

State of Rhode Island  
**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the federal requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) at 16 USC § 1455(e) and 15 CFR Part 923 Subpart H, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) on September 20, 2018 filed with the Office for Coastal Management (OCM) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposed changes to the federally-approved Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program (RICRMP). The CRMC requested concurrence of OCM as a routine program change (RPC) the proposed geographic location description (GLD 2018) to expand CRMC's existing federal consistency review authority on the outer continental shelf under the CZMA for the following two listed activities:

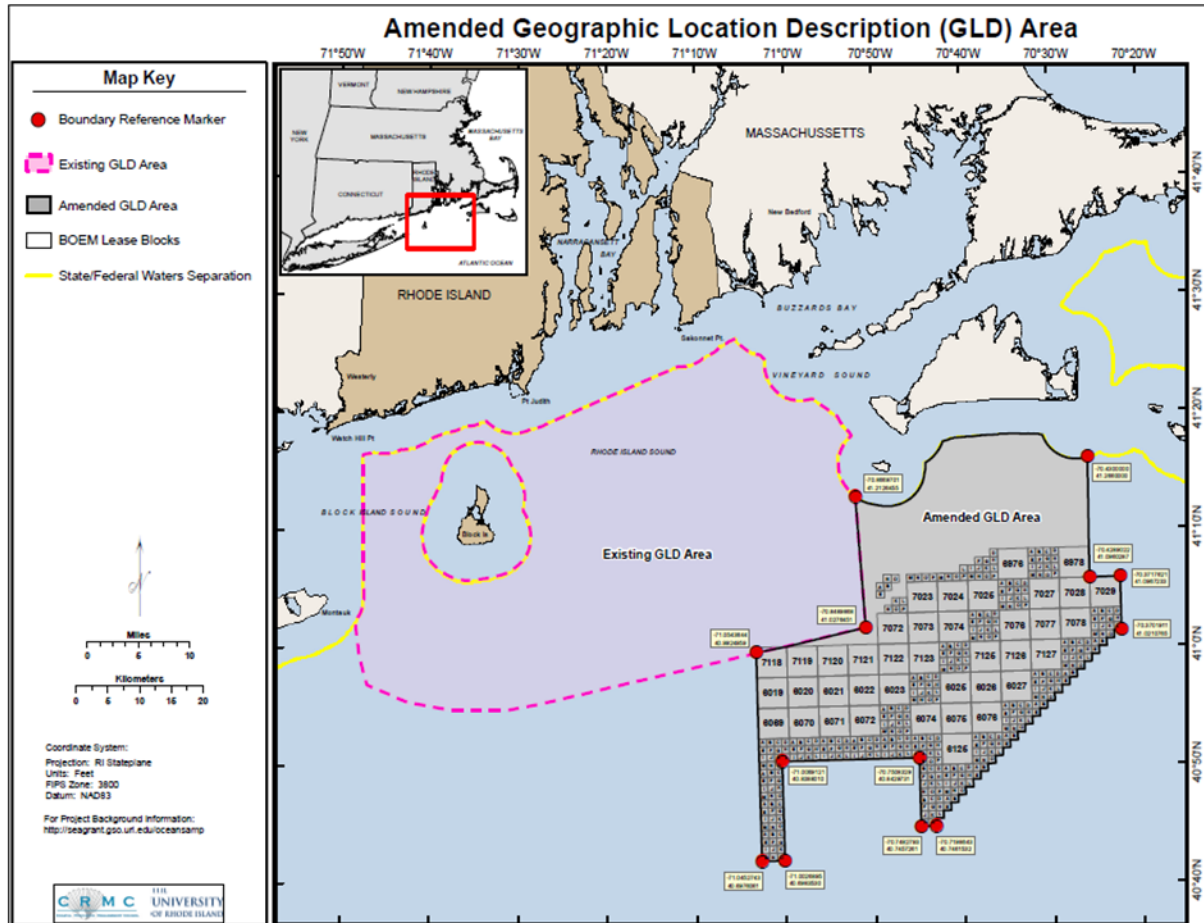
- 1) Any offshore wind facilities of a permanent nature, regardless of size; and
- 2) Underwater cables

The CRMC's September 20, 2018 public notice seeking NOAA OCM approval for the requested RPC is posted on the CRMC's web page here:

[http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/pdf/RI\\_Amended\\_GLD\\_Notice\\_092018.pdf](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/pdf/RI_Amended_GLD_Notice_092018.pdf). In addition, the CRMC's GLD document, which provides a detailed description of the proposed action, can be accessed online here: [http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/pdf/RI\\_Amended\\_GLD\\_092018.pdf](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/pdf/RI_Amended_GLD_092018.pdf)

On December 7, 2018 the NOAA Office for Coastal Management concurred that the CRMC's proposed action constitutes a routine program change and issued its approval for a new GLD (2018) and modification of the CRMC's federal consistency list. Accordingly, federal consistency applies as of the date of this public notice, December 10, 2018, and the CRMC is authorized to review federal licenses or permits issued by the Department of the Interior's Bureau for Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the listed activities above for consistency with the State's enforceable policies of the Ocean Special Area Management Plan as provided by 16 USC § 1456(c)(3)(A) and the CZMA's implementing regulations at 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart D – Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit and Subpart E – Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities.

Any questions regarding this public notice should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council, at the address above, email: [gfugate@crm.ri.gov](mailto:gfugate@crm.ri.gov) or telephone: (401)783-3370.



The boundary for the 2018 geographic location description (GLD 2018) is gray-shaded and includes BOEM lease blocks OCS-A 0500 and 0501 shown in context with Rhode Island’s existing GLD 2011.