

National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA, Commerce

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§ 226.215 Critical habitat for the North Pacific Right Whale (*Eubalaena japonica*).

(a) *Primary Constituent Elements.* The primary constituent elements of the North Pacific right whale are the copepods *Calanus marshallae*, *Neocalanus cristatus*, and *N. plumchris*, and the euphausiid *Thysanoessa raschii*, in areas of the North Pacific Ocean in which North Pacific right whales are known or believed to feed, as described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

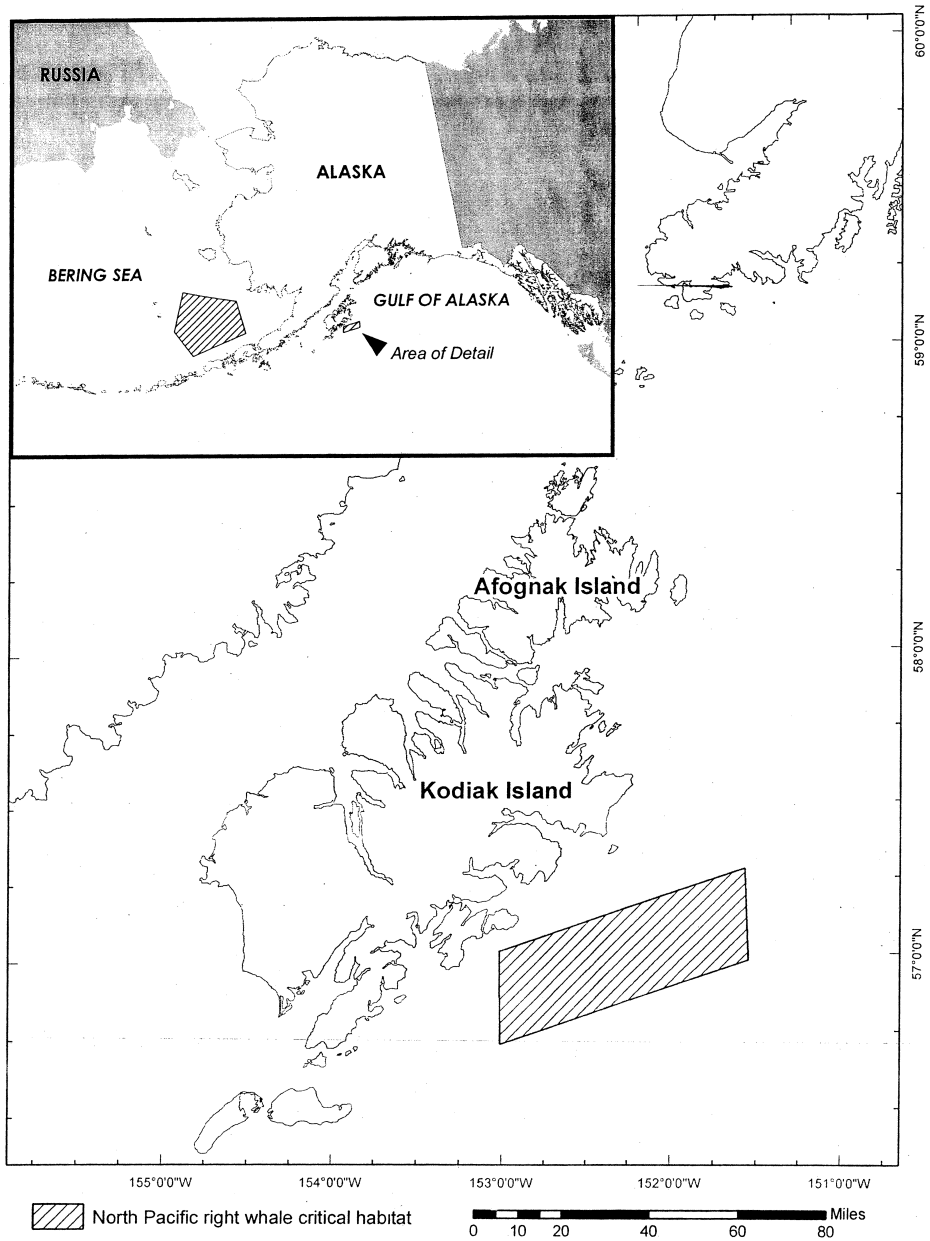
(b) *Bering Sea.* An area described by a series of straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

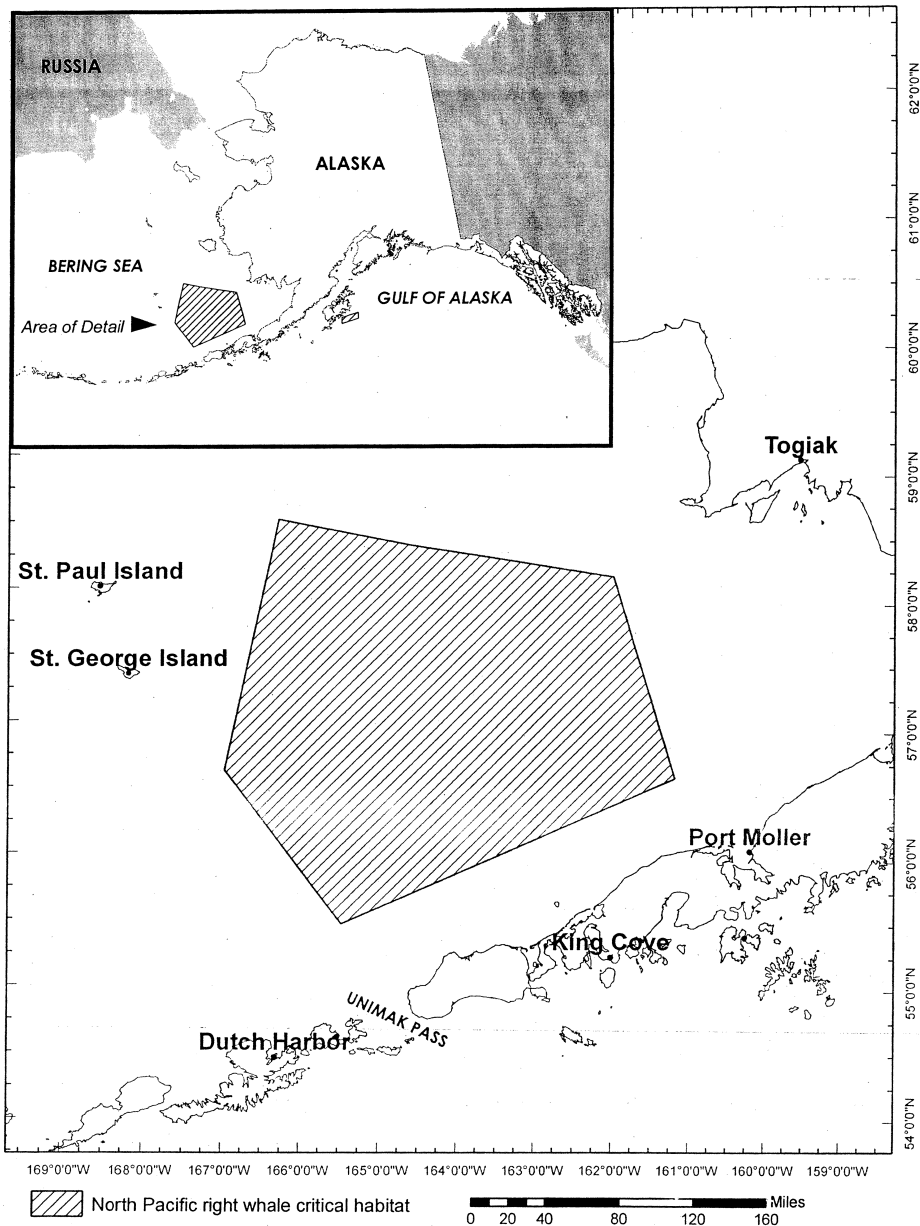
58° 00' N/168° 00' W
58° 00' N/163° 00' W
56° 30' N/161° 45' W
55° 00' N/166° 00' W
56° 00' N/168° 00' W
58 °00' N/168° 00' W.

(c) Gulf of Alaska. An area described by a series of straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

57° 03' N/153° 00' W
57° 18' N/151° 30' W
57° 00' N/ 151° 30' W
56° 45' N/153° 00' W
57° 03' N/153° 00' W.

(d) Maps of critical habitat for the North Pacific right whale follow:





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