



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

July 21, 2005

NOTICE ALL FEDERALLY-PERMITTED VESSELS

SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Dear Permit Holder:

This letter clarifies that the Elephant Trunk Area (see attachment) is closed to scallop fishing by **all vessels**. Regulations implementing Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) in June 2004 established the Elephant Trunk Area as a Rotational Closed Area. The closure is effective July 23, 2004 through February 28, 2007. **During the closure no vessels may fish for, possess, or land any sea scallops in or from this Area.** Further, no vessel possessing sea scallops may enter or be in the Area unless it is in transit with all gear stowed as specified in 50 CFR 648.23(b) or there is a compelling safety reason to enter the Area.

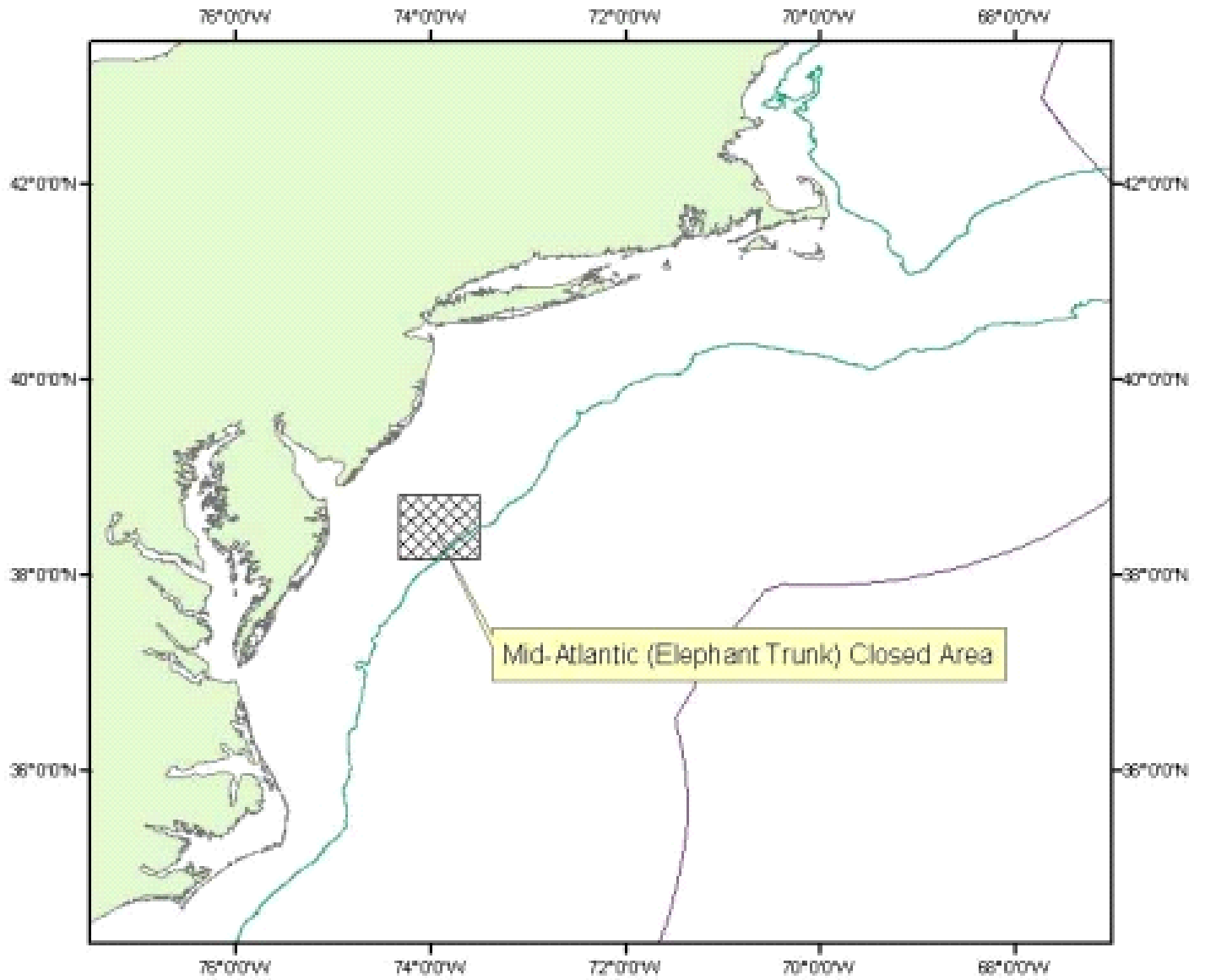
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Kurkul".

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

This Small Entity compliance Guide complies with the section 212 of the Small business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996





Point	Latitude	Longitude
ET1	38/50' N	74/20' W
ET2	38/10' N	74/20' W
ET3	38/10' N	73/30' W
ET4	38/50' N	73/30' W
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