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ELEPHANT TRUNK ACCESS AREA OPEN FOR SCALLOP FISHING

The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay would like to advise all mariners of increased fishing vessel traffic near the entrance of the Delaware Bay in the area known as the "Elephant Trunk". The Elephant Trunk Access Area scallop fishing grounds opened for the 2010 season on March 1, 2010. The Elephant Trunk Access Area fishing grounds are located within a geometric box starting at position 38 50'N, 74 20'W then East to position 38 50'N, 73 30'W, then South to position 38 10'N, 73 30W, then West to position 38 10'N, 74 20'W, then North to starting position 38 50'N, 74 20'W, roughly 40 miles Southeast of the mouth of the Delaware Bay. The Elephant Trunk Access Area is in the vicinity of shipping lanes and the traffic separation schemes, entering and exiting the Delaware Bay. Vessels transiting near the Delaware Bay should be aware of the increased amount of vessels expected in the area and use caution when transiting the area.

For more information about the Elephant Trunk Access Area call Sector Delaware Bay Waterways Management Division at (215) 271-4889.



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