**1. Proposed by NEA: experimental or operational support to transition to ropeless phased over 5 years outside of 300 ft (if weak rope is not possible):**

**Shape files:**

**GB\_100M\_to\_600M.shp** (perhaps should’ve been to EEZ to include red crab??)

* + Waters south of Georges Bank bounded
    - on the north by the 100 meter contour on the north,
    - on the east by the US/Canada Maritime Boundary,
    - on the south by the 600 meter line used for the NEFMC Coral Protection Areas, and
    - on the west by the NEFMC/MAFMC  inter-council boundary.
* **GOM\_100M\_to\_EEZ.shp**
  + Waters of the Gulf of Maine bounded
    - on the north, west, and south by the 100 meter contour,
    - on the east by the US/Canada Maritime Boundary,
    - and with any "islands" or "donut holes" removed.

**2. Existing closures shape files:**

* **Great South Channel Restricted Areas** – closed to trap/pot and gillnet April – June’ some different regs in sliver area may not be relevant for this meeting
  + As currently defined in the CFR:
    - **Great\_South\_Channel\_Restricted\_Gillnet\_Area.shp**
    - **Great\_South\_Channel\_Restricted\_Trap-Pot\_Area.shp**
    - **Great\_South\_Channel\_Sliver\_Restricted\_Area.shp**
* **Massachusetts\_Restricted\_Area.shp** Closed to trap/pot Feb – April
  + As currently defined in the CFR
* **Massachusetts\_Restricted\_Area\_North\_Expansion.shp**
  + The current Massachusetts Restricted Area, expanded north to the latitude of the northern most point of Rockport, MA (approximately 42° 41.58" N lat), and including all waters of MA Bay west of 69° 45' W long.

**3. NEAs proposal closed areas**

* **NEA\_Nantucket\_Rectangle.shp** Proposed for Feb - May
  + NEA = New England Aquarium
  + Bound on the north by 41° 25" N,
  + on the east by 69° 45' W,
  + on the south by 40° 25" N, and
  + on the west by 71° 00' W.
* **NEA\_WGOM\_Area.shp** Proposed for April
  + NEA = New England Aquarium
  + WGOM = Western Gulf of Maine
  + All waters inland of a line drawn from Dyer Point, Cape Elizabeth, Maine to Center Hill Point, Plymouth, Massachusetts.
* **Statistical\_Area\_537.shp** HSUS, Defenders of Wildlife and Center for Biological Diversity proposed closure 11/1 to 5/14