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SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2022



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VOLUNTARY FISHING AVOIDANCE ZONE

Measure:

- Continue to encourage fishers to stop fishing (and not haul gear) within 1000m of a killer whale
- In effect year-round and in all Canadian Pacific waters

Rationale:

- Same voluntary measure as previous years
- Best practice in the presence of killer whales

SWIFTSURE BANK SEASONAL SLOWDOWN AREAS

Measure

Two new Seasonal Slowdown Areas (SSA):

1. Existing ISZ extended to become SSA in PFMA 121-1
2. Second located between Carmanah Point & Latitude 125

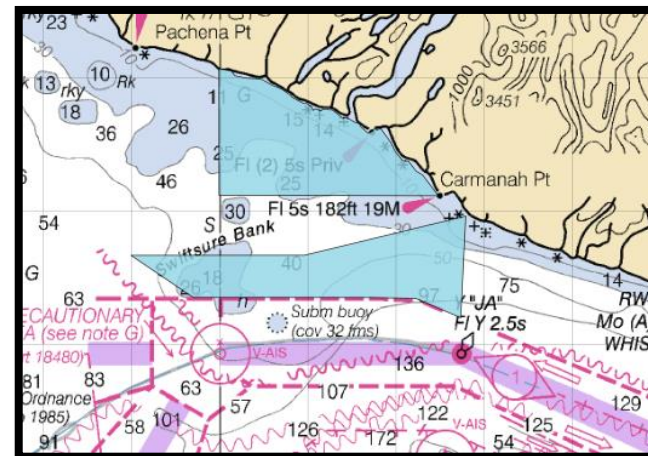
Vessel speed limited to no more than 10 knots in SSAs

Timing

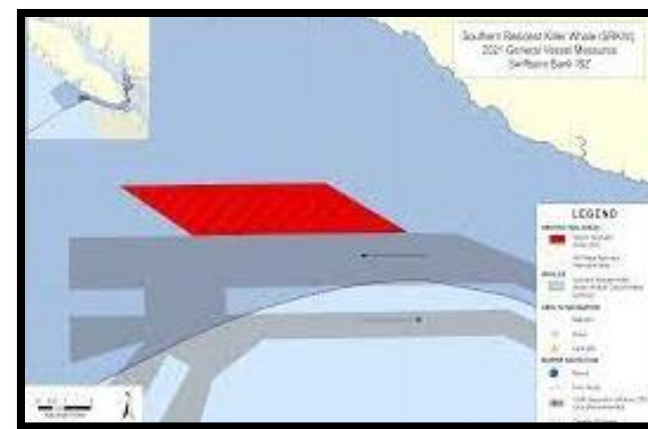
In effect from June 1 - November 30, 2022

Exceptions

- Federal government, or present at the request of the government
- Non-motorized vessels
- Vessels in distress or providing assistance
- Vessels avoiding immediate or unforeseen danger



2022 Swiftsure Bank SSAs



2021 Swiftsure Bank ISZ



SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS INTERIM SANCTUARY ZONES

Measure

Consistent with 2021, no fishing or boating (some exceptions) off the coasts of South Pender & Saturna Islands.

Timing

In effect from June 1 - November 30, 2022

Exceptions

- Human powered vessels provided a 20m transit lane along shoreline
- Local traffic
- Vessels in distress or providing assistance
- Vessels involved in pollution response
- Vessels avoiding immediate or unforeseen danger
- Federal government, or present at the request of the government
- Undertaking activities as authorized under either SARA, the MMR, or *Fisheries Act* (including scientific research)
- Vessels being used for s. 35 fishing



2021 & 2022 Southern Gulf Islands ISZs



MANDATORY 400M APPROACH DISTANCE

Measure

Consistent with 2021, vessels may not approach any killer whale within 400m in all southern BC coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet

Timing

In effect year-round until May 31, 2023

Exceptions

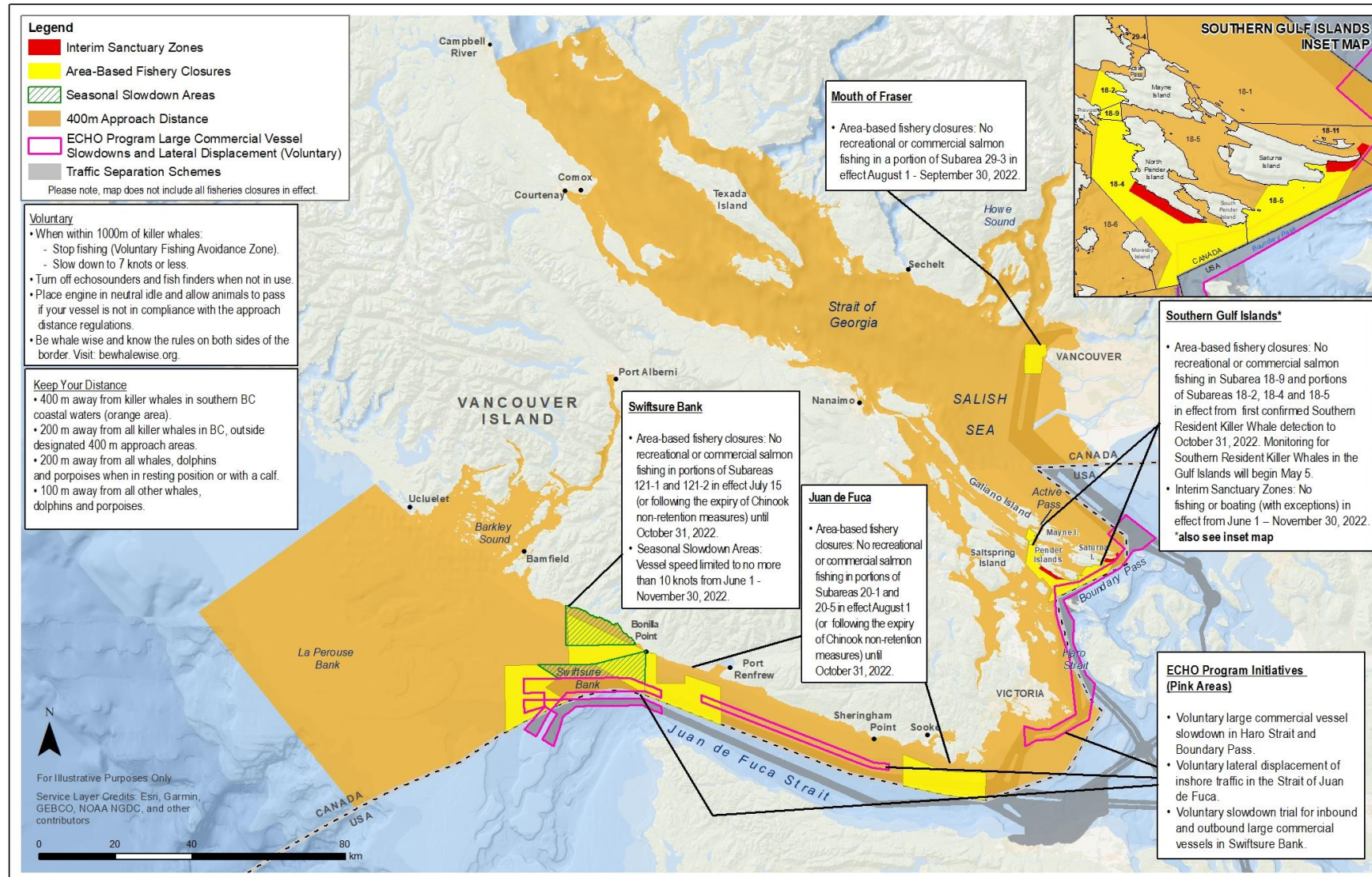
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400 m Approach Distance Geographic Scope



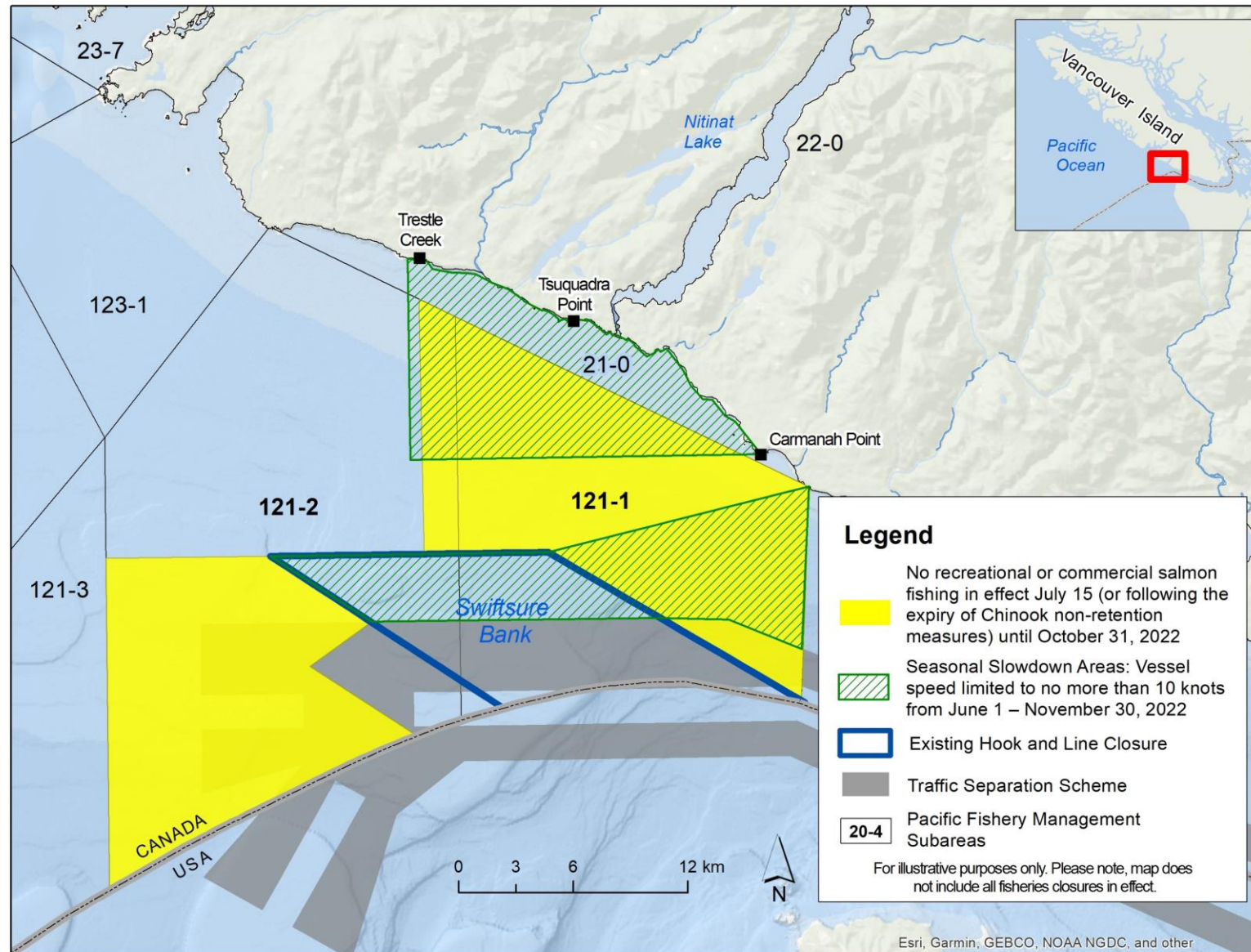
OVERVIEW OF 2022 MANAGEMENT MEASURES



Overview of 2022 management measures to protect Southern Resident Killer Whales



SWIFTSURE BANK MEASURES



2022 Swiftsure Bank management measures