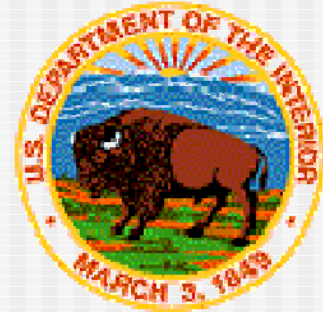


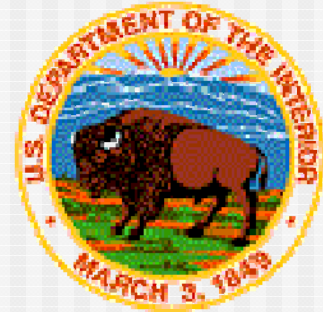
# BOEMRE Massachusetts Renewable Energy Task Force



## Next Steps in the Planning & Environmental Review Process

Offshore Alternative Energy Programs  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,  
Regulation and Enforcement

# Planning: Next Steps



**BOEMRE** will evaluate expressions of interest received in response to the RFI:

## Qualifications

- ✓ Legal (8/9)
- ❑ Technical
- ❑ Financial

## Determine if competitive interest exists

- ❑ Geographic overlap
- ❑ Intertract competition

# Planning: Next Steps



- Next step is for BOEMRE to develop a **planning notice** which will identify areas indicative of competitive interest and areas indicative of no competitive interest
- Only after publication of next planning notice and consideration of responses, BOEMRE will determine process for moving forward:
  - Competitive process,
  - Noncompetitive process, or
  - Both

# Planning: Next Steps

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## Competitive Leasing Process

- Call for Information and Nominations
- Area Identification
- Proposed Sale Notice
- Final Sale Notice
- Lease sale
- Bid evaluation
- Lease issuance



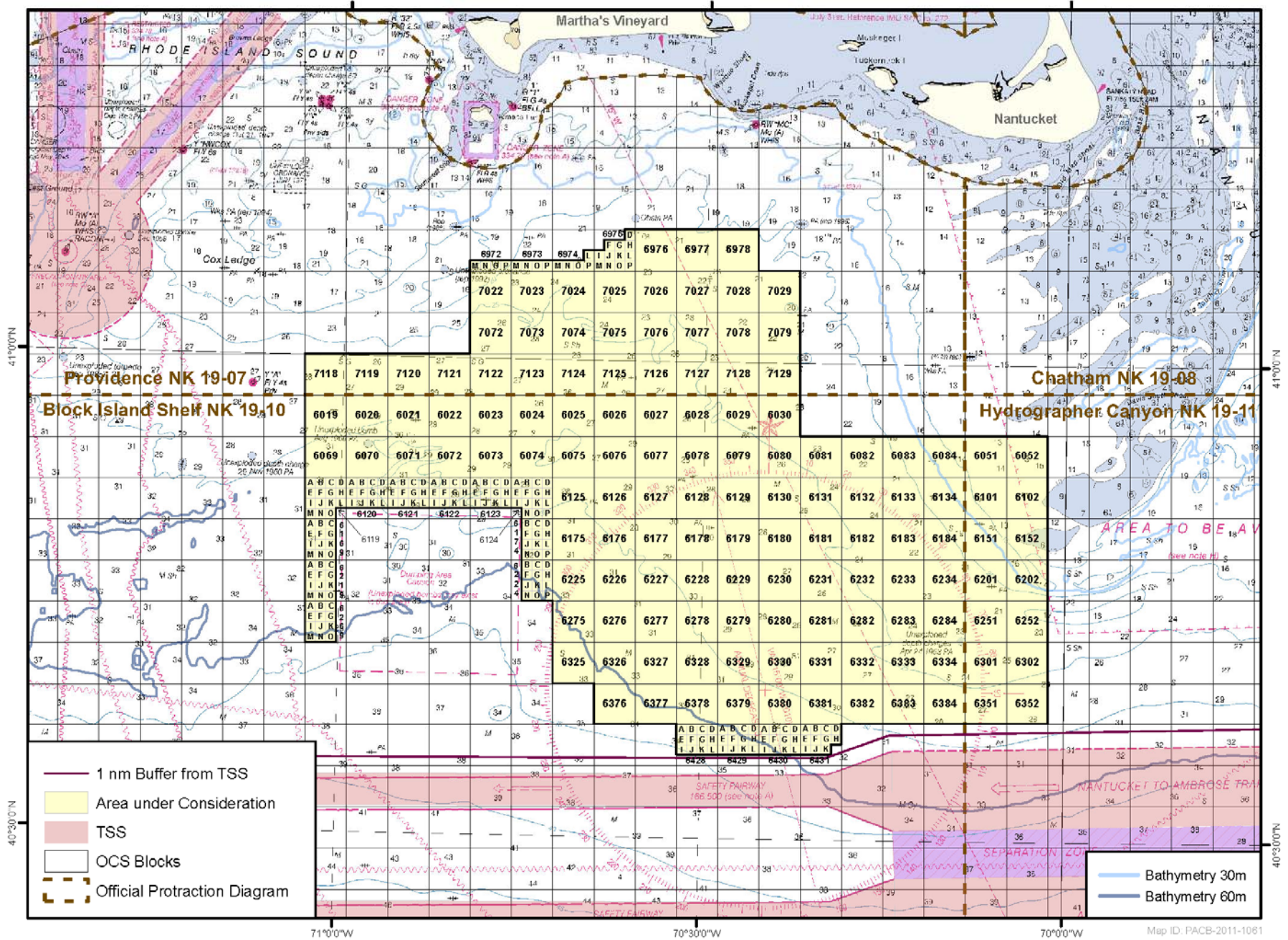
# Planning: Next Steps



## Noncompetitive Leasing Process

- BOEMRE would inform applicant that there does not appear to be competitive interest and ask if they wish to proceed with acquiring a lease
- Applicant submits acquisition fee (285.502(a))
- BOEMRE would develop & publish [Request for Competitive Interest](#)
- If no overlapping responses received, BOEMRE may proceed with noncompetitive lease issuance process

# Area under Consideration Offshore Massachusetts



Providence NK 19-07

Chatham NK 19-08

Block Island Shelf NK 19-10

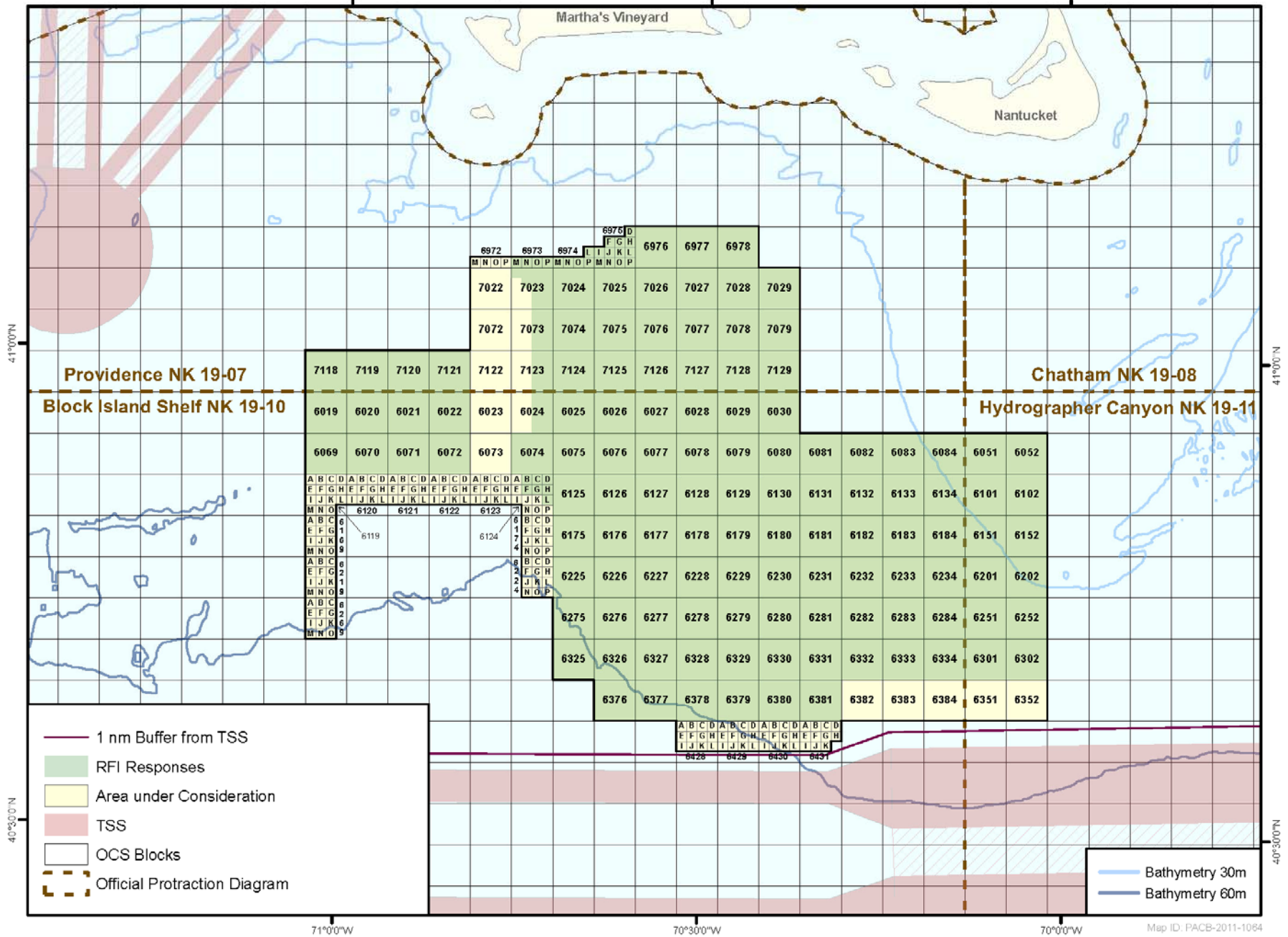
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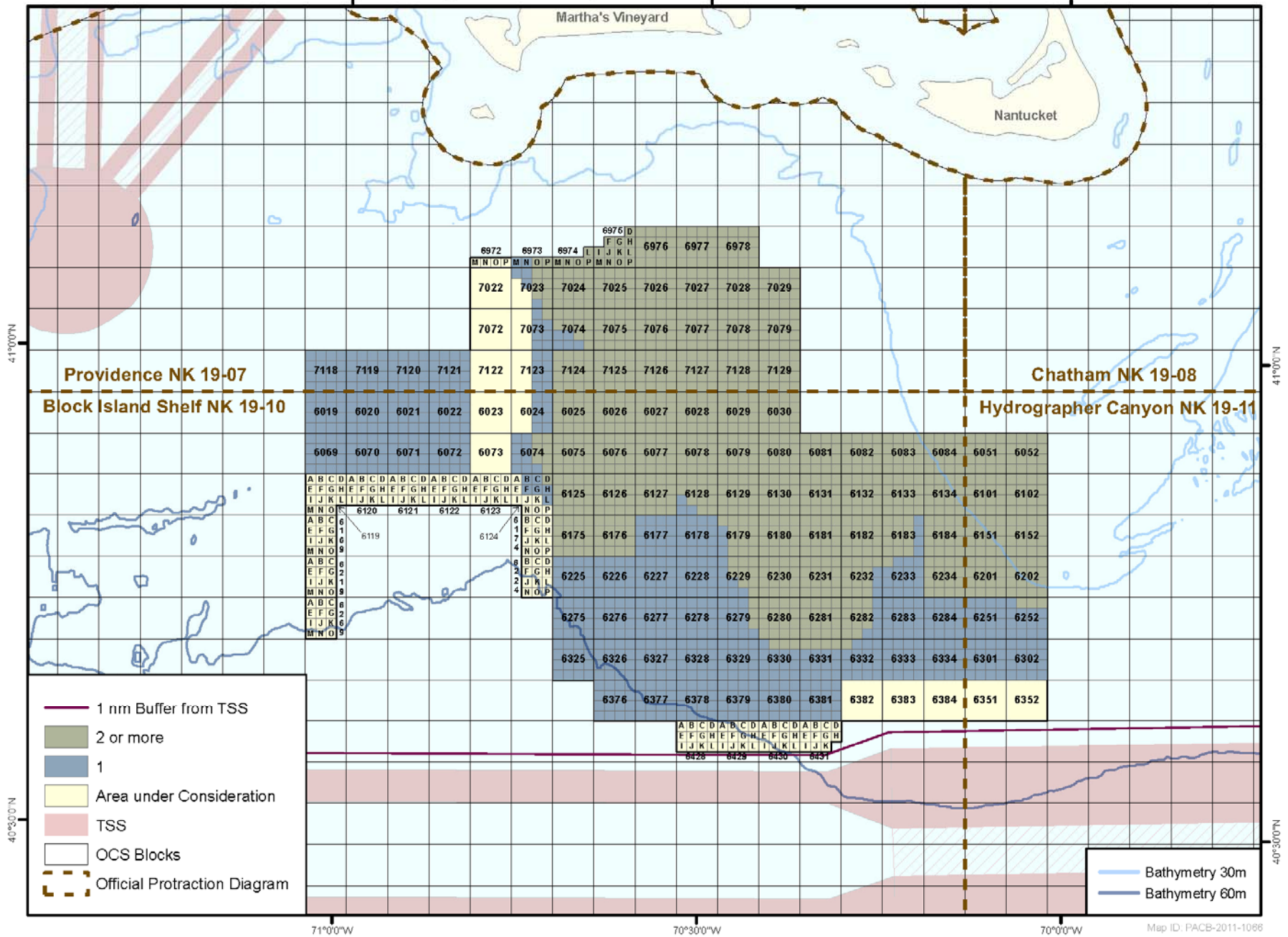
Bathymetry 30m  
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# MA RFI Responses within Area under Consideration

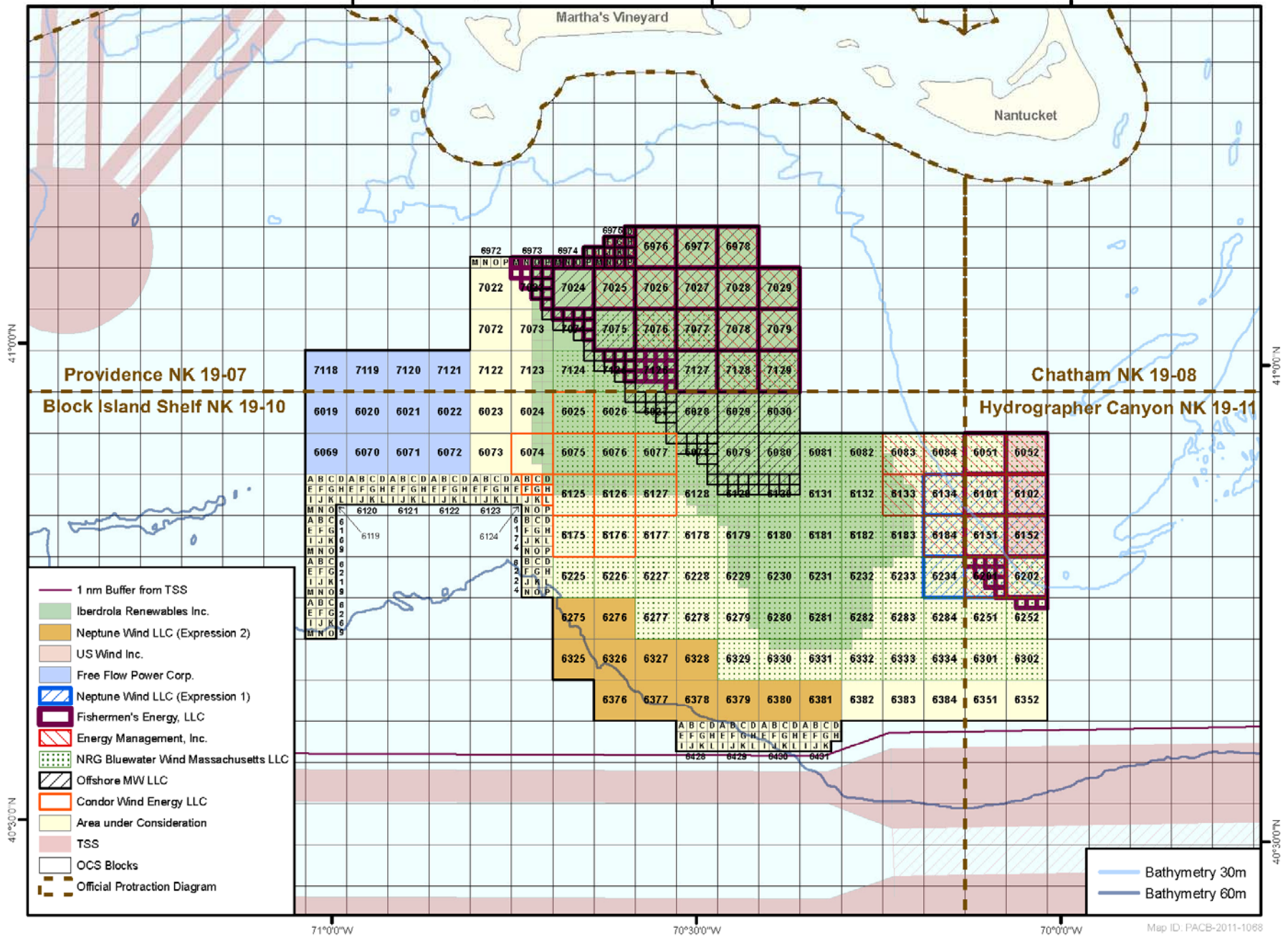


# MA RFI Response Density within Area under Consideration

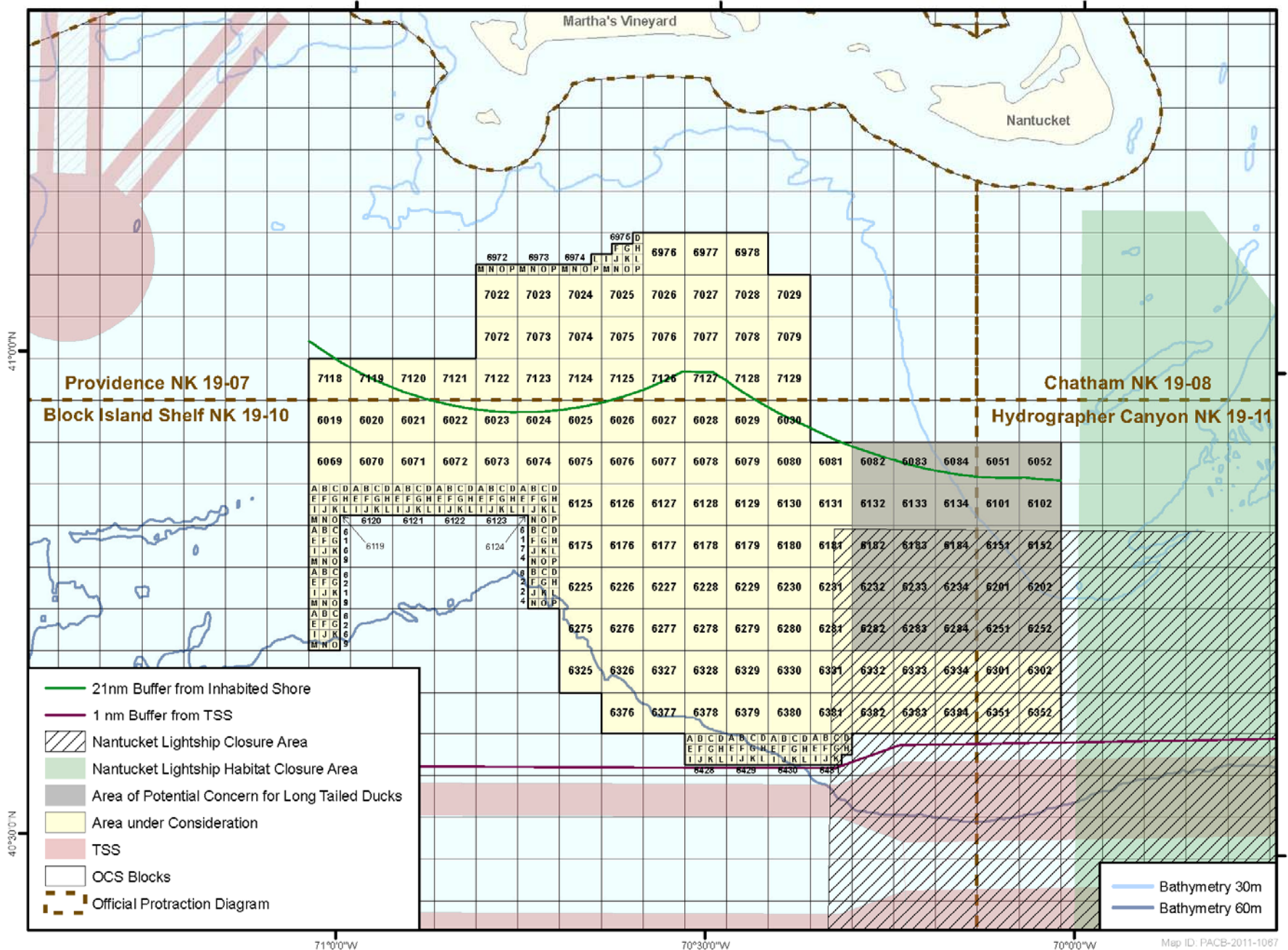




# MA RFI Responses within Area under Consideration



# Area under Consideration Multiple Use Map



# Environmental: Next Steps

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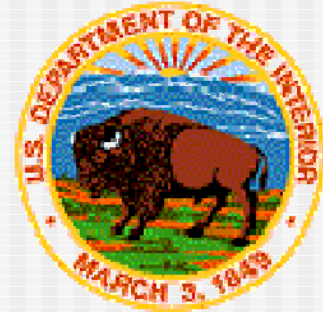


For both processes, BOEMRE will comply with requirements of all applicable Federal laws & statutes, such as:

- **National Environmental Policy Act,**
- **Government-to-Government consultations (EO. 13175),**
- **National Historic Preservation Act,**
- **Endangered Species Act, [etc.](#)**



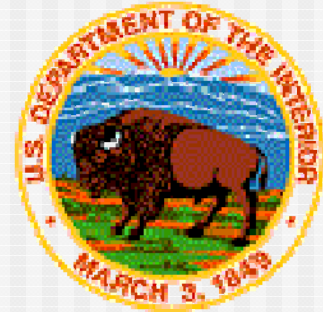
# Environmental: Next Steps



## Consultation & Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (EO 13175)

- Recognize that federally-recognized Indian tribes have concerns relating to wind energy leasing
- There may be potential impacts to sacred and ceremonial sites, and inundated sites on ancestral lands
- Initiate government-to-government consultations to learn about these concerns and create foundation for future consultations under NHPA Section 106

# Environmental: Next Steps



## National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- Carry out consultations in a manner sensitive to tribal needs and concerns
- Begin with publication of Notice of Intent to prepare NEPA compliance
  - Announces preparation of analysis for lease issuance and associated activities
  - Consistent with the beginning of other statutorily-mandated consultations

# Environmental: Next Steps



## National Environmental Policy Act

- BOEMRE will prepare appropriate environmental documents to evaluate the effects of issuing renewable energy leases and associated activities (e.g. site characterization, site assessment plan, construction and operations plan)



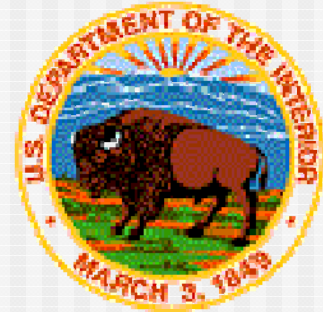
# What We Are Considering in the Environmental Review



## Best available information, including:

- Information from the RFI and Call, including mitigations, different site configurations, areas that may be more compatible with particular uses (i.e. cables or substations)
- Information and comments received from the public
- Consultations with local, state, tribal, and other Federal agencies through BOEMRE Task Force meetings, formal consultations, etc.
- BOEMRE expertise and studies

# Opportunities to Provide Comment



- Stakeholder Meetings
- BOEMRE Intergovernmental Task Force meetings
- Comment period for environmental documents prepared as part of the NEPA process

# Questions?

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