

PRODUCTION: OCEAN COMMODITIES

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME

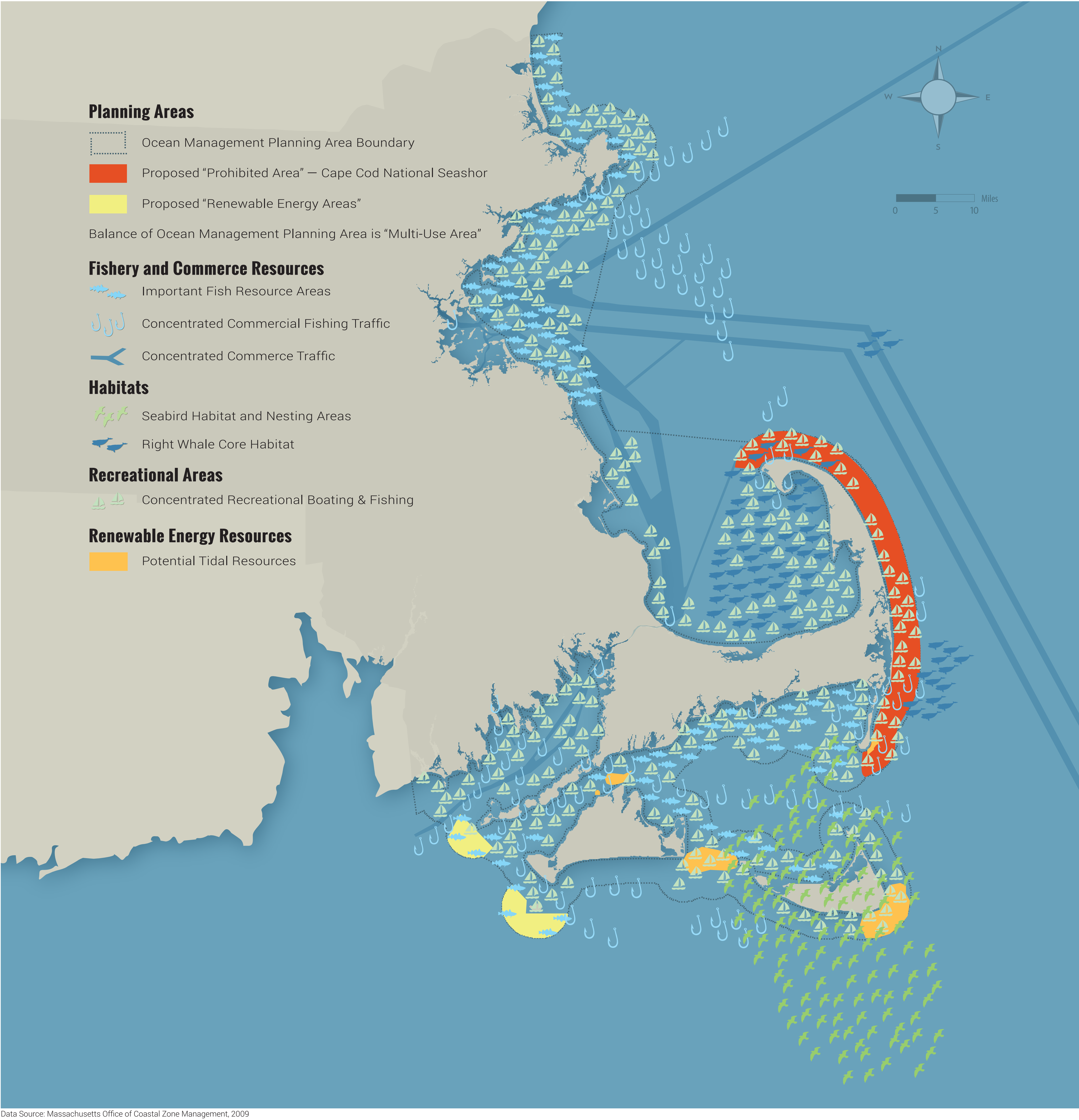
Massachusetts has a long and proud history with marine industries. Today, Massachusetts is the **number two producer** of seafood in the country by sales.¹ The seafood industry employs **11,270 Massachusetts workers** in commercial fishing, seafood processing and wholesale distribution, and another **11,000 workers** in related industries. Combined, these jobs pull in a payroll of **\$509 million**.²

In 2009, Massachusetts adopted a **first-in-the-nation Ocean Management Plan**. The Ocean Plan is a framework for managing the state’s marine waters in the face of growing economic, environmental and recreational interests. The planning area includes more than **2,000 square miles** of ocean.³ The plan delineates a wide variety of resources within this area—fisheries, commerce, recreation, wildlife, and geology—and designates distinct zones of development.



Cape Cod Fishing Boat, RBGlasson, Flickr Provincetown Lobster Buoys, berniemccan, Flickr

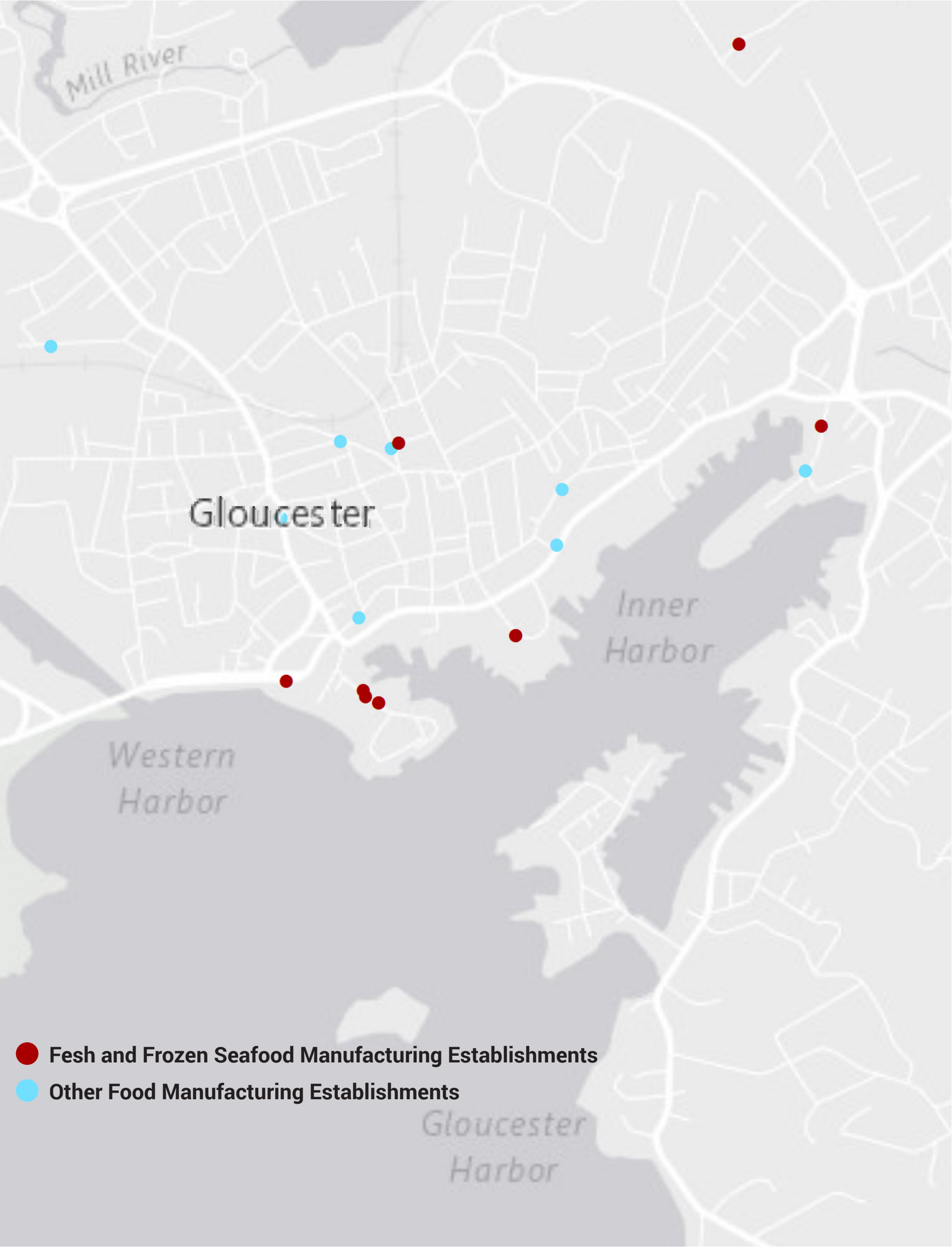
OCEAN MANAGEMENT PLAN



Data Source: Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, 2009

THINKING LOCAL: SEA INDUSTRIES

Gloucester is a regional hub for seafood manufacturing. It is the **third largest seafood manufacturing hub** in the state, after New Bedford and Boston, with **10 seafood manufacturing facilities** (red points on the map below).⁸



Data Source: InfoUSA, 2011



New Bedford Fishing Fleet, MassTravel, Flickr

Cape Cod Clam Digging, flattop351, Flickr

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MASSACHUSETTS FOOD SYSTEM PLAN