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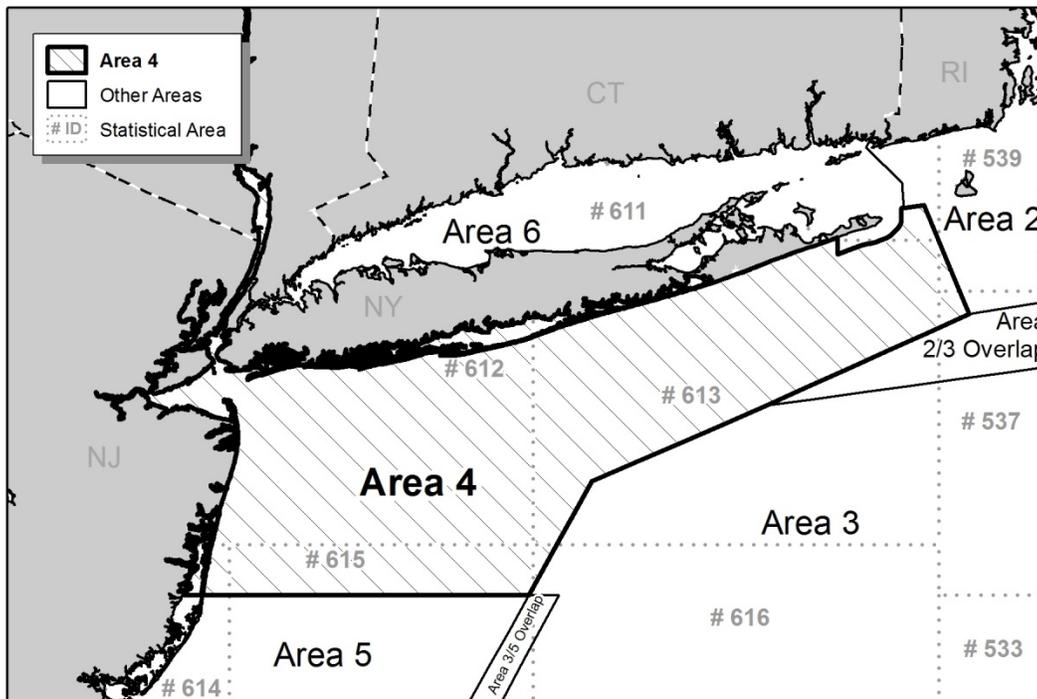
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American Lobster Area 4 Permit Holders

Changes to the Lobster Conservation Management Area 4 Seasonal Closure
Effective Date: December 10, 2015

We recently approved a final rule that changes the Area 4 seasonal closure from February 1-March 31 to April 30-May 31. We are modifying the Area 4 seasonal closure to be consistent with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s recommendation. New York and New Jersey (the two states bordering Area 4) have already adjusted their regulatory closure to this later date.

Figure 1. Lobster Conservation Management Areas



Please be aware that where differences exist in regulations between different states or different areas, the most restrictive rule applies. Please contact either your state agency or us at 978-281-9315 with questions.

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