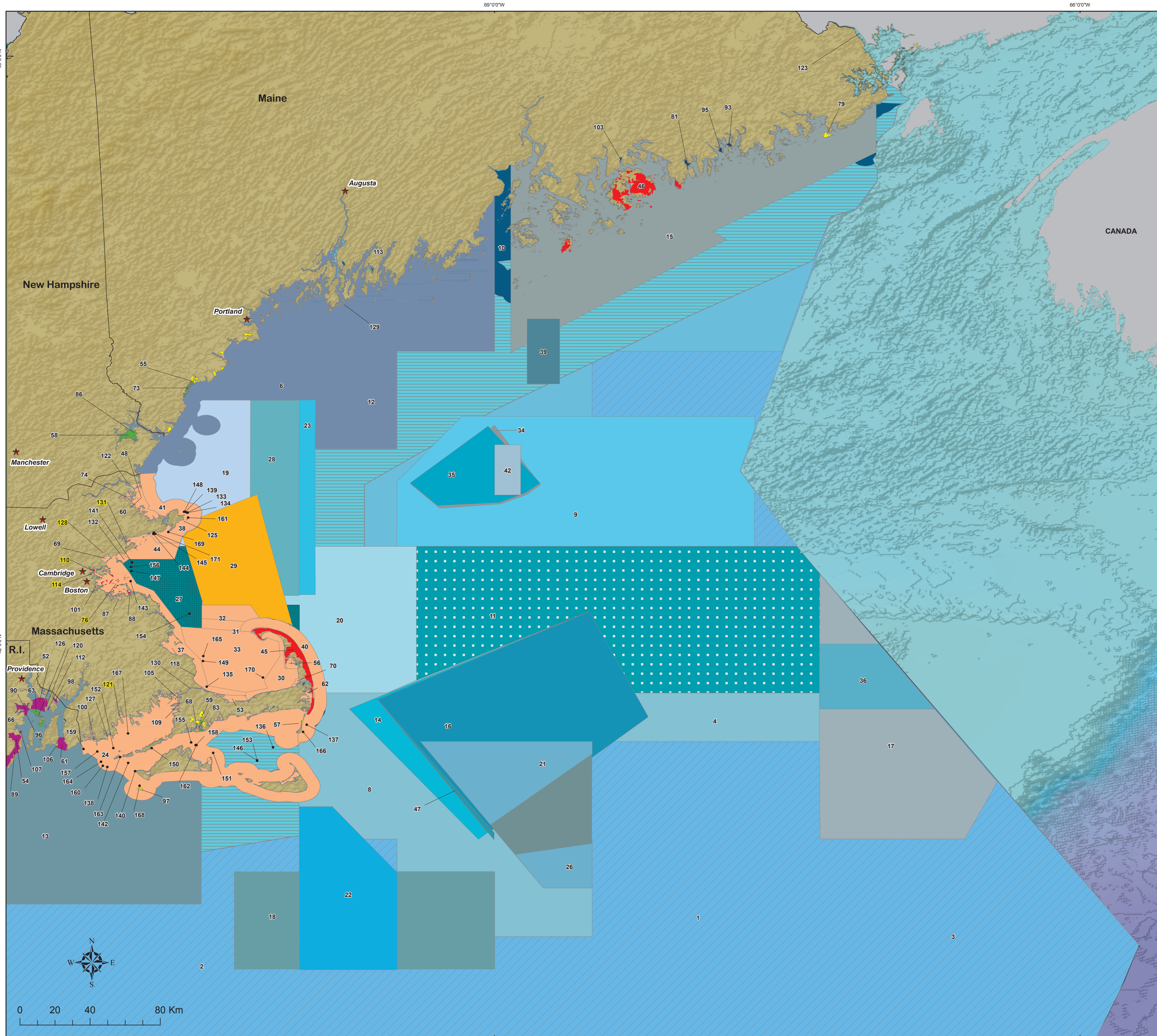


MARINE PROTECTED AREAS in the GULF of MAINE



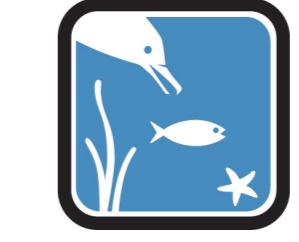

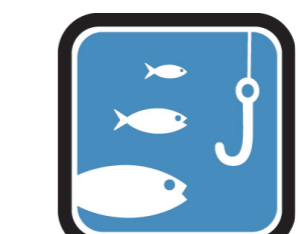
This map provides information regarding the distribution of marine protected areas throughout the Gulf of Maine. The boundaries for the areas shown were compiled into a spatial database by NOAA's Marine Protected Areas Center. Data were obtained from various federal agencies and participating state and local management offices and are current as of December 2007. Note that certain data gaps still exist. Please contact the MPA Center to provide information on sites that are missing from this catalog.

- State of Maine MPAs
 - State of Rhode Island MPAs
 - State of Massachusetts MPAs
 - Massachusetts Exempt Sites (Shipwrecks)
 - National Wildlife Refuges
 - National Park Service MPAs
 - National Marine Sanctuaries
 - National Estuarine Research Reserves
 - National Marine Fisheries Service Sites
- Site ID (see table below for classification)

Note: Highlighted IDs indicate sites that are not in the MPACs database





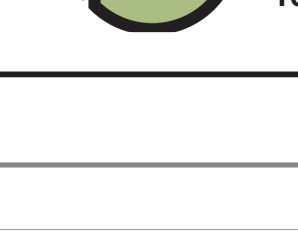
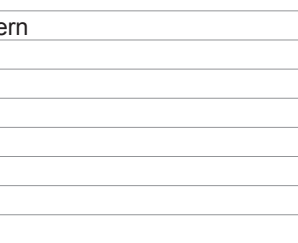
CONSERVATION FOCUS

Most MPAs have legally established goals, conservation objectives, and intended purpose(s). Common examples include MPAs created to conserve biodiversity in support of research and education; to protect benthic habitat in order to recover over-fished stocks; and to protect and interpret shipwrecks for maritime education. These descriptors of an MPA are reflected in the site's Conservation Focus, which represents the characteristics of the area that the MPA was established to conserve. The Conservation Focus, in turn, influences many fundamental aspects of the site, including its design, location, size, scale, management strategies and potential contribution to surrounding ecosystems. U.S. MPAs generally address one or more of these areas of Conservation Focus:

-  **Natural Heritage:** MPAs or zones established and managed wholly or in part to sustain, conserve, restore, and understand the protected area's natural biodiversity, populations, communities, habitats, and ecosystems; the ecological and physical processes upon which they depend; and, the ecological services, human uses and values they provide to this and future generations.
-  **Cultural Heritage:** MPAs or zones established and managed wholly or in part to protect and understand submerged cultural resources that reflect the nation's maritime history and traditional cultural connections to the sea.
-  **Sustainable Production:** MPAs or zones established and managed wholly or in part with the explicit purpose of supporting the continued extraction of renewable living resources (such as fish, shellfish, plants, birds, or mammals) that live within the MPA, or that are exploited elsewhere but depend upon the protected area's habitat for essential aspects of their ecology or life history.

LEVEL OF PROTECTION

MPAs in the U.S. vary widely in the level and type of legal protections afforded to the site's natural and cultural resources and ecological processes. Any MPA, or management zone within a larger MPA, can be characterized by one of the following six levels of protection, which will directly influence its effects on the environment and human uses.

-  **Uniform Multiple-Use:** MPAs or zones with a consistent level of protection and allowable activities, including certain extractive uses, across the entire protected area.
-  **Zoned Multiple-Use:** MPAs that allow some extractive activities throughout the entire site, but that use marine zoning to allocate specific uses to compatible places or times in order to reduce user conflicts and adverse impacts.
-  **Zoned Multiple-Use With No-Take Area(s):** Multiple-use MPAs that contain at least one legally established management zone in which all resource extraction is prohibited.
-  **No-Take:** MPAs or zones that allow human access and even some potentially harmful uses, but that totally prohibit the extraction or significant destruction of natural or cultural resources.
-  **No Impact:** MPAs or zones that allow human access, but that prohibit all activities that could harm the site's resources or disrupt the ecological or cultural services they provide.
-  **No Access:** MPAs or zones that restrict all human access to the area in order to prevent potential ecological disturbance, unless specifically permitted for designated special uses such as research, monitoring or restoration.

ID	Site Name	Level of Protection	Primary Conservation Focus	Fishing Restrictions	Area (km ²)	ID	Site Name	Level of Protection	Primary Conservation Focus	Fishing Restrictions	Area (km ²)	ID	Site Name	Level of Protection	Primary Conservation Focus	Fishing Restrictions	Area (km ²)
1	Offshore Lobster Waters	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	33041.85	58	Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	27.04	115	Shadmoor State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.41
2	Other Northeast Glinnet Waters Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	297429.21	59	Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge	No Access	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	26.11	116	Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	0.33
3	Mis-Islands Coastal Waters Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	111707.60	60	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	23.81	117	Block Island National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	0.29
4	GOM Rolling Closure Area I	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	68891.39	61	Sakonnet River	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	23.31	118	Ellisville Harbor Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.25
5	Southern Nearshore Lobster Waters	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	67076.85	62	Pleasant Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	22.80	119	Conscience Point National Wildlife Refuge	No Impact	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	0.25
6	Northern Nearshore Lobster Waters Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	51469.81	63	Naragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Unrestricted	17.86	120	Mill Gul, Cull Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	No Restrictions	?
7	Waters off New Jersey Closure	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	34746.46	64	Robert Moses State Park - Long Island	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	14.72	121	New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.20
8	Georges Bank Seasonal Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	21904.99	65	Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Prohibited	13.81	122	Ram Island State Wildlife Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.10
9	Offshore Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	16036.34	66	Greenwich Bay	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	13.65	123	Saint Croix International Historic Site	?	?	?	?
10	Northern Inshore State Lobster Waters Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	15729.94	67	Wiertham National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	11.59	124	Baywater Point State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.07
11	SAM East	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	13162.33	68	Wauquet Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	11.47	125	Mink Island (Kingdry) State Wildlife Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.05
12	Mid-Coast Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	12036.42	69	Comery Marshes Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Prohibitions	11.26	126	Jenny's Creek	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	0.05
13	Cape Cod South Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	8666.13	70	Inner Cape Cod Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	10.55	127	Demarest Lloyd State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Recreational Restricted	0.05
14	Great South Channel Restricted Lobster Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	8356.09	71	Jones Beach State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	10.28	128	Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site	?	?	?	?
15	Northeast Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	7534.90	72	Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	9.85	129	Pond Island National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	0.04
16	Great South Channel Restricted Glinnet Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	7502.16	73	Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	8.19	130	Herring River Watershed Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.04
17	Closed Area II	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	6734.15	74	William Forward Wildlife Management Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	7.47	131	Salem Maritime National Historic Site	?	?	?	?
18	Nantucket Lightship Closed Area	Zoned Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	6265.80	75	Hither Hills State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	6.97	132	Egg Rock (Henry Cabot Lodge) State Wildlife Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.01
19	Shelburne Bank/Jeffreys Ledge Restricted Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	5271.84	76	Boak Harbor Islands National Recreational Area	?	?	No Restrictions	6.46	133	U.S.S. Grouse Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
20	SAM West	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	5008.70	77	Hockessin State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	6.33	134	California Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
21	Closed Area I	Zoned Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	3940.44	78	Cumsett State Historic Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	6.19	135	Pottowomut Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
22	Nantucket Lightship Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	3409.98	79	Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge	No Take	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	6.16	136	Lackawanna Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
23	Closed Area II	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	3010.52	80	Napeague State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	6.02	137	Pendleton Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
24	Cape and Islands Ocean Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	2834.59	81	West Bay Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	5.47	138	Seaconnet Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
25	Mudhock Closure	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	2766.52	82	Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	4.69	139	Charles S. Magill Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
26	Closed Area I Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	2525.99	83	Wauquet Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	4.49	140	Herman Winter Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
27	Massachusetts Bay Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	2375.60	84	Swanwick, McKinney National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	4.49	141	Herbert Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
28	Western Gulf of Maine Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	2272.54	85	Citigo State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	4.31	142	John Dwight Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
29	Cery-C. S. Studs/Jepsegen Bank National Marine Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	2189.75	86	Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	4.27	143	Knowlton Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
30	Right Whale Critical Habitat and Adjacent Waters Restricted Gear Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	1816.14	87	Weymouth/Hingham Back River Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	3.88	144	Albert Gallatin Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
31	Cape Cod Bay Year-Round Fish Pot Trawl Floating Ground Line Prohibition Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	1740.38	88	West River Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	3.77	145	Alton M. Colburn Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
32	Cape Cod Bay Restricted Area	Zoned Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	1665.41	89	John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	3.77	146	Barge and Crane Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
33	Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	1588.55	90	Potowomut River	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	3.74	147	City of Salisbury Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
34	Closed Area II Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	1425.39	91	Marblehead Point State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	3.27	148	Edwin Rich Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
35	Cashes Ledge Closure Area (Multipieces)	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	1373.31	92	Walden State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	3.19	149	Henry Endicott Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
36	Cape Area II Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	1371.54	93	Harrison River Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	3.11	150	Lunel Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
37	Winter Flounder Spawning Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	1125.76	94	Camp Hero State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	2.91	151	Ardenham Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
38	North Shore Groundfish Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	542.17	95	Narragansett Bay Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	2.89	152	Corvan Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
39	Jeffrey's Bank Habitat Closure Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	499.43	96	High Banks	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	2.65	153	Van Gilder Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
40	Cape Cod Ocean Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	477.54	97	Norway Land Island National Wildlife Refuge	No Access	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	2.52	154	Prokes Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
41	North Shore Ocean Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	449.72	98	Kickemott River	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	2.24	155	Port Hunter Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
42	Cashes Ledge Habitat Closure	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	Commercial Restricted	313.26	99	Caprice State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	2.19	156	Romanos Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
43	Edwin B. Ford the National Wildlife Refuge	Zoned No Take	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	278.63	100	Hanscomb Beach State Reservation	Uniform Multiple Use	Recreational Restricted	No Restrictions	2.17	157	Hilda Garston Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
44	South Essex Ocean Sanctuary	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	238.19	101	Neponset River Estuary Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Prohibitions	1.92	158	Kershaw Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
45	Cape Cod National Seashore	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	164.20	102	Niridet National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	1.79	159	H.M.C.S. Saint Clair Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
46	Acadia National Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	153.71	103	Jordan River Seed Mussel Conservation Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	1.53	160	Trotter Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
47	Great South Channel Silver Restricted Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	105.89	104	Orient Beach State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	1.45	161	Chelsea Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
48	Parker River/Essex Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	103.25	105	Bowme Beach River Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	1.29	162	Pemberton Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
49	Salt Ponds Region	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	101.37	106	Sachusett Point National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	1.01	163	U.S.S. Trianglet Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
50	Gateway National Recreation Area	Zoned Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	67.51	107	Bascom Cove/Fox Island	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	0.90	164	Vineyard Sound Lightship Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
51	Friendship National Seashore	Zoned Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	57.67	108	Saachuk National Wildlife Refuge	No Access	Natural Heritage	Commercial Prohibited	0.68	165	Mars Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
52	Upper Narragansett Bay	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Restricted	38.89	109	Poissant River Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.65	166	Dixie Sword Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
53	Sandy Neck/Barnstable Harbor Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Prohibitions	36.96	110	Boston National Historical Park	?	?	?	0.60	167	U.S.S. Yankee Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
54	Narronier	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	35.43	111	Naseague Peak State Park	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	0.60	168	U.S.S. 150 Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
55	Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	All Prohibited	35.60	112	Bristol Harbor Shellfish Transplant Area	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	0.49	169	Chester A. Poling Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
56	Wellfleet Harbor Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Uniform Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	No Restrictions	31.53	113	Newcastle Conservation Area I	Uniform Multiple Use	Sustainable Production	All Restricted	0.43	170	James S. Longstreet Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?
57	Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge	Zoned Multiple Use	Natural Heritage	Commercial Restricted	29.60	114	Boston African American National Historic Site	?	?	?	0.42	171	U.S.S. New Hampshire Exempt Site	Uniform Multiple Use	Cultural Heritage	No Restrictions	?

*Sites are not in the MPAC database

**Sites are locations of Shipwrecks (no area available)