



Tortugas Region

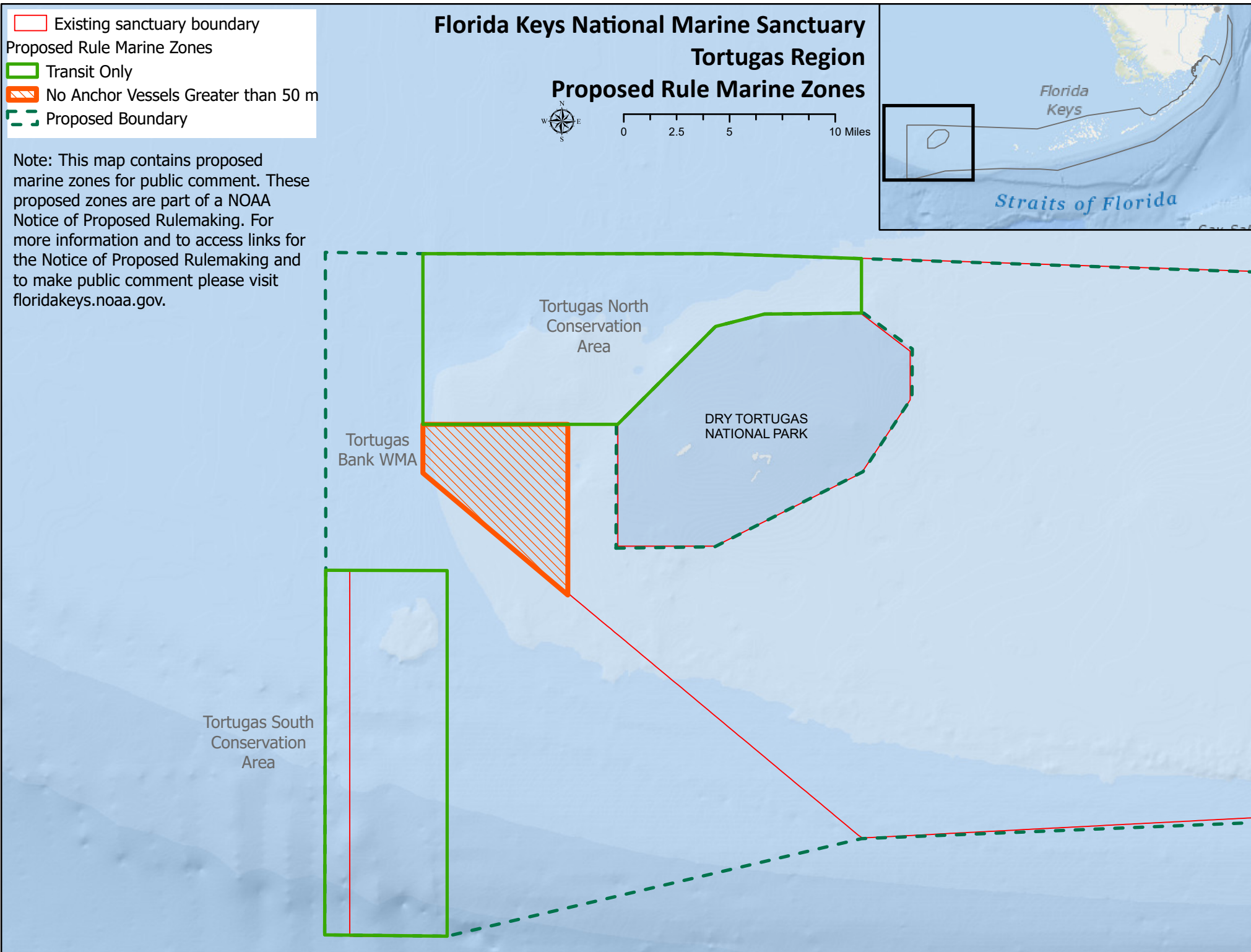


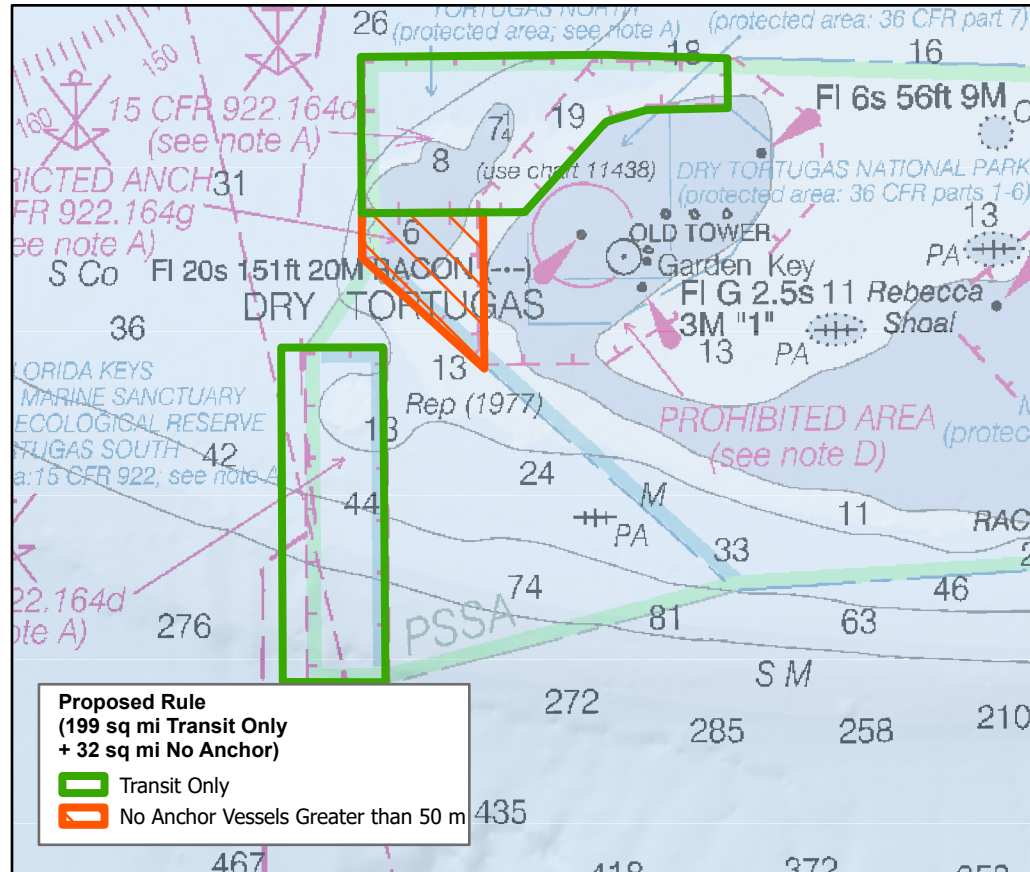
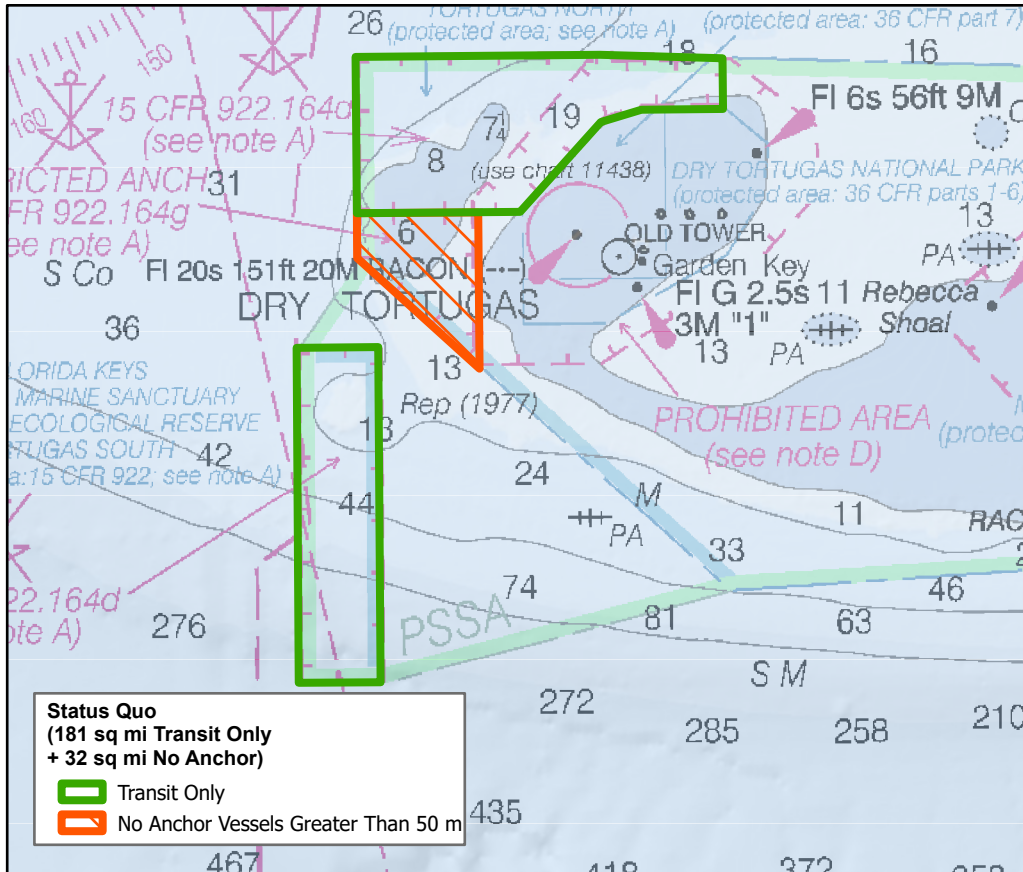


Tortugas Region: Marine Zones

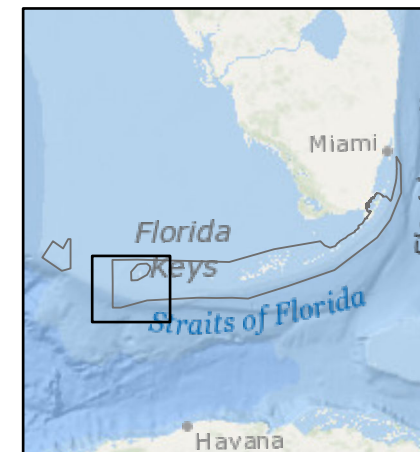
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Cover photo: Spectacular marine life, minimally affected by disease and human impacts, inhabits the Tortugas Ecological Reserve North. Photo: Greg McFall/NOAA





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Tortugas North and Tortugas South Conservation Areas and Tortugas Bank Wildlife Management Area

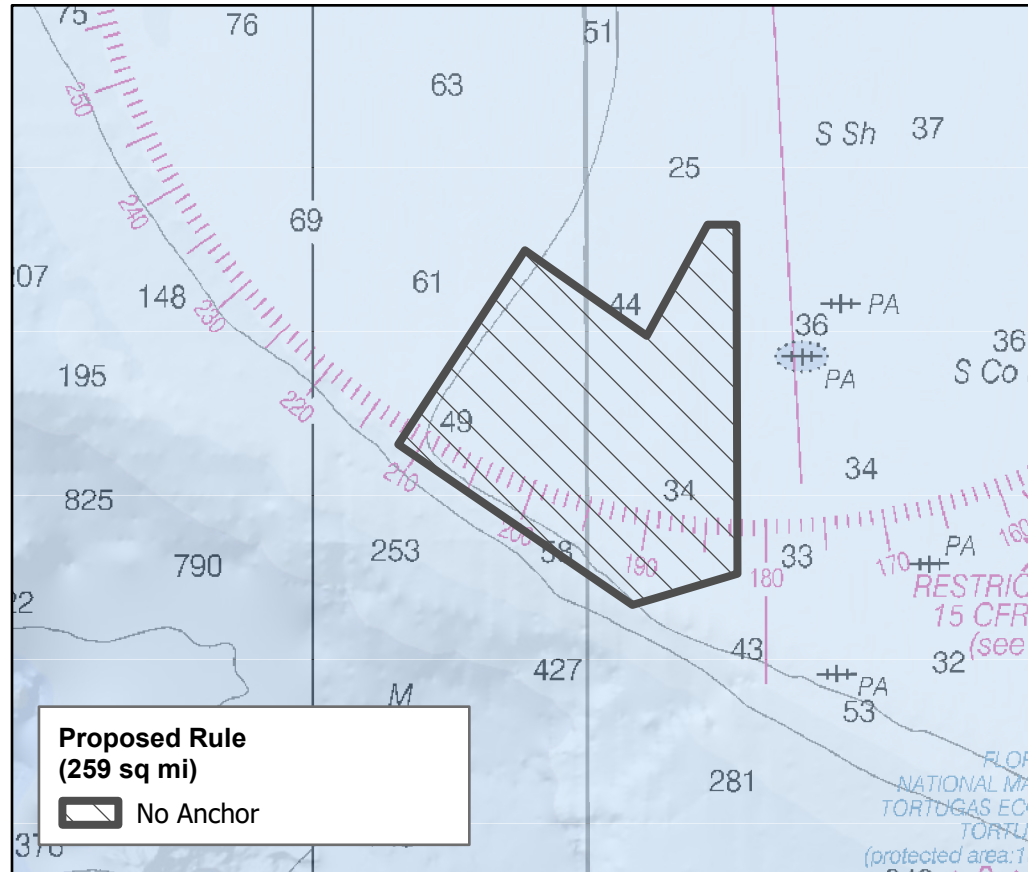
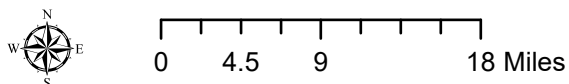
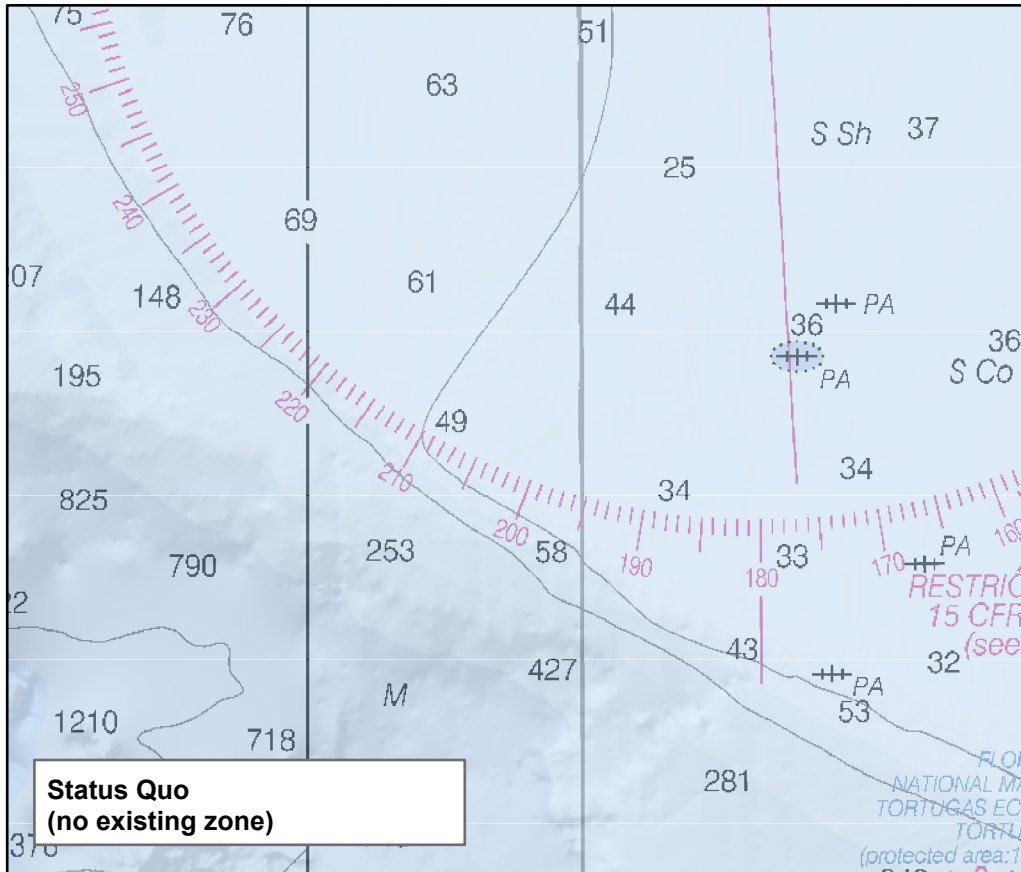
Tortugas Bank WMA: Protect Tortugas Bank from anchor damage.

Tortugas North CA: The Dry Tortugas Banks contain highly-diverse seagrass beds, shallow coral reef habitats, hardbottom areas, deep reef areas and pinnacles that connect inshore juvenile fish habitats to offshore adult spawning areas. The Dry Tortugas support the largest remaining thickets of ESA-listed elkhorn coral and staghorn coral as well as high cover of deep water star corals. This site, with the Dry Tortugas National Park Research Natural Area, protects an ecologically-diverse seascape that connects inshore juvenile fish habitats to offshore adult spawning areas.

Tortugas South CA: Protects an area with high species and habitat diversity and abundance, and a known multi-fish spawning aggregation site. Protects important, unique deep water pinnacles, and highly rugose mounds, ledges and ridges including Riley's Hump and deep reef habitats and supports deep water grouper and snapper populations including high numbers of snowy groupers.

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Pulley Ridge Sanctuary Boundary Expansion and Wildlife Management Area

Protects nationally-significant mesophotic reef ecosystems with demonstrated connectivity to the Florida Keys. This area also includes endemic species. This zone overlaps with an existing Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC).

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