Massachusetts has a long and proud history with marine industries. Today, Massachusetts is the number two producer of seafood in the country by sales. 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.

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. The plan delineates a wide variety of resources within this area—fisheries, commerce, recreation, wildlife, and geology—and designates distinct zones of development.

**Ocean Management Plan**

**Planning Areas**
- Ocean Management Planning Area Boundary
- Proposed "Prohibited Area" — Cape Cod National Seashore
- Proposed "Renewable Energy Areas"

Balance of Ocean Management Planning Area is "Multi-Use Area".

**Fishery and Commerce Resources**
- Important Fish Resource Areas
- Concentrated Commercial Fishing Traffic
- Concentrated Commerce Traffic

**Habitats**
- Seabird Habitat and Nesting Areas
- Right Whale Core Habitat

**Recreational Areas**
- Concentrated Recreational Boating & Fishing

**Renewable Energy Resources**
- Potential Tidal Resources

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