

Red Drum FMP Amendment 1

MFC Meeting
June 26, 2008

10.2.5.3 Other Gill Net Issues

Consider possible changes to current gill net attendance area along the eastern Pamlico Sound based on public comments



Requests from public comments

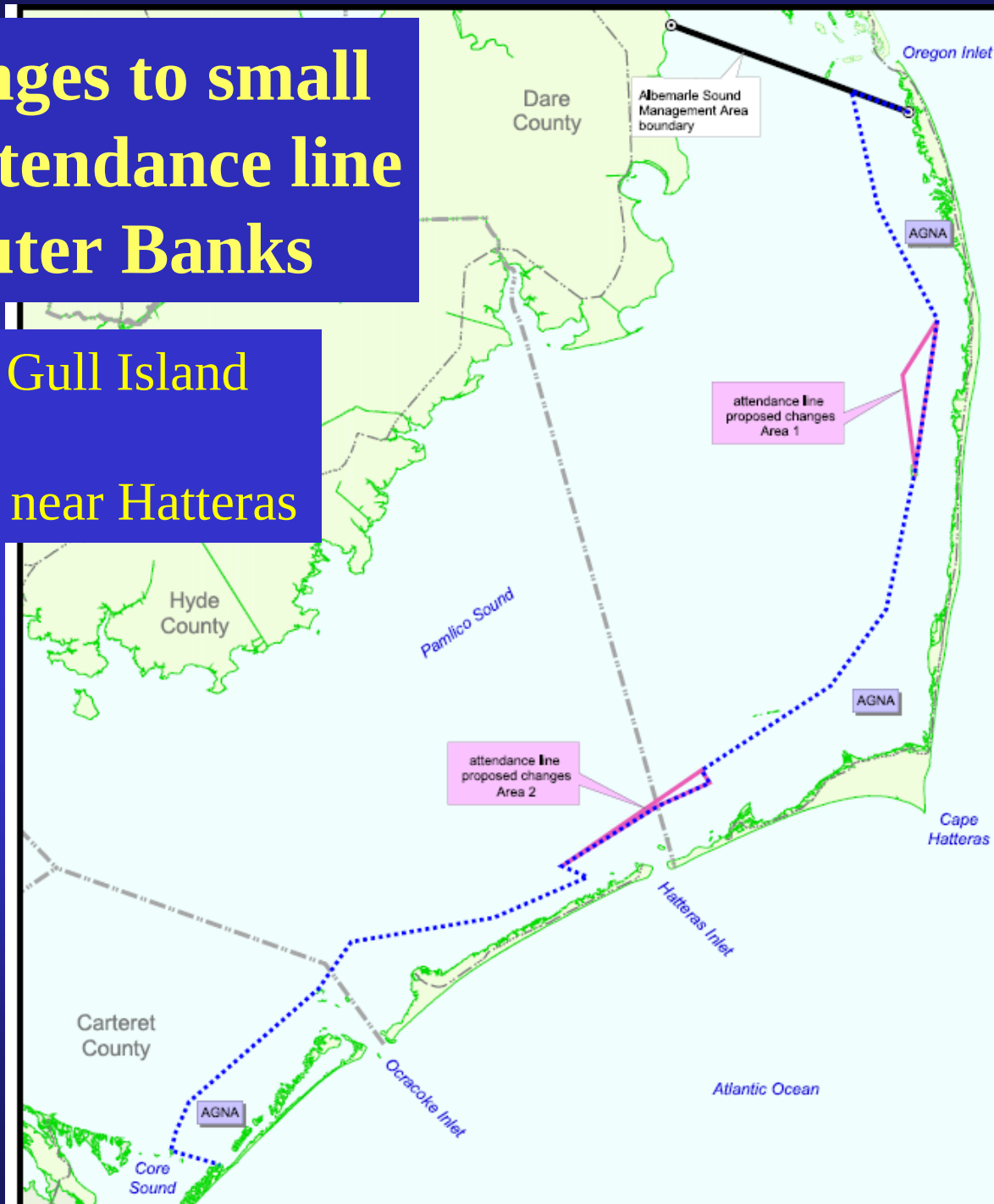
1. Modification of attendance line from Rodanthe to Gull Island (MFC preferred option)
2. Modification of attendance line behind Hatteras near Oliver Reef (Action needed)
3. Removal of requirement to attend small mesh gill nets under the PSGNRA proclamation (positive response from NMFS)
4. Consideration for allowing unattended small mesh gill nets in deep water areas within the attendance line



Proposed changes to small mesh gill net attendance line along the Outer Banks

Area 1: Rodanthe to Gull Island

Area 2: Oliver Reef, near Hatteras



Map of Small Mesh Attendance Gill Net Area (blue dashed line) and the PSGNRA (dark line)



Consideration for allowing unattended small mesh gill nets in deep water areas within the attendance line

- Primary area between Rollinson Channel and Cape Channel
- DMF investigated area
- No clear way to designate deep water areas without including significant shallow habitat
- Management by minimum depth is not enforceable



MFC Action needed to:

- Modify the current attendance line in the area of Oliver Reef, near Hatteras
- 15A NCAC 03R0.112 (b)(2)



