



# Central Atlantic Renewable Energy Planning Area Development

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*Presentation for Fishery Industry Representatives*

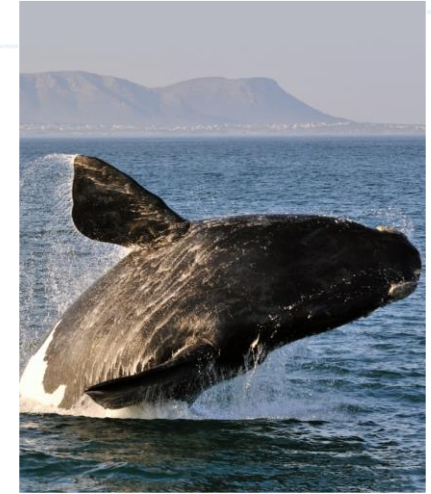
Bridgette Duplantis, Project Coordinator

January 5-6, 2022



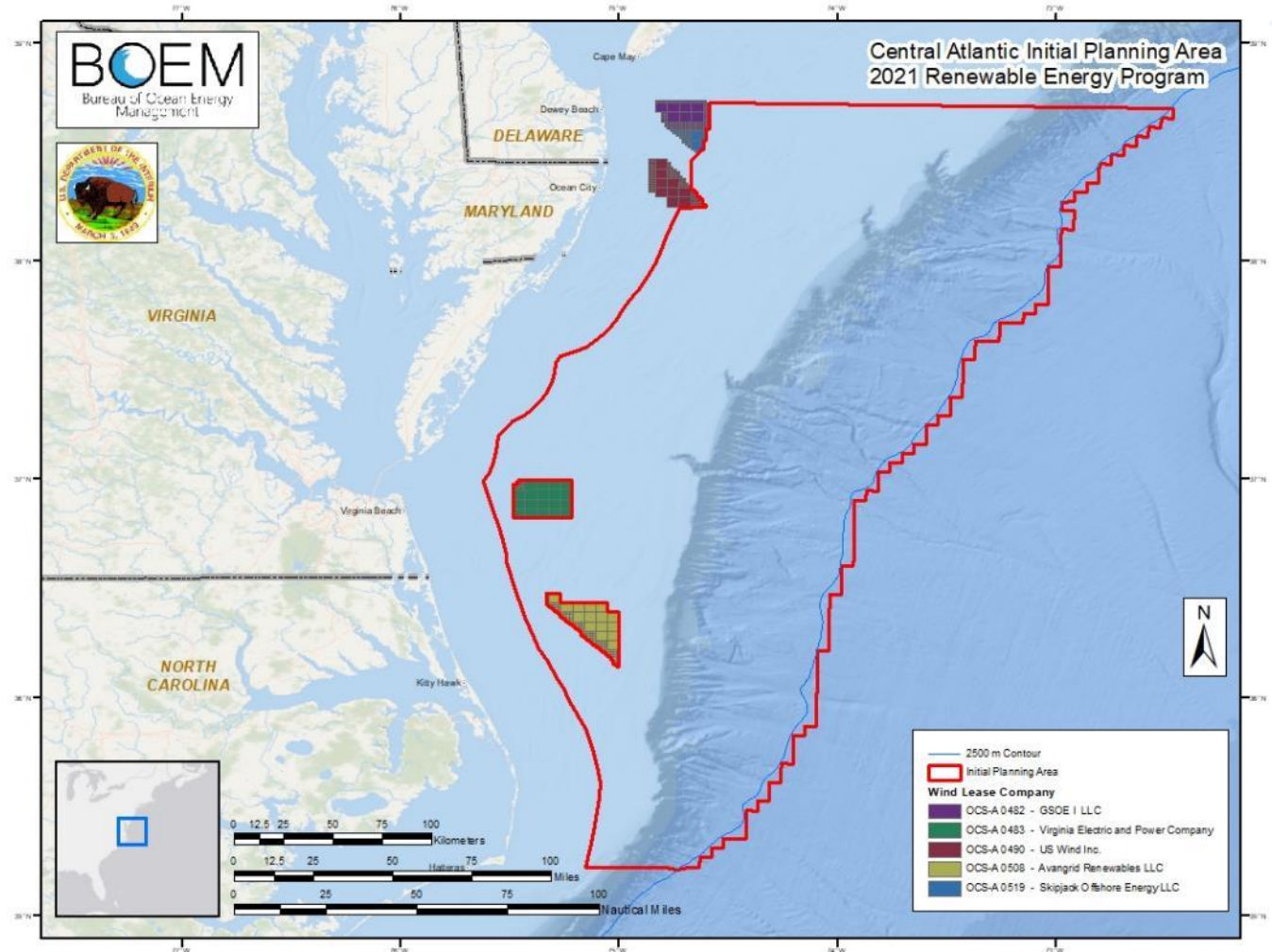
# Objectives

- **Review of BOEM leasing process**
- **Recent engagement activities in the Central Atlantic**
- **Planning Area Development**
- **Next Steps**

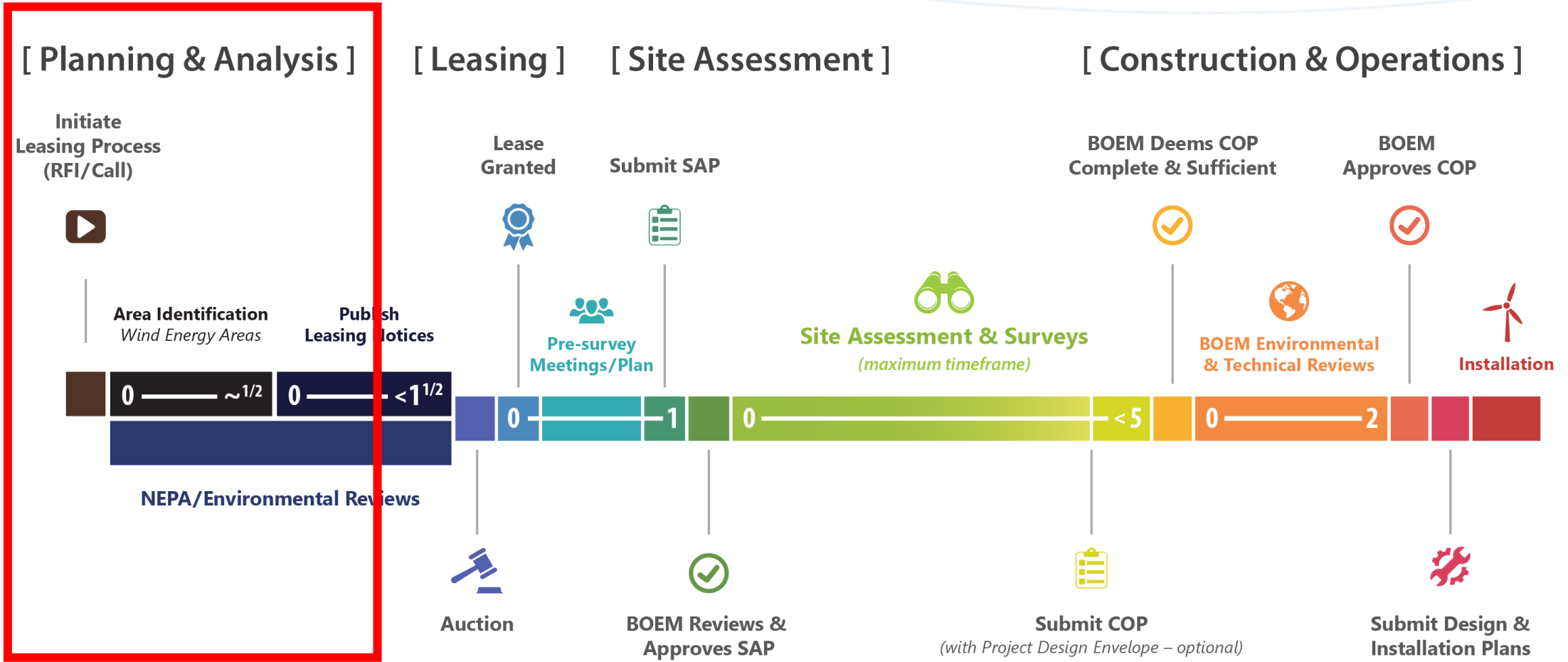


# Central Atlantic

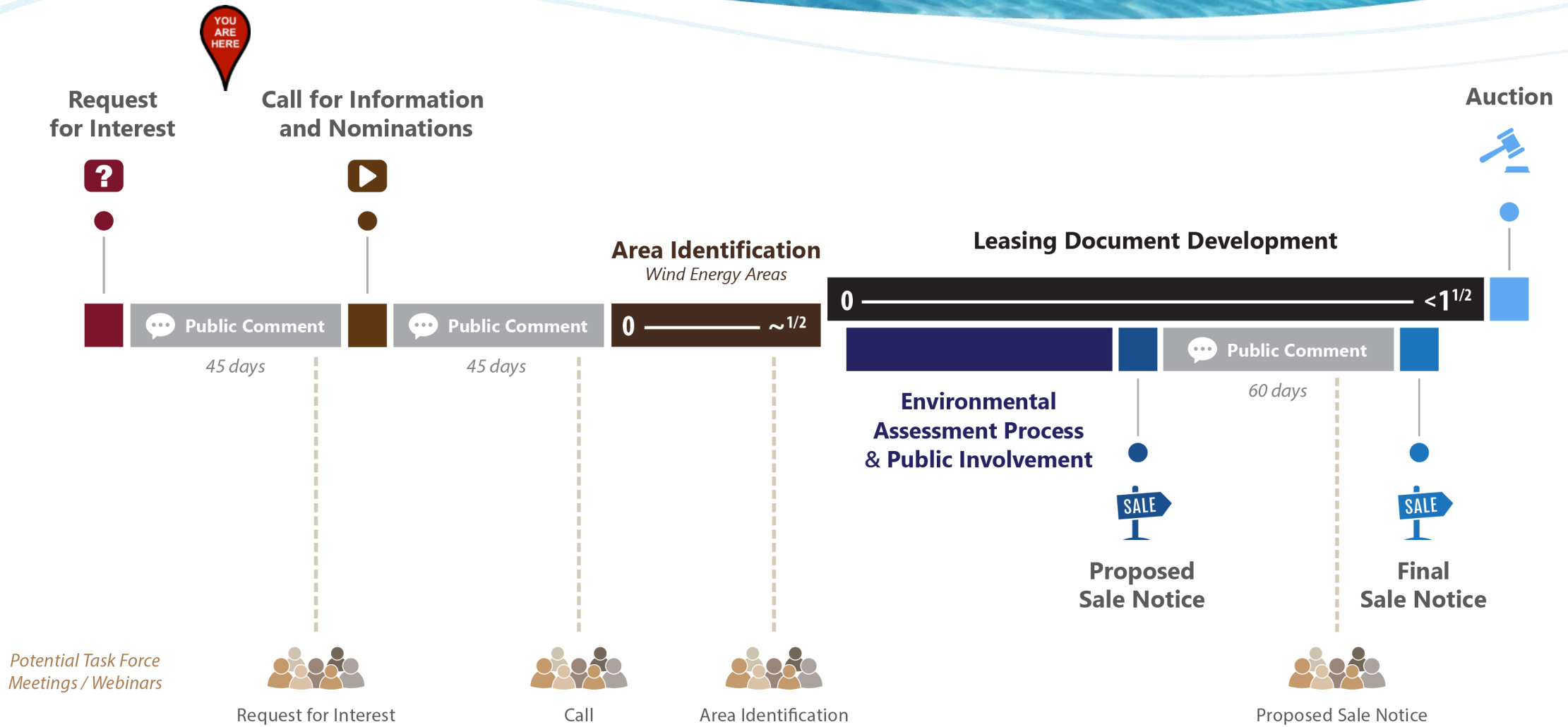
- Central Atlantic
  - Encompasses area offshore Delaware south to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina



# Renewable Energy Leasing Process: From RFI/Call to Operation

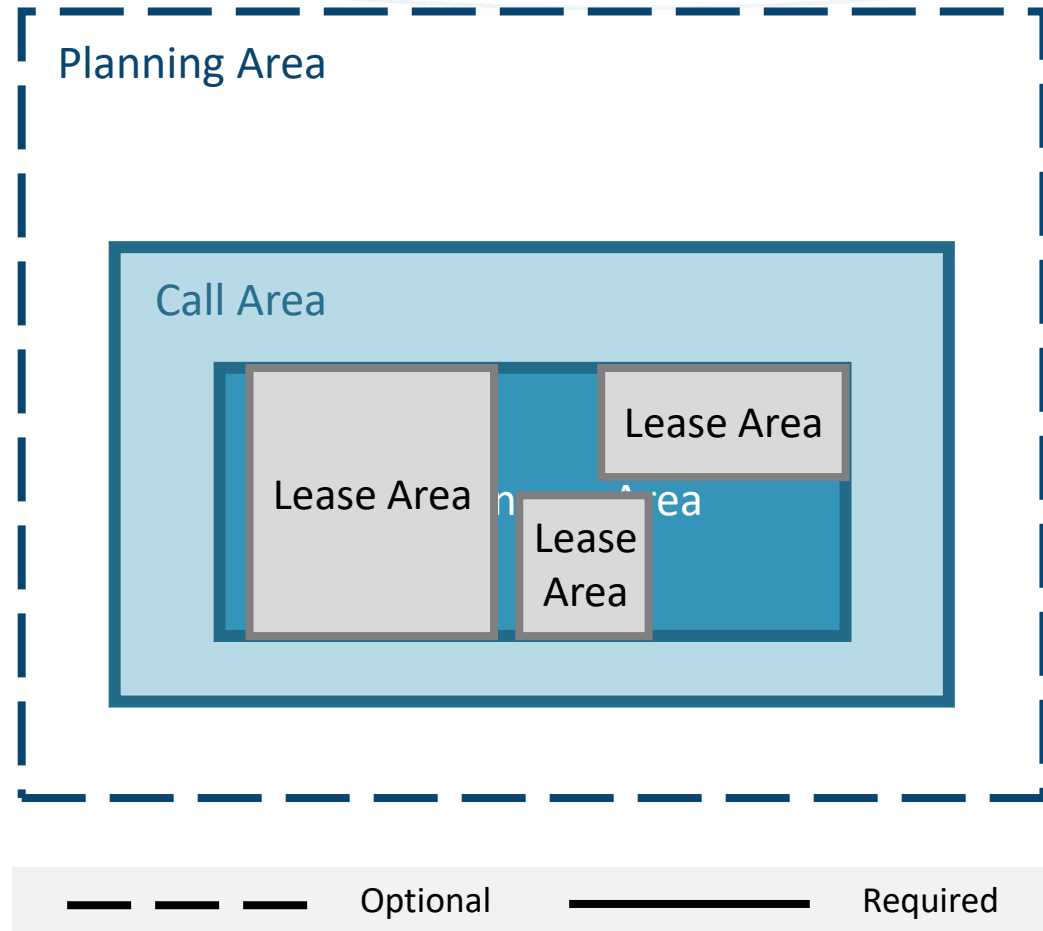


# Renewable Energy Leasing Process: From RFI/Call to Lease Sale



# Area Identification Process: WInnowing

- Currently developing the Planning Area
- Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) have the potential for further division into Lease Areas
- Multiple sales can come from Wind Energy Areas



# Recent Planning Activities

- **Held virtual meetings with each affected State (VA, MD, NC and DE)**
  - Discussed state wind energy goals, progress, concerns and data availability
- **Collected data from States, MARCO, Marine Cadastre, MMIS**
- **Created an AGOL interactive map to examine space-use conflicts**
- **Coordinating with Federal Partners (USCG, NOAA, NASA, USFWS and DoD)**
- **Soliciting feedback at informational meetings**
  - Maritime Industry (December 8, 2021)
  - Tribal Governments (December 9, 2021)
  - Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (December 15, 2021)
  - Fishery Management Councils and Organizations/Recreational Fishing (January 5-6, 2022)

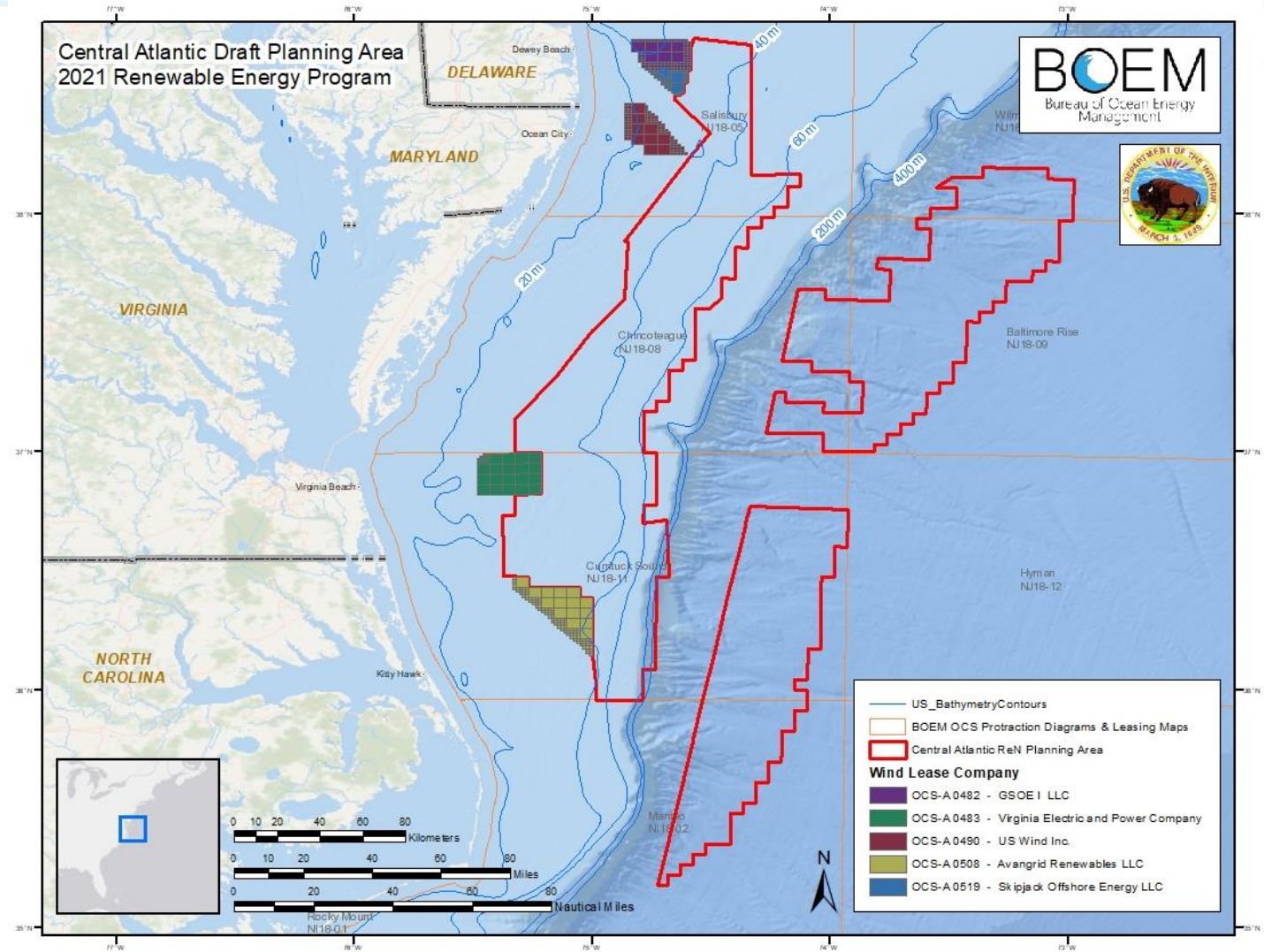
# Future Planning Activities

- **Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting**
  - Compiling feedback from Federal partners, States, Tribal governments and informational meetings to create a draft Call for Information and Nominations
  - Opportunity to discuss draft Call Area before publication
  - Meeting: **February 16, 2022**

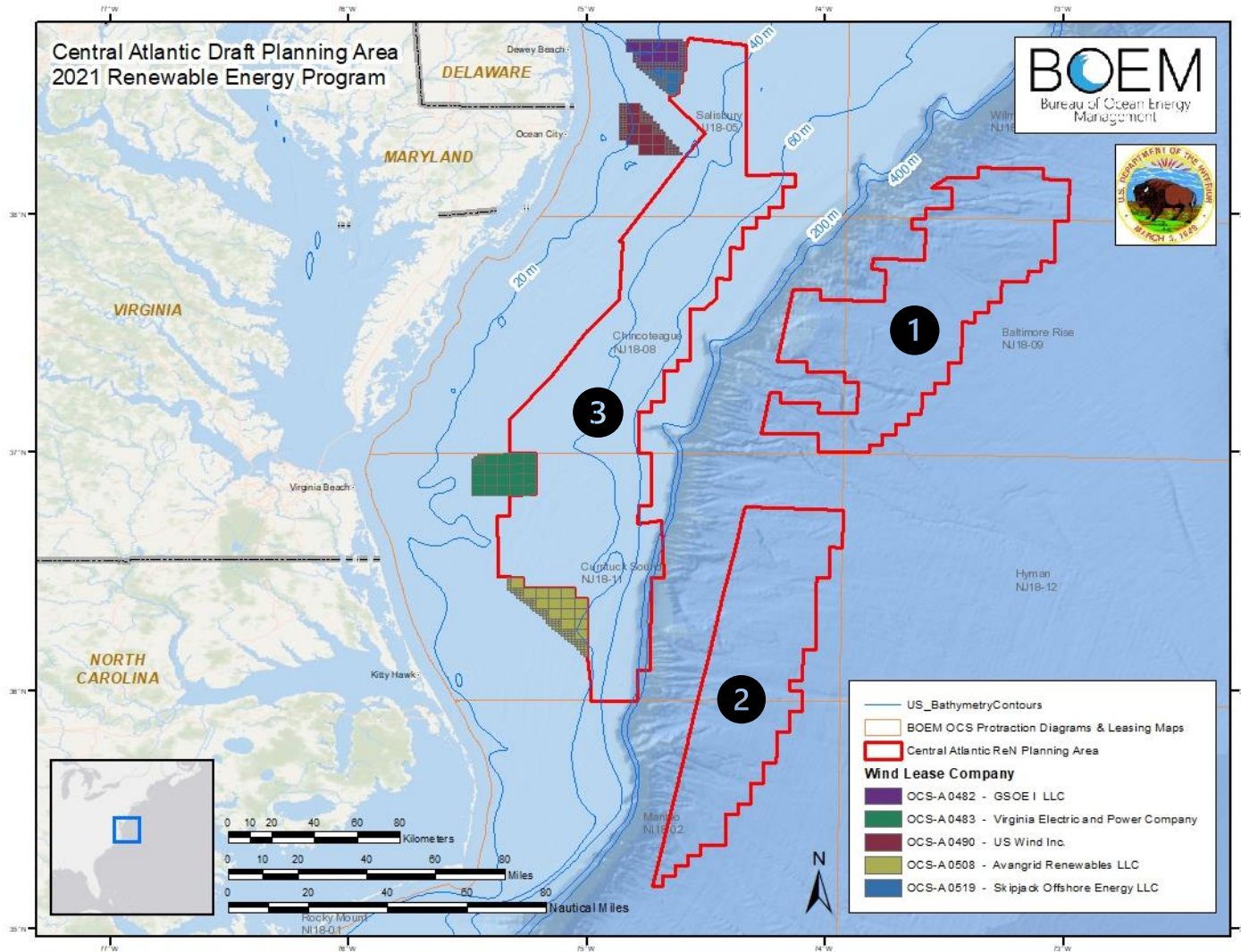


# Planning Area Development

- Active wind energy leases
- Bathymetry
  - 60 meters
  - 2500 meters

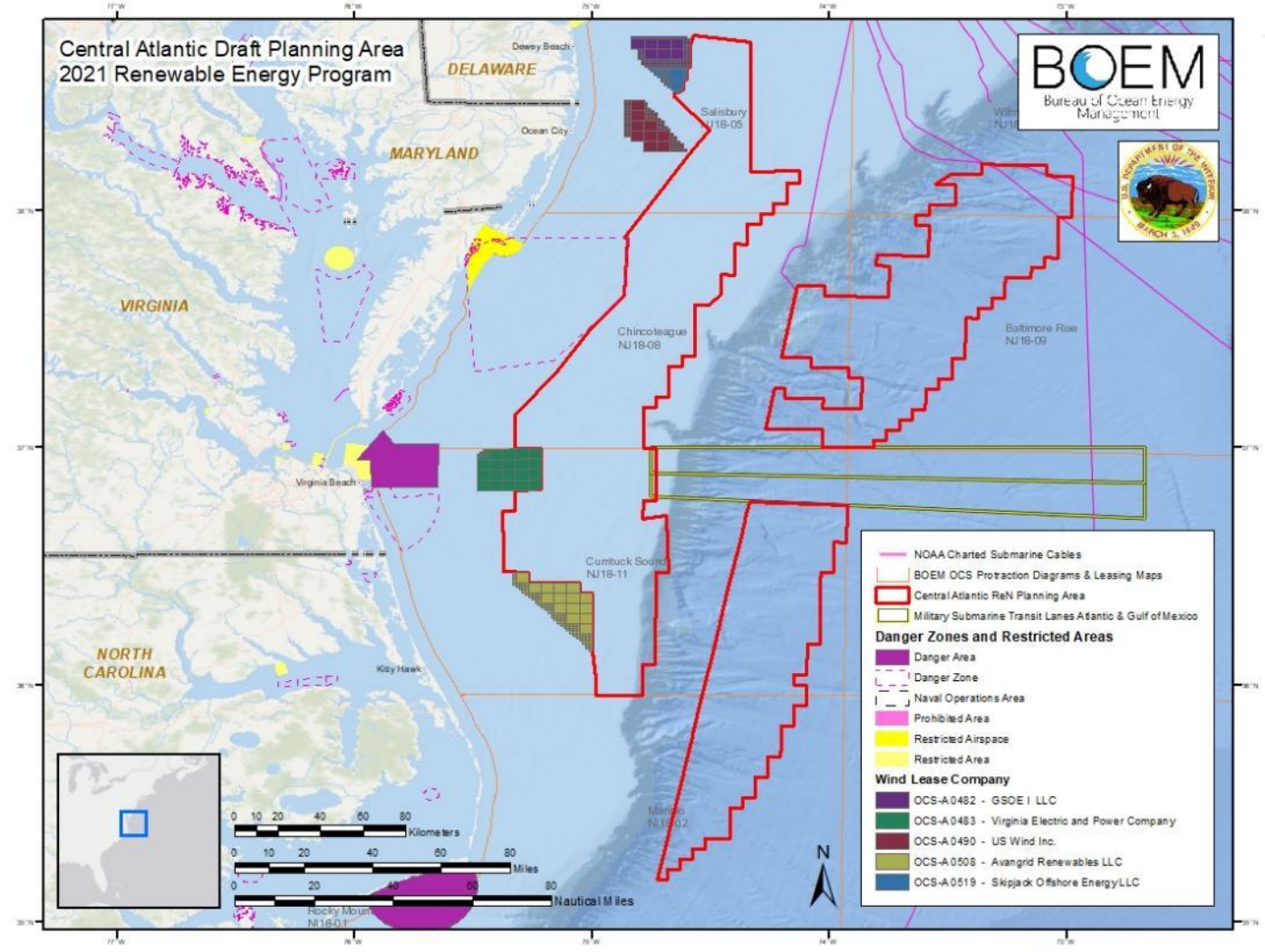


# Naming



# Planning Area Development

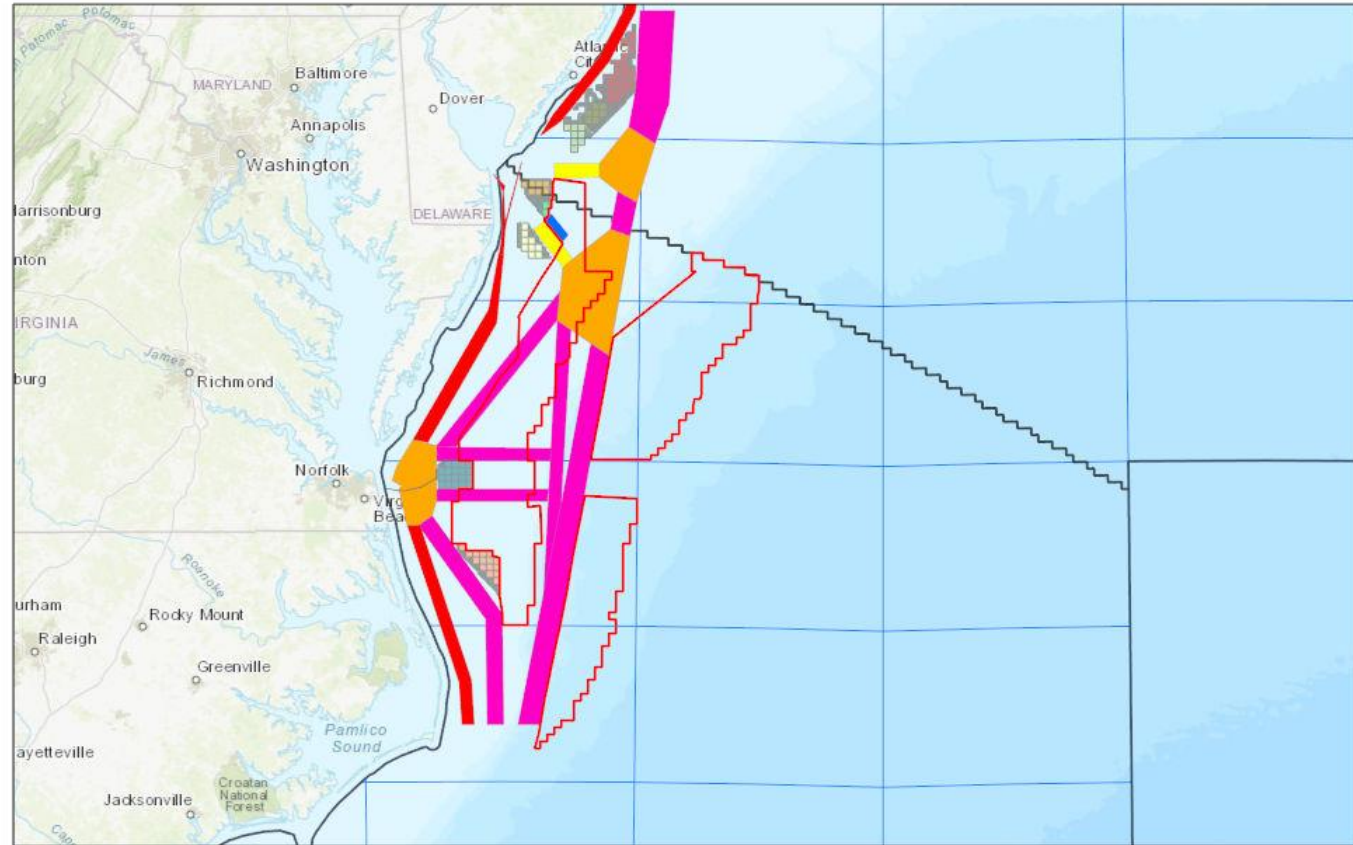
- NASA Danger Zone
- Military Submarine Transit Lanes



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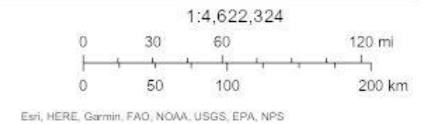
- USCG Proposed Shipping Safety Fairways

Central Atlantic Draft Planning Areas



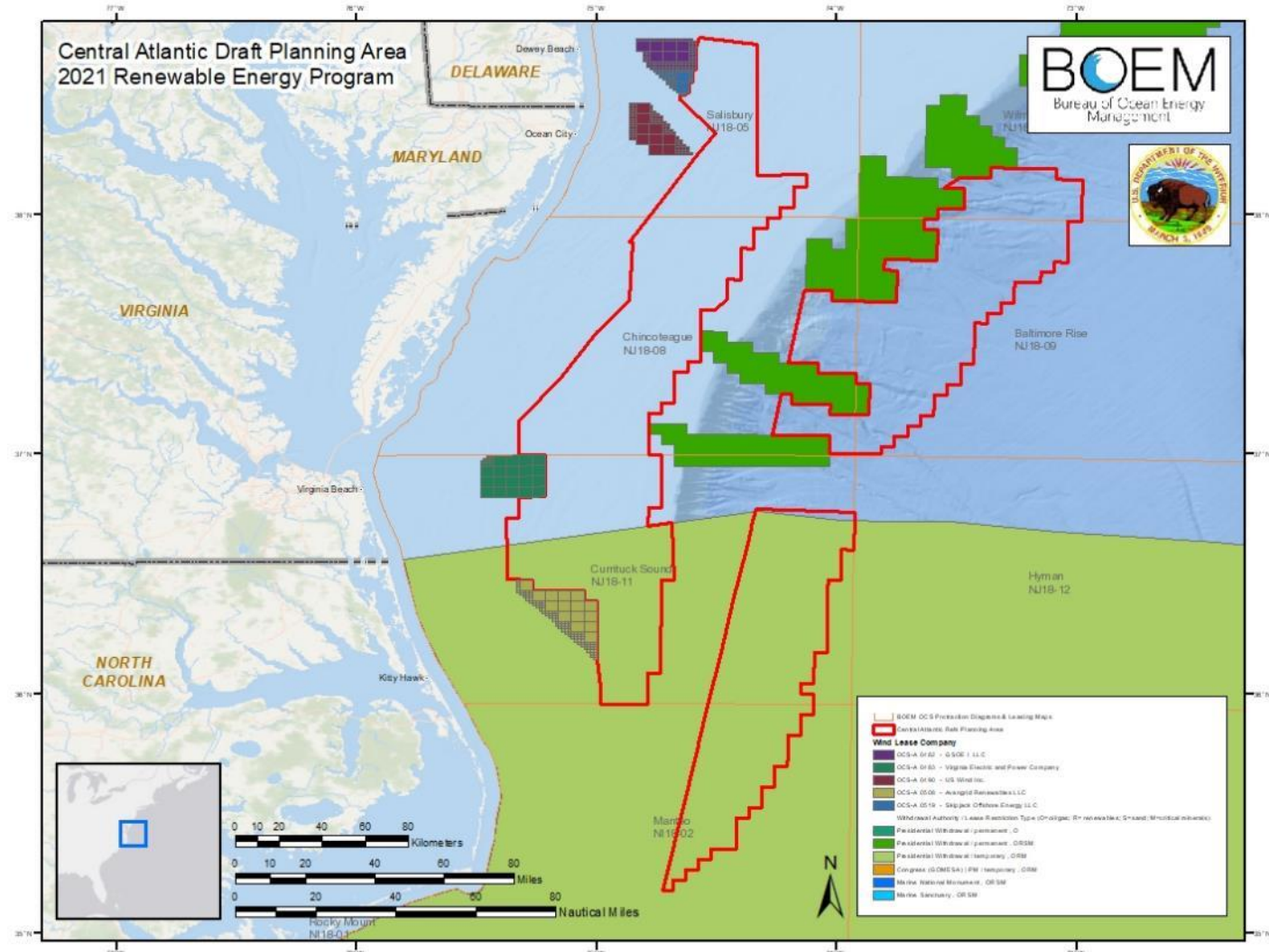
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- Call Area Option 2 BOEM Wind Leases
- Call Area Option 3
- OCS-A 0480 - US Wind Inc.
- OCS-A 0482 - GSOE | LLC
- OCS-A 0483 - Virginia Electric and Power Company



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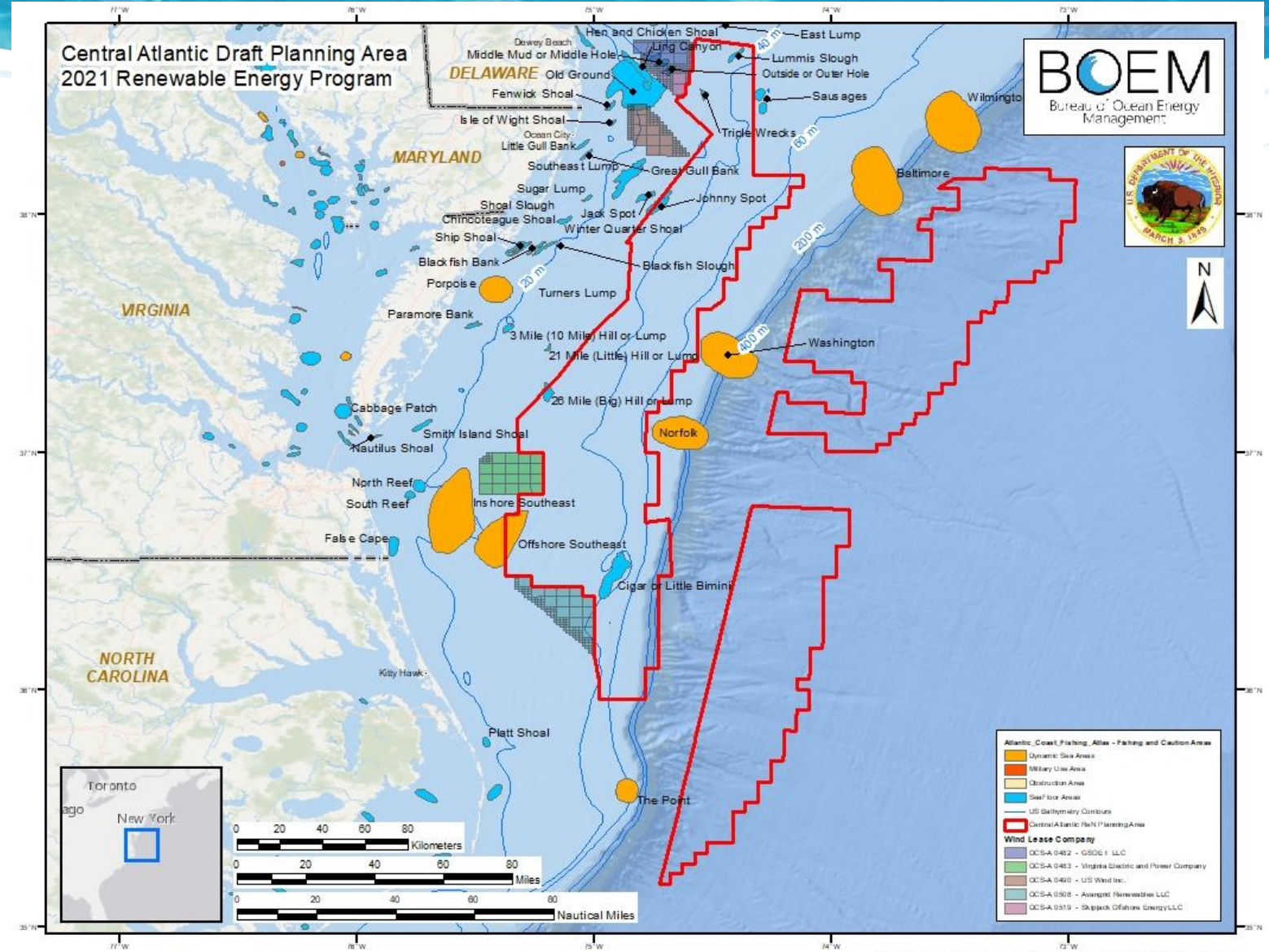
- Areas withdrawn from leasing
  - North Carolina
  - Atlantic Canyons



## Recreational Fishing



# Planning Area Development

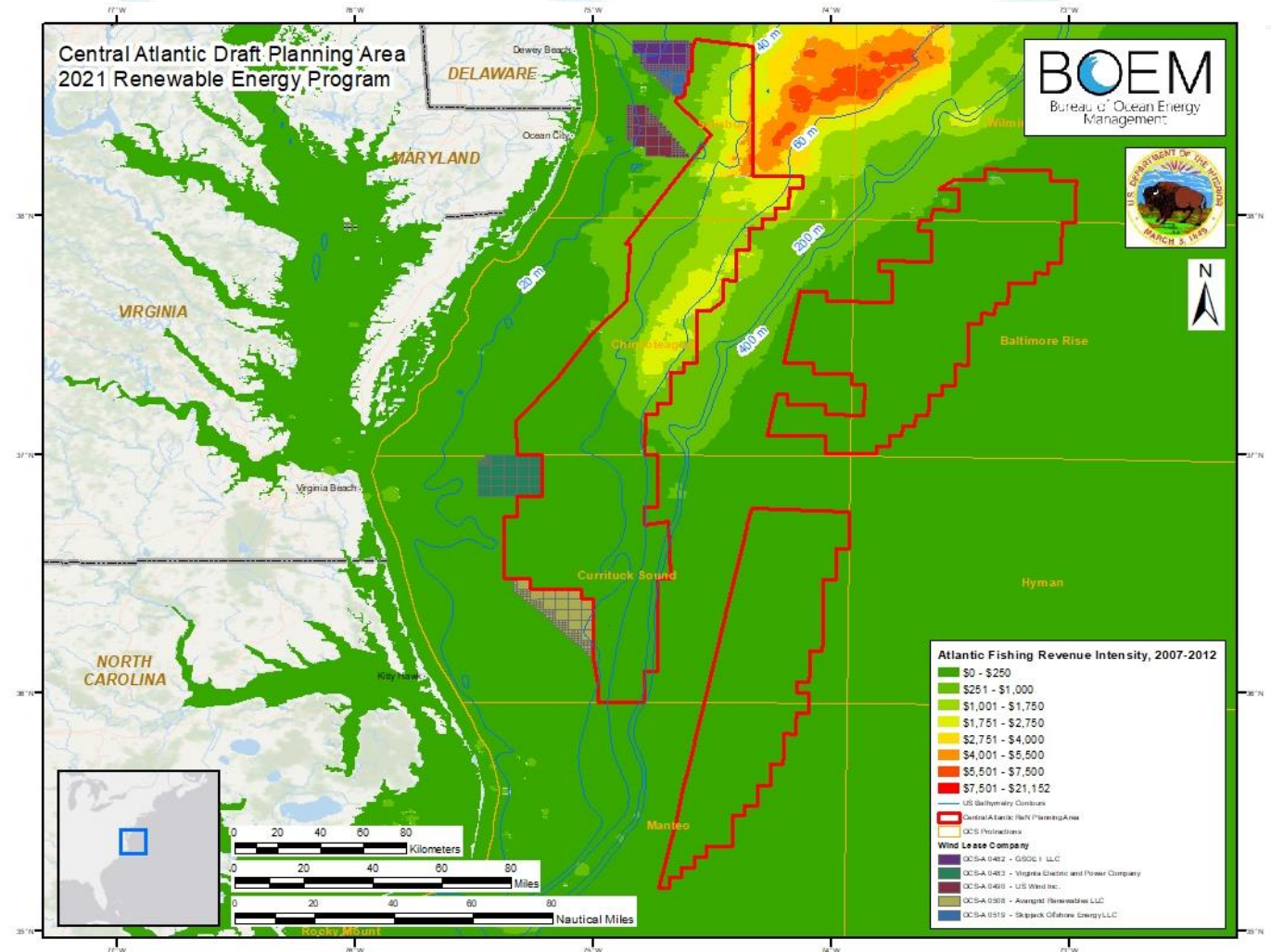


- Atlantic Coast Fishing Atlas
  - Fishing and Caution Areas



# Planning Area Development

- Atlantic Fishing Revenue Intensity, 2007-2012





# Planning Area Development: NOAA Comments on Central Atlantic Planning Area

## ○ Recreational Fishing: Area 3

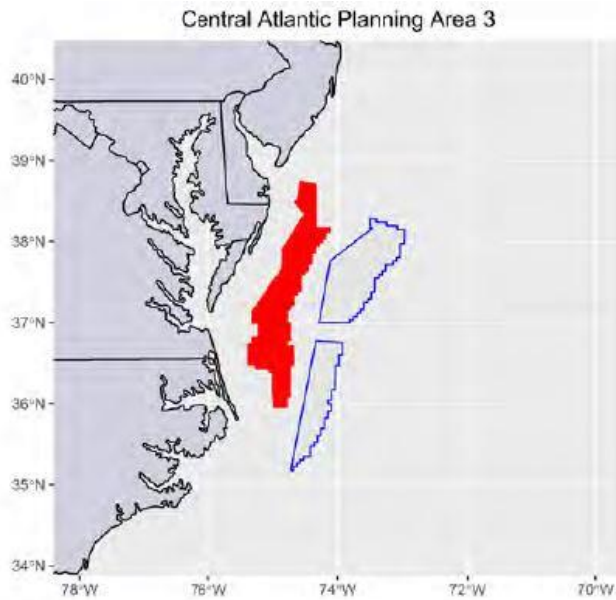


Figure 1.1 Fish Count of Top Categories, Central Atlantic Planning Area 3

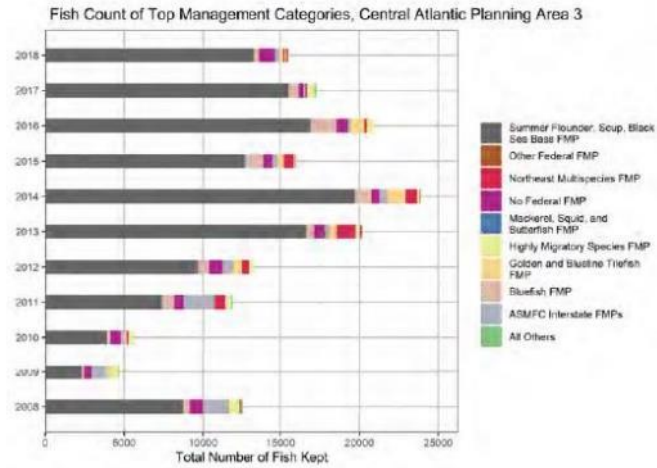


Table 1.1 Management Categories Fish Count, Central Atlantic Planning Area 3

Management Categories	Eleven Year Fish Count
Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP	126,820
Bluefish FMP	7,675
No Federal FMP	7,194
ASMFC Interstate FMPs	7,093
Northeast Multispecies FMP	4,264
Golden and Blueline Tilefish FMP	4,023
Highly Migratory Species FMP	3,717
Other Federal FMP	534
All Others	282
Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,605</b>

Figure 2.1 Fish Count of Top Species, Central Atlantic Planning Area 3

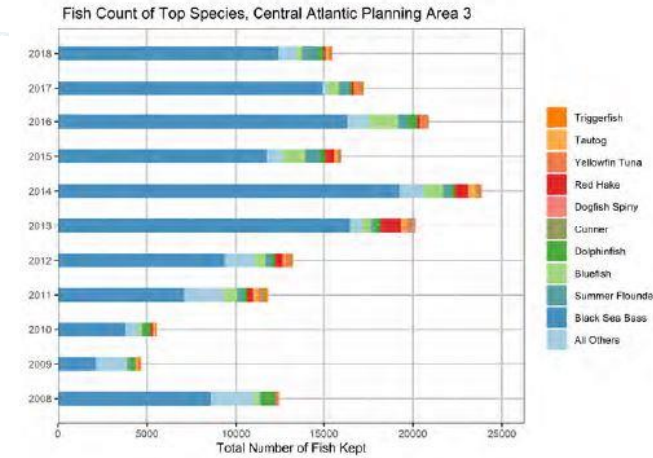


Table 2.1 Fish Count, Most Impacted Species, Central Atlantic Planning Area 3

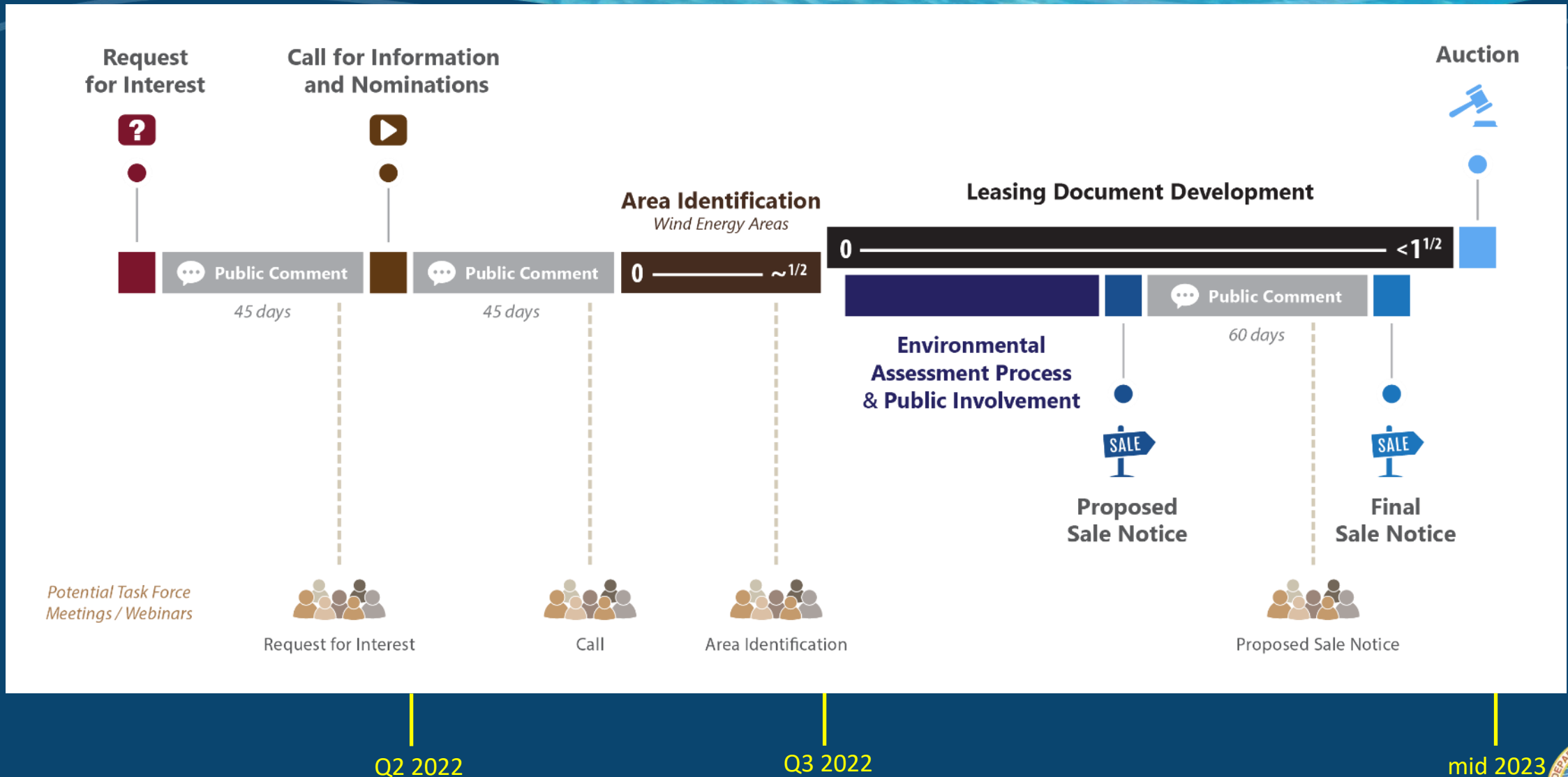
Species	Eleven Year Fish Count
Black Sea Bass	122,257
All Others	14,093
Bluefish	7,675
Summer Flounder	4,361
Dolphinfish	3,861
Red Hake	3,604
Tautog	2,072
Yellowfin Tuna	1,918
Cunner	688
Triggerfish	644
Dogfish Spiny	432
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,605</b>

# Central Atlantic Milestones

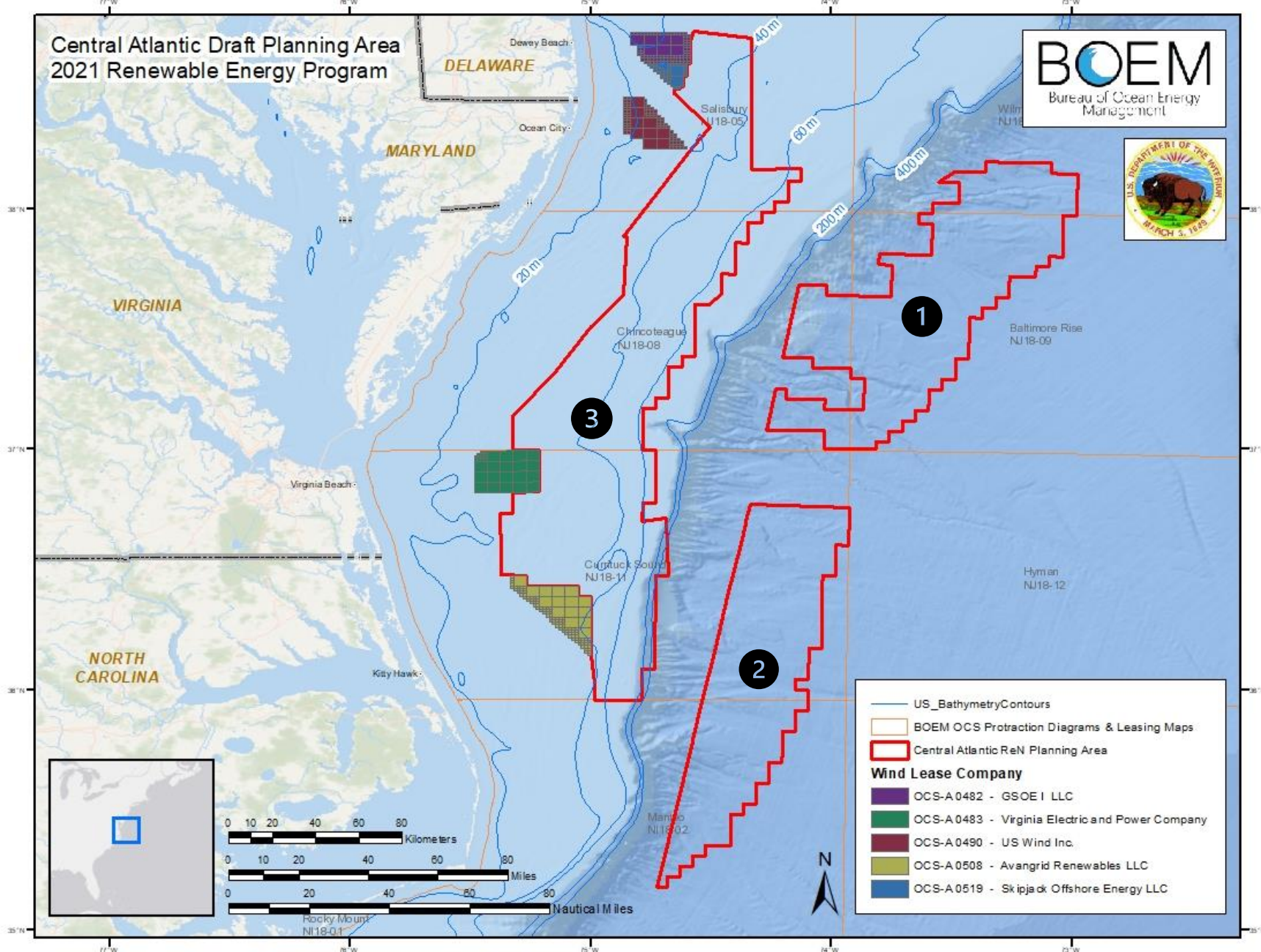
Milestone	Action	Target Date
Draft Call Area to Task Force	Initiate Federal/State Partner Reviews	September 2021
	Distribute to Task Force	January 2022
Tribal Engagement	Informational Meeting	December 9, 2021
Fisheries Engagement	Sector based meetings (4)	January 5-6, 2022
Task Force Meeting	Hold virtual meeting	February 16, 2022
Publish Call for Information and Nominations	Publish Call	Q2 2022
	45-Day Comment Period	Q2 2022
Area Identification	Identify Wind Energy Area(s)	Q3 2022
Lease Sale	Proposed Sale Notice	Q4 2022
	Final Sale Notice	Early/Mid 2023
	Hold auction	Mid-2023



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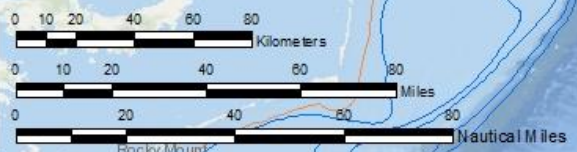
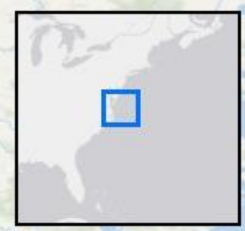
# Central Atlantic Draft Planning Area 2021 Renewable Energy Program



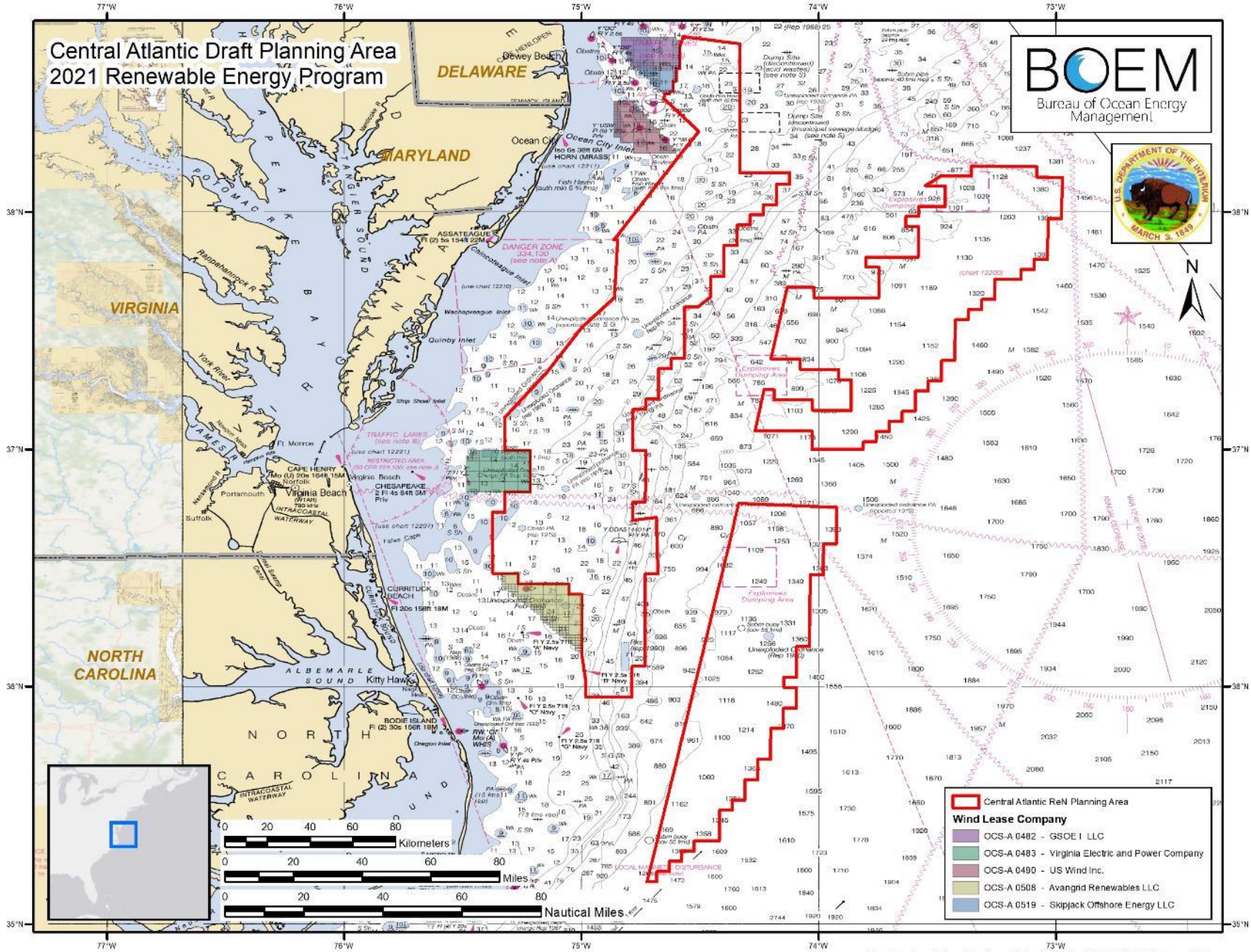
— US\_BathymetryContours  
 BOEM OCS Protraction Diagrams & Leasing Maps  
 Central Atlantic ReN Planning Area

**Wind Lease Company**

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- OCS-A 0483 - Virginia Electric and Power Company
- OCS-A 0490 - US Wind Inc.
- OCS-A 0508 - Avangrid Renewables LLC
- OCS-A 0519 - Skipjack Offshore Energy LLC



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# Feedback? Comments?

If you have additional feedback or comments not discussed in today's meeting,  
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