# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA STATE UPDATE

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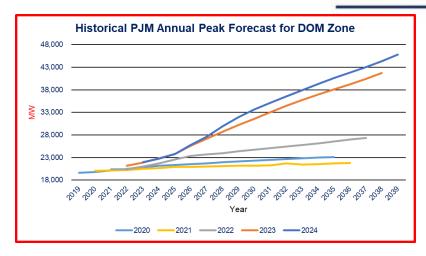
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#### **Commonwealth of Virginia Update**

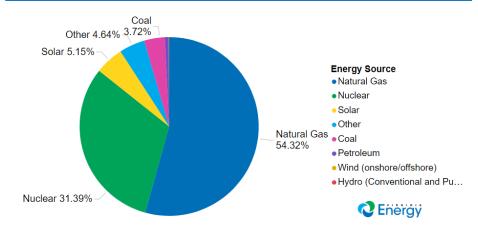
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- 3. Port of Virginia—Andrew Sinclair
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### **VIRGINIA'S ENERGY FUTURE**



#### Virgnia Net Electric Generation 2022



## Energy in the Commonwealth

The 2022 Virginia Energy Plan's goal is to ensure access to reliable, affordable, clean, and abundant energy for a growing and thriving Commonwealth. The Plan's "all of the above" energy generation approach includes a set of five principles: *Reliability, Affordability, Innovation, Competition and Environmental Stewardship.* 

With the above principles in focus, the Department of Energy is currently working on updating its Energy Plan and ensuring that the Commonwealth evaluates all options to meet its growing need.

#### Virginia's Energy Needs continue to grow:

- Virginia's Regional Transmission Operator (RTO), PJM, projects that peak electricity load will increase by up to 5.5% per year
- With the growth in businesses, population, and accelerated energy demands, the region needs to expand and explore all sources of generation
- Offshore wind should be directly compared to other resources on its ability to deliver reliable and affordable electricity

### DEQ & Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

- Virginia CZM network program comprised of state agencies and local governments
- Coastal planning, policy, and capacity development through federal and state/local funding.
- Enforceable policies covering coastal/ocean resources including marine fisheries, dunes and beaches, wildlife, etc.
- Virginia DEQ's Office of Environmental Impact Review manages federal consistency at each stage of offshore wind development process (with input from VA CZM network)





### Virginia Ocean Plan

- Virginia CZM working with over 120 stakeholders to develop a Virginia Ocean Plan.
- As complexity increases, proactive coordination is the best way to promote and balance ocean uses (and marine habitat).
- Plan will communicate, coordinate, and where possible make recommendations.
- In spirit of this effort, Virginia CZM encourages BOEM to consider input received from VA stakeholders to date & incorporate all relevant data into this process.



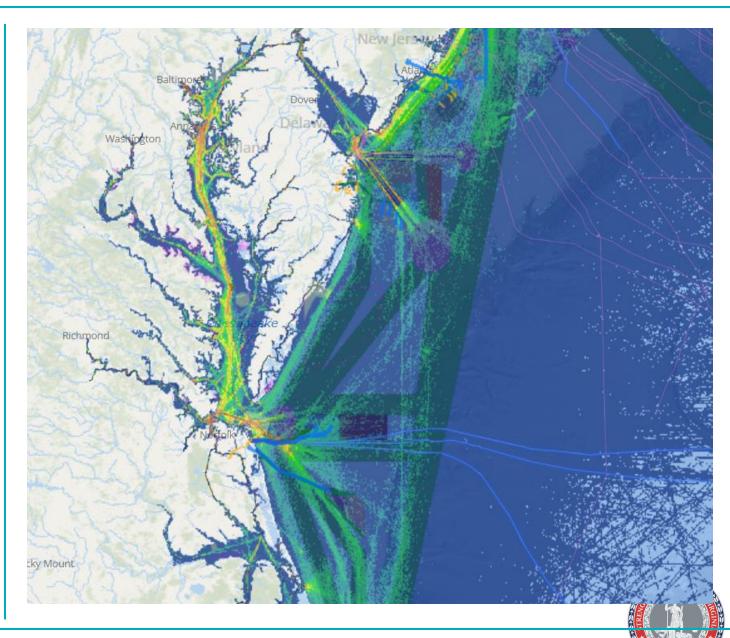




## Increasingly Busy Ocean

## OSW must not detrimentally impact or restrict existing industries and uses

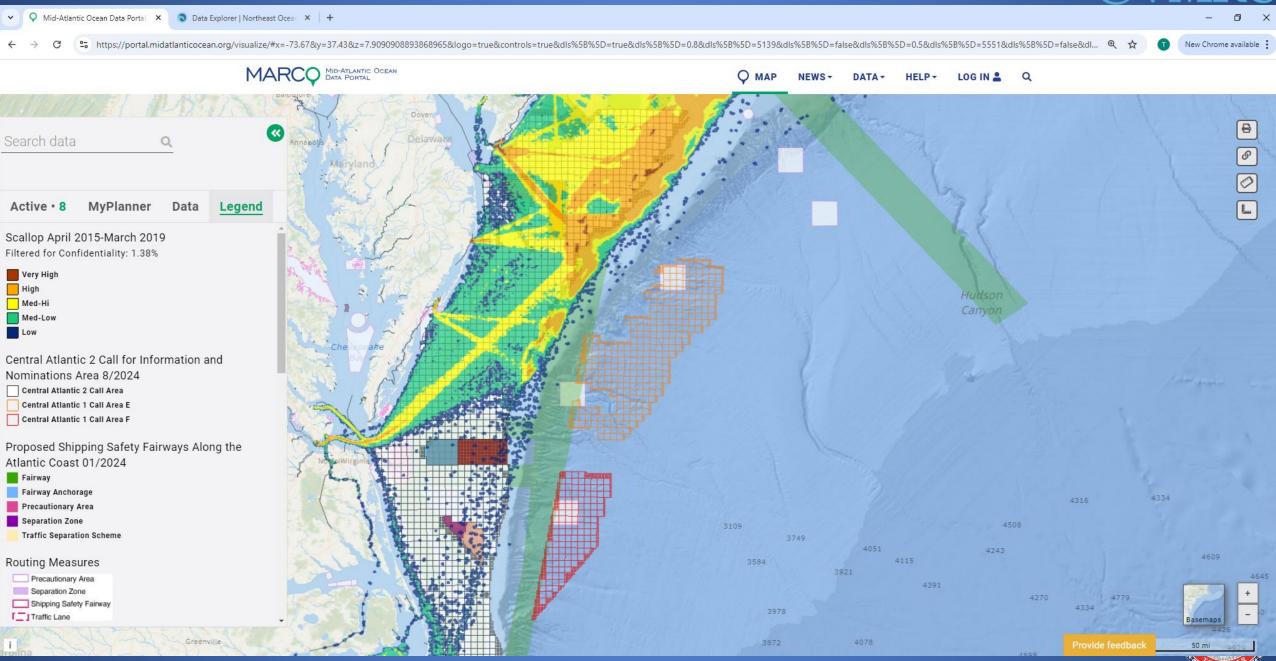
- Maintaining undesignated, unconstructed, and unoccupied open ocean is essential to accommodate all maritime interests
- Limited suitable locations to designate permanent offshore anchorages given existing activities
- Final 2023 WEAs adequately addressed these concerns
- Previously excluded areas should not receive further consideration

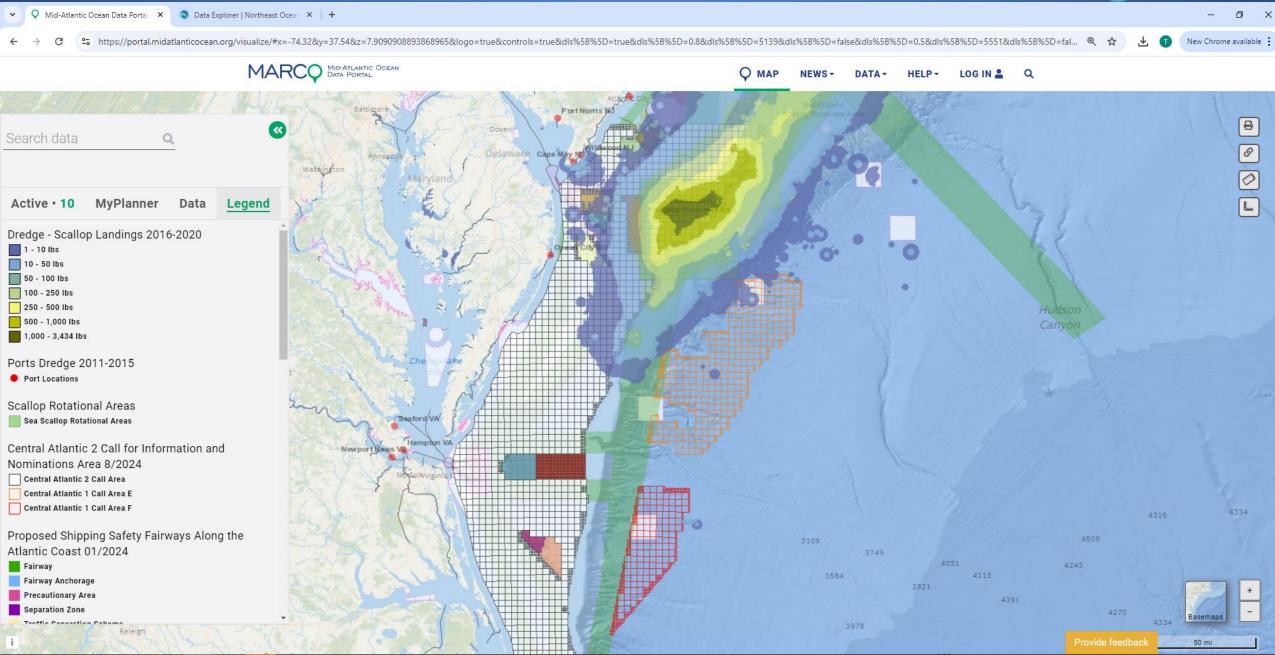


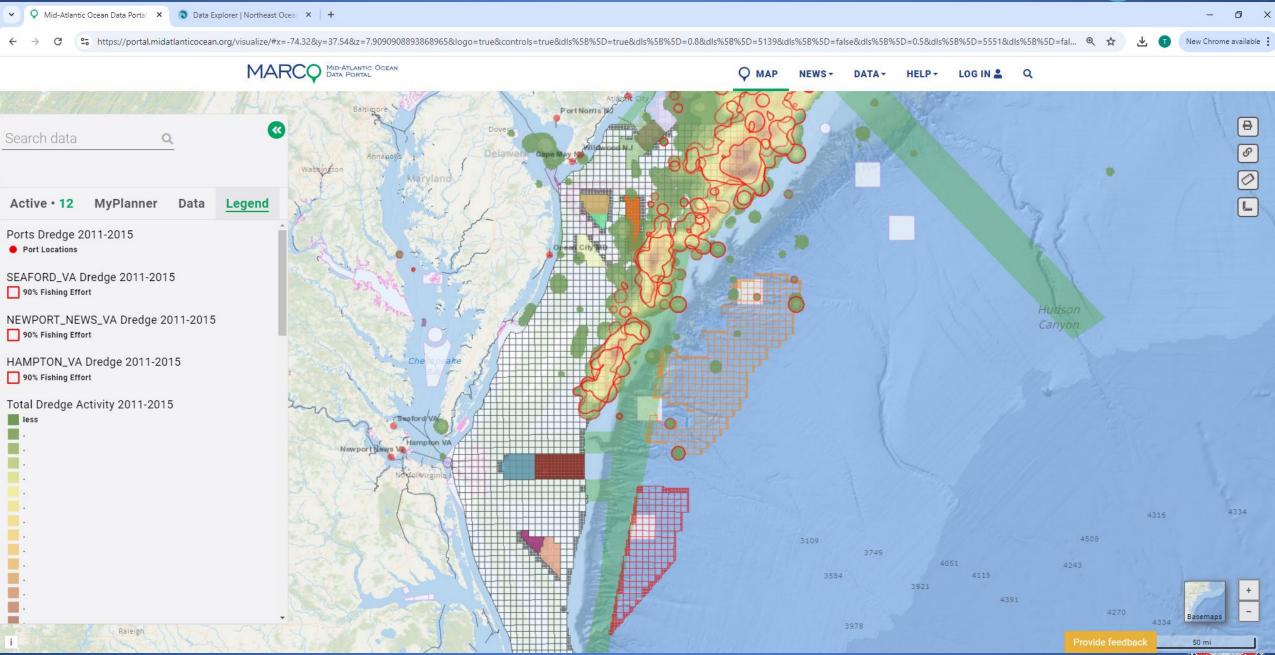
## Virginia Commercial Fisheries Combined Value \$1.3 Billion

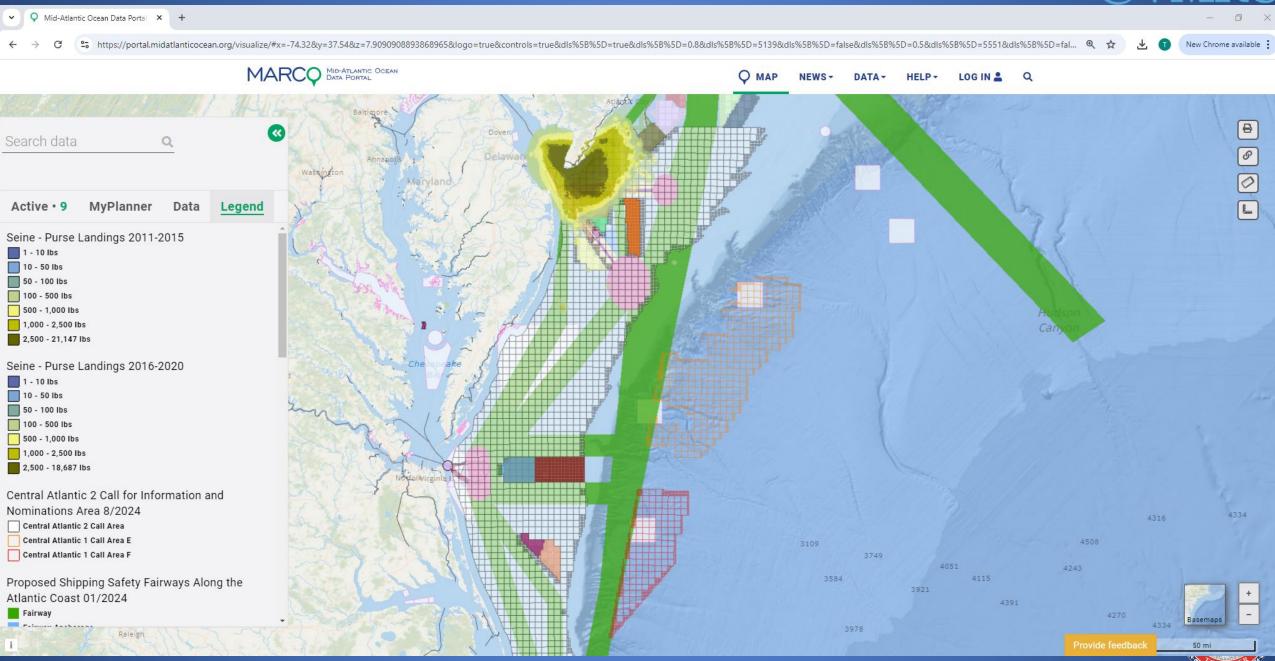
- Goal is for a balanced approach between OSW and Commercial Fishing
- Previous concerns continue to go unaddressed
- Any additional wind areas in the Central Atlantic unfairly impacts Virginia's commercial fishing industry
- Virginia's operational footprint of commercial fishing is 8x greater than both MD and NC and 80x greater than DE; their renewable goals put at risk VA's commercial fishing industry
- NEPA: Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation as opposed to current approach:
  - avoidance, minimization and Compensatory Mitigation
- Socioeconomic analysis needs to be done earlier in the process to factor in avoidance and minimization as a capital cost thereby minimizing compensation as a rate-payer burden



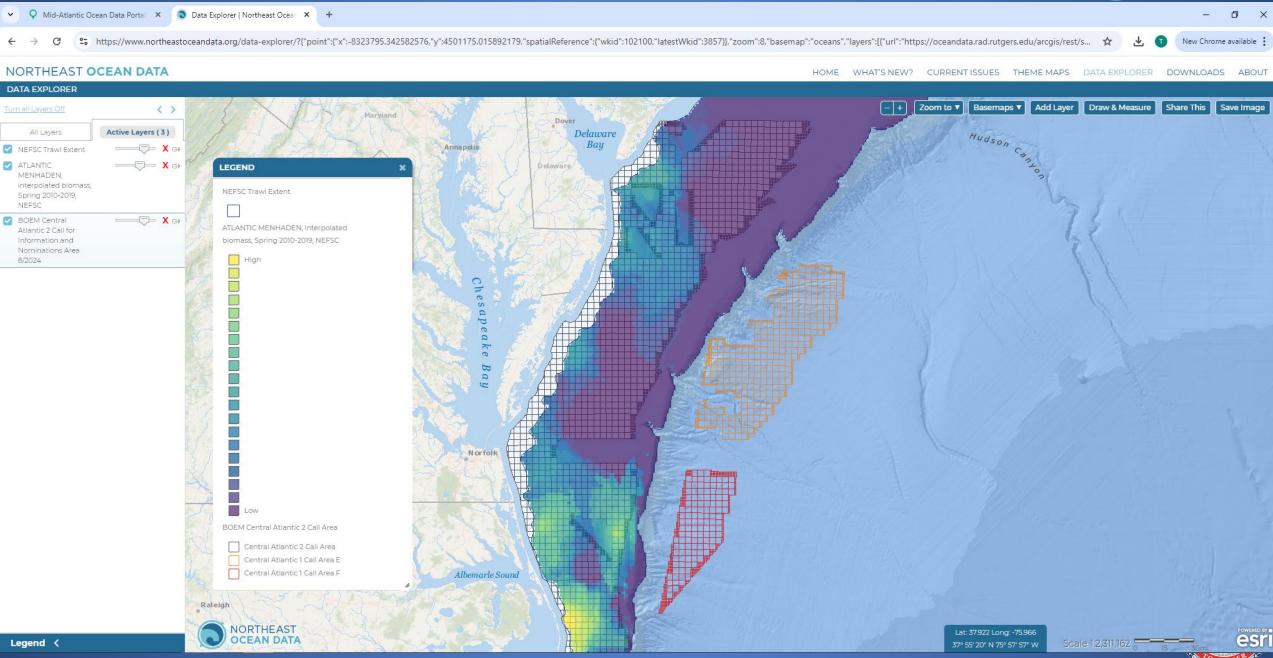


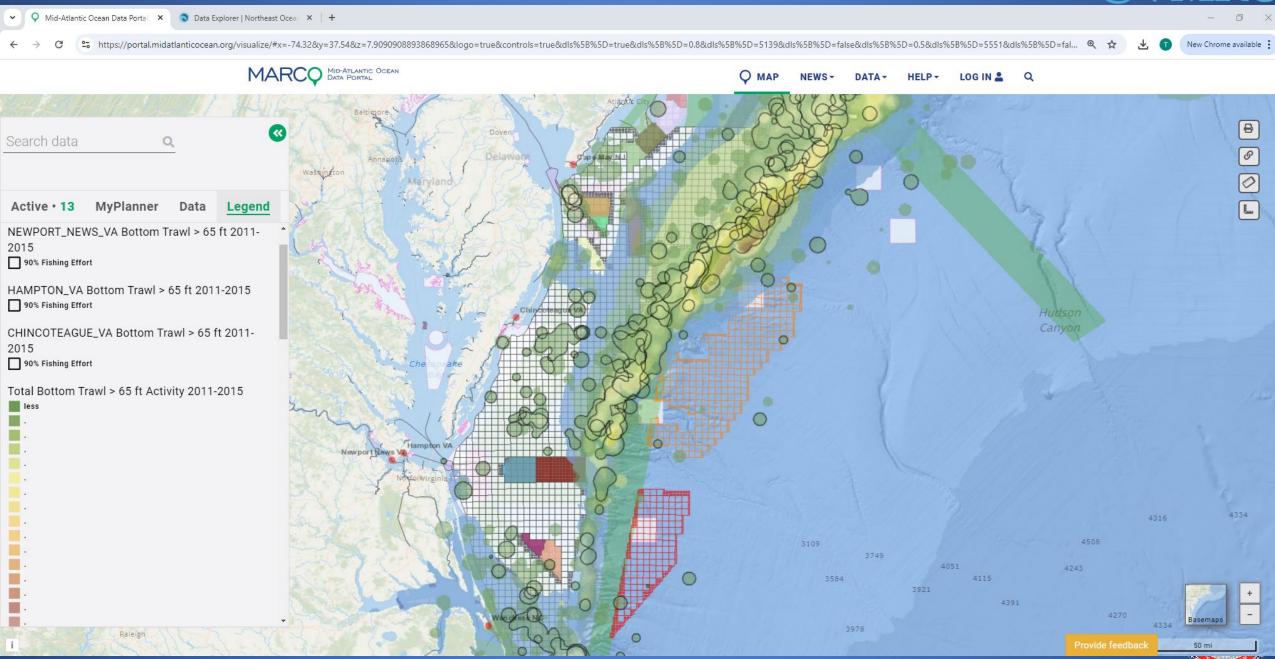


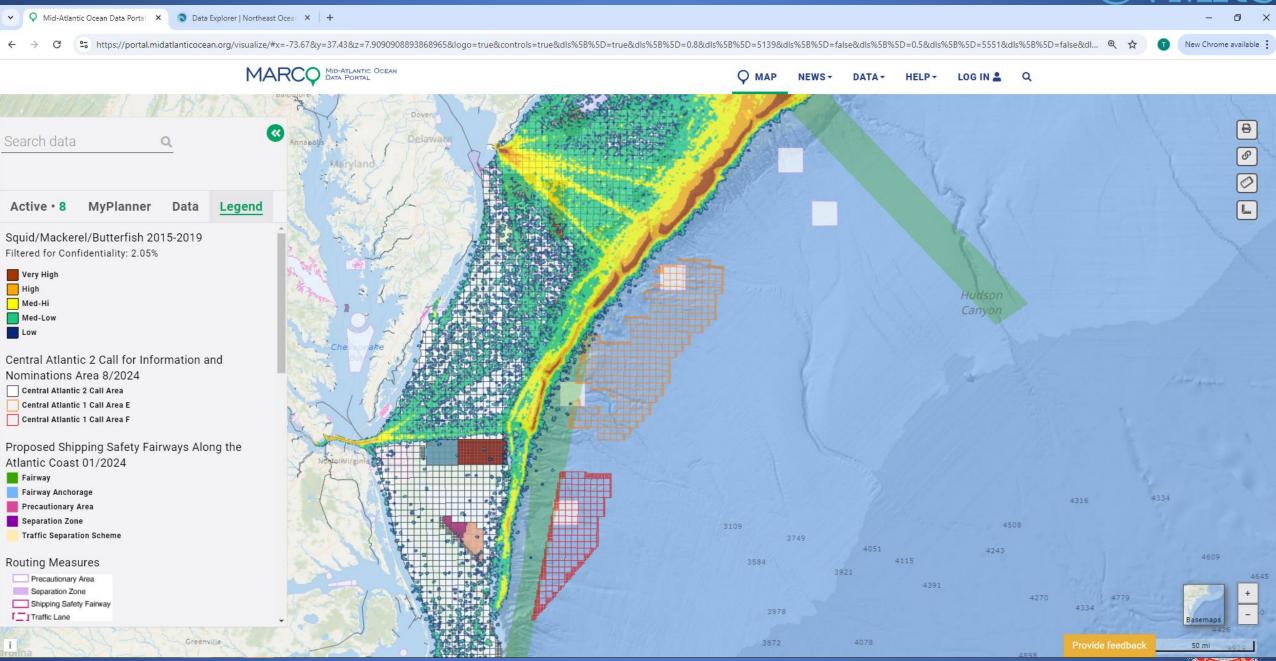


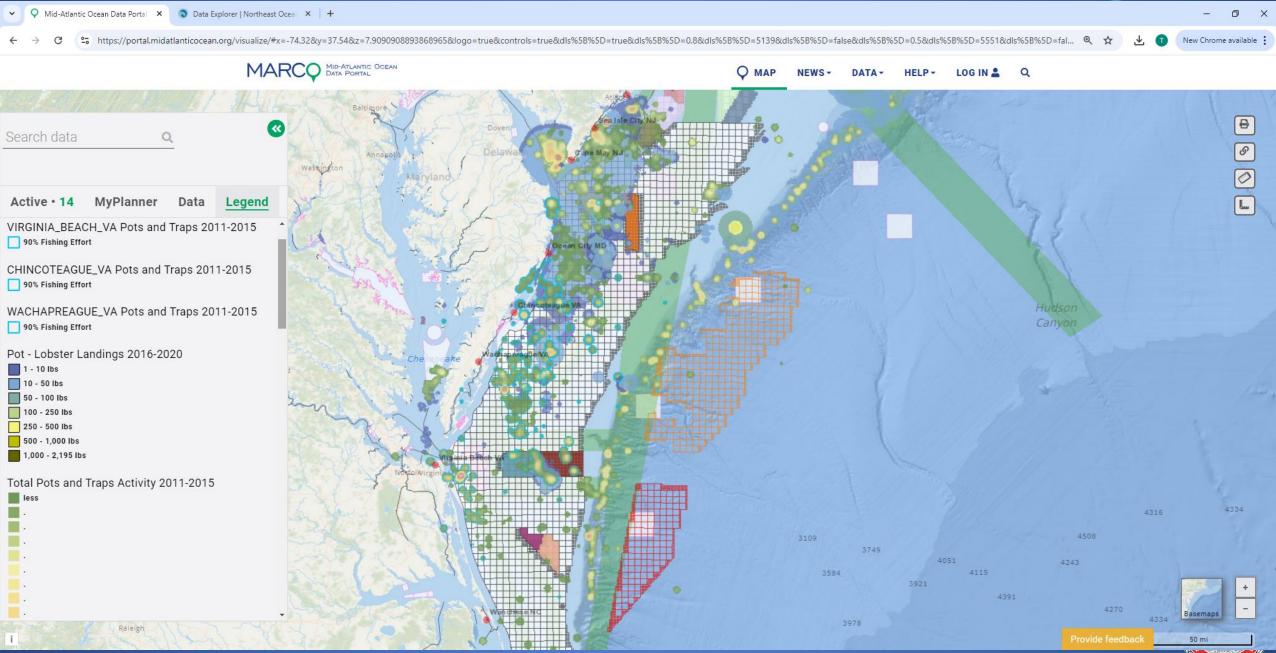


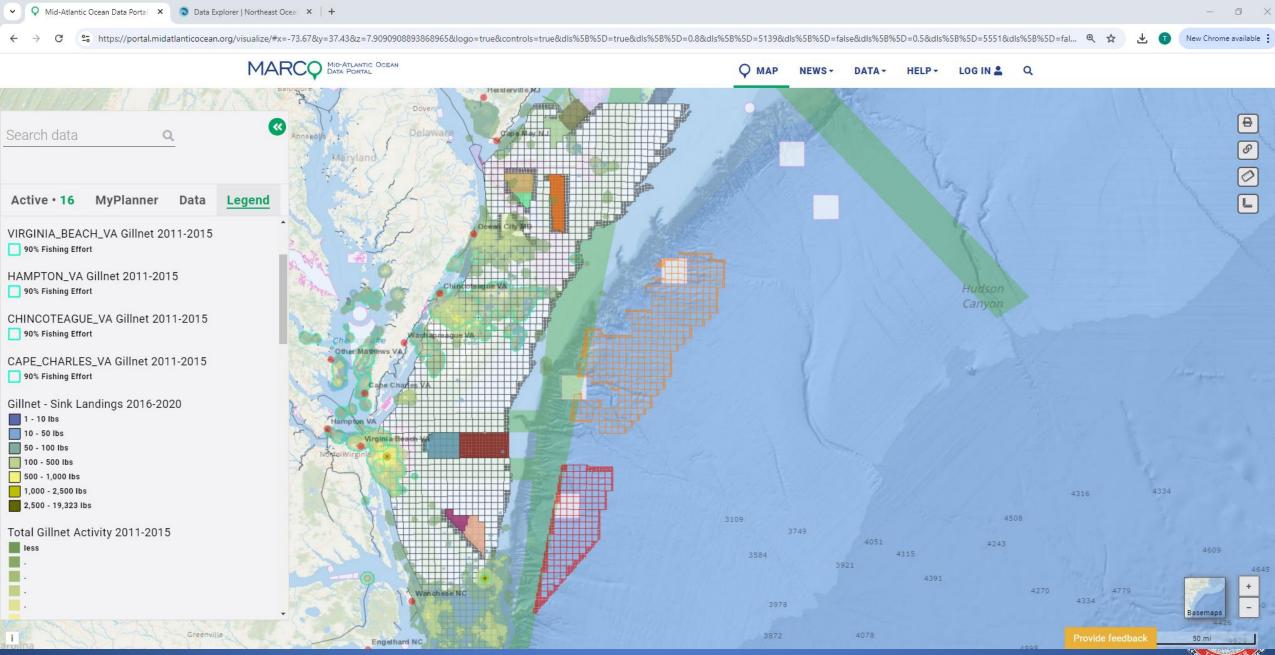


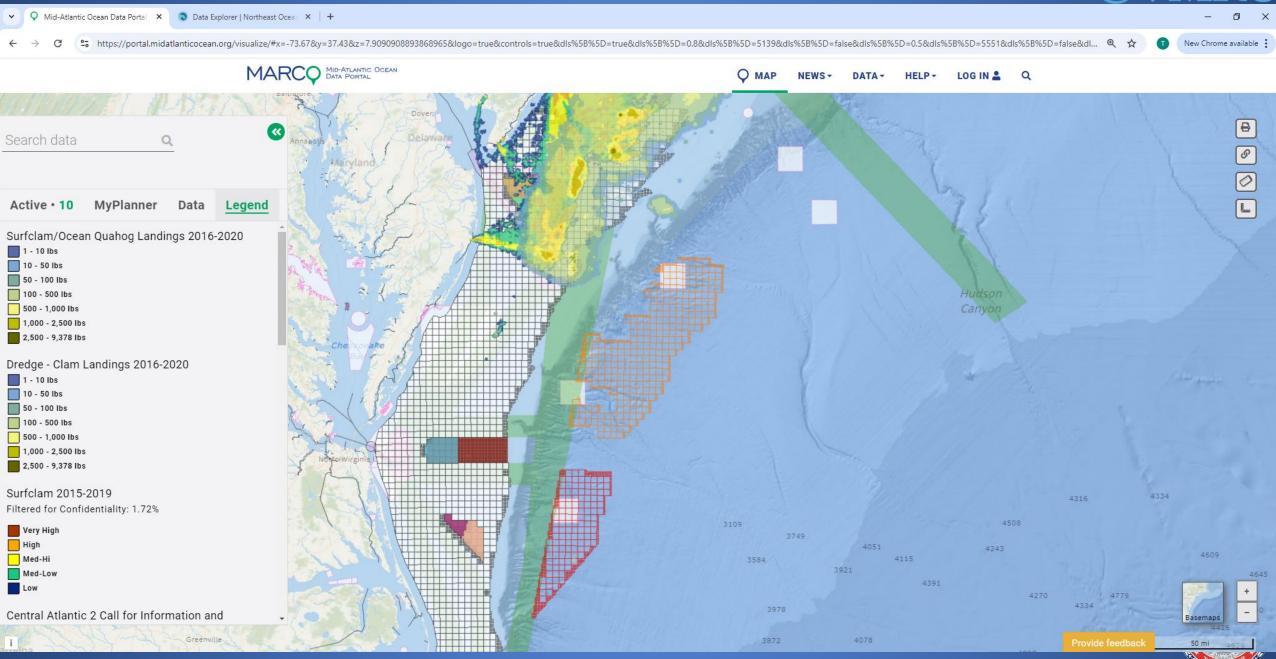






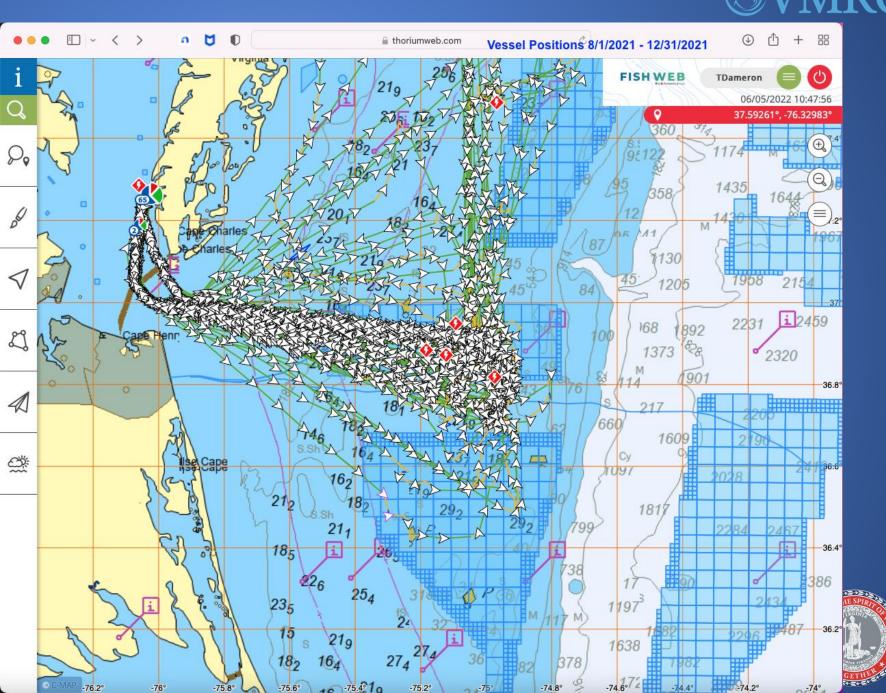






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Surfside Foods, LLC Vessel Activity 8/2021-12/2021 Three (3) vessels



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Surfside Foods, LLC Vessel Activity 01/2022-4/2022 One (1) vessel

