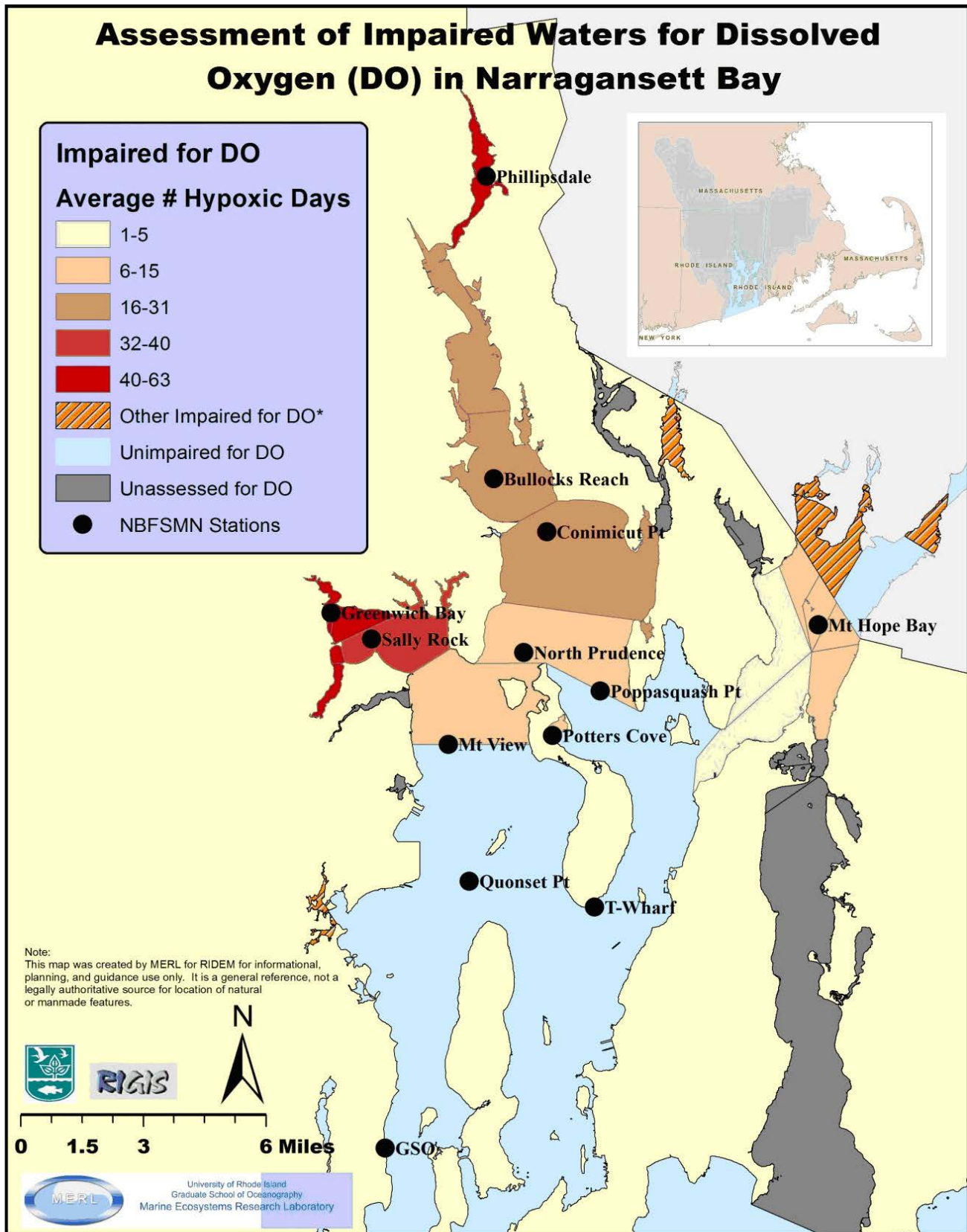


# Assessment of Impaired Waters for Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in Narragansett Bay



Map is based on the 2012 RI DEM and MA DEP water quality assessments. Assessments can be found in the [RI DEM 2012 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report](#) (pdf) and on the [Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs website](#).

Shaded areas are the average number of days low oxygen (hypoxia) occurs during the recruitment season based on available monitoring data. Hypoxia events are episodic, generally lasting 1-2 weeks at a time and several events can occur throughout the season. The assessment process examines the cumulative effects of hypoxia over several seasons. Assessments are generally based on the five most recent years of available data.