Scallop Rotational Areas

Identification

CITATION
CITATION INFORMATION
ORIGINATOR NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
PUBLICATION DATE 2017-03-23
TITLE Scallop Rotational Areas
PUBLICATION INFORMATION
PUBLICATION PLACE Gloucester, MA
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DESCRIPTION
ABSTRACT
This dataset depicts the boundaries of the Scallop Rotational 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:
- Mid-Atlantic Scallop Rotational Area
- Delmarva Scallop Rotational Area
- Elephant Trunk Scallop Rotational Area
- Hudson Canyon Scallop Rotational Area
- Elephant Trunk Flex Rotational Area
- Closed Area I Scallop Rotational Area
- Closed Area II Scallop Rotational Area
- Closed Area II Extension Rotational Area
- Nantucket Lightship Scallop Rotational 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
SINGLE DATE/TIME
CALENDAR DATE 2017-03-23
CURRENTNESS REFERENCE
Publication date
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
- **South Bounding Coordinate** 32

**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**: Atlantic Sea Scallop
- **Theme Keyword**: EEZ
- **Theme Keyword**: Exclusive Economic Zone
- **Theme Keyword**: GARFO
- **Theme Keyword**: Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
- **Theme Keyword**: MAFMC
- **Theme Keyword**: Magnuson-Stevens Act
- **Theme Keyword**: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- **Theme Keyword**: MSA
- **Theme Keyword**: National Marine Fisheries Service
- **Theme Keyword**: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **Theme Keyword**: NMFS
- **Theme Keyword**: NOAA
- **Theme Keyword**: Sea Turtles
- **Theme Keyword**: US EEZ

**Place**
- **Place Keyword Thesaurus**: None
- **Place Keyword**: Atlantic Ocean
- **Place Keyword**: Georges Bank
**ACCESS CONSTRAINTS**

None.

**USE CONSTRAINTS**

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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**
**ORIGINATOR** Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
**PUBLICATION DATE** 2017-03-27
**TITLE**
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
**EDITION** Special Edition of the Federal Register
**GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM** document
**PUBLICATION INFORMATION**
**PUBLICATION PLACE** Washington, DC
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.

Spatial definitions for Regulated Area boundaries.

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.

NOAA's Medium Resolution Digital Vector Shoreline (1998) for the Contiguous United States
This source shoreline was used to generate template shapefiles, which were copied and used when Regulatory Area boundaries followed portions of the US Atlantic coastline. This data source was selected for its 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.

**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** 2017

**PROCESS STEP**

**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**

[Features From Templates] The Coast-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 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.

**Spatial Reference**

**Horizontal Coordinate System Definition**

**Geographic**
LATITUDE RESOLUTION 0.000001
LONGITUDE RESOLUTION 0.000001
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
Unrepresentable Domain
System-generated internal feature number

Attribute
Attribute Label Shape
Attribute Definition
Feature geometry
Attribute Definition Source ESRI
Attribute Domain Values
Unrepresentable Domain
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
Unrepresentable Domain
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 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

ATTRIBUTE
ATTRIBUTE LABEL  AREAGROUP
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Specifies if the Regulated Area is part of a group of related areas
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE  GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text name

ATTRIBUTE
ATTRIBUTE LABEL  DESCRIBE
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
A brief description of the purpose of the Regulated Area
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE  GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text description

ATTRIBUTE
ATTRIBUTE LABEL  CFRTITLE
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
CFR Title citation where the Regulated Area is legally defined
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ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text name

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ATTRIBUTE LABEL  CFRPT
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UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text citation

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CFR Subpart citation where the Regulated Area is legally defined
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Free text citation

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Free text name

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Free text name

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CFR Paragraph citation where the Regulated Area is legally defined
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Free text citation

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CFR Paragraph citation header text
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Free text name

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ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Federal Register citation of original Regulated Area spatial definition, or last modification to the spatial definition, whichever is most recent. Refers to SPATIAL DEFINITION ONLY. Subsequent FR notices may have modified the requirements affecting waters within or outside this Regulated Area.
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE	GARFO
ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL FRDATE
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Federal Register citation date of original Regulated Area spatial definition, or the last modification to the spatial definition, whichever is most recent. Refers to SPATIAL DEFINITION ONLY. Subsequent FR notices may have modified the requirements affecting waters within or outside this Regulated Area.
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text name

ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL EFFECTDATE
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Date Regulated Area officially became law, or most recent modification
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Date

ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL SOURCE
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
If Regulated Area is defined in the CFR, this is the citation for the Amendment/Framework/etc. that established the area. If the Regulated Area is not defined in the CFR, this is the alternative source citation establishing the Regulated Area.
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Free text citation

ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL RECURST
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Annually recurring date Regulated Area becomes active
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Date

ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL RECUREND
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Annually recurring date Regulated Area becomes inactive
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE GARFO
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
Date

ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL GISAUTHOR
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Name of the NOAA staff person who created the GIS feature
**Attribute Definition Source**: GARFO  
**Attribute Domain Values**: UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN

**Name**

**Attribute**  
**Attribute Label**: CREATED  
**Attribute Definition**: Creation date of the GIS feature

**Attribute**  
**Attribute Label**: AREANOTES  
**Attribute Definition**: Miscellaneous notes regarding the Regulated Area or feature

**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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