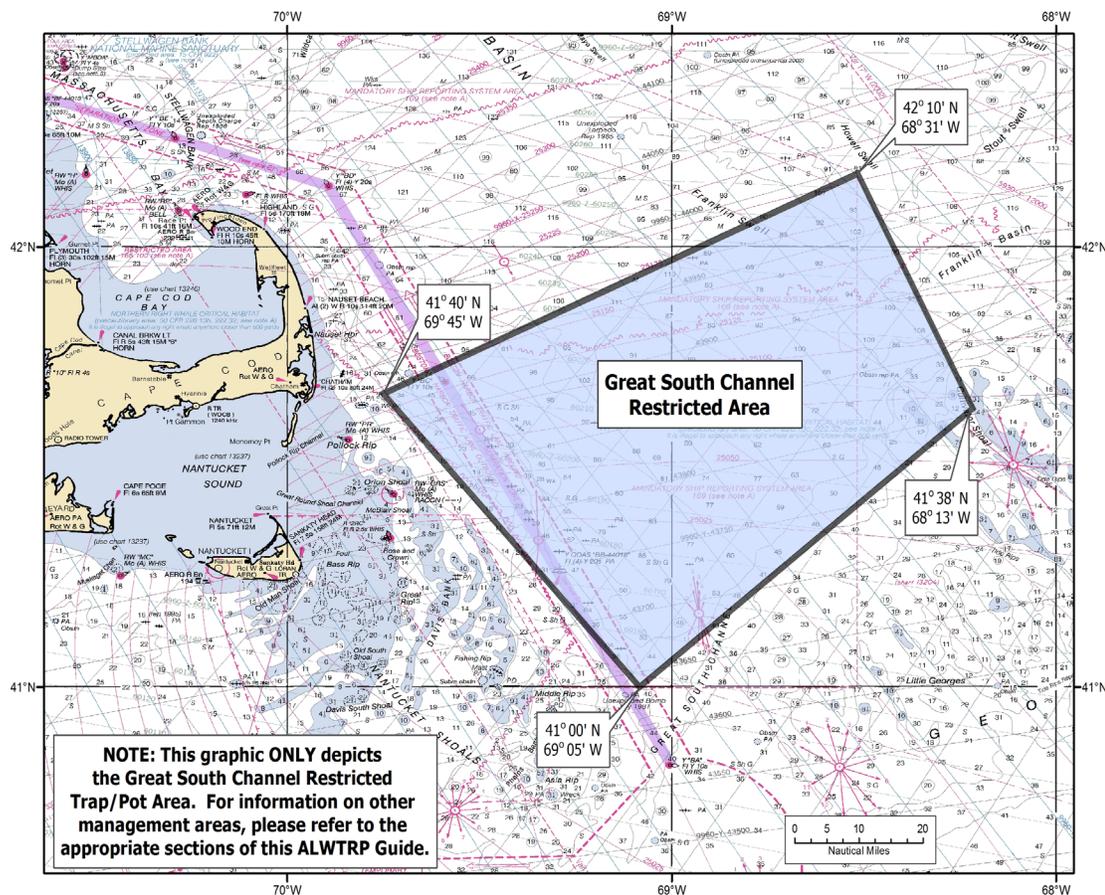


Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Great South Channel Closure Reminder

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 trap/pot and gillnet closure areas.

ALWTRP Great South Channel Closure Area	
Dates	Closure Details
April 1- June 30	CLOSED to ALL trap/pot fishing
	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing



Please remember: Trap/pot and gillnet gear restrictions, modifications, and area-specific gear markings are required in management areas that are open to fishing.



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