

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Closure Reminders

The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP) was implemented to reduce serious injuries and deaths of right, humpback, and fin whales due to entanglement in commercial trap/pot and gillnet gear from Maine to Florida. The following table lists the current and upcoming trap/pot and gillnet closure areas.

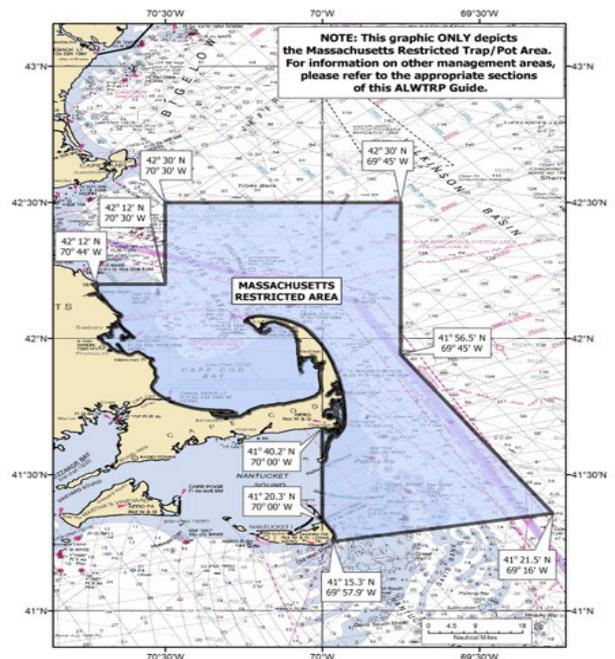
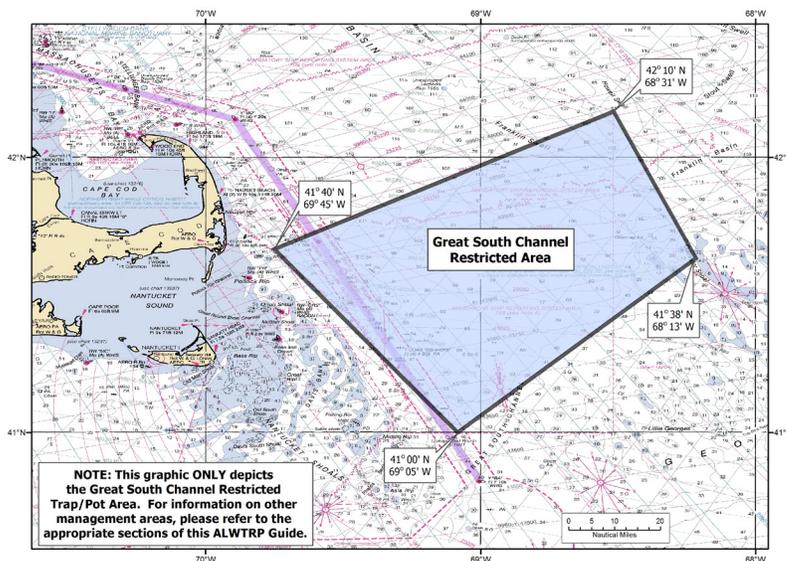
ALWTRP Trap/Pot Closures		
Management Area	Dates	Details
Massachusetts Restricted Area	Feb. 1- April 30	CLOSED to ALL trap/pot fishing
Great South Channel Restricted Trap/Pot Area	April 1-June 30	CLOSED to ALL trap/pot fishing

Great South Channel Trap/Pot and Gillnet Closure Area

(April 1-June 30)

Trap/Pot Massachusetts Restricted Area Closure Area

(Feb. 1-April 30)



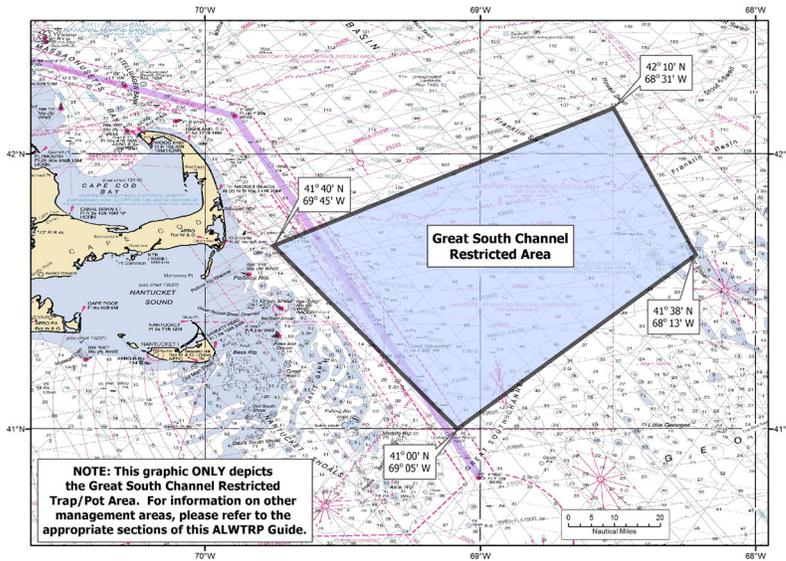
For more information on these and other ALWTRP requirements, visit our website: www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/whaletrp



ALWTRP Gillnet Closures		
Management Area	Dates	Details
Cape Cod Bay Restricted Area	Jan. 1- May 15	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
Great South Channel Restricted Gillnet Area	April 1- June 30	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing

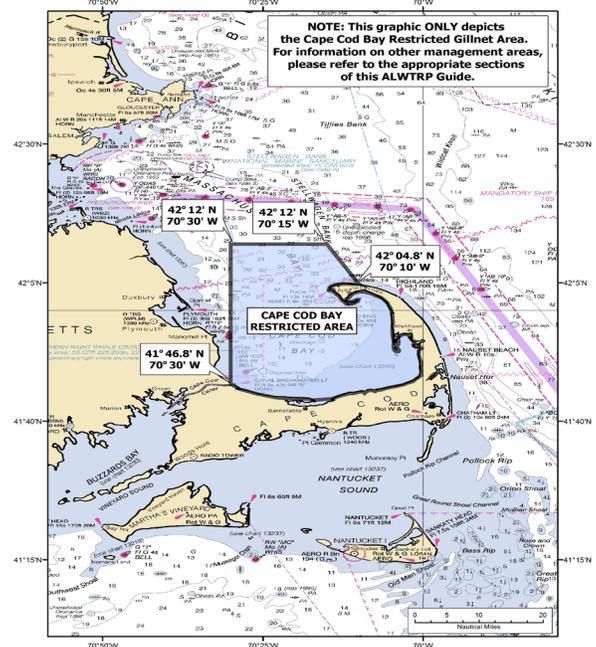
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How Do I Get More Information?

Trap/pot and gillnet gear restrictions, modifications, and area-specific gear markings are also required in areas that are open to fishing. Please visit www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/whaletrp/ for more details on these requirements. If you have questions about gear requirements, please contact the fishery liaison for your area:

John Higgins (978) 711-3669 in New England, Glenn Salvador (757) 414-0128 in the Mid-Atlantic.

