

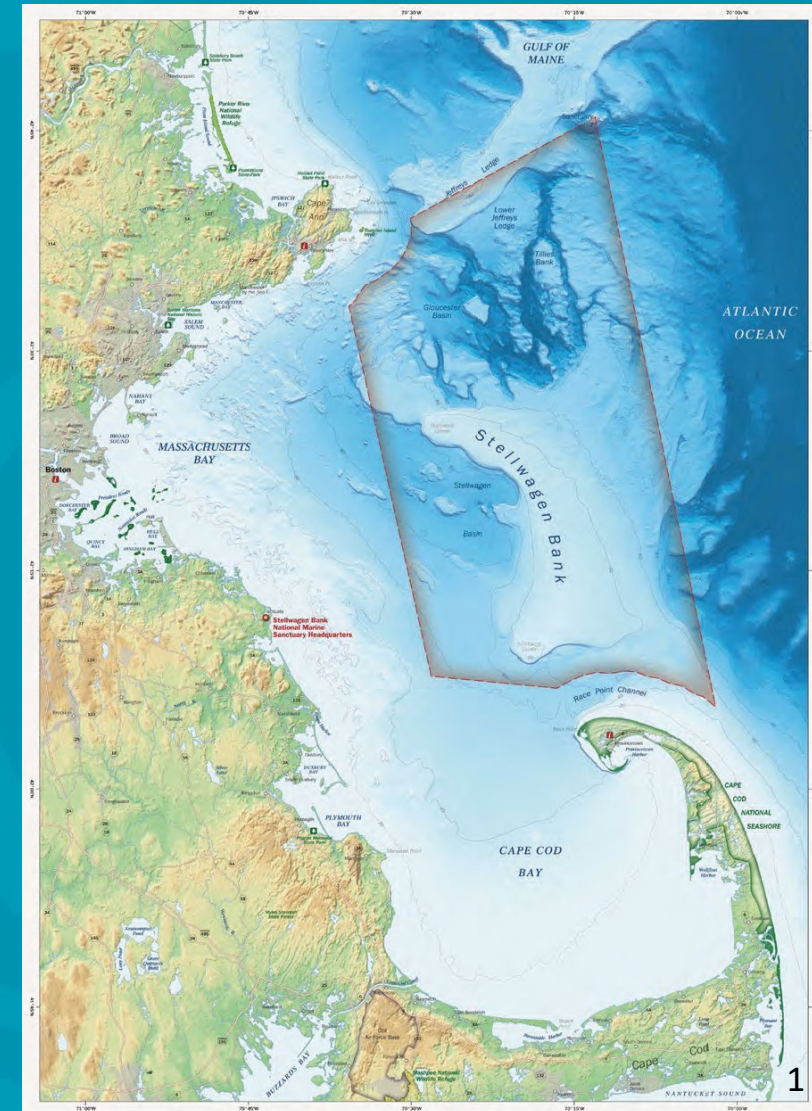
# Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary



## 2020 Management Plan Review *Public Comment Period Closes April 10*

### Topics of Interest

- Climate Change Impacts
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Education, Outreach, and Citizen Science
- Sanctuary Soundscapes
- Maritime Heritage Management
- Other Items Identified Through Public Scoping
- Updates to Regulatory Language

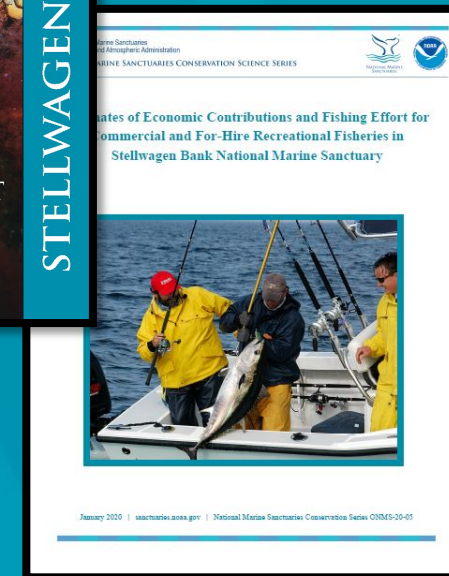


# Public Scoping



## Why does SBNMS matter?

- Only permanently protected offshore area in the Gulf of Maine (22% of SBNMS are off limits to bottom trawling and dredging)
- Most well-studied area of the Gulf of Maine (see reports)
- Sentinel site for acoustics with robust data on noise disturbance of whales
- Sentinel site for sand lance ecology with robust data on sand lance ecology and sandy habitat (BOEM funded 3-yr study)
- Long-term monitoring of seabirds
- Long-term NERACOOS data on oceanographic and meteorological trends





# Comment Submission



## Email

Comments should be addressed to:  
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