Dredge Exemption Great South Channel Habitat Management Areas

Tags

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**Extent**
There is no extent for this item.

**Scale Range**
There is no scale range for this item.

**FGDC Metadata (read-only) ▼**

**CITATION**
**CITATION INFORMATION**
**ORIGINATOR** NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
**PUBLICATION DATE** 2020-06-04
**TITLE** Dredge Exemption Great South Channel Habitat Management Areas
**PUBLICATION INFORMATION**
**PUBLICATION PLACE** Gloucester, MA
**PUBLISHER** NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO)
**ONLINE LINKAGE** http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/gis
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**DESCRIPTION**
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Human, Management, Marine, Monitoring, Natural Resources, Permits, Regulatory, Water

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Atlantic, EEZ, Exclusive Economic Zone, GARFO, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NMFS, NOAA, US EEZ

### Place Keywords
United States, Atlantic Ocean, Greater Atlantic Region, US EEZ, US Exclusive Economic Zone

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**SECURITY INFORMATION**

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**
http://project-open-data.github.io/schema/#accessLevel

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**
public

**SECURITY HANDLING DESCRIPTION**
Standard Technical Controls
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
HORIZONTAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY REPORT
Data were collected using methods that have unknown accuracy (EPA National Geospatial Data Policy [NGDP] Accuracy Tier 10). For more information, please see EPA's NGDP at http://epa.gov/geospatial/policies.html

LINEAGE
SOURCE INFORMATION
SOURCE CITATION
CITATION INFORMATION
ORIGINATOR Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
PUBLICATION DATE 2020-06-04
TITLE
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
EDITION Special Edition of the Federal Register
GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM document
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PUBLISHER Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration and the Government Printing Office
OTHER CITATION DETAILS
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Spatial definitions for Regulated Area boundaries.
SOURCE INFORMATION
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ORIGINATOR Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Mapping and Boundary Branch
PUBLICATION DATE 2010-10-05
TITLE
Atlantic NAD83 Submerged Lands Act Boundary
GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM vector digital data
SERIES INFORMATION
SERIES NAME Digital Offshore Cadastre
ISSUE IDENTIFICATION current
PUBLICATION INFORMATION
PUBLICATION PLACE Herndon, Virginia
This source marine boundary was used to generate template shapefiles, which were copied and used when Regulatory Area boundaries followed portions of the Submerged Lands Act boundary (a.k.a. 3 nautical mile line; a.k.a. Fed-State boundary).

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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.
This source topography dataset was used to derive bathymetric contour lines.

[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.

[Get Definition Text] The current legal spatial definition for the Regulated Area was copied from the e-CFR website for 85 FR 29870.

(Densification) [Features, No Template] If necessary, the coordinates of the Regulated Area were converted to Decimal Degrees. To generate the Regulated Area boundary in ArcGIS, these points were connected 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. 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.

[Add Attributes] The standardized attribute schema was applied to the shapefile, and the fields were defined.
[Policy Review] The Regulated Area spatial definition text, shapefile geometry and attribute values were reviewed with policy staff to verify that the shapefile accurately depicted and described the intended boundaries.

**PROCESS DATE** 2018

**PROCESS STEP**
**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**
[Check Geometry] The ESRI ArcGIS Check Geometry tool was run on the shapefile to identify any geometry problems. If problems were encountered, they were reviewed and corrected.

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**PROCESS STEP**
**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**
[Metadata] A GARFO Regulated Area shapefile metadata template was developed using the EPA Metadata Editor v3.2. This template was applied and customized to reflect the specific characteristics of the given shapefile. The metadata was validated for FGDC CSDGM compliance.

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**PROCESS STEP**
**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**
[Final Review] The shapefile was reviewed by members of the GARFO GIS Committee, policy experts from the GARFO Division responsible for the Regulated Area, and General Counsel, according to the GARFO GIS Data Distribution Policy.

**PROCESS DATE** 2018

**PROCESS STEP**
**PROCESS DESCRIPTION**
[Publication] The shapefile, with accompanying metadata, was uploaded for public download on the NOAA NMFS GARFO GIS website.

**PROCESS DATE** 2018-04-09

**HORIZONTAL COORDINATE SYSTEM DEFINITION**
**GEOGRAPHIC**
**LATITUDE RESOLUTION** 0.000001
**LONGITUDE RESOLUTION** 0.000001
**GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE UNITS** Decimal degrees

**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

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**
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**ENTITY TYPE LABEL** Regulated Area
**ENTITY TYPE DEFINITION** NMFS Regulated Areas in Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Waters
**ENTITY TYPE DEFINITION SOURCE** GARFO

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**ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION** Internal feature number
**ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE** ESRI
**ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES**
UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN
System-generated internal feature number

ATTRIBUTE
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ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Feature geometry
ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE  ESRI
ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES
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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
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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
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
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Free text name

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ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION
Specifies if the Regulated Area is part of a group of related areas
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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.
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Date

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

Annually recurring date Regulated Area becomes active

Annually recurring date Regulated Area becomes inactive

Name of the NOAA staff person who created the GIS feature

Creation date of the GIS feature

Miscellaneous notes regarding the Regulated Area or feature

Name

Date

Date

Free text description
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**

FILES_Manager.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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