Amendment 107 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

1. Insert section 3.5.3.1 to read as indicated below:

3.5.3.1 Walrus Islands Protection Transit Areas

From April 1 through August 15 of each year, vessels with Federal Fisheries Permits are permitted to transit through an open area in the Round Island walrus protection area, northeast of a line from 58° 47.90' N, 160° 21.91' W to 58° 32.94' N, 159° 35.45' W, and must remain a minimum of 3 nm from Round Island (Figure 3-17). Vessels designated on a Federal fisheries permit are prohibited from deploying fishing gear in the transit area.

From April 1 through August 15 of each year, vessels with Federal Fisheries Permits are permitted to transit through an open area in the Cape Peirce walrus protection area, east of a line from 58° 30.00' N, 161° 46.20' W to 58° 21.00' N, 161° 46.20' W (Figure 3-17). Vessels designated on a Federal fisheries permit are prohibited from deploying fishing gear in the transit area.

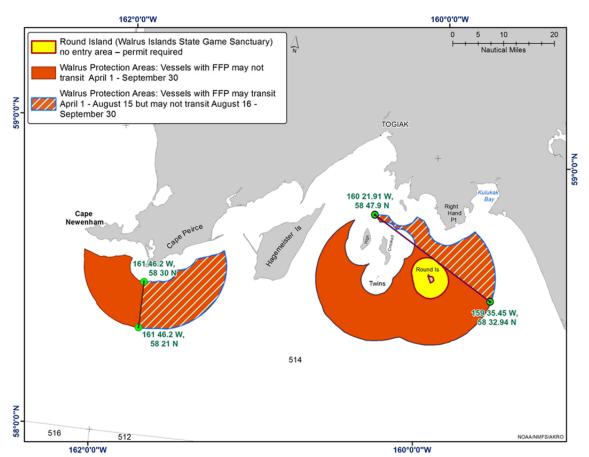


Figure 3-17 Round Island and Cape Pierce Transit Areas

2. Add the following entry to Appendix A section A.1:

Amendment 107, implemented XXX, X 2014:

Identified open transit areas through the walrus protection areas at Round Island and Cape Peirce, northern Bristol Bay, Alaska.

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