

Massachusetts Ocean Partnership



THE PARTNERSHIP IS:

A unique collaboration that brings together ocean stakeholders (many with competing needs) to cooperatively solve problems in support of ocean-use planning.

Resolved to achieving common-sense solutions and developing realistic plans that meet the needs of all ocean users while securing the Bay State's ocean heritage for decades to come.

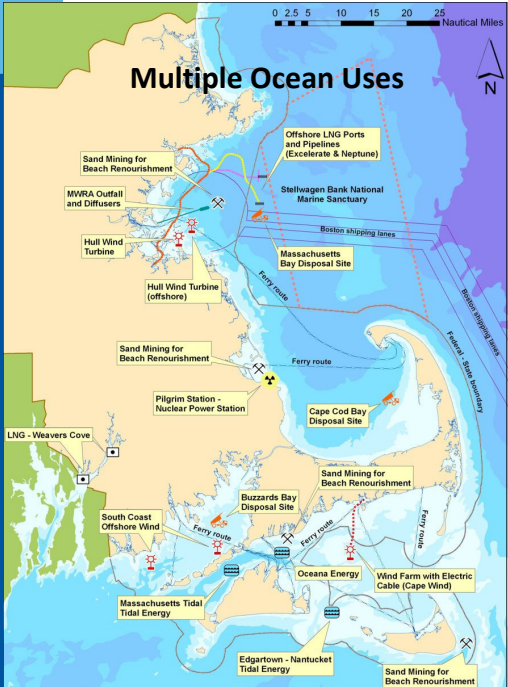
Dedicated to enhancing natural and social science integration into a balanced decision-making process.

Committed to helping Massachusetts create the best ocean management plan possible - one that fairly represents all interests and is based on sound scientific principles.

MOP is not a regulatory body or advocate for any single interest.

Integrated Multi-Use Ocean Management (IMUOM)

- Includes a full range of uses across sectors
- Is supported by science
- Incorporates public and user-group input
- Is adaptable to changing needs
- Supports marine industries and resilient ecosystems



IMUOM Benefits

- Fewer permitting conflicts
- Reduced risk for marine investors
- Long-term planning support
- Streamlined regulatory processes
- Reduced need for crisis management by user groups
- Resilient ecosystems and enhanced marine industries

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Science Integration

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership (MOP) strives to advance the use of credible science by:

Supporting approaches to ocean management planning that can be embraced by conservationists, scientists, resource managers, marine industries, and policy makers;

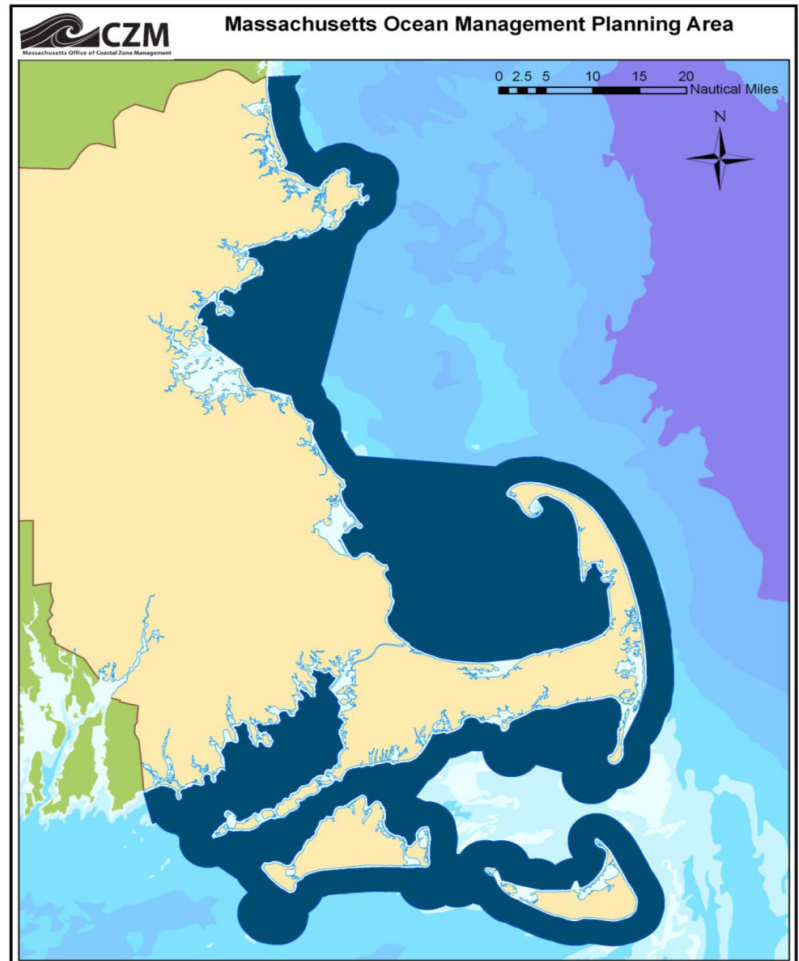
Improving the availability of ocean data for use by resource managers, scientists, user groups, and public interest groups;

Coordinating the development and application of modeling tools for “what if” scenario analyses;

Creating “ecosystem-health indicators” so the general public can easily understand the ocean’s capacity for human service, and;

Enhancing relationships between the scientific, management, and ocean-policy communities.

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Collaborative Problem-Solving

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership is, at its core, committed to the use of collaborative problem-solving as a tool for successful ocean-management planning. The complicated issues associated with the development of an effective multi-use ocean-management plan will require exceptional levels of cooperation between competing user groups, scientists, and policy makers.

We stand ready to strengthen relationships by convening forums that:

- positively engage stake holders;
- identify and address barriers to progress;
- articulate the benefits of integrated multi-use planning, and;
- generate options for the resolution of contentious ocean-use issues.