North Atlantic Right Whale Critical Habitat, February 2022 - NC Department of Transportation

File Geodatabase Feature Class



North Atlantic Right Whale, Eubalaena glacialis, endangered, Biology, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Monitoring, Water, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Southeast Regional Office, Southeast Region, Natural Resources, GARFO, Endangered Species Act, Permits, oceans, Ecology, Human, environment, Greater Atlantic Region, Critical Habitat, NOAA, Environment, Atlantic Ocean, Ecosystem, ESA, Marine, Conservation, US EEZ, NMFS, Compliance, Biota, Boundaries, Transportation, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

Tags

Summary

This dataset was made available as part of the Project ATLAS initiative at NCDOT to support the Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) Mitigation and Modeling Unit with project delivery in the development phase. Data is current as of January 2016 and corresponds to the USFWS final ruling of critical habitat as published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2016.

This dataset depicts the boundaries of the North Atlantic Right Whale Critical Habitat for the NOAA Fisheries Service's Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO).

This layer includes boundaries for the Critical Habitat for North Atlantic Right Whale off the southeastern US coast, the calving area, which falls under the jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Region.

Because GIS projection and topology functions can change or generalize coordinates, these GIS files are considered to be approximate representations and are NOT an OFFICIAL record for the exact regulated area boundaries. For information on the official legal definition refer to the Use Constraints metadata section.

Description

The North Atlantic right whale Critical Habitat dataset is a polygon layer depicting the boundaries of the North Atlantic Right Whale Critical Habitat for the NOAA Fisheries Service's Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO).

The North Atlantic right whale is one of the world's most endangered large whale species; the latest preliminary estimate suggests there are fewer than 350 remaining, with fewer than 100 breeding females. The number of new calves born in recent years has been below average. Right whales are baleen whales, feeding on copepods (tiny crustaceans) by straining huge volumes of ocean water through their baleen plates, which act like a sieve. By the early 1890s, commercial whalers had hunted right whales in the Atlantic to the brink of extinction. Whaling is no longer a threat, but human interactions still present the greatest danger to this species. Entanglement in fishing gear and vessel strikes are the leading causes of North Atlantic right whale mortality. Increasing ocean noise levels from human activities are also a concern since the noise may interfere with right whale communication and increase their stress levels. North Atlantic right whales have stocky black bodies with no dorsal fins, and their blow spouts are shaped like a "V." Their tails are broad, deeply notched, and all black with a smooth trailing edge. Their bellies may be all black or have irregularly shaped white patches. Pectoral flippers are relatively short, broad, and paddle-shaped. Calves are about 14 feet at birth and adults can grow to lengths of 52 feet. Their heads have knobby white patches of rough skin, called callosities, which appear white because of whale lice (cyamids) covering their otherwise black skin. Each right whale has a unique pattern of

callosities that scientists use to identify individual whales, an invaluable tool in tracking population size and health.

Credits

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Maintenance of this dataset is handled by the NMFS.

Support and maintenance of the enterprise spatial database where this data resides is handled by NCDIT's Transportation GIS Unit.

Use limitations

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Extent

West -81.553701 East -77.713392
North 33.918131 South 27.984442
Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in) 1:5,000 Minimum (zoomed out) 1:625,000

ArcGIS Metadata ▶

Topics and Keywords ►

Themes or categories of the resource biota, boundaries, location, transportation, environment

* CONTENT TYPE Downloadable Data

EXPORT TO FGDC CSDGM XML FORMAT AS RESOURCE DESCRIPTION No

PLACE KEYWORDS North Carolina

THESAURUS

TITLE User

CREATION DATE 2016-01-26 00:00:00

PUBLICATION DATE 2022-02-25 00:00:00

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THEME KEYWORDS North Atlantic Right Whale, Eubalaena glacialis, endangered, Biology, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Monitoring, Water, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Southeast Regional Office, Southeast Region, Natural Resources, GARFO, Endangered Species Act, Permits, oceans, Ecology, Human, environment, Greater Atlantic Region, Critical Habitat, NOAA, Environment, Atlantic Ocean, Ecosystem, ESA, Marine, Conservation, US EEZ, NMFS, Compliance, Biota, Boundaries, Transportation, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

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Presentation formats digital map

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT vector digital data

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DATASET LANGUAGES English (UNITED STATES)

DATASET CHARACTER SET utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

STATUS completed

SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE **vector**

* PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Version 6.2 (Build 9200); Esri ArcGIS 10.8.1.14362

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Extents ▶

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DESCRIPTION

Data collection is complete.

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

BOUNDING RECTANGLE

WEST LONGITUDE -84.422111
EAST LONGITUDE -75.416034
SOUTH LATITUDE 33.730557
NORTH LATITUDE 36.617257

EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 2016-01-26 00:00:00 ENDING DATE 2016-01-26 00:00:00

EXTENT

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

BOUNDING RECTANGLE

EXTENT TYPE Extent used for searching

- * WEST LONGITUDE -81.553701
- * EAST LONGITUDE -77.713392
- * NORTH LATITUDE 33.918131
- * SOUTH LATITUDE 27.984442
- * EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

EXTENT IN THE ITEM'S COORDINATE SYSTEM

- * WEST LONGITUDE 1224953.740800
- * EAST LONGITUDE 2390420.160191
- * SOUTH LATITUDE -2094449.054337
- * NORTH LATITUDE 61195.152411
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RESOURCE MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY annually

SCOPE OF THE UPDATES dataset

OTHER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

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CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM None

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Spatial Reference ►

ARCGIS COORDINATE SYSTEM

- * Type Projected
- * GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE REFERENCE GCS_North_American_1983
- * PROJECTION NAD 1983 StatePlane North Carolina FIPS 3200 Feet
- * COORDINATE REFERENCE DETAILS

PROJECTED COORDINATE SYSTEM

Well-known identifier 102719

X ORIGIN -121841900 Y ORIGIN -93659000

XY SCALE 3048.0060960121918

Z ORIGIN -100000 Z SCALE 10000 M ORIGIN -100000 M SCALE 10000

XY TOLERANCE 0.00328083333333333333

Z TOLERANCE 0.001 M TOLERANCE 0.001 HIGH PRECISION true

LATEST WELL-KNOWN IDENTIFIER 2264

WELL-KNOWN TEXT

PROJCS["NAD_1983_StatePlane_North_Carolina_FIPS_3200_Feet",GEOGCS["GCS_North_American_1983",DATUM["D_North_American_1983",SPHEROID["GRS_1980",6378137.0,298.257222101]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0.0],UNIT["Degree",0.0174532925199433]],PROJECTION["Lambert_Conformal_Conic"],PARAMETER["False_Easting",2000000.002616666],PARAMETER["False_Northing",0.0],PARAMETER["Central_Meridian",-

REFERENCE SYSTEM IDENTIFIER

VALUE 2264

- * CODESPACE EPSG
- * VERSION 6.12(9.0.0)

Hide Spatial Reference ▲

Spatial Data Properties ▶

VECTOR >

* LEVEL OF TOPOLOGY FOR THIS DATASET geometry only

GEOMETRIC OBJECTS

FEATURE CLASS NAME NorthAtlanticRightWhale

- * OBJECT TYPE composite
- * OBJECT COUNT 1

Hide Vector ▲

ARCGIS FEATURE CLASS PROPERTIES >

FEATURE CLASS NAME NorthAtlanticRightWhale

- * FEATURE TYPE Simple
- * GEOMETRY TYPE Polygon
- * HAS TOPOLOGY FALSE
- * FEATURE COUNT 1
- * SPATIAL INDEX TRUE
- * LINEAR REFERENCING FALSE

Hide ArcGIS Feature Class Properties ▲

Hide Spatial Data Properties A

Data Quality ▶

Scope of quality information Resource level dataset

Hide Scope of quality information ▲

DATA QUALITY REPORT - COMPLETENESS OMISSION MEASURE DESCRIPTION

After processing, the dataset is checked for drawing display and number of records and file sizes compared with source materials.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS
TEST PASSED Yes
RESULT EXPLANATION
Pass

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION >

TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications CREATION DATE 2019-06-28 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2021-10-29 00:00:00

Hide Product specification ▲

Hide Data quality report - Completeness omission

DATA QUALITY REPORT - CONCEPTUAL CONSISTENCY

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The dataset is converted to file geodatabase (FGDB) format using tools in ArcGIS. The geometry is checked, and if needed repaired.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS
TEST PASSED Yes
RESULT EXPLANATION
Pass

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TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications CREATION DATE 2019-06-28 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2021-10-29 00:00:00

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Hide Data quality report - Conceptual consistency ▲

DATA QUALITY REPORT - QUANTITATIVE ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY
MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Geometry checks were conducted using ESRI's Data Reviewer tool.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS
TEST PASSED Yes
RESULT EXPLANATION
Pass

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION |

TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications
CREATION DATE 2019-06-28 00:00:00
PUBLICATION DATE 2021-10-29 00:00:00

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Hide Data quality report - Quantitative attribute accuracy ▲

Hide Data Quality ▲

Lineage ▶

LINEAGE STATEMENT

Data:

- -NOAA's Medium Resolution Digital Vector Shoreline (1998) for the Contiguous United States
- -USMaritimeLimitsNBoundaries

A shoreline was selected that was suitable for general mapping purposes, freely and publicly available, of medium-resolution, and covering the extent of the U.S. A series of template polygon shapefiles were then generated. The ESRI ArcGIS Check Geometry tool was run on the shapefile to identify any geometry problems. If problems were encountered, they were reviewed and corrected. Features were extracted from the template polygons to generate the regulated area boundary. The standardized attribute schema was applied to the shapefile, and the fields were defined.

PROCESS STEP DESCRIPTION

Data was downloaded from the NMFS website and the portion outside of NC shoreline was clipped out. Shapefile was converted to geodatabase.

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Data was reviewed in ESRI's Data Reviewer tool to verify geometry.

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Geodatabase was forwarded on to the GIS Unit for publishing as part of data for project ATLAS.

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Distribution ▶

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DISTRIBUTION FORMAT

* NAME File Geodatabase Feature Class

VERSION 10.5

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Fields ▶

DETAILS FOR OBJECT NorthAtlanticRightWhale ▶

- * Type Feature Class
- * Row count 1

DEFINITION

NMFS Regulated Areas for North Atlantic Right Whale

DEFINITION SOURCE

GARFO

FIELD OBJECTID ▶

ALIAS OBJECTID

- * DATA TYPE OID
- * WIDTH 4
- * PRECISION 0
- * SCALE 0
- * FIELD DESCRIPTION

Internal feature number.

* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Esri

* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field OBJECTID ▲

FIELD Shape ▶

- * ALIAS Shape
- * DATA TYPE Geometry
- * WIDTH 0
- * PRECISION 0
- * SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Feature geometry

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Coordinate geometry

FIELD Shape Length ▶

- * ALIAS Shape_Length
- * DATA TYPE Double
- * WIDTH 8
- * PRECISION 0
- * SCALE 0
- * FIELD DESCRIPTION

Length of feature in internal units.

* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Esri

* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Positive real numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field Shape_Length ▲

FIELD Shape_Area ▶

- * ALIAS Shape_Area
- * DATA TYPE Double
- * WIDTH 8
- * PRECISION 0
- * SCALE 0
- * FIELD DESCRIPTION

Area of feature in internal units squared.

* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Esri

* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Positive real numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field Shape_Area ▲

FIELD Area >

- * ALIAS AreaName
- * DATA TYPE String
- * WIDTH 50
- * PRECISION 0
- * SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Official name of the Regulated Area, usually the area name as printed in the CFR (Code of Federal Regulation)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

GARFO

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Metadata Details ▶

METADATA LANGUAGE English (UNITED STATES) METADATA CHARACTER SET utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format Scope of the data described by the metadata dataset Scope Name * dataset * LAST UPDATE 2024-01-30 **ARCGIS METADATA PROPERTIES** METADATA FORMAT ArcGIS 1.0 STANDARD OR PROFILE USED TO EDIT METADATA ISO19139 METADATA STYLE ISO 19139 Metadata Implementation Specification CREATED IN ARCGIS FOR THE ITEM 2024-02-01 14:13:20 LAST MODIFIED IN ARCGIS FOR THE ITEM 2024-01-30 11:00:41 **AUTOMATIC UPDATES** HAVE BEEN PERFORMED Yes LAST UPDATE 2024-01-30 11:00:41 ITEM LOCATION HISTORY ITEM COPIED OR MOVED 2019-04-10 11:36:22 To \\SER-GIS2\GIS DATA\GEODATA\USA\SE_Region\Protected_Resources\Critical_Habitat\North_Atlantic_Right_Whale_Cri tical Habitat **FROM** Q:\PRODUCTS\person\africk\whales\RIWH propCH2010\Proposed North Atlantic Right Whale Critical _Habitat_GARFO\North_Atlantic_Right_Whale_Critical_Habitat\North_Atlantic_Right_Whale_Critical_Ha bitat

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THUMBNAIL

THUMBNAIL TYPE JPG

ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE TYPE File

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE original metadata

ORIGINAL METADATA DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS TRANSLATED yes

SOURCE METADATA FORMAT fgdc

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