POSSIBLE new alternative in Action 2 based on SSC motions

SSC Recommended Alternative 5: Establish a new HAPC named West Florida Wall bound by the following coordinates, connecting in order:

Area	Point	Longitude (West)	Latitude (North)
West Florida Wall Depth Range: 218-329 fathoms Area: 36.3 nm^2	A	84°47.955’	26°28.835’
	B	84°46.754’	26°28.816’
	C	84°42.076’	26°10.471’
	D	84°44.577’	26°10.528’
	E	84°47.986’	26°25.028’
	F	84°47.980’	26°25.100’
	G	84°47.955’	26°25.835’

Option a. Do not establish fishing regulations in the West Florida Wall HAPC

Preferred Option b. Prohibit bottom tending gear in the West Florida Wall HAPC. Bottom tending gear is defined as: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels.

Table 2.2.1. Sites proposed in Action 2 for Long Mound, Many Mounds, North Reed, and West Florida Wall with the area of each proposed alternative. Minimum and maximum depths are provided **with SSC recommended Alternative**

Site	Minimum depth (fathoms)	Maximum depth (fathoms)	Area (nm^2)
Long Mound (Preferred Alternative 2)	164	383	13.6
Many Mounds (Preferred Alternative 3)	109	383	13.0
North Reed (Preferred Alternative 4)	164	492	13.6
West Florida Wall (Alternative 5)	218	329	36.3

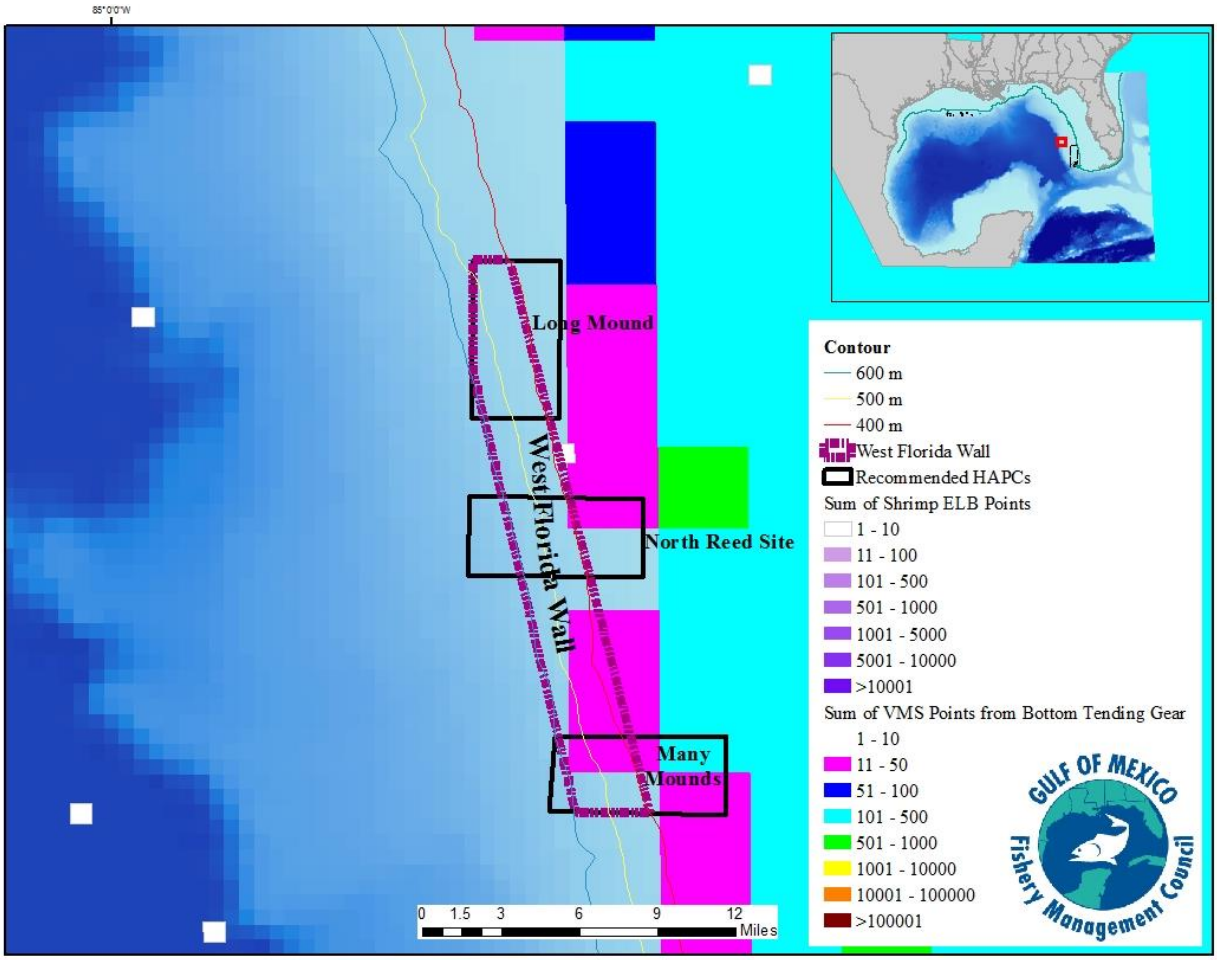

Figure 2.2.1 including SSC recommended Alternative. Fishing data overlaid on the proposed HAPCs Long Mound, North Reed, Many Mounds, and West Florida Wall. VMS data include all bottom tending gear and span March 2007 until July 2015. VMS data are aggregated on 2.5 nm by 2.5 nm grids (the larger squares). VMS locations are collected once every hour regardless of fishing activity. ELB data include all points from 2004 to 2013 and are aggregated on 0.65 nm by 0.65 nm grids (the smaller squares). ELB data are collected once every 10 minutes and have been filtered to only include data from active fishing. Interactive maps and data are provided at: http://portal.gulfcouncil.org/coralhapc.html. Magenta and dark blue indicate areas with few VMS pings; any ELB grid that is not white in ELB data indicates shrimping activity (see description of data used in Section 1.1).