

Appendix C

Marine Protected Areas

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Northern Inshore State Lobster Waters Area	Fisheries management; includes state waters of RI, MA, NH, and ME, but not exempted waters of Sakonnet River, Narragansett Bay, Point Judith Pond Inlet, Niingret Pond Inlet, Quonochontaug Pond Inlet, and Weekapaug Pond Inlet.			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Northern Nearshore Lobster Waters Area	Fisheries management; located off the coast of ME, NH, MA, and RI in Federal waters (starting three miles offshore).			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Offshore Lobster Waters	Fisheries management; large area in EEZ waters from US-Canada border to Cape Hatteras, NC; located off New England and Mid-Atlantic states, including parts of Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank.			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Offshore Closure Area	Protection of the Harbor Porpoise. Located in Federal waters in Gulf of Maine, off MA, NH and ME, bounded by: 42°50'N, 69°30'W; 43°10'N, 69°10'W; 43°10'N, 67°40'W; 42°10'N, 67°40'W; 42°10'N, 69°30'W; and 42°50'N, 69°30'W. Includes Cashes Ledge Closure Area.			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Cashes Ledge Closure Area	Protection of the Harbor Porpoise. Located in Federal waters in Gulf of Maine, off the coast of ME, NH and MA.			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Cashes Ledge Closure Area (Multispecies)	Fisheries management; defined by the following points: 43°07'N, 69°02'W; 42°49.5'N, 68°46.0'W; 42°46.5'N, 68°50.5'W; 42°43.5'N, 68°58.5'W; 42°42.5'N, 69°17.5'W; 42°49.5'N, 69°26'W; and 43°07.0'N, 69°02'W.			▲				●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Cashes Ledge Essential Fish Habitat Closure	Fisheries management; overlaps Cashes Ledge, a shallow water feature in Gulf of Maine off NH and MA. Depths reach over 600 feet around ledge, and rise to 100 feet on ledge.			▲		●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Northeast Closure Area	Protection of the Harbor Porpoise; located off the coast of ME from shoreline at 68°5'W, south to 43°29.6'N, 68°55.0'W, northeast to 44°04.4'N, 67°02.7'W, north to ME shoreline at 67°02.7'W. Includes both state and Federal waters.				▲	●		●	●							National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300

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Mid-Coast Closure Area	Protection of the Harbor Porpoise; extends from the north shore of MA up to Penobscot Bay in ME. Includes both state coastal and Federal waters.			▲		●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Western Gulf of Maine Closure Area	Fisheries management; encompasses parts of Stellwagen Bank, Jeffreys Ledge, and Wildcat Knoll.			▲	▲			●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Stellwagen Bank/ Jeffreys Ledge Restricted Area	Fisheries and large whale management; located within the Gulf of Maine between Cape Cod and south ME, covering these two relatively shallow water areas (depths < 200 feet) in the Gulf of Maine.			▲		●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary	Covering large area (638 square nautical miles) in Federal waters between Cape Ann and Cape Cod in Massachusetts Bay. Includes Stellwagen Bank, Tillies Bank, and the south part of Jeffreys Ledge. Depths range from 65 to 600 feet. Regulations do not generally affect maritime or fisheries activities.					●	●	●									National Marine Sanctuaries Headquarters 301-713-3125 On-Site Information 781-545-8026
Jeffrey's Bank Essential Fish Habitat Closure Area	Fisheries management; area bounded by: 43°40'N, 68°50'W; 43°40'N, 68°40'W; 43°20'N, 68°40'W; 43°20'N, 68°50'W; and 43°40'N, 68°50'W.			▲		●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Western Gulf of Maine Essential Fish Habitat Closure Area	Fisheries management; located off ME, NH, and MA. Rectangular area that includes part of Stellwagen Bank and Jeffrey's Ledge. Depths roughly ranging between 60 and 600 feet.			▲		●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Seasonal Area Management (SAM) West	Protection of Right Whales; extending north and east from Cape Cod. Includes a range of shallow nearshore water by Cape Cod and deeper water in the Gulf of Maine.			▲	▲	●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Seasonal Area Management (SAM) East	Protection of Right Whales; located off MA, extending from 69°24'W to the outer edge of the EEZ. Includes deep waters in the Gulf of Maine and shallow waters of Georges Bank.			▲	▲	●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
Other Northeast Gillnet Waters Area	Protection of large whales. Large area off mid-Atlantic and New England coastline not otherwise part of anchored gillnet restricted area. Area includes most of the Gulf of Maine, shallow water area along Georges Bank, and deeper water area south of Georges Bank. In mid-Atlantic, it contains area east of 33°51'W.			▲		●		●									National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300

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Harrington River Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Shores, flats, and waters of Harrington River and Flat Bay. Includes West Carrying Place Cove and Five Islands Cove and the areas surrounding Five Islands, Chamberly Island, and Pineo Point.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Narraguagus Bay Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Shores, flats, and waters of Narraguagus Bay. In the waters between Foster Island and the mainland (between Fickett Point and Strout Point.)			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
West Bay Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Shores, flats, and waters of West Bay and Grand Marsh Bay			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Taunton Bay Closed Area	West and north of the Route 1 bridge connecting Hancock and Sullivan towns, including Egypt Bay, Taunton Bay and Hog Bay, to three-mile limit.			▲	▲	●		●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Jordan River Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Shores, flats, and waters of the Jordan River, north of 44°28'08"N.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Penobscot Bay and River Closed Area	All bays, inlets, rivers, and harbors east of the west shore of Penobscot Bay and River.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Passagassawakeag River Closed Area	In Passagassawakeag River, from head of tide to 2,000 feet below Memorial (foot) Bridge.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Bagaduce River Closed Area	Includes Bagaduce River in Towns of Castine, Penobscot and Brooksville, and any tributaries upstream of North Brooksville-Sedgwick Bridge in towns of Penobscot, Brooksville, and Sedgwick. Also includes Walker's Brook.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Penobscot River	Tidal waters of Penobscot River and its tributaries above Joshua Chamberlain Bridge.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Penobscot River Fishing Closure	Tidal waters of Penobscot River from Veazie Dam to downstream side of Bangor Water District pipeline crossing, about 3,100 feet downstream of Veazie Dam and identified by two red posts on either side of Penobscot River in Eddington and Veazie.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Penobscot River Closed Area	Penobscot River and tributaries upstream of line from old fertilizer plant dock at Sandy Point, in town of Stockton Springs, to south point of Verona Island, due east to red painted post on east shore of Penobscot River in town of Orland.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
St. George River Closed Area	In St. George River, above a line from Hooper's Point in town of St. George, west across north point of Caldwell's Island to a point on opposite shore of Gay Island in town of Cushing.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525

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Medomak River Closed Area	All waters of Medomak River above the south tip of Jones Neck, including Broad Cove, Eastern Branch, and Western Branch.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Damariscotta River Closed Area	Waters of Damariscotta River, north of the bridge between Newcastle and Damariscotta.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Great Salt Bay Marine Shellfish Preserve	Tidal portion of Damariscotta River and all waters of Great Salt Bay.			▲	▲	●		●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Damariscotta River Closed Area (crabs)	The waters of Damariscotta River above Fort Island.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Sasanoa River Closed Area	Sanasoa River starting at west point of Sasanoa Point to Lower Hell Gate.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Sheepscot River Closed Area	Waters of the Sheepscot River above the bridge between Wiscasset and Edgecomb.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Newcastle Conservation Area I	Shores, flats and waters of Marsh River, south of the railroad bridges across the river; includes outfall of Sherman Lake.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Kennebec River Closed Area	Waters of the Kennebec River above Fort Popham.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Kennebec River (Gardiner/Randolph bridge)	Tidal waters of the Kennebec River above Gardiner/Randolph bridge.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Bond Brook (Kennebec County)	Tidal waters of Bond Brook (Augusta, ME).			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Eastern River	All waters of the Eastern River.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Royal River Closed Area	Waters of the Royal River above Browns Point.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Androscoggin River Closed Area	All waters of Androscoggin River and Merrymeeting Bay and their tributaries.			▲	▲			●	●								Maine Bureau of Resource Management 207-633-9525
Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	All waters of Great Bay including a portion extending north into Little Bay.					●		●									On-Site Information 603-868-1095
Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Waters surrounding Fabyan Point at Herods Cove, extending 100 feet from shore.			■	■	●		●	●								U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Headquarters (202-208-6843) NE Region (413-253-8200) On-Site Info (603-431-7511)
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge	Includes most of Plum Island Sound and part of Parker River.	▲	▲	▲	▲	●		●	●								U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Headquarters (202-208-6843) NE Region (413-253-8200) On-Site Info (978-465-5753)
Outer Boston Harbor Restricted Gillnet Area	For protection of Right Whales. Extending along the coast from Hull to Nantasket and just outside Boston Harbor. A nearly rectangular area extending about 5.5 miles offshore, and about 8 miles from northwest to southeast.			▲	▲			●	●								Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries 617-626-1520

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Right Whale Critical Habitat and Adjacent Waters Restricted Gear Area	Encompassing all waters of Cape Cod Bay and also including the rectangular area extending north and west of Provincetown.			▲		●			●								Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries 617-626-1520
Cape Cod Bay Year-Round Fish Pot Trawl Floating Ground Line Prohibition Area	For protection of Right Whales. Encompassing all of Cape Cod Bay and extending a few miles north of it.			▲		●			●								Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries 617-626-1520
Cape Cod Bay Restricted Area	Created for protection of Right Whales. Encompasses all of Cape Cod Bay, except the extreme west edge. Extends north of the bay about ten miles.			▲		●		●		●							Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries 617-626-1520
Massachusetts Bay Closure Area	Created for protection of the Harbor Porpoise. Includes area south of Cape Ann at 42°30'N, thence east to 70°30'W, thence south to 42°12'N, thence east to 70°00'W, thence to south boundary at 42°00'N, thence west through Cape Cod to MA shoreline (maximum depth = 300 feet.)			▲		●		●	●								National Marine Fisheries Service, Headquarters 301-713-2379 NE Regional Office 978-281-9300
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