



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## **Four Delaware Artificial Reef Special Management Zones (SMZs)**

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We recently published a final rule in the [Federal Register](#) that implements four Special Management Zones (SMZs) off of the coast of Delaware (effective 7/9/ 2015). The rule implements SMZs around four Delaware artificial reefs under the black sea bass provisions of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. The intent of these measures is to promote orderly use of the resource by reducing user group conflicts, and help maintain the intended socioeconomic benefits of the artificial reefs to the maximum extent practicable.

### ***What are the new regulations?***

Within the four SMZs, all vessels are only allowed to conduct fishing with hook and line and spear (including the taking of fish by hand).

### ***Where are the proposed SMZs?***

The four SMZ reef areas are U. S. Army Corps of Engineers permitted Delaware artificial reef sites 9, 10, 11, and 13. The artificial reef SMZ sites are located off the coast of Delaware in Federal Statistical Area 621 at various distances from shore (approximately 4 to 26 nautical miles), are rectangular in shape, and each encompasses an area of about 1 square nautical mile (See attachment).

*This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.*

**Attachment**

**Location of Four SMZ's around Delaware Artificial Reef Sites in the EEZ with SMZ Status**

**Reef Site 9**

CORNER	N. LATITUDE	W. LONGITUDE
9SE	38° 39.972'	74° 59.298'
9SW	38° 40.05'	75° 0.702'
9NW	38° 40.848'	75° 0.402'
9NE	38° 40.8'	74° 58.902'
9SE	38° 39.972'	74° 59.298'

**Reef Site 10**

CORNER	N. LATITUDE	W. LONGITUDE
10SE	38° 36.198'	74° 55.674'
10SW	38° 36.294'	74° 57.15'
10NW	38° 37.098'	74° 56.802'
10NE	38° 37.002'	74° 55.374'
10SE	38° 36.198'	74° 55.674'

**Reef Site 11**

CORNER	N. LATITUDE	W. LONGITUDE
11SE	38° 39.882'	74° 43.05'
11SW	38° 40.002'	74° 44.802'
11NW	38° 40.848'	74° 44.502'
11NE	38° 40.752'	74° 42.75'
11SE	38° 39.882'	74° 43.05'

**Reef Site 13**

CORNER	N. LATITUDE	W. LONGITUDE
13SE	38° 30.138'	74° 30.582'
13SW	38° 30.222'	74° 31.5'
13NW	38° 31.614'	74° 30.864'
13NE	38° 31.734'	74° 30.018'
13SE	38° 30.138'	74° 30.582'

