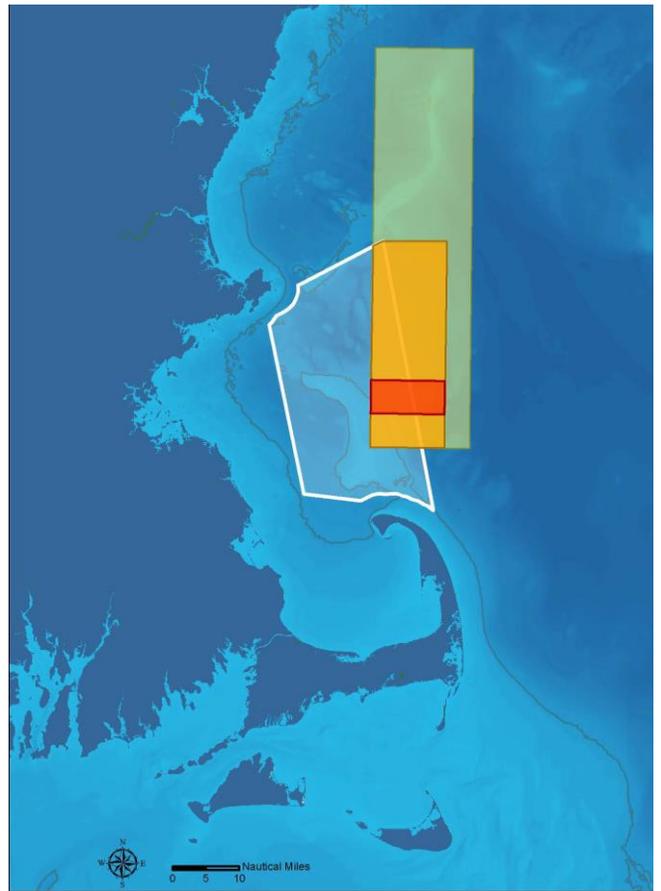


STELLWAGEN DESIGNATED HABITAT RESEARCH AREA (DHRA) with Northern Reference Area -- the preferred alternative OPTION

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- LIGHT GREEN: WESTERN GULF OF MAINE CLOSURE AREA
- YELLOW-ORANGE: STELLWAGEN DEDICATED HABITAT RESEARCH AREA
- RED: NORTHERN REFERENCE AREA
- White: STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



TOTAL AREA OF REFERENCE AREA B: **55 sq.mi.**

40% Percentage of the Dedicated Habitat Research Area in the Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary

138 # OF SCIENTISTS WHO SIGNED A PETITION SUPPORTING THE STELLWAGEN DHRA WITH REFERENCE AREA

0 # of private recreational fishermen who reported fishing in the Northern Reference Area in the 2010 & 2012 Massachusetts Recreational Boater Surveys

0 Number of dedicated essential fish habitat research areas in the Gulf of Maine with a reference area

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BOATS WITH FEDERAL PERMITS TO FISH IN STAT AREA 514 IN 2012 (Massachusetts & Cape Cod Bays, SBNMS & eastward)

500

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARTY/CHARTER BOATS THAT FISHED IN THE NORTHERN REFERENCE AREA EACH YEAR BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012

29

OF YEARS THAT RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN USING SITES IN THE WESTERN GULF OF MAINE CLOSURE AREA & SANCTUARY TO STUDY SEAFLOOR RECOVERY FROM DISTURBANCE

16

of party/charter boats that accounted for the majority of revenue generated from fishing in Reference Area B from 2010 through 2012

5

Correction: This version of the infographic labels the 500 boats fishing in STAT Area 514 as all boats, not just party/charter.

For more information about the Stellwagen Dedicated Habitat Research Area with Northern Reference Area or instructions on how to submit comments, go to: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>