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NORTHEAST OCEAN PLANNING



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NROC Ocean Planning Committee Webinar

May 28, 2020

Welcome & introductions

Overview of outreach & engagement

- ▶ **Original goals of April 2 in-person meeting**
 - Updates and discussion on planning, regulatory, and management activities occurring in the region
 - Identify opportunities for NROC to support those processes with respect to coordination, data, and best practices
- ▶ **Last webinar (April 2)**
 - Update from White House
 - Status of offshore wind in the region (primarily federal perspective/update)
- ▶ **Next/future webinars**
 - Grid transmission and planning (potential series)
 - Aquaculture
 - Wildlife and habitat research related to offshore wind
 - Other topics specific to outreach related to updating the Northeast Ocean Data Portal

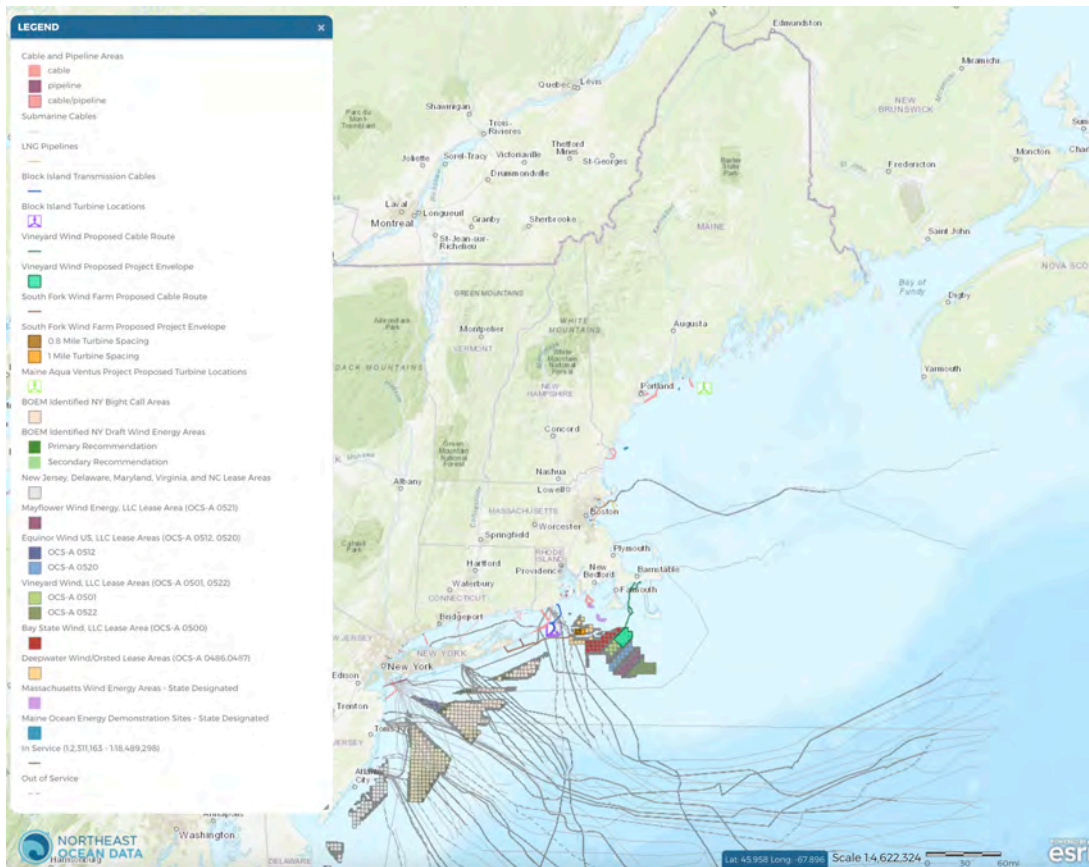
Overview of outreach & engagement

- ▶ Outreach related to Northeast Ocean Data Portal updates
 - Commercial fisheries (w/ MARCO and RODA)
 - Recreational SCUBA
 - Whale watching
 - Marine transportation (upcoming)
 - Marine life and habitat (upcoming)
 - Other recreational activities (upcoming)
- ▶ Advancing Best Practices Work Group

Agenda

- 10:10** **New England Fishery Management Council** – Tom Nies & Michelle Bachman
- 10:35** **Long Island Sound Blue Plan** – David Blatt, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Christian Fox, The Nature Conservancy
- 11:00** **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan** – Lisa Berry Engler, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management
- 11:25** **Rhode Island Ocean and Bay Special Area Management Plans** – Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council

Questions, comments, and discussion after each presentation

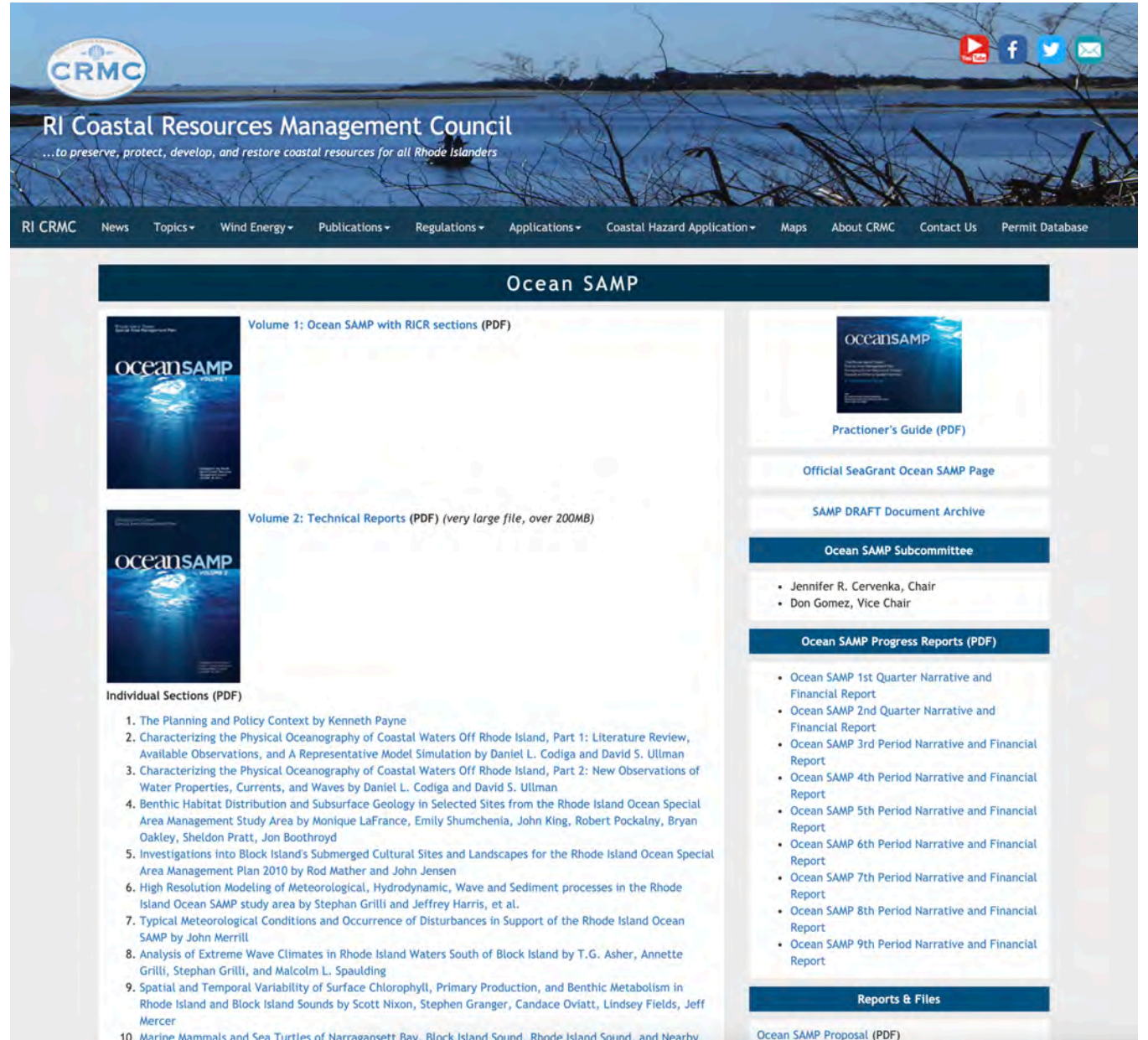




Rhode Island Ocean and Bay Special Area Management Plans

Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council

http://www.crmc.ri.gov/samp_ocean.html



The screenshot shows the website for the RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). The header features the CRMC logo and the text "RI Coastal Resources Management Council ...to preserve, protect, develop, and restore coastal resources for all Rhode Islanders". A navigation menu includes links for RI CRMC, News, Topics, Wind Energy, Publications, Regulations, Applications, Coastal Hazard Application, Maps, About CRMC, Contact Us, and Permit Database. The main content area is titled "Ocean SAMP" and contains several sections:

- Volume 1: Ocean SAMP with RICR sections (PDF)**: A large PDF document.
- Volume 2: Technical Reports (PDF) (very large file, over 200MB)**: A large PDF document.
- Individual Sections (PDF)**: A list of 10 individual sections, including:
 - The Planning and Policy Context by Kenneth Payne
 - Characterizing the Physical Oceanography of Coastal Waters Off Rhode Island, Part 1: Literature Review, Available Observations, and A Representative Model Simulation by Daniel L. Codiga and David S. Ullman
 - Characterizing the Physical Oceanography of Coastal Waters Off Rhode Island, Part 2: New Observations of Water Properties, Currents, and Waves by Daniel L. Codiga and David S. Ullman
 - Benthic Habitat Distribution and Subsurface Geology in Selected Sites from the Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Study Area by Monique LaFrance, Emily Shumchenia, John King, Robert Pockalny, Bryan Oakley, Sheldon Pratt, Jon Boothroyd
 - Investigations into Block Island's Submerged Cultural Sites and Landscapes for the Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan 2010 by Rod Mather and John Jensen
 - High Resolution Modeling of Meteorological, Hydrodynamic, Wave and Sediment processes in the Rhode Island Ocean SAMP study area by Stephan Grilli and Jeffrey Harris, et al.
 - Typical Meteorological Conditions and Occurrence of Disturbances in Support of the Rhode Island Ocean SAMP by John Merrill
 - Analysis of Extreme Wave Climates in Rhode Island Waters South of Block Island by T.G. Asher, Annette Grilli, Stephan Grilli, and Malcolm L. Spaulding
 - Spatial and Temporal Variability of Surface Chlorophyll, Primary Production, and Benthic Metabolism in Rhode Island and Block Island Sounds by Scott Nixon, Stephen Granger, Candace Oviatt, Lindsey Fields, Jeff Mercer
 - Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles of Narragansett Bay, Block Island Sound, Rhode Island Sound, and Nearby
- Practioner's Guide (PDF)**: A PDF document.
- Official SeaGrant Ocean SAMP Page**: A link to the official page.
- SAMP DRAFT Document Archive**: A link to the draft document archive.
- Ocean SAMP Subcommittee**: A list of members:
 - Jennifer R. Cervenka, Chair
 - Don Gomez, Vice Chair
- Ocean SAMP Progress Reports (PDF)**: A list of 9 progress reports, including:
 - Ocean SAMP 1st Quarter Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 2nd Quarter Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 3rd Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 4th Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 5th Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 6th Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 7th Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 8th Period Narrative and Financial Report
 - Ocean SAMP 9th Period Narrative and Financial Report
- Reports & Files**: A link to reports and files, including the **Ocean SAMP Proposal (PDF)**.



**Planning nerd, techy.
Big picture and politic.
He's super Grover!**

**Little Rhody friend!
Yoda of GLD.
Miss you we all will.**