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Subj: Captain of the Port Zone Boundaries

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this circular is to provide guidance concerning the delineation of Captain of the Port (COTP) zone boundaries throughout the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
2. **DISCUSSION.** Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations establishes the onshore and near shore geographical limits of the various COTP zones. These boundaries are established solely for Coast Guard organizational purposes, and define the areas of responsibility of the COTPs. The boundaries set out in the CFR -are incomplete in that they do not extend to the seaward limit of the EEZ. Because the U.S. has jurisdiction to enforce various laws and treaties out to the seaward limit of the EEZ, it is appropriate to define the boundaries of the COTP zones to include the EEZ. These boundaries will be incorporated into 33 CFR Part 3.
3. **PROCEDURES.** Enclosure (1) describes the offshore boundaries of the COTP zones to the seaward limit of the EEZ. The offshore boundaries designated in this NVIC will be used as a guide to maintain consistency for such purposes as Area Contingency Plan development, vessel response plan submission requirements, and MARPOL enforcement. Enclosures (2) through (5) provide a non-scale depiction of the seaward extension of the COTP zones in the contiguous United States. The representation of international EEZ boundaries is not authoritative does not reflect agreement, if any, between the United States and the neighboring nation.


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- Enclosure
- (1): Offshore COTP Zones
 - (2): Chartlet of the Atlantic seaboard
 - (3): Chartlet of the Gulf of Mexico
 - (4): Chartlet of the Pacific seaboard
 - (5): Chartlet of Alaska

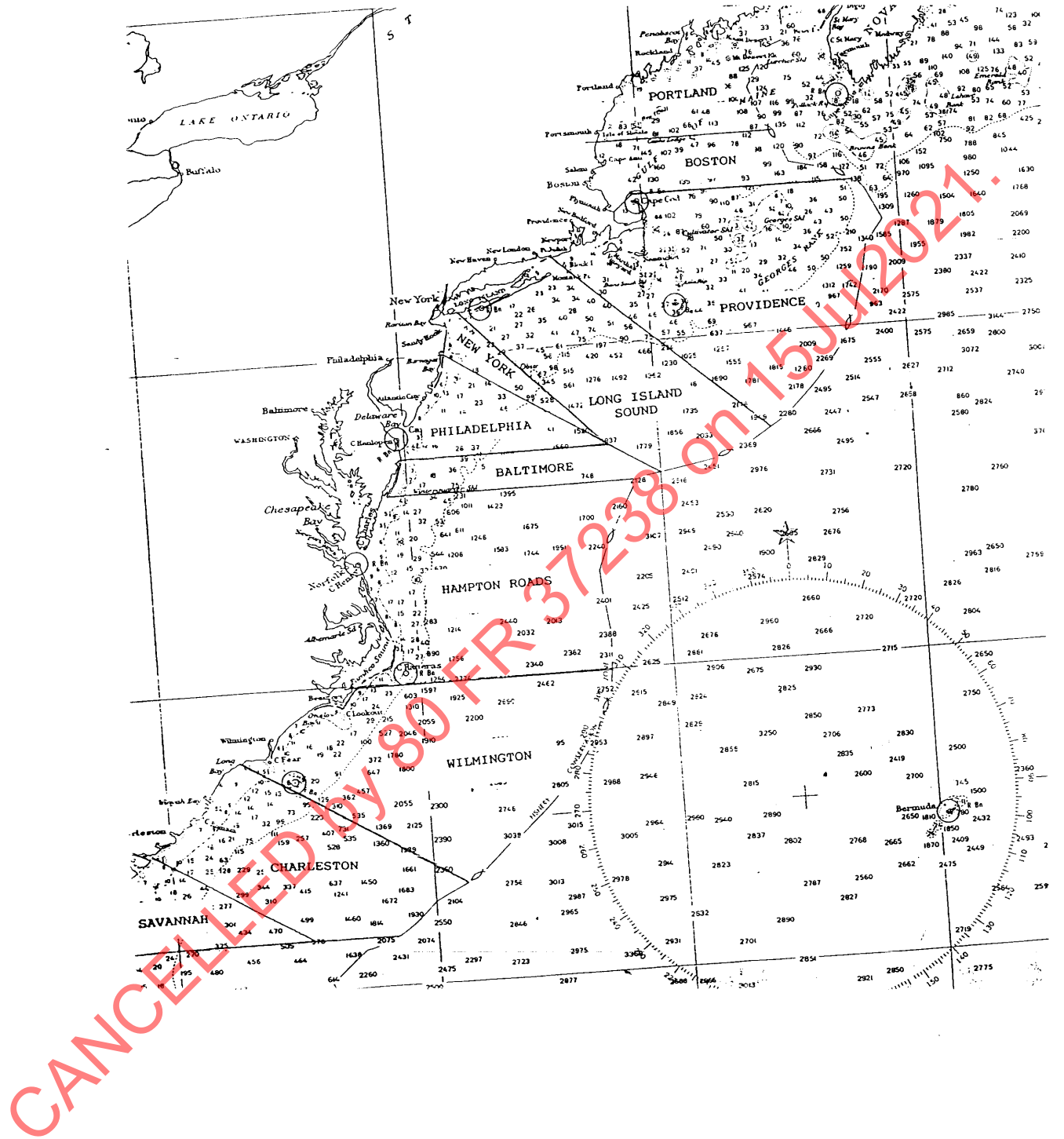
1. The offshore boundary of the Portland, Maine Captain of the Port Zone is 42° 55' N Latitude from the New Hampshire coast to the offshore extent of the EEZ thence northerly along the offshore limit of EEZ to the U.S./Canadian border.
2. The northern offshore boundary of the Boston Captain of the Port Zone is 42° 55' N Latitude from the coast to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary starts on the Massachusetts coast at Manomet Point at 41° 55' N Latitude, 070° 33' W Longitude and proceeds northeast to 42° 08' N Latitude, 070° 11' W Longitude; thence east along 42° 08' N Latitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
3. The northern offshore boundary of the Providence Captain of the Port Zone starts on the Massachusetts coast at Manomet Point at 41° 55' N Latitude, 070° 33' W Longitude and proceeds northeast to 42° 08' N Latitude, 070° 11' W Longitude; thence east along 42° 08' N Latitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary is along a line bearing 132°T from Watch Hill Light to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
4. The northeastern offshore boundary of the Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone starts on the Rhode Island coast at Watch Hill Light and proceeds southeast along a line bearing 132°T to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southwestern boundary starts on Long Island at 40° 35.4' N Latitude, 073° 46.6' W Longitude thence southeasterly along a line bearing 135°T to 38° 28' N Latitude 071° 00' W Longitude thence along a line bearing 122°T to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
5. The offshore boundary of the New York Captain of the Port Zone starts on the south shore of Long Island at 40° 35.4' N Latitude 073° 46.6' W Longitude and proceeds southeasterly along a line bearing 135°T to 38° 28' N Latitude 071° 00' W Longitude; thence northwesterly on a line bearing 122°T to the New Jersey shoreline at 39° 57' N Latitude.
6. The offshore boundary of the Philadelphia Captain of the Port Zone starts at Fenwick Island Light and proceeds due east along 38° 28' N Latitude to 071° 00' W Longitude; thence northwesterly along a line bearing 122°T to the New Jersey shoreline at 39° 57.0' N Latitude.
7. The northern offshore boundary of the Baltimore Captain of the Port Zone, starts at the intersection of the Delaware-Maryland Boundary and proceeds due east to 38° 28' N Latitude 071° 00' W Longitude; thence on a bearing of 122°T to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary is 37° 55' N Latitude, from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
8. The northern offshore boundary of the Hampton Roads Captain of the Port Zone, is 37° 55' N Latitude, from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary 34° 59.8' N Latitude, from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
9. The northern offshore boundary of the Wilmington Captain of the Port Zone, is 34° 59.8' N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary is a line of 122°T from the junction of the South Carolina-North Carolina boundary and the sea to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
10. The northern offshore boundary of the Charleston Captain of the Port Zone is a line of 122°T from the junction of the South Carolina-North Carolina boundary and the sea to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary is a line drawn 122°T from the southern tip of Bay Point, Edisto Island, South Carolina to 30° 50' N Latitude thence due east to the offshore extent of the EEZ.

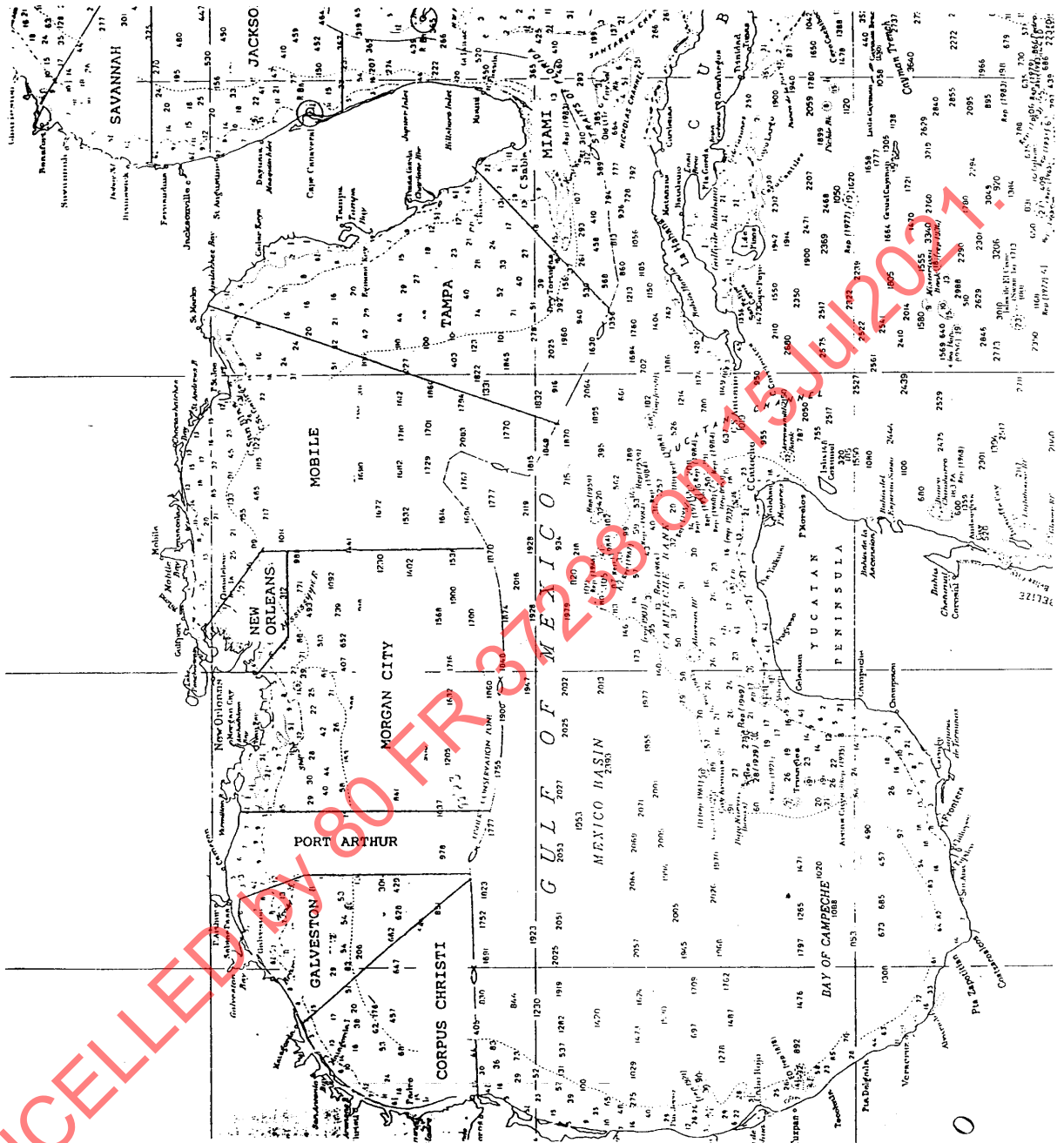
11. The northern offshore boundary of the Savannah Captain of the Port Zone is a line drawn 122°T from the southern tip of Bay Point, Edisto Island, South Carolina to the point where it intersects with $30^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude. The southern offshore boundary is $30^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude from shore to the point where it intersects with a line drawn 122°T from the southern tip of Bay Point, Edisto Island, South Carolina.
12. The northern offshore boundary of the Jacksonville Captain of the Port Zone is $30^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The southern offshore boundary is $28^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
13. The ocean area of the Miami Captain of the Port Zone includes that portion of the western North Atlantic Ocean area bounded on the north by $28^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ, and that portion of the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Florida Bay bounded on the north by a line bearing 227°T drawn from $26^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude $081^{\circ} 30'$ W Longitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
14. The western offshore boundary of the Tampa Captain of the Port Zone is a line bearing 199°T from the intersection of the Florida coast at $083^{\circ} 50'$ W Longitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The eastern offshore boundary is a line bearing 227°T drawn from $26^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude $081^{\circ} 30'$ W Longitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
15. The San Juan Captain of the Port Zone is comprised of the area of both the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the Virgin Islands and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
16. The eastern offshore boundary of the Mobile Captain of the Port Zone is a line bearing 199°T from the intersection of the Florida coast at $083^{\circ} 50'$ W Longitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The western offshore boundary is $088^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude from the offshore extent of the EEZ to $28^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude $088^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude thence due west to $28^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude $089^{\circ} 27' 06''$ W Longitude; thence northwesterly to $29^{\circ} 18'$ N Latitude $090^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude.
17. The offshore boundaries of the New Orleans Captain of the Port Zone are defined in 33 CFR 3.40-15.20.
18. The eastern offshore boundary of the Morgan City Captain of the Port Zone is $088^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude from the offshore extent of the EEZ to $28^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude $088^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude thence due west to $28^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude $089^{\circ} 27' 06''$ W Longitude; thence northwesterly to $29^{\circ} 18'$ N Latitude $090^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude. The western offshore boundary is $092^{\circ} 23'$ W Longitude.
19. The eastern offshore boundary of the Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone is $092^{\circ} 23'$ W Longitude from the shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The western offshore boundary is a line drawn from the junction of $094^{\circ} 23'$ W Longitude and the shore to $29^{\circ} 24'$ N Latitude $094^{\circ} 20'$ W Longitude; thence easterly following a line 10.3 nautical miles from shore to $29^{\circ} 30'$ N Latitude; $093^{\circ} 48'$ W Longitude; thence southeasterly to $27^{\circ} 49'$ N Latitude $093^{\circ} 25'$ W Longitude; thence south along $093^{\circ} 25'$ W Longitude to the offshore extent of the EEZ.

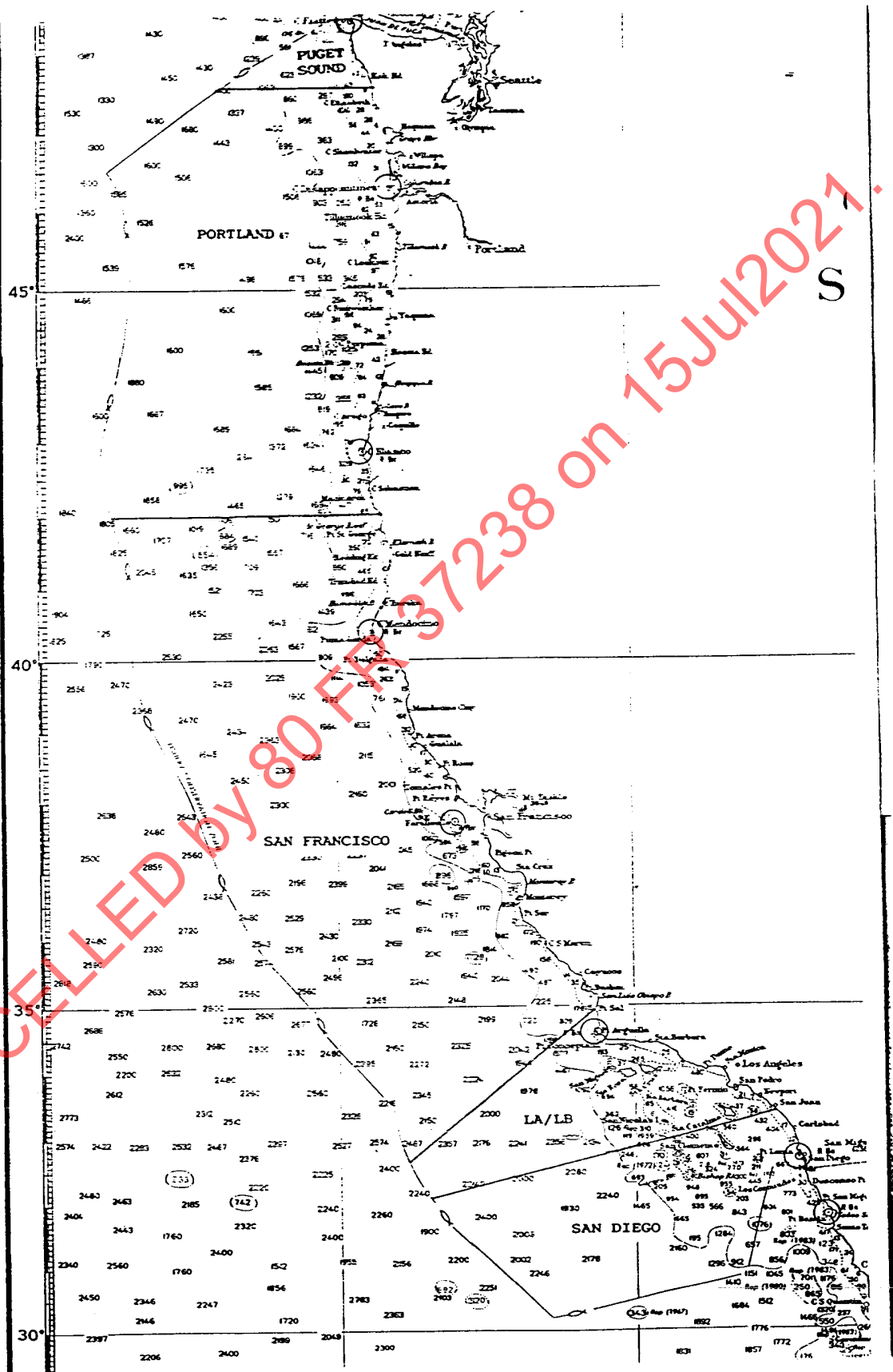
20. The boundary of the Galveston Captain of the Port Zone starts at the east bank of the Colorado river where it meets the sea thence 140°T to $26^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude, $093^{\circ} 30'$ W Longitude; thence easterly to $26^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude $093^{\circ} 25'$ W Longitude; thence northward to $27^{\circ} 50'$ N Latitude $093^{\circ} 25'$ W Longitude; thence northwesterly to $29^{\circ} 35'$ N Latitude $093^{\circ} 501'$ W Longitude; thence westward following the Texas State waters to $29^{\circ} 31'$ N Latitude $094^{\circ} 21'$ W Longitude; thence northwesterly to the junction of the sea and $094^{\circ} 23'$ W Longitude.
21. The offshore boundary of the Corpus Christi Captain of the Port Zone starts at the junction of the sea and the U.S.- Mexico boundary thence easterly along the Exclusive Economic Zone to $26^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude $093^{\circ} 30'$ W Longitude; thence along a line drawn 320°T to the east bank of the Colorado River.
22. The southern boundary of the San Diego Captain of the Port Zone begins at the junction of the shore and the U.S./Mexico international boundary and proceeds offshore along the boundary separating the EEZ's of Mexico and the U.S. out to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The northern offshore boundary is a line drawn 255°T from $33^{\circ} 22.5'$ N Latitude $117^{\circ} 35.7'$ W Longitude (San Mateo) to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
23. The southern offshore boundary of the Los Angeles-Long Beach Captain of the Port Zone is a line drawn 255°T from $33^{\circ} 22.5'$ N Latitude, $117^{\circ} 35.7'$ W Longitude (San Mateo) to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The northern offshore boundary is a line drawn from the intersection of $34^{\circ} 58'$ N Latitude and the California coastline bearing 229°T to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
24. The southern offshore boundary of the San Francisco Captain of the Port Zone is a line drawn from the intersection of $34^{\circ} 58'$ N Latitude and the California coastline bearing 229°T to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The northern offshore boundary is $42^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude from the shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
25. The southern offshore boundary of the Portland Oregon Captain of the Port Zone, is $42^{\circ} 00'$ N Latitude from the shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The northern offshore boundary is $47^{\circ} 32'$ N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
26. The offshore boundary of the Puget Sound Captain of the Port Office is $47^{\circ} 32'$ N Latitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ thence northeasterly along the U.S./Canadian boundary of the EEZ to the international boundary at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca then along the international boundary to shore.
27. The offshore boundary for the Southeast Alaska Captain of the Port Zone is $142^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ thence southerly and easterly along the boundary of the EEZ to the international boundary at Dixon Entrance.
28. The eastern offshore boundary of the Prince William Sound Captain of the Port Zone is $142^{\circ} 00'$ W Longitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ. The western offshore boundary is $148^{\circ} 26'$ W Longitude from shore to the offshore extent of the EEZ.
29. The offshore Western Alaska Captain of the Port Zone is the waters of the EEZ west of $148^{\circ} 26'$ W Longitude.--
30. The Honolulu Captain of the Port Zone includes:

- a. The State of Hawaii, including all the islands and atolls of the Hawaiian Chain and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - b. American Samoa and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - c. Johnston Atoll and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - d. Palmyra Atoll and Kingman Reef and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - e. Wake Island and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - f. Jarvis Island and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - g. Howland and Baker Islands and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
31. The Guam Captain of the Port Zone includes:
- a. Guam and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - b. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the adjacent waters of the U.S. EEZ.
 - c. The Trust Territory of Pacific Islands and the adjacent waters of its EEZ.

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