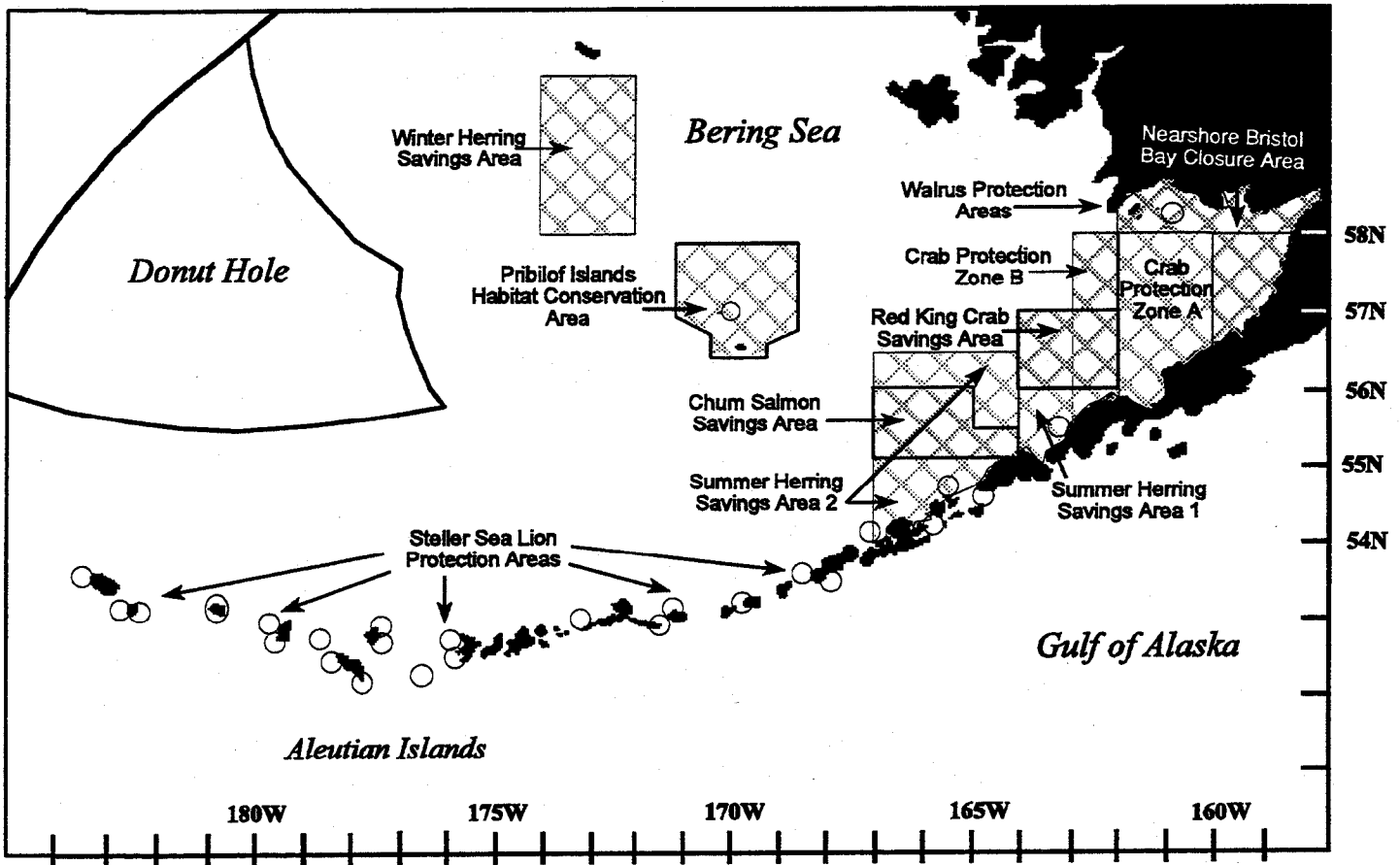


Bering Sea Species Protection Areas



Nearshore Bristol Bay Closure Area: prohibits all trawling at all times in the EEZ within the area east of 162° W longitude with the exception of an area bounded by 159° to 160° W and 58° to 58°43'N that would remain open April 1 - June 15.

Chum Salmon Savings Area: closed to all trawling August 1-31 with provisional extension to October 5.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab Area: closed seasonally to non-pelagic trawling.

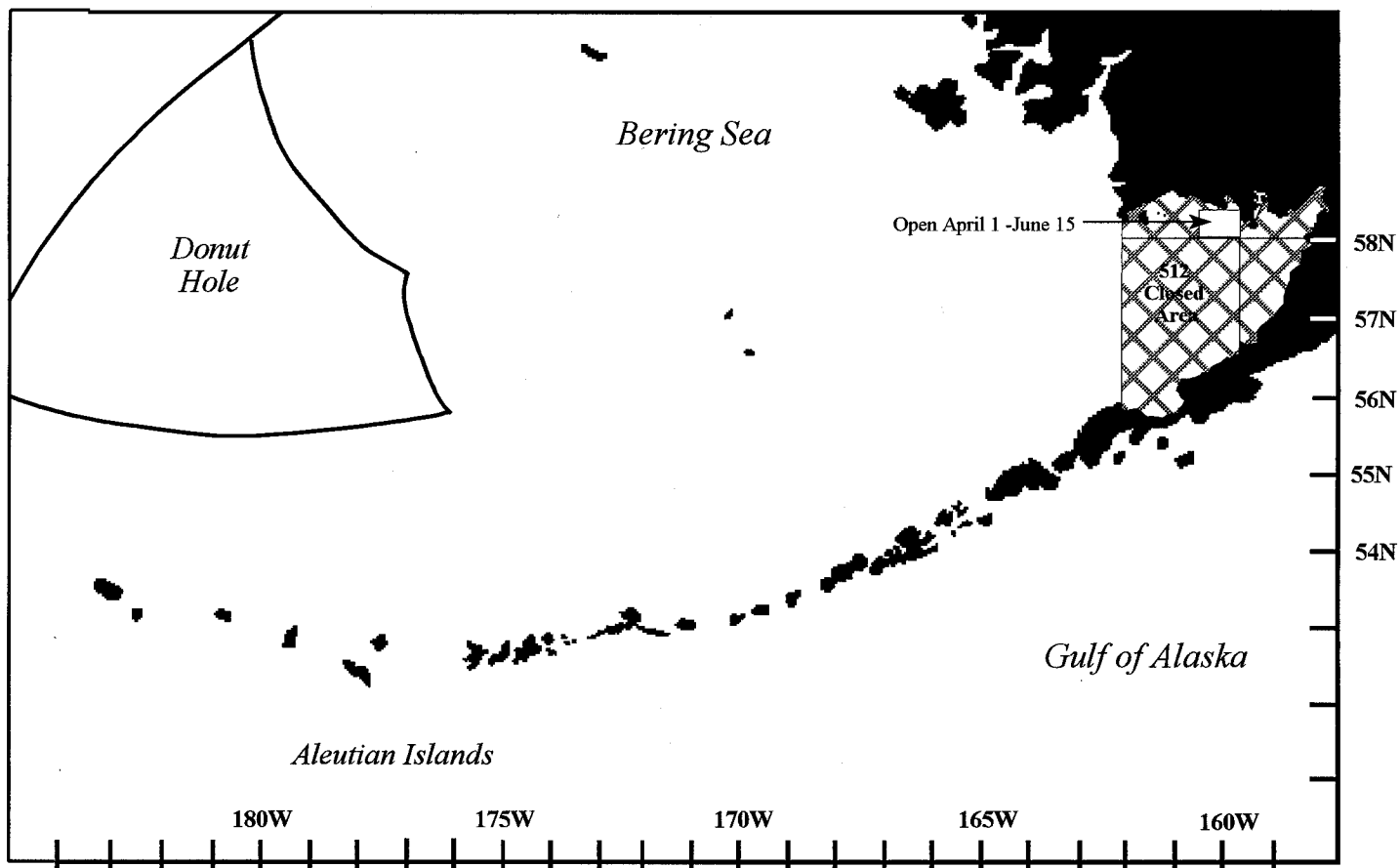
Pribilof Islands Habitat Conservation Area: closed year-round to all trawling.

Crab Protection Zones: Zone A closed to trawling year-round.
Zone B closed to trawling March 15 - June 15.

Walrus Protection Areas: closed to all fishing April 1 - September 30.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas: closed to all trawling year-round with some extended seasonally on January 20.

Herring Savings Areas: closed to all trawling when trigger reached.
Summer Area 1 closed June 15 - July 1
Summer Area 2 closed July 1 - August 15.
Winter Area closed September 1 - March 1.

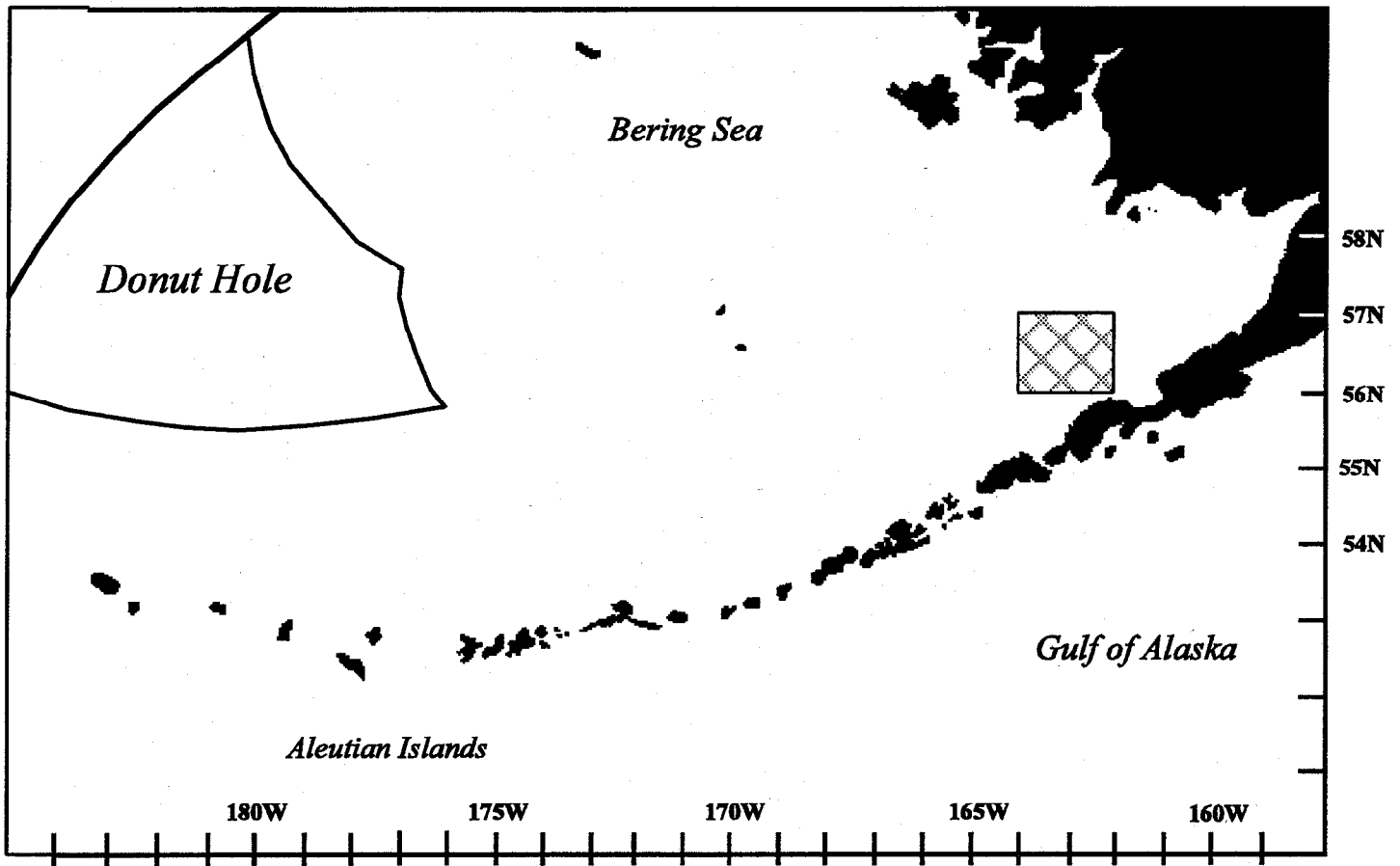


Nearshore Bristol Bay Closure Area

Rationale for Closure: Closure established to protect juvenile red king crab habitat.

Origin: Council adopted as part of Amendment 37 in June 1996.

Description of Area: Prohibits all trawling at all times in the EEZ within the area east of 162 ° W longitude with the exception of an area bounded by 159 ° to 160° W and 58° to 58°43' N that would remain open April 1 - June 15.



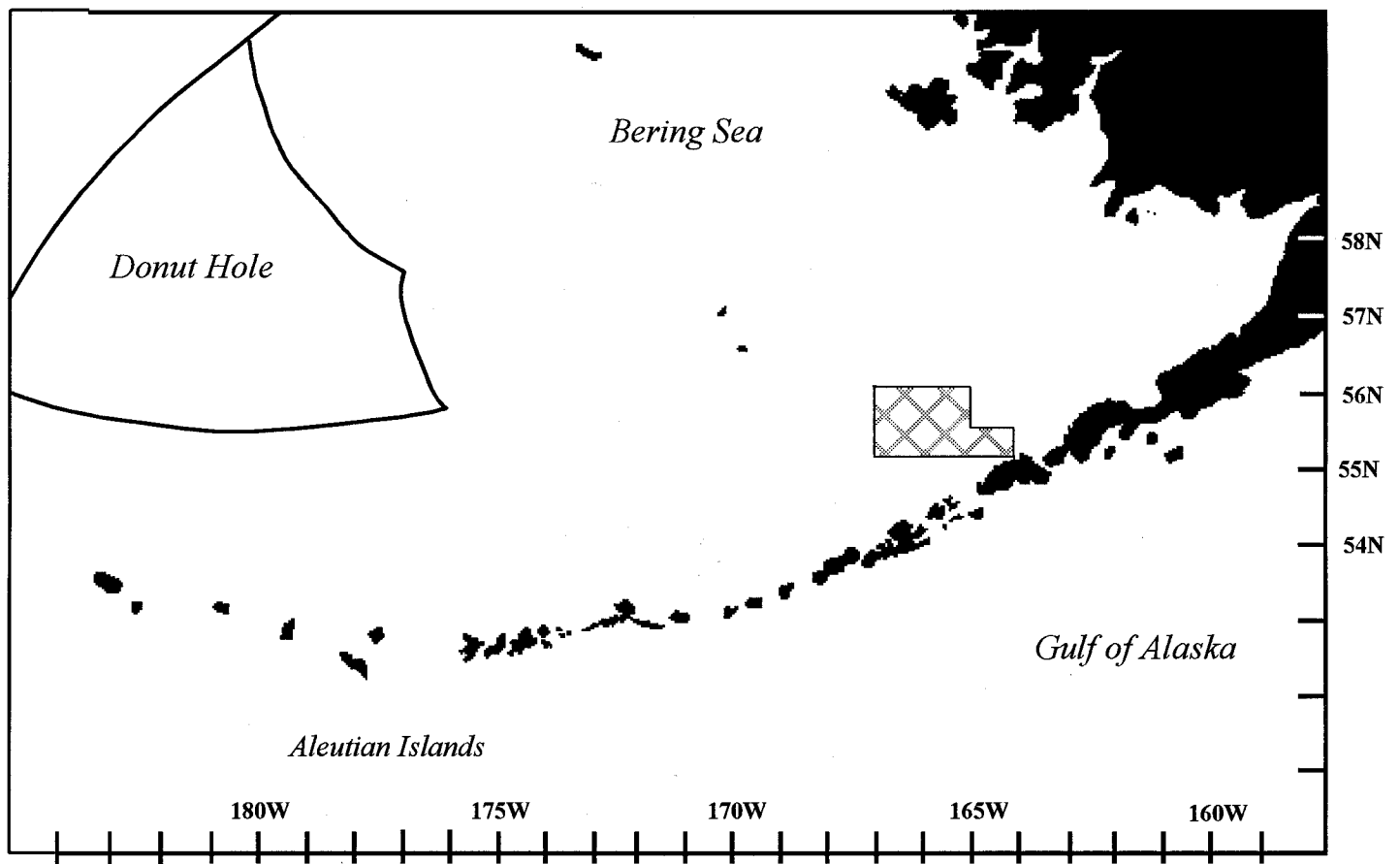
Bristol Bay Red King Crab Savings Area

Rationale for Closure: Closed to protect red king crab population and habitat.

Origin: Implemented as an emergency rule January 20, 1995. Adopted as part of Amendment 37 in June 1996.

Description of Area: Non-pelagic trawling is prohibited at all times in the EEZ within the area bounded by a straight line connecting the following pairs of coordinates in the following order:

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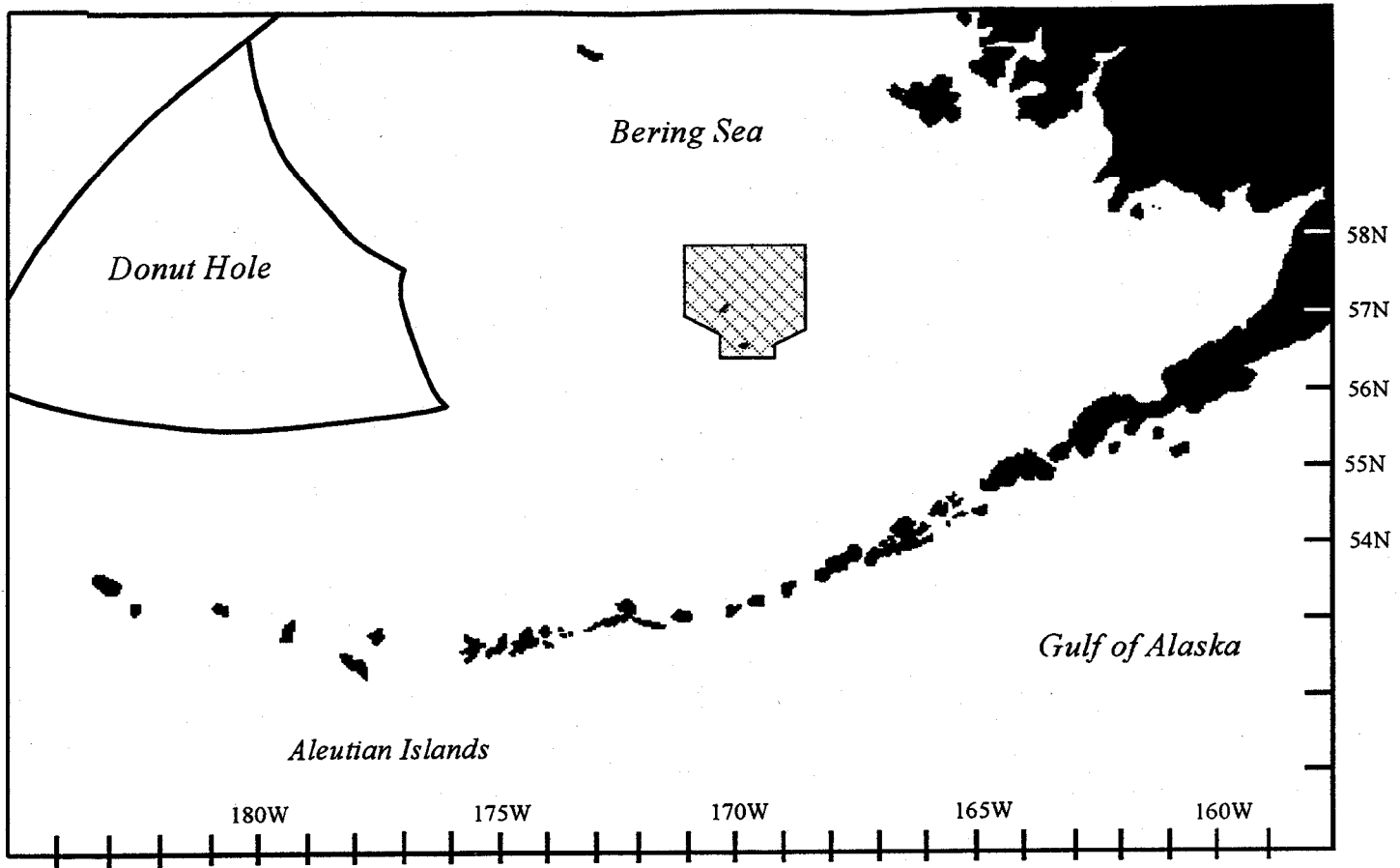
Chum Salmon Savings Area

Rationale for Closure: To reduce excessive bycatch of "other" (chum) salmon in groundfish trawl fisheries.

Origin: Originally implemented by emergency rule effective August 15, 1994 through November 12, 1994. Adopted as Amendment 35 by the Council on January 14, 1995.

Description of Area: All trawling is prohibited from August 1 through August 31 and after September 1, upon attainment of a bycatch limit of 42,000 other salmon taken within the CVOA, through October 14, within the area bounded by a straight line connecting the following pairs of coordinates in the order listed:

56°00'N., 167°00'W.;
 56°00'N., 165°00'W.;
 55°30'N., 165°00'W.;
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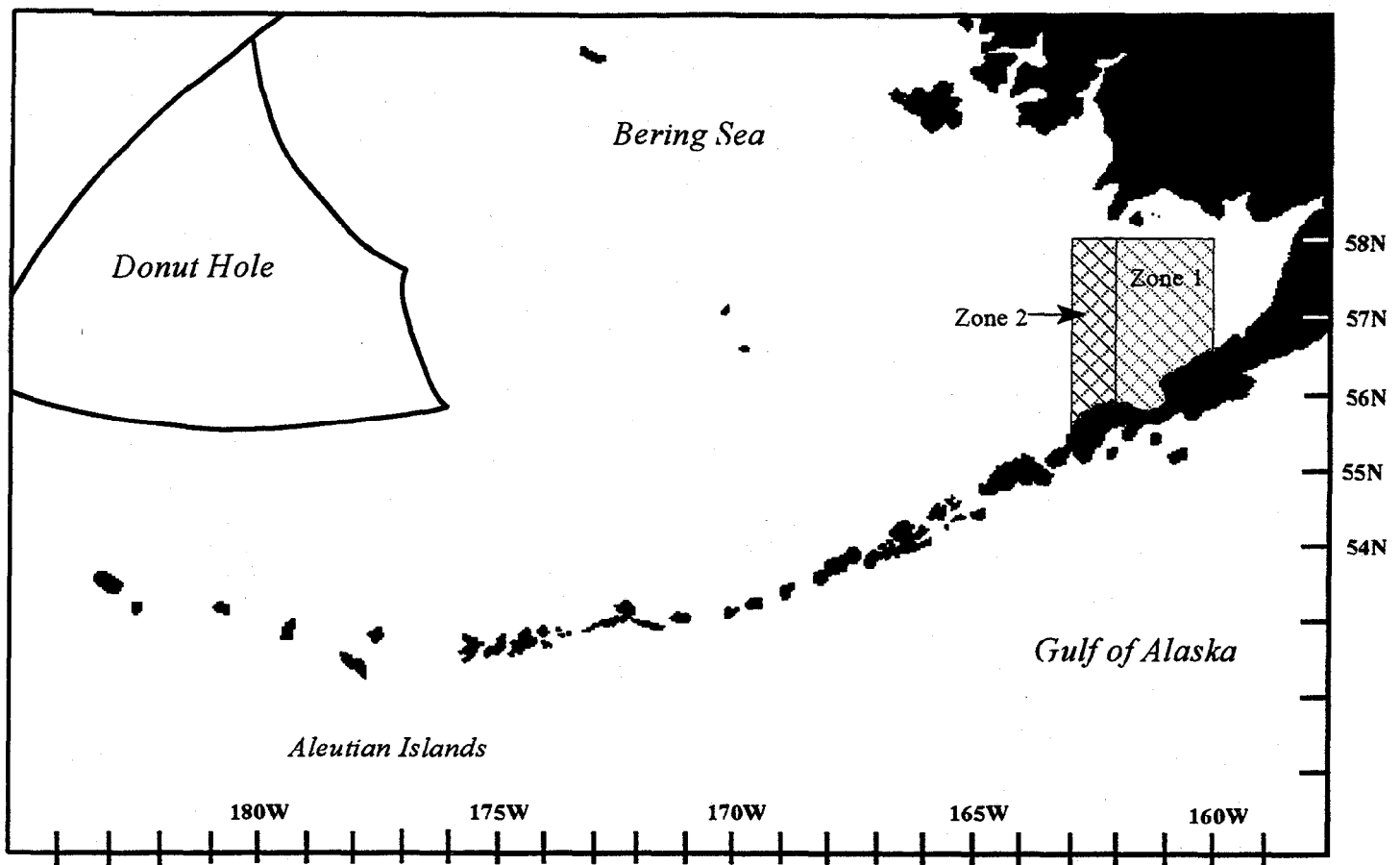
Pribilof Islands Habitat Conservation Area

Rationale for Closure: Closed to protect blue king crabs, marine mammals, seabirds and their prey species to allow rebuilding of these depressed stocks.

Origin: Adopted by Council on April 23, 1994, and implemented as Amendment 21a on January 20, 1995.

Description of Area: All trawling is prohibited at all times in the EEZ within the area bounded by a straight line connecting the following pairs of coordinates in the order listed:

- 57° 57.0'N., 168° 30.0'W.;
- 56° 55.2'N., 168° 30.0'W.;
- 56° 48.0'N., 169° 2.4'W.;
- 56° 34.2'N., 169° 2.4'W.;
- 56° 30.0'N., 169° 25.2'W.;
- 56° 30.0'N., 169° 44.1'W.;
- 56° 55.8'N., 170° 21.6'W.;
- 57° 13.8'N., 171° 0.0'W.;
- 57° 57.0'N., 171° 0.0'W.;
- 57° 57.0'N., 168° 30.0'W.



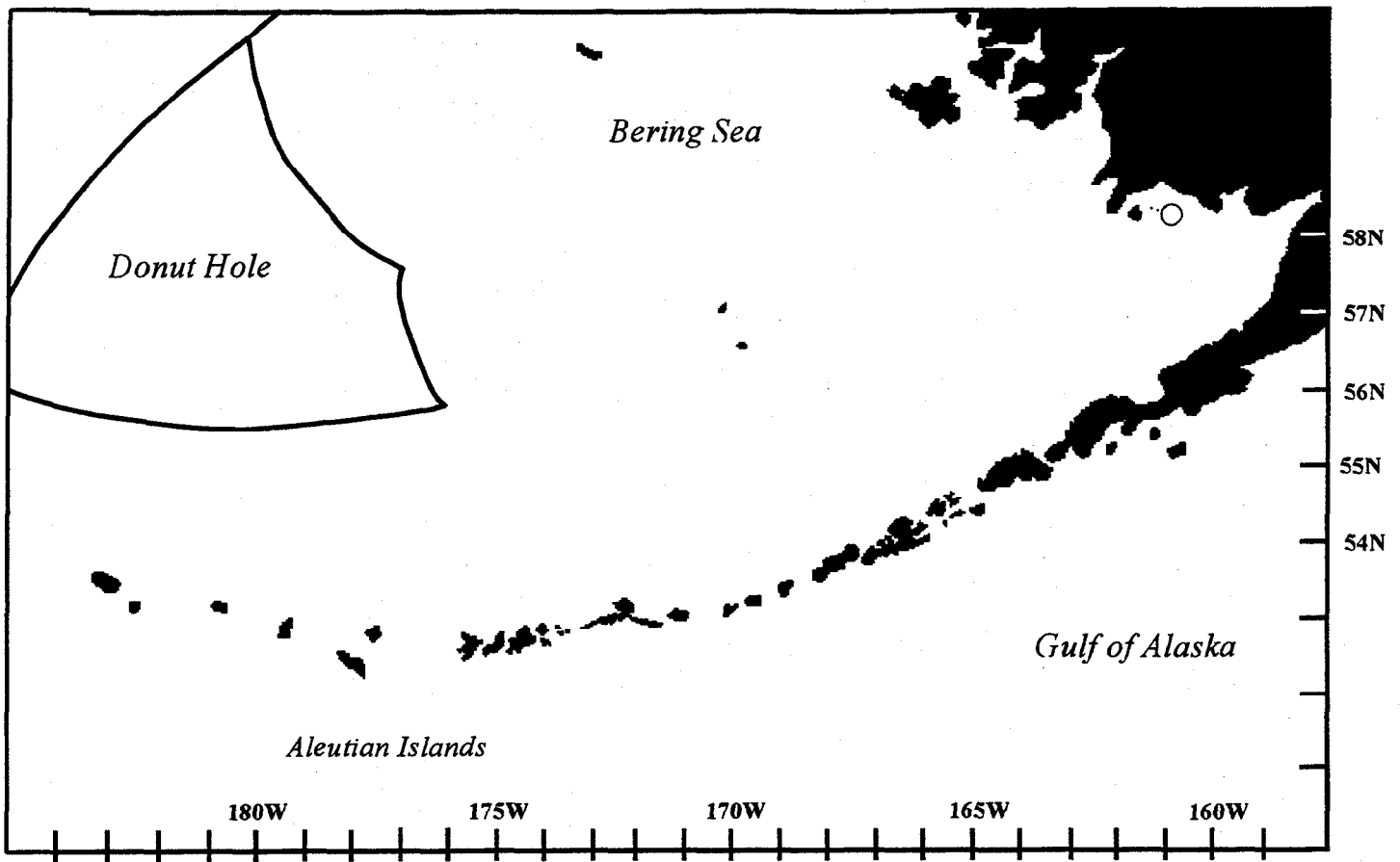
Crab and Halibut Protection Zones

Rationale for Closure: Closed to prevent incidental catch of crab and juvenile halibut, which are known to concentrate in these areas.

Origin: Implemented under Amendment 10 on March 16, 1987.

Description of Area: Protection Zone 1 is closed to trawling year-round, however, the Secretary may allow trawling for Pacific cod in a portion of this area (Port Moller program). Protection Zone 1 is the area south of 58° 00' N. latitude and between 160° 00' and 162° 00' W. longitude. Protection Zone 2 is closed to trawling March 15 through June 15, however, the Secretary may allow trawling for Pacific cod in a portion of this area (Port Moller program). Protection Zone 2 is the area south of 58° 00' N. latitude and between 162° 00' and 163° 00' W. longitude.

Note: The crab and halibut protection zones originally included a Halibut Protection Zone (Zone 2H), which was that portion of Zone 2 south 56° 30' N. latitude, west of 165° W. longitude and east of 170° W. longitude. This zone became obsolete with passage of Amendment 25 on May 20, 1994, when the primary halibut PSC limit was eliminated.

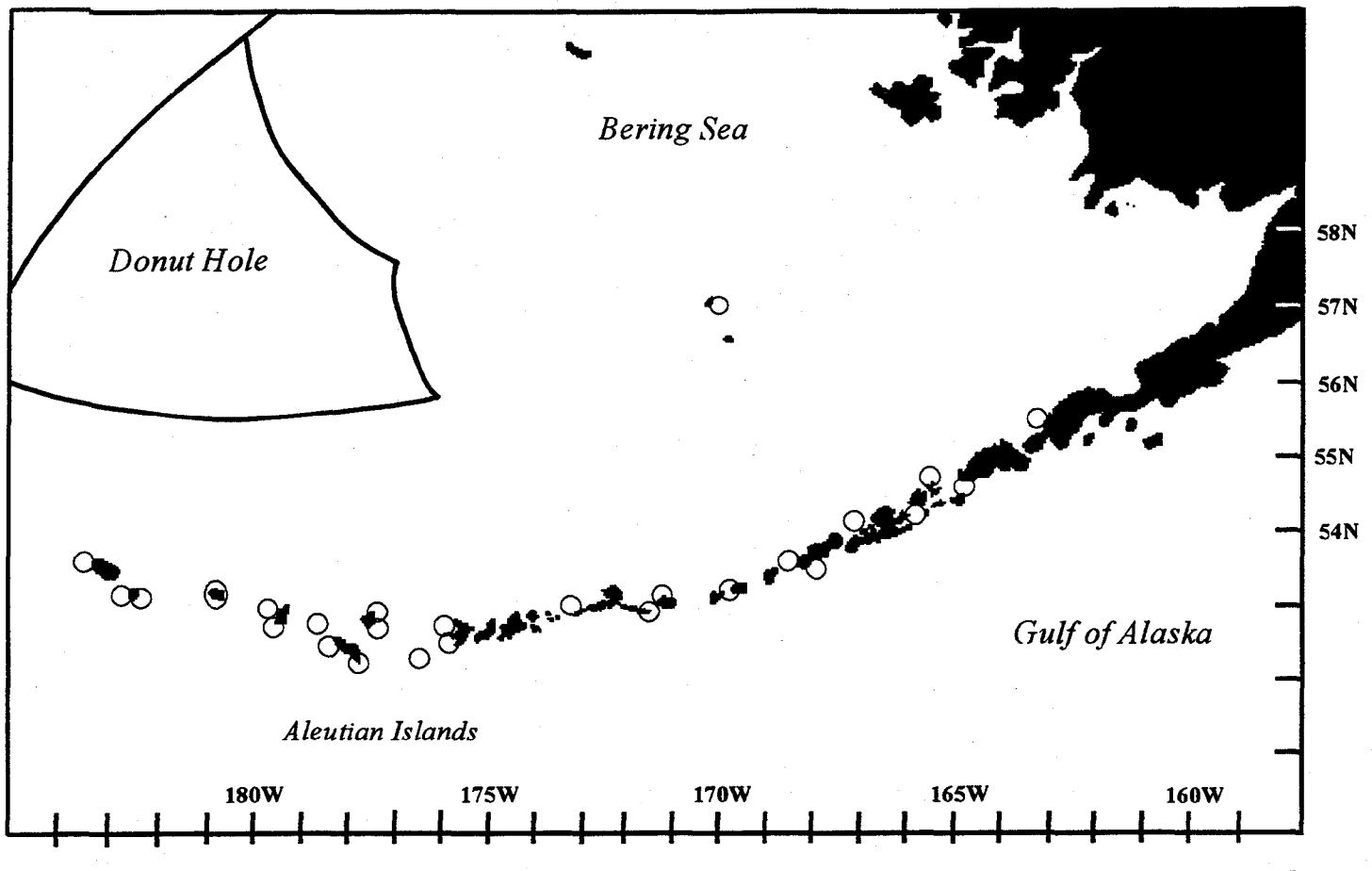


Walrus Islands Closure

Rationale for Closure: Minimizes vessel interaction with walrus around haul-out sites in northern Bristol Bay.

Origin: Permanently established under Amendment 17 on April 24, 1992.

Description of Area: From April 1 through September 30 of any fishing year, all fishing vessels are prohibited in the area between 3 and 12 nautical miles around islands named Round Island and The Twins and around Cape Pierce (58° 33' N. latitude, 161° 43' W. longitude).



Steller Sea Lion Protection Areas

Rationale for Closure: Established to reduce disturbance of feeding Steller sea lions, a threatened marine mammal, around known rookeries.

Origin: Implemented as a framework measure under Amendment 20 on January 19, 1992.

Description of Area: Trawling is prohibited year-round in the BSAI within 10 nautical miles of numerous Steller sea lion rookeries. In addition, some of these rookeries will have 20 nautical mile trawl closures during the pollock "A" season.

Year-round 10 mile closures

Island	From Latitude	Longitude	To Latitude	Longitude
Sea Lion Rks	55° 28.0 N	163° 12.0 W		
Ugamak I.	54° 14.0 N	164° 48.0 W	54° 13.0 N	164° 48.0 W
Akun I.	54° 18.0 N	165° 32.5 W	54° 18.0 N	165° 31.5
W Akutan I.	54° 03.5 N	166° 00.0 W	54° 05.5 N	166° 05.0
W Bogoslof I.	53° 56.0 N	168° 02.0 W		
Ogchul I.	53° 00.0 N	168° 24.0 W		
Adugak I.	52° 55.0 N	169° 10.5 W		
Walrus I.	57° 11.0 N	169° 56.0 W		
Yunaska I.	52° 42.0 N	170° 38.5 W	52° 41.0 N	170° 34.5
W Seguam I.	52° 21.0 N	172° 35.0 W	52° 21.0 N	172° 33.0

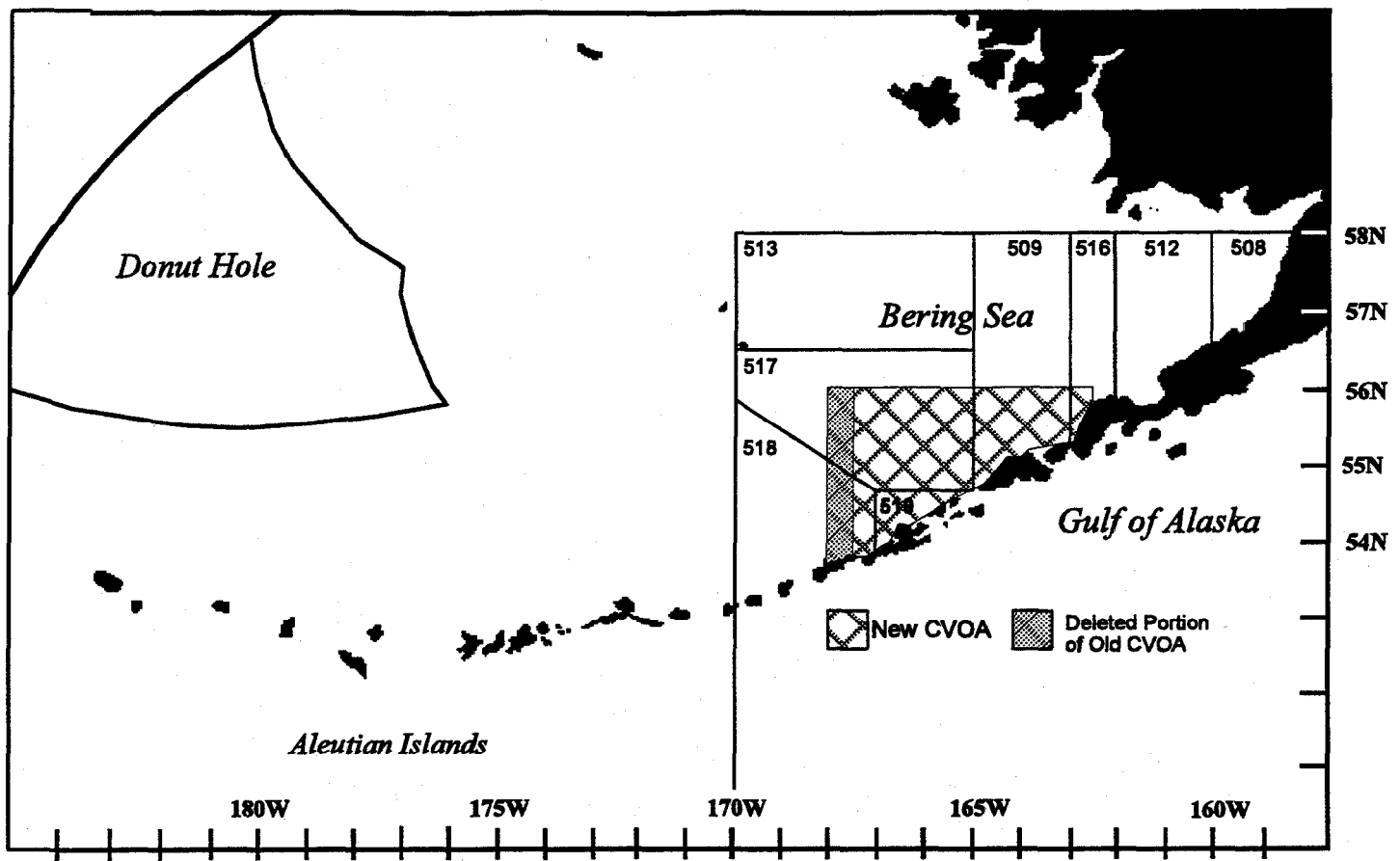
Year-round 10 mile closures (continued)

Island	From Latitude	Longitude	To Latitude	Longitude
W Agligadak I.	52° 06.5 N	172° 54.0 W		
Kasatochi I.	52° 10.0 N	175° 31.5 W	52° 10.5 N	175° 29.0
W Adak I.	51° 36.5 N	176° 59.0 W	51° 38.0 N	176° 59.5
W Gramp Rock	51° 29.0 N	178° 20.5 W		
Tag I.	51° 33.5 N	178° 34.5 W		
Ulak I.	51° 20.0 N	178° 57.0 W	51° 18.5 N	178° 59.5
W Semisopchnoi	51° 58.5 N	179° 45.5 E	51° 57.0 N	179° 46.0
E Semisopchnoi	52° 01.5 N	179° 37.5 E	52° 01.5 N	179° 39.0
E Amchitka I.	51° 22.5 N	179° 28.0 E	51° 21.5 N	179° 25.0
E Amchitka I.	51° 32.5 N	178° 49.5 E		
Ayugadak Pt.	51° 45.5 N	178° 24.5 E		
Kiska I.	51° 57.5 N	177° 21.0 E	51° 56.5 N	177° 20.0
E Kiska I.	51° 52.5 N	177° 13.0 E	51° 53.5 N	177° 12.0
E Buldir I.	52° 20.5 N	175° 57.0 E	52° 23.5 N	175° 51.0
E Agattu I.	52° 24.0 N	173° 21.5 E		
Agattu I.	52° 23.5 N	173° 43.5 E	52° 22.0 N	173° 41.0
E Attu I.	52° 54.5 N	172° 28.5 E	52° 57.5 N	172° 31.5 E

Seasonal 20 mile closures

Sea Lion Rks	55° 28.0 N	163° 12.0 W		
Akun I.	54° 18.0 N	165° 32.5 W	54° 18.0 N	165° 31.5
W Akutan I.	54° 03.5 N	166° 00.0 W	54° 05.5 N	166° 05.0
W Ugamak I.	54° 14.0 N	164° 48.0 W	54° 13.0 N	164° 48.0
W Seguam I.	52° 21.0 N	172° 35.0 W	52° 21.0 N	172° 33.0
W Agligadak I.	52° 06.5 N	172° 54.0 W		

Note: The bounds of each rookery extend in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates, along the shoreline at mean lower low water, to the second set of coordinates; if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the rookery extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.

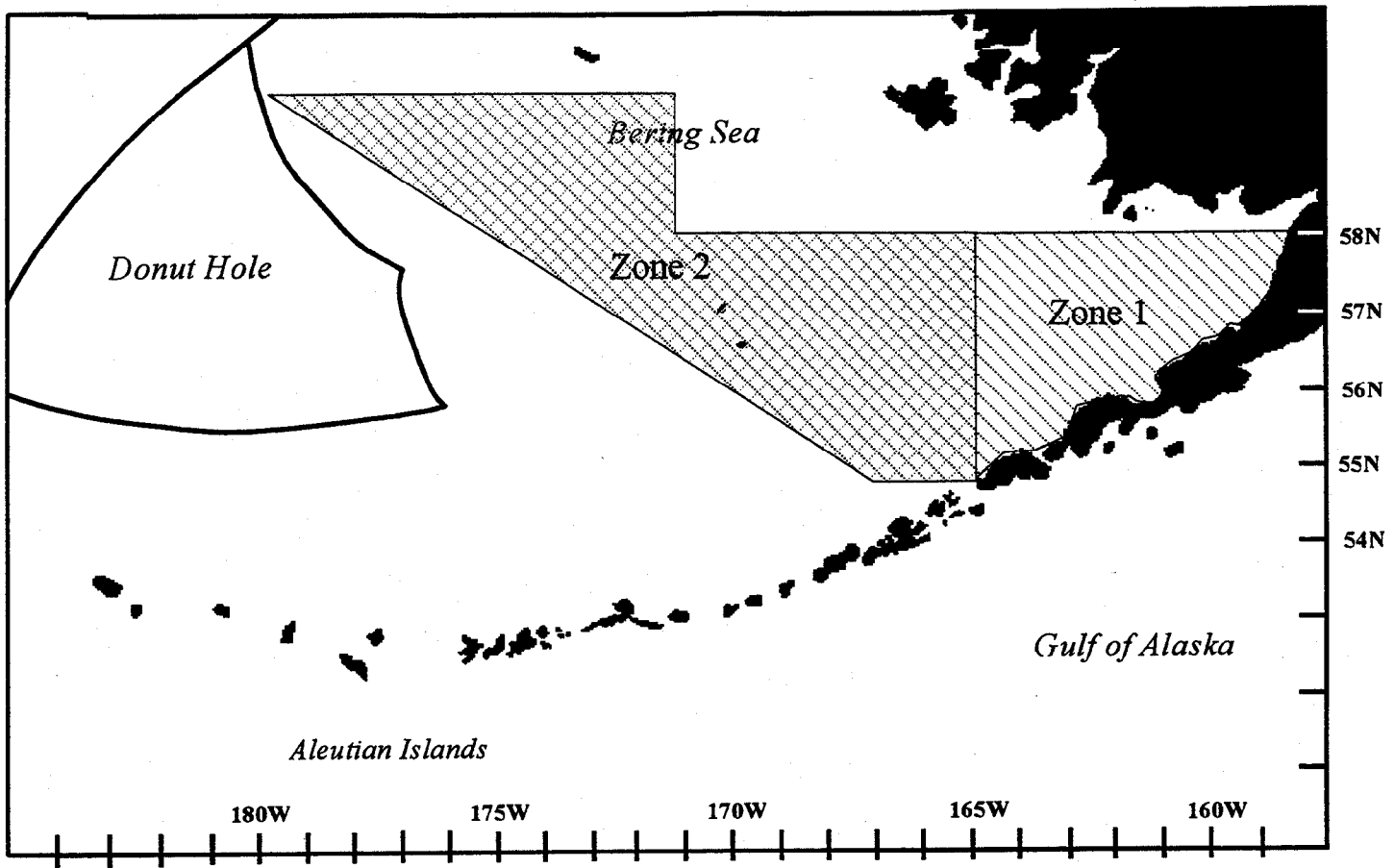


Catcher Vessel Operational Area (CVOA)

Rationale for Closure: Established to limit access to pollock within the area to catcher vessels delivering to the inshore component during the pollock "B" season.

Origin: Implemented as part of Amendment 18 (inshore/offshore) on June 1, 1992, and revised in June 1995.

Description of Area: The offshore component is prohibited from fishing in the CVOA during the pollock "B" season. The CVOA is defined as that area in the Bering Sea subarea south of 56°00' N. latitude, and between 163°00' and 167°30' W. longitude.



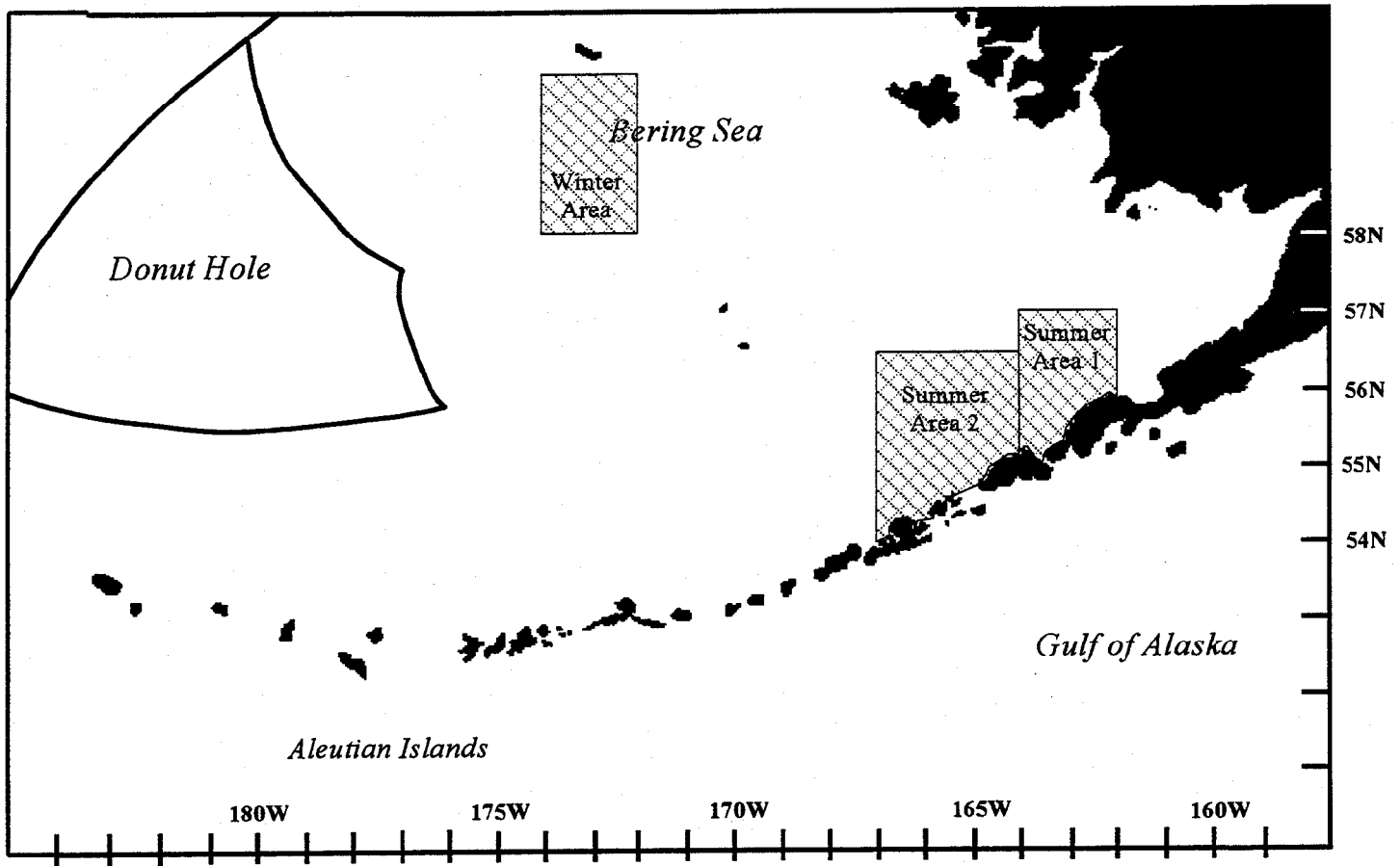
Prohibited Species Bycatch Limitation Zones

Rationale for Closure: To allow for control of red king crab and *C. bairdi* Tanner crab bycatch.

Origin: Implemented under Amendment 10 on March 16, 1987.

Description of Area: Areas close to directed fishing when crab bycatch caps are attained in specified fisheries. Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 means that part of the Bering Sea Subarea that is south of 58° 00' N. latitude and east of 165° 00' W. longitude. Bycatch Limitation Zone 2 means that part of the Bering Sea Subarea bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

North latitude	West longitude
54° 30'	165° 00'
58° 00'	165° 00'
58° 00'	171° 00'
60° 00'	171° 00'
60° 00'	179° 20'
59° 25'	179° 20'
54° 30'	167° 00'
54° 30'	165° 00'



Herring Savings Areas

Rationale for Closure: Established to control the bycatch of herring PSC in groundfish fisheries.

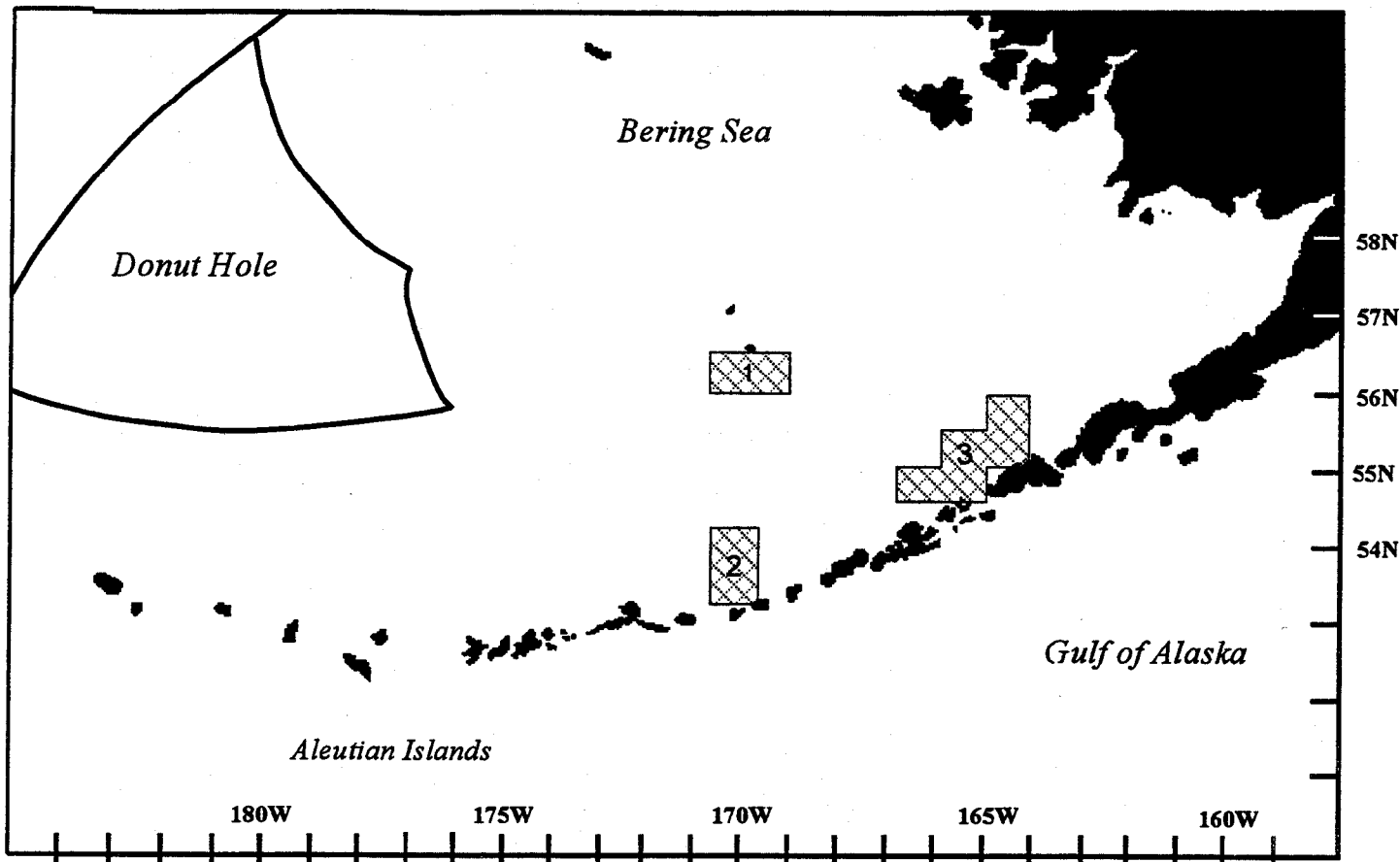
Origin: Implemented as part of Amendment 16a on July 12, 1991.

Description of Area: All trawling is prohibited in the herring savings areas when a herring PSC limit (set at 1% of biomass) is attained.

Summer Herring Savings Area 1 means that part of the Bering Sea subarea that is south of 57° N. latitude and between 162° and 164° W. longitude from June 15 through July 1.

Summer Herring Savings Area 2 means that part of the Bering Sea subarea that is south of 56° 30' N. latitude and between 164° and 167° W. longitude from July 1 through August 15.

Winter Herring Savings Area means that part of the Bering Sea subarea that is between 58° and 60° N. latitude and between 172° and 175° W. longitude from September 1 through March 1 of the succeeding fishing year.



Chinook Salmon Savings Areas

Rationale for Closure: To reduce excessive bycatch of chinook salmon in groundfish trawl fisheries.

Origin: Adopted as Amendment 21b by the Council on April 24, 1995.

Description of Area: All trawling is prohibited in the Chinook Salmon Savings Areas upon attainment of a bycatch limit of 48,000 chinook salmon taken in the BSAI. A closure would remain in effect through April 15, then reopen for the remainder of the year. The nine blocks consist of 3 district areas with the following coordinates:

Area 1: 56° 30' N., 171° W.; 56° 30' N., 169° W.; 56° N., 169° W.; 56° N., 171° W.; 56° 30' N., 171° W.

Area 2: 54° N., 171° W.; 54° N., 170° W.; 53° N., 170° W.; 53° N., 171° W.; 54° N., 171° W.

Area 3: 56° N., 165° W.; 56° N., 164° W.; 55° N., 164° W.; 55° N., 165° W.; 54° 30' N., 165° W.; 54° 30' N., 167° W.; 55° N., 167° W.; 55° N., 166° W.; 55° 30' N., 166° W.; 55° 30' N., 165° W.; 56° N., 165° W.