



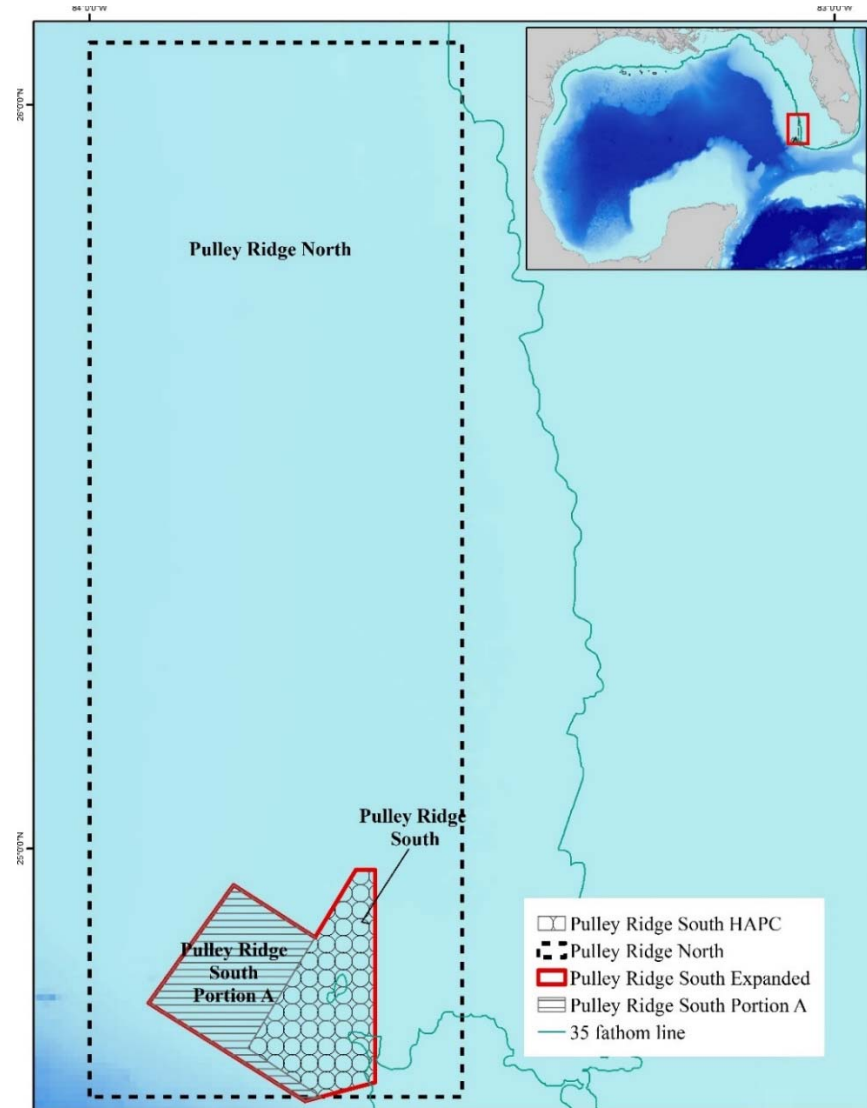
Tab N, No. 4(d)

# **Current Preferred Alternatives and SSC recommendations for Coral Amendment 9**

# Action 1- Pulley Ridge

- **Preferred Alternative 4-**  
Add a new area, Pulley Ridge South Portion A, with the following regulations will apply: fishing with a bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels are prohibited year-round.

Site
<b>Pulley Ridge South Portion A</b>
<b>Depth Range:</b> <b>162-654 ft</b> <b>(27-109 fathoms)</b>
<b>Area: 93.6 nm<sup>2</sup></b>



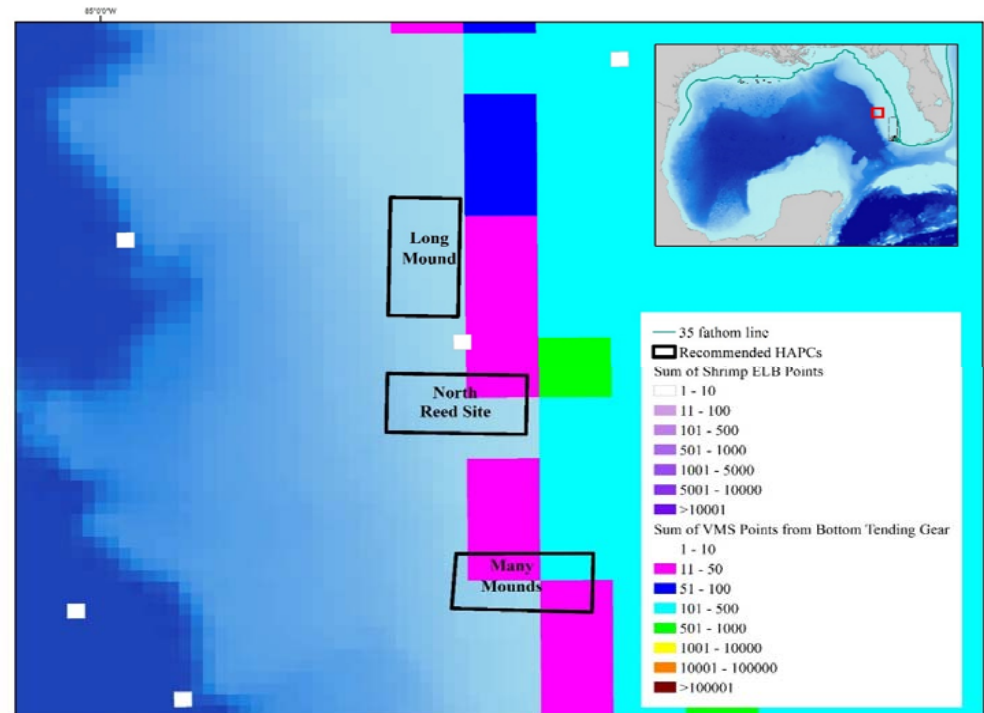
# Action 2- Southeastern Gulf

- **Preferred Alternatives**

**2-4:** Establish new HAPCs named Long Mound, Many Mounds, and North Reed

- **Preferred Option b.**

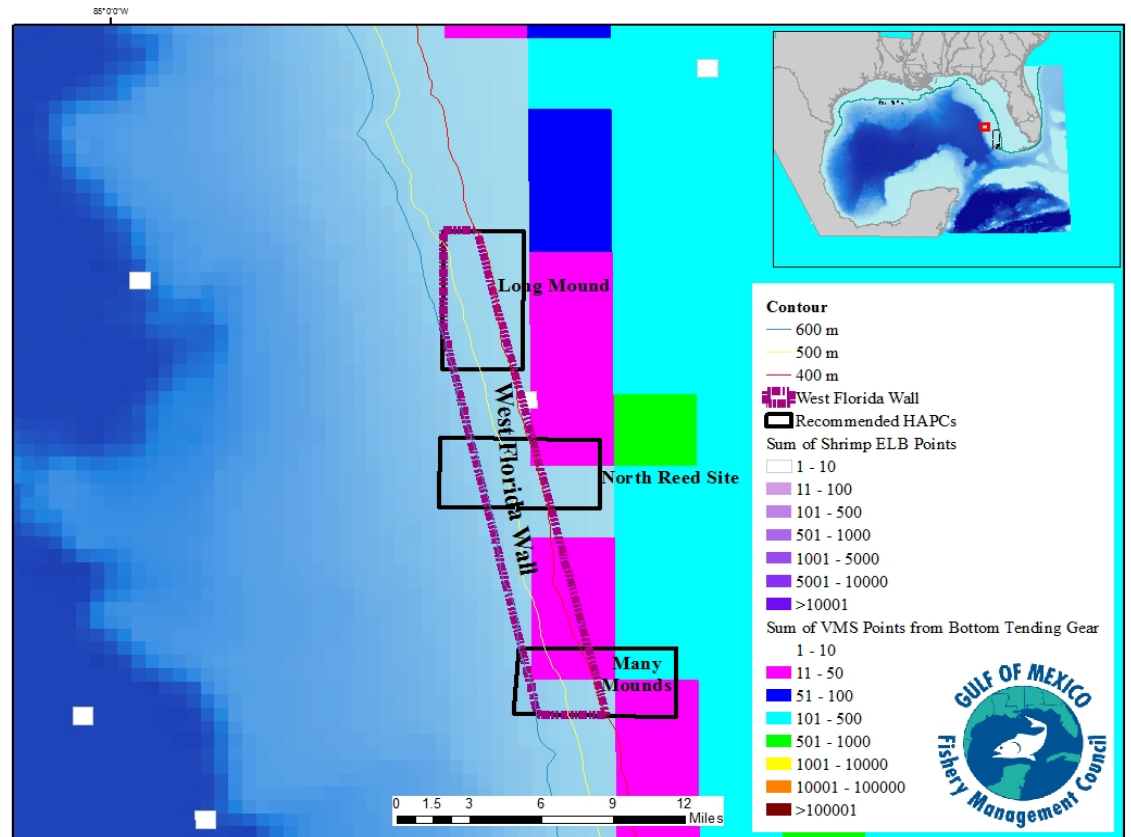
Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels.



Site	Minimum depth feet (fathoms)	Maximum depth feet (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
Long Mound (Preferred Alternative 2)	984 (164)	2298 (383)	13.6
Many Mounds (Preferred Alternative 3)	654 (109)	2298 (383)	13.0
North Reed (Preferred Alternative 4)	984 (164)	2952 (492)	13.6

# SSC Recommendation for Action 2- Southeastern Gulf

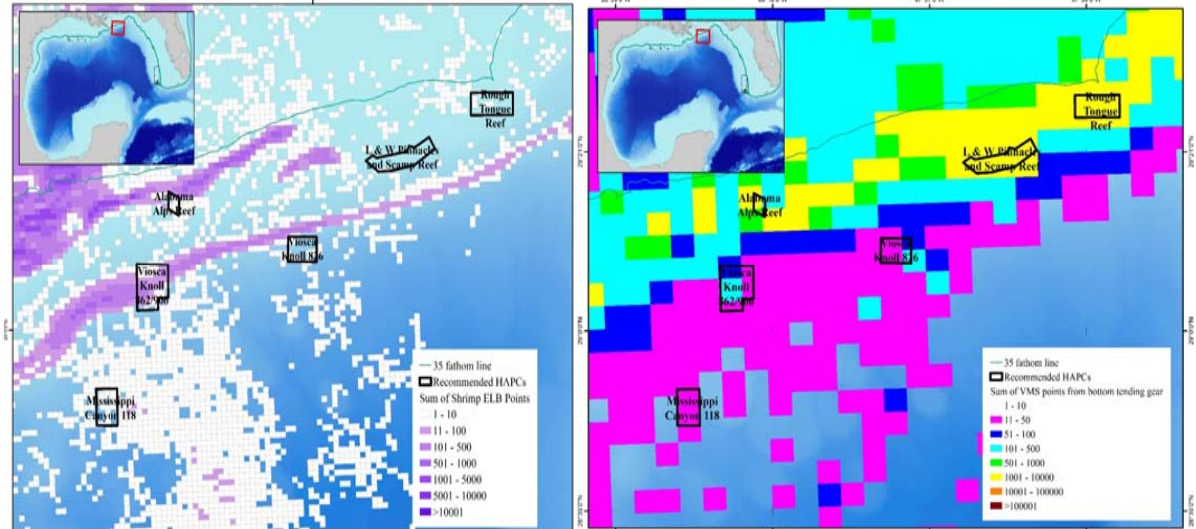
- **SSC recommended Alternative 5:**  
Establish a new HAPC named West Florida Wall
- **Option b.** Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels.
- **LETC and Shrimp AP recommendations**



Site	Minimum depth ft (fathoms)	Maximum depth feet (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
Long Mound (Preferred Alternative 2)	984 (164)	2298 (383)	13.6
Many Mounds (Preferred Alternative 3)	654 (109)	2298 (383)	13.0
North Reed (Preferred Alternative 4)	984 (164)	2952 (492)	13.6
West Florida Wall (Alternative 5)	1308 (218)	1974 (329)	36.3

# Action 3- Northeastern Gulf

- Preferred Alternatives 2-6
- Preferred Option b:  
Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels.



## Preferred Alternative 7, Preferred Option c:

Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels. Provide an exemption to the bottom-tending gear for fishermen that possess a royal red shrimp endorsement and are fishing with royal red shrimp fishing gear.\*\*

Site	Minimum depth ft (fathoms)	Maximum depth ft (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
Alabama Alps (Preferred Alternative 2)	162 (27)	654 (109)	2.7
L & W Pinnacles and Scamp Reef (Preferred Alt. 3)	330 (55)	984 (164 )	14.3
Mississippi Canyon 118 (Preferred Alternative 4)	2622 (437)	4920 (820)	11.0
Roughtongue Reef (Preferred Alternative 5)	162 (27)	654 (109)	13.6
Viosca Knoll 826 (Preferred Alternative 6)	1638 (273)	2952 (492)	10.3
Viosca Knoll 862/906 (Preferred Alternative 7)	984 (164)	2298 (383)	18.8



# SSC Recommendations for Action 3- Northeastern Gulf

- **Preferred Alternative 7, Preferred Option c:**

Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels. Provide an exemption to the bottom-tending gear for fishermen that possess a royal red shrimp endorsement and are fishing with royal red shrimp fishing gear.\*\*

- **SSC recommended change**

Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels. *Federal shrimp trawl permit holders with a royal red shrimp endorsement may transit through the HAPC while fishing for royal red shrimp, but with the trawl gear off the bottom.*

- **LETC comments on SSC change**

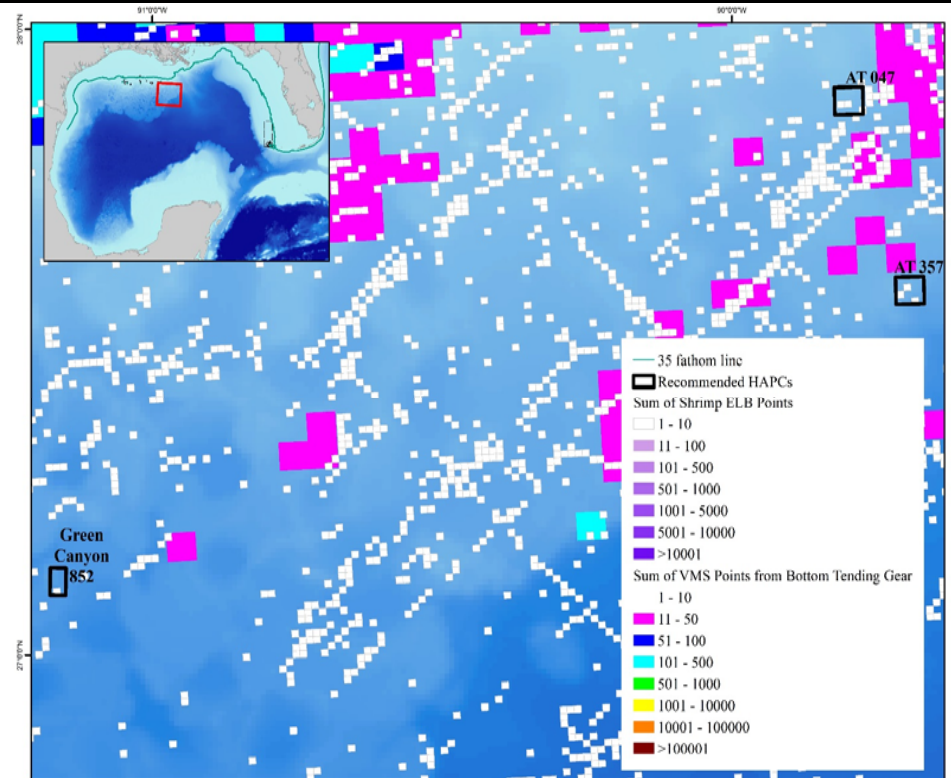
Federal shrimp trawl permit holders with a royal red shrimp endorsement may actively retrieve gear or have doors on deck in the HAPC while fishing for royal red shrimp.

- **Shrimp AP comments on change**

Original wording is best

# Action 4- Northwestern Gulf

- **Preferred Alternatives 2-4:** establish new HAPCs for AT 047, AT 357, Green Canyon 852
- **Preferred Option b.**  
Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels.

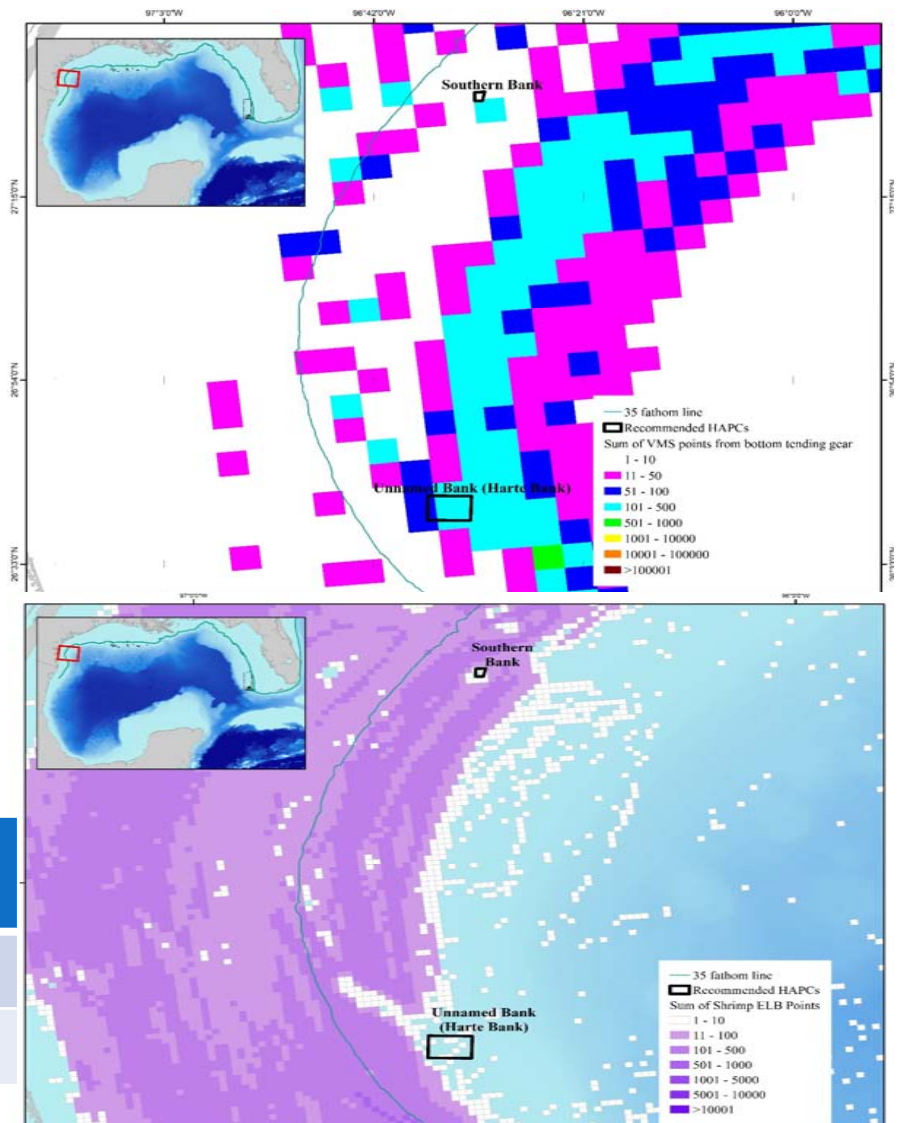


Site	Minimum depth ft (fathoms)	Maximum depth ft (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
AT 047 (Preferred Alternative 2)	2622 (437)	4920 (820)	6.8
AT 357 (Preferred Alternative 3)	3282 (547)	4920 (820)	6.8
Green Canyon 852 (Preferred Alternative 4)	4920 (820)	6564 (1094)	3.8

# Action 5- South Texas Banks

- **Preferred Alternatives 2-3:** Establish Harte Bank and Southern Bank HAPCs
  - **Preferred Option a:** no fishing regulations
- **SSC Recommendation**
  - Option b: Prohibit: bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear\*, dredge, pot or trap, and bottom anchoring by fishing vessels
- **Shrimp AP recommendation**
  - Council's current preferred option a

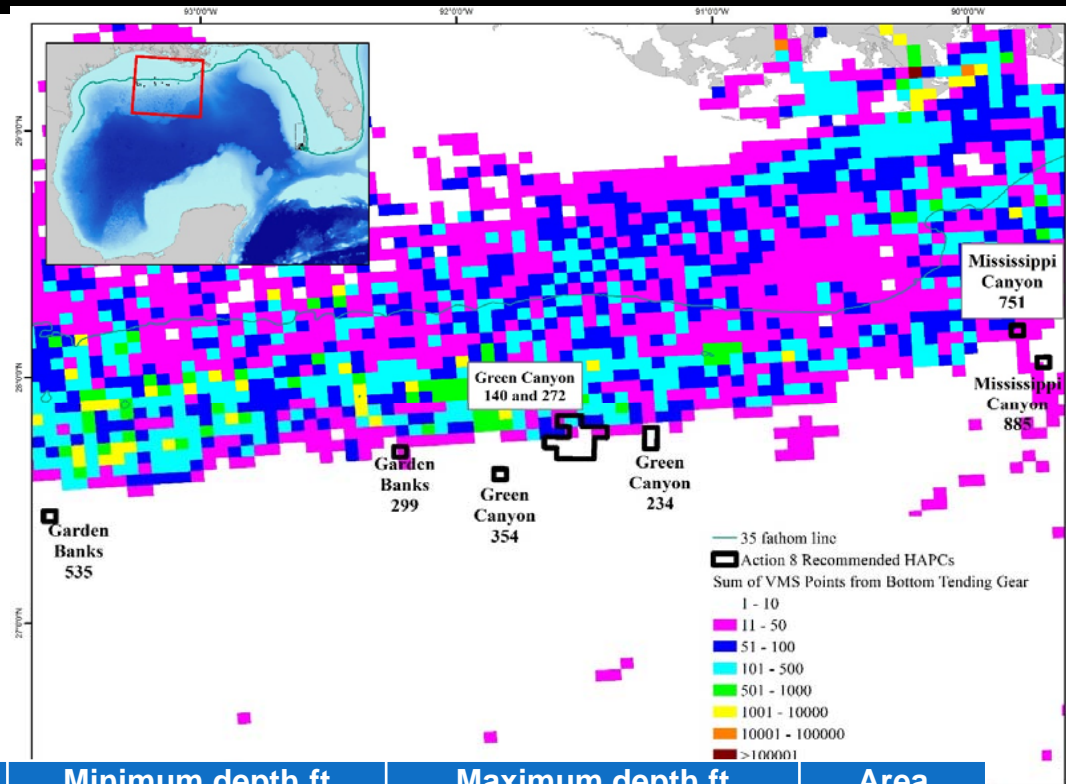
Site	Minimum depth ft (fathoms)	Maximum depth ft (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
Harte Bank (Preferred Alternative 2)	162 (27)	492 (82)	10.8
Southern Bank (Preferred Alternative 3)	162 (27)	330 (55)	0.8





# Action 6- Deep-water HAPCs

- **Preferred Alternatives 2-9:** establish South Reed, Garden Banks 299, Garden Banks 535, Green Canyon 140/272, Green Canyon 234, Green Canyon 354, Mississippi Canyon 751, Mississippi Canyon 885. No fishing regulations



Site	Minimum depth ft (fathoms)	Maximum depth ft (fathoms)	Area (nm <sup>2</sup> )
South Reed (Preferred Alternative 2)	1314 (219)	4920 (820)	6.8
Garden Banks 299 (Preferred Alternative 3)	1314 (219)	1968 (328)	6.5
Garden Banks 535 (Preferred Alternative 4)	1638 (273)	1968 (328)	6.8
Green Canyon 140/272 (Preferred Alternative 5)	984 (164)	3282 (547)	81.6
Green Canyon 234 (Preferred Alternative 6)	1314 (219)	2952 (492)	13.6
Green Canyon 354 (Preferred Alternative 7)	1638 (273)	3282 (547)	6.8
Mississippi Canyon 751 (Preferred Alternative 8)	1968 (328)	2298 (383)	6.8
Mississippi Canyon 885 (Preferred Alternative 9)	1314 (219)	1968 (328)	6.8

# Action 7- Dredge Fishing

- **Preferred Alternative 2:** Prohibit dredge fishing in all HAPCs that have fishing regulations.
  - Would apply to Pulley Ridge (South), Stetson Bank, and McGrail Bank