

Massachusetts Ocean Plan

One State's Approach to Marine Spatial Planning











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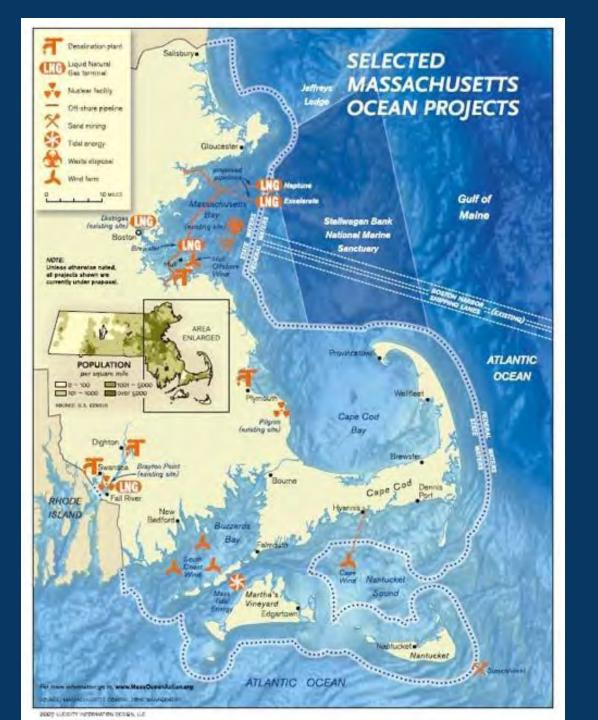
Intensifying Uses of MA Oceans

- Renewable Energy
- Aquaculture
- Sand/Gravel Mining
- Whale Watching/Tourism
- LNG Terminals/Pipelines/Cables
- Sewage Outfall
- Desalinization Plants
- Docks and moorings
- Oil and gas drilling









Massachusetts Ocean Management Initiative

- Governor Romney Announces Initiative in March 2003
- 23 Member Task Force Appointed in June
- Met over 30 times
- Final Report and Recommendations
 - March 2004: Waves of Change
 - Call for comprehensive plan and new legislation



MA Oceans Act of 2008





May 28, 2008





The plan shall:

- set forth the Commonwealth's goals, siting priorities and standards for ensuring effective stewardship of its ocean waters held in trust for the benefit of the public;
- II. adhere to sound management practices, taking into account the existing natural, social, cultural, historic and economic characteristics of the planning areas;
- III. preserve and protect the public trust;
- ★iV. reflect the importance of the waters of the Commonwealth to its citizens who derive livelihoods and recreational benefits from fishing;
 - V. value biodiversity and ecosystem health;
- VI. identify and protect special, sensitive or unique estuarine and marine life and habitats;
 - VII. address climate change and sea-level rise;
 - VIII. respect the interdependence of ecosystems;
 - IX. coordinate uses that include international, federal, state and local jurisdictions;
 - X. foster sustainable uses that capitalize on economic opportunity without significant detriment to the ecology or natural beauty of the ocean;
 - XI. preserve and enhance public access;
 - XII. support the infrastructure necessary to sustain the economy and quality of life for the citizens of the commonwealth;
 - XIII. encourage public participation in decision-making;
 - XIV. adapt to evolving knowledge and understanding of the ocean environment; and
- XV. identify appropriate locations and performance standards for activities, uses and facilities allowed under the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, including but not limited to renewable energy facilities, aquaculture, sand mining for beach nourishment, cables, and pipelines.

Key Drivers of MA Oceans Act of 2008

- Directs Secretary to establish ocean plan by December 31, 2009 – 18 month development process
 - Implemented through existing regulations
 - All state licenses, permits and approvals must be consistent with the plan
 - Secretary of Environment given authority to enforce plan consistency
- Allows for the first time renewable energy of appropriate scale in ocean sanctuaries if in accordance with plan
- Commercial fishing is an "allowable activity" with regulations remaining under jurisdiction of MA Marine Fisheries (or federal plans)

Key Drivers of MA Oceans Act of 2008

- Plan must establish siting priorities and standards for:
 - Renewable energy facilities
 - Pipelines
 - Cables
 - Sand extraction for beach nourishment
 - Aquaculture
- Plan must identify and protect *special*, *sensitive*, or *unique* estuarine and marine life and habitats

Ocean Plan Development Process



- May 28th 2008: Governor Signs Oceans Act— Ocean Advisory Commission and Science Advisory Council, 18 Public Listening Sessions, Hundreds of 1-on-1 Stakeholder Meetings & 5 Public Workshops, Science Working Groups (EEA and MOP supported).
- June 30th 2009: Draft Plan Release, 5 Public Hearings and 300+
 Comments, Continued Science Work (EEA and MOP), Draft Revisions.
- January 4th 2010: Final Plan Release.



The MA Ocean Management Plan

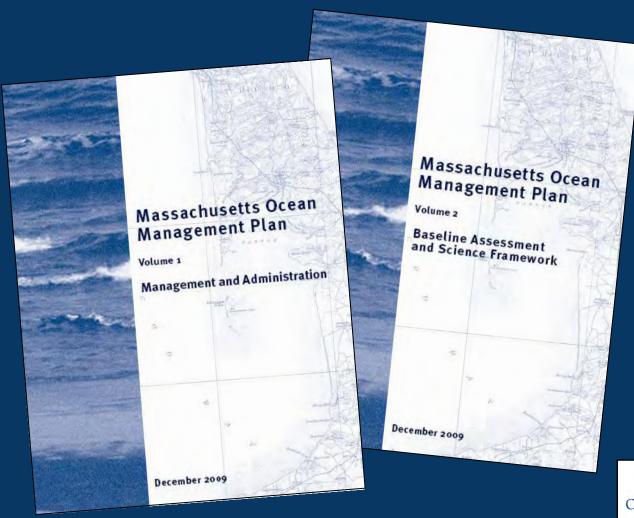




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The Broader Ecosystem



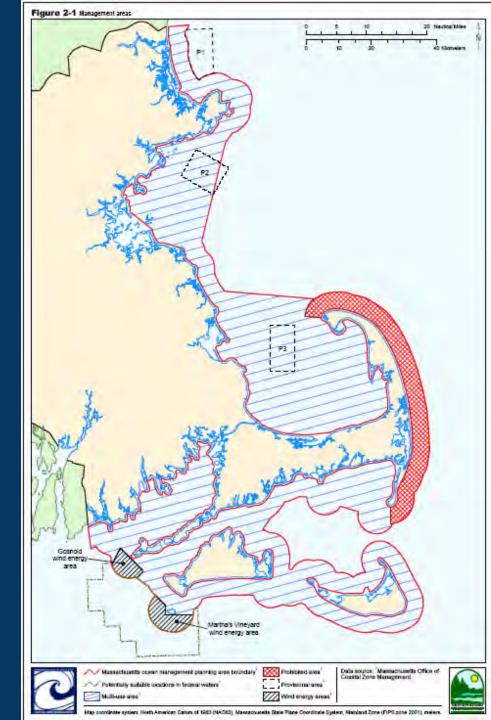
MA Ocean Plan Planning Area – starts 1500 feet offshore

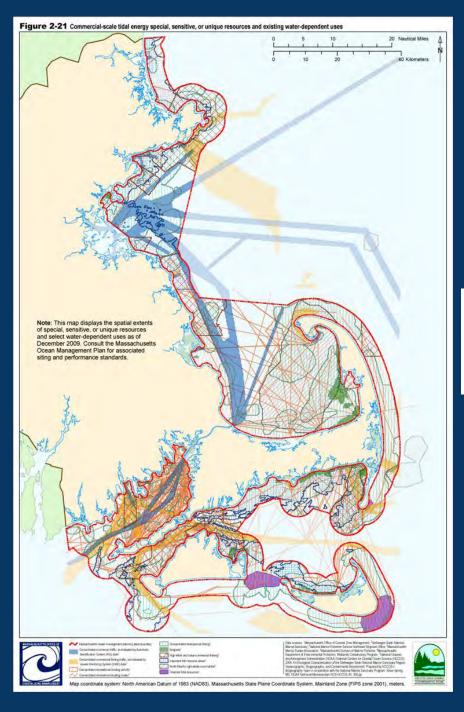


Bordered by 53 Coastal Communities

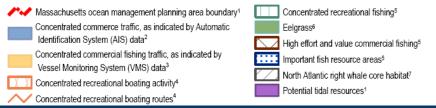
The MA Ocean Management Plan

Prohibited-13%
Renewable Energy-2%
Multi-use-85%





Resources and uses for commercial tidal energy facilities



•SSU Estuarine and Marine Life and Habitats – 11 Resource Areas Designated

- Northern Right Whale
- Humpback Whale
- Fin Whale
- Roseate Tern
- Terns
- Long-tailed ducks
- Leach's storm petral
- Colonial water birds

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- Eelgrass
- Intertidal flats
- Complex/hard bottom

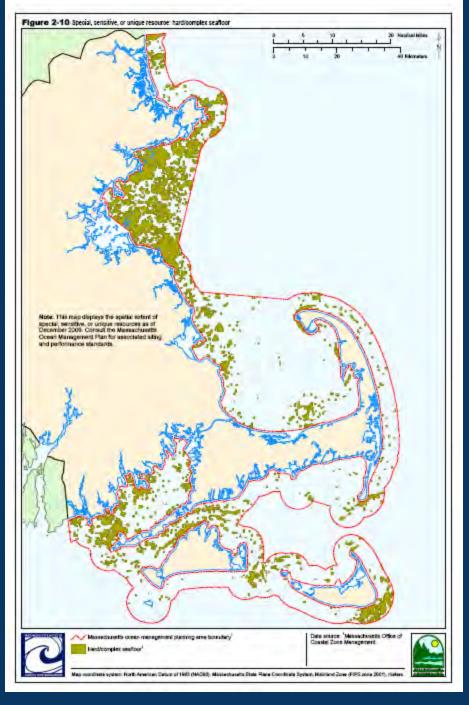




SSU: North Atlantic Right Whale Core Habitat



SSU: Roseate Tern Core Habitat

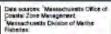


SSU: Hard Complex Seafloor

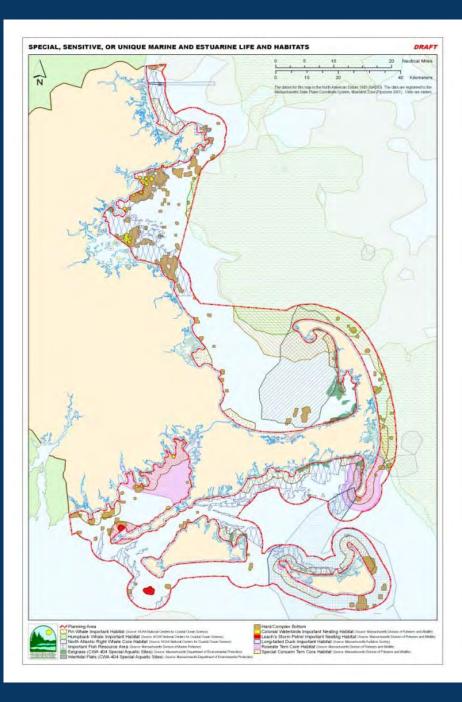


SSU: Important Fish Resource Areas









Special, Sensitive or Unique Resources -- All

- Marine mammals
- Avifauna
- Seafloor features
- Fish, crustaceans and shellfish

Special, Sensitive or Unique Resources New regulatory siting standard under MEPA:

Specified uses presumptively excluded; presumption may be overcome by a clear demonstration:

- •No less environmentally damaging practicable alternative, or
- •Project will cause no significant alteration of the resource, or
- •Clear and convincing evidence that SSU mapping was erroneous plan does not accurately characterize the resource

Special, Sensitive or Unique Resources

New performance standards

- Public benefits associated with the proposed project clearly outweigh the public detriment to the SSU resource
- Demonstrate all practicable steps have been taken to avoid damage to the SSU resource
- No significant alteration of SSU resource or values

Areas of Existing Water Dependent Uses

- Commercial fishing
- Recreational fishing
- Shipping and fishing transit routes
- Recreational boating

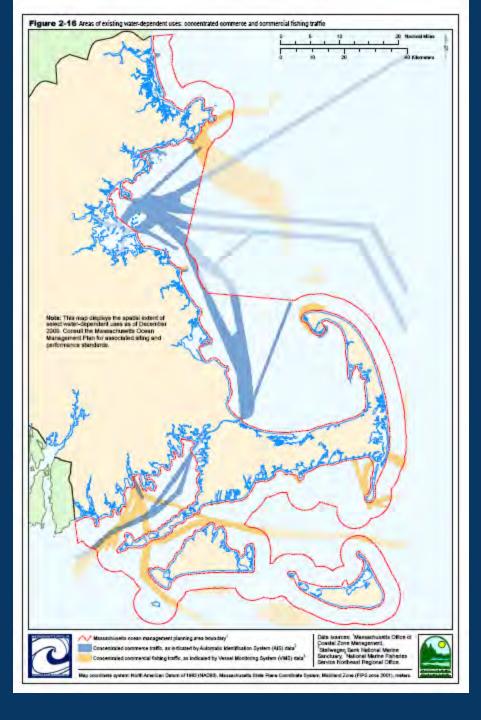




Areas of Existing Water Dependent Uses – Commercial Fishing



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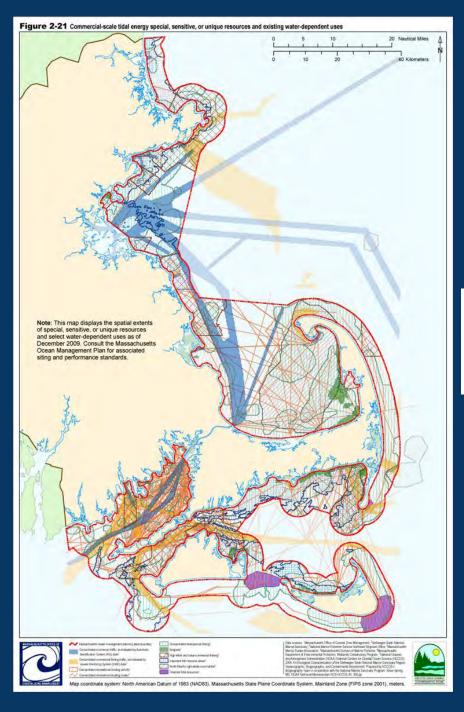
Areas of Existing Water-Dependent Uses: Review Standard

 Avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to the maximum extent practicable

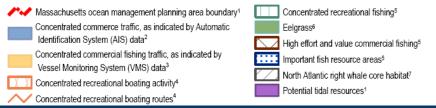


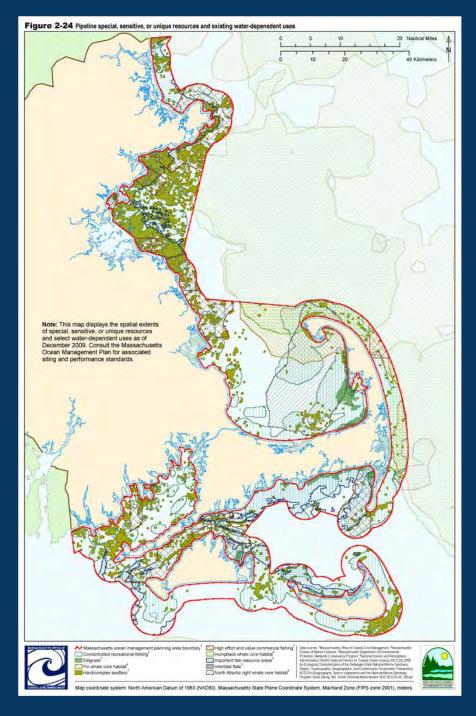






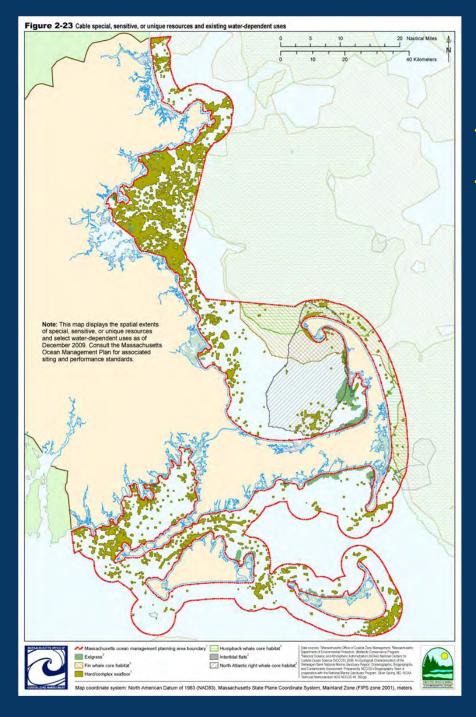
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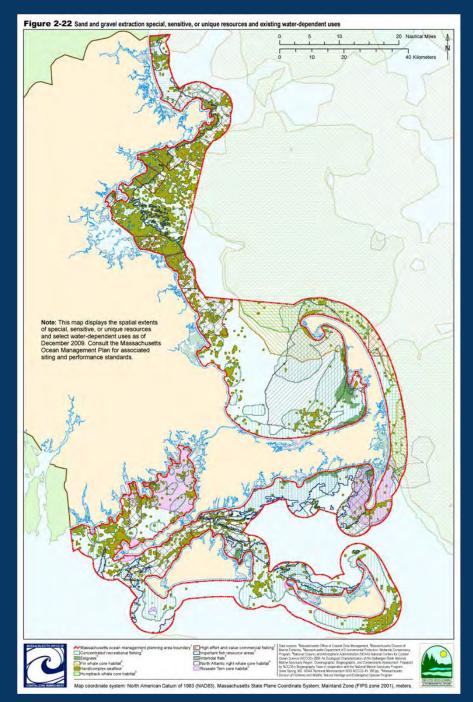
Resources and uses for pipelines





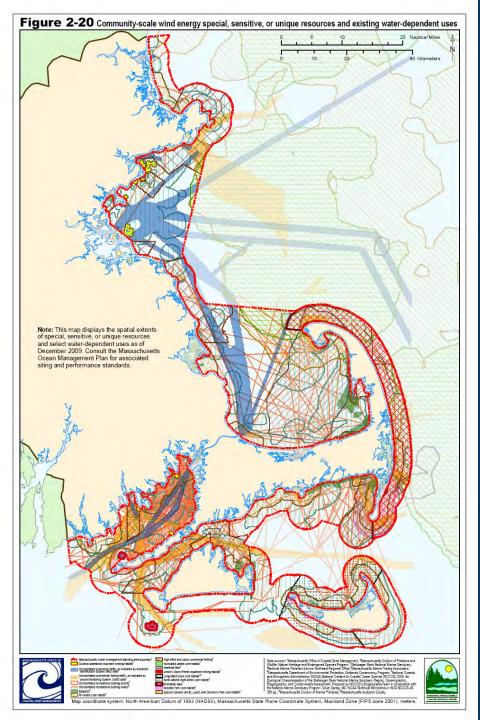
Resources and uses for telecommunication & electric cables





Resources and uses for sand/gravel extraction





Resources and uses for community-scale wind



Massachusetts Ocean Partnership

A Public-Private Partnership Model

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership has forged a productive working relationship with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to materially advance ecosystem-based marine spatial planning in MA state waters. Funding/ Waves of Change Expertise Ecosystembased Marine 2. 2: Science & Spatial Oceans Act Stakeholder of 2008 Planning Based Work Social The MA Capital & Ocean Plan Transparency EFA: MOP: · Authority; Resources: · Legislative/Political Acumen: Scientific & Stakeholder Expertise; · Enhanced transparency; · Regulatory coordination; . Organization, staffing and technical expertise Nimbleness

Massachusetts Cocean Partnership

MOP Science in Plan

Some Reports—



Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

DRAFT REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION,

November 21, 2008

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- Planning Framework Options for the Massachusetts Ocean
- Stakeholder Participation in Massachusetts Ocean Management
 Planning: Observations on the Plan Development Stage
- Characterization of Community-Specific Spatial and Socio-Economic Linkages to Massachusetts Waters
- Developing a Framework for Compensatory Mitigation Associated with Ocean Use Impacts on Commercial Fisheries
- Science Tools to Implement Ecosystem Based Management in Massachusetts
- Compatibility Determination: Considerations for Siting Coastal and Ocean Uses
- Indicators Report



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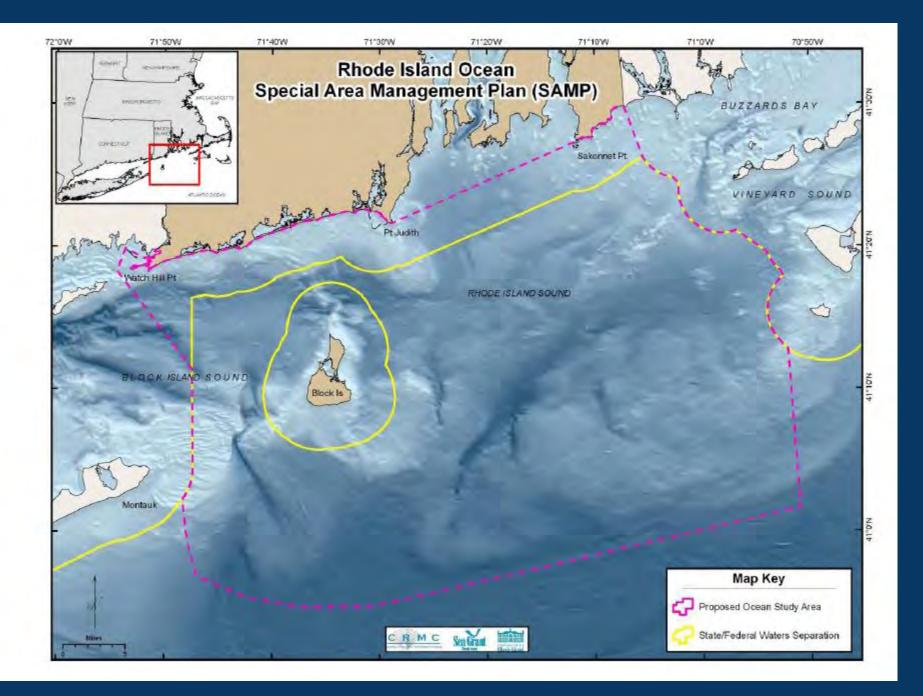
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Map Key

Interpreted Geologic Units

Stone & Borns, 1986

Adapted from Stone and Borns, 1986. Modified by Boothroyd, 2009.

Late Pleistocene

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End Moraine - Blocky



End Moraine - Boulder



End Moraine - Boulder, Cobble, Sand

Additional map information from: Needell and Lewis, 1984

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Side-Scan Surveys, 2009

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End Moraine - Boulder





Coordinate System.

Projection RI Stateplane Units: Feet FIPS Zone: 3800 Datum: NAD93

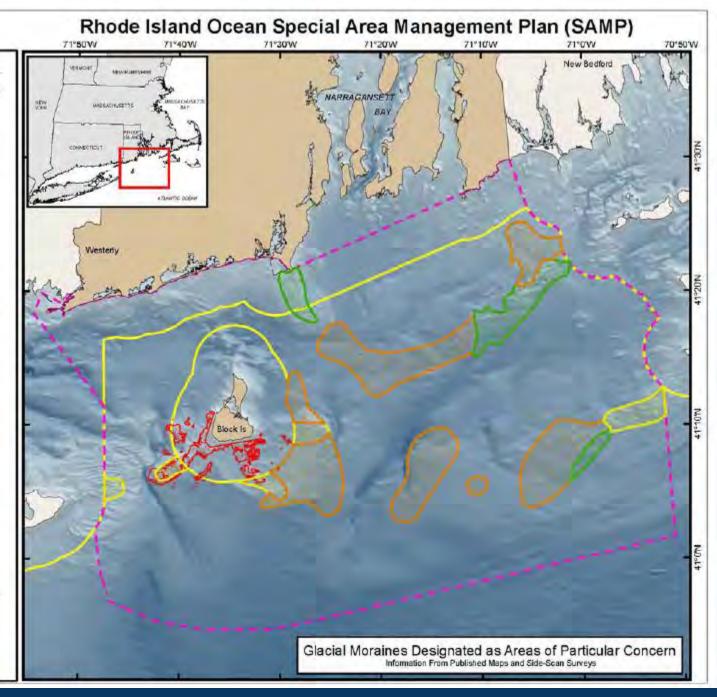
Map Base Data

State Borders, REGIS, MAGIS, CTGIS SAMP Study Area: RI SAMP Database State Waters, MMS SLA Boundary Bethymery, Interpolated from NOS Soundings.

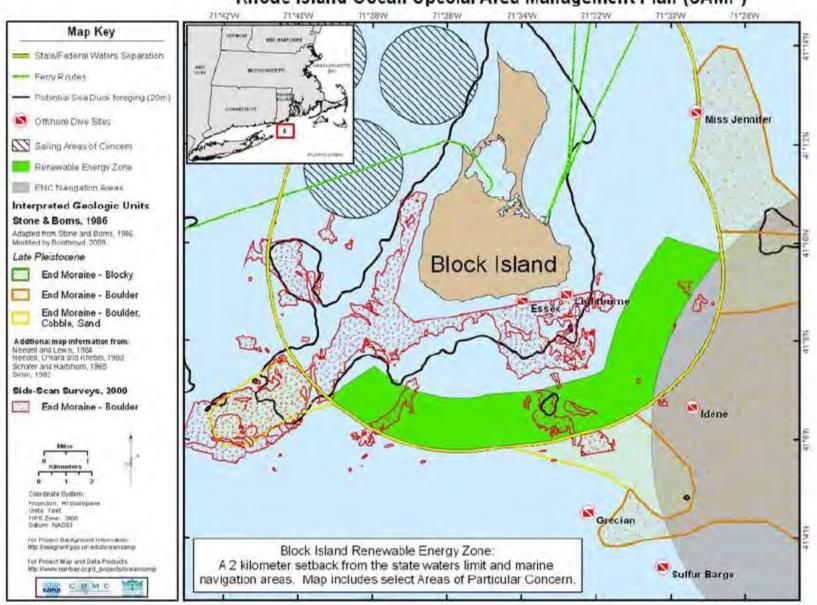
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Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP)



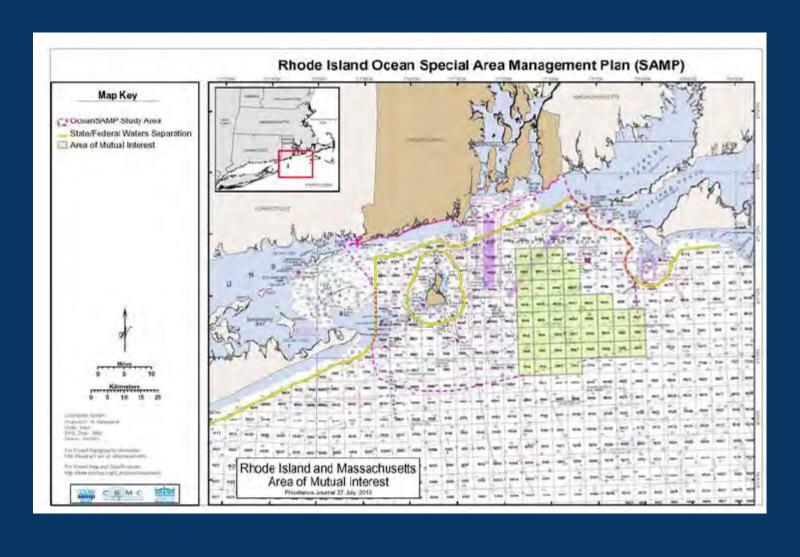


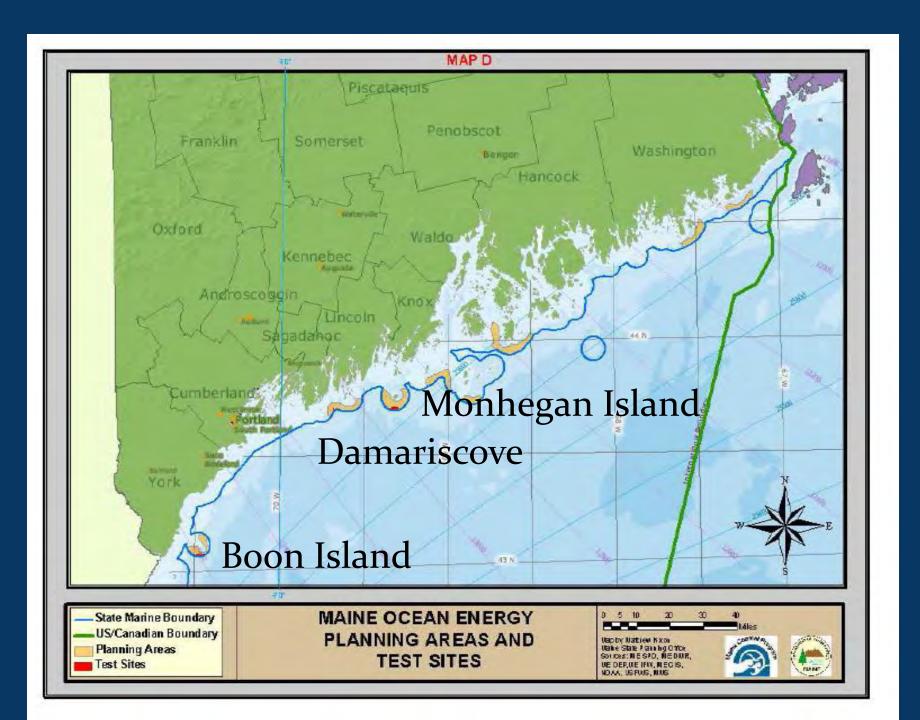
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Northeast Region Planning Area

NE Regional Ocean Council 2010 CMSP Draft Goals:

- Achieve state and regional renewable energy goals
- Strive for healthy, resilient marine ecosystems, including protection of ecologically significant areas
- Enable sustainable coastal economies, pursue shared goals such as the protection of fishery resources and fisheries economy from non-fishing activities that adversely impact fisheries
- Facilitate multiple uses while minimizing conflict among uses and between uses and natural resources





Translating the Oceans Act into an Ocean Plan

Oceans Act



Goals and Strategies



guidance

Compatibility Assessment



Functional compatibility analysis – resources and uses

Policy decisions

Screening Criteria

Represent
compatibility
assessment
with available
spatially-explicit
data

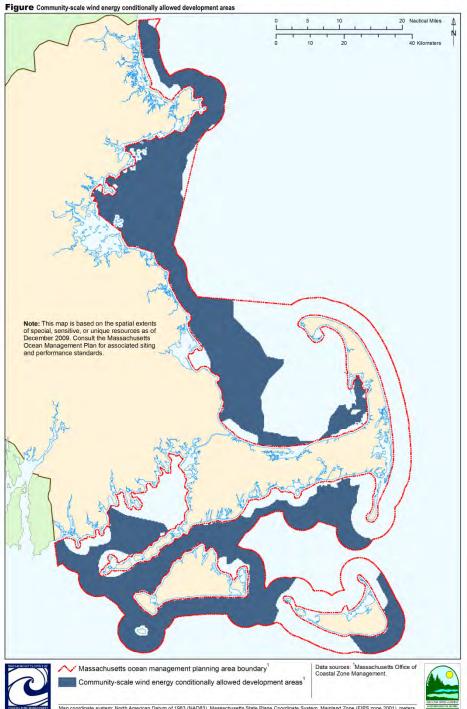
Draft Plan



Plan

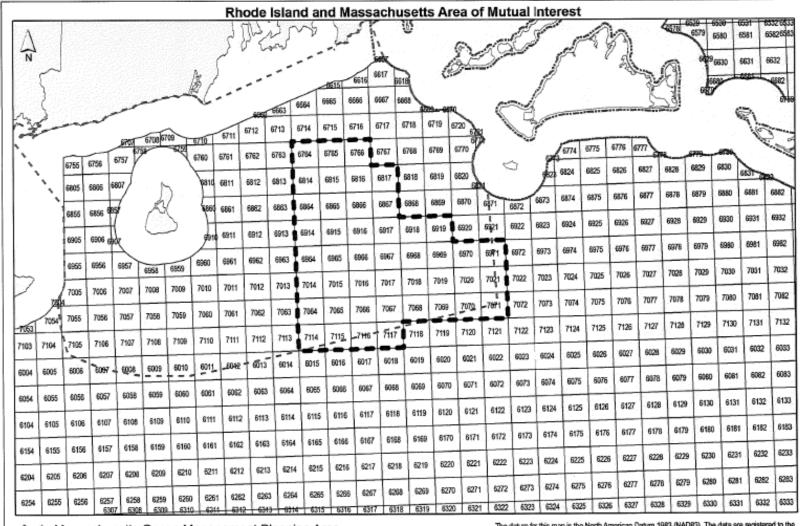
Development

Develop plan based on synthesis of spatial and management elements



Conditionally allowed communityscale wind locations





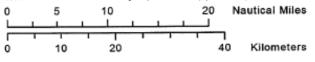
Massachusetts Ocean Management Planning Area

RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest Boundary

OCS Lease Block

RI Ocean SAMP Study Area

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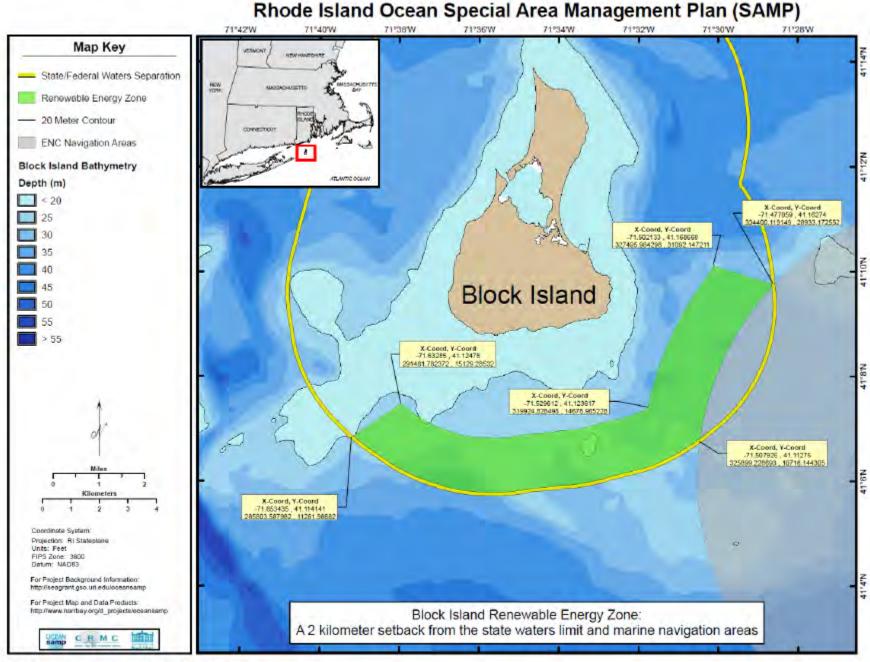


Figure 11.1 Renewable Energy Zone.