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NOAA
FISHERIES

Golden Crab Exempted Fishing Permit

Area Proposed for Golden Crab Fishing

Southeast Regional Office

April 2019

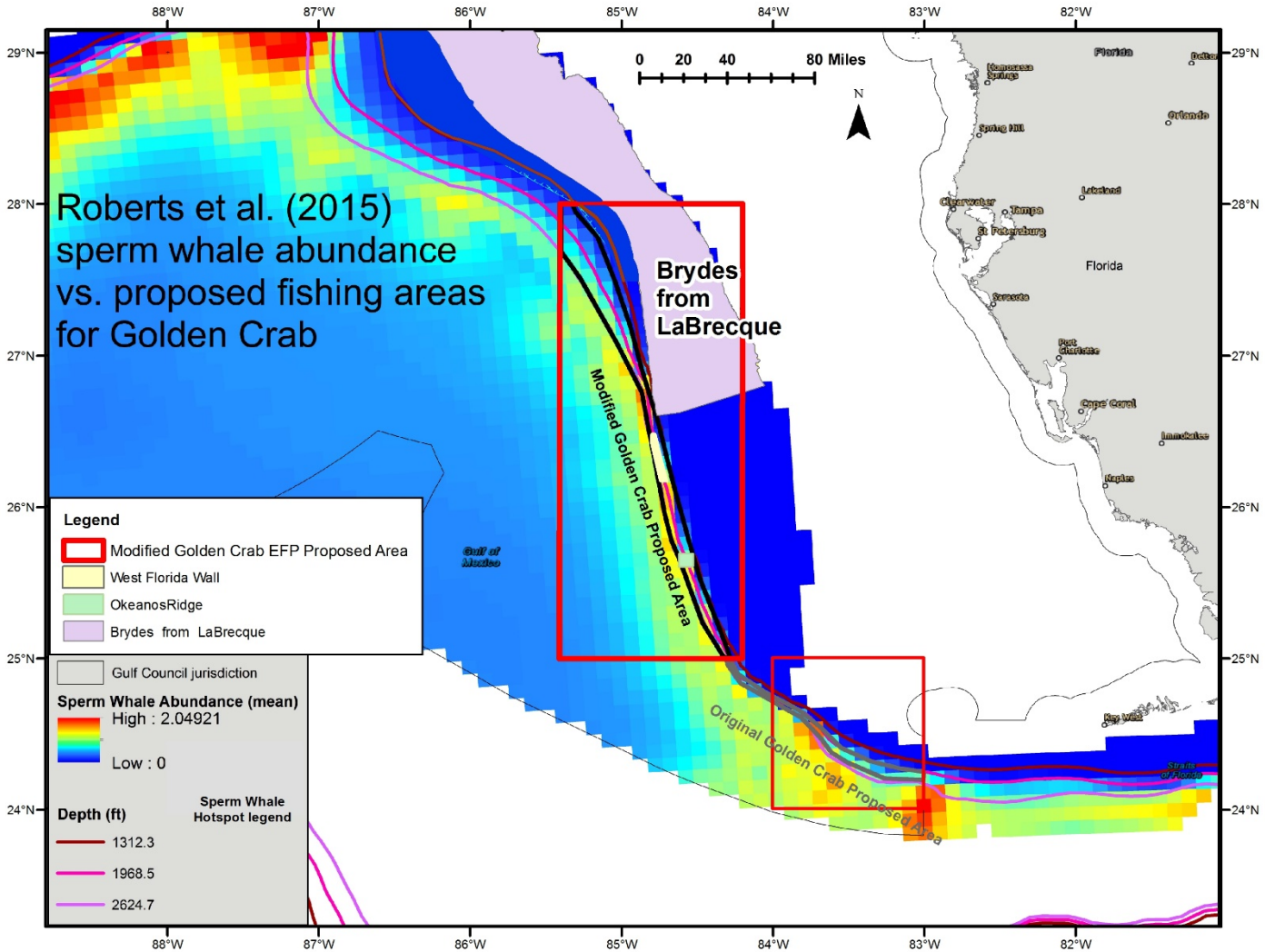
Application information

- Purpose: to explore the viability of a golden crab fishery and gather more data on golden crabs in the Gulf
- Methods: testing 4 trap types, < 100 traps, no buoys, on mud bottom
- Bycatch: red crab and isopods, little to no reef fish or shrimp, biodegradable clasp to prevent ghost fishing
- Reason for EFP: traps are prohibited in Gulf except historical blue crab, stone crab, and lobster

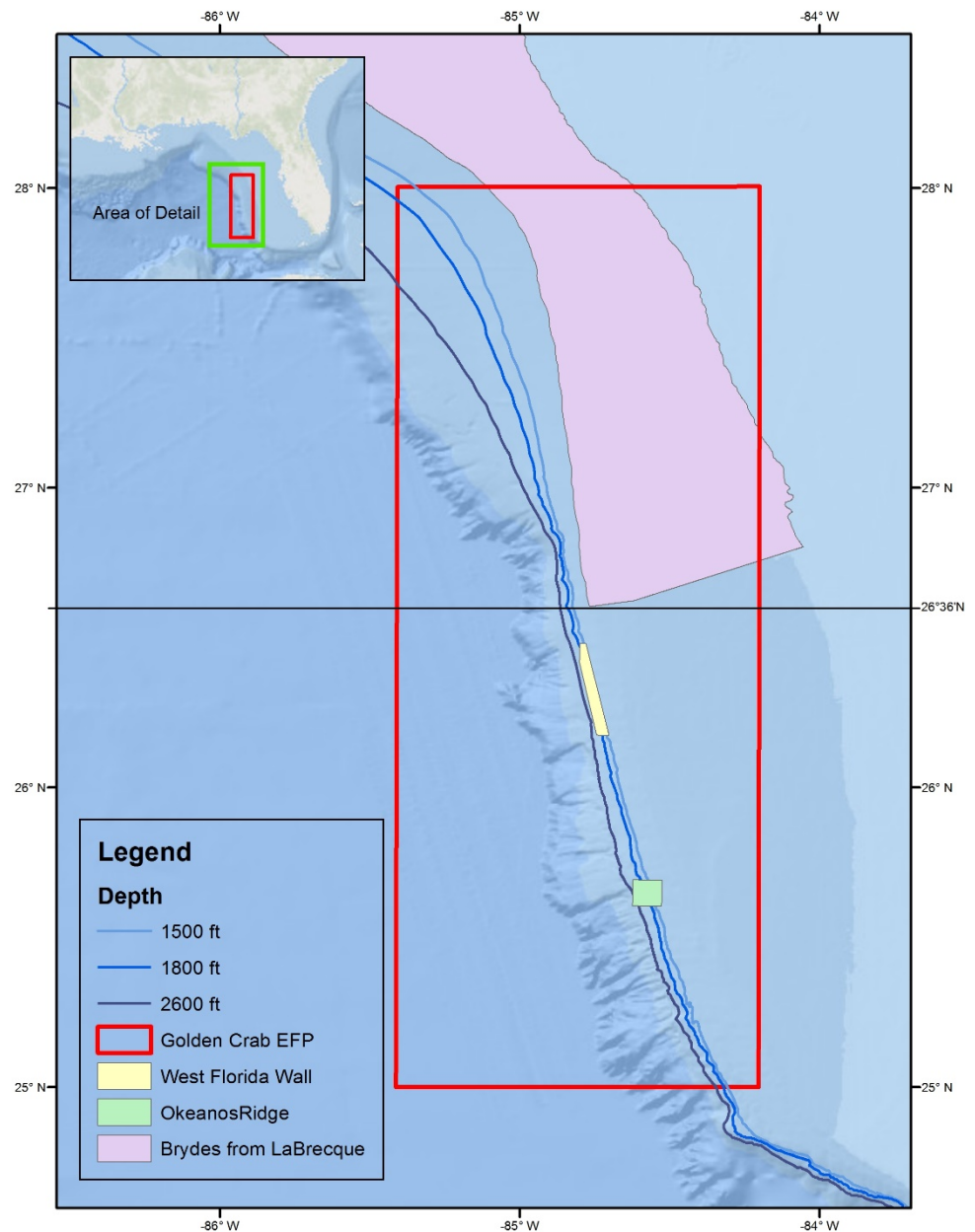
History of Review

- Applicants presented to Council at April 2018 meeting
- *Federal Register* notice published October 16, 2018
- Council was updated with changed area at October 2018 meeting
- Concerns about:
 - Whales
 - Deep-water corals
 - Longlines
 - Royal red shrimping

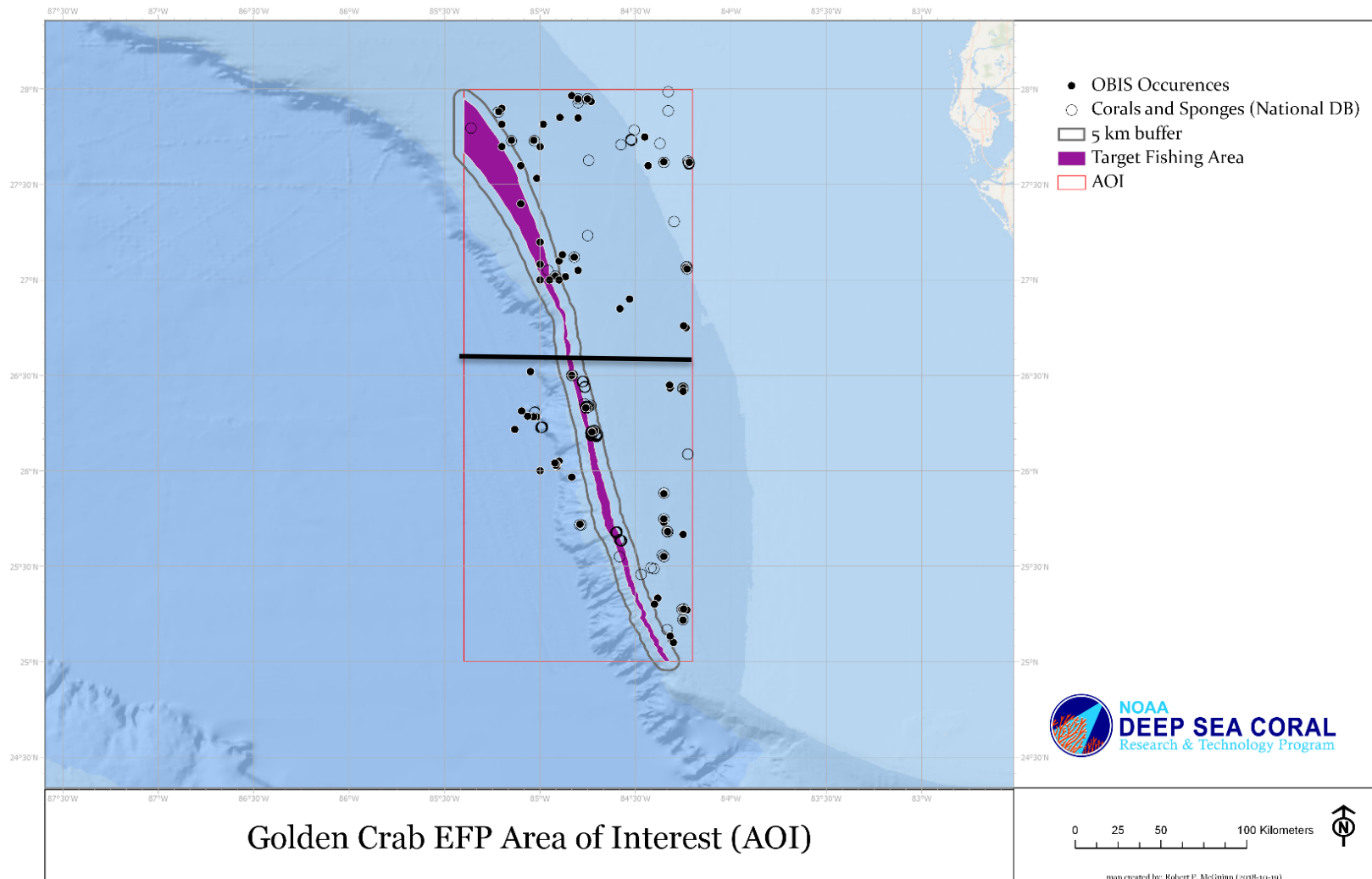
Areas 1 and 2



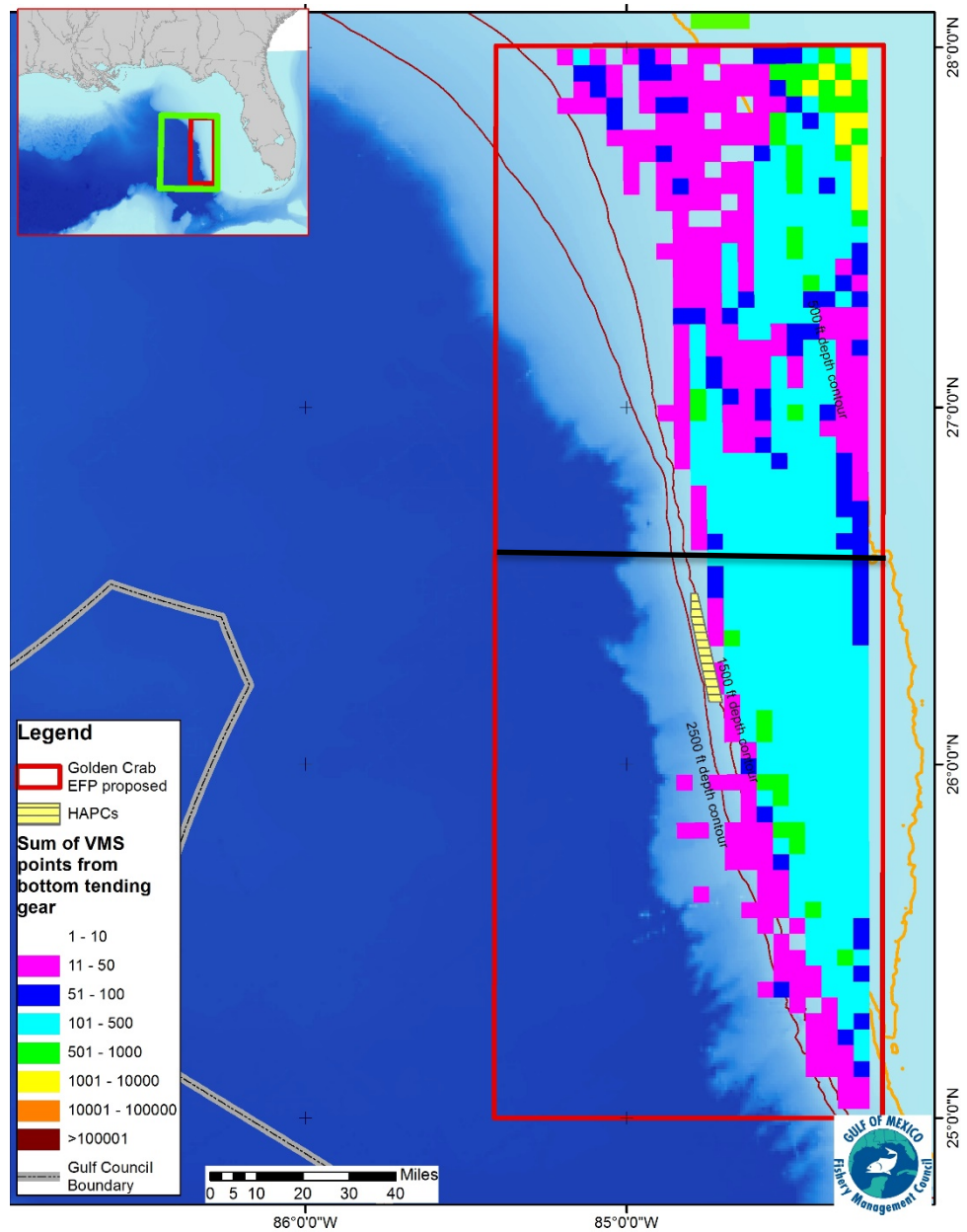
Map of area in *Federal Register* notice



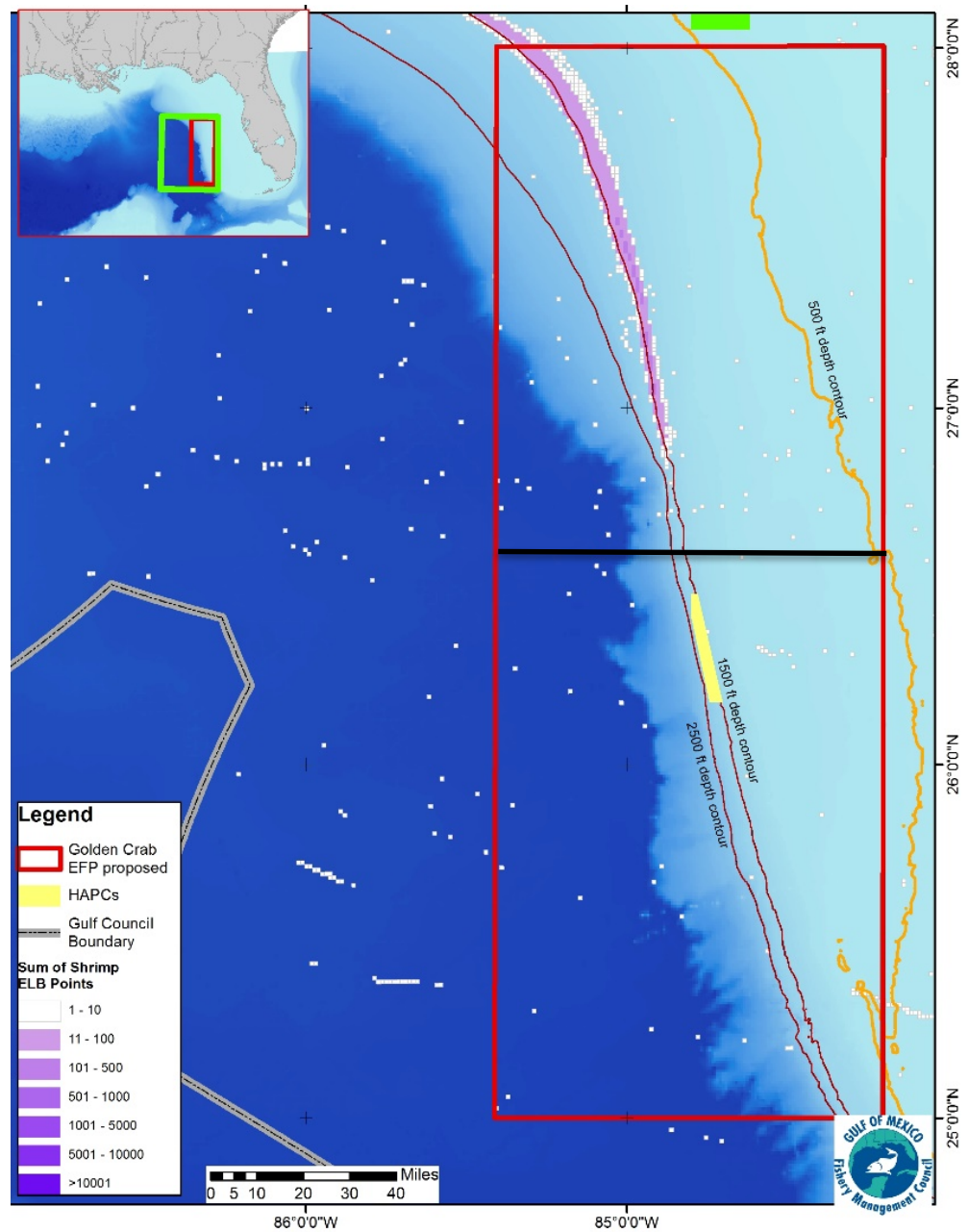
Deep-sea Coral Areas



VMS points



Shrimp ELB points



New proposed area for Golden Crab EFP

