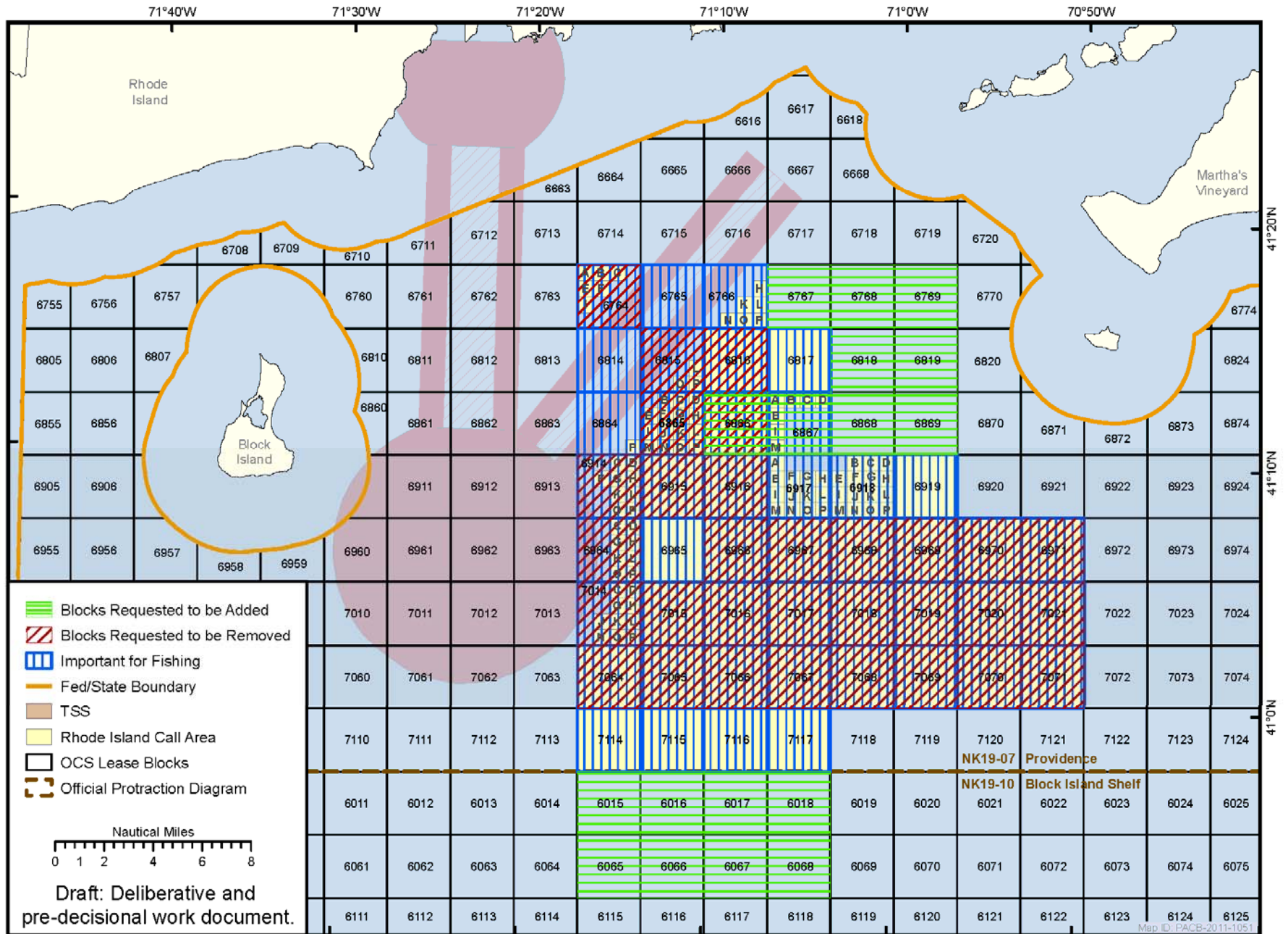
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Next Steps

- BOEMRE will consider all comments received from Task Force members
- BOEMRE internal review/approval process
- Publication in the *Federal Register* for 45-day comment period
- Notice of Intent to prepare Environmental analysis pursuant to NEPA
- Next meeting: Fall 2011

Leasing Stage

Leasing:

- Engage Intergovernmental Task Force, stakeholders, and public
- Publish Leasing Notices
 - Publish Determination of No Competitive Interest (Noncompetitive)
 - Publish Proposed and Final Sale Notices (Competitive)
- Issue Leases
 - Negotiate Lease (Noncompetitive)
 - Hold Lease Auction (Competitive)

Opportunity to Provide Comment

- Stakeholder Meetings
- BOEMRE Intergovernmental Task Force Meetings: Public Q&A Session
- Proposed Sale Notice (if competitive)

Future Stages After Leases Are Issued

Site Assessment

- Lease provides a 5-year period to collect site-specific data:
 - Informs preparation of the lessee's construction and operations plan (COP)
 - May include archaeological, biological, geophysical, geotechnical, and shallow hazard surveys
- BOEMRE conducts environmental and technical reviews of the lessee's site assessment plan (SAP)
 - Submitted for planned bottom-founded data collection facilities (e.g., met towers or met buoys)

Future Stages After Leases Are Issued

Commercial Activities

- Lease provides a 25-year period to construct and generate electricity
- Lessee submits construction and operations plan (COP) that describes
 - Overall site investigation results
 - Offshore and onshore support
 - Any proposed mitigation and monitoring and lease stipulation compliance
 - Design, fabrication, installation, and operations concepts
 - Decommissioning and site clearance concepts
- BOEMRE prepares an environmental impact statement and conducts environmental & consultation and technical reviews
- Lessee must prepare a Navigational Risk Assessment

Opportunity to Provide Comment

- Stakeholder Meetings
- BOEMRE Intergovernmental Task Force Meetings: Public Q&A Session
- Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS
- EIS scoping meetings
- Draft EIS hearings and comment period

More info:

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