

between the U.S. and Canada (at 48° 29'37.19" N. lat., 124°43'33.19" W. long.), and north of the point where that line intersects with the boundary of the U.S. territorial sea.

(ii) The northern and northwestern boundary is a line connecting the following coordinates in the order listed, which is the provisional international boundary of the EEZ as shown on NOAA/NOS Charts #18480 and #18007:

| Point | N. lat. | W. long. |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | 48°29'37.19" | 124°43'33.19" |
| 2 | 48°30'11" | 124°47'13" |
| 3 | 48°30'22" | 124°50'21" |
| 4 | 48°30'14" | 124°54'52" |
| 5 | 48°29'57" | 124°59'14" |
| 6 | 48°29'44" | 125°00'06" |
| 7 | 48°28'09" | 125°05'47" |
| 8 | 48°27'10" | 125°08'25" |
| 9 | 48°26'47" | 125°09'12" |
| 10 | 48°20'16" | 125°22'48" |
| 11 | 48°18'22" | 125°29'58" |
| 12 | 48°11'05" | 125°53'48" |
| 13 | 47°49'15" | 126°40'57" |
| 14 | 47°36'47" | 127°11'58" |
| 15 | 47°22'00" | 127°41'23" |
| 16 | 46°42'05" | 128°51'56" |
| 17 | 46°31'47" | 129°07'39" |

(iii) The southern limit is 47°30' N. lat.

(2) *Columbia*. (i) The northern limit is 47°30' N. lat.

(ii) The southern limit is 43°00' N. lat.

(3) *Eureka*. (i) The northern limit is 43°00' N. lat.

(ii) The southern limit is 36°00' N. lat.

(4) *Monterey*. (i) The northern limit is 40°30' N. lat.

(ii) The southern limit is 36°00' N. lat.

(5) *Conception*. (i) The northern limit is 36°00' N. lat.

(ii) The southern limit is the U.S.-Mexico International Boundary, which is a line connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

| Point | N. lat. | W. long. |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | 32°35'22" | 117° 27'49" |
| 2 | 32°37'37" | 117°49'31" |
| 3 | 31°07'58" | 118°36'18" |
| 4 | 30°32'31" | 121°51'58" |

(b) *Commonly used geographic coordinates*.

(1) Cape Falcon, OR—45°46' N. lat.

(2) Cape Lookout, OR—45°20'15" N. lat.

(3) Cape Blanco, OR—42°50' N. lat.

(4) Cape Mendocino, CA—40°30' N. lat.

(5) North/South management line—40°10' N. lat.

(6) Point Arena, CA—38°57'30" N. lat.

(7) Point Conception, CA—34°27' N. lat.

(c) *Groundfish Conservation Areas (GCAs)*. In § 660.302, a GCA is defined as "a geographic area defined by coordinates expressed in latitude and longitude, created and enforced for the purpose of contributing to the rebuilding of overfished West Coast groundfish species." Specific GCAs may be defined here in this paragraph, or in the **Federal Register**, within the harvest specifications and management measures process. While some GCAs may be designed with the intent that their shape be determined by ocean bottom depth contours, their shapes are defined in regulation by latitude/longitude coordinates and are enforced by those coordinates. Fishing activity that is prohibited or permitted within a particular GCA is detailed in **Federal Register** documents associated with the harvest specifications and management measures process.

(1) *Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs)*. RCAs are defined in the **Federal Register** through the harvest specifications and management measures process. RCAs may apply to a single gear type or to a group of gear types, such as "trawl RCAs" or "non-trawl RCAs".

(2) *Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs)*. (i) The Western CCA is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order listed:

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;
33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;
32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;
32°20' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;
33°00' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;
33°00' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;
33°33' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;
33°33' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;
and connecting back to 33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.

(2) The Eastern CCA is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order listed:

32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;
32°42' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°36'42" N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 117°53'30" W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;
and connecting back to 32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.

(d) *Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA)*. The YRCA is a C-shaped area off the northern Washington coast that is bound by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order listed:

48°18' N. lat., 125°18' W. long.;
48°18' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;
48°11' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;
48°11' N. lat., 125°11' W. long.;
48°04' N. lat., 125°11' W. long.;
48°04' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;

48°00' N. lat., 124°59' W. long.;
48°00' N. lat., 125°18' W. long.;
and connecting back to 48°18' N. lat., 125°18' W. long.

(e) *International boundaries*. (1) Any person fishing subject to this subpart is bound by the international boundaries described in this section, notwithstanding any dispute or negotiation between the United States and any neighboring country regarding their respective jurisdictions, until such time as new boundaries are established or recognized by the United States.

(2) The inner boundary of the fishery management area is a line coterminous with the seaward boundaries of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California (the "3-mile limit").

(3) The outer boundary of the fishery management area is a line drawn in such a manner that each point on it is 200 nm from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, or is a provisional or permanent international boundary between the United States and Canada or Mexico.

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5. In § 660.306, new paragraphs (z), (aa) and (bb) are added to read as follows:

§ 660.306 Prohibitions.

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(z) *Vessel monitoring systems*. (1) Use any vessel registered to a limited entry permit to operate in the EEZ off the States of Washington, Oregon or California unless that vessel carries a NMFS OLE type-approved mobile transceiver unit and complies with the requirements described at § 660.359.

(2) Fail to install, activate, repair or replace a mobile transceiver unit prior to leaving port as specified at § 660.359.

(3) Fail to operate and maintain a mobile transceiver unit on board the vessel at all times as specified at § 660.359.

(4) Tamper with, damage, destroy, alter, or in any way distort, render useless, inoperative, ineffective, or inaccurate the VMS, mobile transceiver unit, or VMS signal required to be installed on or transmitted by a vessel as specified at § 660.359.

(5) Fail to contact NMFS OLE or follow NMFS OLE instructions when automatic position reporting has been interrupted as specified at § 660.359.

(aa) *Fishing in conservation areas*. (1) Fish with any trawl gear, including exempted gear used to take pink shrimp, spot and ridgeback prawns, California halibut south of Pt. Arena, CA, and sea cucumber; or with trawl gear from a tribal vessel or with any gear from a vessel registered to a groundfish limited entry permit in a conservation area