

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Rhode Island and Massachusetts  
Renewable Energy  
Task Force Meeting**

Village Inn & Conference Center  
Narragansett, Rhode Island

August 8, 2012

# BOEM RI/MA Task Force Meeting

## ■ Welcome & Introductions

- Maureen Bornholdt, Program Manager

## ■ Opening Remarks

- Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, Department of Interior

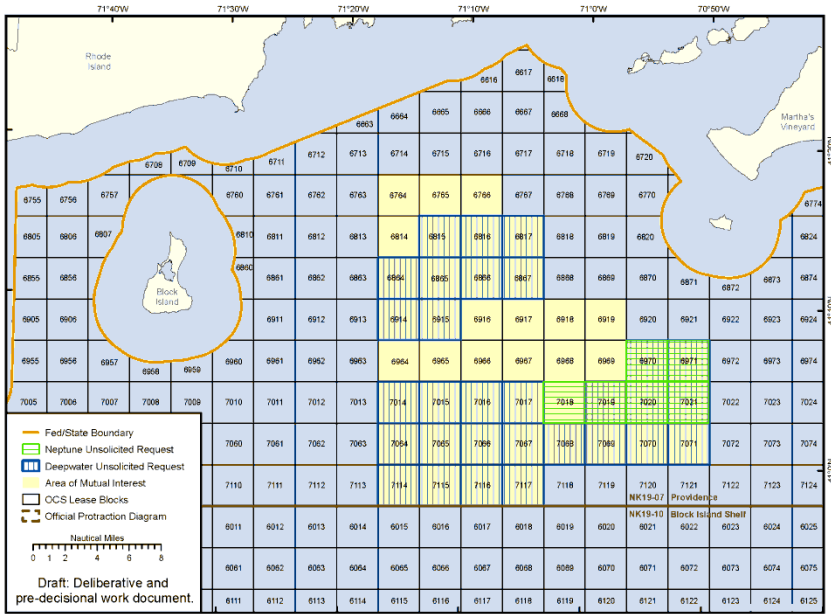
## ■ Background & Meeting Purpose

- Jessica Bradley, Project Coordinator

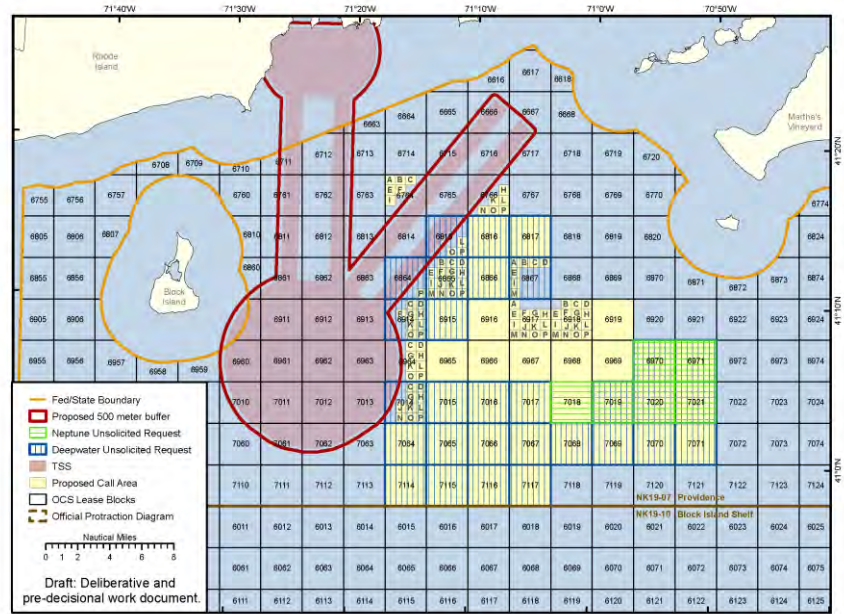
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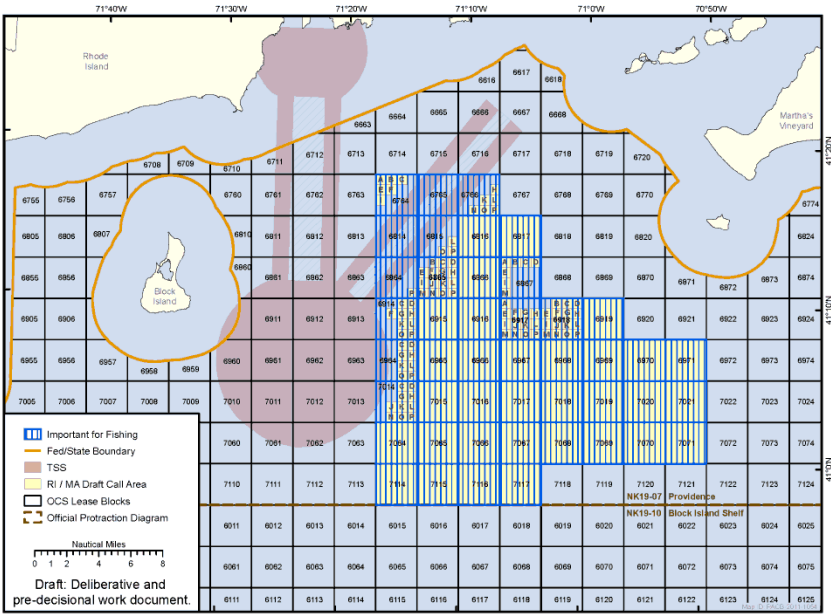
### Rhode Island / Massachusetts Area of Mutual Interest and Unsolicited Proposals



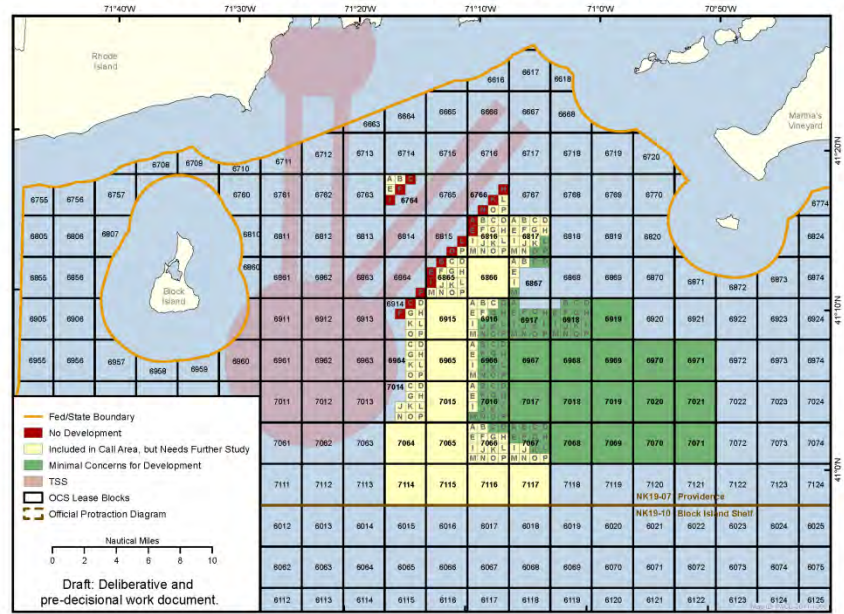
### Preliminary Draft Rhode Island / Massachusetts Call Area



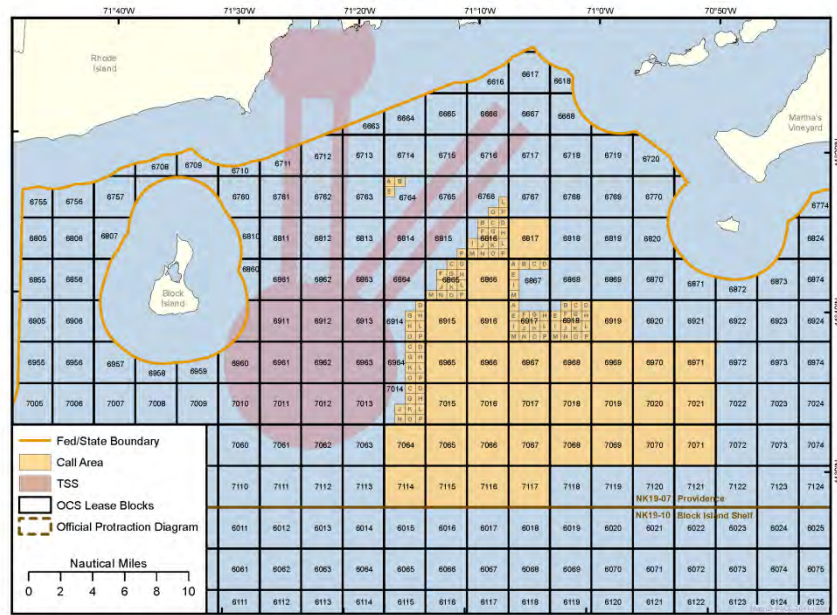
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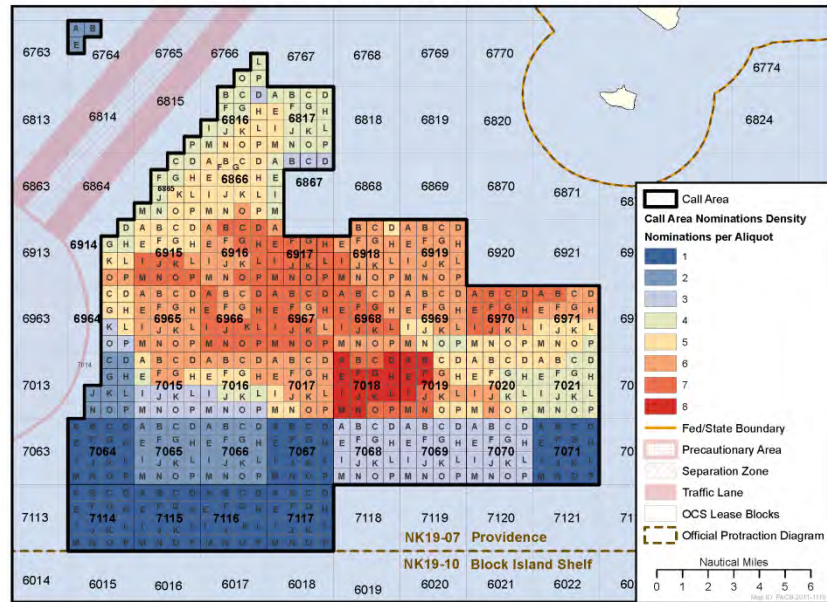
### USCG Comments on the Draft Rhode Island, Massachusetts Call Area



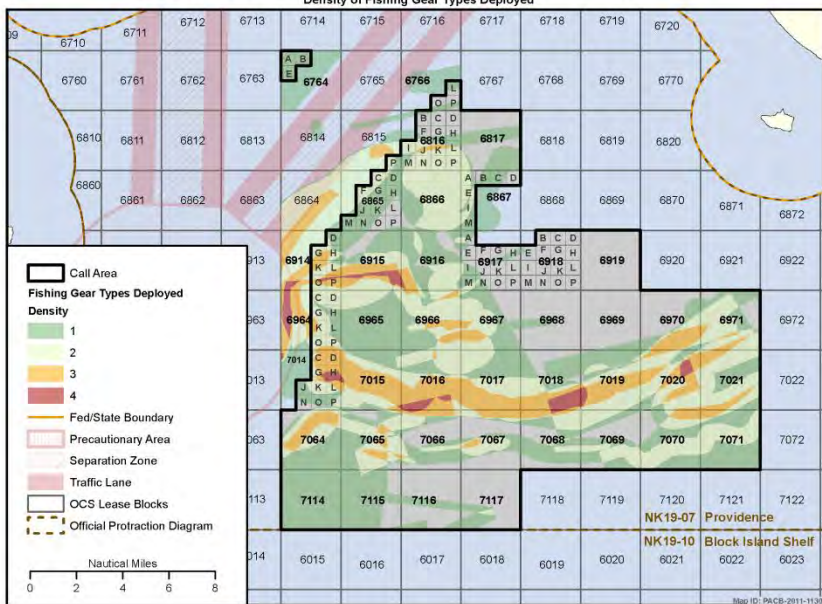
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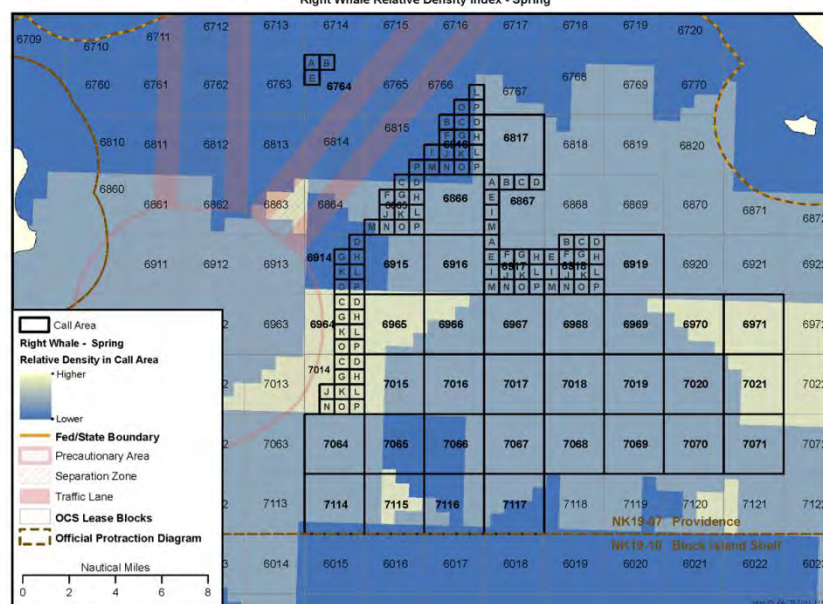
### Rhode Island & Massachusetts Area Identification, Nominations of Interest



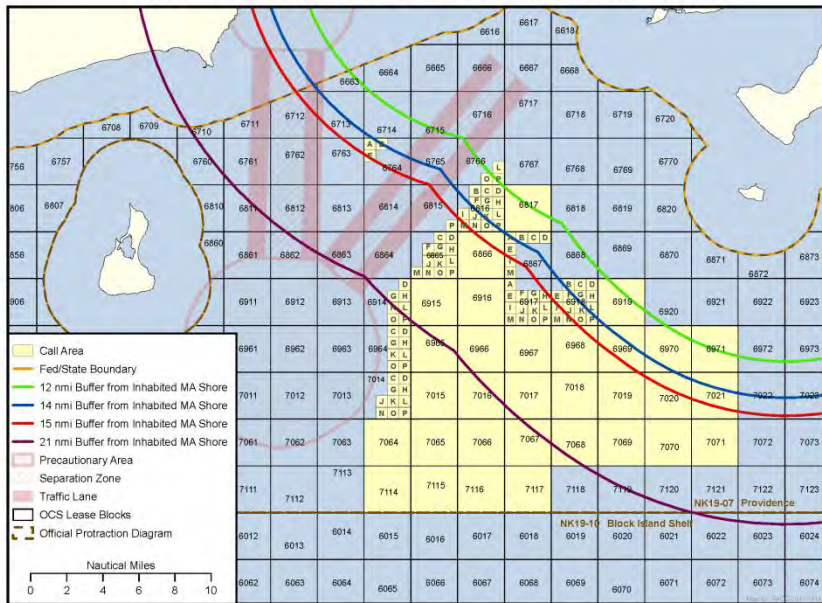
### Rhode Island & Massachusetts Area Identification, Fishing and Fishery Resources



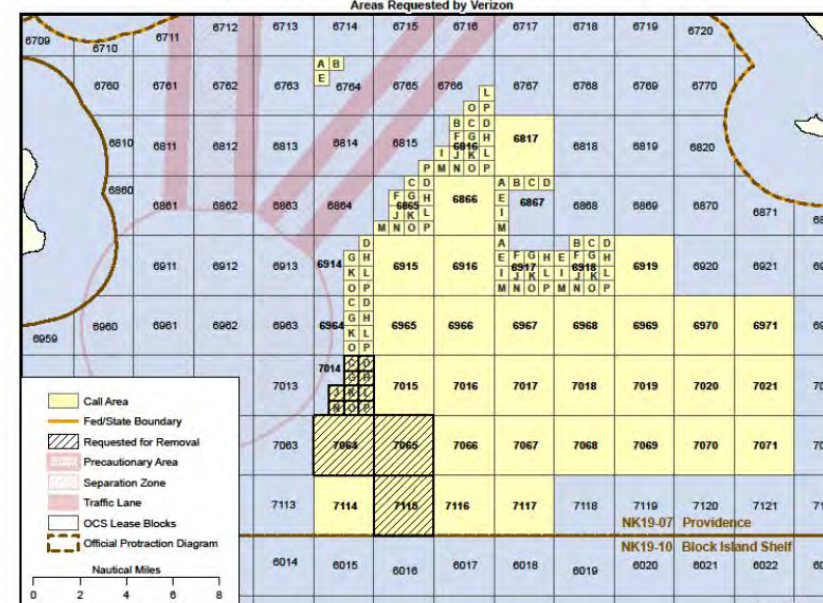
### Rhode Island & Massachusetts Area Identification - Recommended Alternatives



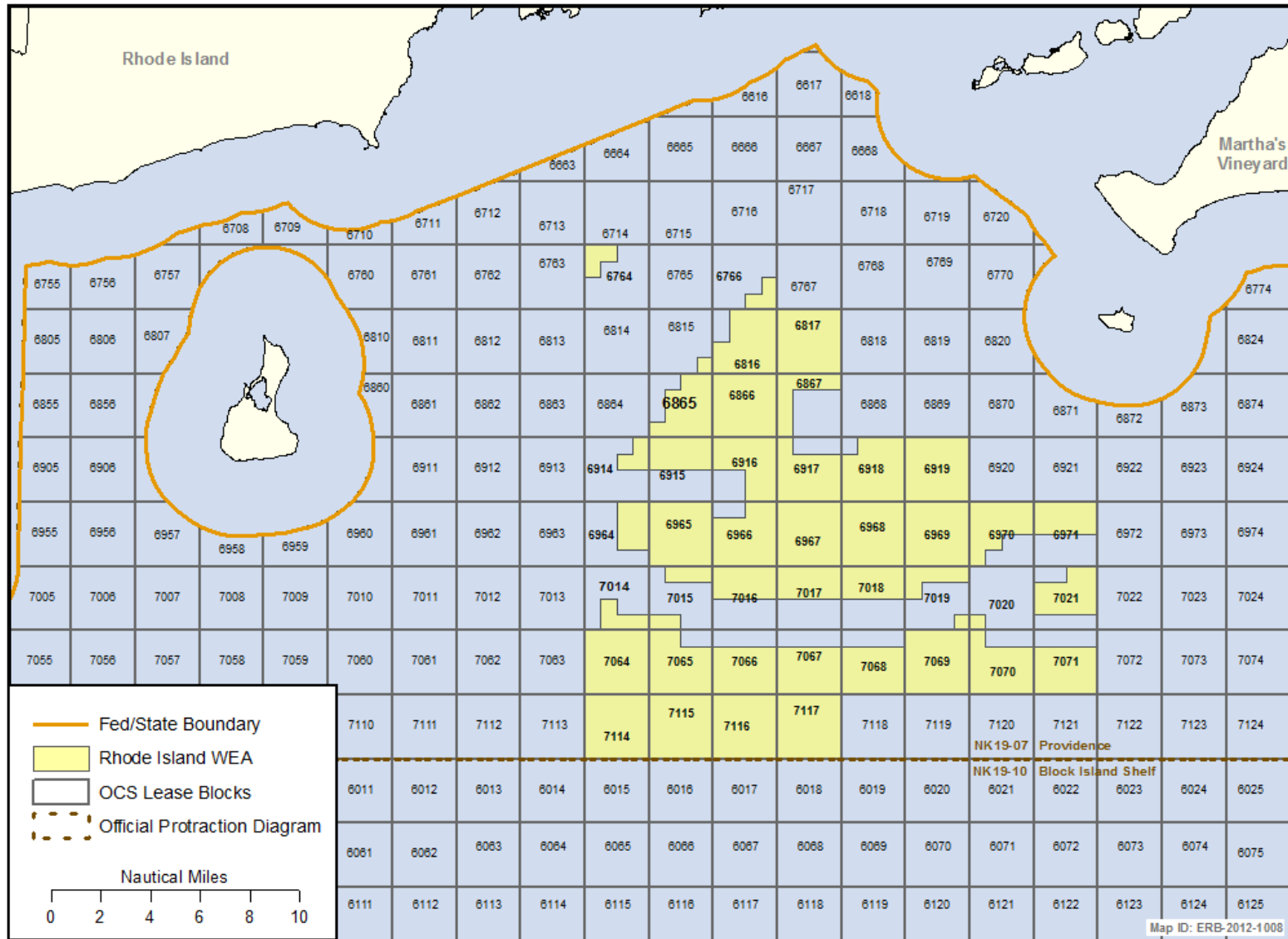
### Rhode Island & Massachusetts Area Identification - Visual and Cultural Resources



### Rhode Island & Massachusetts Area Identification, Telecommunications Cables



## Rhode Island & Massachusetts Wind Energy Area



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**Overall meeting purpose:** solicit feedback from Task Force members on the draft Proposed Sale Notice before publication in the Federal Register

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# Environmental Assessment Comments

- 32 comment letters received to date
- Topics include:
  - Data and information gaps
  - Impacts to biological resources
  - Impacts to navigation and communities
  - Appropriateness of Finding of No Significant Impact

# Next Steps

Based on the nature and extent of comments received, we may:

- Publish a Finding No Significant Impacts (FONSI);
- Revise the EA; or
- Determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

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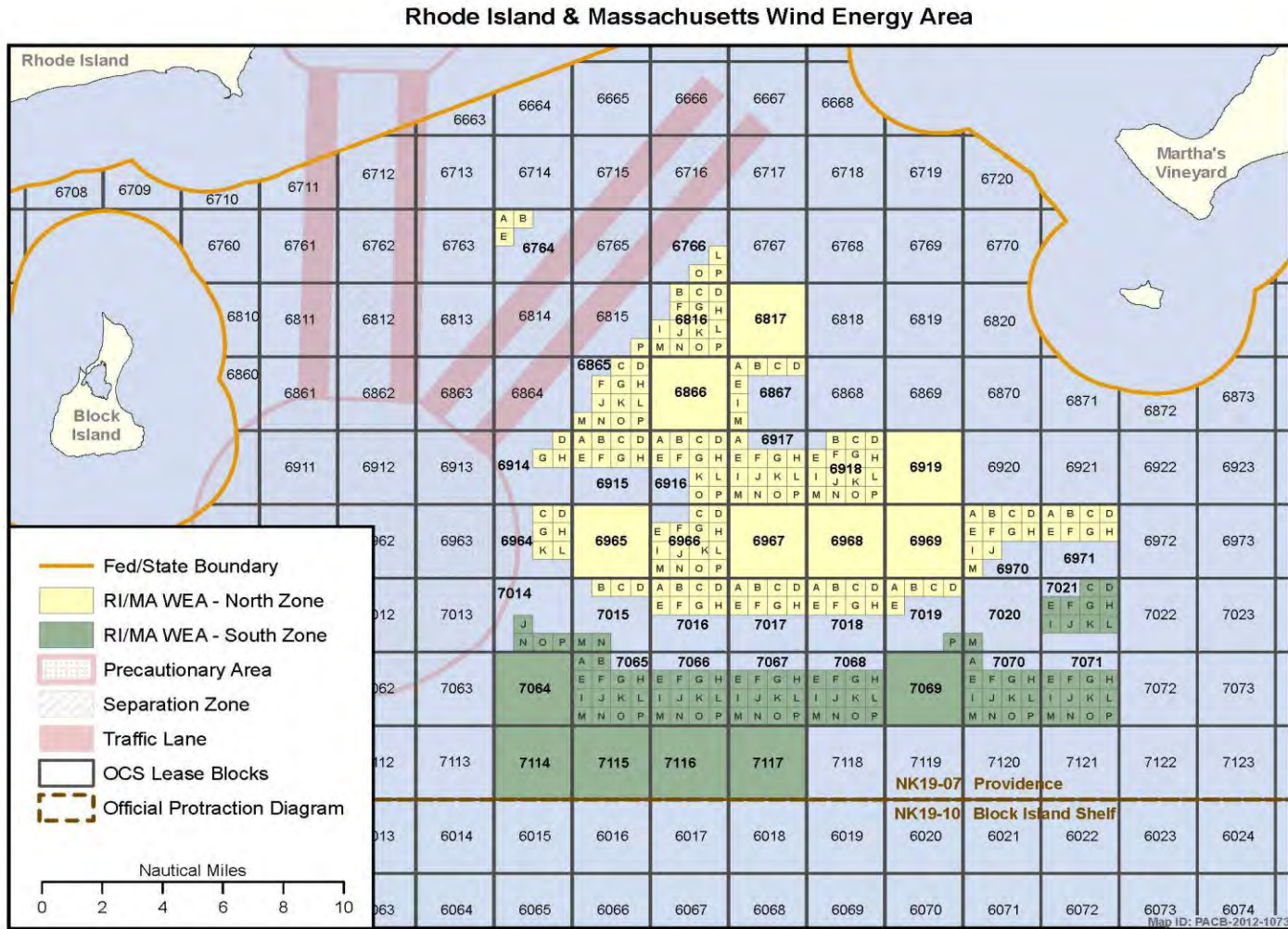
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# Proposed Lease Areas (North Zone and South Zone)



# Commenting on the Draft Proposed Sale Notice

Key sections for review and comment:

- Proposed lease areas—2 zones
- Lease terms and conditions
- Auction procedures

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Due date:

- Task force member comments should be submitted to BOEM by August 22, 2012

Contact:

- Questions and comments should be directed to Jessica Bradley:

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