Restricted Gear Areas

Identification

CITATION
CITATION INFORMATION
ORIGINATOR NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
PUBLICATION DATE 2018-04-09
TITLE Restricted Gear Areas
PUBLICATION INFORMATION
PUBLICATION PLACE Gloucester, MA
PUBLISHER NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO)
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DESCRIPTION
ABSTRACT
This dataset depicts the boundaries of the Restricted Gear Areas 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:
- Restricted Gear Area I
- Restricted Gear Area II
- Restricted Gear Area III
- Restricted Gear Area IV

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
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STATUS
PROGRESS Complete
MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE FREQUENCY As needed

SPATIAL DOMAIN
BOUNDING COORDINATES
WEST BOUNDING COORDINATE -80
EAST BOUNDING COORDINATE -64
NORTH BOUNDING COORDINATE 46
Keywords
Theme
Theme Keyword Thesaurus ISO 19115 Topic Category
Theme Keyword boundaries
Theme Keyword environment
Theme Keyword location
Theme Keyword oceans
Theme Keyword planningCadastre

Theme
Theme Keyword Thesaurus EPA GIS Keyword Thesaurus
Theme Keyword Biology
Theme Keyword Compliance
Theme Keyword Conservation
Theme Keyword Ecology
Theme Keyword Ecosystem
Theme Keyword Environment
Theme Keyword Human
Theme Keyword Management
Theme Keyword Marine
Theme Keyword Monitoring
Theme Keyword Natural Resources
Theme Keyword Permits
Theme Keyword Regulatory
Theme Keyword Water

Theme
Theme Keyword Thesaurus GARFO Keywords
Theme Keyword Atlantic
Theme Keyword EEZ
Theme Keyword Exclusive Economic Zone
Theme Keyword GARFO
Theme Keyword Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
Theme Keyword Groundfish
Theme Keyword Magnuson-Stevens Act
Theme Keyword MSA
Theme Keyword National Marine Fisheries Service
Theme Keyword National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Theme Keyword NEFMC
Theme Keyword New England Fishery Management Council
Theme Keyword NMFS
Theme Keyword NOAA
Theme Keyword Northeast Multispecies
Theme Keyword US EEZ

Place
Place Keyword Thesaurus None
Place Keyword Atlantic Ocean
Place Keyword Greater Atlantic Region
Place Keyword Mid-Atlantic
Place Keyword New England
Place Keyword Southern New England
Place Keyword United States
Place Keyword US EEZ
US Exclusive Economic Zone

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS
None.

USE CONSTRAINTS
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*** Not the Legal Definition *** This Geographic Information System (GIS) dataset is not the legal definition of the Regulated Area. The description published in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations is the only legal definition. This dataset and metadata document provide a broad overview of a subset of applicable fishing regulations, restrictions and requirements; it is not a substitute for the actual regulations. Users are encouraged to read the applicable regulations in conjunction with use of this dataset.

*** Temporal Considerations *** Regulated Area boundary definitions are subject to change or modification. Published datasets may represent historic, current, or future Regulated Areas. When changes to fishing regulations affect this dataset, it will be archived and replaced by an updated version as soon as feasible. Approved Regulated Area boundaries may also be published prior to their effective date. It is the user’s responsibility to ensure the applicable Regulated Area boundaries are being used.

*** 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 ** public
** 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 ** 2018-04-09
** 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

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SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT
TIME PERIOD INFORMATION
SINGLE DATE/TIME
CALENDAR DATE  2018-04-09
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE
calendar date
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION
e-CFR
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION
Spatial definitions for Regulated Area boundaries.

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  2018

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Features, No Template] If necessary, the coordinates of the Regulated Area were converted to Decimal Degrees. To generate the Regulated Area boundary in ArcGIS, these points were connected 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. 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 unprojected NAD83 coordinate system.
PROCESS DATE  2018

PROCESS STEP
PROCESS DESCRIPTION
[Add Attributes] The standardized attribute schema was applied to the shapefile, and the fields were defined.
PROCESS DATE  2018

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  2018

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  2018
[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** 2018

**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** 2018

**PROCESS STEP**
**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**
[Publication] The shapefile, with accompanying metadata, was uploaded for public download on the NOAA NMFS GARFO GIS website.

**PROCESS DATE** 2018-04-09

**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
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN System-generated internal feature number

**ATTRIBUTE**
ATTRIBUTE LABEL Shape
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION Feature geometry
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE ESRI
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN Coordinate geometry
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 COMMNAME
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Most commonly used name. May be identical to AREANAME, an abbreviation of AREANAME, or a different name altogether.
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text name

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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