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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Coastal Resources Management Council

STATE: RI

**PROJECT TITLE :** Rhode Island Ocean Area Management Plan (Ocean Samp)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
CDP	EE0000293	GFO-10-031	0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

- A9** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.
- B3.3** Field and laboratory research, inventory, and information collection activities that are directly related to the conservation of fish or wildlife resources and that involve only negligible habitat destruction or population reduction

Rational for determination:

The objectives for this project are to assist in the siting of renewable energy for Rhode Island's offshore environment. The Coastal Resources Management Council will conduct surveys on coastal foraging water birds; classify and map fisheries habitats; study the effects of offshore wind farms on fish and fisheries of different gear types; analyze recreational uses in study area; develop a tool to implement tradeoff analysis for various management options study area; and develop opportunities for the public and possible stakeholders to learn about the research results.

Surveys will be conducted via aerial and boating methods using aerial photography and sonar tools. Analyses and computer modeling will be conducted using existing NOAA data and European protocols.

Activities will include research gathering and field research related to the conservation of fish and/or wildlife resources; therefore a CX A9 and B3.3 will apply.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

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NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

11/30/09

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**
 Field Office Manager review required