

Alaska Seabird Avoidance Measures

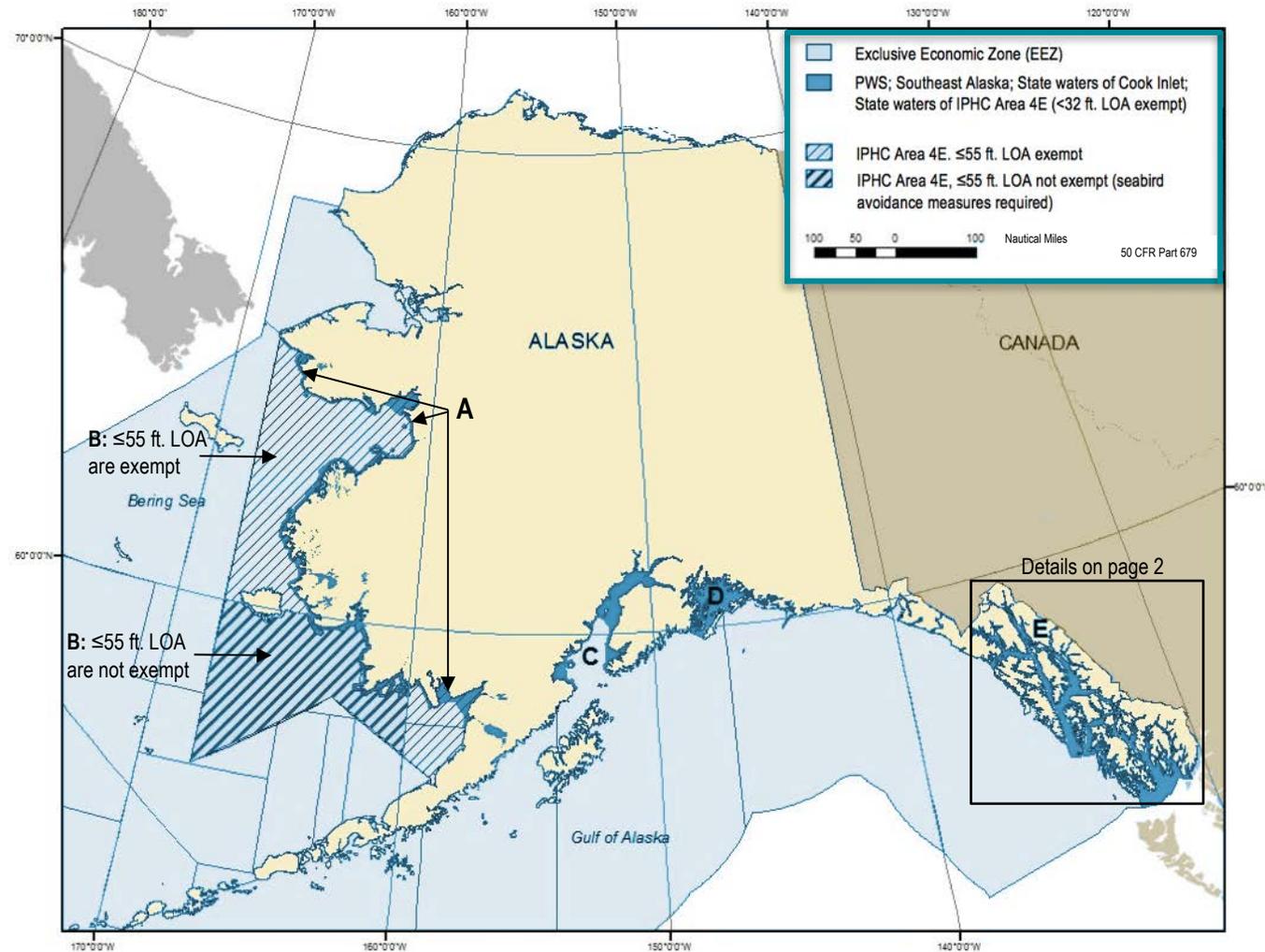
Required to be used by operators of all vessels > 26 ft. LOA using hook-and-line gear while fishing for:

- ▶ IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, or IFQ sablefish in the EEZ off Alaska or State of Alaska waters (0 to 200 nm combined); or
- ▶ Groundfish in the EEZ off Alaska (3 to 200 nm)

Seabird Avoidance Measures Exemption Areas

Exemptions from Seabird Avoidance Measures Include Hook-and-Line Vessels:

- <32 ft. LOA in the State waters (0 to 3 nm) of IPHC Area 4E
- ≤55 ft. LOA in IPHC Area 4E but not including waters south of 60°00.00 N. lat. and west of 160°00.00 W. long.
- In State waters (0 to 3 nm) of Cook Inlet
- In NMFS Reporting Area 649 (Prince William Sound)
- In Southeast Alaska – NMFS Reporting Area 659, excluding Transition Areas (see page 2)



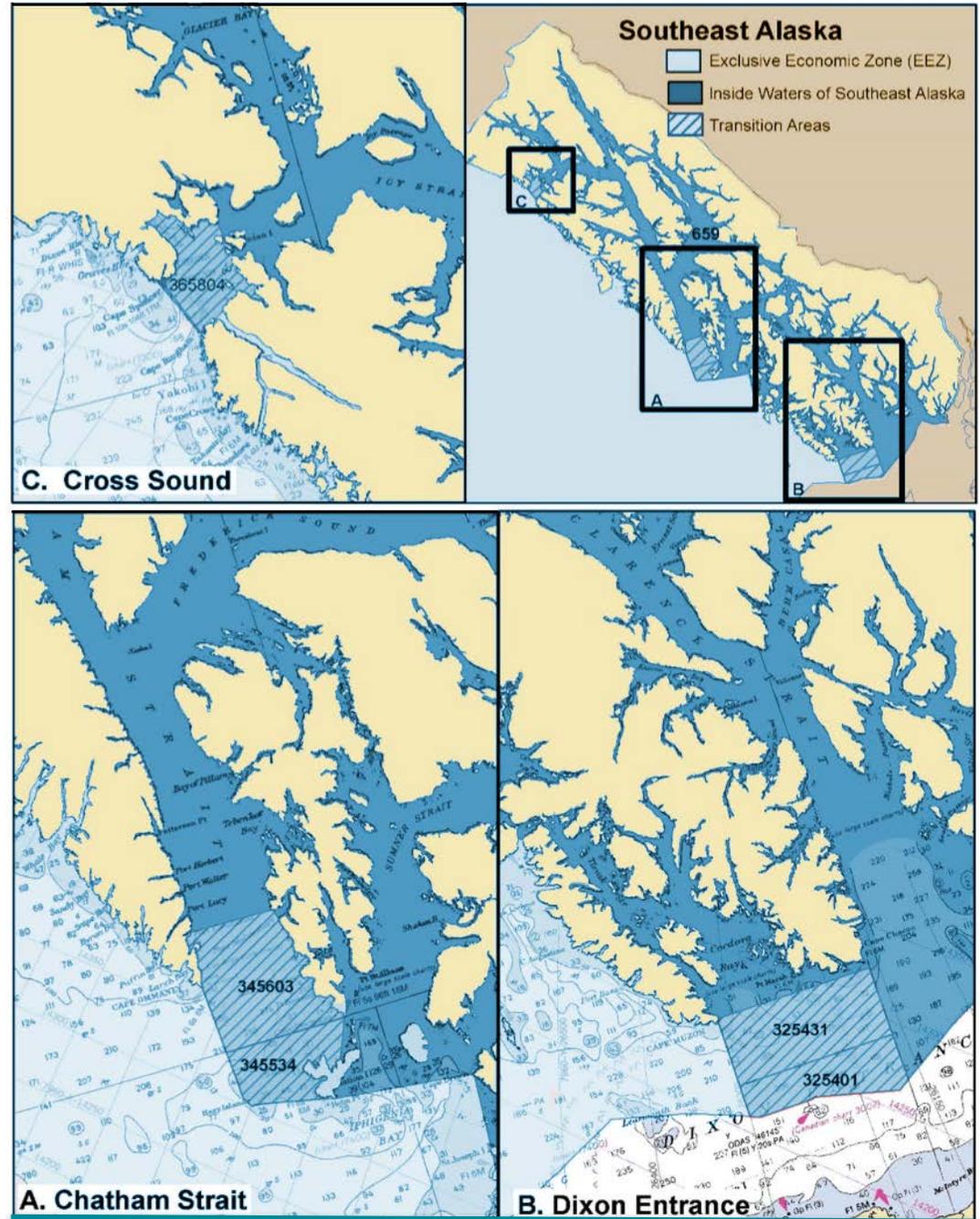
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Seabird avoidance measures are required in Southeast Alaska Transition Areas.

▶ Exemptions from seabird avoidance measures include hook-and-line vessels in NMFS Reporting Area 659 (Eastern GOA Regulatory Area, Southeast Inside District), but do not include waters in the following Transition Areas:

- A. south of a straight line at $56^{\circ}17.25$ N. lat. between Point Harris and Port Armstrong in Chatham Strait,
- B. State statistical areas 325431 and 325401, and
- C. west of a straight line at $136^{\circ}21.17$ E. long. from Point Wimbledon extending south through the Inian Islands to Point Lavinia



Questions?

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