



Northeast Region Bulletin

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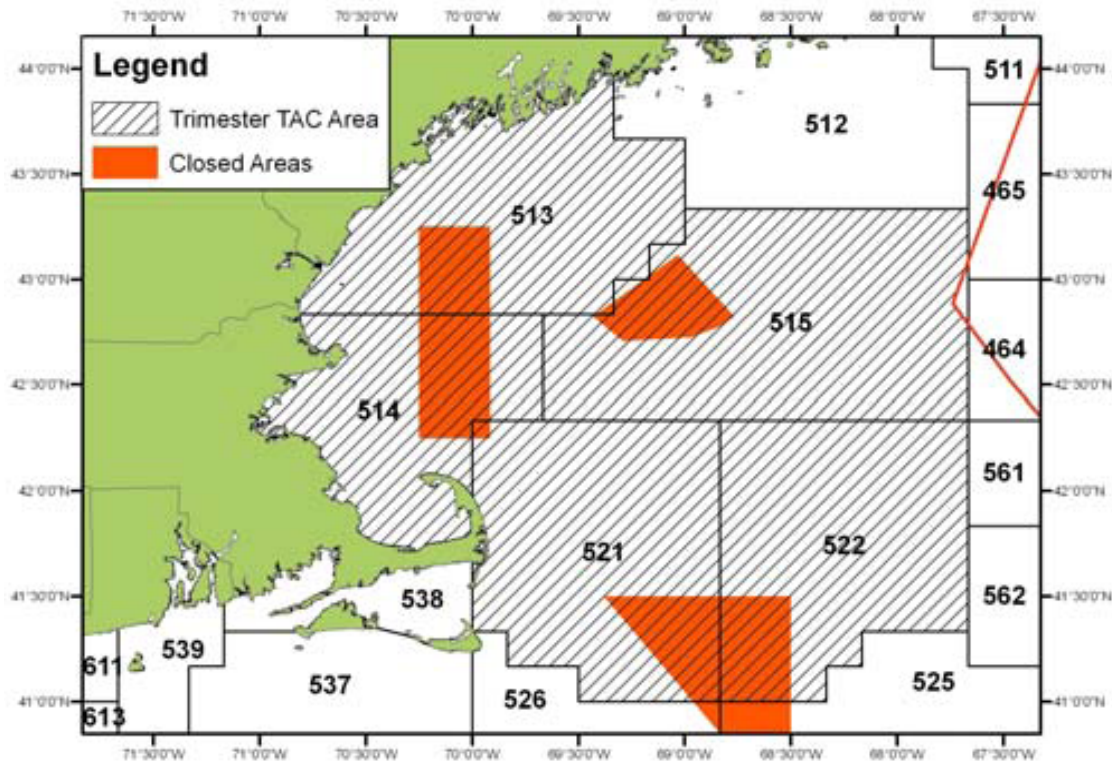
Area Closed for Remainder of Trimester 2

Effective Date: 0001 hours, December 5, 2012, through 2400 hours, December 31, 2012

Based on available data and information, we have determined that 90 percent of the Trimester 2 TAC for white hake has been harvested. Therefore, effective 0001 hours, December 5, 2012, the Trimester TAC Area is closed for the remainder of Trimester 2, through December 31, 2012, to all common pool vessels fishing with trawl gear, sink gillnet gear, and longline/hook gear. The Trimester TAC Area encompasses the following statistical areas: 513, 514, 515, 521, and 522 (Figure 1) and will reopen at the beginning of Trimester 3, at 0001 hours, January 1, 2013.

Vessels that have submitted the required 48-hour Pre-Trip Notification, declared a trip through the vessel monitoring system (VMS) or interactive voice response (IVR) system, and crossed the VMS demarcation line prior to 0001 hours, December 5, 2012, may complete their trip even if part or all of the trip is in the Trimester TAC Area.

Figure 1. White Hake Trimester TAC Area



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