

PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY UPDATES:

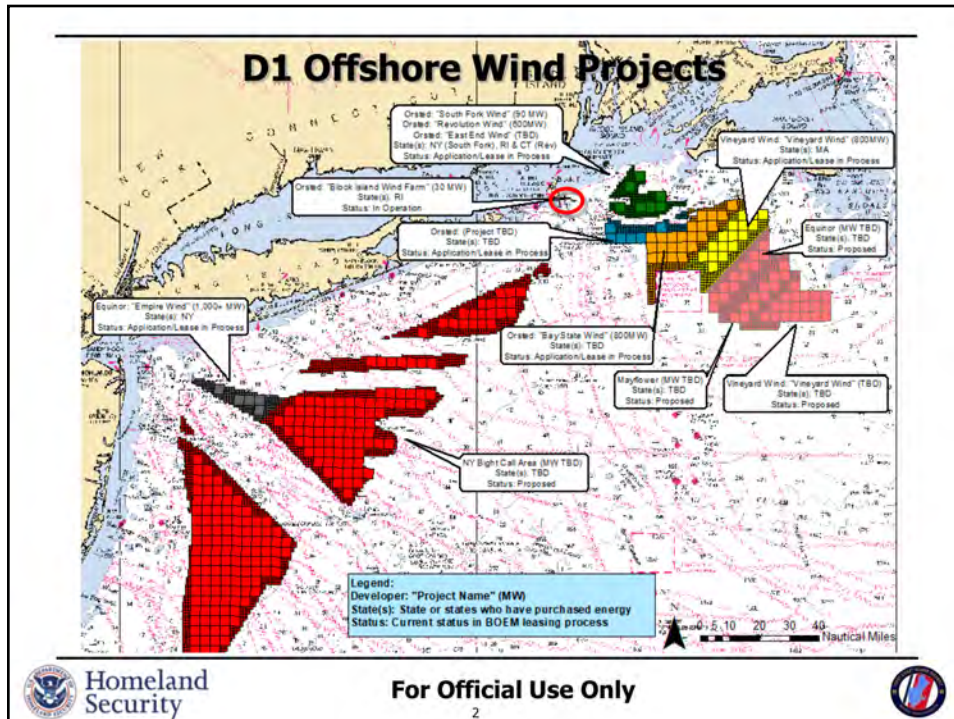
MA/RI ACPARS (Initial and Supplemental)

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ROLE IN OFFSHORE WIND PROCESS

*****Make recommendations to BOEM*****

- Provide a frank assessment of potential impacts to navigation safety and CG Missions (e.g. SAR, Law Enforcement)
- CG does not approve or disapprove a project
- Advocate for navigation safety
- Facilitate impartial discussion: Not a proxy for any single waterway user group, nor any govt agency or developer
- Impartial: Balance navigation safety with stakeholder interests

NOTE: Limited legal authority beyond 12nm

- Cannot unilaterally establish navigation corridors
- Cannot infringe on vessel activity

*****International consent (IMO) required for routing measures beyond 12nm

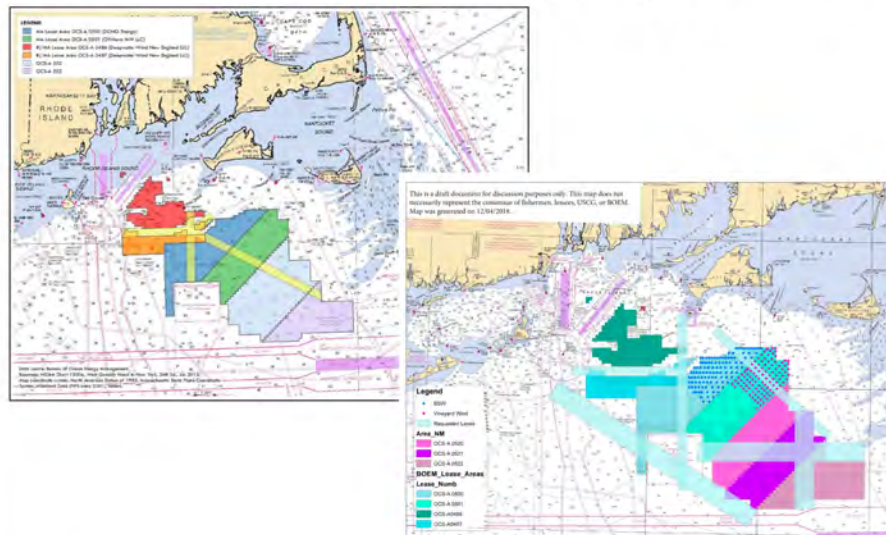


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MA/RI Initial transit lane layout proposals



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PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY (PARS)

- Coast Guard is required (by law) to conduct a PARS before establishing new or adjusting existing fairways or TSS's.
- Primary purpose of this coordination is, to the extent practicable, to reconcile the need for safe access routes with other reasonable waterway uses.
- PARS process (complete or modified) may be used to determine and justify if routing measures should be created
- Consult/coordinate with Federal, State, and foreign state agencies (as appropriate) and maritime community representatives, environmental groups, and other interested stakeholders. (i.e. Public meetings)
- Collect and analyze data/information on Vessel traffic characteristics, trends, volume, size, types, fishing, recreational, commercial, military, resource development, environmental, economic, and public comments.



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MA/RI PARS:

- Comments were Due 28 MAY 2019 – 15 were received
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2019-0131-0001>
- Public meetings held – Approximately dozen verbal comments, posted to docket.
April 23 – URI Narragansett, RI April 25 – Mass Maritime Academy April 29 - Montauk
- Continue to collect and analyze data (AIS, VMS, other)
- Provide recommendation to BOEM (i.e. potential corridors) on VW project
- Produce Report – expected September 2019

ACPARS (North/South routes):

Fairways regulation ANPRM "request for information" to be announced soon

ACPARS Supplement (East/West routes):

New York Bight – expecting kickoff Spring 2020



