











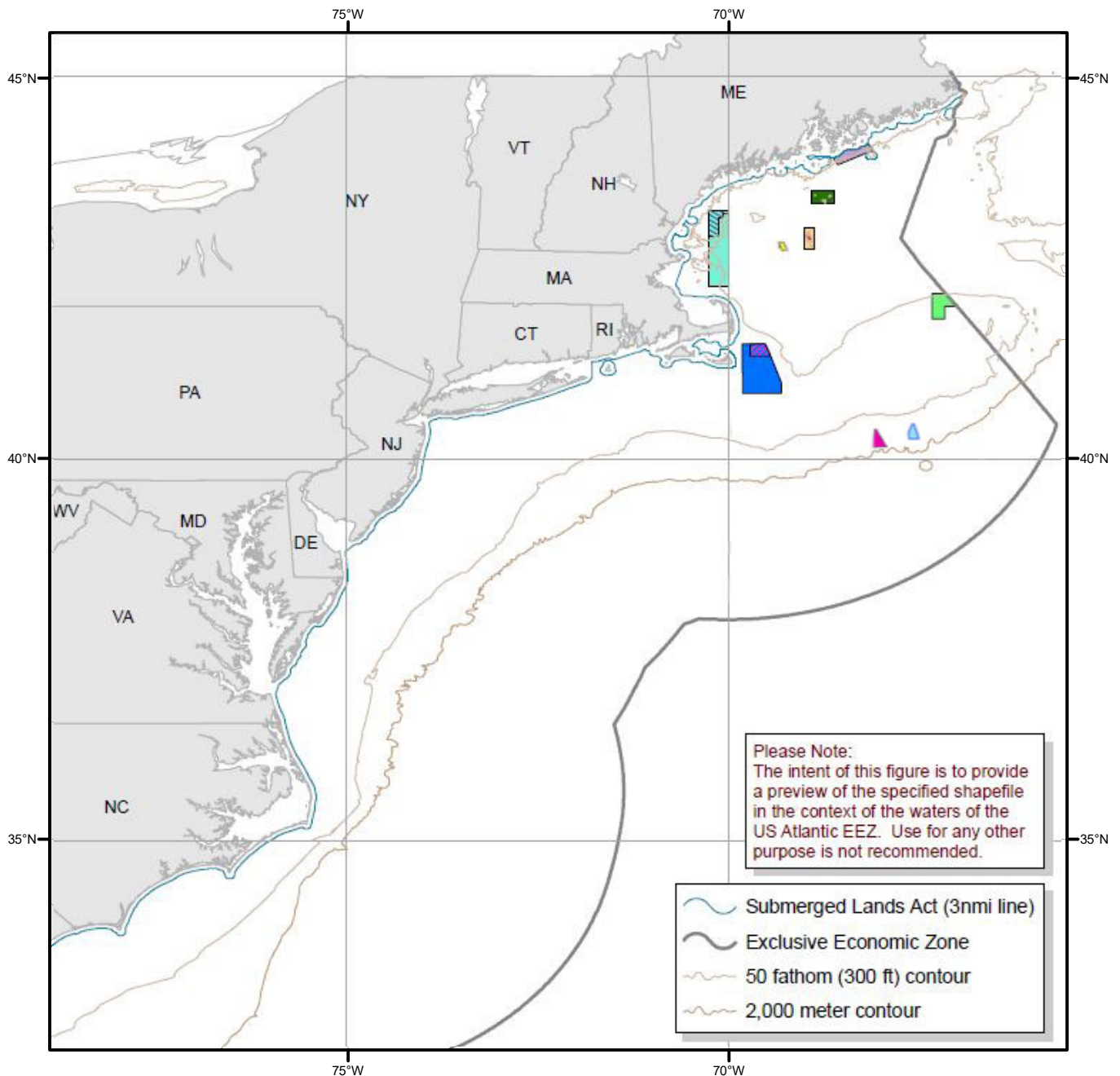


## EFH Areas Protected from Fishing in the New England Region

Section 303(a)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires NOAA Fisheries to take steps to minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects of fishing on essential fish habitat (EFH).

NOAA Fisheries works with the New England Fishery Management Council to protect EFH in support of healthy ecosystems and sustainable fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean.

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|  Ammen Rock Habitat Management Area       |  Great South Channel Habitat Management Area                |
|  Cashes Ledge Habitat Management Area     |  Jeffreys Bank Habitat Management Area                      |
|  Closed Area II Habitat Closure Area      |  Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (no exemption) |
|  Eastern Maine Habitat Management Area    |  Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area              |
|  Fippennies Ledge Habitat Management Area |  Western Gulf of Maine Shrimp Exemption Area                |
|  Lydonia Canyon Closed Area               |  Oceanographer Canyon Closed Area                           |



## EFH Areas Protected from Fishing Impacts in the New England Region

	New England Site Name	GIS Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Fishery Mgmt Action	FMP	50 CFR	Regs published
1	Eastern Maine Habitat Management Area	529	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
2	Jeffery's Bank Habitat Management Area	521	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
3	Fippennies Ledge Habitat Management Area	41	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
4	Cashes Ledge Habitat Management Area	335	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
5	Ammen Rock Habitat Management Area	14	All fishing prohibited except lobster traps	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370 (e)(2)	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
6	Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area (total area)	2,256	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
7	Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area (shrimp exemption area)	422	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited except shrimp trawls	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370 (f)(2)	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
8	Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area (no exemption)	1,834	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
9	Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (total area)	2,546	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
10	Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (one-year clam dredge exemption)	2,227	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited except clam dredges for 1 year	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370 (h)(2)(i) 648.370 (h)(2)(ii)	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
11	Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (no exemption)	319	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370 (h)(2)(iii)	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>
12	Closed Area II Habitat Closure Area	650	Bottom-tending mobile gear prohibited	Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Am 2	648.370	<a href="#">04/09/2018</a>

*Bottom-tending mobile gear*, means gear in contact with the ocean bottom, and towed from a vessel, which is moved through the water during fishing in order to capture fish, and includes otter trawls, beam trawls, hydraulic dredges, non-hydraulic dredges, and seines (with the exception of a purse seine).

### EFH Areas Protected from Fishing Impacts in the New England Region

	New England Site Name	GIS Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Fishery Mgmt Action	FMP	50 CFR	Regs published
13	Lydonia Canyon Closed Area	169	No fishing vessel using a monkfish day-at-sea	Monkfish Am 2	648.97 (b)	<a href="#">04/28/2005</a>
14	Oceanographer Canyon Closed Area	257	No fishing vessel using a monkfish day-at-sea	Monkfish Am 2	648.97 (a)	<a href="#">04/28/2005</a>

## Measures to Protect EFH from Fishing Impacts in New England

### Eastern Maine Habitat Management Area

### Jeffery's Bank Habitat Management Area

### Fippennies Ledge Habitat Management Area

### Cashes Ledge Habitat Management Area

### Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area (no exemption)

### Closed Area II Habitat Closure Area

Established in 2018 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Fishery Management Plan

**§ 648.370 Habitat Management Areas** Unless otherwise specified, no fishing vessel or person on a fishing vessel may fish with bottom-tending mobile gear in the areas defined in this section. Copies of charts depicting these areas are available from the Regional Administrator upon request.

### Ammen Rock Habitat Management Area

Established in 2018 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Fishery Management Plan

**§ 648.370 (e)(2) Ammen Rock Habitat Management Areas** No fishing vessel, including private and for-hire recreational fishing vessels, may fish in the Ammen Rock HMA, except for vessels fishing exclusively with lobster traps, as defined in § 697.2.

### Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Management Area (shrimp exemption area)

Established in 2018 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Fishery Management Plan

**§ 648.370 (f)(2) Western Gulf of Maine Shrimp Exemption Area** Vessels fishing with shrimp trawls under the Small Mesh Northern Shrimp Fishery Exemption specified at § 648.80(a)(5) may fish within the Western Gulf of Maine HMA Shrimp Exemption Area which is defined by the straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated.

### **Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (one year clam dredge exemption)**

**Established in 2018 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Fishery Management Plan**

**§ 648.370 (h)(2)(i)** Hydraulic Clam Dredge Exemption Except for the portion of the Great South Channel HMA defined in paragraph (h)(2)(iii) of this section, surfclam and ocean quahog permitted vessels may fish with hydraulic clam dredges in the Great South Channel HMA.

**§ 648.370 (h)(2)(ii)** The Hydraulic clam dredge exemption is effective until April 9, 2019, after which, no vessels fishing with hydraulic clam dredges may fish within the Great South Channel HMA.

### **Great South Channel Habitat Management Area (no exemption)**

**Established in 2018 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Fishery Management Plan**

**§ 648.370 (h)(2)(iii)** The hydraulic clam dredge exemption does not apply in the area defined as the straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated.

### **Lydonia Canyon Closed Area**

**Established in 2005 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan**

**§ 648.97 (b)** No fishing vessel or person on a fishing vessel may enter, fish, or be in the area while fishing on a monkfish day-at-sea.

### **Oceanographer Canyon Closed Area**

**Established in 2005 NEFMC Amendment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan**

**§ 648.97 (a)** No fishing vessel or person on a fishing vessel may enter, fish, or be in the area while fishing on a monkfish day-at-sea.

*Essential fish habitat (EFH) means those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity*

For more information on how NOAA Fisheries protects essential fish habitat, visit

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/essential-fish-habitat>