

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Overview of Development Process in Context

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Overview

- Re-cap of stages of development
- Areas in context of known fishing activity
- Technologies/infrastructure under consideration
- Overview of draft BMPs

Stages of Development

Identifying Wind Energy Areas

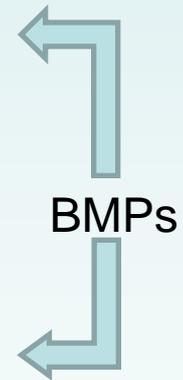
Task Force Consultation → Public Notice & Comment

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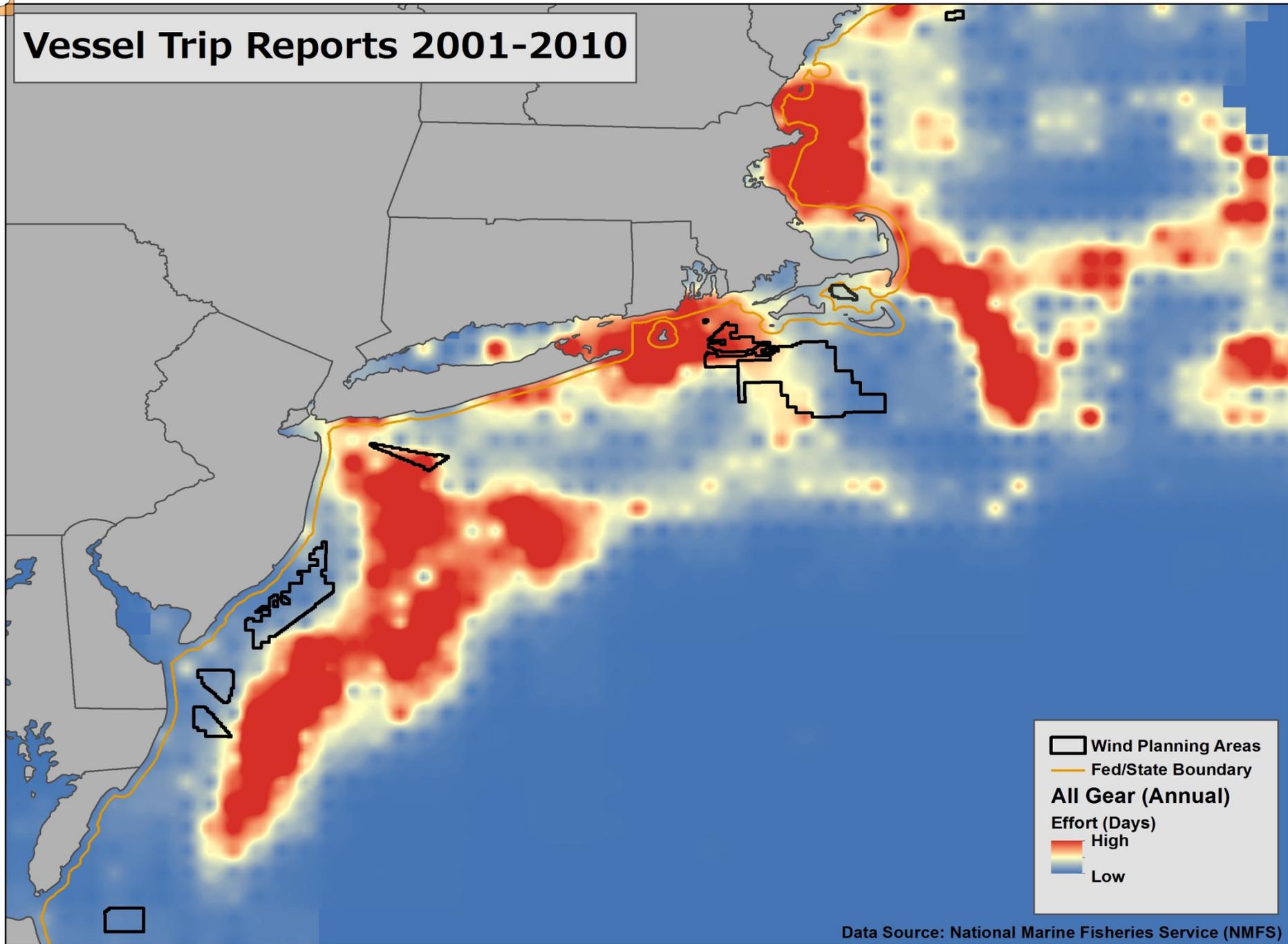
Notice → Environmental Assessment → Issuance

Site Assessment Plan
(Surveys)

Construction &
Operations Plan
EIS



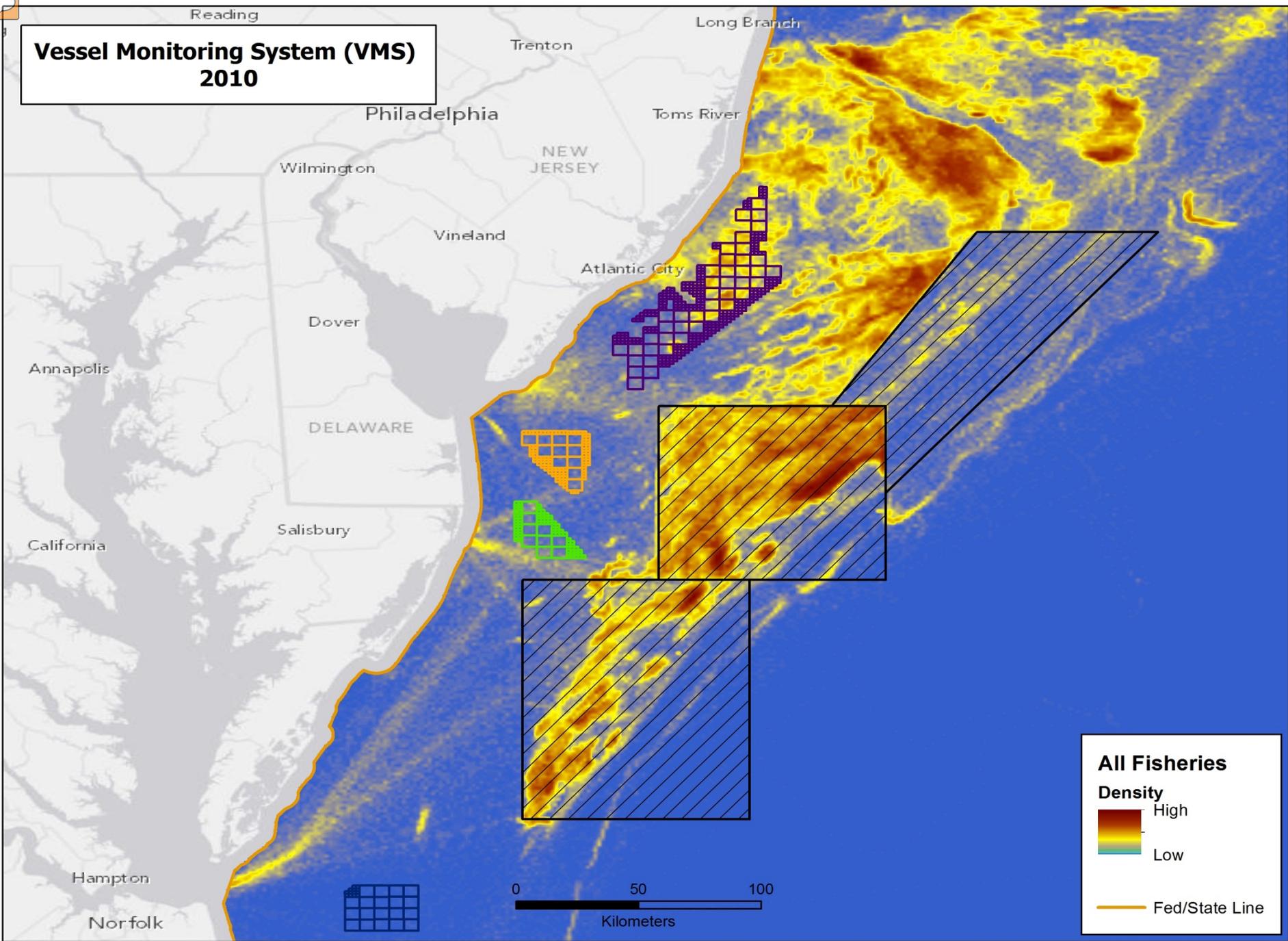
Vessel Trip Reports 2001-2010



Data Source: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

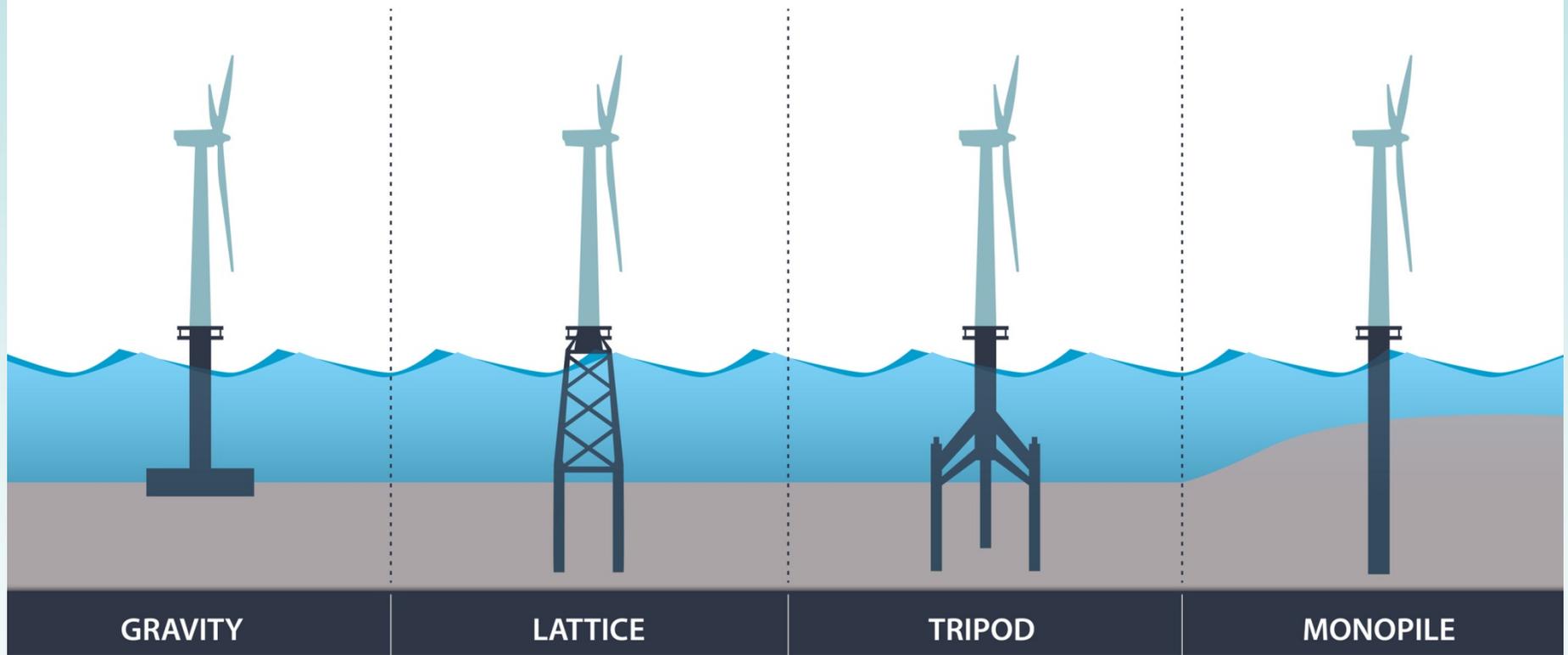
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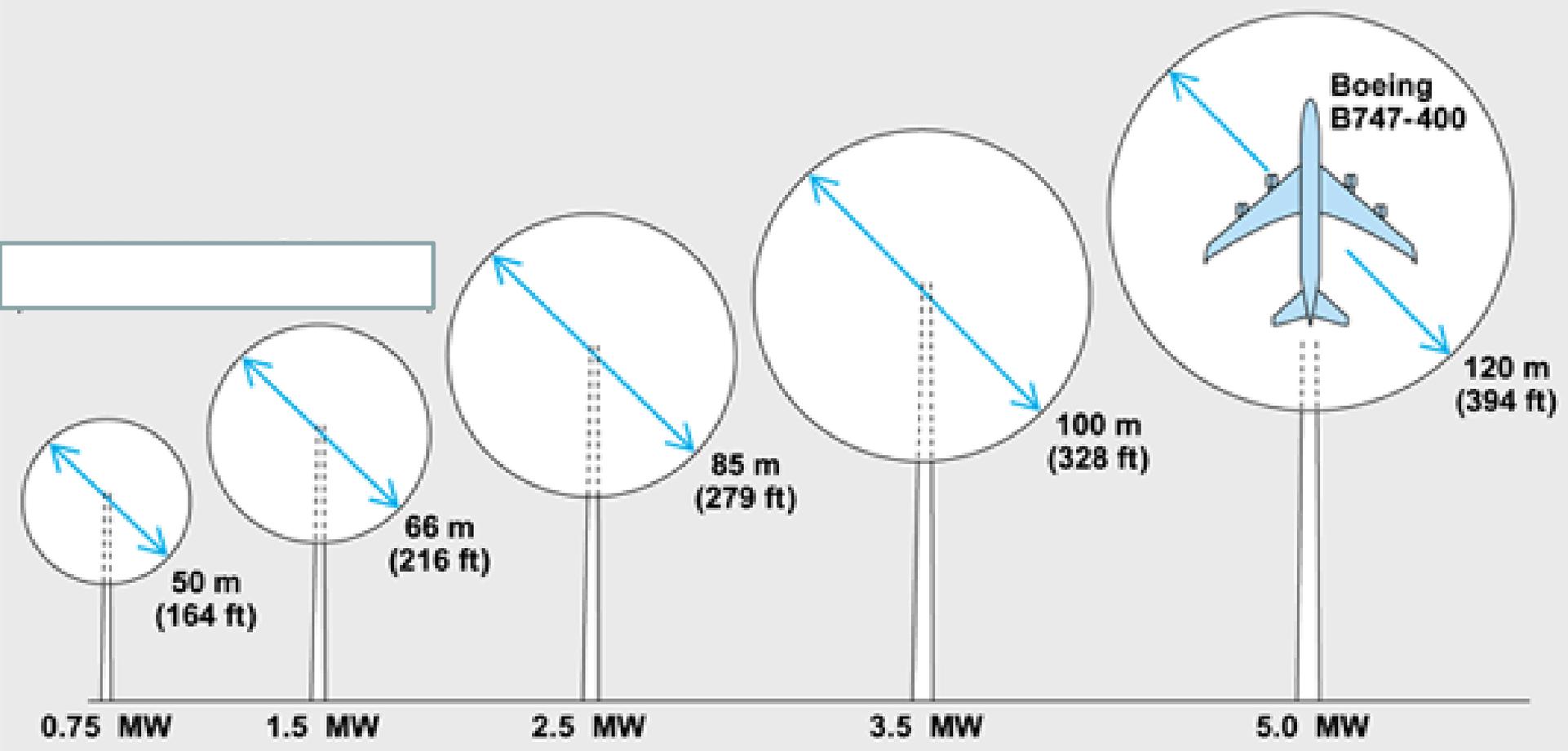
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) 2010





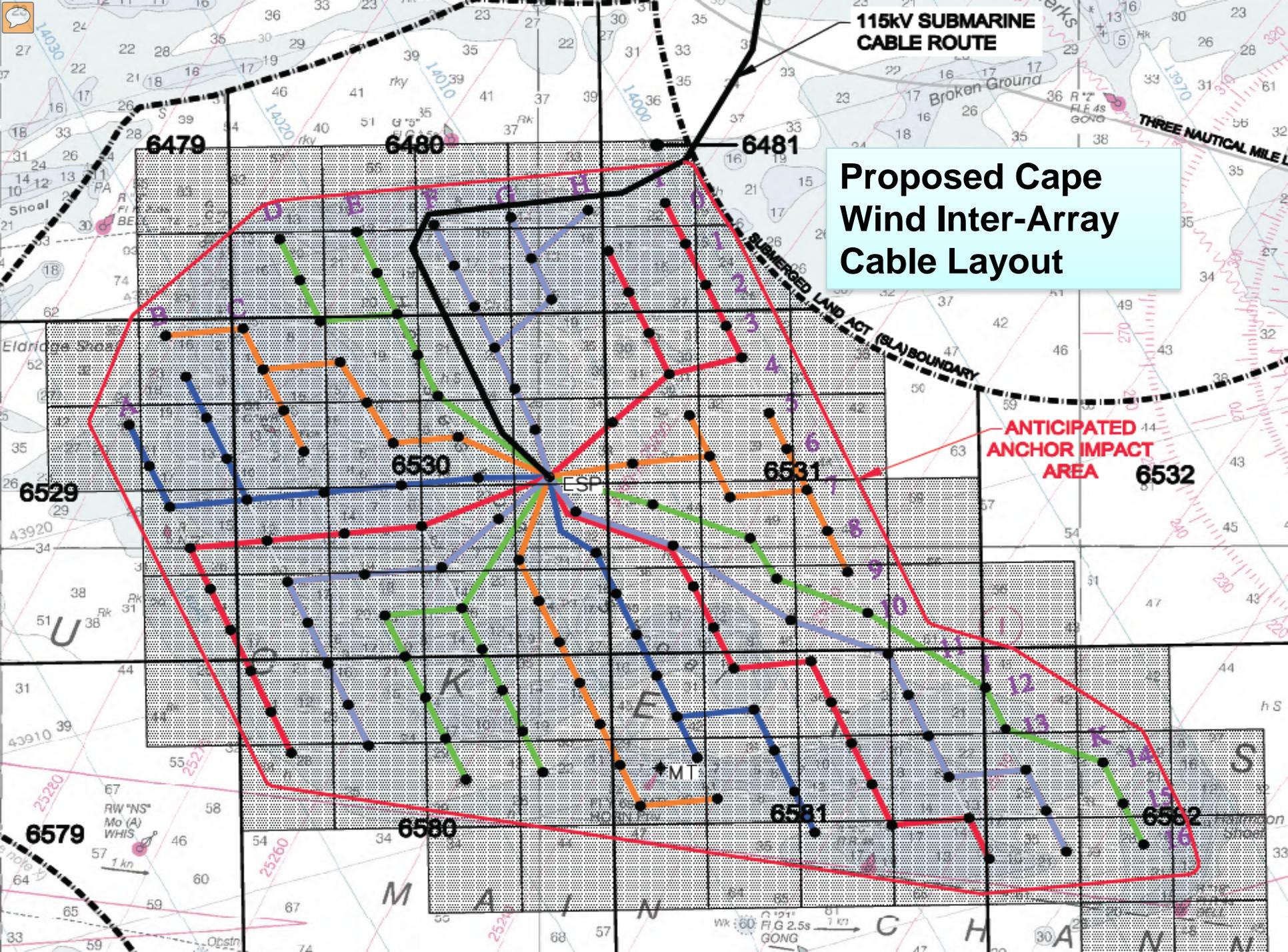
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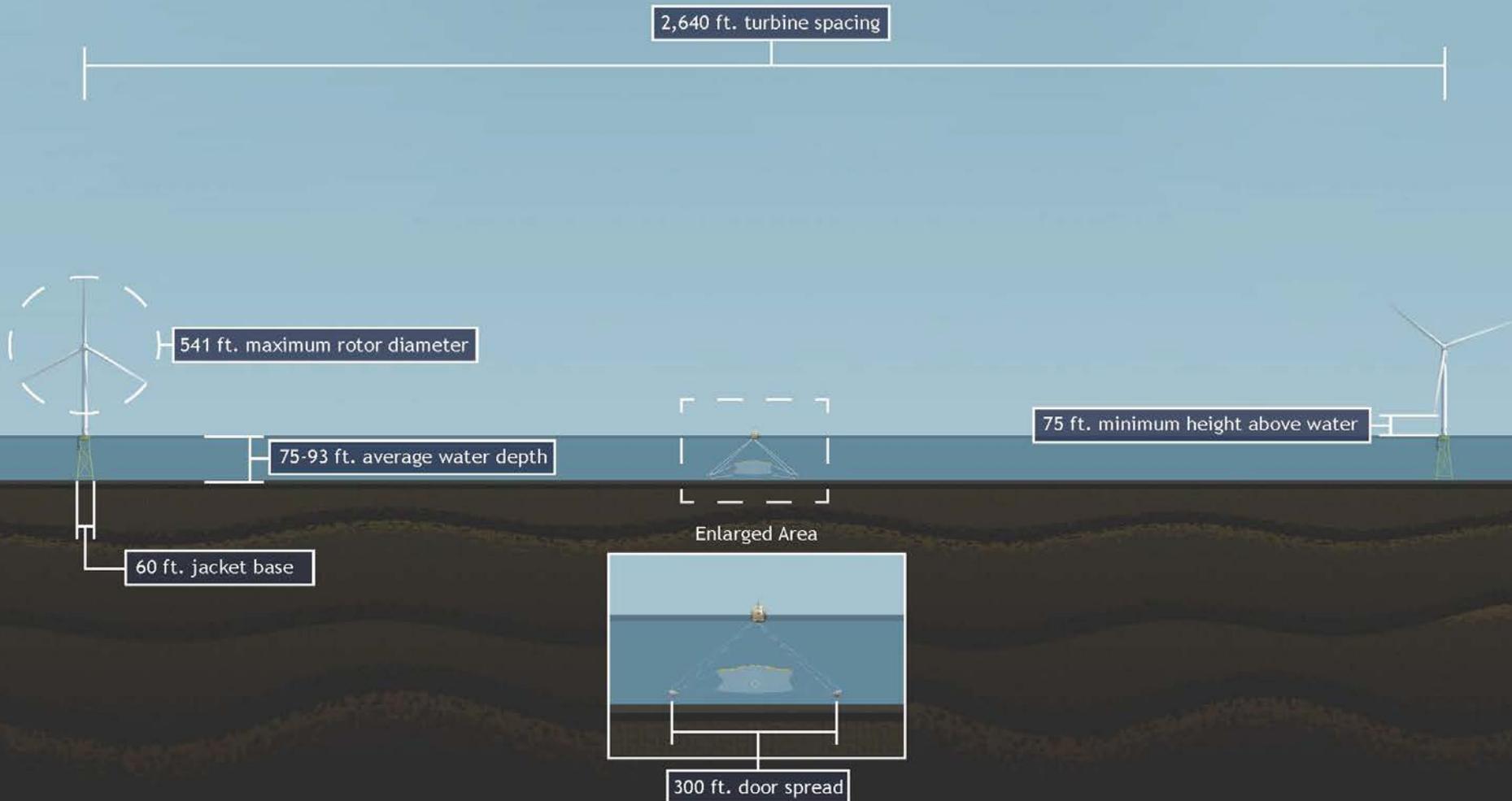




115KV SUBMARINE
CABLE ROUTE

Proposed Cape Wind Inter-Array Cable Layout





Block Island Wind Farm

October 9, 2012



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BMP Workshops

- Eight workshops were held between Oct. 2012 and Feb. 2013.
- Opportunity to provide comments on the construction and operational phases.
- Near term product- updated list of fishing-related best management practices (BMPs).
- Long term product – application of new fishing-related BMPs to the review of site assessment plans (SAPs), construction and operation plans (COPs), and general activity plans (GAPs).

Draft Fishing BMPs

- Fisheries Community Outreach and Communication Program
- Project, Siting, Design, Navigation, and Access
- Alternating/Rotating Construction Schedule
- Safety

Draft Fishing BMPs continued

- Wind Facility Fishing Access
- Environmental Monitoring Plan
- Financial Support for Gear Modification
- Port or Shore-side Improvements
- Measures to Offset Adverse Impacts

Questions?
Comments?



Studies: Biological

- EMF impact studies are continuing:
 - EMF model-based assessment and literature review is completed.
 - EMF *in situ* study ongoing in the Pacific.
 - Dept. of Energy funded EMF laboratory-based study is continuing.
- Fish acoustic impacts:
 - Workshop held in March 2012.
 - Effects of Pile Driving Sounds on Auditory and Non-Auditory Tissues of Fish has now been posted.



Studies:

Socioeconomic

- “Development of Mitigation Measures to Address Potential Use Conflicts Between the Wind and Commercial Fishing Industries.”
- Inter-Agency Agreement with NMFS to evaluate the socio-economic impact to fishing from offshore wind energy development was signed in September.
- Identification of Outer Continental Shelf Renewable Energy Space-Use Conflicts and Analysis of Potential Mitigation Measures.
- Present and historical fishing usage data continuing to be processed.