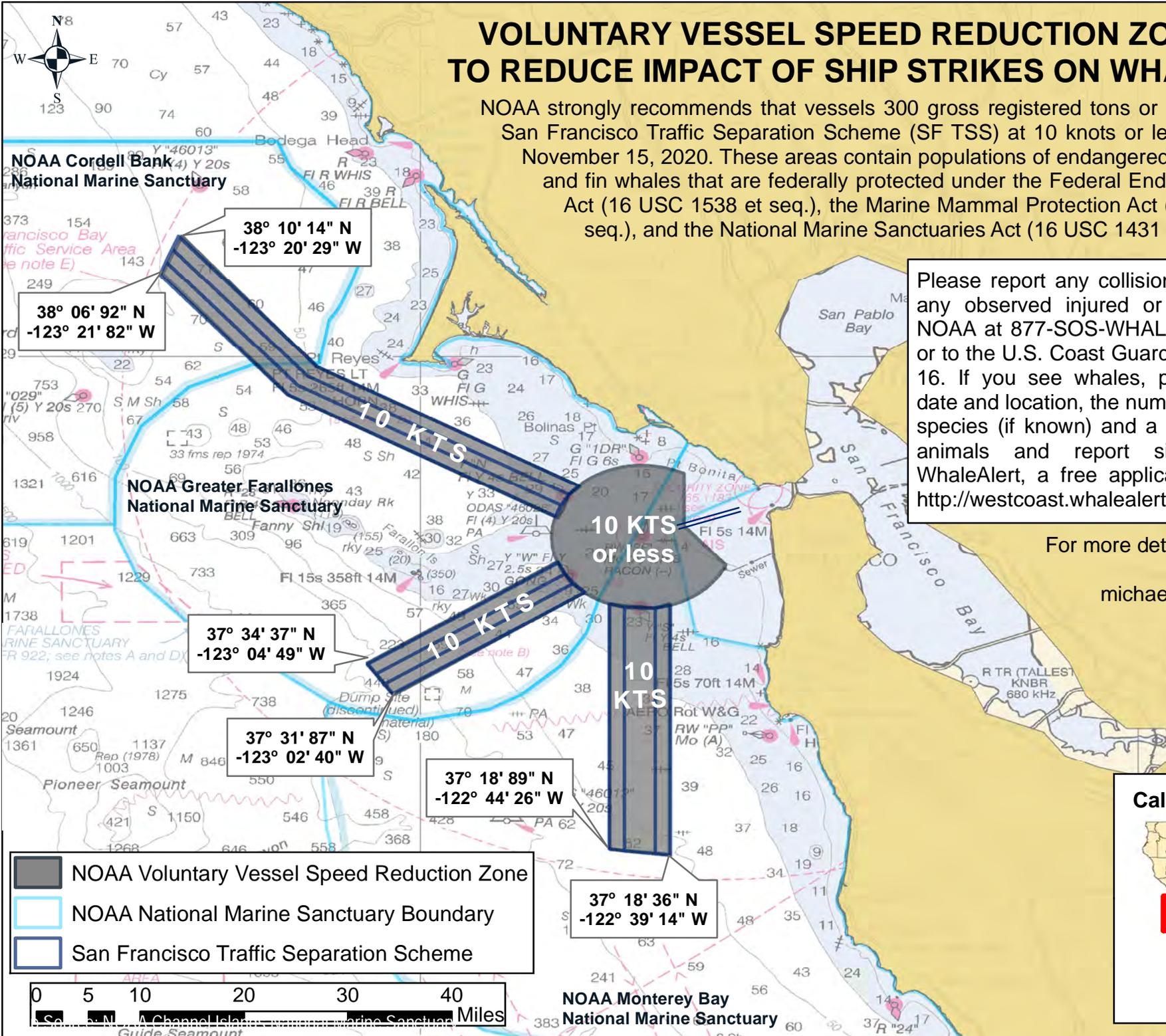


# VOLUNTARY VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION ZONE TO REDUCE IMPACT OF SHIP STRIKES ON WHALES

NOAA strongly recommends that vessels 300 gross registered tons or larger transit the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme (SF TSS) at 10 knots or less from May 1 - November 15, 2020. These areas contain populations of endangered blue, humpback and fin whales that 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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NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

38° 06' 92" N  
-123° 21' 82" W

38° 10' 14" N  
-123° 20' 29" W

37° 34' 37" N  
-123° 04' 49" W

37° 31' 87" N  
-123° 02' 40" W

37° 18' 89" N  
-122° 44' 26" W

37° 18' 36" N  
-122° 39' 14" W

- NOAA Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction Zone
- NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Boundary
- San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme

