NMFS SERO Protected Resources: For Alternative 6 (doc entitled: Alternative 6 for SG Regulatory Amendment 16_MapRevision02212014) we made 4 changes: 1) we changed the names in the legend to make them easier to read and to refer to "large whales" instead of just right whales, 2) we added the state names to map for added clarity, 3) we are proposing the same language changes to reflect the map only having one area, and 4) we are also proposing to change the statement: "From the Georgia/South Carolina border to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, the closure applies to waters under SAFMC management that are shallower than 30 m." to "From the Georgia/South Carolina border to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, the closure applies to waters under SAFMC management that are 30 m **or shallower**." This proposed new language is correct and in line with how we refer to the other depth closure area in the alternative.

Alternative 6. The black sea bass pot closure applies to waters 25 m or shallower from 28° 21.5" N (approximately Cape Canaveral, Florida) to Savannah, Georgia. From the Georgia/South Carolina border to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, the closure applies to waters under SAFMC management that are ~~shallower than~~ 30 m **or shallower**. The closure applies to ~~all areas~~ **the area** annually from November 1-April 30. The map below provides approximate location of proposed boundary.

NOTE: We propose this change since only one area is shown in the map, and to be consistent with how the depth closures are discussed.

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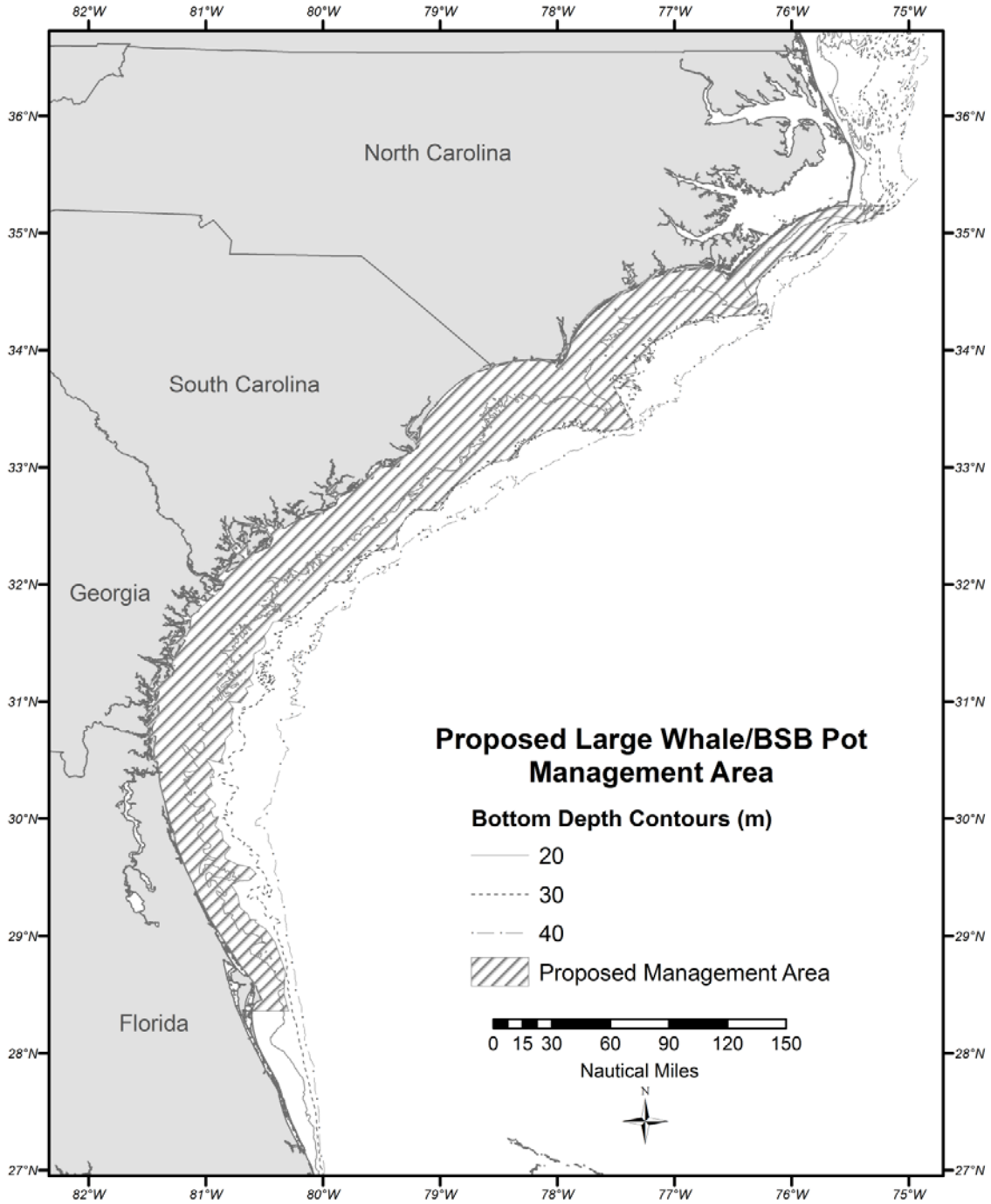
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