Northern Nearshore Trap/Pot Waters Area

**Identification**

**CITATION**

**CITATION INFORMATION**

**ORIGINATOR** NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office

**PUBLICATION DATE** 2016-06-01

**TITLE** Northern Nearshore Trap/Pot Waters Area

**PUBLICATION INFORMATION**

**PUBLICATION PLACE** Gloucester, MA

**PUBLISHER** NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO)

**ONLINE LINKAGE** http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/gis

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**DESCRIPTION**

**ABSTRACT**

This dataset depicts the boundaries of the Northern Nearshore Trap/Pot Waters Area in ESRI shapefile format for the NOAA Fisheries Service’s Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO). This shapefile includes boundaries for the following Regulated Areas:

- Northern Nearshore Trap/Pot Waters Area

Because GIS projection and topology functions can change or generalize coordinates, these GIS files are considered to be approximate representations and are NOT an OFFICIAL record for the exact regulated area boundaries. For information on the official legal definition refer to the Use Constraints metadata section.

**PURPOSE**

Beginning in 2010 and in response to mounting requests for digital depictions of NMFS Regulated Areas in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Waters (Regulated Areas), the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Committee launched a project to standardize the development, publication and regular updating of GIS files depicting Regulated Area boundaries. This dataset is a product of that initiative.

This dataset was created to depict the boundaries of NMFS Regulated Areas in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Waters (Regulated Areas) only. For information on the proper use of the dataset refer to the Use Constraints metadata section.

**TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT**

**TIME PERIOD INFORMATION**

**CALENDAR DATE** 2016-06-01

**CURRENTNESS REFERENCE** Publication date

**STATUS** Complete

**MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE FREQUENCY** As needed

**SPATIAL DOMAIN**

**BOUNDING COORDINATES**

**WEST BOUNDING COORDINATE** -80

**EAST BOUNDING COORDINATE** -64

**NORTH BOUNDING COORDINATE** 46

**SOUTH BOUNDING COORDINATE** 32

**KEYWORDS**
ACCESS CONSTRAINTS
None.

USE CONSTRAINTS
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*** Shorelines/Base Layers *** The accuracy of this dataset is dependent upon the accuracy and resolution of the datasets (e.g., shoreline, bathymetry, shared administrative boundaries) used in the creation process. Source datasets used are specified in the metadata. These data sources were selected for their suitability to a broad audience, and may not be suitable for specific uses requiring higher-resolution information.
Coastlines change. Unless otherwise noted, where the NOAA Medium Resolution Shoreline is used, assume the regulatory boundary reaches the most current coastline delineation available.

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SECURITY INFORMATION
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM  FIPS Pub 199
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION  No Confidentiality
SECURITY HANDLING DESCRIPTION  Standard Technical Controls

Data Quality ►

LOGICAL CONSISTENCY REPORT
Check Geometry test has been performed in ArcGIS.

COMPLETENESS REPORT
Features represented are valid. No geometry problems were detected.

POSITIONAL ACCURACY
HORIZONTAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY REPORT
Data were collected using methods that are accurate to within 2-5 meters (EPA National Geospatial Data Policy [NGDP] Accuracy Tier 2). For more information, please see EPA's NGDP at http://epa.gov/geospatial/policies.html

LINEAGE
SOURCE INFORMATION
SOURCE CITATION
CITATION INFORMATION
ORIGINATOR  Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
PUBLICATION DATE  2016-03-18

TITLE
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
EDITION  Special Edition of the Federal Register
GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM  document
PUBLICATION INFORMATION
PUBLICATION PLACE  Washington, DC
PUBLISHER  Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration and the Government Printing Office
OTHER CITATION DETAILS
The Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR) is a current, daily updated version of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is not an official legal edition of the CFR. The e-CFR is an
unofficial editorial compilation of CFR material and Federal Register amendments. Because the e-CFR is updated daily, the PUBLICATION DATE identified above refers to "e-CFR Data is current as of" date posted on the e-CFR website at the time the spatial definition was accessed online.

ONLINE LINKAGE  http://www.ecfr.gov

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA  online
SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT
TIME PERIOD INFORMATION
SINGLE DATE/TIME
CALENDAR DATE  1998-01-01
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE
publication date
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION
e-CFR
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION
Spatial definitions for Regulated Area boundaries.
SOURCE INFORMATION
SOURCE CITATION
CITATION INFORMATION
ORIGINATOR  Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Mapping and Boundary Branch
PUBLICATION DATE  2010-10-05
TITLE
Atlantic NAD83 Submerged Lands Act Boundary
GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM  vector digital data
SERIES INFORMATION
SERIES NAME  Digital Offshore Cadastre
ISSUE IDENTIFICATION  current
PUBLICATION INFORMATION
PUBLICATION PLACE  Herndon, Virginia
PUBLISHER  Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Mapping and Boundary Branch
ONLINE LINKAGE  http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/mapping/atlantic.htm
LARGER WORK CITATION
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TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA  digital download (ESRI shapefile)
SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT
TIME PERIOD INFORMATION
RANGE OF DATES/TIMES
BEGINNING DATE  2005
ENDING DATE  2008
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE
publication date
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION
SLA
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION
This source marine boundary was used to generate template shapefiles, which were copied and used when Regulatory Area boundaries followed portions of the Submerged Lands Act boundary (a.k.a. 3 nautical mile line; a.k.a. Fed-State boundary).

**Source Contribution**

This source marine boundary was used to generate template shapefiles, which were copied and used when Regulatory Area boundaries followed portions of the US Exclusive Economic Zone.

**Process Step**

**Process Description**

[Template Generation] Many NMFS Regulated Areas in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Waters (Regulated Areas) share boundaries that are partially coincident with any combination of the following: 1) the U.S. Atlantic coastline; 2) the Submerged Lands Act boundary; 3) the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary in the Gulf of Maine; 4) the outward extent of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (a.k.a. the "200-nautical mile line"). To standardize Regulated Area features sharing these boundaries, published shapefiles of the shared administrative boundaries were obtained from the authoritative agencies. A shoreline was selected that was suitable for general mapping purposes, freely and publicly available, of medium-resolution, and covering the extent of the U.S.. When necessary, the boundaries were transformed to NAD83. A series of template polygon shapefiles were then generated, using these authoritative boundaries as the outward extents of the polygon. All templates were generated in NAD83 geographic coordinate system. The templates created are: 1) Coast-to-EEZ: bounded by the coastline, the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, the U.S. EEZ, and 81°W longitude off the southern extent of Florida (an arbitrary cut-off for the Atlantic); 2) Coast-to-SLA: bounded by the coastline, the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, the Submerged Lands Act boundary, and 81°W longitude off the southern extent of Florida; 3) SLA-to-EEZ: bounded by the Submerged Lands Act boundary, the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, the U.S. EEZ, and 81°W longitude off the southern extent of Florida. These templates were subsequently copied and edited, as needed by the Regulated Area spatial definitions.

**Process Date** 2013

**Process Step**

**Process Description**

[Get Definition Text] The current legal spatial definition for the Regulated Area was copied from the e-CFR website.
PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Features From Templates] The SLA-to-EEZ template shapefile was copied. If necessary, the coordinates of the Regulated Area definition were converted to Decimal Degrees. To generate the Regulated Area boundary in ArcGIS, the template polygon was split by connecting these points in the order specified in the spatial definition. When the spatial definition specified that points were connected by following a straight line, rhumb lines were constructed. As an exception, points intended to fall along the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary were connected by following the geodesic line that legally defines that international boundary. When the spatial definition specified that points were connected by following the SLA or EEZ the coinciding outward extent of the template polygon was used. After all points were appropriately connected, any portions of the template outside the defined Regulated Area were discarded. When multiple Regulated Areas are a part of a larger grouping of related Regulated Areas, these steps were repeated to generate a unique feature for each Regulated Area and the features were then combined into a single shapefile. The file was projected to NAD83 Mercator Projection, and the boundaries were densified with consecutive vertices spaced no more than 10 nautical miles apart to preserve rhumb line paths in other coordinate systems. The file was projected back to the un-projected NAD83 coordinate system.

PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Add Attributes] The standardized attribute schema was applied to the shapefile, and the fields were defined.

PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Policy Review] The Regulated Area spatial definition text, shapefile geometry and attribute values were reviewed with policy staff to verify that the shapefile accurately depicted and described the intended boundaries.

PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Check Geometry] The ESRI ArcGIS Check Geometry tool was run on the shapefile to identify any geometry problems. If problems were encountered, they were reviewed and corrected.

PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Metadata] A GARFO Regulated Area shapefile metadata template was developed using the EPA Metadata Editor v3.2. This template was applied and customized to reflect the specific characteristics of the given shapefile. The metadata was validated for FGDC CSDGM compliance.

PROCESS DATE 2016

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Final Review] The shapefile was reviewed by members of the GARFO GIS Committee, policy experts from the GARFO Division responsible for the Regulated Area, and General Counsel, according to the GARFO GIS Data Distribution Policy.

PROCESS DATE 2016
The shapefile, with accompanying metadata, was uploaded for public download on the NOAA NMFS GARFO GIS website.

**Spatial Reference**

**Horizontal Coordinate System Definition**

**Geographic**

- **Latitude Resolution**: 0.000001
- **Longitude Resolution**: 0.000001
- **Geographic Coordinate Units**: Decimal degrees

**Geodetic Model**

- **Horizontal Datum Name**: North American Datum of 1983
- **Ellipsoid Name**: Geodetic Reference System 1980
- **Semi-major Axis**: 6378137.000000
- **Denominator of Flattening Ratio**: 298.257222

**Entities and Attributes**

**Detailed Description**

**Entity Type**

- **Entity Type Label**: Regulated Area
- **Entity Type Definition**: NMFS Regulated Areas in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Waters
- **Entity Type Definition Source**: GARFO

**Attribute**

- **Attribute Label**: FID
- **Attribute Definition**: Internal feature number
- **Attribute Definition Source**: ESRI
- **Attribute Domain Values**: System-generated internal feature number

**Attribute**

- **Attribute Label**: Shape
- **Attribute Definition**: Feature geometry
- **Attribute Definition Source**: ESRI
- **Attribute Domain Values**: Coordinate geometry

**Attribute**

- **Attribute Label**: GARFO_ID
- **Attribute Definition**: A unique identifier used to identify and track this feature; a new GARFO_ID is generated for each version of a Regulated Area (i.e. whenever boundaries or attributes are changed, edited or updated)
- **Attribute Definition Source**: GARFO
- **Attribute Domain Values**: System-generated number

**Attribute**

- **Attribute Label**: AREANAME
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Official name of the Regulated Area, usually the area name as printed in the CFR
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE    GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text name

ATTRIBUTE
ATTRIBUTE LABEL   COMNNAME
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Most commonly used name. May be identical to AREANAME, an abbreviation of AREANAME, or a
different name altogether.
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ATTRIBUTE
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Name of the NOAA staff person who created the GIS feature

**ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE** GARFO

**ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES**

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**ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION**

Miscellaneous notes regarding the Regulated Area or feature

**ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE** GARFO

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**OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION**

**ENTITY AND ATTRIBUTE OVERVIEW**

Entity Attributes provide reference information for the Regulated Areas represented. Attributes provide citations for the legal spatial definition and originating documents, and currentness information for each area.

**ENTITY AND ATTRIBUTE DETAIL CITATION**

FILEDS_Map.xlsx fully describes the Attribute Schema used for regulated area GIS data sets. To access this document, see the Contact Information.

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Metadata Reference ►

METADATA DATE   2016-06-01
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METADATA STANDARD NAME FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata
METADATA STANDARD VERSION FGDC-STD-001-1998