

Gouldsboro Intertidal Shellfish Management Program

Objective

To ensure a sustainable, intertidal shellfish resource in Gouldsboro. This program details the procedures used for the harvest of mussels and conservation of soft shell clams in Gouldsboro's intertidal zone.

General Guidelines

This program allows for the sustainable harvest of both mussels and soft shell clam resources in Gouldsboro's Intertidal zones by ensuring a workable procedure for harvesters to use. In the designated areas, there is NO dragging permitted except as specifically permitted. Shellfish harvesting in the intertidal areas are broken down into designated areas where approved harvesting activities are specifically approved or restricted. Controls may also include restrictions of the equipment used, operation of equipment and times of harvest. The designated areas mirror the current Gouldsboro Shellfish Conservation Areas.

A Area – Taking mussels not limited by volume. Restrictions on time of harvest and no sorting or washing of any kind.

B Area – Limits on taking mussels. Restrictions on volume, times of harvest. No sorting or washing of any kind.

C Area – No mechanical mussel harvesting of any kind. No sorting or throwing anything overboard of any kind. Mussel harvesting via hand raking allowed.

D Area – No mechanical mussel harvesting of any kind; no sorting or throwing anything overboard of any kind; limited hand raking allowed; limited softshell clam harvest. Identified as a softshell clam seed bed.

Procedures

The intent of this procedure is to encourage communication and detailed coordination between the Town of Gouldsboro, softshell clam harvesters and mussel harvesters. The details of this document are intended to be used and amended as appropriate for each individual mussel harvest application.

1. Persons wanting to harvest mussel in Gouldsboro's Intertidal Zone must pick up an application package from:

Department of Marine Resources
Area Biologist Supervisor
SHS #21
Hallowell, ME 04347

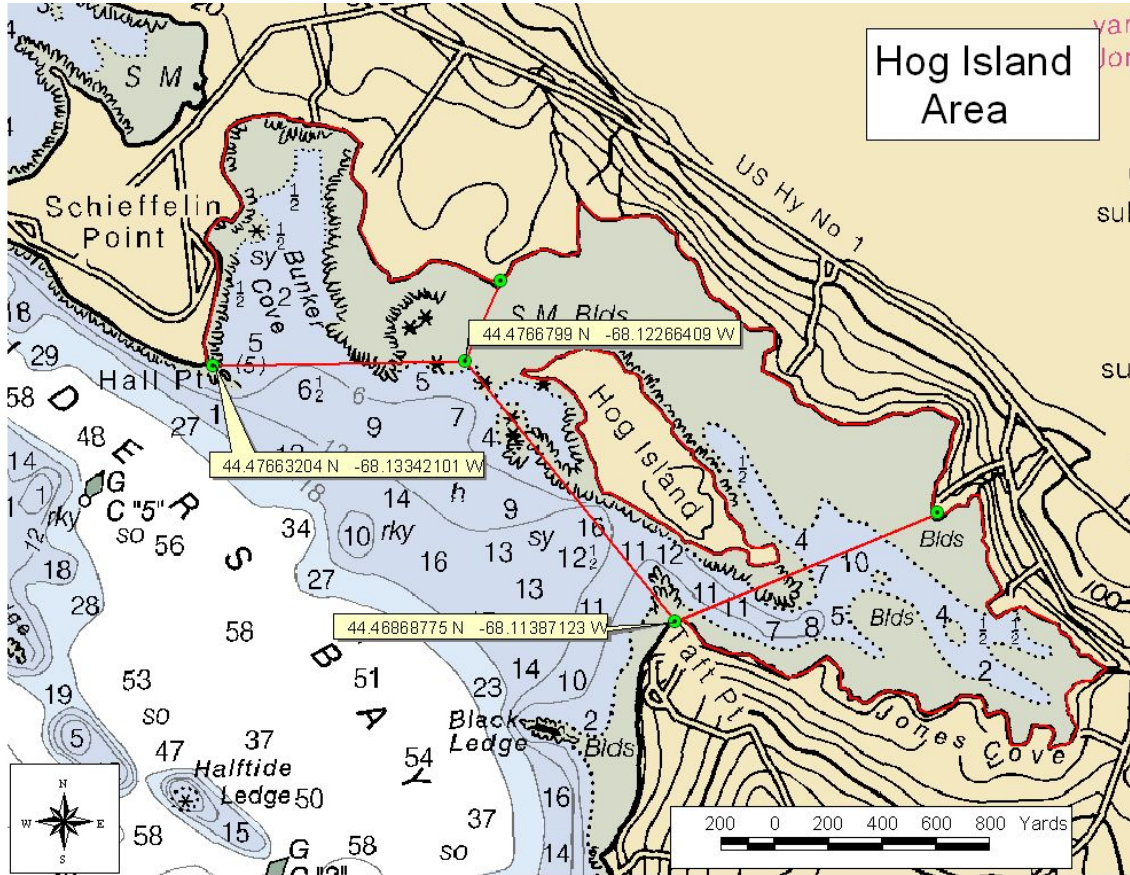
2. The Mussel Harvester will then contact the Gouldsboro Shellfish Conservation Committee via the Town Office at 963-5589.
3. From the date the Mussel Harvester contacts the Town Office, the Shellfish Committee must schedule a meeting between the Mussel Harvester and representatives of the Shellfish Conservation Committee within 14 business days.
4. During this meeting the Mussel Harvester and Shellfish Committee representatives will complete a worksheet listing specific details concerning the equipment, people, times and places of any planned mussel harvesting activities.
5. Applications and worksheets will be evaluated with the intent to preserve and restore areas in the intertidal zone for soft shell clam, marine worm and mussel habitat. The Shellfish Conservation Committee will make its' recommendation for the specific purpose of conserving the intertidal zone as soft shell clam habitat, and observing and enforcing the provisions of the permit, then forward their recommendation to the Town Selectmen.
6. The Town Selectmen will recommend approval or disapproval of the permit/license application and forward the completed package to DMR.
7. The Gouldsboro Shellfish Committee would like to request that the Municipal Shellfish Warden is allowed to periodically observe aboard permitted vessels.

Current Intertidal Management Areas

- All coordinates are in degrees and decimal minutes.

Hog Island Area

All intertidal shores, flats and waters north of a line starting at N44.47663204/W068.13342101 at Hall Point and extending east to N44.4766799/W068.12266409 then continuing southeast to N44.46868775/W068.11387123 at Taft Point.

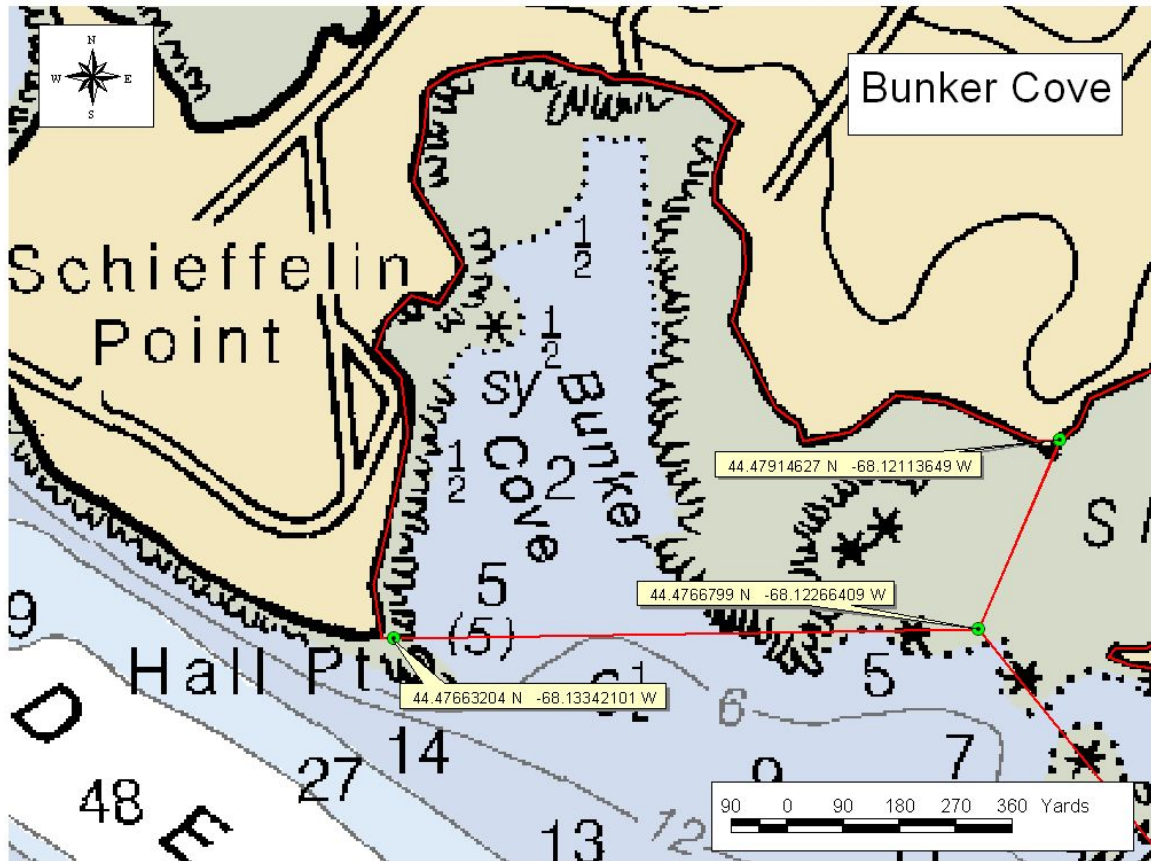


This management area includes three current softshell clam management areas;

- 1. Bunker Cove - B/C area:** All intertidal shores, flats and waters north of a line starting at N44.47663204/ W068.13342101 at Hall Point and extending east to N44.4766799/W068.12266409 then continuing northeast to N44.47914627/W068.12113649.

Enforcement Notes: The Boundary line and eastern end of this area are readily visible from U.S. Route One, between the Winter Harbor Agency Building and the Acadia View B&B. Due to the green foliage during the late spring and summer the best view is from the southbound side of the road. An alternative observation point is at the end of Lesko

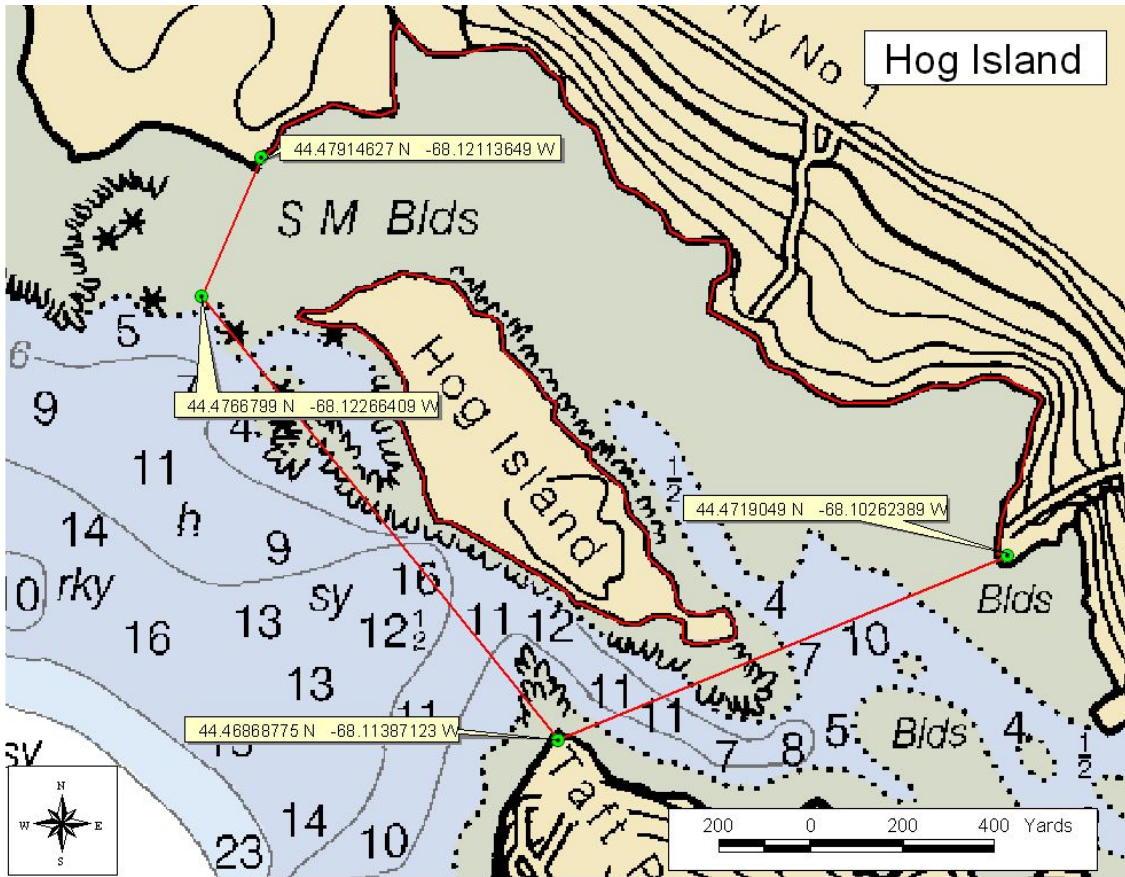
Lane, a dirt road, right hand turn off northbound U.S. Route One about 40, yards west of Young's Market. The summer resident allows law enforcement to drive to the residence.



2. Hog Island - A/B area: All intertidal shores, flats and waters bounded by a line starting at N44.47914627/W068.12113649 extending southwest to N44.4766799/W068.12266409, extending southeast to N44.46868775/W068.11387123 at Taft Point and continuing northeast to N44.4719049/W068.10262389 at Bradley's Point (local name).

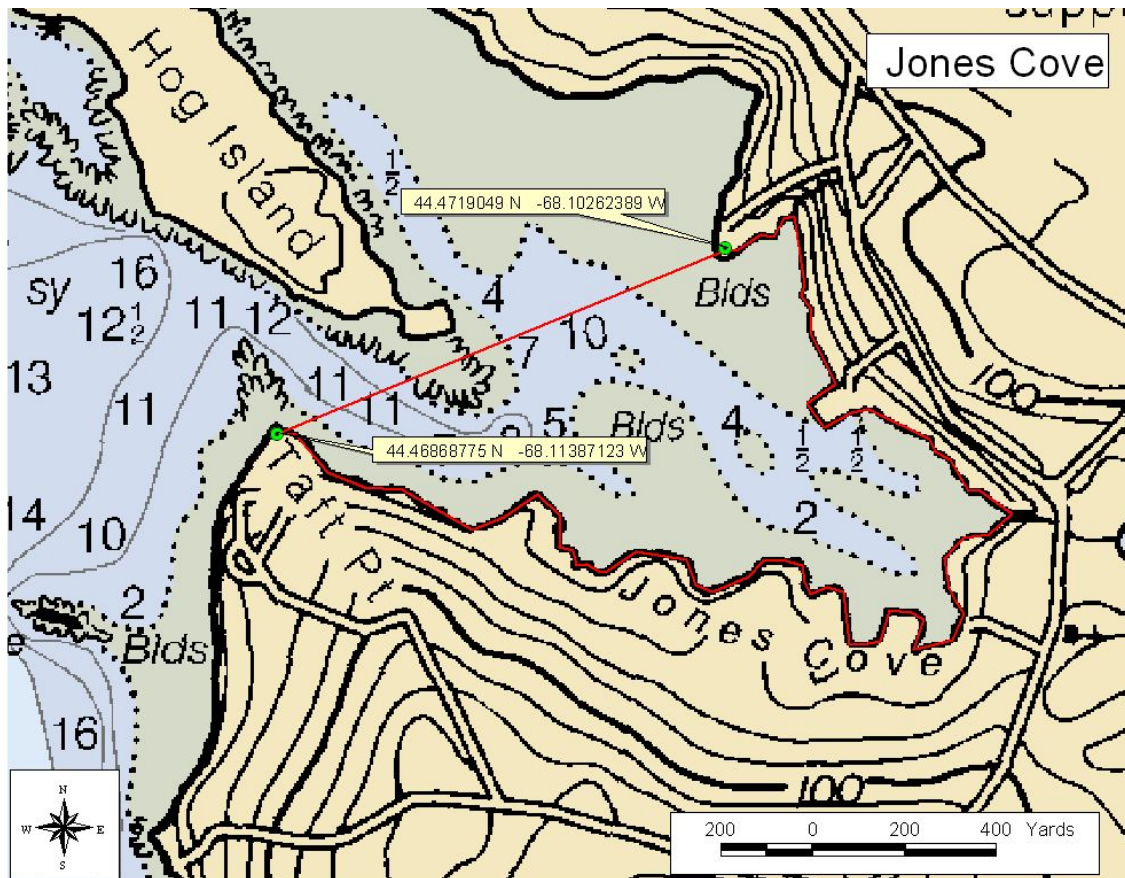
Enforcement Notes: The Western corners of this area are readily visible from U.S. Route One, between the Winter Harbor Agency Building and the Acadia View B&B. Due to the green foliage during the late spring and summer the best view is from the southbound side of the road. An alternative observation point is at the end of Lesko Lane, a dirt road, right hand turn off northbound U.S. Route One about 40 yards west of Young's Market. The summer resident allows law enforcement to drive to the residence for a clear view of Freemans Ledge and the western end of Hog Island. The eastern end of this area can be observed at Taft Point. From U.S. Route One, make a right onto southbound Route 186. Taft Point Road is .6 miles from Route One, a paved road to the right at the top of the hill. Drive down Taft Point Road until the pavement ends, making a right onto a descending dirt road marked with #202 in a mailbox. At the bottom of the road there is a fork to the right. The property owner, Jeremy Strater, requests people "sign in" on a small note book on his door at the house to the left. After signing in, proceed to the old caretaker's house at the end of the road. By walking around Taft Point to the marked L/L

(a Fluorescent Yellow mark painted on a lone spruce tree), the entire eastern side of this area is visible.



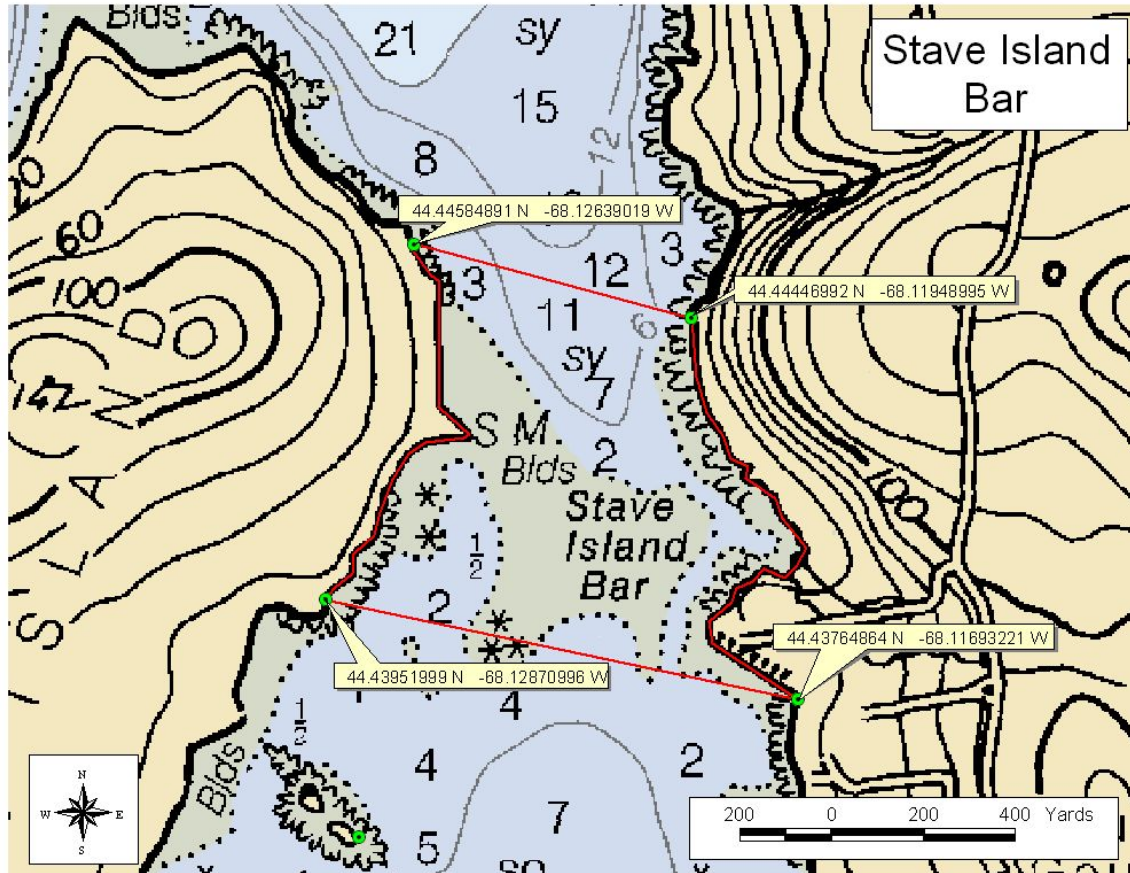
3. Jones Cove - B/C area: All intertidal shores, flats and waters southeast of a line starting at N44.46868775/W068.11387123 at Taft Point extending northeast to N44.4719049/W068.10262389 at Bradley’s Point (local name).

Enforcement Notes: The western end of this area can be observed at Taft Point. From southbound Route 186, Taft Point Road is a paved road to the right at the top of the hill. Drive down Taft Point Road until the pavement ends, making a right onto a descending dirt road marked as #202 on a mailbox. At the bottom of the road there is a fork to the right. The property owner, Jeremy Strater, requests people “sign in” on a small note book on his door at the house to the left. After signing in, proceed to the old caretaker’s house at the end of the road. By walking around Taft Point to the marked L/L (a Fluorescent Yellow mark painted on a lone spruce tree), the entire eastern side of this area is visible. The Eastern end of this area can be viewed from the abandoned Lobster Pond off U.S. Route 186,(the Old Carriage Road). The dirt driveway, marked as #57 on a mailbox, is a right hand turn off Route 186.



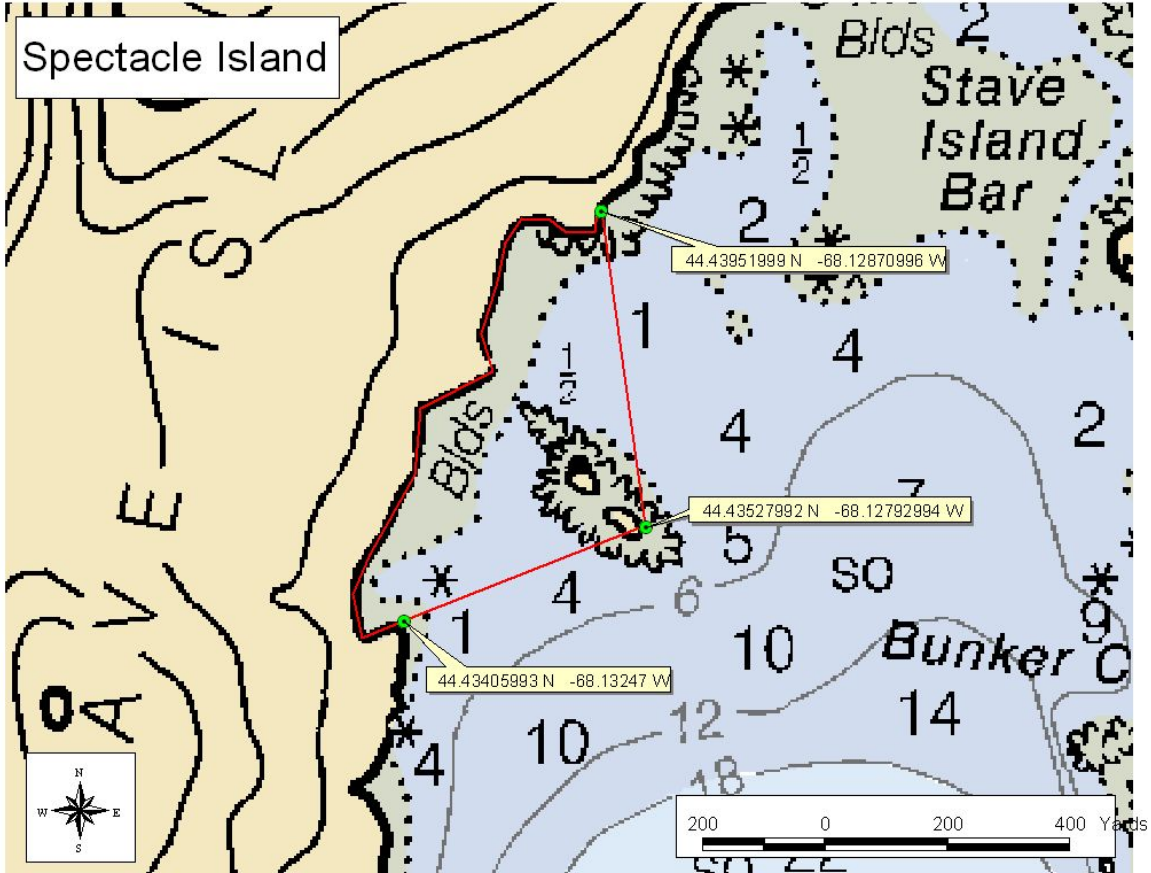
Stave Island Bar – C area: All intertidal shores, flats and waters south of a line that starts at N44.44584891/W068.12639019 at Stave Islands west shore extending east to N44.44446992/W068.11948995 AND north of a line starting from N44.43951999/W068.12870996 on Stave Islands east shore extending east to N44.43764864/W068.11693221.

Enforcement Notes: Stave Island Bar is only accessible by boat. There are limited views of eastern Stave Island from points along Route 186. The most effective enforcement of this area would be done via boat. Shore access to the southern is from the end of the dirt driveway/road at 651 South Gouldsboro Road. The property owner maintains the unpaved road and a small turnaround at the waters edge. The northern boundary line is not directly visible without walking some distance from the shore access at 651 South Gouldsboro Road. It is visible from a small picnic area below the Bluff House Inn, off South Gouldsboro Road. The Bluff House is well marked and accesses by an unpaved road right off the southbound lane of Rt 186/South Gouldsboro Road. Just before the Bluff House parking lot is another unpaved roadway to the right that descends about a ¼ mile to a small turnaround and picnic area. This is a one lane road that is not often traveled by vehicle. At the bottom of this road there is 30 yard path that descends approximately 30 foot to the water's edge. From this point the northern boundary line is visible. By walking another ¼ mile along the shore, the entire northern side of Stave Island Bar is visible.

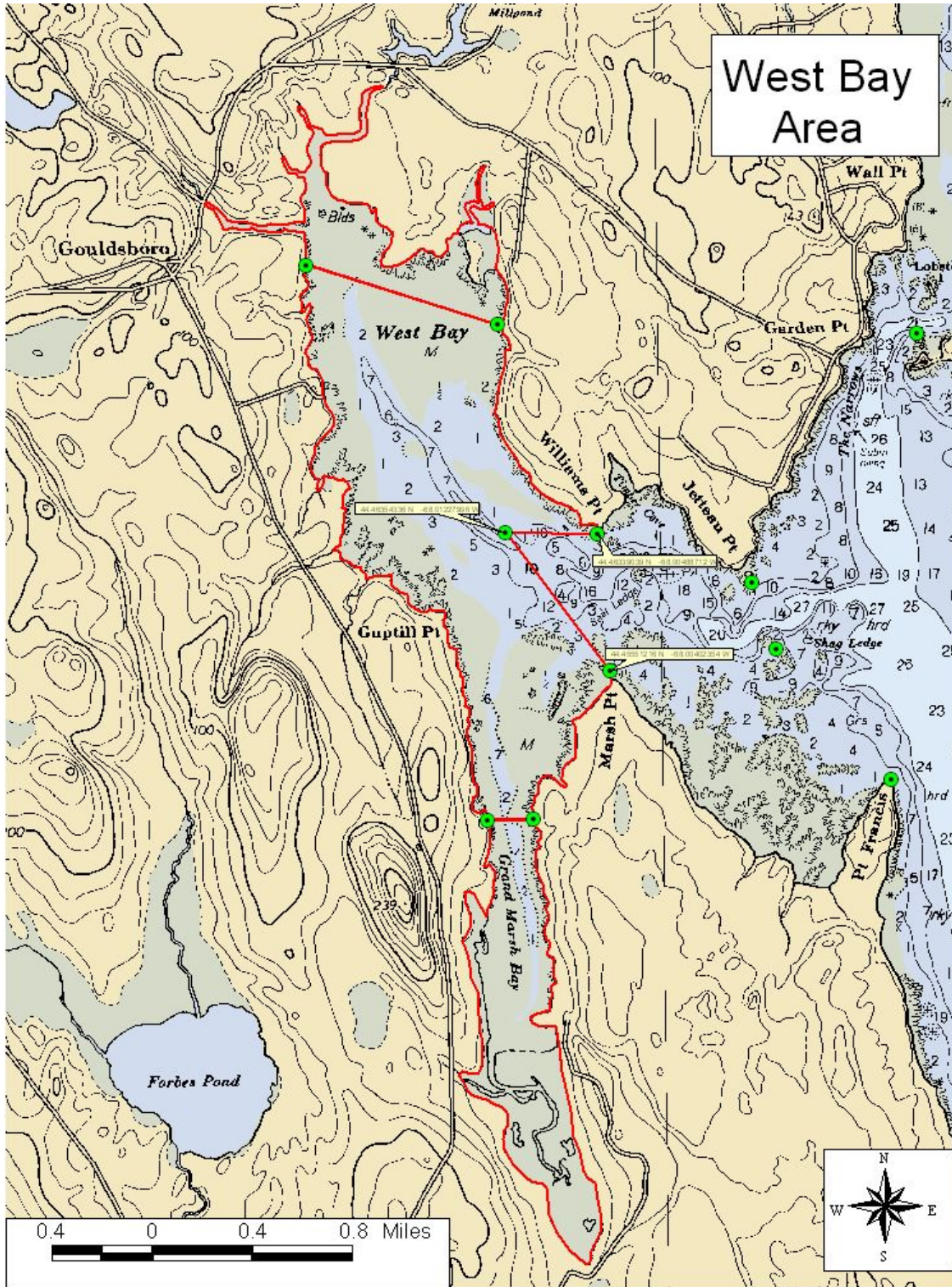


Spectacle Island – C area: All the intertidal shores, flats and waters west of a line starting at N44.43951999/W068.12870996 on Stave Island extending south to N44.43527992/W068.12792994 at the southern end of Spectacle Island continuing southwest to N44.43405993/W068.13247 on Stave Island.

Enforcement Notes: Spectacle Island is only accessible by boat. There are limited views of eastern Stave Island from points along Route 186. The most effective enforcement of this area would be done via boat.



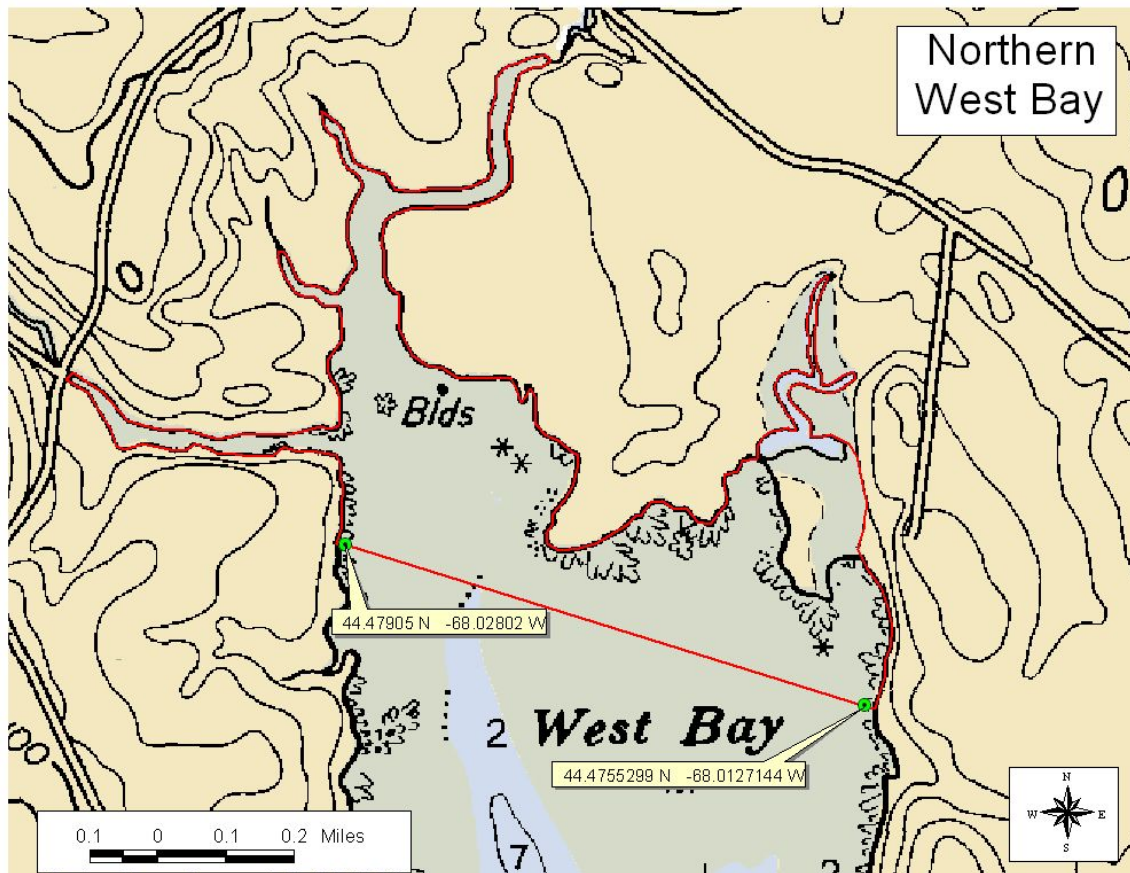
West Bay Area: All intertidal waters and flats west of a line starting at N44.46339039/W068.00488712 at Williams Point extending west to a buoy at N44.46354336/W068.01227996 then continuing southeast to N44.45551216/W068.00402354 at Marsh Point.



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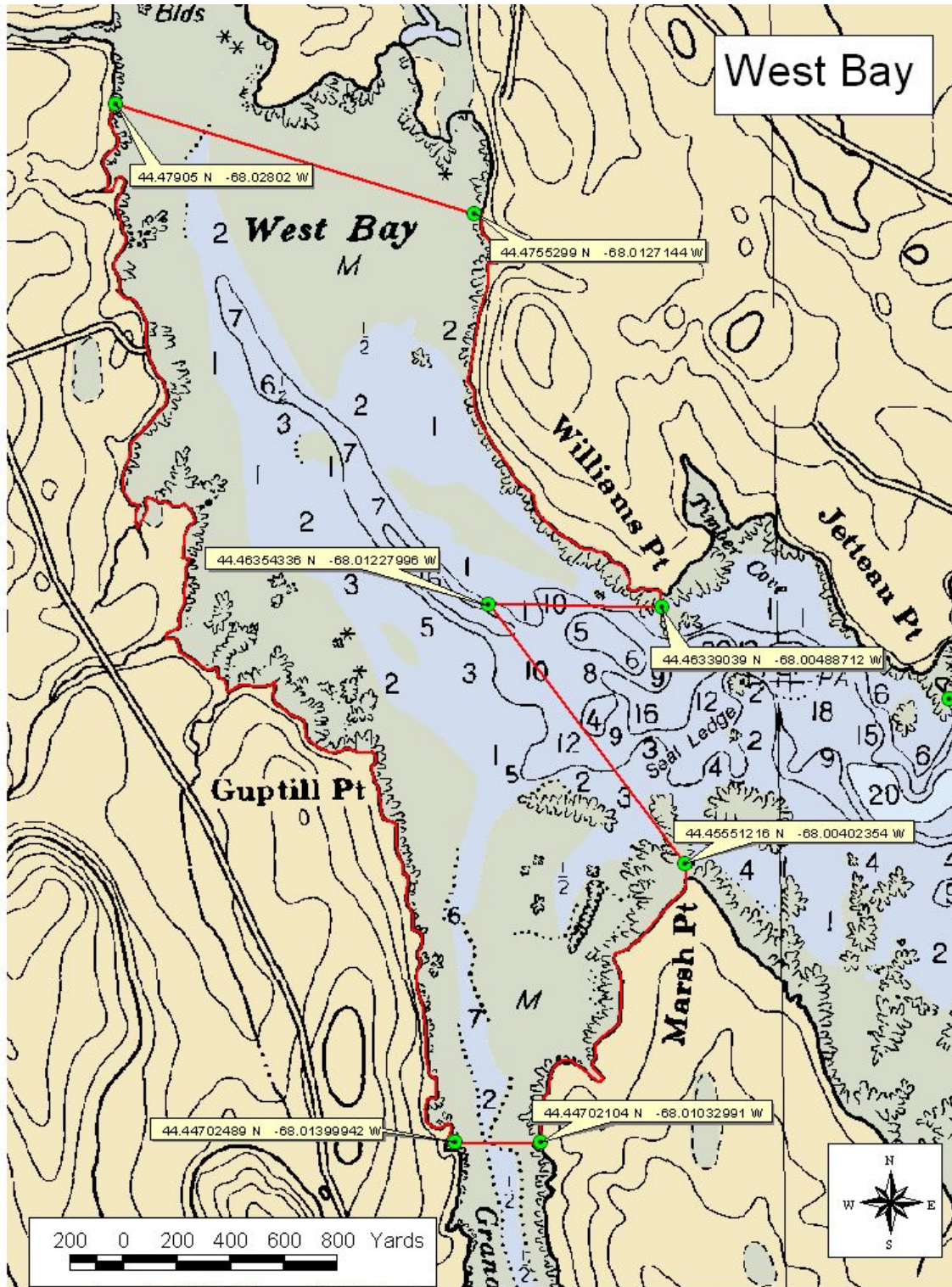
1. Northern West Bay – D area: All the intertidal shores, flats and waters north of a line starting at N44.47905/W068.02802 on the western shore extending east to N44.4755299/W068.0127144 on the eastern shore. This area is adjacent to a USF & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Enforcement Notes: At most low tides, this entire area is exposed mudflat. Taking southbound West Bay Road from U.S. Route One, the first road on the left is an unpaved dirt road named Justin Lane. Following Justin Lane back about ¼ mile it makes a 90 degree turn to the right. There are three homes with access to the shoreline that have views of the majority of this area. The western GPS reading N44.47905/W068.02802 is below the home marked 104.

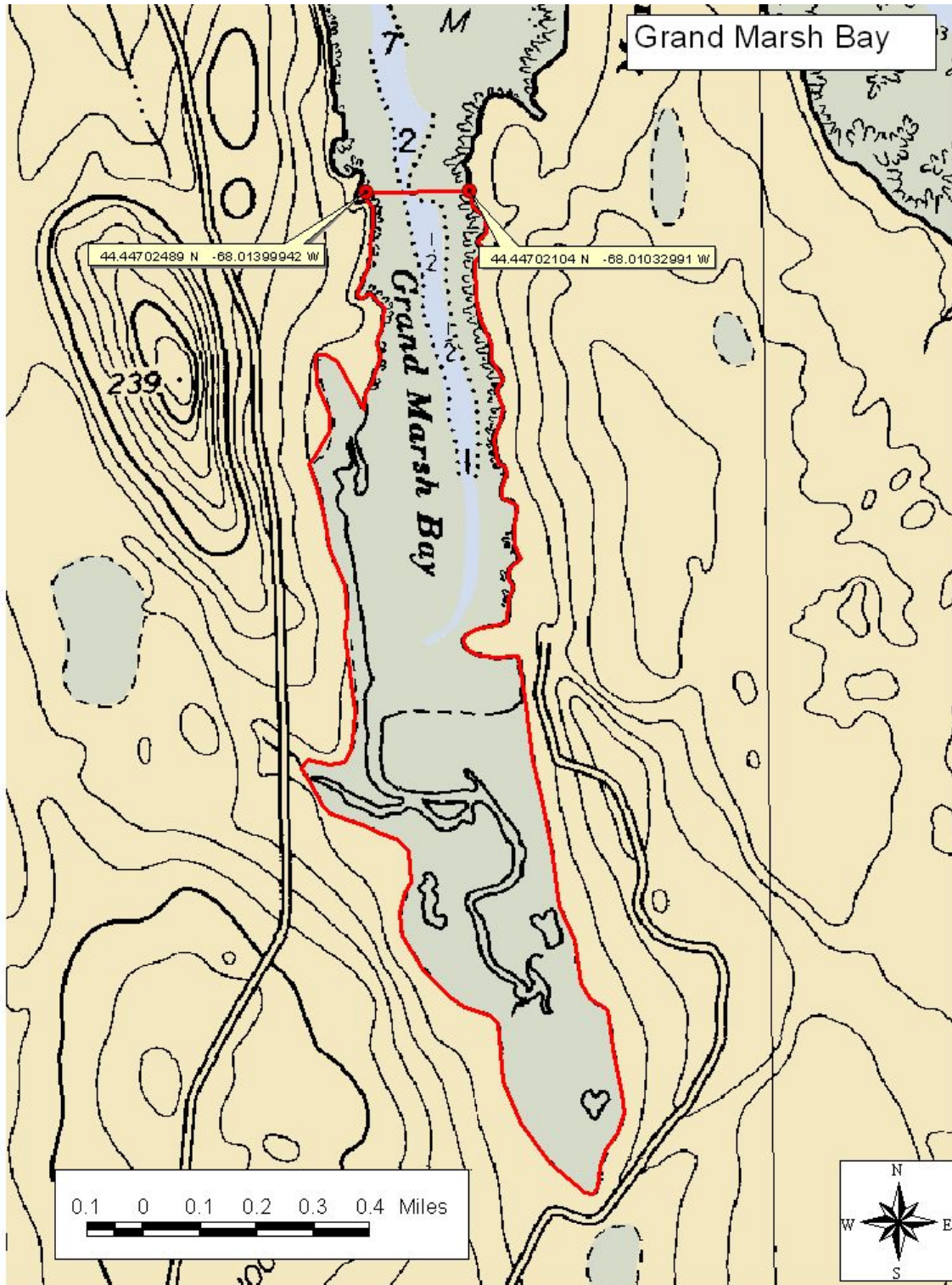


2. West Bay – A/B/C area: All the intertidal shores, flats and waters south of a line starting at N44.47905/W068.02802 then extending east to N44.4755299/W068.0127144 (North West Bay line); east of a line starting at N44.46339039/W068.00488712 on Williams Point, continuing west to a buoy at N44.46354336/W068.01227996; then extending southeast to N44.45551216/W068.00402354 on Marsh Point; north of a line starting at N44.44702489/W068.01399942 on the west shore and extending east to N44.44702104/W068.01032991 on the west shore (Grand Marsh Bay line)

Enforcement Notes: These areas are too large to be viewed completely from any one vantage point. A boat would probably be needed for enforcement of these area

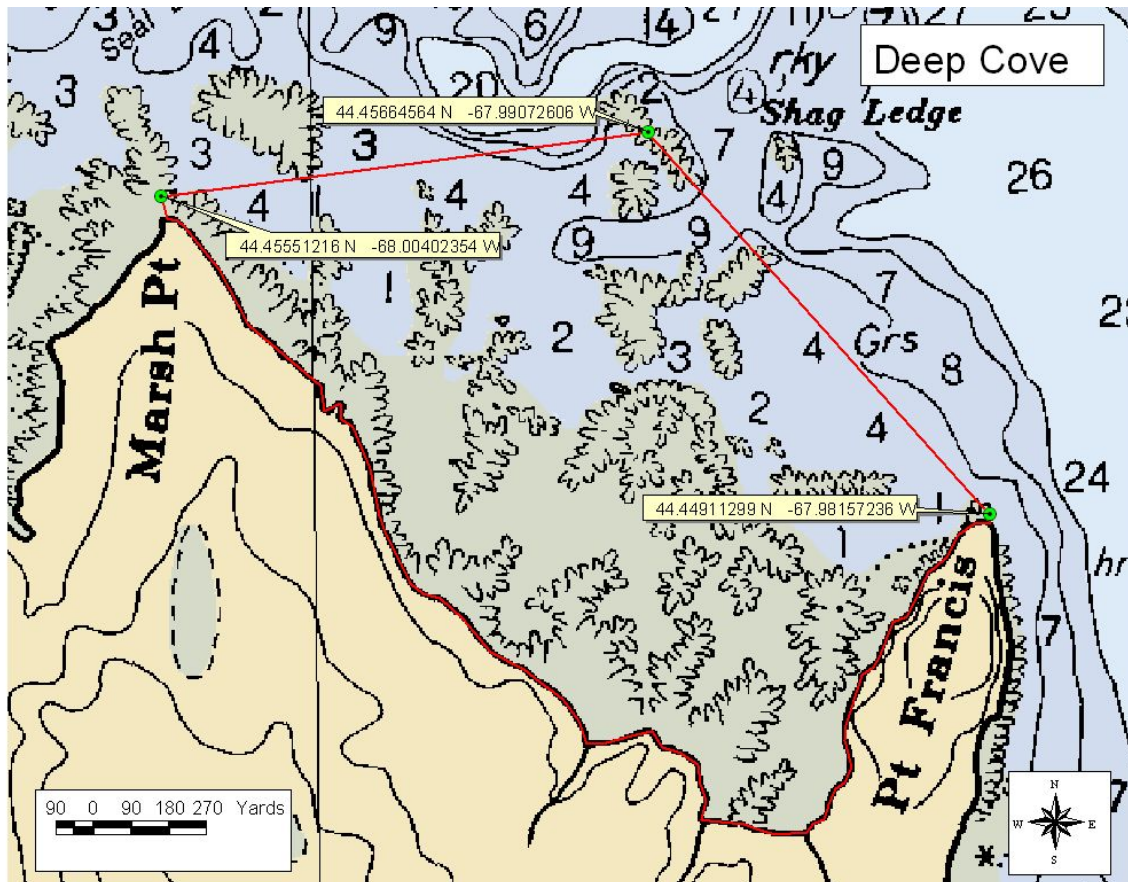


3. Grand Marsh Bay – D area: All the intertidal shores, flats and waters south of a line starting at N44.44702489/W068.01399942 on the west shore and extending east to N44.44702104/W068.01032991 on the west shore.



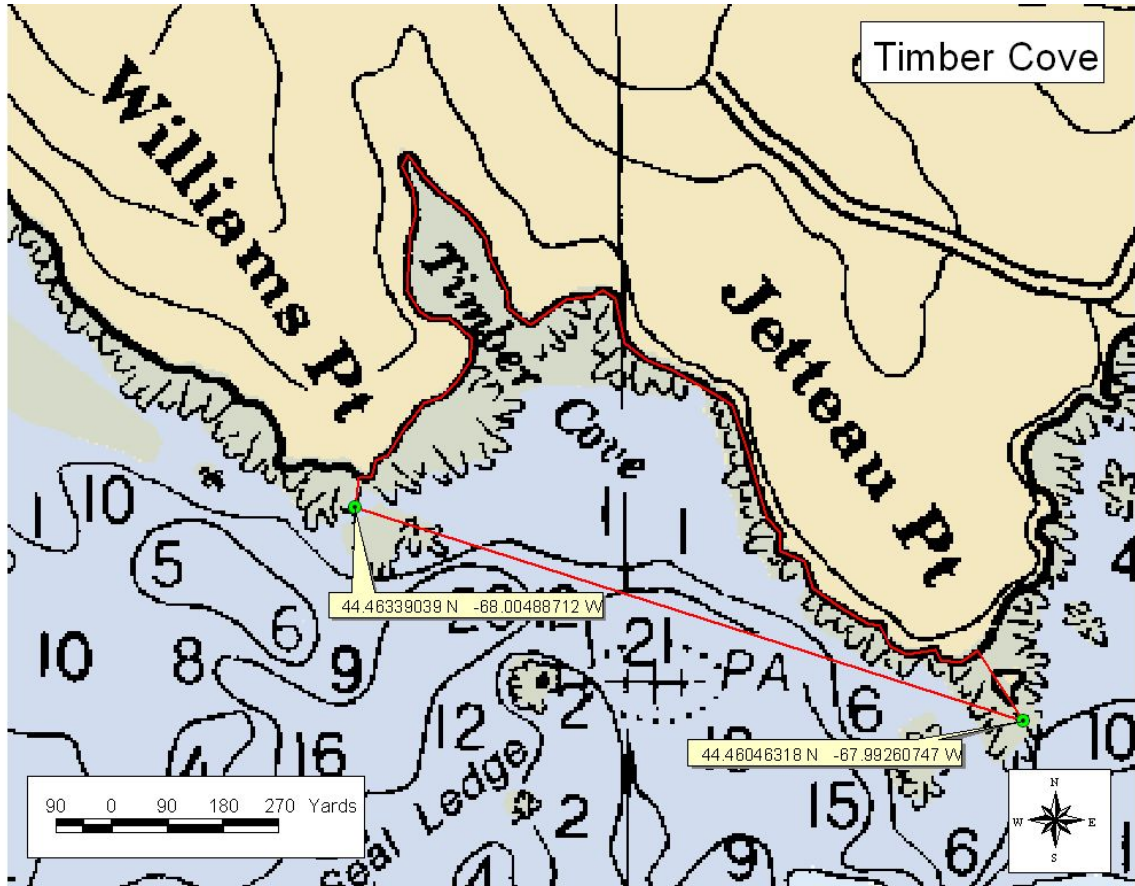
Deep Cove – B/C area All intertidal shores, flats and waters south of a line starting at N44.45551216/W068.00402354 at Marsh Point, extending east to N44.45664564/W067.99072606 at Shag ledge then continuing southeast to N44.44911299/067.98157236 at Point Francis. **Deep Cove is the local name of this area and is currently in a six month conservation rotation.**

Enforcement Notes: This area is visible from the end of Marsh Point and from several homes and camps along Paul Bunyan Road.



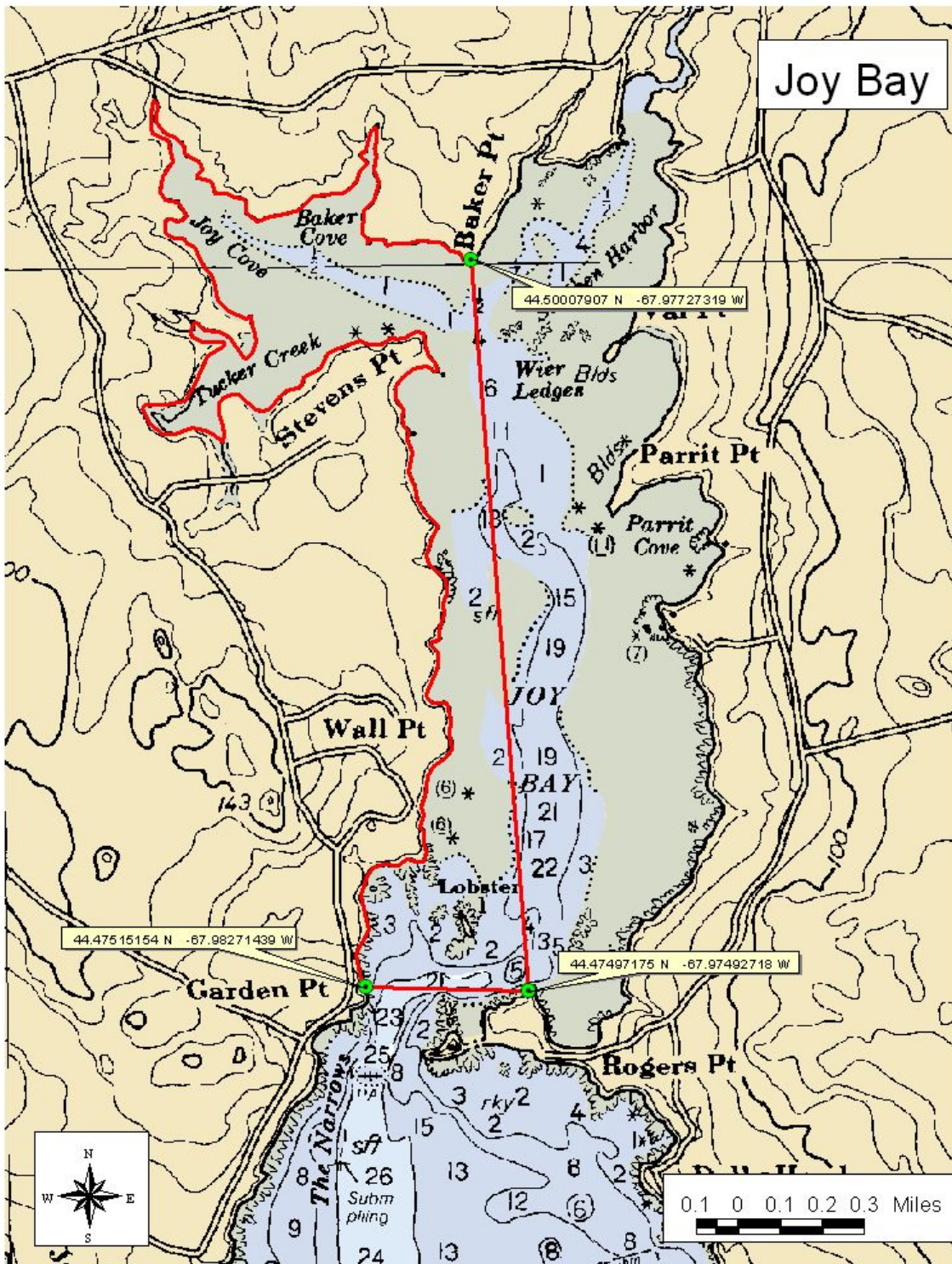
Timber Cove – C area All intertidal shores, flats and waters north of a line starting at N44.46339039/W068.00488712 at Williams Point then extending east to N44.46046318/W067.99260747 at Jetteau Point.

Enforcement Notes: There are several residences and camps along Gouldsboro Point Road and Timber Cove Road that provide fairly easy access to observe this area.



Joy Bay – A/B/C area All intertidal shores, flats and waters east of a line starting at N44.50007907/W067.97727319 at Baker Point, extending south to N44.47497175/W067.97492718 at Rogers Point, then continuing west to N44.47515154/W067.98271439 at Garden Point.

Enforcement Notes: Half of Joy Bay is in the town of Steuben. For the ease of observation and enforcement, the boundary line is marked by two points that are in the town of Steuben. Looking from either point to the other, everything to the west is in Gouldsboro. To get to Baker Point – From U.S. Route One northbound, take the first right after Gouldsboro Point Road that is marked “Steuben”. Follow this road for 1 mile to the top of a small hill. There is an unpaved road with a wooden sign for “Baker Point”. The home at the end of the road (64) is at the end of Baker Point. Both Rogers Point and Garden Point are accessible from the road.



Gouldsboro Intertidal Management Area
Mussel Harvest Worksheet

Harvester: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email: _____

Fax : _____

Vessel Name: _____

Mussel Harvesting License Number: _____

Area to be harvested: _____

Area types, boundaries and restrictions: _____

Gear or Activity Restrictions: _____

Times and Tides for Harvest: _____

Targeted Quantity of seed mussels or market size product: _____

