## **Update on Spatial Use Data to Inform Planning**



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# Habitats Biological Resources Human Use data

https://www.dnr.sc.gov/GIS/gisenergy.html

Some updates to DNR report presented by Bob Van Dolah last time:

Similar effort expanded to include NC, GA, and FL.

Regional thresholds for densities so SC report still most valuable for SC BOEM initiatives.

Some uses data. E.g. VMS shrimp fishing data (figure 10)

#### Final Report

Comprehensive Spatial Data on Biological Resources and Uses in Southeastern Coastal Waters of the U.S.



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## **TNC South Atlantic Bight: Seafloor Assessment**

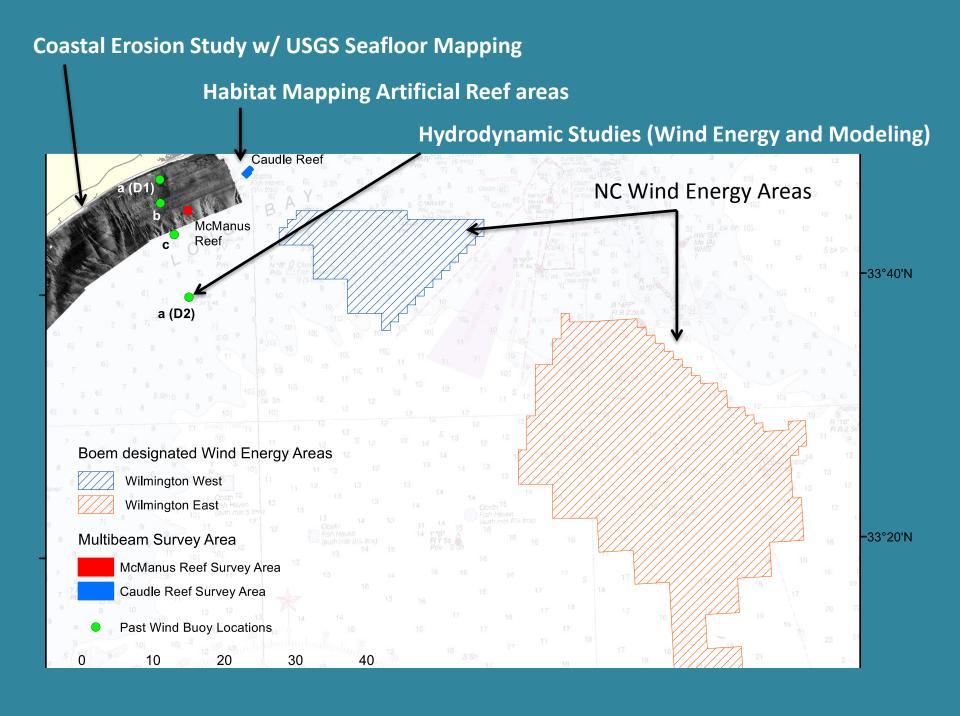


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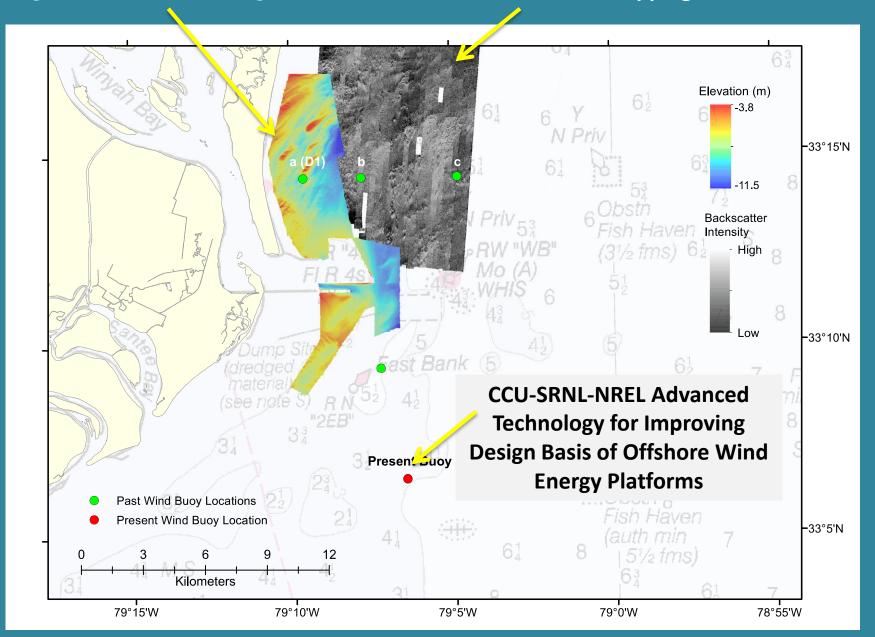
### **Assessment goals**

Establish publicly available biological, physical and human-use baseline data and mapping products that can be used to support ongoing coastal and marine resource management actions

Evaluate assessment information and related materials to identify areas, species and natural processes that are critical to the region's ecological integrity and resilience



## Coastal Erosion Study w/ USGS Seafloor Mapping



**BOEM Environmental Studies Program** 

#### Fiscal Years 2014-2016 Studies Development Plan

Atlantic OCS Region

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Office of Renewable Energy Programs Herndon, VA 2013 Environmental Studies Program: Studies Development Plan FY 2014-2016

**Region:** Atlantic

**Planning Area(s):** South Atlantic

**Title:** Acoustic Mapping and Characterization of Sensitive

Hardground and Live Bottom Habitat on the Southeastern

**US Shelf**