

**SUBMISSION TO
THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Information:

Decision: X

Issue: Approval of the 2019 Integrated Fishery Management Plan for Greenland Halibut (Turbot)

Map: NAFO Management Areas



Background:

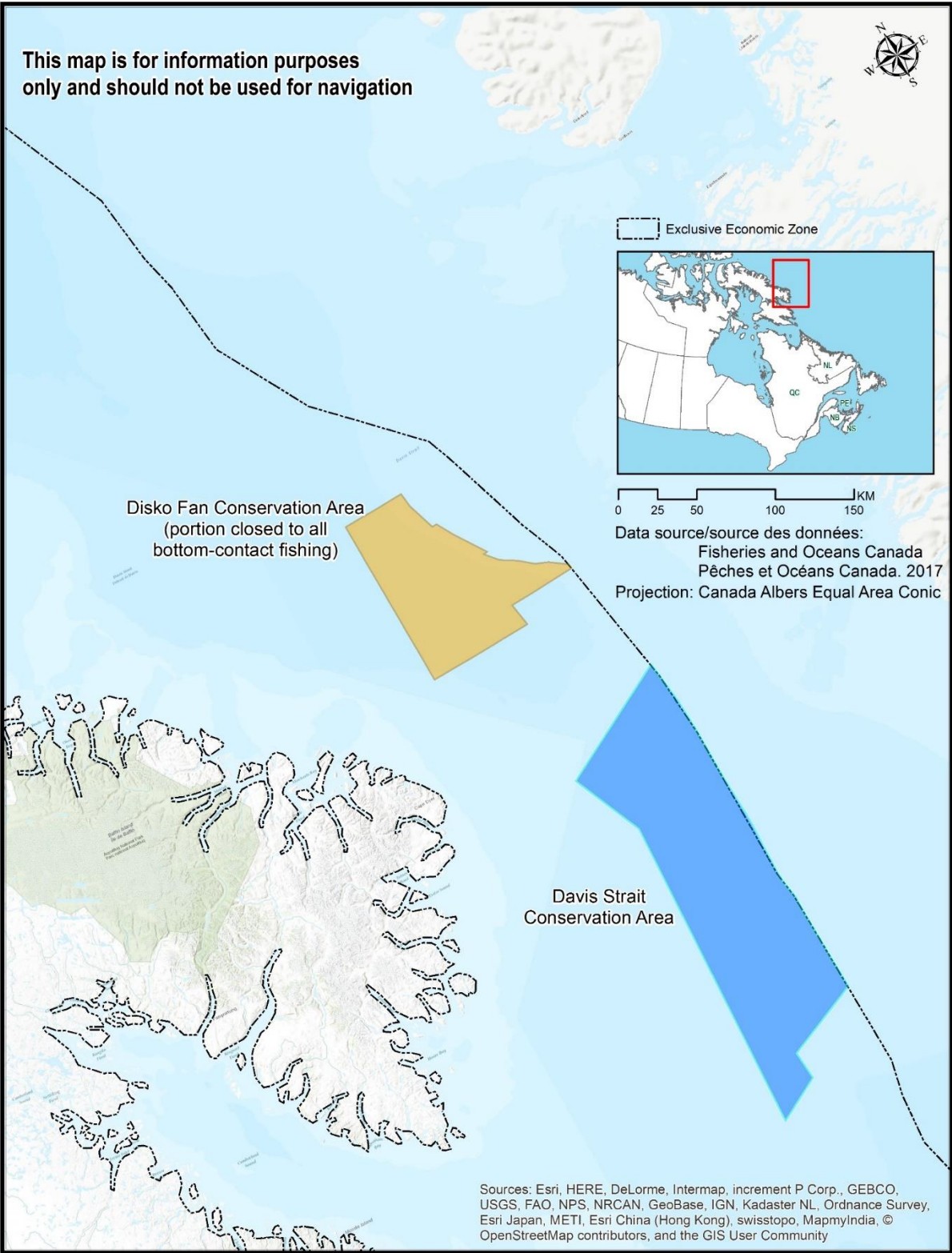
The 2013 Integrated Fishery Management Plan (IFMP) for Greenland Halibut (Turbot) in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Subarea 0 has been updated and revised for 2019. The IFMP provides a clear and concise summary of the Greenland Halibut fishery characteristics, including the history, location, gear, participants, management issues, decision making processes and biology of Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*). The IFMP describes the existing previously approved management measures, current functioning, rules and realities of the entire fishery in NAFO Subarea 0 (Divisions 0A and 0B). The IFMP does not include the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area fishery. A separate IFMP will be developed for that fishery.

Information pertaining to the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and adjacent waters has already been approved through decision making processes between the Board and the Minister. It is important to note that although the IFMP contains some new information, it does not include any proposed changes to the management regime that would affect any allocation holder, harvester or stakeholder in the fishery in or adjacent to the NSA. A summary of changes to the draft IFMP is included in Tab 2.

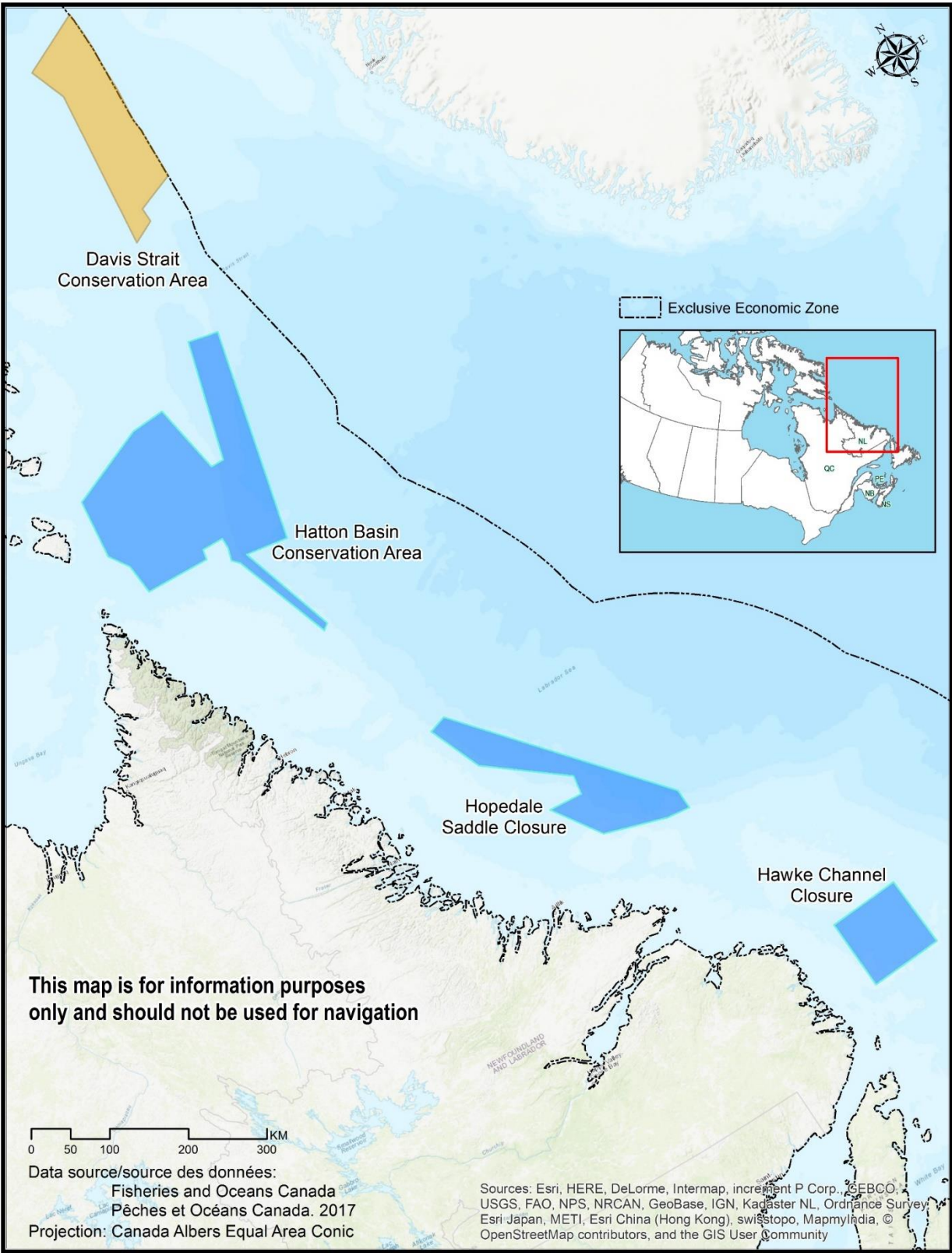
Of note, a new addition to the 2019 IFMP is a description of the new marine refuges created within Subarea 0. The refuges were implemented in 2018 after significant consultation and collaboration with fishery stakeholders, and were provided previously to the Board in June and September of 2017.

Maps of the new conservation areas are included below.

Map: Disko Fan & Davis Strait Conservation Areas



Map: Davis Strait & Hatton Basin Conservation Areas



Consultation:

DFO Central & Arctic Region has provided the opportunity for stakeholders of the Greenland Halibut fishery to review and comment on the draft IFMPs at past meetings of the Eastern Arctic Groundfish Stakeholder Advisory Committee (EAGSAC). The current draft was discussed at the 2019 EAGSAC meeting held on February 19th-20th, 2019 and distributed to EAGSAC members and other stakeholders for review and comment on March 25, 2019. A summary of consultations and stakeholders can be found in Tab 3.

Recommendation:

Given that the updated 2019 IFMP:

- summarizes the current management regime of this fishery and reflects decisions already made, including those resulting from processes between the Board and the Minister;
- does not have any implications to any existing previously approved process / measure in any area of the fishery, whether within or adjacent to the NSA;
- does not propose or imply any new management measures; and
- has undergone a full consultative process with all affected stakeholders, with several opportunities and avenues to submit feedback.

It is recommended that the NWMB approve the revised 2019 IFMP as an evergreen document to replace the 2013 IFMP.

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Date:

May 15, 2019

Attachments (3):

Tab 1: 2019 IFMP GHL 2019 Summary Document (Translated)

Tab 2: Summary of 2019 GHL IFMP Changes (Translated)

Tab 3: Consultation Summary (Translated)