

Northeast Regional Planning

NEFMC Update
April 22, 2014

The Framework

- NE RPB met in January, approved “Framework” document which Includes:
 - Introduction
 - Goals—aspirational high level statements
 - Objectives—“how to meet goals”
 - Outcomes—results
 - Additional details, including specific tasks, products and capacity that will achieve objectives
 - Timeline



Goal: Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems

Objectives:

- I. Characterize the ecosystem, economy and cultural resources
 - Baseline data/maps, report, other info
 - Maximize utility of tools/info for management applications

- II. Support existing restoration and conservation programs
 - Enhanced coordination of such programs to achieve regional goals

- III. Develop regional ocean science plan
 - Priority data and science needs identified and measures taken to meet those needs

Goal: Effective Decision-making

Objectives:

- I. Enhance inter-agency coordination
- II. Implement specific measures to enhance public participation
- III. Incorporate products into existing decision-making
 - Data, maps, data portal
- IV. Improve respect for tribal customs and traditions in decision-making



Goal: Compatibility among past, present, future uses

Objectives:

- I. Develop future scenarios/trends for use in decision-making
 - Maritime commerce, energy, sand/beach nourishment, aquaculture, fishing

- II. Incorporate regional issues/feedback into existing projects looking at interactions between new and existing uses

General Timeline - 2014

- Jan-May: Advance work under goals
- June 25—public workshop to discuss marine life work (habitat/species)
- June 26—RPB meeting (status update)
- Sep/Oct: Public meetings to review draft products/progress
- Nov: RPB meeting to review products/progress and decide on next steps for each goal

Engagement and Data Development

TO DATE:

- Maritime commerce
- Energy
- Aquaculture
- Commercial fishing
- Recreational boating
- Environmental organizations
- Marine life distribution & abundance
- Habitat classification

SCOPING:

- Additional VMS analysis (through 2013, fishing v transit)
- Gaps: Lobster, HMS, Recreational fishing
- Other recreation
- Potential future trends/scenarios—e.g., GMRI re: sensitivity to changing environmental conditions

NORTHEAST OCEAN DATA

Maps and data for ocean planning in the northeastern United States

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MAP OF THE MONTH

Energy: Renewable Planning Areas
Map of operational and proposed renewable energy facilities, and areas designated for planning and research.

NEWS

- New and Updated Data on Shipping Activity and Shellfish Habitat
- Northeast Ocean Data Releases Maps of Commercial Fishing Activity
- Updated Maps of Ocean Energy Resources, Projects, and Infrastructure
- Upgrades to Northeast Ocean Data's Interactive Maps

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Vessel Activity

LEGEND

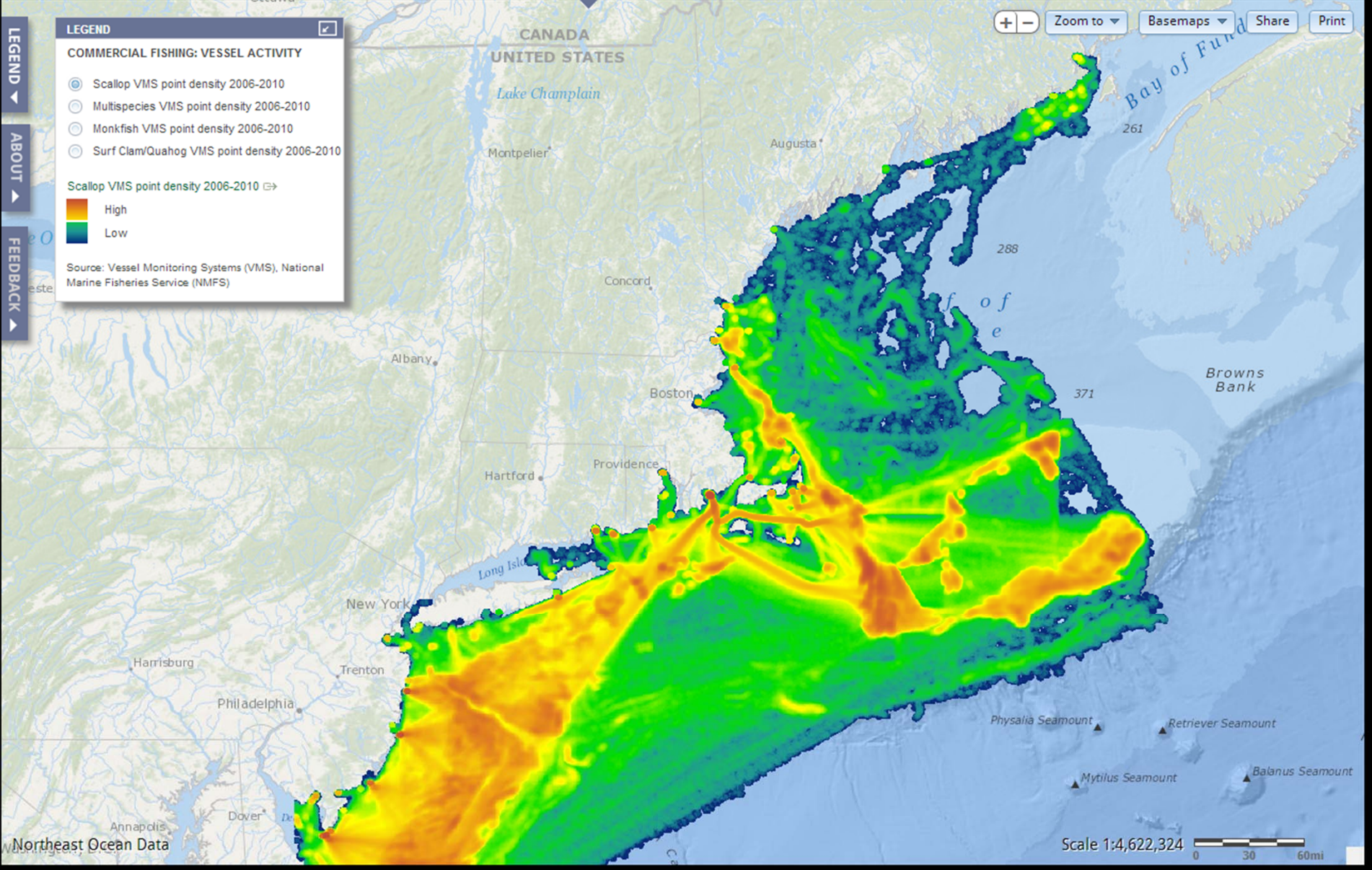
COMMERCIAL FISHING: VESSEL ACTIVITY

- Scallop VMS point density 2006-2010
- Multispecies VMS point density 2006-2010
- Monkfish VMS point density 2006-2010
- Surf Clam/Quahog VMS point density 2006-2010

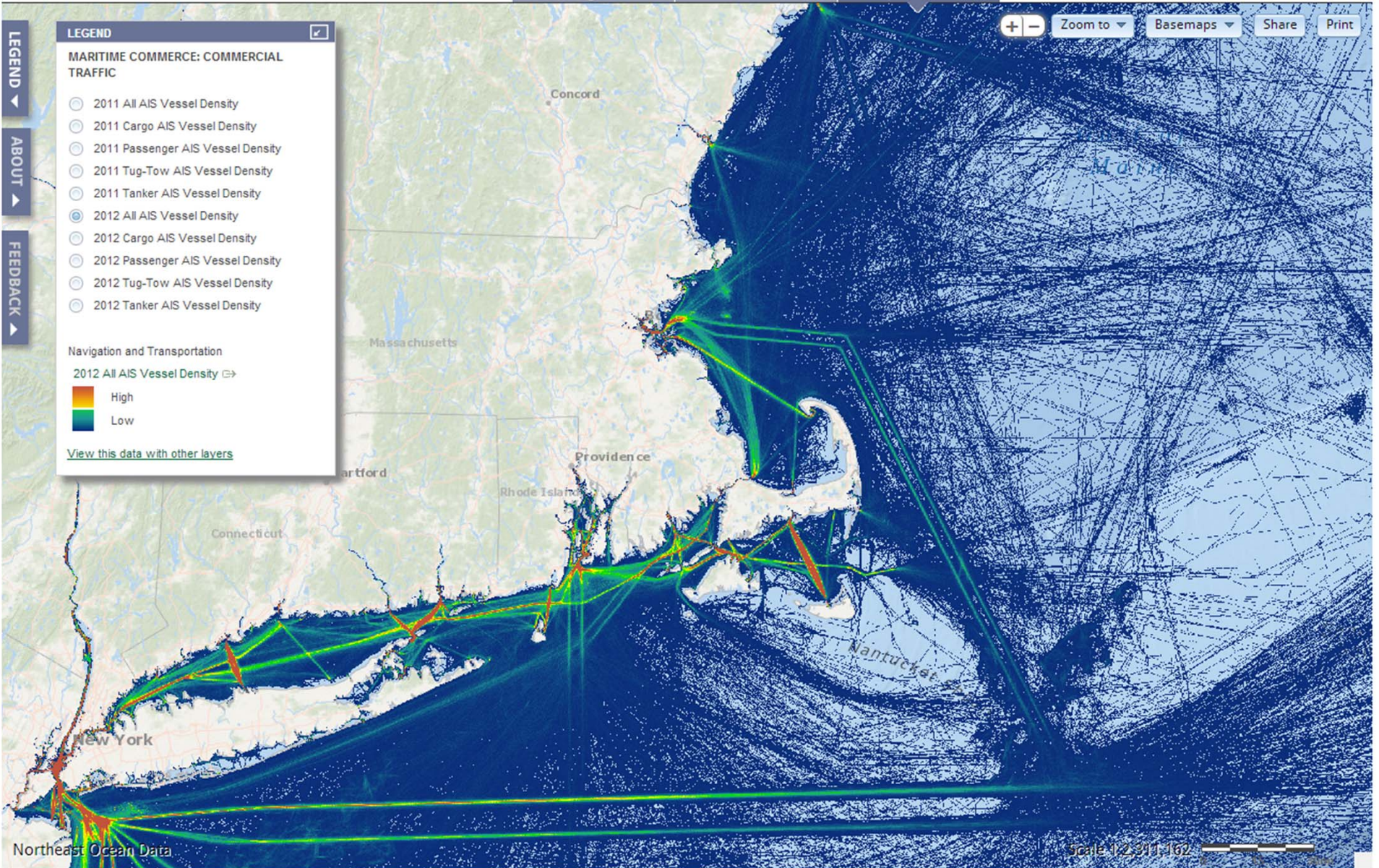
Scallop VMS point density 2006-2010

High
Low

Source: Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)



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Northeast Regional Planning Body

The Northeast Regional Planning Body (RPB) was established under the National Ocean Policy to develop an ocean plan for New England waters.

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What is Ocean Planning?

New Englanders treasure the sea. Our history, cultures, and livelihoods are tied to the ocean and its creatures.

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Visit the Northeast Ocean Data Portal »

You'll find data, interactive maps, tools, and other information to support regional planning and decision making.

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Northeast RPB Projects

Effective planning requires detailed information on human activities in ocean areas, such as commercial fishing, shipping, and boating.

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Marine Life and Habitat



Maritime Commerce



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Government Coordination



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A transcript and summary of the January 2014 Northeast RPB meeting are now available at neocceanplanning.org/library. #oceanplanning

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NEW Request for Proposals for Characterization of Recreational Activity

Mar. 12, 2014—The Northeast Regional Ocean Council and the Northeast Regional Planning Body have released a **new RFP** to develop products characterizing coastal and marine recreational activity in New England.

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NEW Request for Proposals for Marine Life Characterization (Q&A now available)

Mar. 14, 2014 – The **final Q&A** is now available.

Feb. 20, 2014 – The Northeast Regional Ocean Council and the Northeast Regional Planning Body have released a **new RFP** to develop products characterizing marine life distribution, abundance, and trends.

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Framework for Ocean Planning in the Northeast United States

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