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Southeast Vertical Line Management Options

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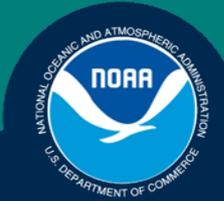


OPTIONS

- Trigger Option
- Offshore Caps/Limitations

Additional Add-ons

- Effort Refinement



Important Talking Points & Clarifications

- The southeast is an important area for right whales, especially reproductive females and neonate calves
- Trap/pot fishing for blue crab is prohibited outside of FL state waters
 - FL does not allow trawls
 - FL blue crab fishery is limited access
 - Further refinement for blue crab effort offshore in progress



Trigger Option

Action: Modify existing ALWTRP regulation to include all Category I and II fisheries as eligible for additional management regulations or closure in the event of a large whale take within the SE U.S. Restricted Area.

Capture emerging fisheries

Include gear marking and monitoring element

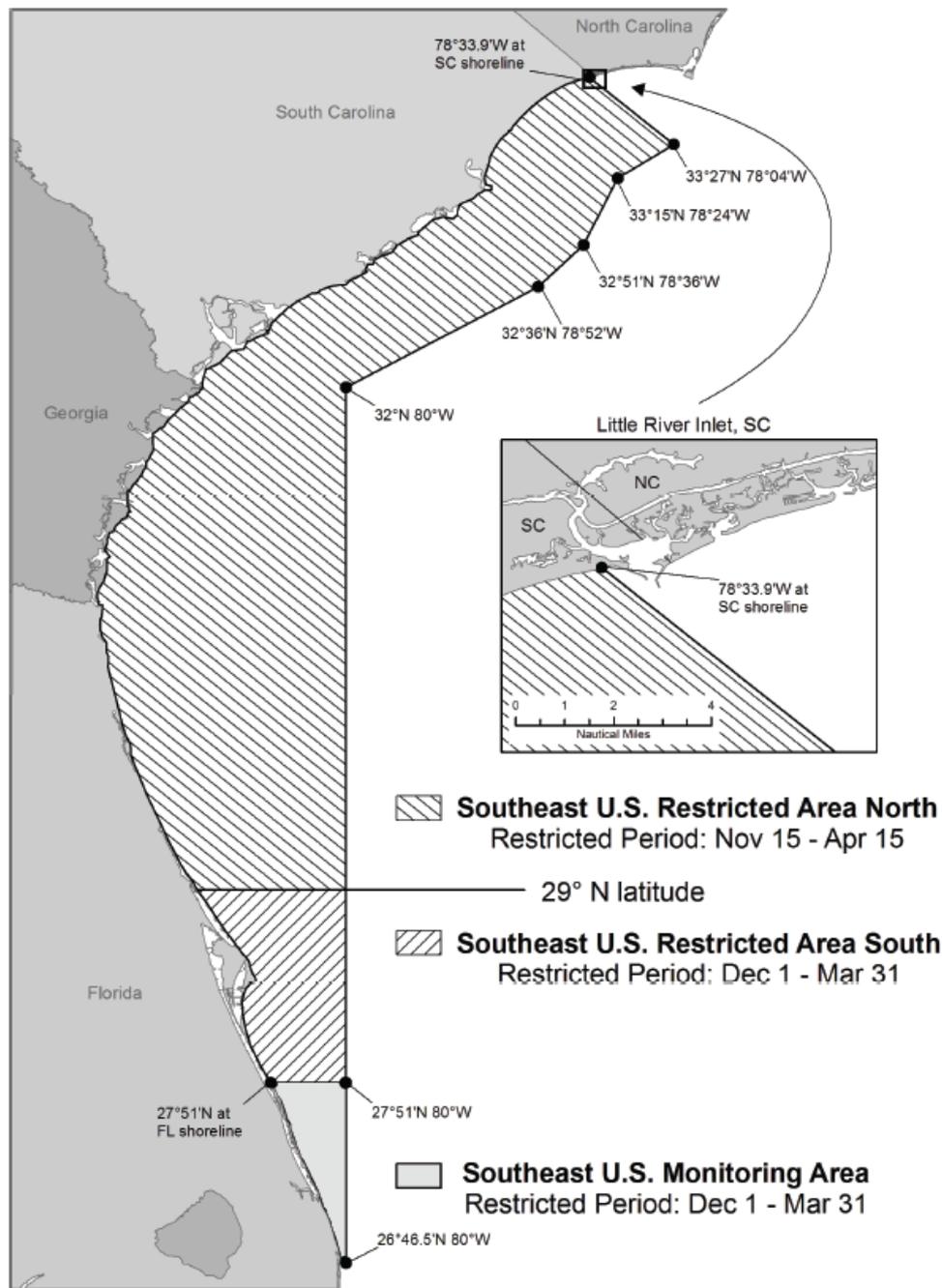


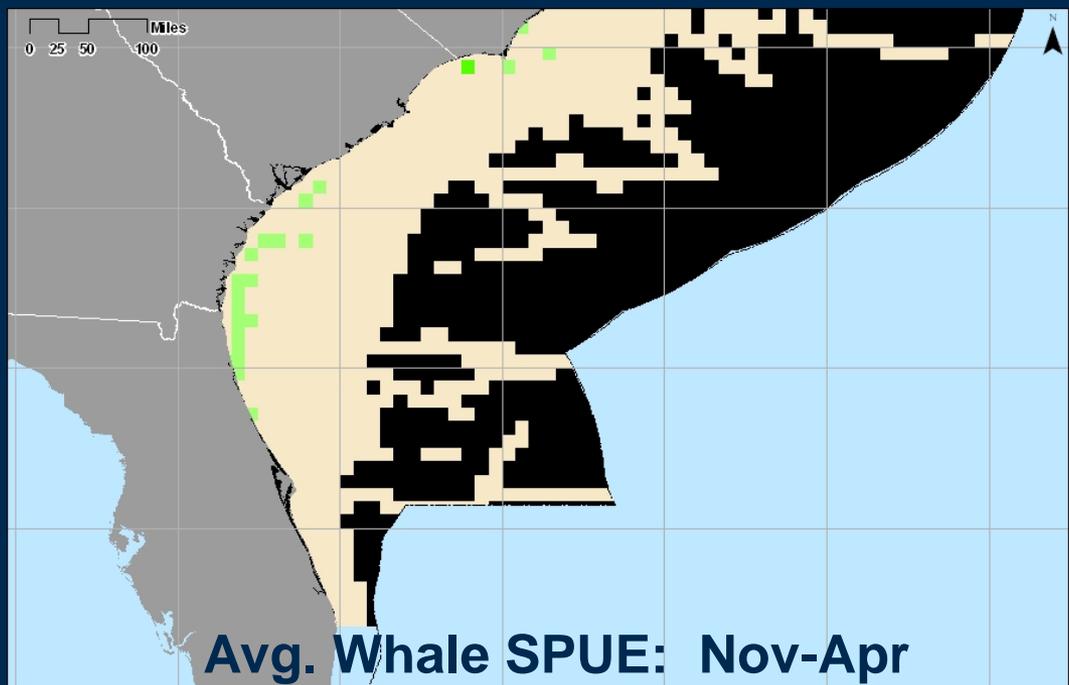
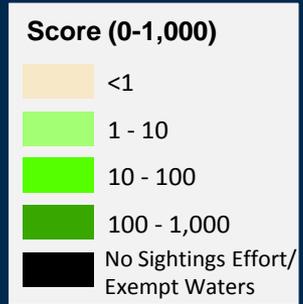
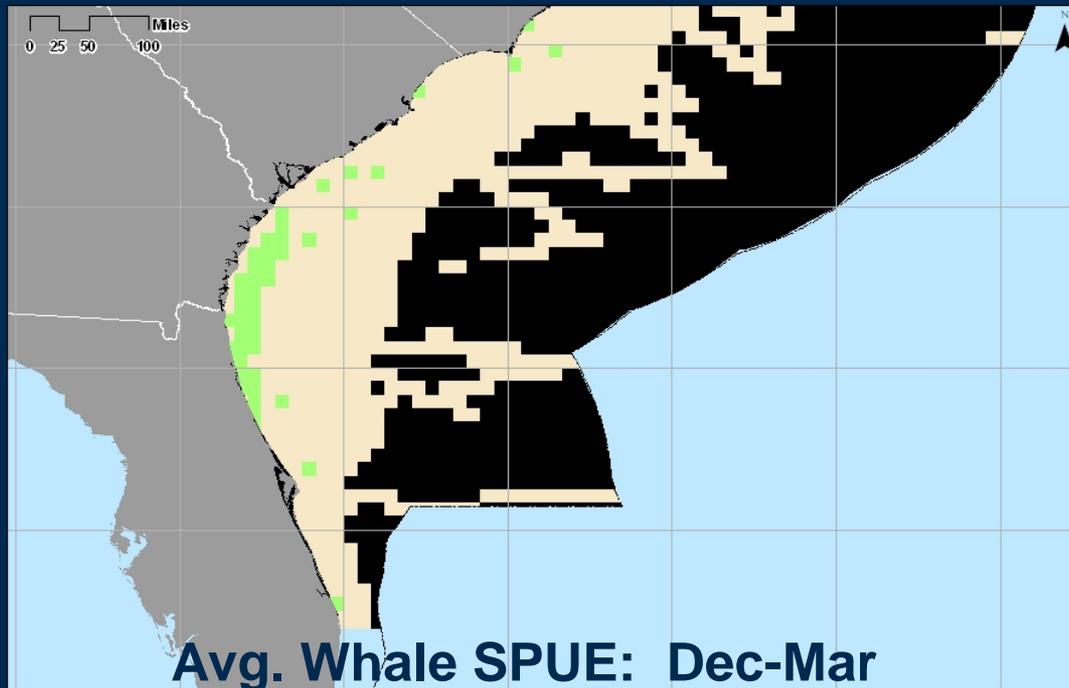
Figure 1. Southeast U.S. Restricted Area and Southeast U.S. Monitoring Area.

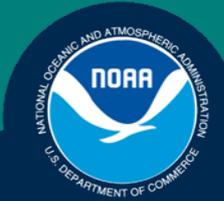


Offshore Limitations

Action: Limit/Cap offshore tag allocation for endorsement holders of the FL /GA Blue Crab fishery to prevent a further increase in offshore vertical line. For example, allow only a percentage of allocated tags to be usable in offshore waters.

Include a gear marking and monitoring element





Effort Refinement

Action: Refined data collection methods to assess detailed temporal and spatial distributions of vertical line, especially in FL state waters.