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A proposed stratification scheme for stratified-random surveys of ICNAF Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O was presented at the 1971 ICNAF Annual Meeting (Res. Doc. 71/128). A similar stratification scheme has been devised for ICNAF Division 3Ps and is presented in this document.

As for Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O, the area bounded by the east and west ICNAF boundaries of 3Ps, the seaward 200-fath (366-m) contour and the shoreward territorial or fishing limits was stratified according to the known distribution of the major groundfish species inhabiting the area. Depth boundaries of strata were 30 fath (55 m), 50 fath (91 m), 100 fath (183 m) and 200 fath (366 m). In certain areas bounded by depth contours, some subdivision was necessary, either because of the variation in distribution of major species throughout the area or the size of the area bounded by the depth zone. The various strata derived and the numbering system used, which is consecutive with that for 3L, 3N, 3O, are shown in Fig. 1.

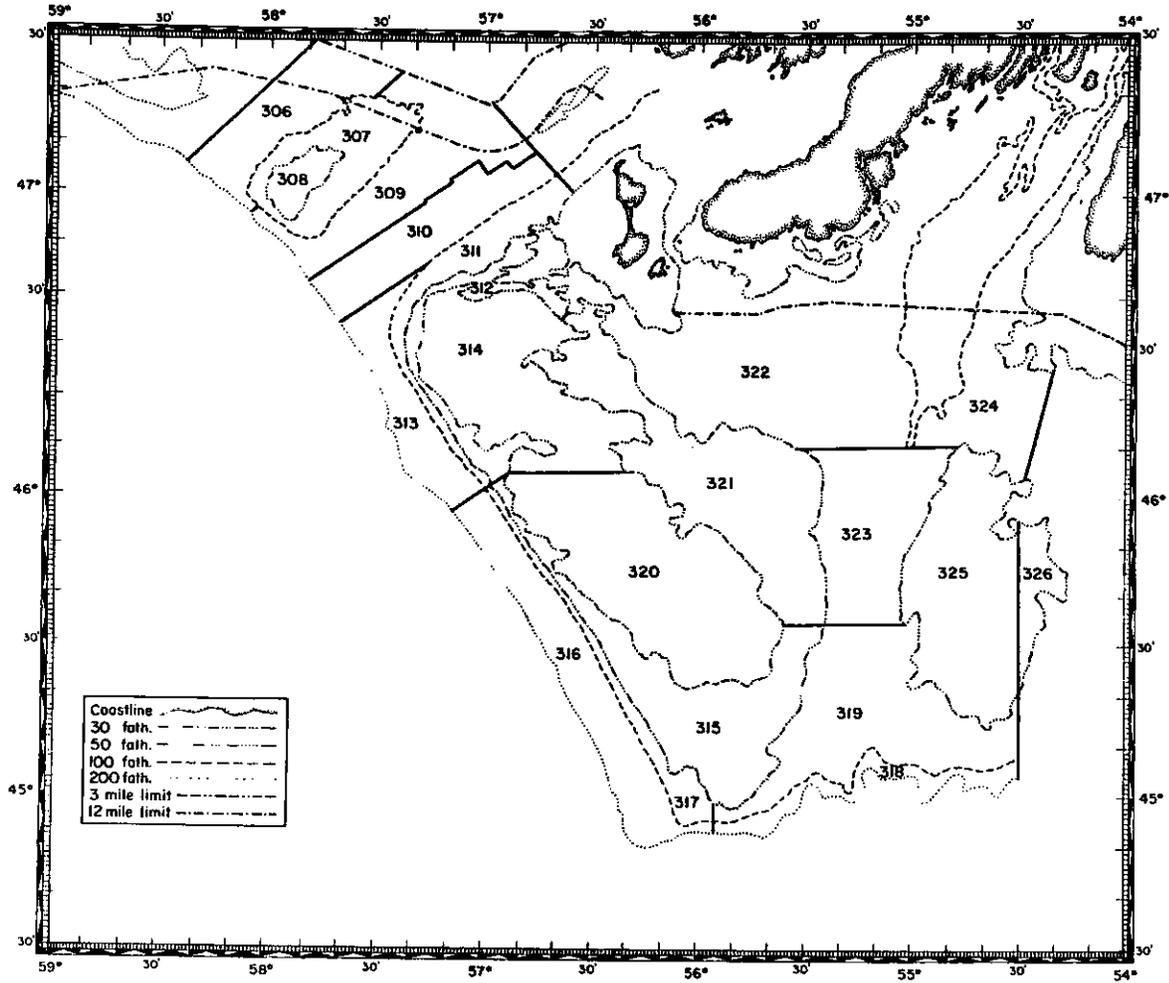


Fig. 1. Proposed stratification scheme for ICNAF Division 3Ps.