



# FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

New York Department of State

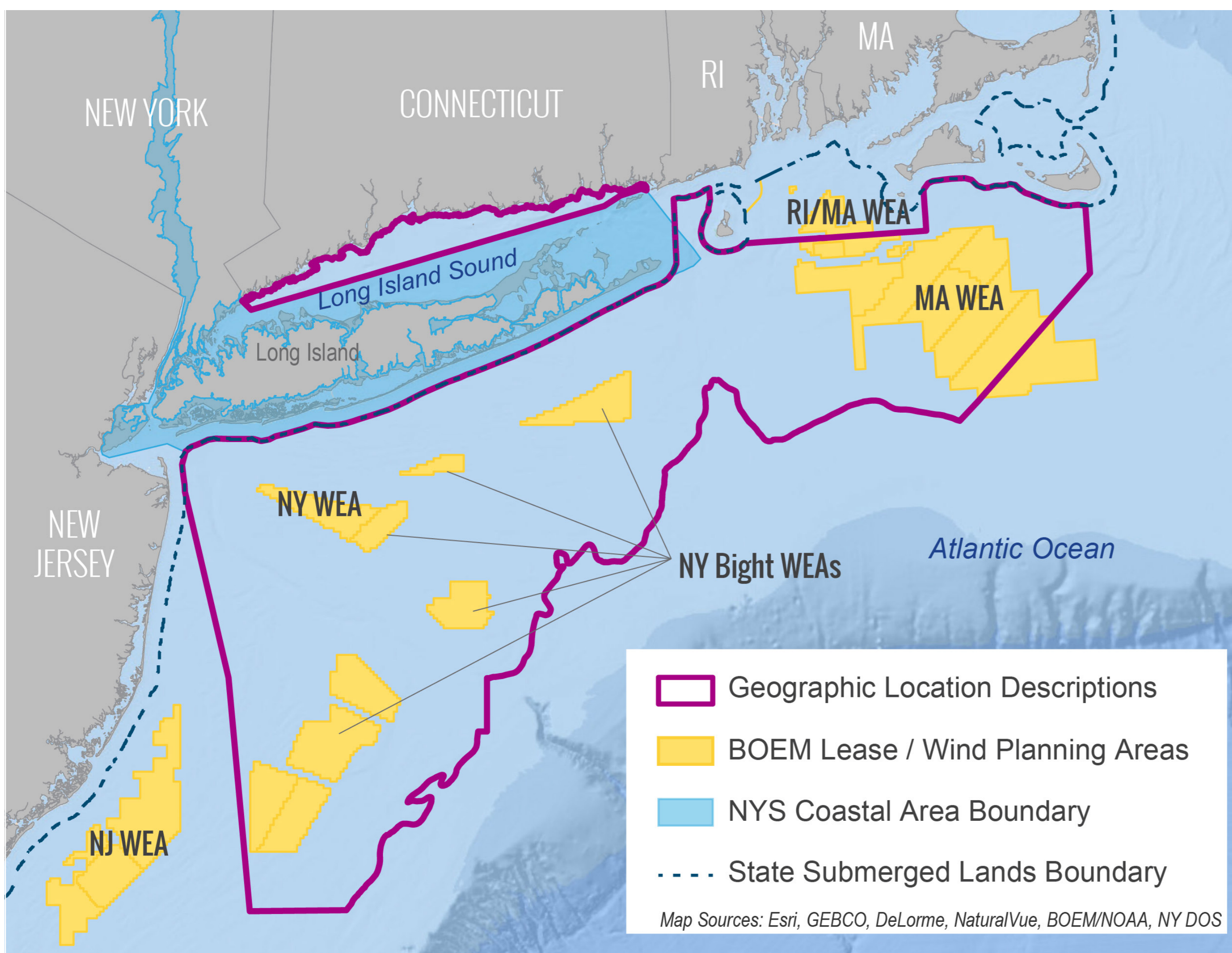
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## Federal Consistency Review:

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that provides states with an important tool to manage coastal uses and resources, and to facilitate coordination with Federal agencies. To administer NYS' Coastal Management Program, the New York State Department of State collaborates with local governments, State agencies, and federal partners through the Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure.

## Renewable Energy Geographic Location Description:

The Renewable Energy Geographic Location Description is a planning tool prescribed in the CZMA to provide regulatory certainty and ensure New York's coastal uses and resources will be considered early in federal decision-making. New York's Geographic Location Description is rooted in empirical data and facts, promotes predictable and coordinated reviews, and encourages sustainable offshore renewable energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf.



## Explore the Geographic Information Gateway

The Gateway's suite of information and tools serves as a valuable resource for New York communities, an educational resource for schools and universities, and a guide for the responsible development of the State's resources.



- The Department of State undertakes the State's primary review of offshore wind activities in federal waters
- The Renewable Energy Geographic Location Description ensures New York's coastal uses and resources are considered in federal decision-making
- New York is one of 6 states that have a Geographic Location Description in federal waters



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## OCEAN AND GREAT LAKES PROGRAM

*The Ocean and Great Lakes Program addresses the connections between ecosystem health, economic vitality, and community well-being.*

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### LEADING NEW YORK'S OCEAN POLICY

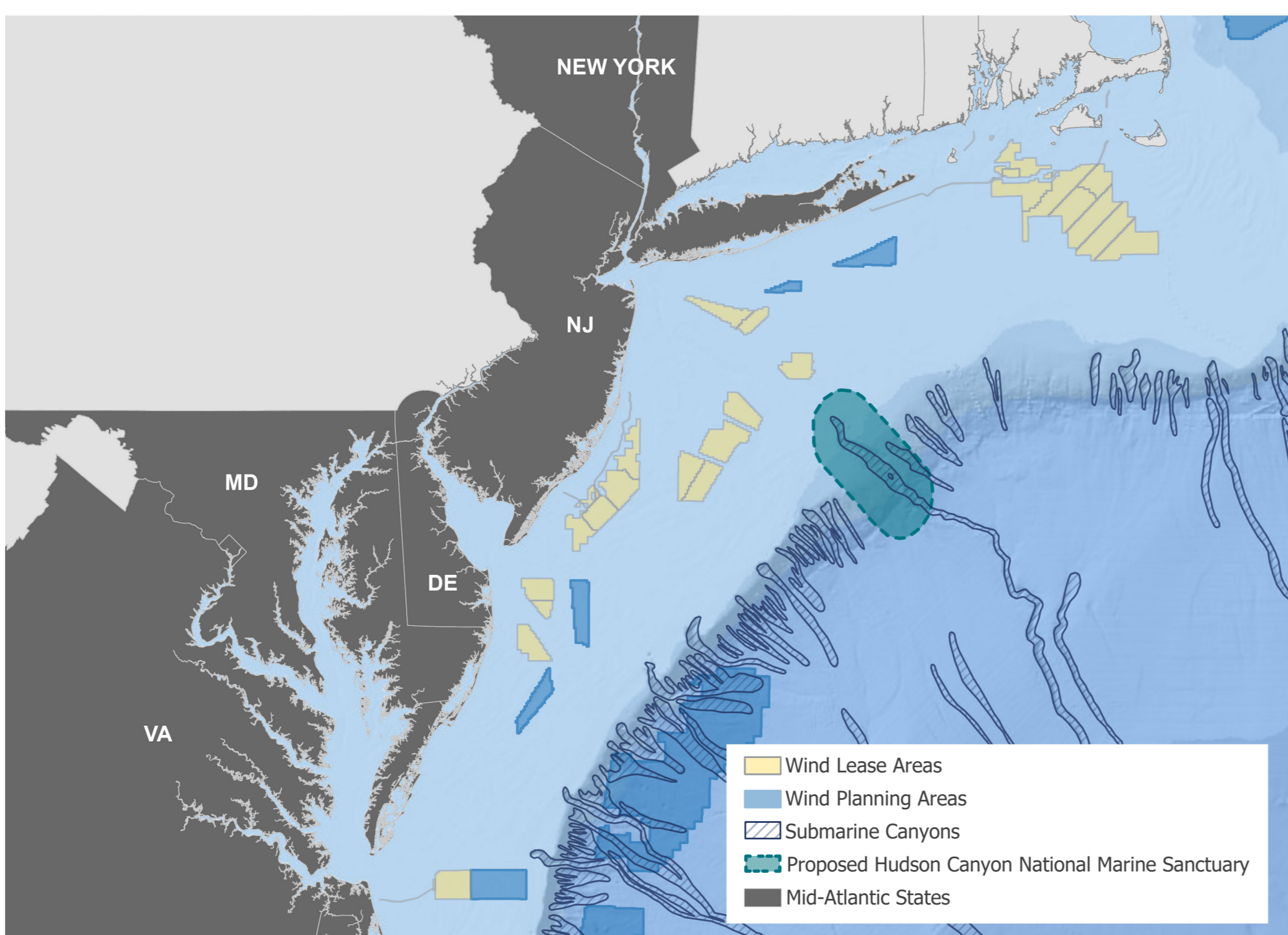
The Program collaborates to advance ocean planning and guide shared regional priorities:

- Developed New York's first-ever Offshore Atlantic Ocean Study
- Co-led the development of New York's first-ever Ocean Action Plan
- Co-founded and serves on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean

### ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE OCEAN MANAGEMENT

Ocean and Great Lakes staff review and provide technical support on projects offshore New York:

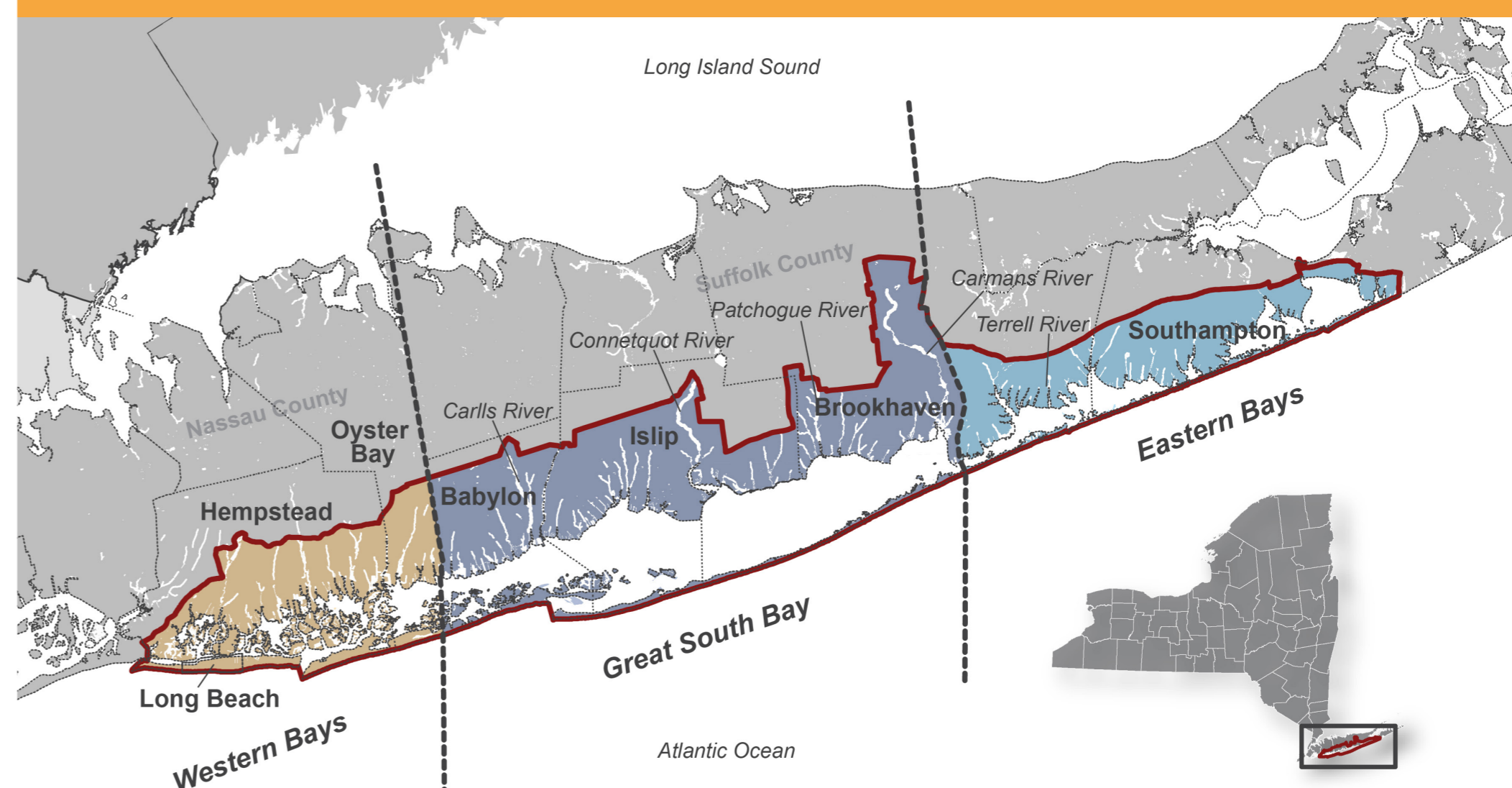
- Promoting the State's interests in offshore leasing and environmental reviews
- Leading the State's involvement in designating the Hudson Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary
- Chairing the Maritime Technical Working Group that advises NY on maritime transportation and offshore wind matters



### A STATEWIDE REACH

The Ocean and Great Lakes Division's responsibilities stretch statewide, touching diverse areas and interests including coastal resiliency and shoreline protection; marine transportation and port infrastructure; and offshore habitat protection.

### STEWARDSHIP OF A SIGNIFICANT ESTUARY



The South Shore Estuary Reserve is an ecologically rich estuary that supports Long Island's tourism, recreation, and seafood industries. Through partnerships with state and local governments, municipalities, non-profits, and volunteers, the South Shore Estuary Reserve Program helps preserve and protect the health of the estuary and its many resources. The South Shore Estuary Reserve staff have a strong relationship with the many communities and interests on New York's Atlantic coast.



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