

New England Fishery Management Council

2015 Priorities

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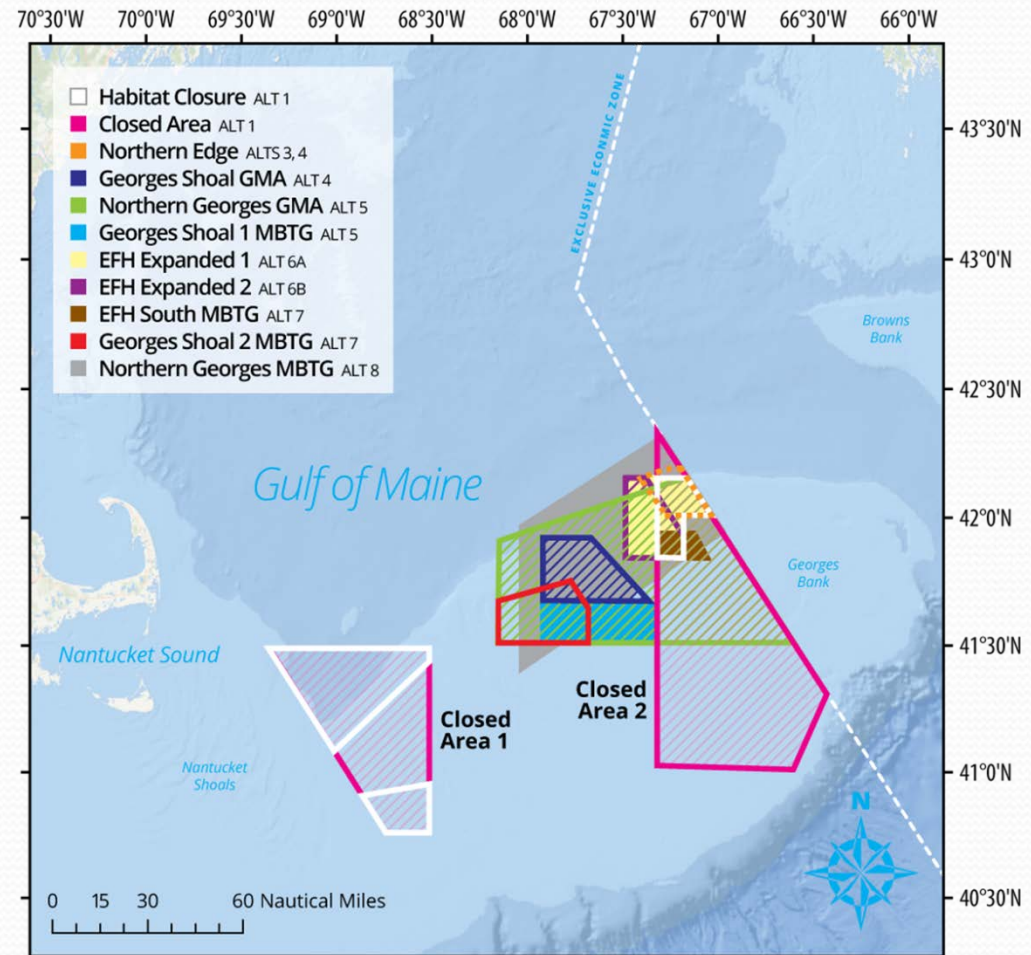
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Overview

- Omnibus Habitat Amendment
- Fishery monitoring issues
- EBFM
- 2015 groundfish assessments
- MSA reauthorization/NSI guideline revisions

Omnibus Habitat Amendment

- Updates to EFH
- Revised habitat management areas
- Revised groundfish closed areas
- Dedicated habitat research areas



Fishery Monitoring Issues

- SBRM amendment will constrain ability to tailor observer coverage to management needs
- Industry-funded programs stalled by inability to identify cost-sharing mechanisms
- Groundfish industry unable to assume cost of observer coverage required by agency
- Slow development of EM

EBFM

- Investigating alternative paths
- Compatibility with approach of other RFMCs
- Considering forage role in revision to Atlantic herring ABC control rule

Other Issues

- 2015 Groundfish Assessments
- MSA reauthorization/ NS₁ Guideline revisions



Questions?