

Coral SSC/AP Summary

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- Areas that were discussed
 - 47 identified by the Coral Working Group (met in Dec 2014)
 - Coordinates were provided to group ahead of time
 - More information from royal red shrimp fishery is available
 - Boundary revisions were suggested to refine areas with potential shrimping interactions

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- HAPCs with regulations, National Marine Sanctuaries, and Reserves currently are 1,588 square miles
- As boundaries are currently drawn for new coral HAPCs are 1,186 total square miles
- Areas were selected based on known coral presence and study

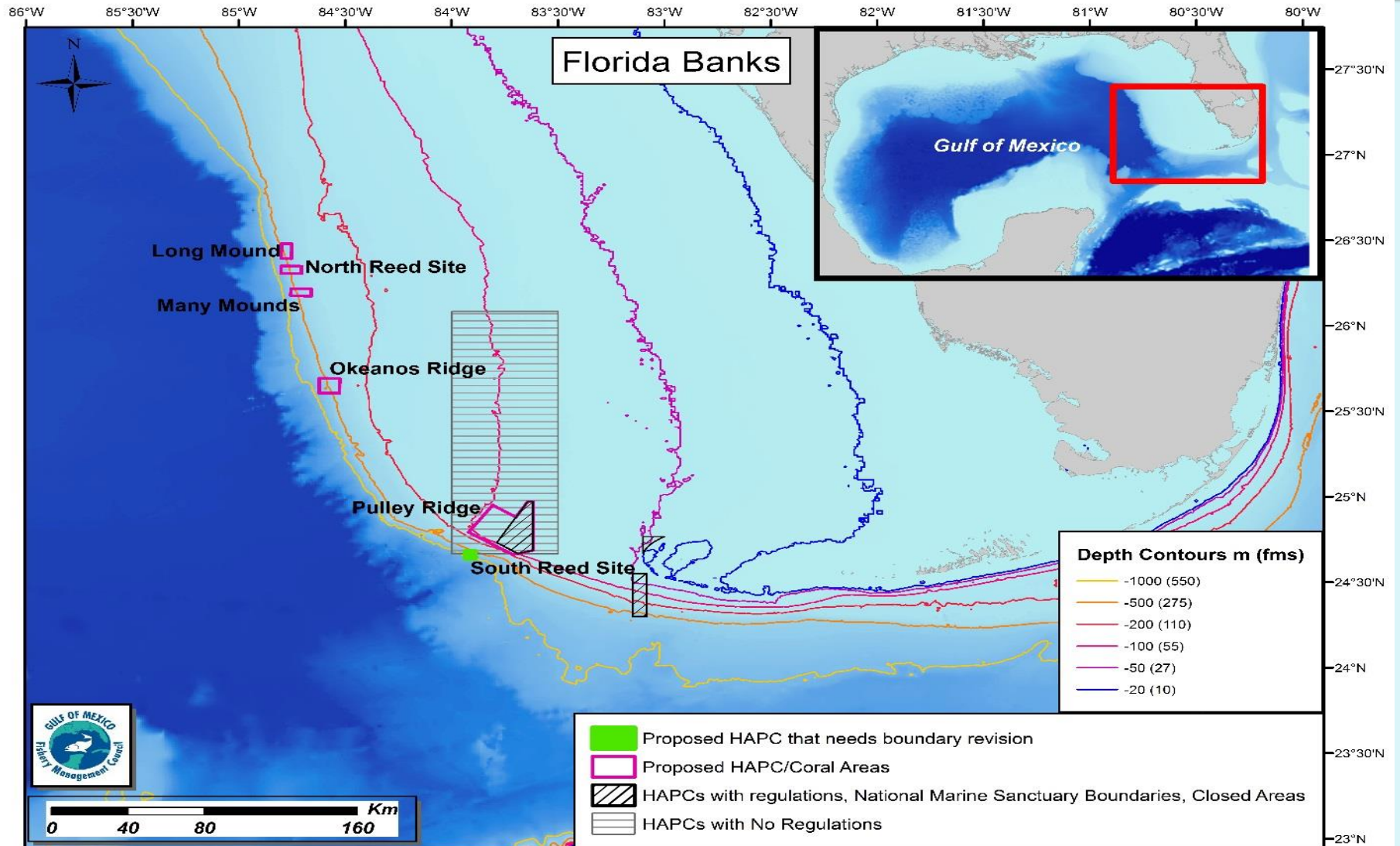
Existing Coral HAPCs

Areas	Sanctuary	HAPC	Reserve	Area (sq miles)
Florida Middle Grounds		1984		449.3
East Flower Gardens	1992	2006		38.1
West Flower Gardens	1992	2006		47.4
McGrail		2006		18.7
Madison-Swanson		2006	2000	152.6
Pulley Ridge (small portion)		2006		133.3
Steamboat Lumps			2000	141.3
Stetson	1996	2006		2.3
The Edges			2009	516.5
Tortugas North		2006	2002	16
Tortugas South		2006	2002	72.3

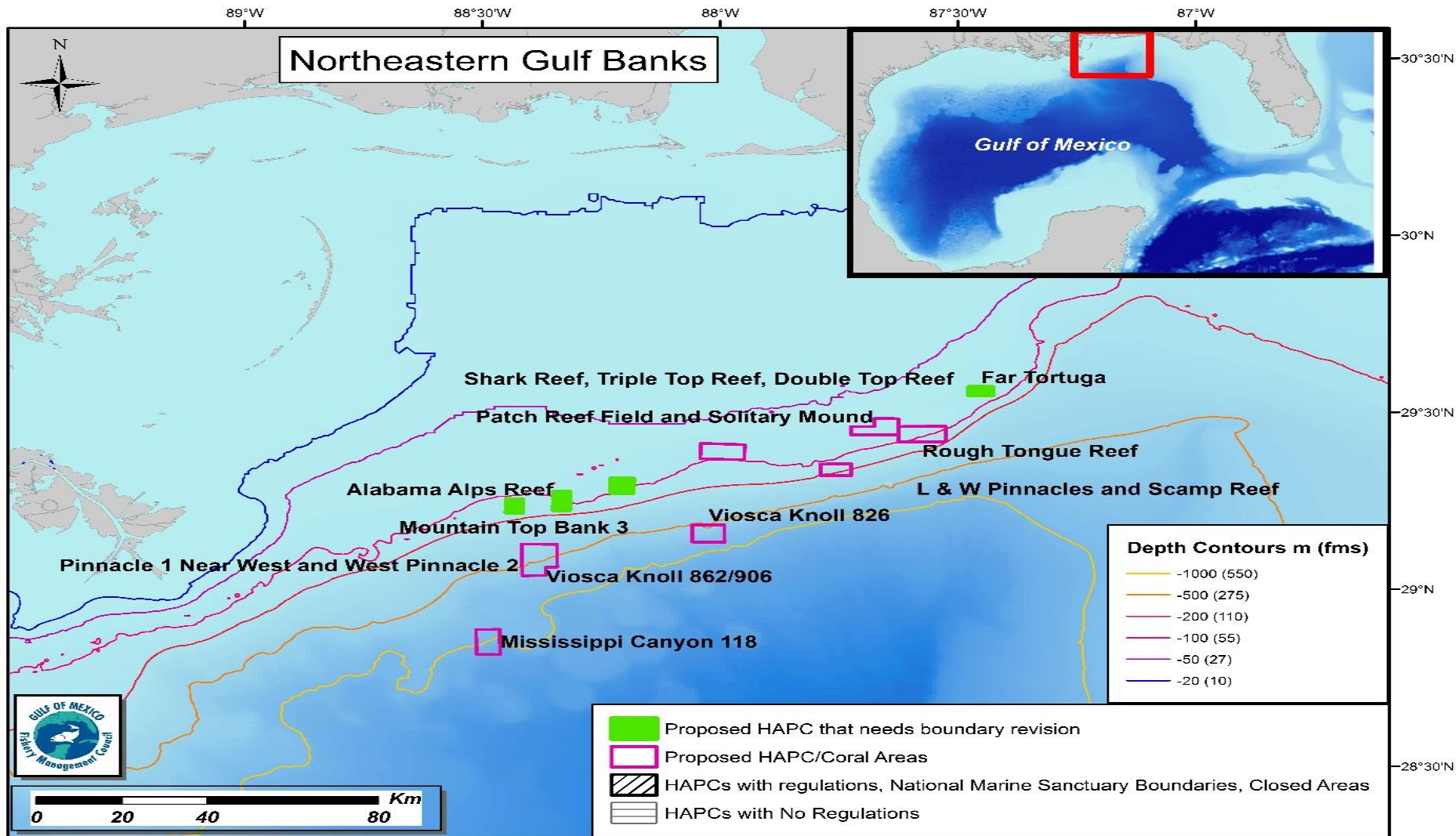
Existing HAPCs with no Regulations

Areas in western Gulf	HAPC	Area (sq miles)	Proposed Area (sq miles)
Alderdice Bank	2006	8	8- needs revision
Bouma Banks	2006	14.6	14.6
Fathom 29	2006	5.7	5.7- needs revision
Geyer Bank	2006	17.4	17.4
Jakkula Bank	2006	46.4	14.2
MacNeil Bank	2006	10.7	10.7- needs revision
Pulley Ridge (larger area)	2006	3049	257.3
Rankin Bright Bank	2006	107.4	107.4
Rezak-Sidner Bank	2006	26.5	26.5
Sonnier	2006	5.6	5.6- needs revision

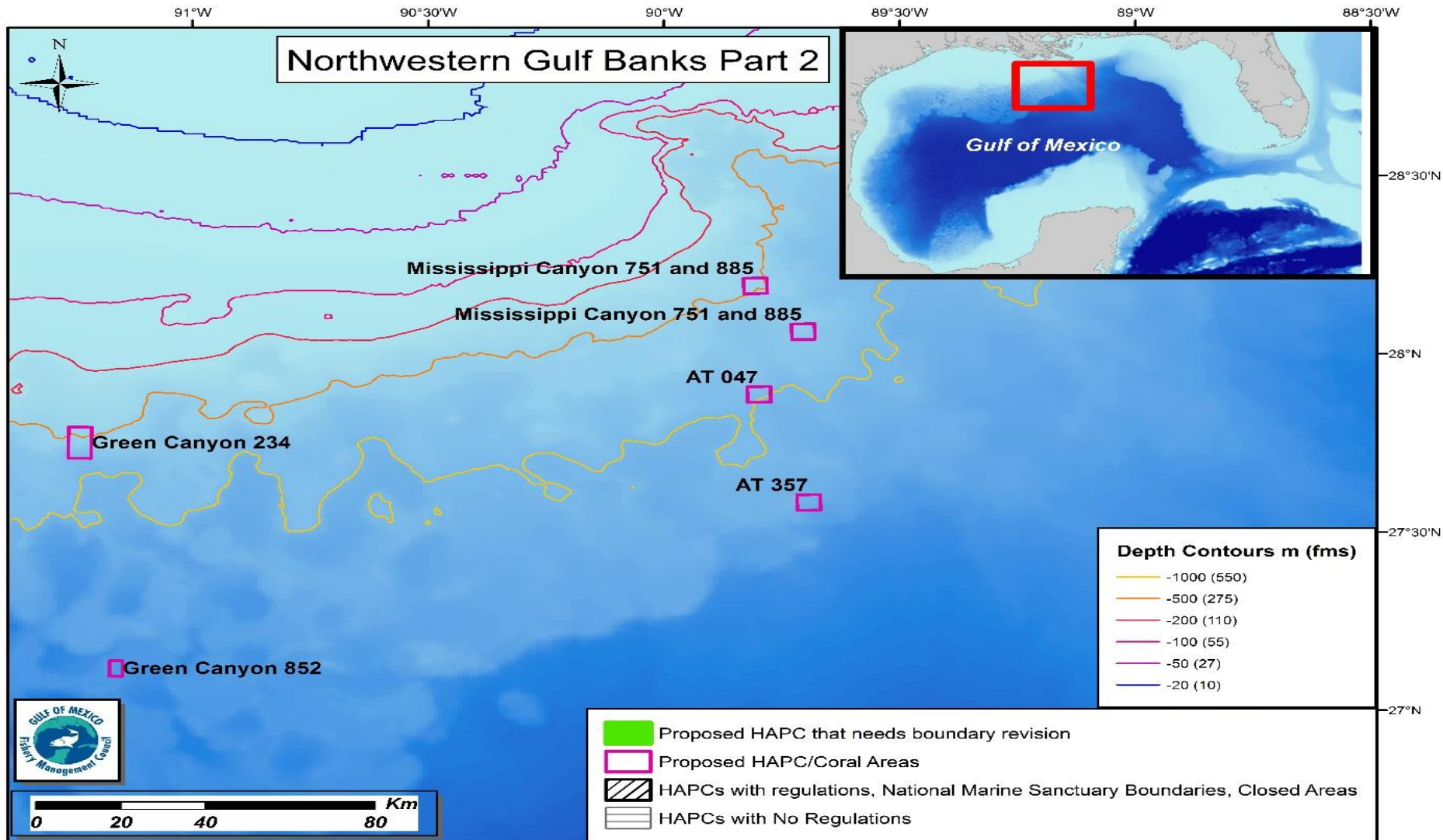
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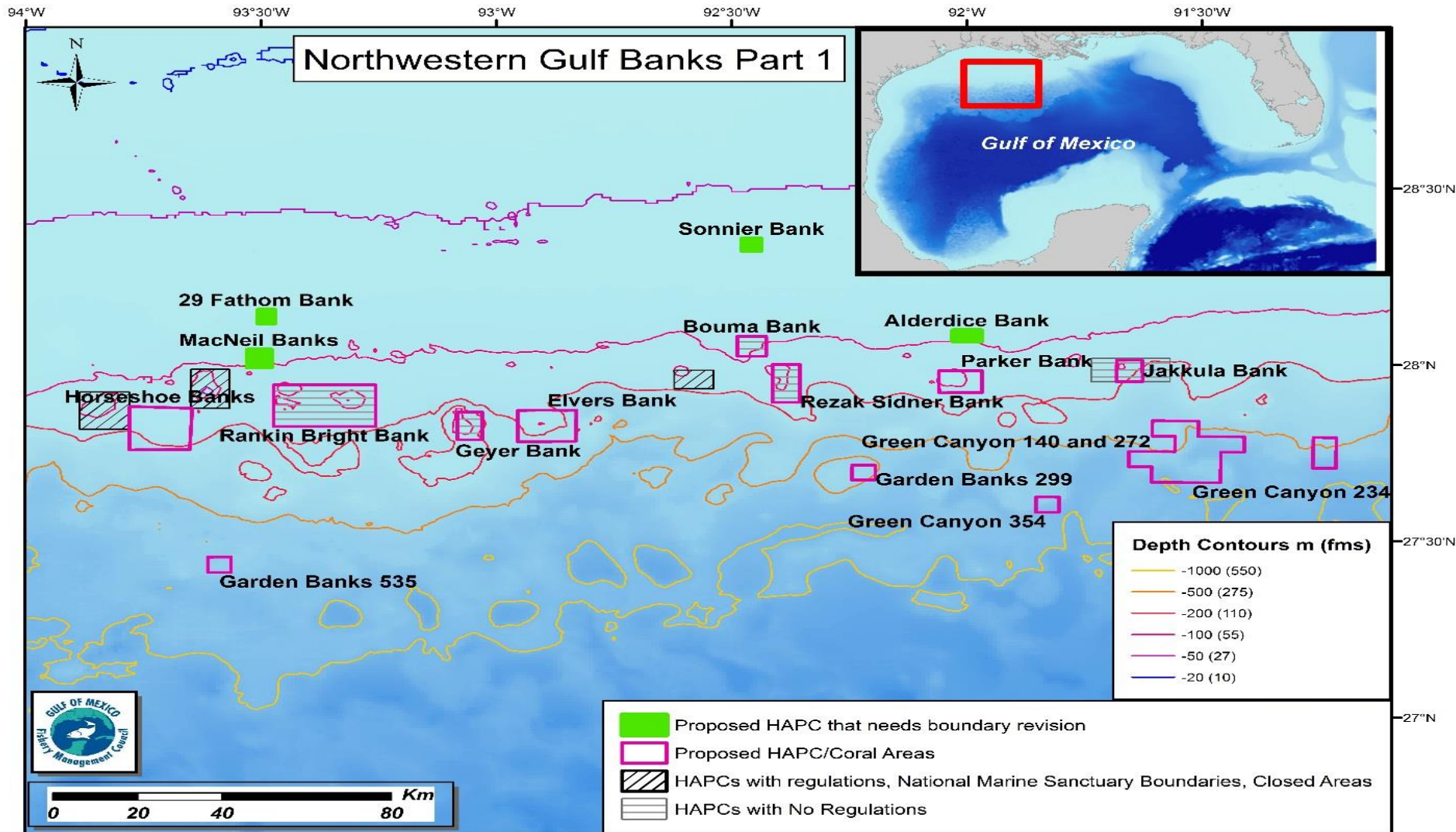
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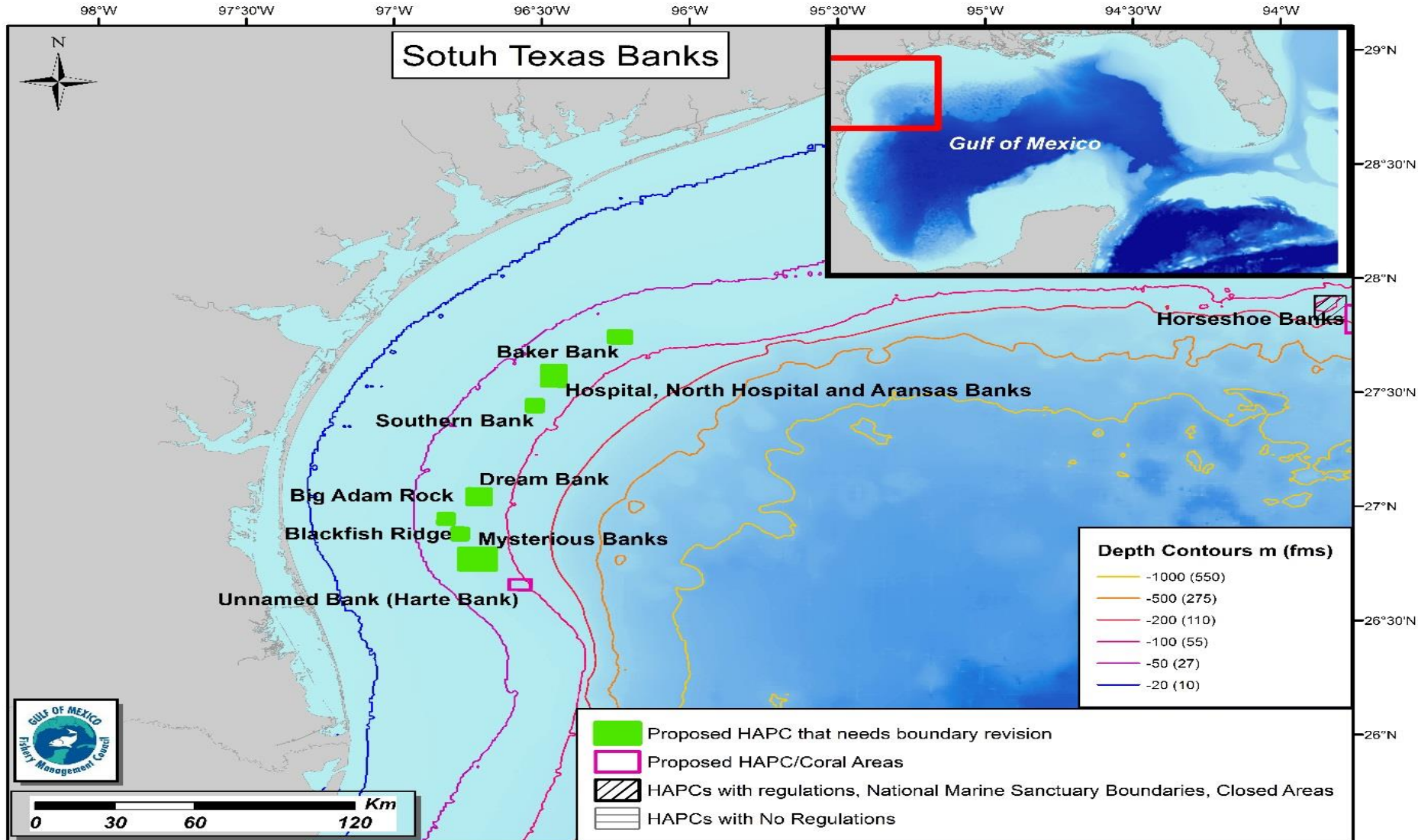
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- Overall recommendations
 - Council reincorporate deep octocorals into the Fishery Management Unit
 - Staff initiate an amendment to designate new coral HAPCs
 - Proposed boundaries for 15 areas need boundary revision with the incorporation of more fishery data
 - Proposed boundaries for 32 other areas as recommended by the Coral working group
 - Council develop regulations for these areas that are similar to those of other coral HAPCs
 - Two areas have special exemptions for royal red shrimpers
 - Joint meeting between representatives of the Coral SSC, Coral AP, Shrimp SSC and Shrimp AP