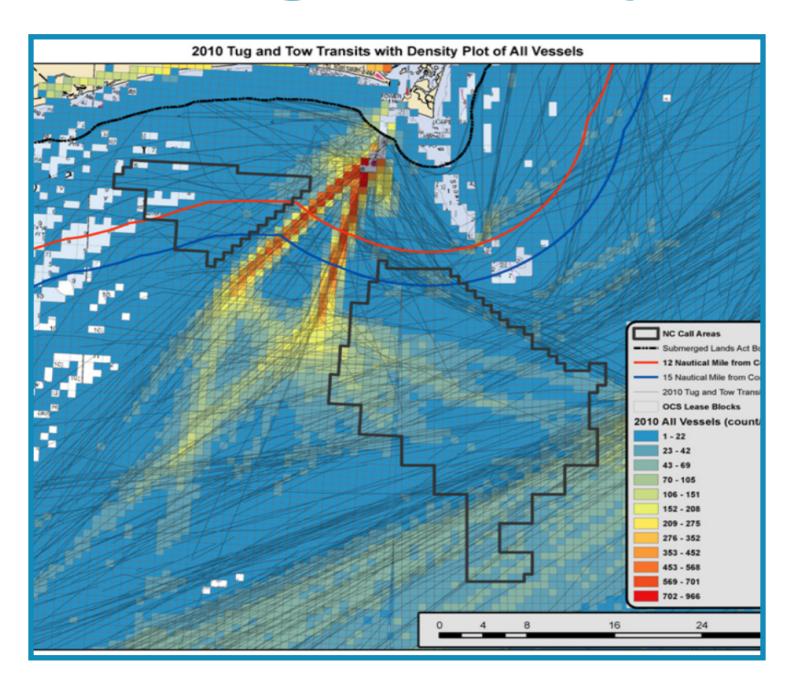


Four-Stage Renewable Energy Authorization Process

Planning and Analysis



- Intergovernmental Task
 Force
- Request for Information (RFI)/Call for Information and Nominations (Call)
- Area Identification
- Environmental Reviews

Leasing



- Publish Leasing Notices
- Issue Lease(s)

Site Assessment



- Site CharacterizationSurveys
- Site Assessment Plan (SAP) (Met Towers and/ or Buoys)
- Environmental and Technical Review

Construction and Operations



- Construction andOperations Plan (COP)
- Facility Design and Facility Installation Reports (FDR/FIR)
- Decommissioning
- Environmental and Technical Reviews