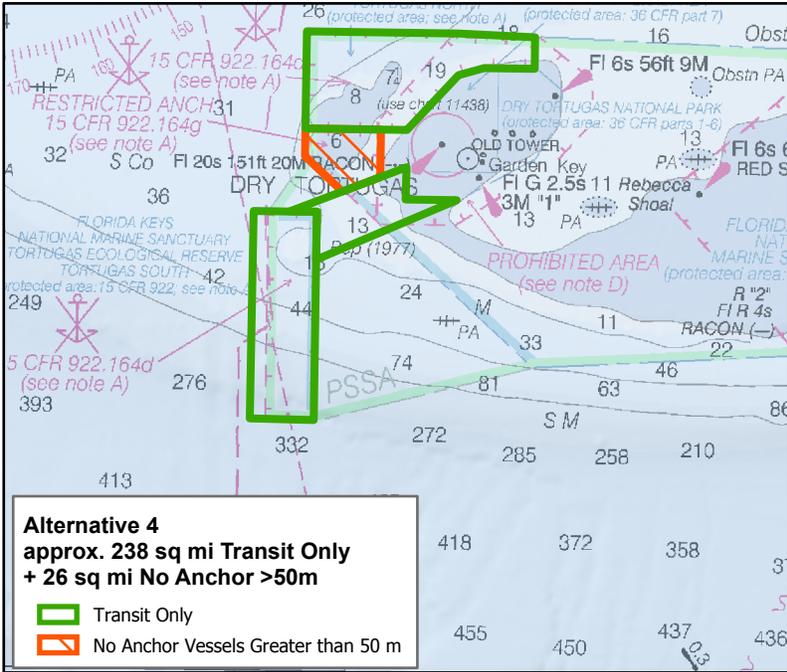


Alternative 3 is the same as Alternative 2



Tortugas Ecological Reserve North, Tortugas Ecological Reserve South, Tortugas Bank WMA, and Tortugas Corridor

Tortugas Corridor protects a known fish spawning corridor between Tortugas Ecological Reserve South and Dry Tortugas National Park.

Tortugas South protects an area with high species and habitat diversity and abundance, and a known multi-fish spawning aggregation site. Protects important, unique deep water pinnacles and benthic habitat, including Riley's Hump and deep reef habitats.

The Dry Tortugas Banks contain highly-diverse seagrass beds, shallow coral reef habitats, hardbottom areas, deep reef areas, and pinnacles that connect inshore juvenile fish habitats to offshore adult spawning areas. The Dry Tortugas support the largest remaining thickets of ESA-listed elkhorn and staghorn coral, as well as high cover of deep water star corals.

These sites, with the Dry Tortugas National Park Research Natural Area, protects an ecologically-diverse seascape that connects spawning, nursery, juvenile, and adult fish habitat needed to sustain large populations of commercially and ecologically important fish and invertebrate species. This supports the Advisory Council goal to protect large, contiguous, diverse habitat to help protect natural spawning, nursery, and permanent residence areas needed for sustainable populations of fish and other marine life.

This map contains proposed marine zone alternatives for public comment. Proposed marine zone alternatives do not reflect agency decision at this time. For more details about the proposed alternatives and zone descriptions, including associated regulations, see Section 3.3 and 3.4 of this DEIS.

