



Update: Massachusetts Request for Interest

Massachusetts Fisheries & Habitat Working Groups

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Stages of Renewable Energy Program*

Planning and Analyses

Leasing

Site Assessment

Commercial Development

* Engage Intergovernmental Task Force, stakeholders, & public throughout

Planning and Analyses Stage

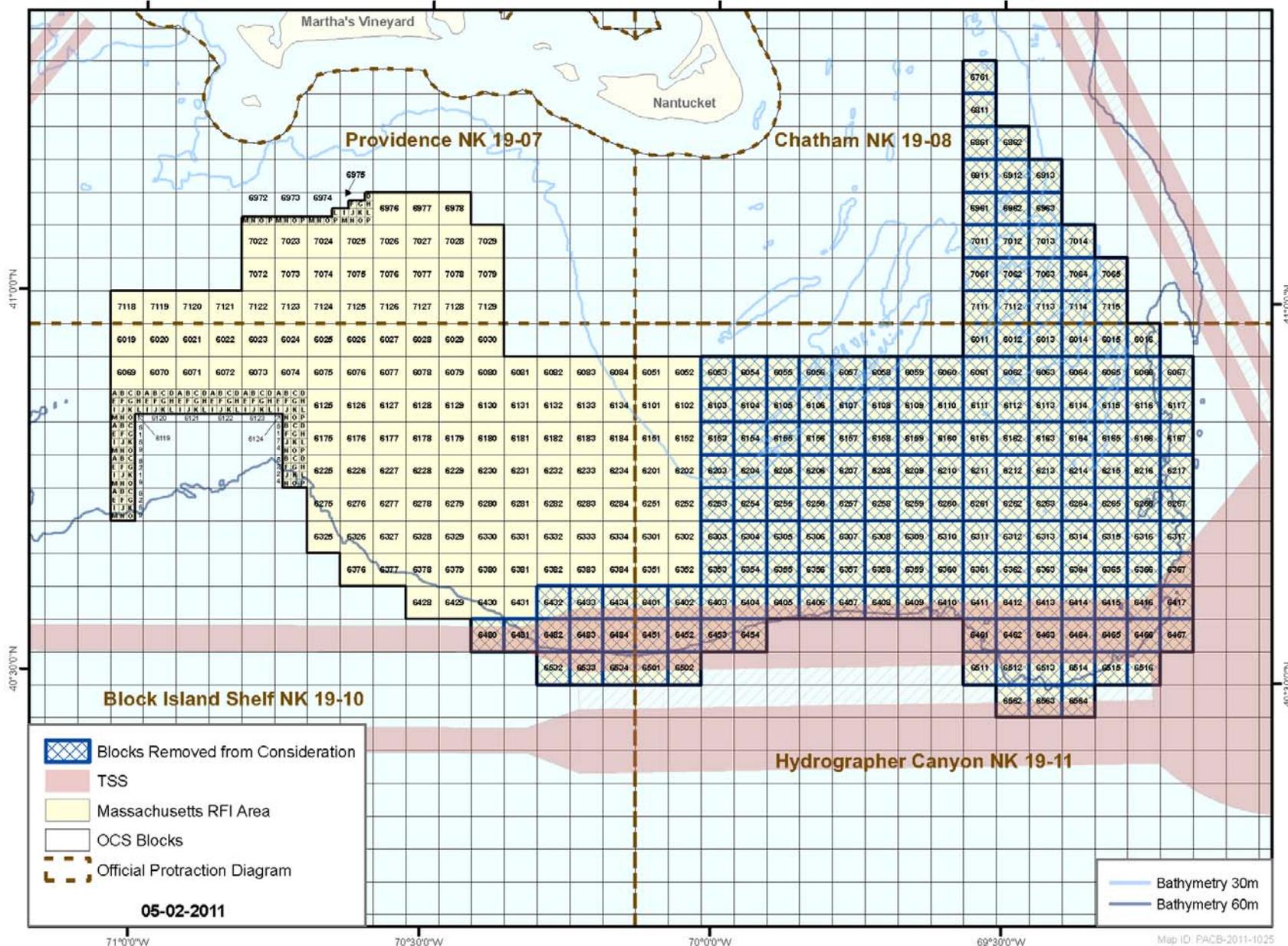
Planning & Analyses: MA

- 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

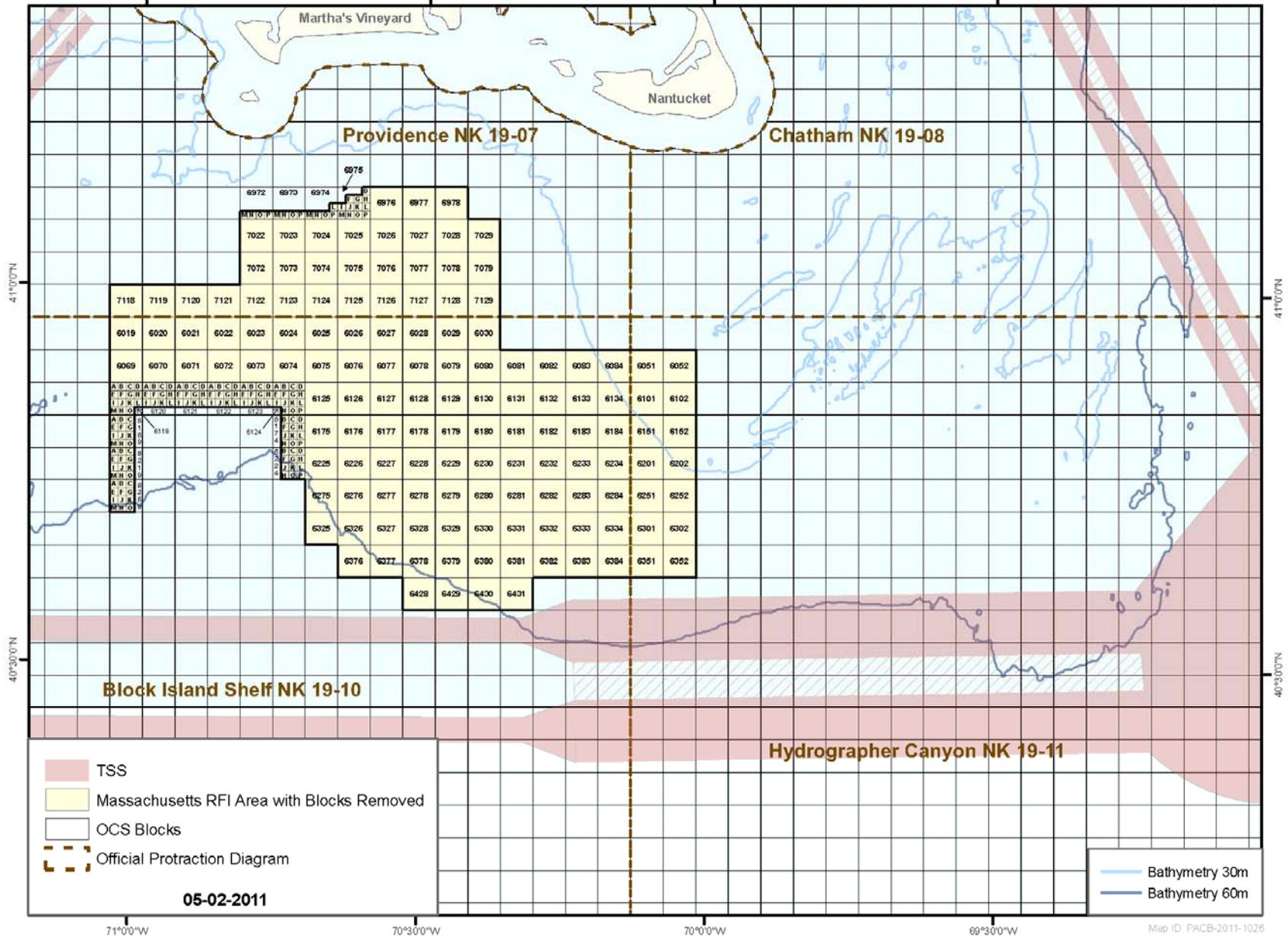
MA Request for Interest (RFI)

- Received a total of **258** public comments and submissions of interest
 - Public comments: 247
 - Submissions of interest: 11
- Posted all responses on www.regulations.gov
- Use link at BOEMRE's "Massachusetts" Renewable Energy page:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;dct=PS;rpp=10;po=0;D=BOEM-2010-0063>
- No BOEMRE decisions have been made to offer lease(s)

Massachusetts Request for Interest - Blocks Removed from Consideration (1 of 2)



Massachusetts Request for Interest - Remaining Blocks Under Consideration (2 of 2)



Issues Identified in Secretary Sullivan's April Comments

- **Fisheries & Fish Habitat:** Evaluate potential impact before site assessment activities and again prior to any construction and operations
- **Siting & Liability:** Evaluate project design alternatives to reduce potential impacts. Examine insurance issues to increase our understanding.
- **Navigational & Radar:** Rely on USCG assessment and requirements
- **Electromagnet Fields Effects on Fish:** BOEMRE's study results expected in the Summer.

Issues Identified in Secretary Sullivan's April Comments

- **Economic Benefits & Mitigation for Affected Communities:** Consider opportunities within our statutory authorities on a case-by-case basis
- **Acoustic Effects on Marine Mammals:** Studies underway documenting baseline acoustic environment and impacts from construction and operations
- **Decommissioning & Removal:** Regulations require lessees to provide bonds to cover these activities
- **Continued Studies:** Environmental Studies & Technology Research and Assessment Programs
- **Continued Stakeholder Involvement:** Absolutely

Next Steps

- Analyze comments
- Evaluate expressions of interest
- Hold stakeholders meetings
- Convene BOEMRE Intergovernmental Task Force Meetings
- Prepare draft Call for Information & Nominations (Call) and Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Publish Call and NOI; open public comment periods

Opportunity to Provide Comment

- Stakeholder Meetings
- BOEMRE Intergovernmental Task Force Meetings: Public Q&A Session
- Notices: Call and NOI

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 and 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:

www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy