

Ecosystem Based Management in New York

September 23, 2008

Great Lakes Regional
Program Managers' Meeting

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Outline

- New York's Coastal Areas
- Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)
 - Benefits of New York's EBM Act
 - Requirements
- Progress to Date

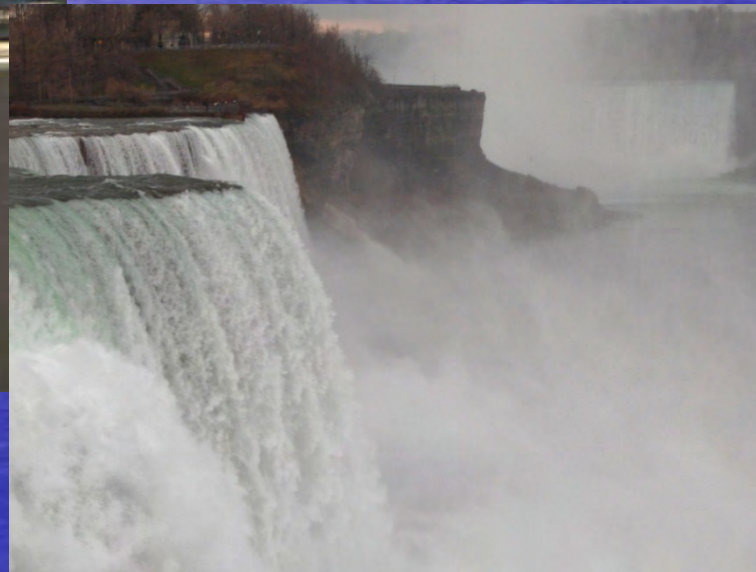
NY Depends on Coastal Ecosystems

- New York State has **3200** miles of coastline
- **90%** of New Yorkers live along the coast
- Over **50,000 miles** of rivers and streams
- **17** drainage basins
- **2.4 million acres** of freshwater wetlands

New York is America's Gateway to the Great Lakes



The Great Lakes Provide Drinking Water, Power and Transportation...



The Coast Supports Communities through Food, Jobs, and Recreation



Coastal Ecosystems Face Many Challenges



Zebra Mussels



Purple Loosestrife



Round Gobi



©Shedd Aquarium

Swallowwort





Solutions Must Reach
Beyond Traditional
Borders and Approaches

New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Act



“to conserve, maintain and restore coastal ecosystems so that they are healthy, productive, resilient and able to deliver the resources people want and need”

Ecosystem-Based Management in New York

Ecosystem-Based Management is:

An integrated approach to management that considers the entire ecosystem, including humans

An Ecosystem is:

A dynamic complex of plants, animals (including humans), microbes and physical environmental features that interact with one another

Ecosystem-Based Management: Components

1. Place-based focus
2. Best available science
3. Adaptive management
4. Measurable objectives
5. Interconnectedness
6. Public involvement



Guiding Principles in Act

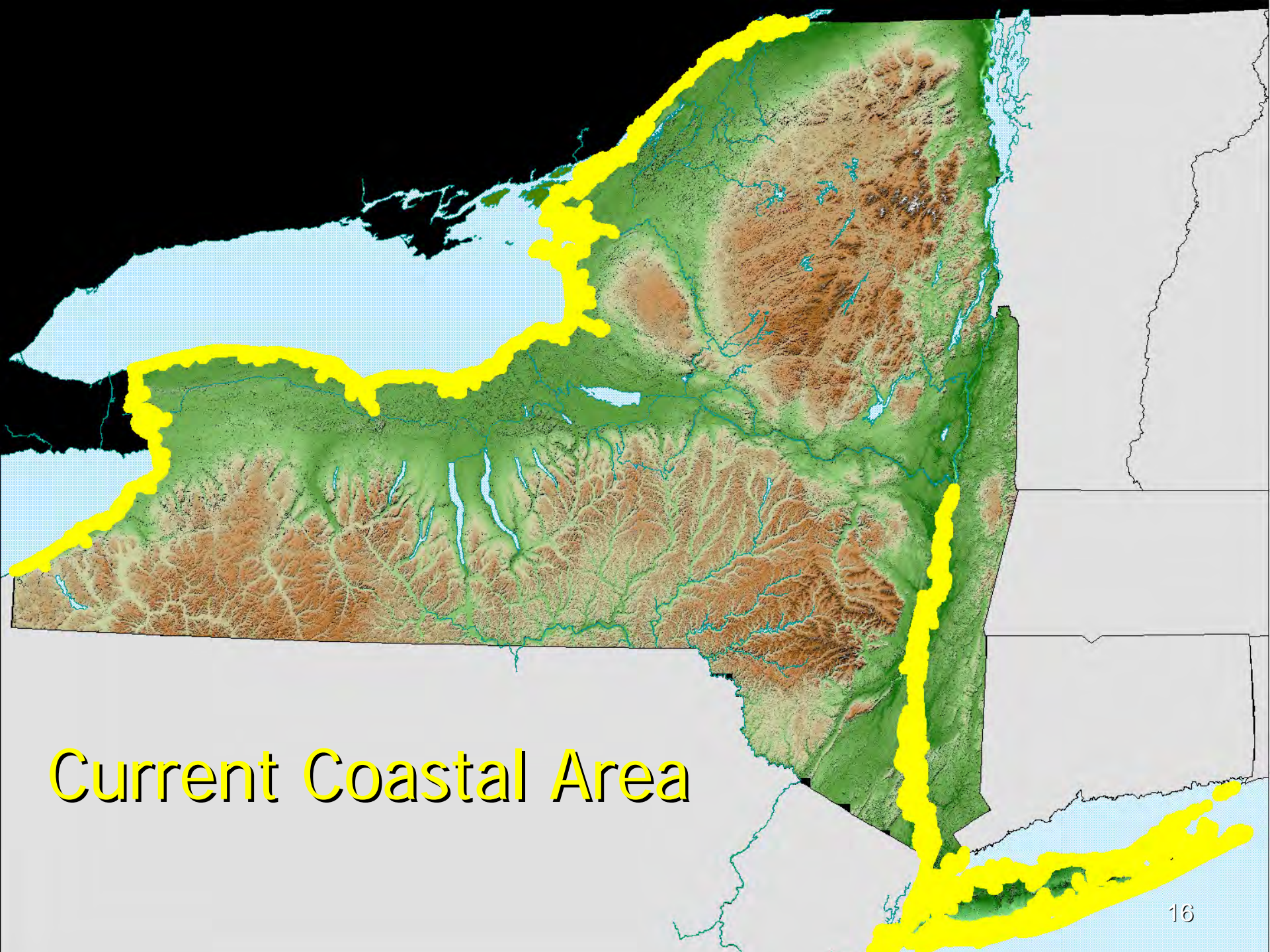
- activities and uses of ecosystems are sustainable
- ecological health and integrity is maintained
- recognize interconnections among ecosystems
- understanding of coastal ecosystems is enhanced
- decisions are informed by good science
- when risks are uncertain, caution is applied
- public involvement in planning and decision making

The Council

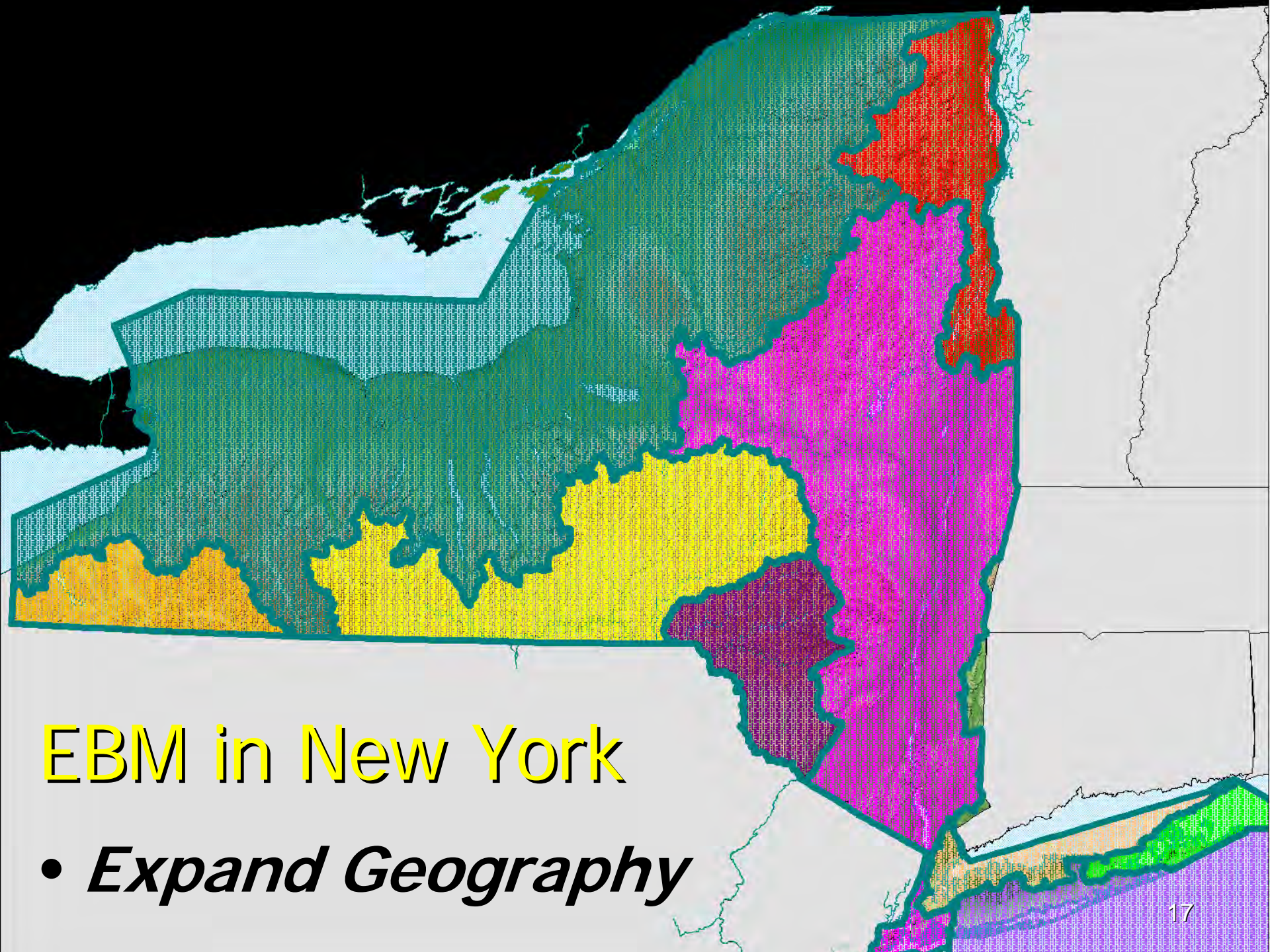


Ecosystem-Based Management Benefits

- Decisions based on holistic understanding of ecosystems
- Ability to respond to change
- Promote collaboration among sectors
- Accommodate multiple uses



Current Coastal Area



EBM in New York

- *Expand Geography*

EBM in New York

- Expand Geography
- *Ownership*
 - Institutionalize
 - Build on existing programs
 - Change existing processes

EBM in New York

- Expand Geography
- Ownership
- ***Accountability***
 - Measurable results
 - Generated independently
 - Adaptable

EBM in New York

- Expand Geography
- Ownership
- Accountability
- ***Viability***
 - Broad support
 - Transparency
 - Inclusion
 - Build on strengths



EBM in New York

- Expand Geography
- Ownership
- Accountability
- Viability
- ***ACT NOW!***



November 2008 Report Requirements

1. Integrate EBM principles into existing programs
2. Show improvements in two demonstration areas
3. Create an ocean and Great Lakes atlas
4. Establish a research and monitoring agenda
5. Recommend actions to restore and protect submerged aquatic vegetation
6. Identify opportunities for regional EBM with neighboring states and the federal government

Progress to Date

- Council Organization
- Agency guidelines work (1)
- Demonstration Areas (2)
- Coastal Atlas created (3)
- Research and Monitoring Agenda (4)
- “November report” development
- Stakeholder Engagement

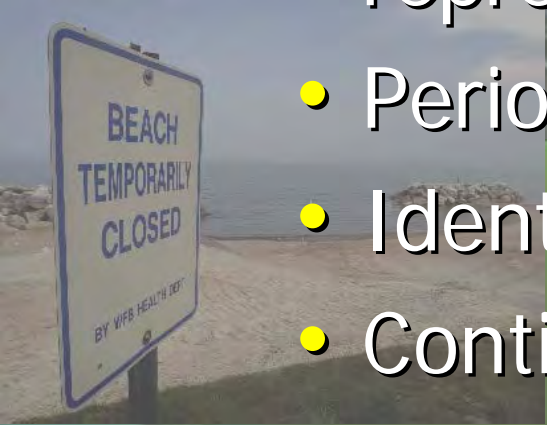
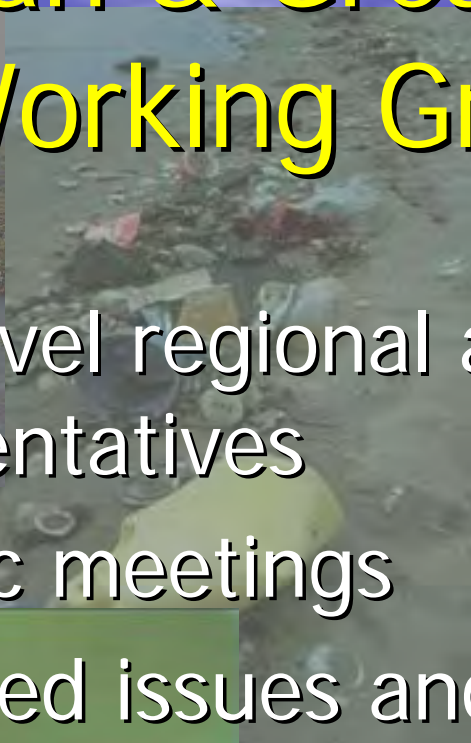


Council Organization

- Council: 9 member agencies including Environmental Conservation, Agriculture, and Economic Development
- Various working groups to address regional priorities, research needs, data management
- Agency Steering Committee guides development of report

Council Organization: Ocean & Great Lakes Working Groups

- High-level regional agency representatives
- Periodic meetings
- Identified issues and opportunities
- Continuation after report



Agency Guidelines

- Integrate EBM principles into existing programs
- 200 programs identified
 - 38 addressed currently
 - 3-5 per agency
- Focus on concrete actions



Sandy Creeks

Great South Bay

Demonstration Areas

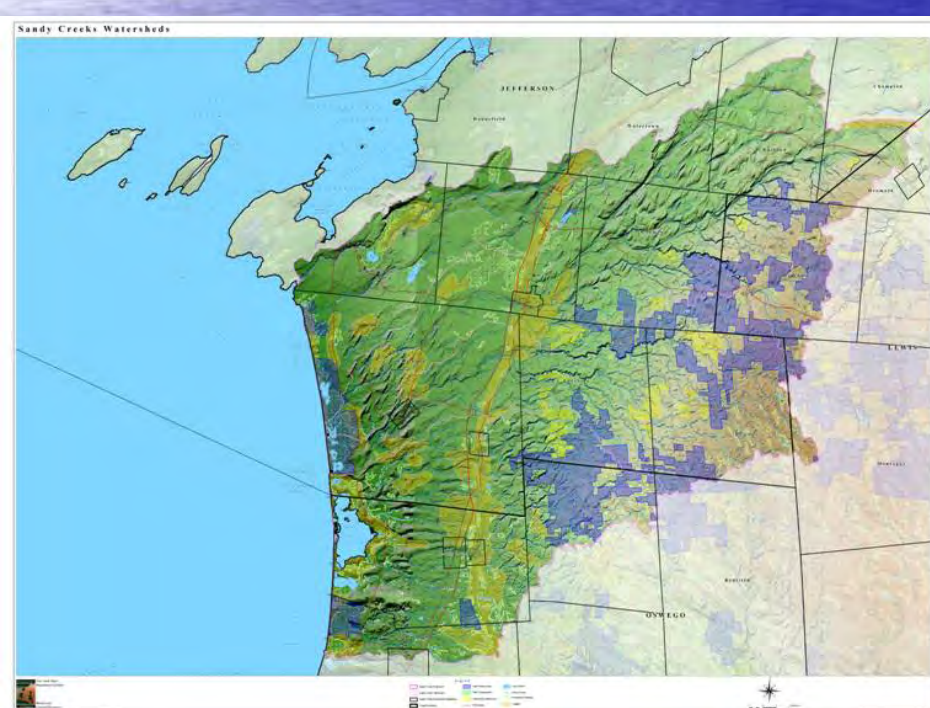
Demonstration Area Approach

1. Developing ecosystem-based management strategies
2. Undertaking significant restoration activities
3. Building and strengthening partnerships

Demonstration Area Projects

Sandy Creeks

- Invasive species control
- Forestry BMPs, stream buffers
- Draft EBM Strategy

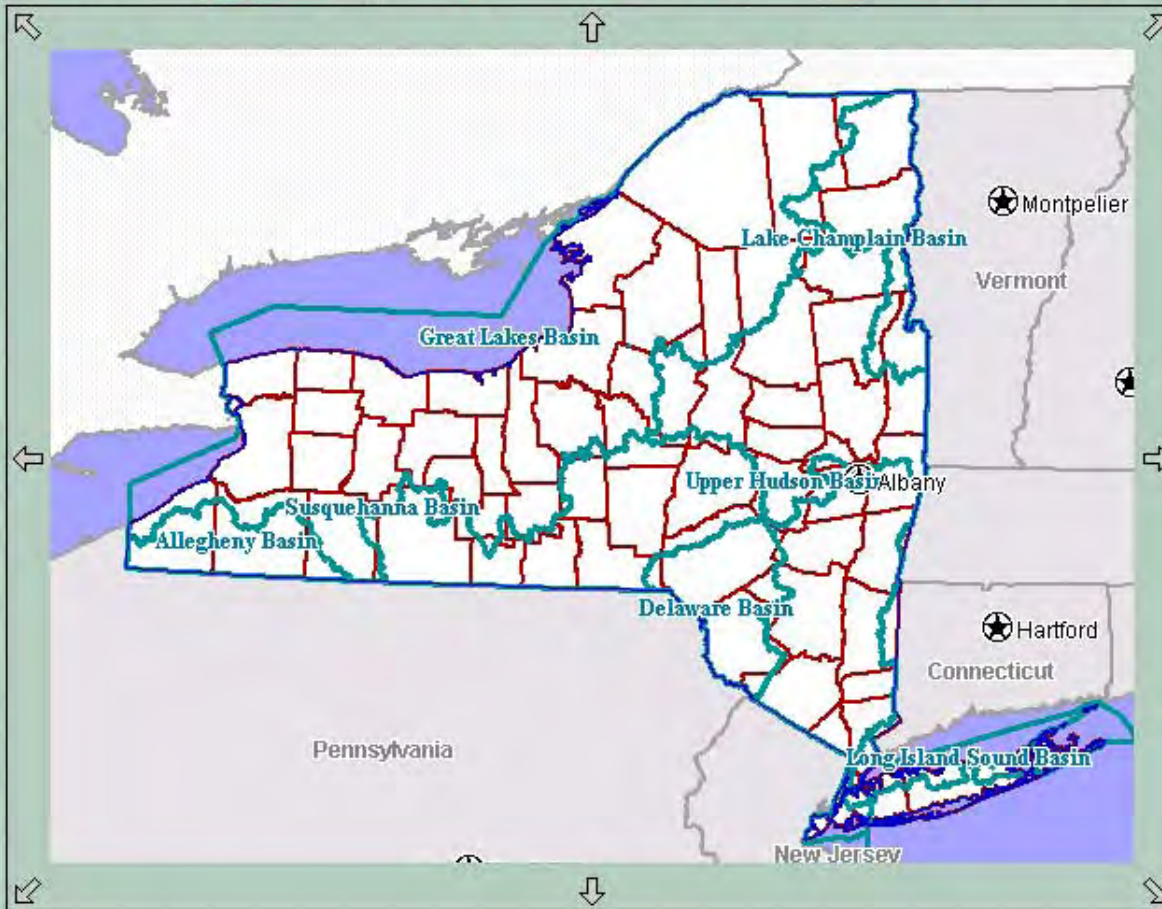
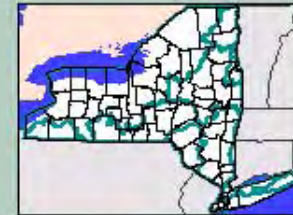


Ocean and Great Lakes Atlas

New York Ocean and Great Lakes Atlas

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Data collection: Technical Advisory Group

Data Priorities Survey Results and Analyses

REPORT FOR THE NY OCEAN AND GREAT LAKES
ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION COUNCIL (OGLECC)

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- Data Collection – over 700 datasets
- Establishing Data Needs and Priorities for EBM in NY

Research and Monitoring Agenda



November Report Activities

- Draft recommendations being developed
- Thorough Council review
- Public review
- Revise and submit to Governor / Legislature



New York Ocean and Great Lakes
Ecosystem Conservation Council



Supporting Documents

- ▶ [New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Act \(ECL Article 14\)](#)
- ▶ [Transitioning the Ocean and Great Lakes to a Sustainable Future](#)
- ▶ [Summary of Fall 2006 Dialogues](#)

Great South Bay Demonstration Project

- ▶ [GSB December 2007 Newsletter](#)

Sandy Creeks Demonstration Project

- ▶ [SC December 2007 Newsletter](#)
- ▶ [Fall 2007 Stakeholder Summary](#)

Ocean & Great Lakes Atlas

- ▶ [OGLA Data Catalog](#)
- ▶ [Data Priority Survey: Results and Analysis](#)

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Meeting Announcement

April 1, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Room #7
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, NY

Meeting Webcast

This meeting will be Web-cast Live and available for one month after the meeting. The web links for Live Web-cast below will be activated the morning of the meeting.

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Meeting Materials

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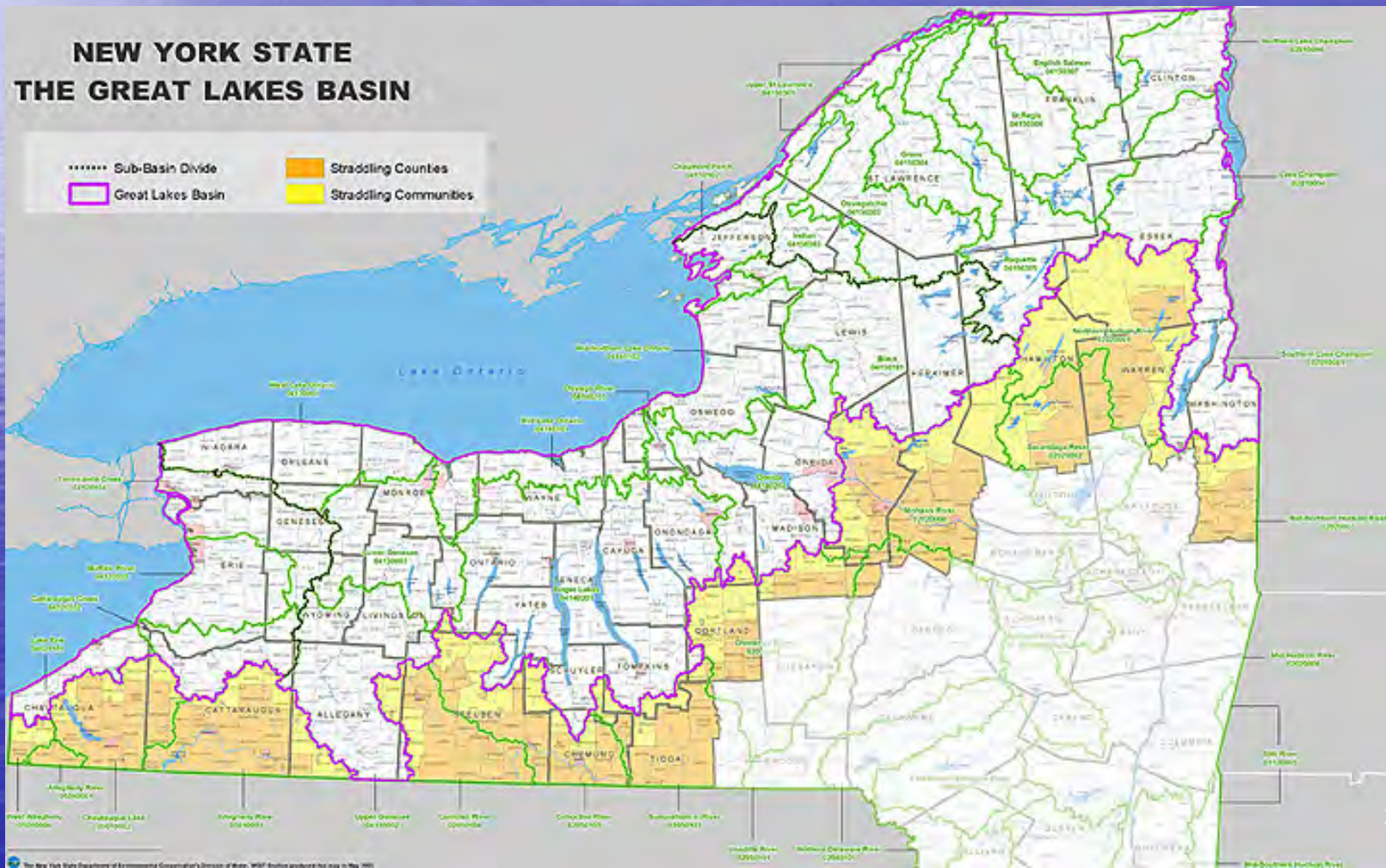




Ocean & Great Lakes Human Impact Models

- Priority geographic areas
- Problematic human activities
- Integrated management
- Ecosystem health index

Develop a Great Lakes Human Impact Analysis





Funded

- 2006 - \$3 Million
- 2007 - \$4 Million
- 2008 - \$5 Million

Totaling \$12 Million

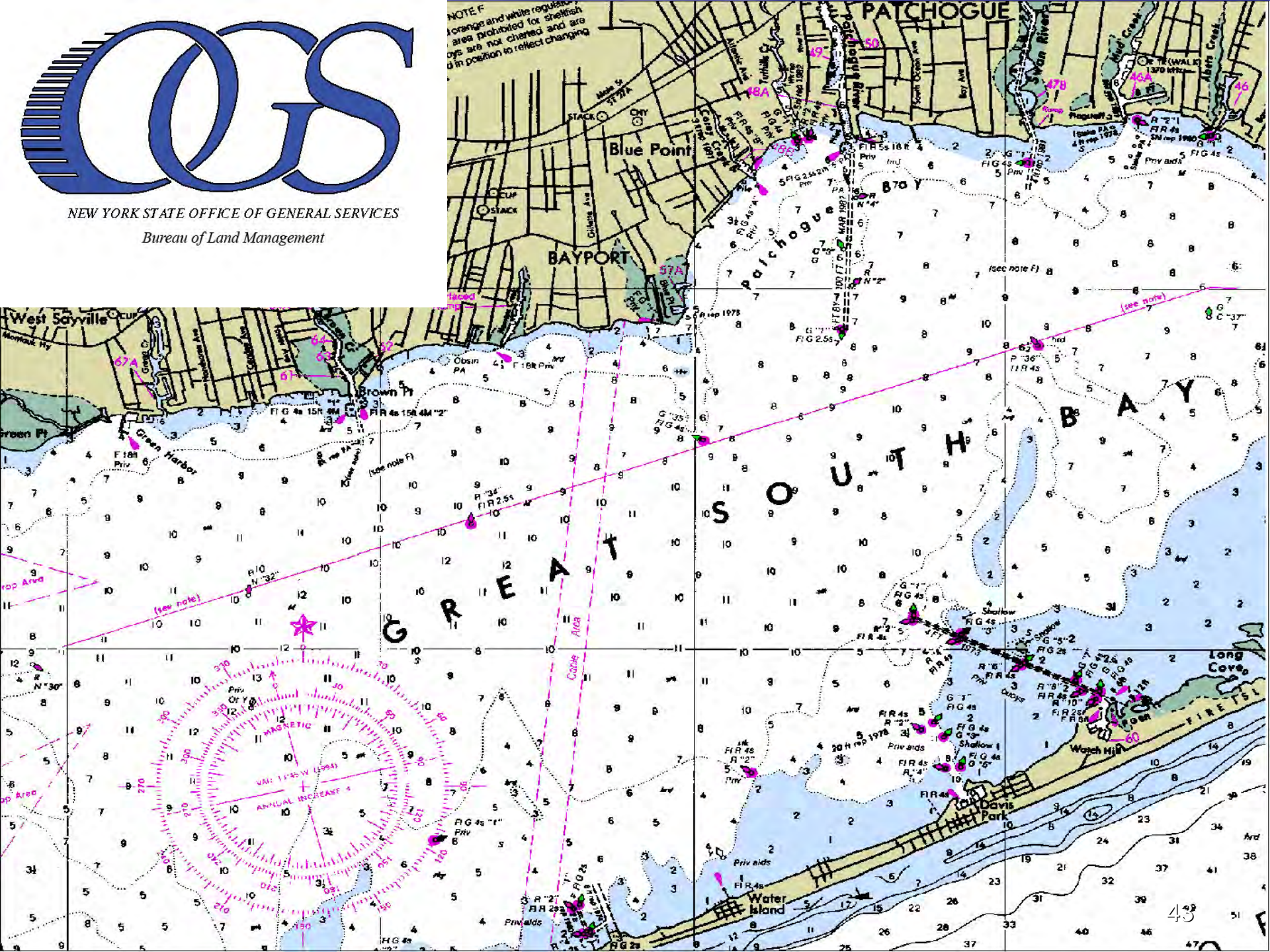




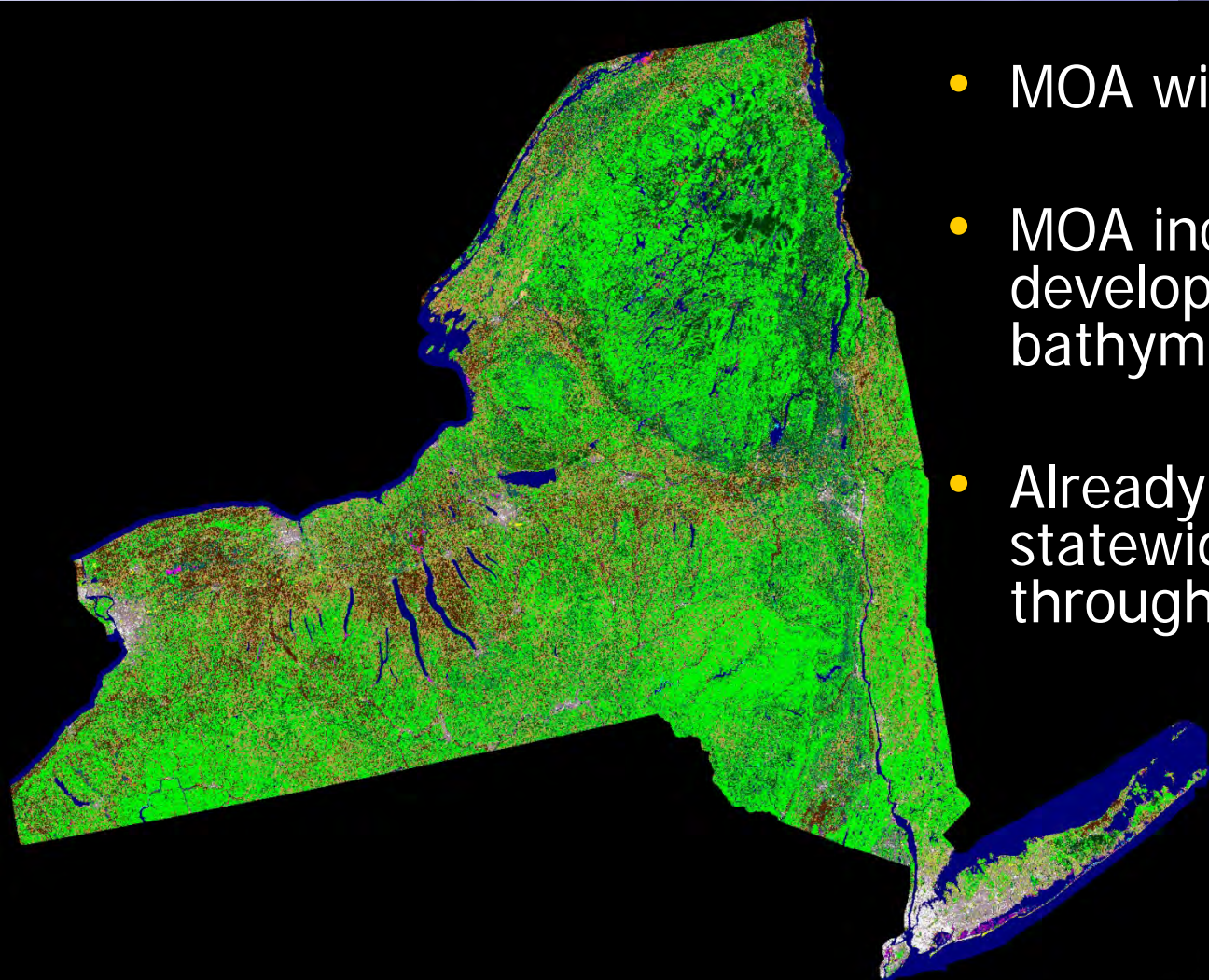
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Bureau of Land Management

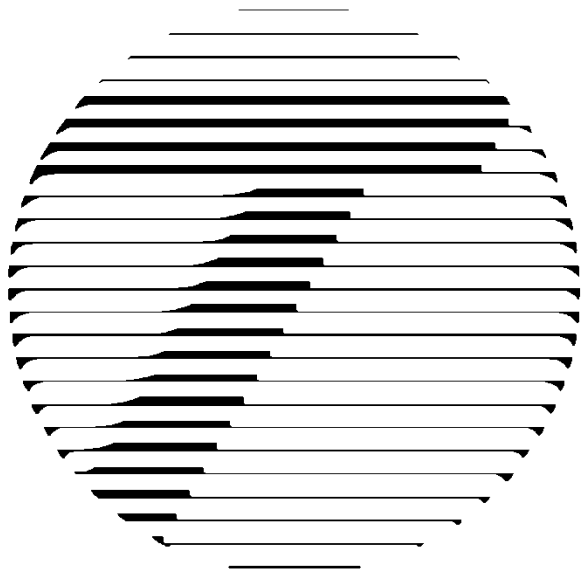
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Orange and white regulation
area prohibited for shellfish
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in position to reflect changing



Technical Advisory Group



- MOA with NOAA
- MOA includes provisions for development of benthic & bathymetric data
- Already received an updated statewide land cover dataset through this agreement







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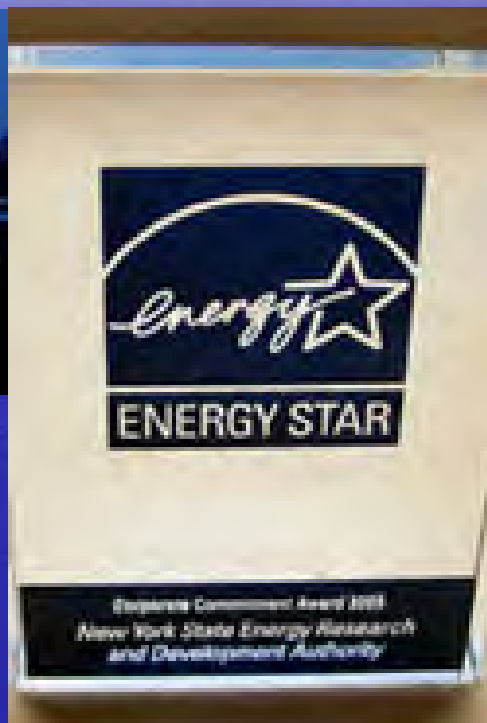
Demonstration Area Partners

- Council Agencies
- Tug Hill Commission
- South Shore Estuary Reserve Council
- The Nature Conservancy

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**New York State
Energy Research and
Development Authority**



New York
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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

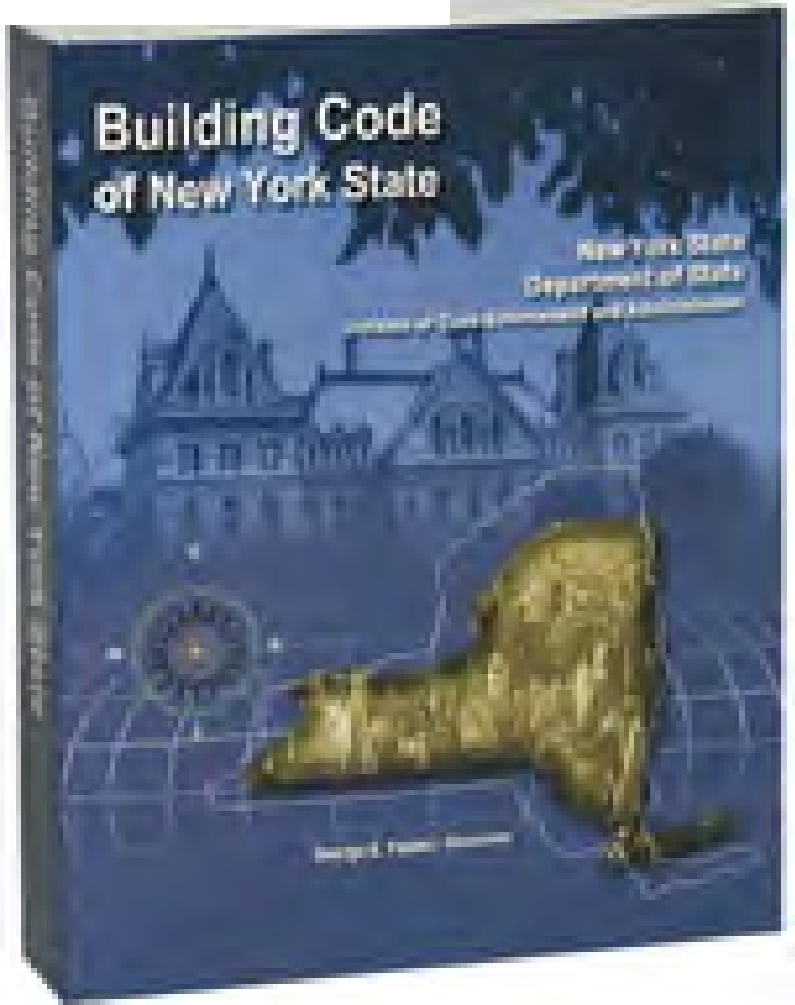
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Loans



Empire State Development





Some Examples of Great Lakes Threats:

- Global Climate Change
- Storm Water Runoff
- Invasive Species

We Depend on Coastal Ecosystems

- NYS ports generate \$18 billion a year
- NYS seafood and fishing industries generate \$11.6 billion a year
- Over 177,000 NY jobs are employed by the seafood and fishing industries
- Nearly 640,000 NY residents are employed in agriculture

Governor Spitzer Priority

- Structural Reform
 - More flexible and adaptive to change
 - Align state programs

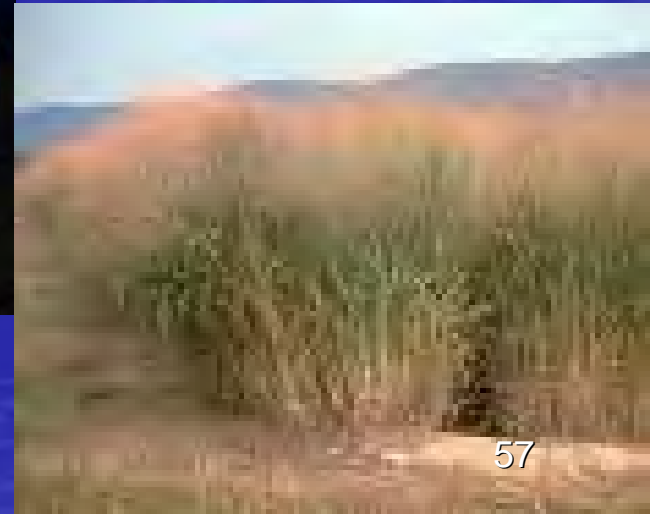
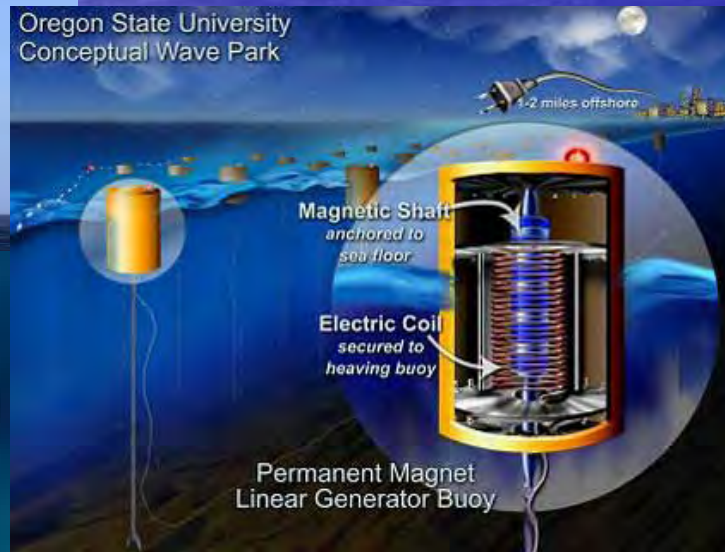
Governor Patterson Priority

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Governor Patterson Priority

- VERIFY: Climate Change and Clean Energy



Ecosystem-Based Management is:

- A process.....
- Evolutionary not revolutionary

We Depend on Coastal Ecosystems



Great South Bay



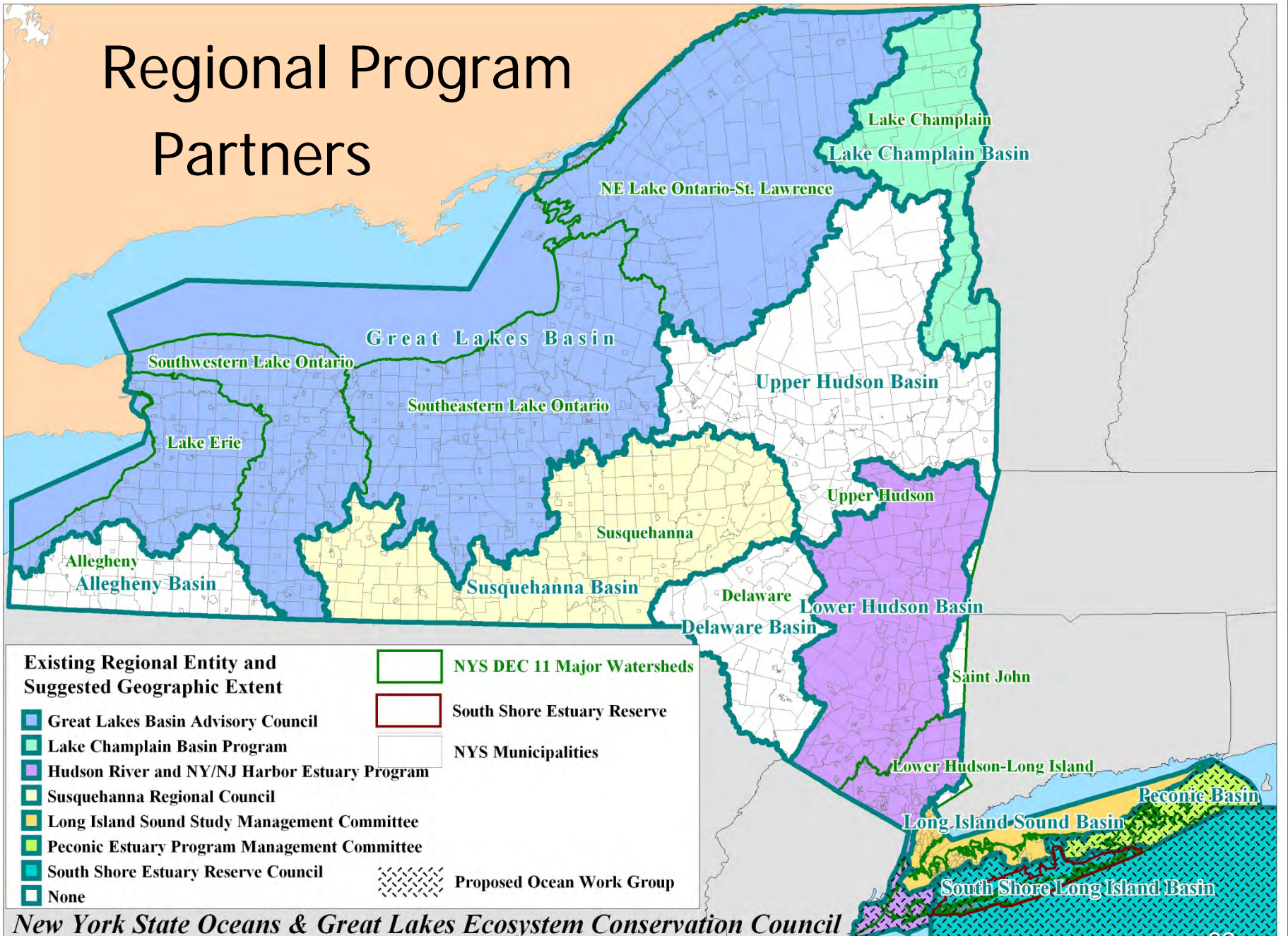
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New York's Marine and Great Lakes Beaches in 2006*:

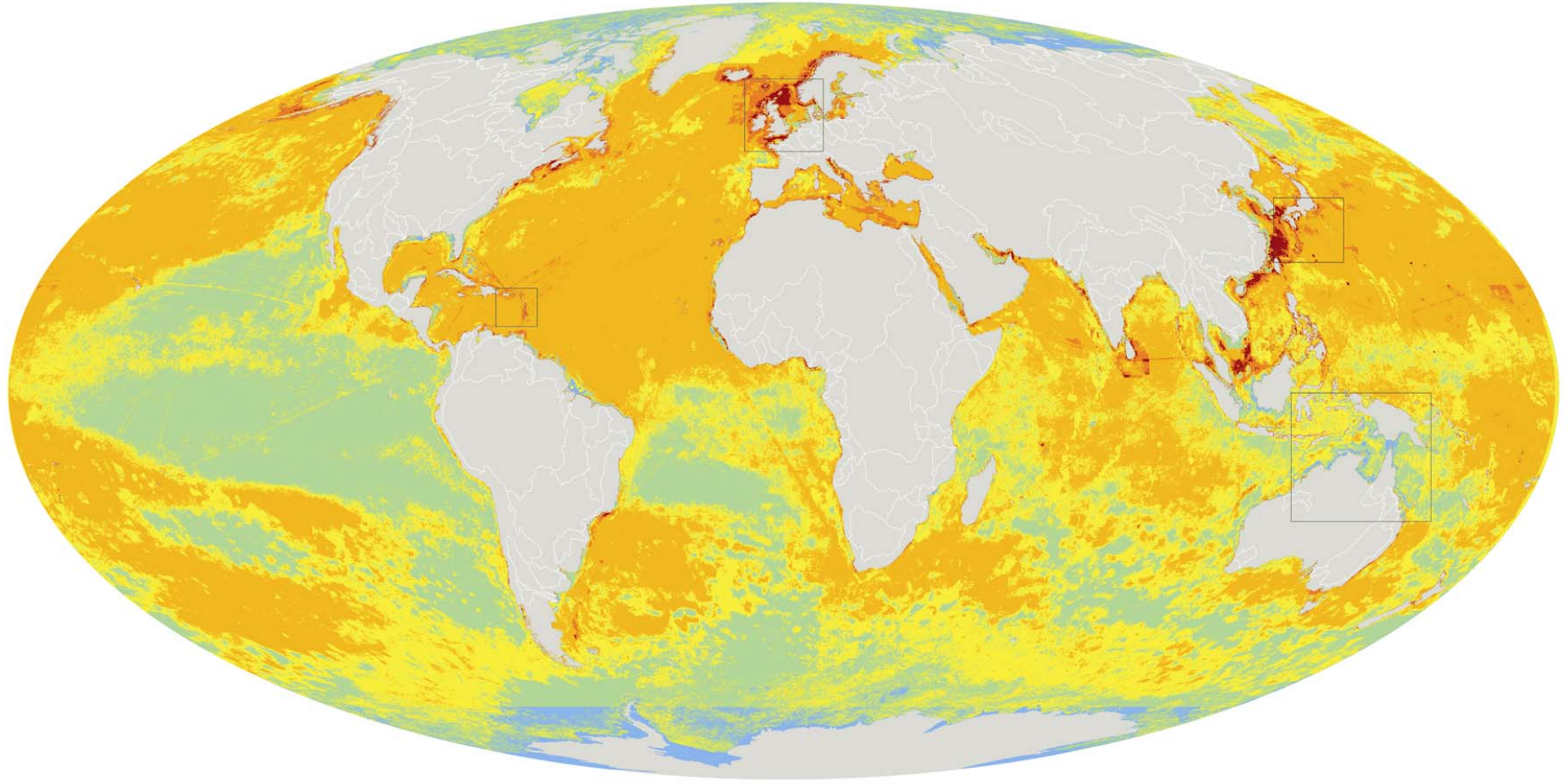
- Over 541 beach closings
- 32 advisories
- 92 rain advisories

Regional Program Partners

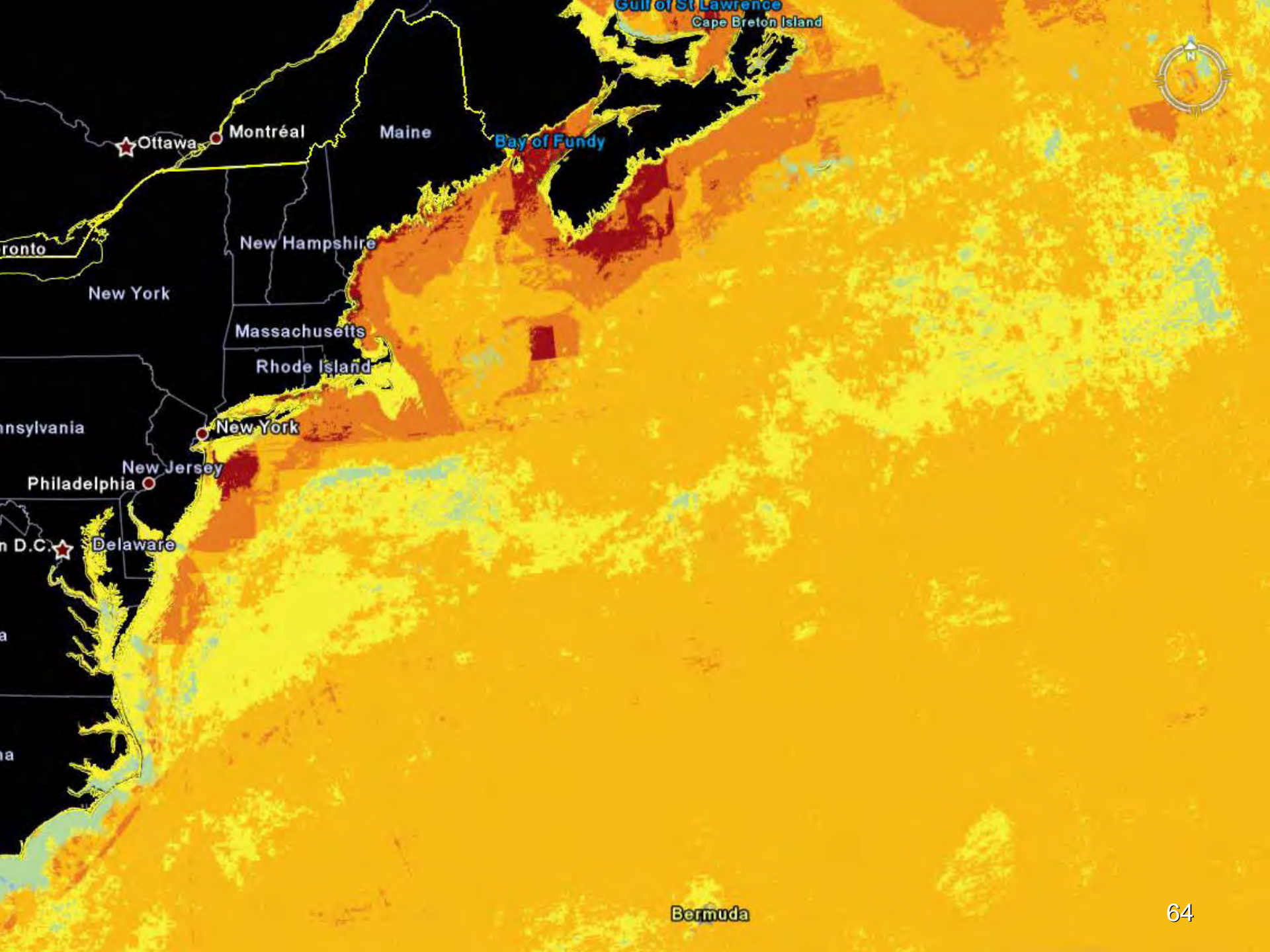


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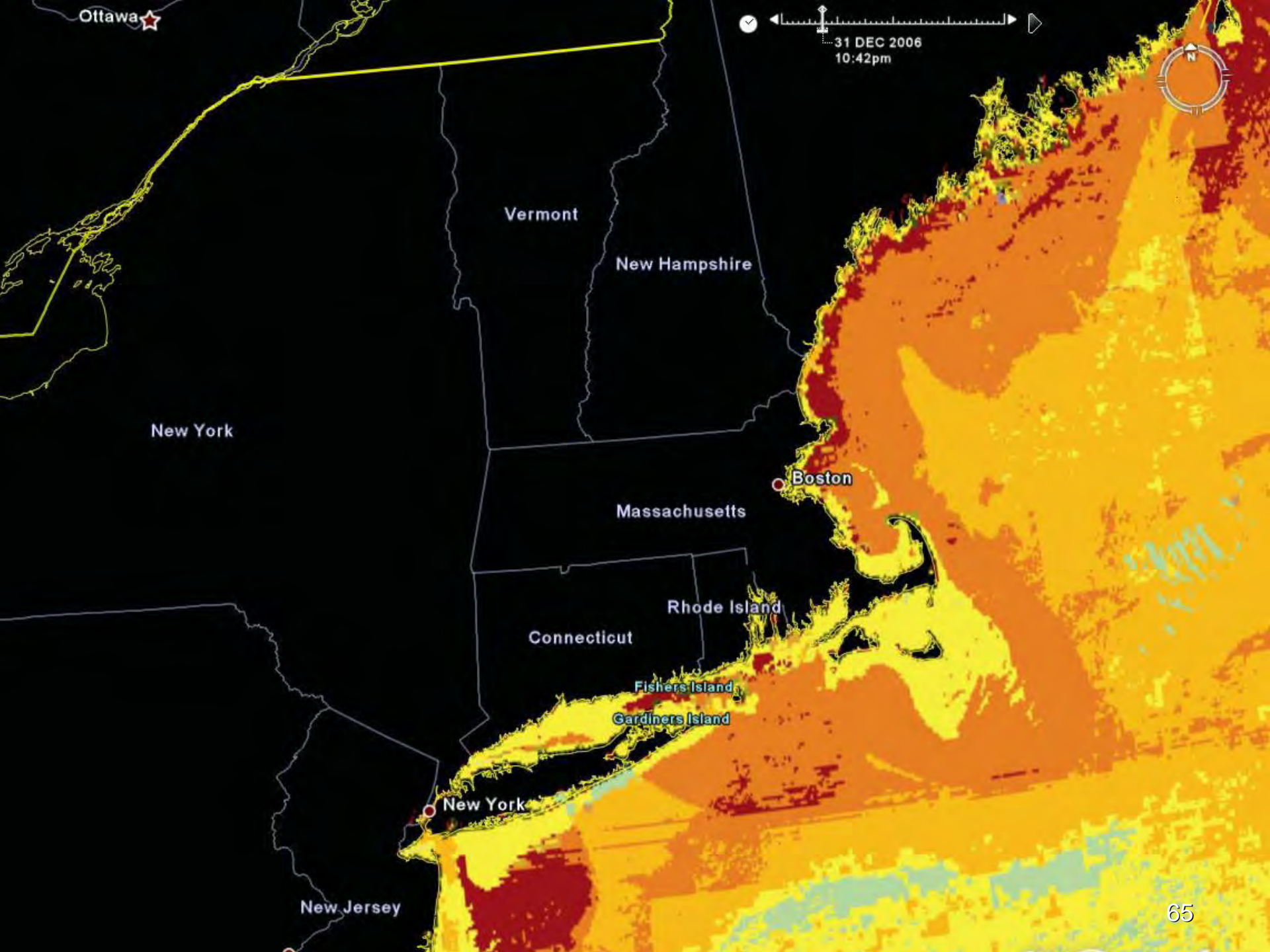
Global Human Impacts Model



Very Low Impact (<1.4) Medium Impact (4.95–8.47) High Impact (12–15.52)
Low Impact (1.4–4.95) Medium High Impact (8.47–12) Very High Impact (>15.52)



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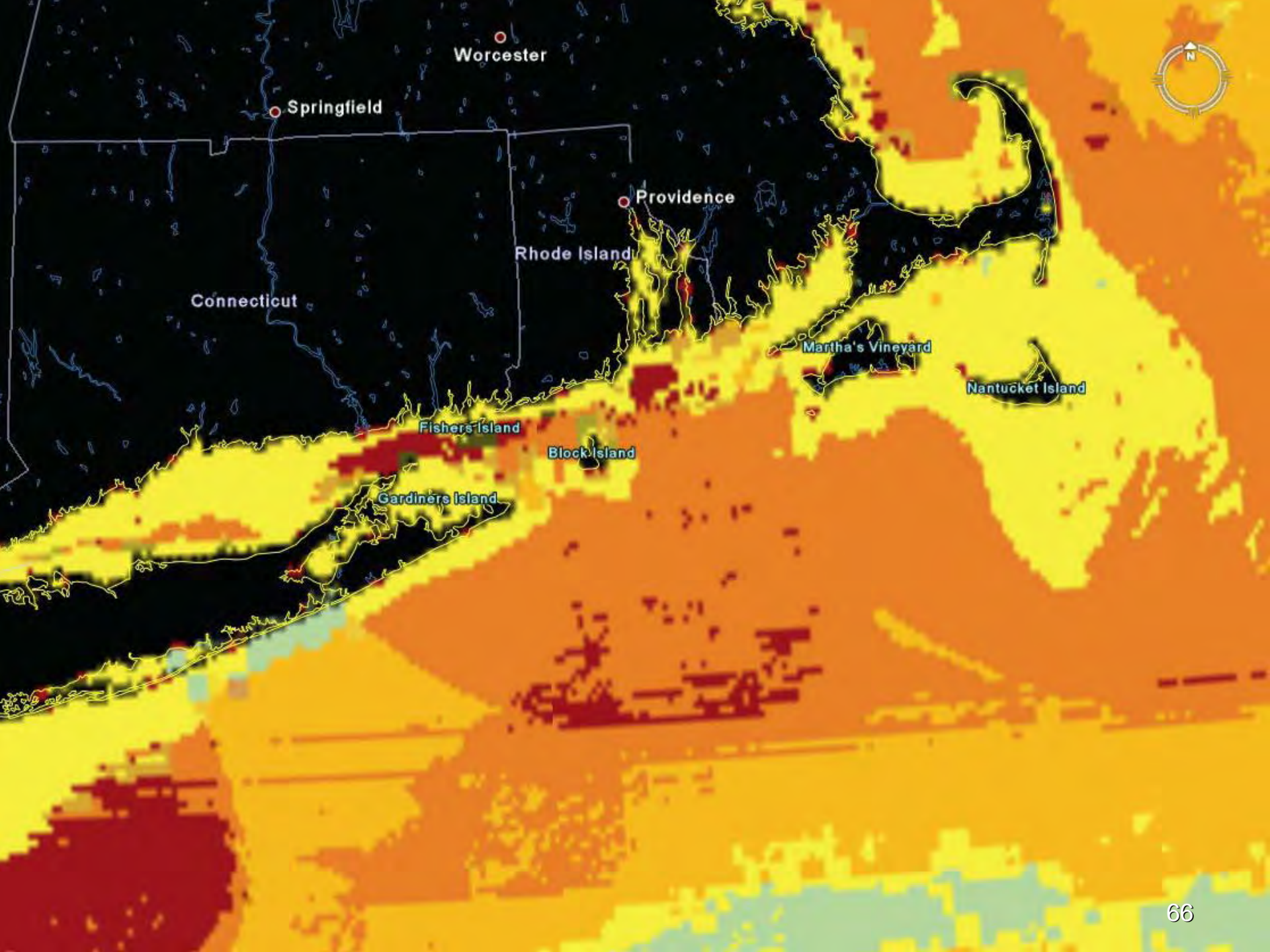
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Springfield

Providence

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Connecticut

Martha's Vineyard

Nantucket Island

Fishers Island

Block Island

Gardiners Island



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**Transitioning the
Ocean and Great Lakes to a Sustainable Future:**

***IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOSYSTEM-BASED
MANAGEMENT IN NEW YORK STATE***

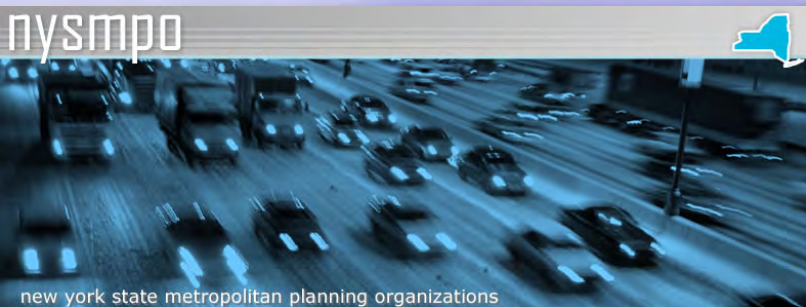


Staff Report to the Council

September 19, 2007

Report to the Council

Other Regional Partners



new york state metropolitan transportation council



Southern Tier Central
REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Additional Partners



Environmental Facilities Corporation

Providing Low Cost Financing and Technical Assistance to Municipalities, Businesses and State Agencies for Environmental Projects

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)



New York State ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC)

And

Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP)

Boater Survey



Environmental Farm Assistance & Resource Management Program

IV. Proposed Framework

- The Work of the Council
- The Work of State Agencies
- Regional Programs and Partners

IV. Proposed Framework

- The Work of the Council
 - Guide process
 - Examine over 200 programs
 - Facilitate ecosystem-based management

IV. Proposed Framework

- Development of Agency Guidelines
 - Program review
 - Internal guidance
 - Integration of ecosystem-based management components

IV. Proposed Framework

- Place-based Programs and Partners
 - Great Lakes Basin Advisory Council
 - Hudson River Estuary Program
 - Long Island Sound Study
 - New York Harbor Estuary Program
 - Peconic Estuary Program
 - South Shore Estuary Reserve Program
 - Tug Hill Commission

V. Recommendations to the Council

- 15 Recommendations
 - Council structure
 - Build on existing programs
 - Support ecosystem-based management components

Next Steps

- Schedule of deliverables
 - December 2007 – Demonstration Areas
 - March 2008 – Ocean and Great Lakes Atlas
 - June 2008 – First Draft
 - September 2008 – Recommended Revisions
 - November 2008 – Final Report

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