

BOEMRE
Rhode Island & Massachusetts
Renewable Energy Task Force
Teleconference

June 3, 2011

1:00 PM

Agenda

- Introductions & Opening Remarks

Maureen Bornholdt, Program Manager, OAEP

Grover Fugate, Executive Director, Rhode Island CRMC

Bill White, Assistant Secretary for Federal Affairs, MA EEA

- Overview of Task Force member comments & proposed revisions to draft Call

Jessica Bradley, Project Coordinator, OAEP

- Next Steps

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Overview of Comments

- Federal (3)
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - National Marine Fisheries Services
- State (2)
 - Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer
 - Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer
- Local (1)
 - Martha's Vineyard/ Dukes County Fishermen's Association

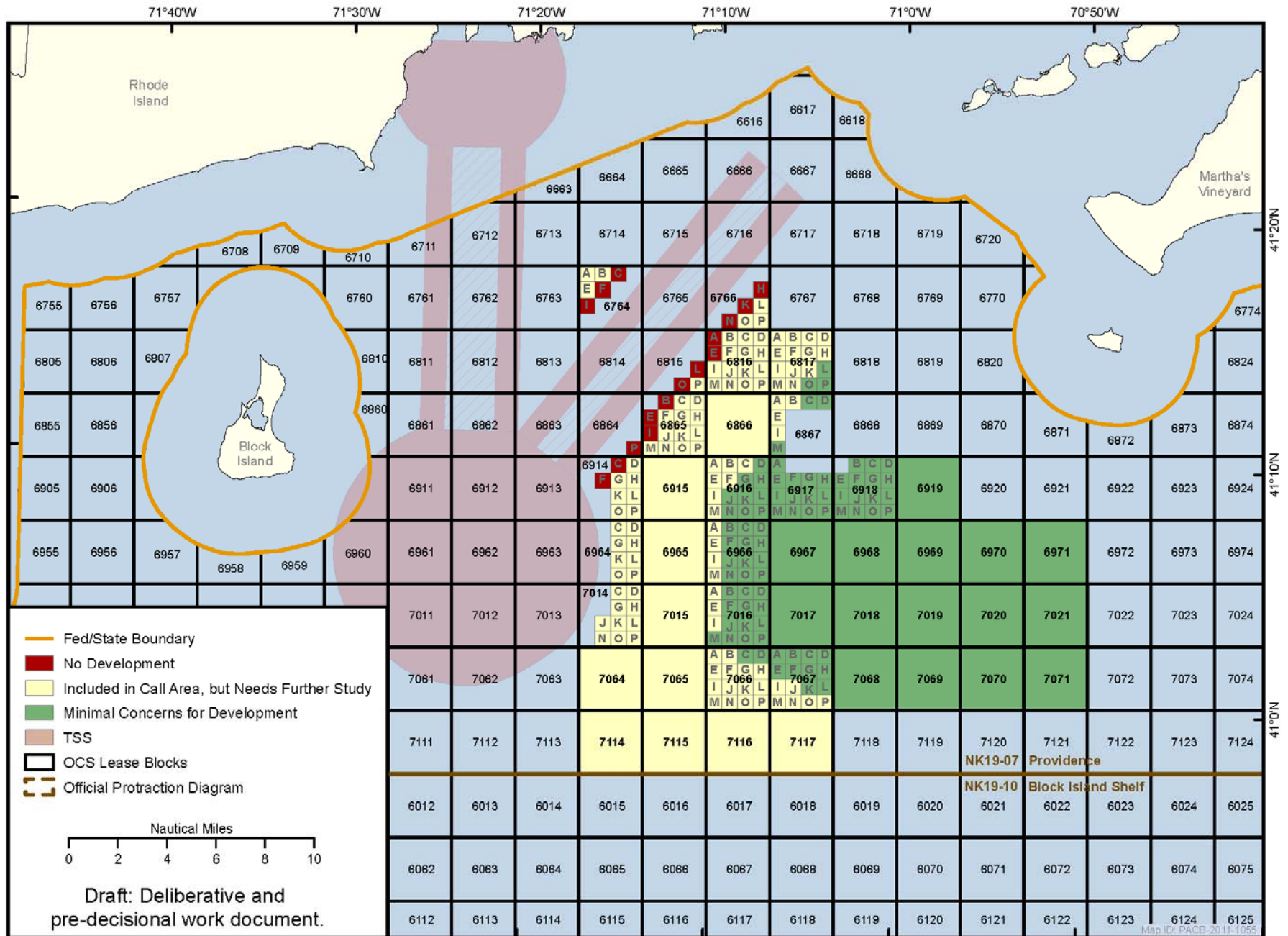
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Potential cable landfall sites, staging areas, and other support sites necessary for construction and operation should be included in required nomination information (p. 28)
- Recommendation to involve tribes in scoping preliminary archaeology studies

U.S. Coast Guard

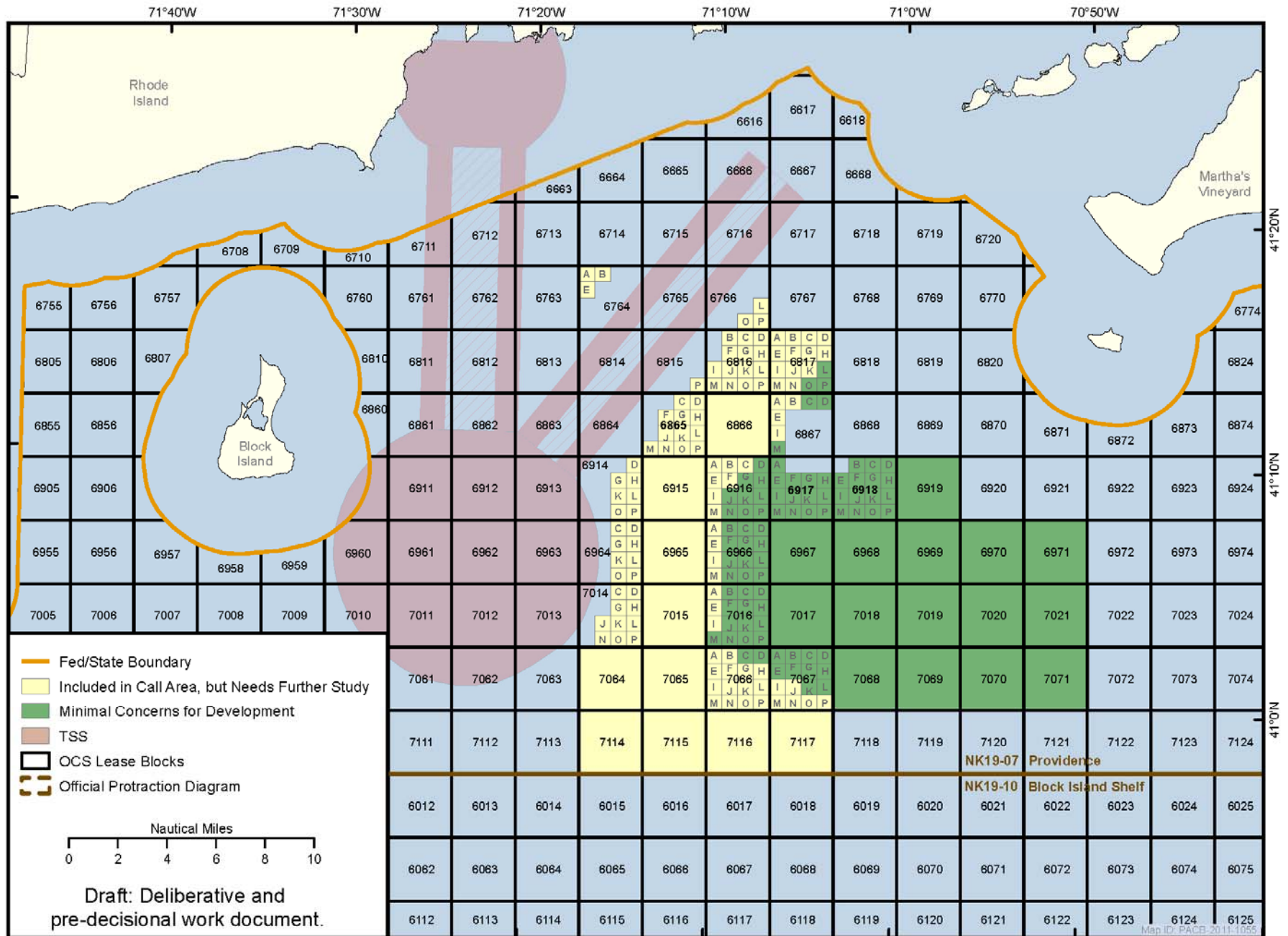
- USCG identified blocks (and aliquot parts) and recommendations using the best available information
- Recommended language for “Development of Call section” (p. 24-26)

USCG Comments on the Draft Rhode Island, Massachusetts Call Area



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National Marine Fisheries Services

- Clarify Call Area identified by BOEMRE and States, not Task Force (p. 2 & p. 20)
- Clarify WEA may be designated based on responses to Call (p. 6)
- Recommended language regarding areas that are important for commercial and recreational fishing and that consist of complex marine habitat, particularly Cox Ledge (p. 22-23)

Rhode Island SHPO

- Areas South of RI were once dry land that became inundated and utilized by native peoples
- Shipwrecks in draft Call Area
- South coast of mainland RI, islands of Narragansett Bay, and Block Island all contain historic above-ground resources

Massachusetts SHPO

- Nomination include proposed land-side and near-shore project elements and potential effects to historic and cultural resources (p. 28)
- Additional information regarding archaeological and cultural resources sites on seabed or nearshore should follow SAMP scope and research methodologies (p. 30)
- SAMP geophysical data should be incorporated
- SAMP Chapter 4: shipwrecks identified in draft Call Area
- Geophysical reconstruction of paleolandscapes for cultural resource identification

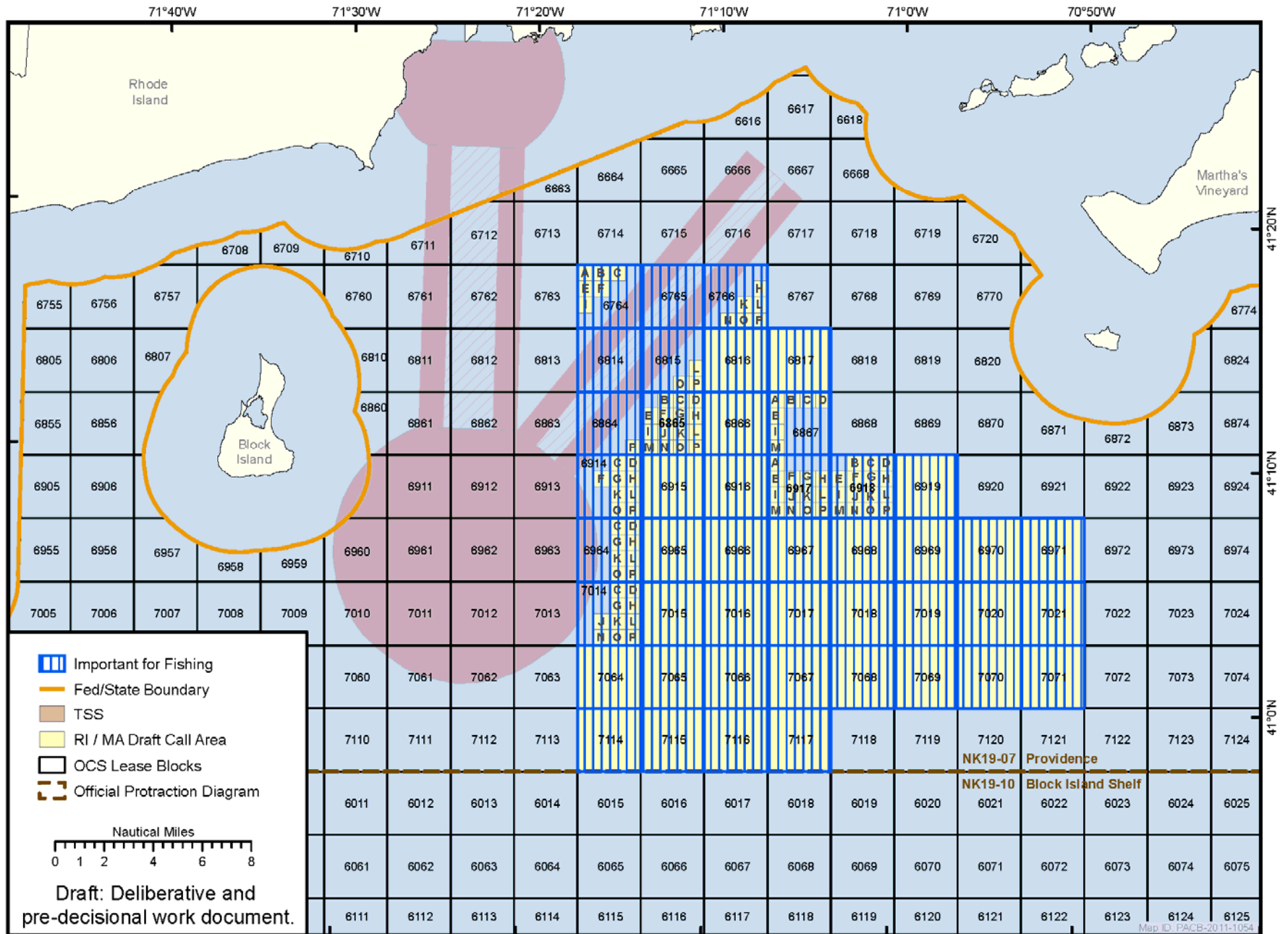
Local Comment

- Submitted by Warren Doty, MA Task Force Member, and Martha's Vineyard/Dukes County Fishermen's Association
- Remove OCS blocks 6970, 6971, 7020, 7021, 7070, 7071
 - Active fishing areas for draggers targeting cod, yellowtail flounder, and winter flounder, for lobster fishing, for gill netters working on monkfish, and for sea scallops
- Add OCS blocks 6015, 6016, 6017, 6018, 6065, 6066, 6067, 6068

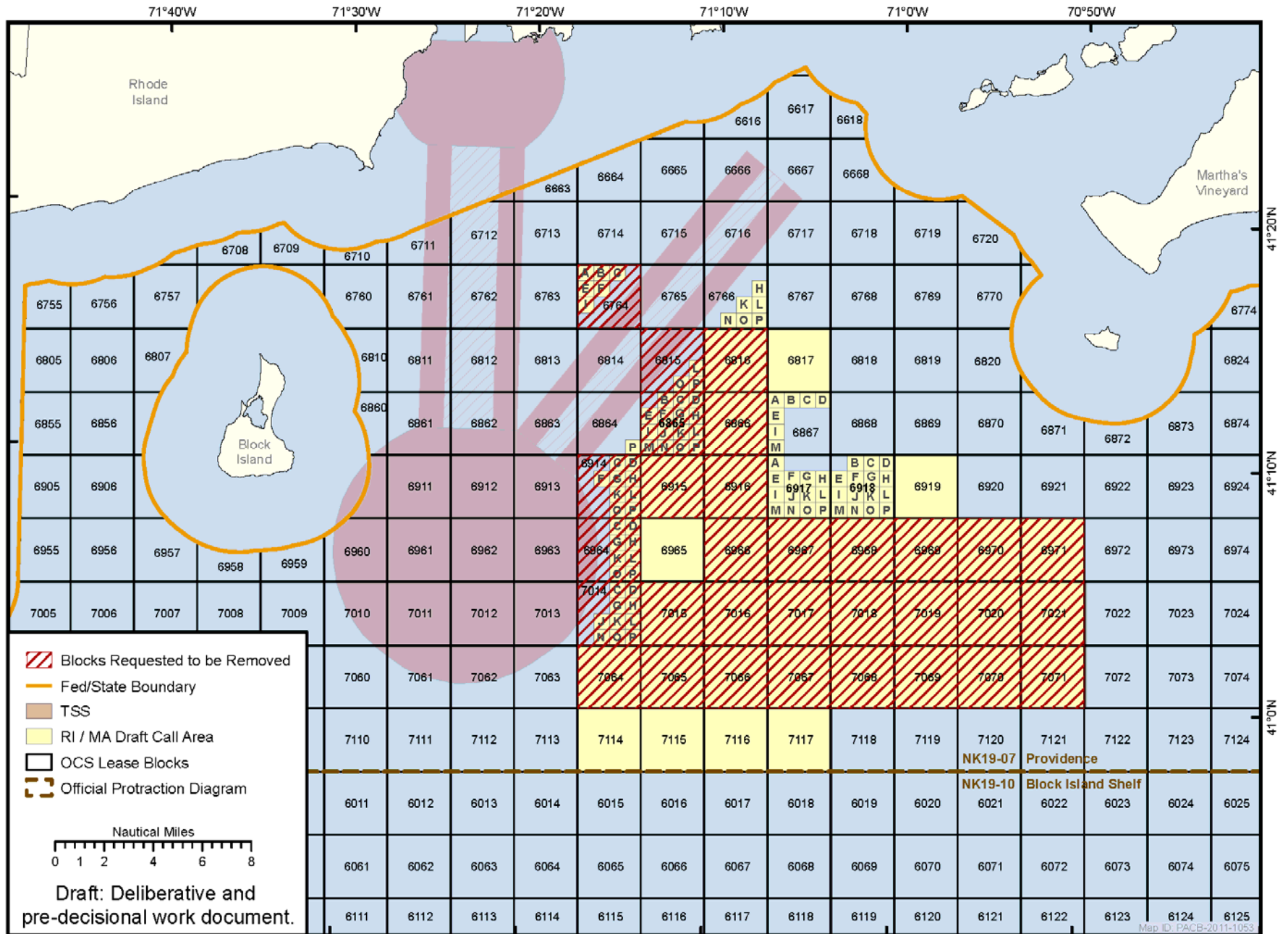
Other Comments forwarded to BOEMRE for consideration by State

- Atlantic Offshore Lobsterman's Association
- Eastern New England Scallop Association
- Rhode Island Lobsterman's Association
- Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association
- Sakonnet Point Fishermen's Association

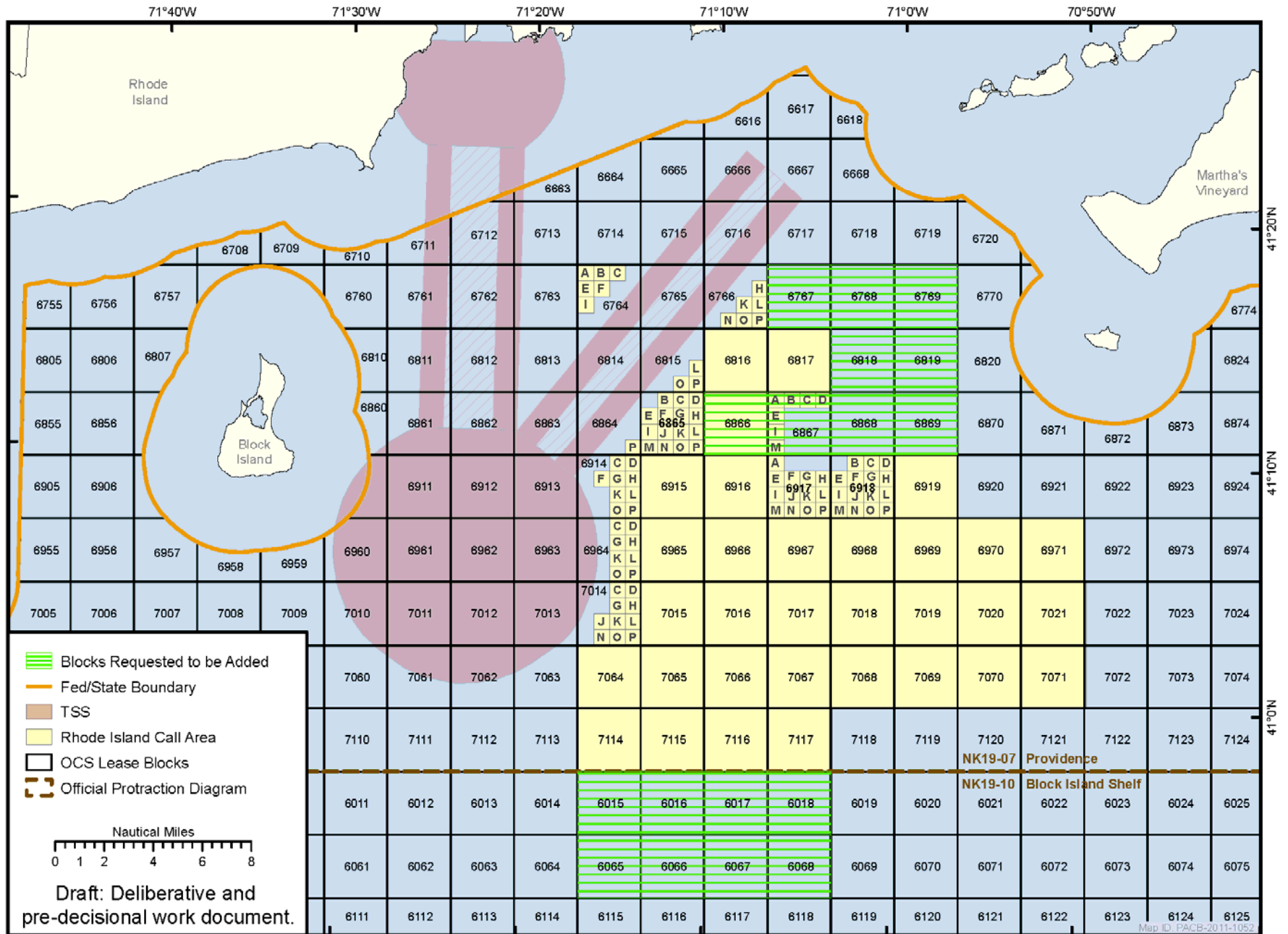
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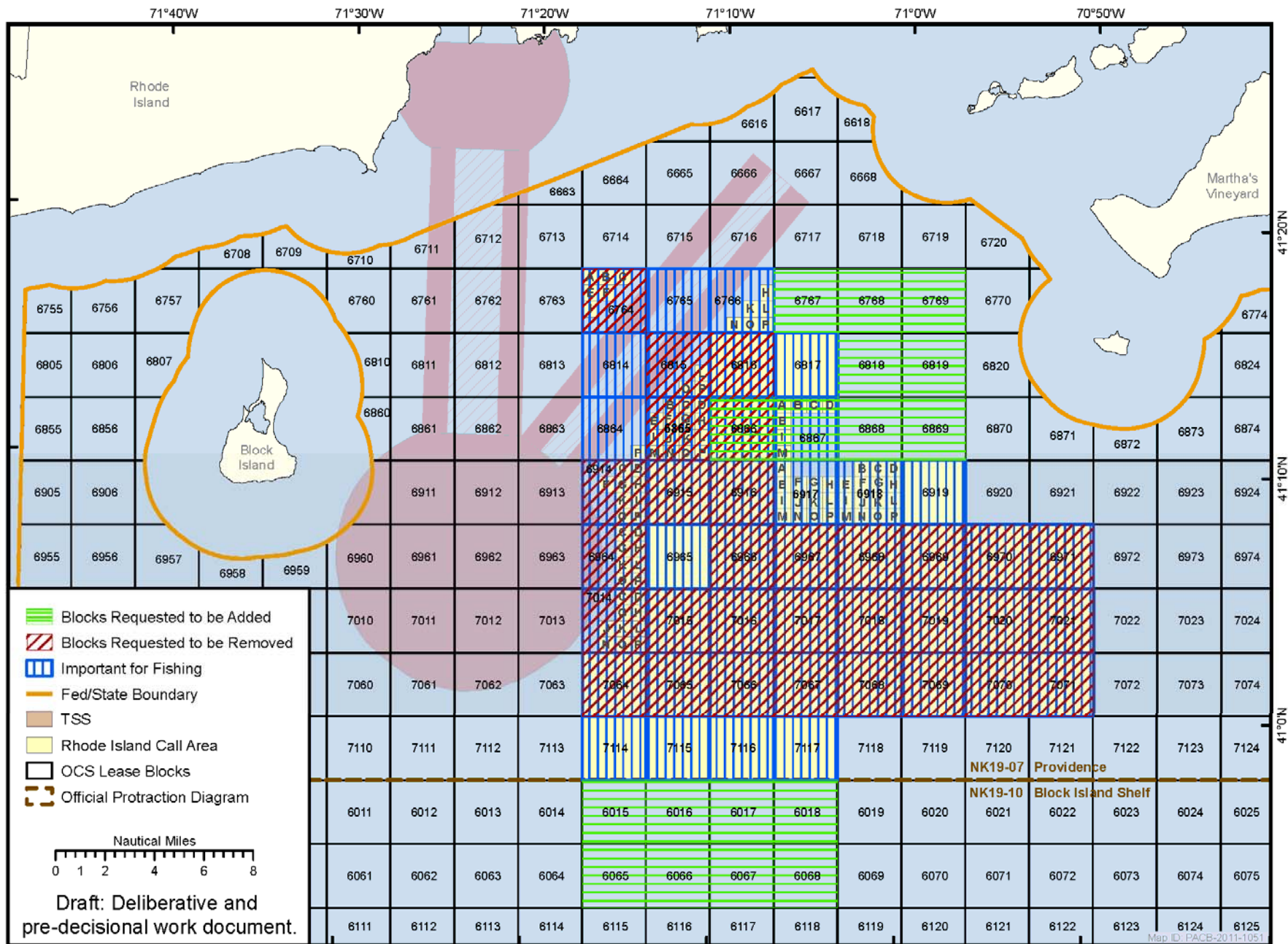
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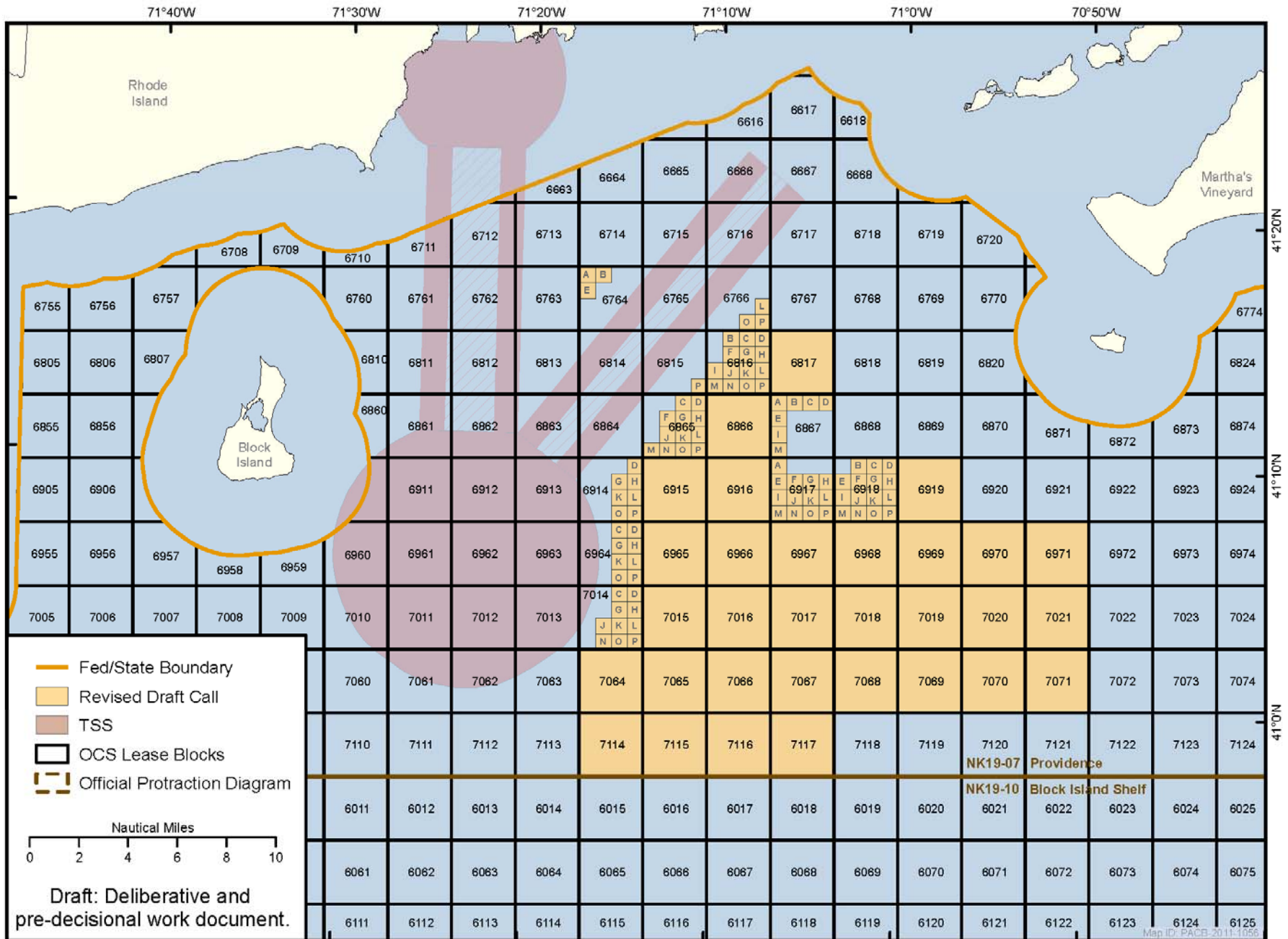
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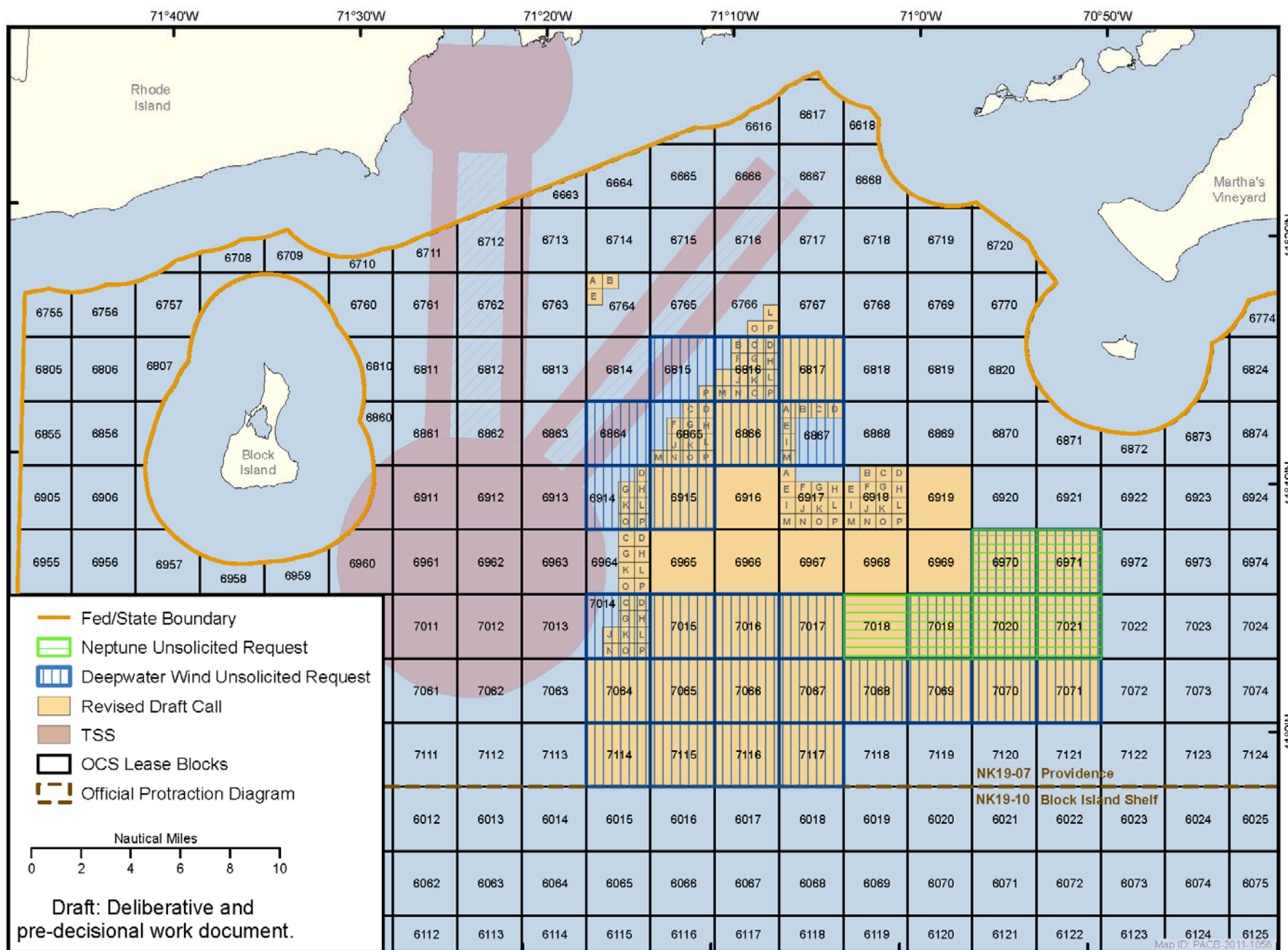
Proposed Revisions to Draft Call

- Description of Area
- Marine Fisheries and Habitats
- Areas for further study and analysis for vessel traffic usage patterns
- Required Nomination Information
- Request for Additional Information

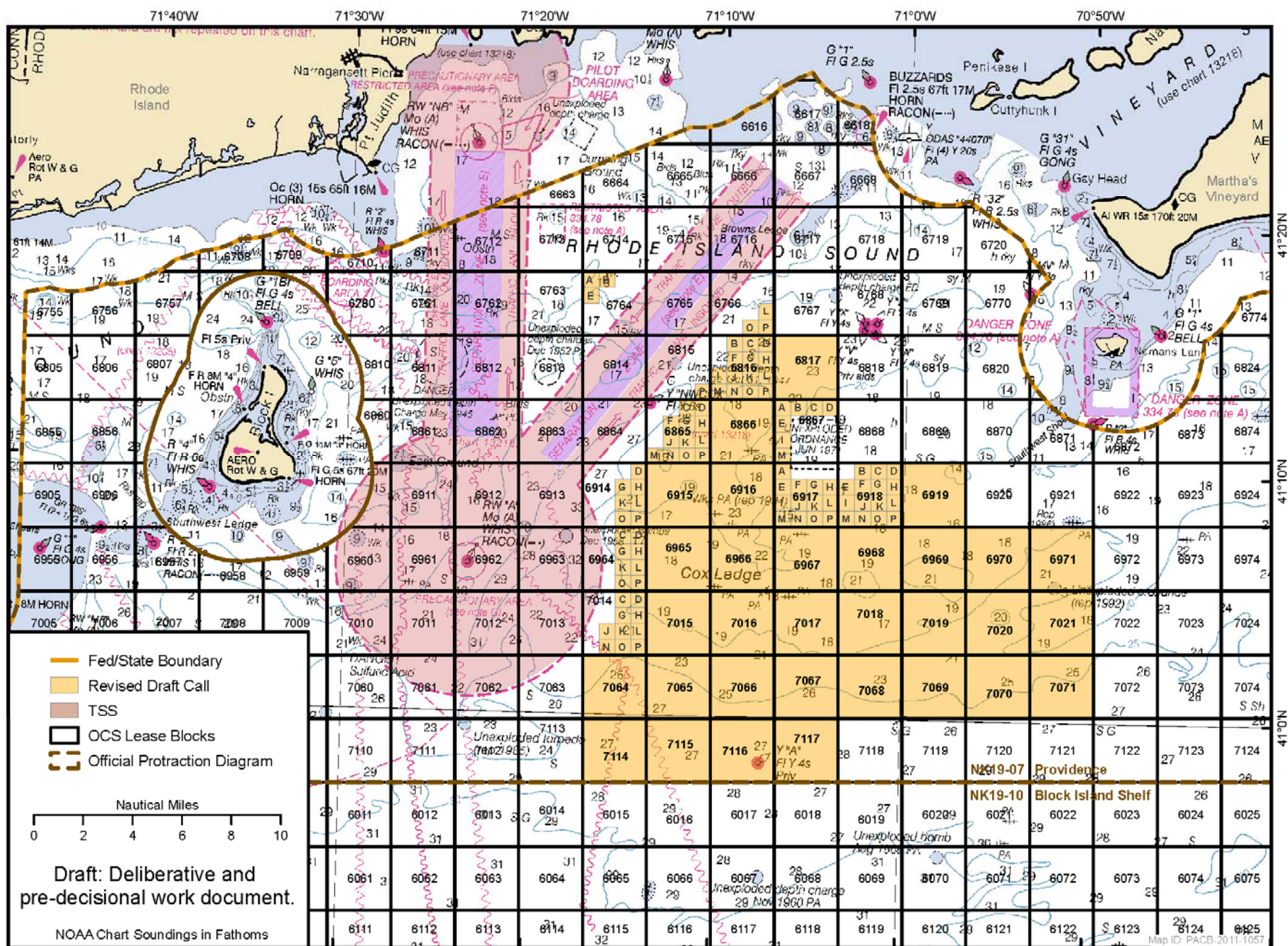
Revised Draft Rhode Island and Massachusetts Call Area



Revised Draft Rhode Island and Massachusetts Call Area and Unsolicited Requests



Revised Draft Rhode Island and Massachusetts Call Area



- Fed/State Boundary
- Revised Draft Call
- TSS
- OCS Lease Blocks
- Official Protraction Diagram

Nautical Miles
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NOAA Chart Soundings in Fathoms

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