

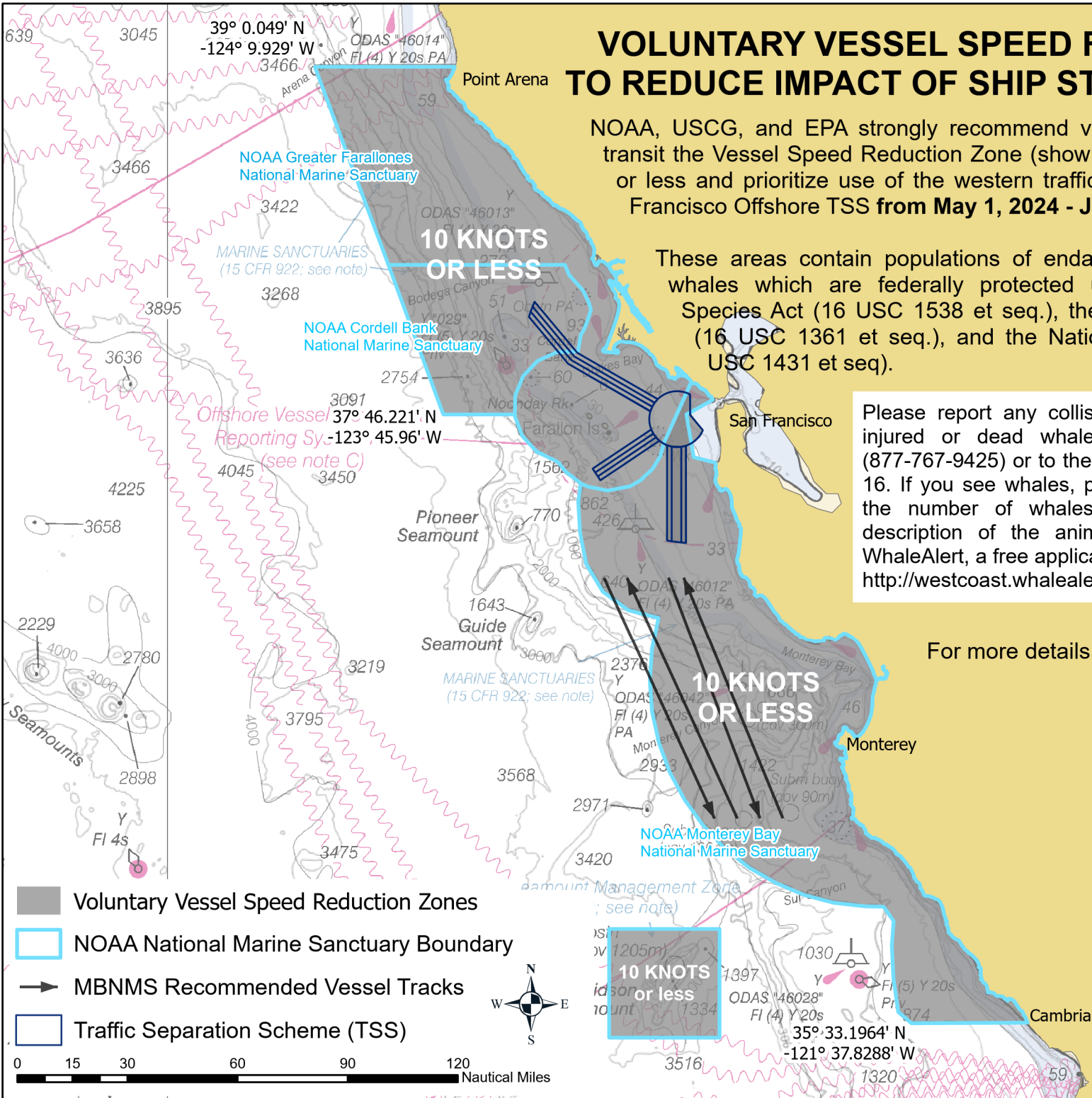
VOLUNTARY VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION ZONE TO REDUCE IMPACT OF SHIP STRIKES ON WHALES

NOAA, USCG, and EPA strongly recommend vessels 300 gross tons or larger transit the Vessel Speed Reduction Zone (shown in gray in the map) at 10 knots or less and prioritize use of the western traffic lane when traveling in the San Francisco Offshore TSS from **May 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025**.

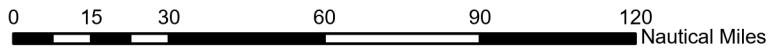
These areas contain populations of endangered blue, humpback and fin whales which are federally protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1538 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.), and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 USC 1431 et seq.).

Please report any collisions with whales or any observed injured or dead whales to NOAA at 877-SOS-WHALE (877-767-9425) or to the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16. If you see whales, please record the date and location, the number of whales, the species (if known) and a description of the animals and report sightings through WhaleAlert, a free application available at: <http://westcoast.whalealert.org>.

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- Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction Zones
- NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Boundary
- MBNMS Recommended Vessel Tracks
- Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)



California, U.S.A.

Map source: Jess Morten/NOAA ONMS