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U.S. – Bahamas Maritime Boundary

ICCAT Advisory Committee Meeting

Silver Spring, Maryland

October 18, 2018

U.S.-Bahamas Maritime Boundary Negotiations

- **First Round**

- April 2012 in Nassau

- **Second Round**

- December 2012 in Washington, DC

- **Third Round**

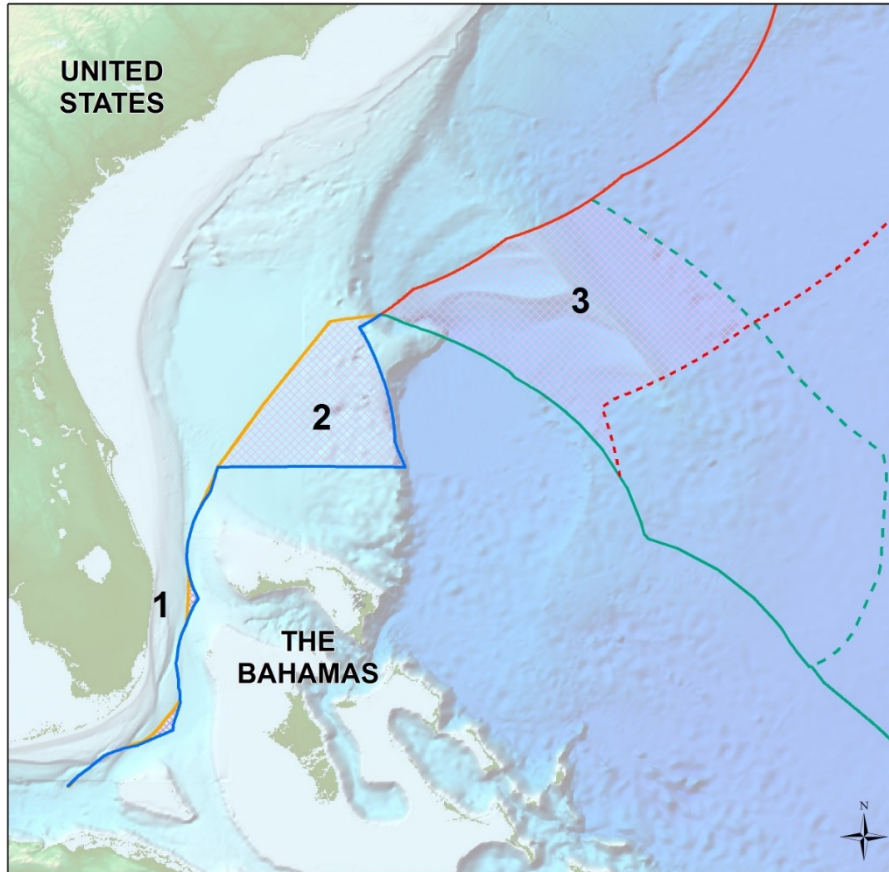
- June 2018 in Nassau

- **Fourth Round**

- Expected mid-2019

The Maritime Boundary – Three Parts

United States and The Bahamas

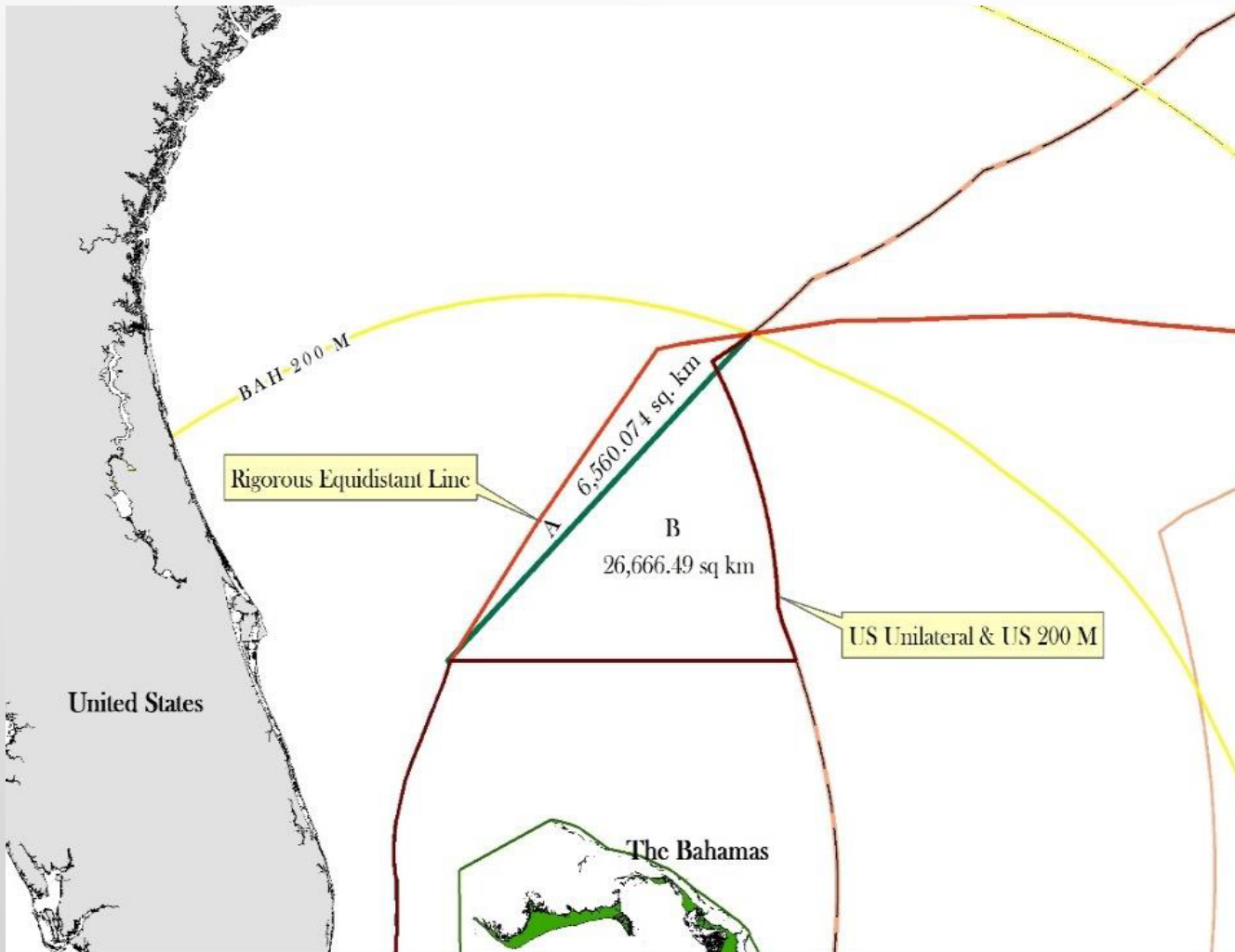


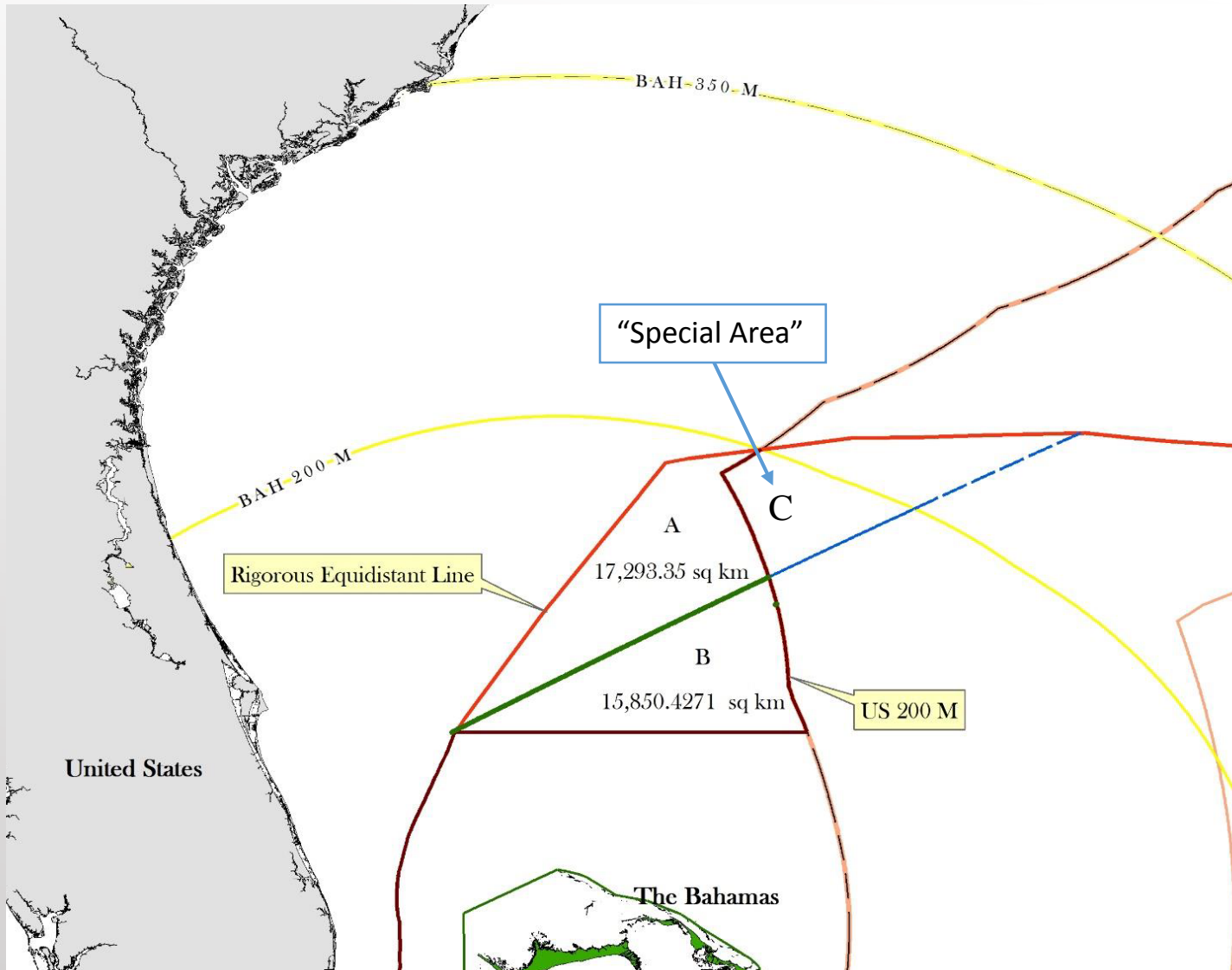
— United States proposed boundary — Bahamas proposed boundary overlapping areas
— United States 200 M — Bahamas 200 M
— United States 350 M — Bahamas 2014 ECS Submission

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SBU U.S. Department of State, OES/OPA. April 19, 2018

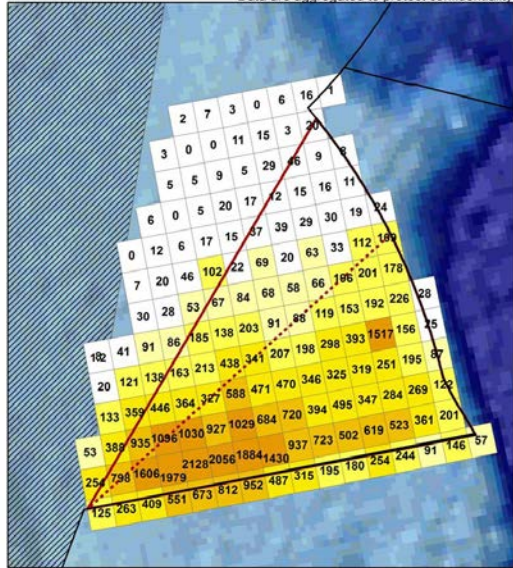
1. The Straits of Florida:
 - Equidistant boundary (split the difference)
2. North of the Straits, within the EEZ
 - The U.S. EEZ limit, as published in the U.S. Federal Register
3. Extended continental shelf (beyond 200 NM)
 - No position





"Part 2" Fisheries

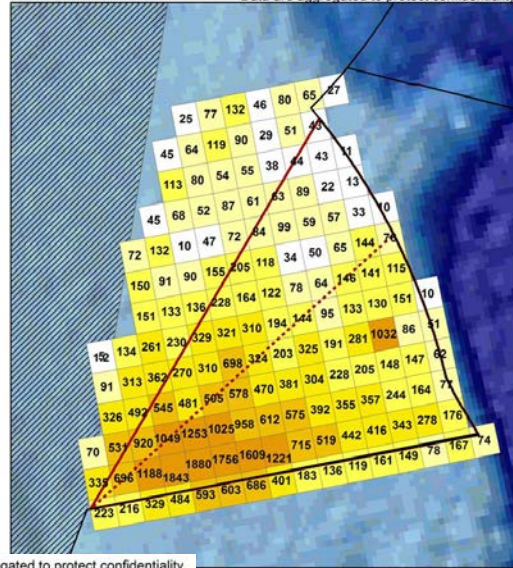
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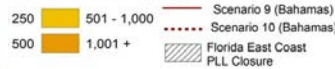
2006 - 2016 Sum of Bigeye Tuna Kept by PLL Fleet



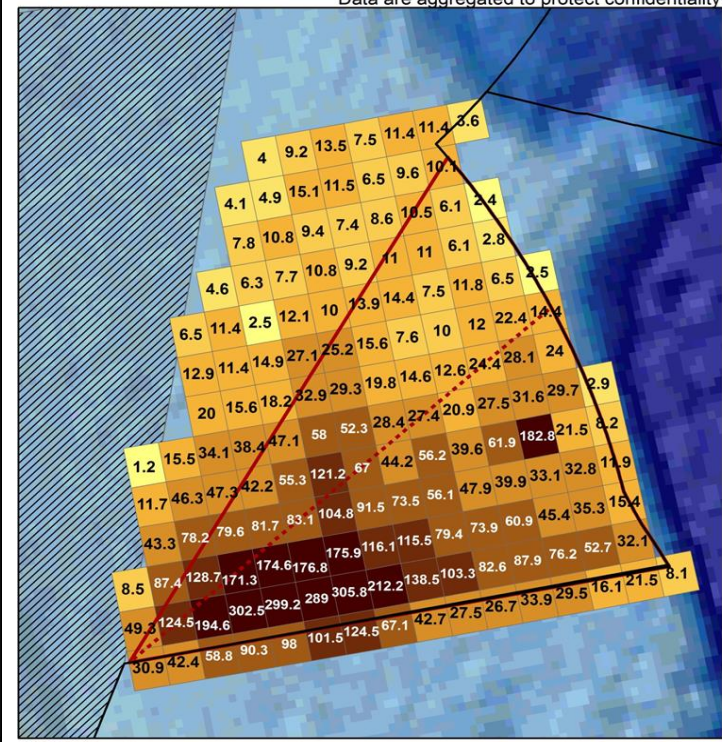
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2006 - 2016 Sum of Swordfish Kept by PLL Fleet



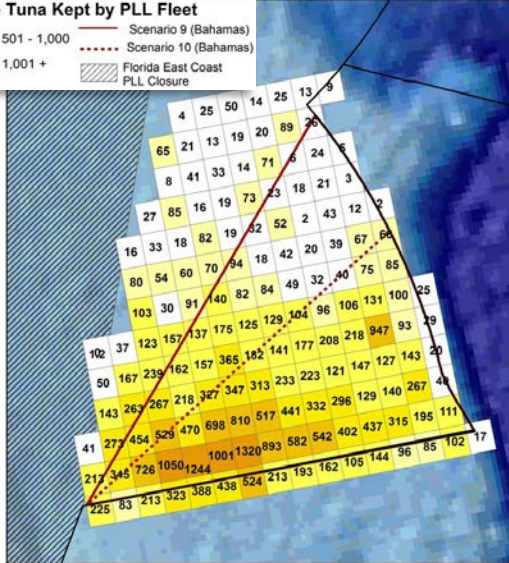
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2006 - 2016 Sum of Hooks Deployed by PLL Fleet (x 1,000)



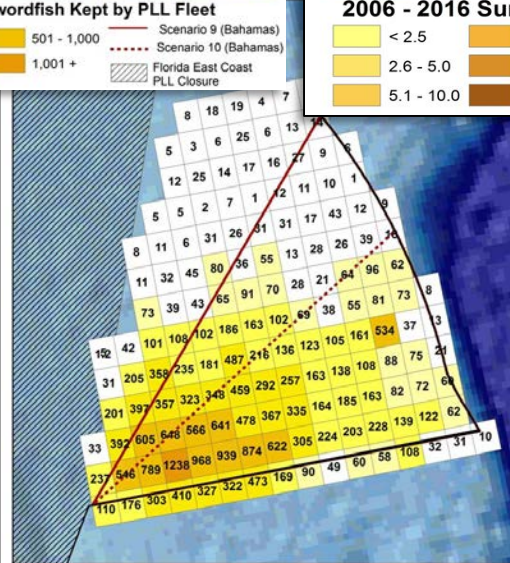
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2006 - 2016 Sum of Dolphin Kept by PLL Fleet



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2006 - 2016 Sum of Yellowfin Tuna Kept by PLL Fleet



Questions

1. Reactions to The Bahamas' position?
2. Which new areas should U.S. negotiators target?
3. Which areas might we be willing to exchange?
4. Recreational Fishing: Where are your interests? Do they mirror commercial fishing?

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