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# *Analysis Areas for Strategic Assessment of Estuarine and Coastal Waters*

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## **Purpose**

This volume identifies areal units that are being used to collect and organize information on the estuarine and coastal regions of the contiguous USA. The units or analysis areas identified are those used in NOAA's Strategic Assessment Program, but are also commonly used by EPA and others for organizing information. The volume is intended to serve as a starting point for establishing a consistent set of areal units that may eventually be used in EPA's program on Near Coastal Waters.

## **The EPA/NOAA Team**

A joint EPA/NOAA team has been informally created to develop a set of information and assessment products on the Nation's estuarine and coastal areas. The team's objective is to make maximum use of the data, information, and knowledge that exists nationwide about the important areas addressed by EPA's National Estuarine Program and Near Coastal Waters Program.

The team brings together EPA and NOAA personnel to conduct hands-on data development and synthesis. Its creation signals an increased commitment by EPA and NOAA to address jointly resource-use and environmental quality problems in estuarine and coastal areas. The involvement of NOAA and EPA personnel on the team will vary depending on the project. This volume is the team's first product. Development of a second product, *Synthesis of Estuarine and Coastal Information for EPA Region I*, is now underway and will be completed this fall. Plans are to develop additional information and assessment products in FY 1988.

## **Background**

Defining the areal units for analysis is one of the important first steps in conducting any study or in organizing and presenting a body of information or knowledge. The units chosen must take into account the boundaries of natural systems, "problem sheds" or impact areas, political jurisdictions, and a variety of management regimes, as well as considerations of scale and resolution. It is unlikely that any single unit will satisfy the competing needs for areal specificity, the resolution that existing data will support, and the resources available. Consequently, selecting areal units for analysis will always require compromise, particularly when attempting to characterize complex estuarine and coastal areas. It is important that the areal unit(s) chosen fit into a consistent hierarchy that can be useful for and can incorporate analyses at the local and regional level, and can be meaningfully aggregated for nationwide assessments.

The areal units/analysis areas presented in this volume reflect this compromise between the detailed level required for local decisionmaking, e.g., segmenting a stream or river into short reaches, and the aggregation needs for realistically assessing nationwide priorities and tradeoffs.

## **Organization of this Volume**

This volume is organized into five sections. This first section defines the analysis areas or units used in the Strategic Assessment Program and presents a schematic diagram

illustrating each. A few comments are also presented on the problem of defining offshore analysis areas. The remaining four sections are:

**Coastal Counties** – This section contains a complete list organized by state of coastal counties and those noncoastal counties that intersect an estuarine drainage area. A schematic map of each coastal state showing the location of each county is also included. Volume II of the National Estuarine Inventory (NEI) presents areal estimates of 24 land use categories for each coastal and noncoastal county and indicates the area of each category that lies within and outside the estuarine drainage area.

**Estuarine Drainage Areas** – This section contains a map of each of the 101 estuaries in the NEI. The maps show: the estuarine drainage area (EDA) boundary for each estuary; the USGS cataloging units that comprise each EDA; and the three zones into which the estuarine surface has been segmented based on salinity. Estuarine drainage areas are not shown for eight estuaries in Oregon and one in California as they have only recently been added to the inventory.

**Rivers and Streams** – This section contains a summary of the rivers and streams entering coastal counties, and a schematic map of each state showing the point at which each enters a coastal county.

**Offshore Boundaries** – This section contains maps from NOAA's Strategic Assessment Data Atlas series showing political, maritime, and jurisdictional boundaries in offshore areas, and a paper describing an early effort to segment offshore areas based on zones of impact of onshore pollution.

## **Definitions**

**Coastal Counties (Figure 3)** – The list of coastal counties used by the Strategic Assessments Branch is based on a list originally produced by NOAA's Office of Coastal Zone Management. The list includes 328 counties from the 22 coastal states of the contiguous USA, excluding the Great Lakes. In general, each county borders on waters that are either marine, estuarine, or tidal fresh. Human activities in these counties have a direct impact on estuarine and coastal waters. Several NOAA projects use coastal counties as the primary geographic unit for organizing data because much existing information (land use, population, etc.) is only available by county. Counties are a widely used unit of comparison, and reflect the political and institutional boundaries by which many management decisions are made.

A related "county level" analysis unit is the noncoastal counties that intersect EDAs. These inland counties do not have a direct link to marine, estuarine, or tidal fresh waters, but nevertheless can have an indirect impact on these environments due to their proximity to coastal counties.

**USGS Cataloging Units (Figure 2)** – Cataloging Units are the smallest of four levels of hydrologic units used by the USGS to define the Nation's river drainage system (the other three levels, beginning with the largest, are the Region, Subregion, and Accounting Unit). A cataloging unit typically encompasses either a portion of or the

entire watershed of a major river and is used to define EDAs. Cataloging units are usually at least 700 square miles in area.

**Hydrologic Unit/County Subareas – HUCOs (Figure 4)** – A hydrologic cataloging unit/county subarea, or HUCO, is the unique area of overlap between a USGS hydrologic cataloging unit and a coastal county. It is the basic geographic unit by which data in the National Coastal Pollutant Discharge Inventory (NCPDI) are organized. By aggregating appropriate HUCOs, pollutant loading estimates can be summarized by either county or cataloging unit.

**Fluvial Drainage Area - FDA** - The FDA is the entire drainage area of a major river. In most cases the FDA is larger than an estuarine drainage area. In a few cases the FDA coincides with the estuarine drainage area. This occurs when the total drainage of the system is small and may consist of only one or two cataloging units. A small map showing the fluvial and estuarine drainage area appears as an inset on the NEI map for each estuarine system.

**Estuarine Drainage Areas – EDAs (Figure 1)** – An EDA is the land and water component of a fluvial drainage area that most directly affects an estuary. In most cases, the boundaries of an EDA are delineated by the boundaries of the USGS hydrologic cataloging unit(s) or portion of the unit(s) that contains the head of tide of the streams and rivers flowing to the estuary and the seaward estuarine boundary of the estuary. In many cases this means the EDA boundary extends landward beyond the actual head of tide to the drainage divide of the cataloging unit. In cases where complex coastal drainages occur, drainage divides that bisect cataloging units have been determined using topographic maps to more accurately represent areas draining directly to estuaries. The EDA is always equal to or smaller than the FDA. Because it is based on hydrogeological features, an EDA often includes more than one political or jurisdictional unit.

The concept of the EDA was developed by NOAA to establish a useful spatial unit for compiling land use and flow data and other factors such as sources of pollutants that directly affect each estuary.

**Rivers and Streams Entering Coastal Areas (Figure 3)** – The rivers and streams that originate outside of and flow into coastal areas are termed "upstream sources" in the NCPDI and the NEI. These rivers and streams carry pollutant loads to estuaries and coastal waters that are generated from point and nonpoint sources discharging inland of coastal drainage areas. For many estuaries, upstream sources are a major source of pollutants. Over 320 rivers and streams are identified and located in the section on rivers and streams. From this universe, 163 have been included in the NCPDI based on their volume of discharge and size of watershed. The flow from these 163 rivers and streams accounts for over 90 percent of the total freshwater flow entering coastal counties.

**Estuarine Zones (Figure 5)** – Each estuary in the NEI is divided into three estuarine zones based on the average annual depth-averaged salinity concentration in the estuary. The salinity ranges (measured in parts per thousand) corresponding to each zone often dictate the distribution of biological communities and contribute to estuarine circulation. The salinity zones are:



- Estuarine Seawater Zone = 25.0 ppt and greater
- Estuarine Mixing Zone = 0.5 to 25.0 ppt
- Estuarine Tidal Fresh Zone = 0.0 to 0.5 ppt

**Isohaline Zones (Figure 6)** - It is currently planned to identify the location of isohaline zones in each estuary to provide a finer resolution for salinity distribution as an indicator of transport processes, and as a required parameter in delineating the extent of estuarine-dependent resources. Salinities will be averaged over high and low freshwater inflow periods based upon a 3-month moving average. Isohalines will be depicted in 5 part per thousand increments for surface and bottom water. A measure of salinity stability over averaging periods will also be provided.

### **Problem of Offshore Areas**

In onshore areas, units such as counties, cataloging units, and EDAs are used or adapted to define "problem sheds" for analyzing the impact of human activities on nearshore waters. For offshore areas, no comparable spatial unit exists at present defining natural management zones that can be used in evaluating the direct and indirect impact on offshore waters of man's activities. Much additional work is needed to define appropriate units. The information presented here on existing political boundaries (Federal, state, county), maritime zones (e.g., territorial and contiguous zones), and jurisdictional areas (e.g., Fishery Conservation Zones, Minerals Management Service Outer Continental Shelf Central Planning Areas), illustrates the complexity of the institutional considerations for defining these units. The paper describing use of remotely sensed satellite imagery to determine spatial boundaries of nearshore areas that are affected by land based pollutants provides an example of an attempt to address this complex problem.

Figure 1. Estuarine Drainage Area

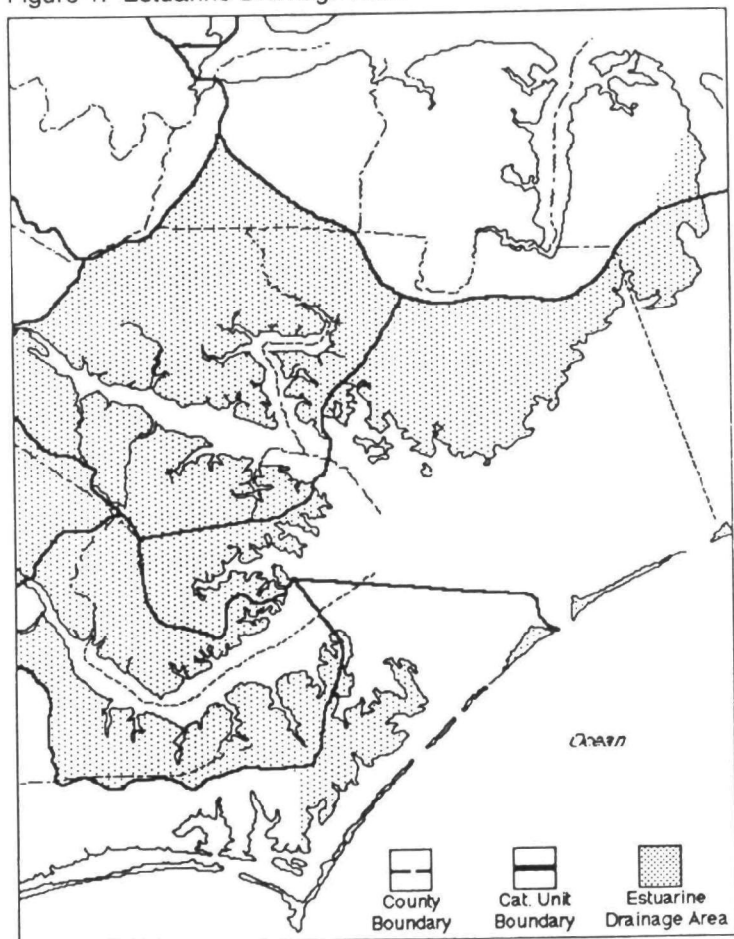


Figure 2. USGS Cataloging Units

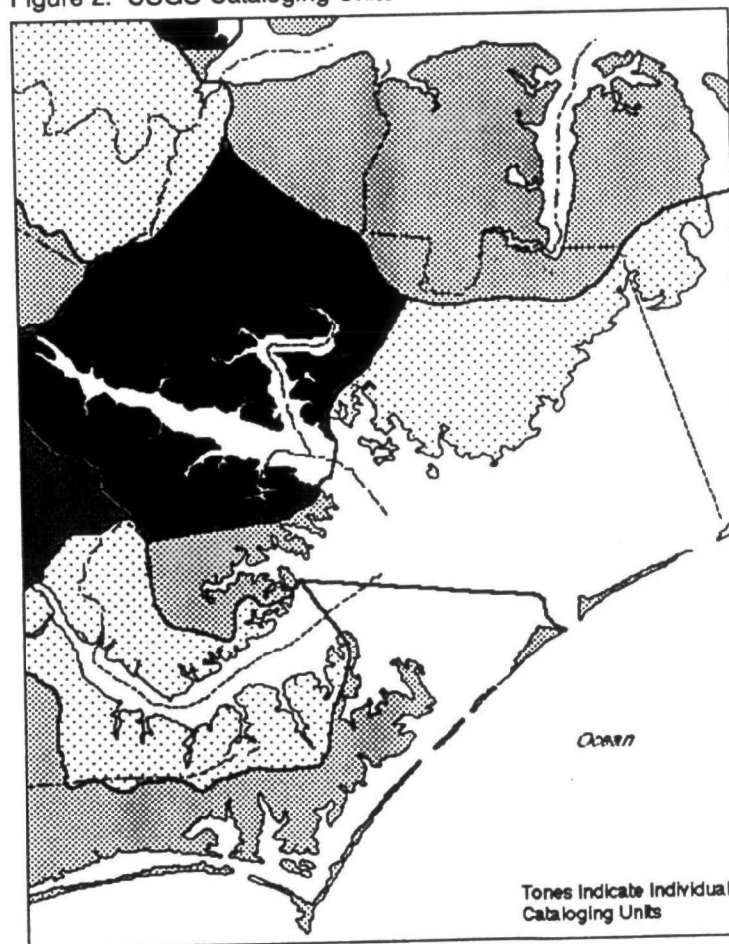


Figure 3. Counties

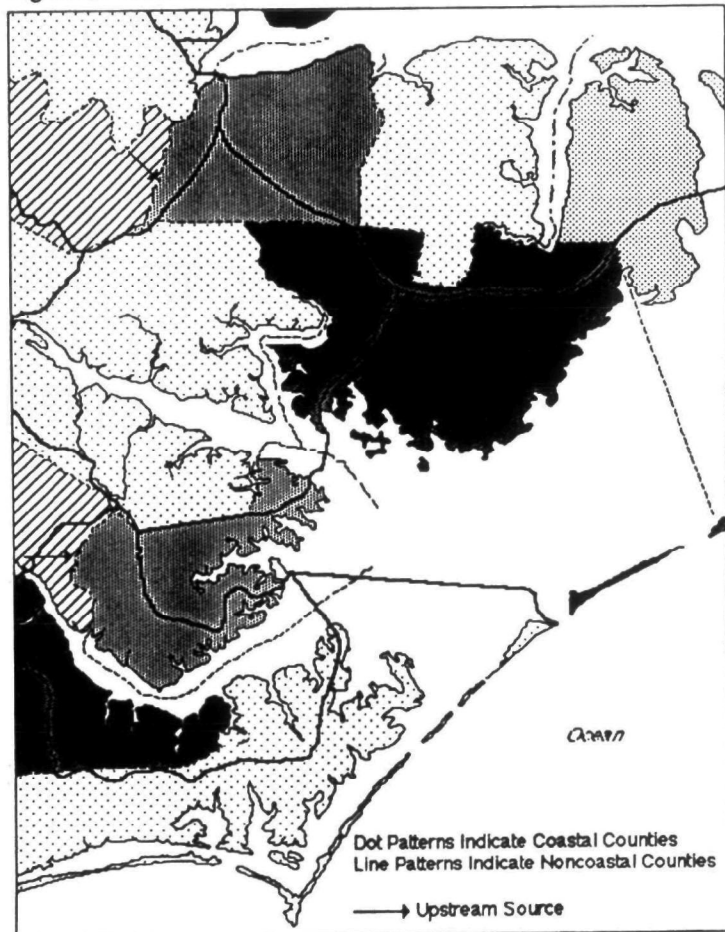


Figure 4. Hydrologic Unit/County Subareas (HUCOs)

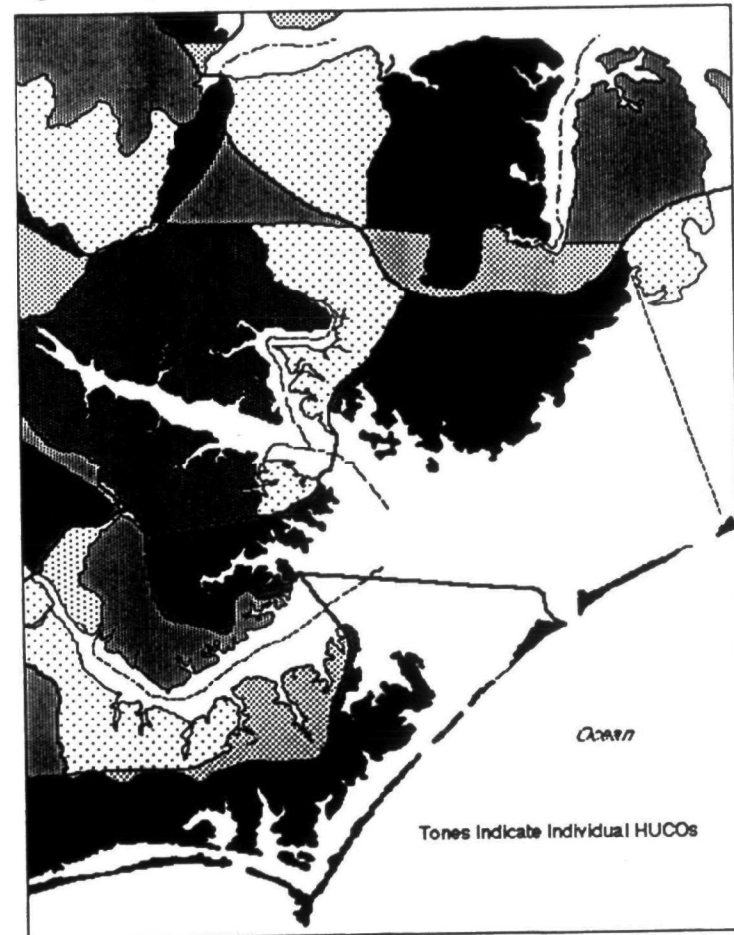




Figure 5. Estuarine Zones

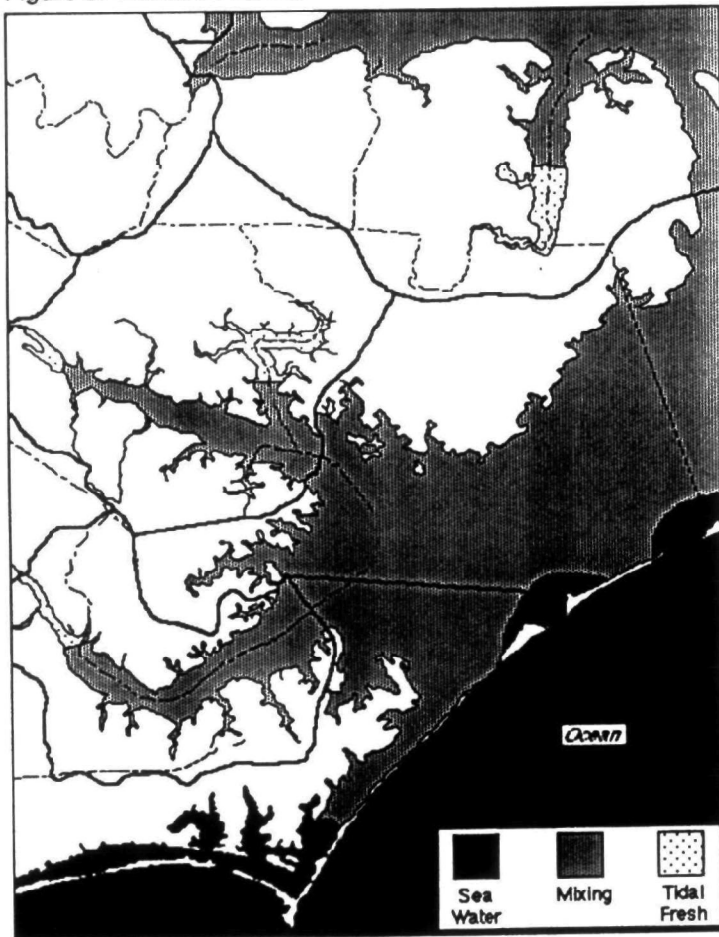
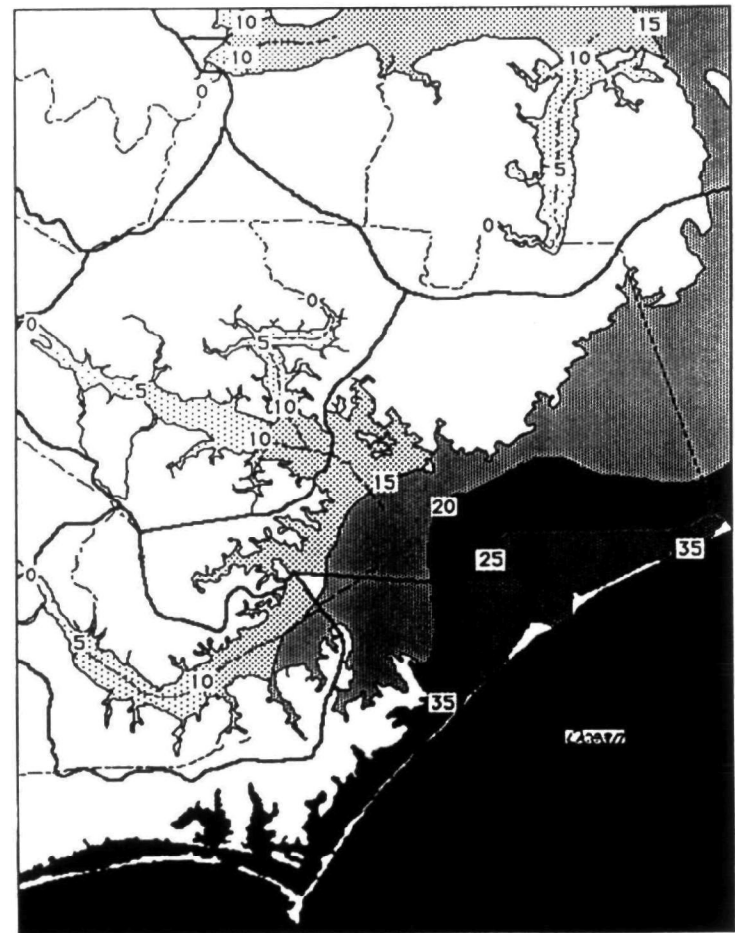


Figure 6. Planned Isohaline Segmentation



**COASTAL COUNTIES**

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## Coastal and Non-Coastal Counties

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## Counties in Estuarine Drainage Areas (EDAs)

### ALABAMA

#### *Coastal counties*

Baldwin                  Mobile

#### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Brooks	Choctaw	Clarke	Coffee	Conecuh	Covington
Crenshaw	Decatur	Escambia	Geneva	Grady	Houston
Monroe	Thomas	Washington	Wilcox		

### CALIFORNIA

#### *Coastal counties*

Alameda	Contra Costa	Del Norte	Humboldt	Los Angeles	Marin
Mendocino	Monterey	Napa	Orange	Sacramento	San Diego
San Francisco	San Joaquin	San Luis Obispo	San Mateo	Santa Barbara	Santa Clara
Santa Cruz	Solano	Sonoma	Ventura		

#### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Placer	San Benito	San Bernardino	Siskiyou	Sutter	Trinity
Yolo					

### CONNECTICUT

#### *Coastal counties*

Fairfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London
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#### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Hartford	Litchfield	Tolland	Windham
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### DELAWARE

#### *Coastal counties*

Kent	New Castle	Sussex
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### FLORIDA

#### *Coastal counties*

Alachua	Baker	Bay	Bradford	Brevard	Broward
Calhoun	Charlotte	Citrus	Clay	Collier	Columbia
Dade	De Soto	Dixie	Duval	Escambia	Flagler
Franklin	Gadsden	Gilchrist	Glades	Gulf	Hamilton
Hardee	Hendry	Hernando	Highlands	Hillsborough	Holmes
Indian River	Jackson	Jefferson	Lafayette	Lake	Lee
Leon	Levy	Liberty	Madison	Manatee	Marion
Martin	Monroe	Nassau	Okaloosa	Okeechobee	Orange
Osceola	Palm Beach	Pasco	Pinellas	Polk	Putnam
St. Johns	St. Lucie	Santa Rosa	Sarasota	Seminole	Sumter
Suwannee	Taylor	Union	Volusia	Wakulla	Walton
Washington					

## GEORGIA

### *Coastal counties*

Bryan	Camden	Chatham	Glynn	Liberty	McIntosh
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### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Appling	Atkinson	Bacon	Ben Hill	Brantley	Bullock
Charlton	Clinch	Coffee	Effingham	Emanuel	Evans (city)
Irwin	Jeff Davis	Jenkins	Long	Montgomery	Pierce
Screven	Tattnall	Toombs	Ware	Wayne	

## LOUISIANA

### *Coastal counties*

Acadia	Ascension	Assumption	Calcasieu	Cameron	East Baton Rouge
Iberia	Iberville	Jefferson	Jefferson Davis	Lafourche	Livingston
Orleans	Plaquemines	St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. James	St. John the Baptist
St. Martin	St. Mary	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	Terrebonne	Vermilion
West Baton Rouge					

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Allen	Avoyelles	Beauregard	East Feliciana	Evangeline	Lafayette
Pointe Coupee	Rapides	Sabine	St. Helena	St. Landry	Vernon
Washington					

## MAINE

### *Coastal counties*

Cumberland	Hancock	Knox	Lincoln	Sagadahoc	Waldo
Washington	York				

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Androscoggin	Aroostook	Franklin	Kennebec	Oxford	Penobscot
Piscataquis	Somerset				

## MARYLAND

### *Coastal counties*

Anne Arundel	Baltimore	Baltimore City	Calvert	Caroline	Cecil
Charles	Dorchester	Harford	Kent	Prince Georges	Queen Anne's
St. Mary's	Somerset	Talbot	Wicomico	Worcester	

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Caroline	Howard	Montgomery
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## MASSACHUSETTS

### *Coastal counties*

Barnstable	Bristol	Dukes	Essex	Middlesex	Nantucket
Norfolk	Plymouth	Suffolk			

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Berkshire	Hampden	Worcester
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## MISSISSIPPI

### *Coastal counties*

Hancock	Harrison	Jackson
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### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Amite	Franklin	George	Greene	Lamar	Lincoln
Marion	Pearl River	Perry	Pike	Stone	Walthall
Wayne	Wilkinson				

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### *Coastal counties*

Rockingham	Strafford
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### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Belknap	Carroll	Coos	Grafton	Hillsborough	Merrimack
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## NEW JERSEY

### *Coastal counties*

Atlantic	Bergen	Burlington	Camden	Cape May	Cumberland
Essex	Gloucester	Hudson	Mercer	Middlesex	Monmouth
Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somerset	Union	

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Hunterdon	Morris
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### *New Jersey Continued*

Sussex
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## NEW YORK

### *Coastal counties*

Albany	Bronx	Columbia	Dutchess	Greene	Kings
Nassau	New York	Orange	Putnam	Queens	Rensselaer
Richmond	Rockland	Suffolk	Ulster	Westchester	

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Schenectady	Schoharie	Sullivan
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## NORTH CAROLINA

### *Coastal counties*

Beaufort	Bertie	Brunswick	Camden	Carteret	Chowan
Craven	Currituck	Dare	Gates	Hertford	Hyde
New Hanover	Onslow	Pamlico	Pasquotank	Pender	Perquimans
Tyrrell	Washington				

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Anson	Bladen	Columbus	Cumberland	Duplin (city)	Edgecombe
Greene	Harnett	Johnson	Jones	Lenoir	Martin
Nash	Pitt	Richmond	Robeson	Scotland	Union
Wake (city)	Wayne	Wilson			



## OREGON

### *Coastal counties*

Clatsop	Columbia	Coos	Curry	Douglas	Lane
Lincoln	Multnomah	Tillamook			

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Clackamas	Josephine	Washington
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## PENNSYLVANIA

### *Coastal counties*

Bucks	Delaware	Philadelphia
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### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Chester	Lancaster	Montgomery
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## RHODE ISLAND

### *Coastal counties*

Bristol	Kent	Newport	Providence	Washington
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## SOUTH CAROLINA

### *Coastal counties*

Beaufort	Berkeley	Charleston	Colleton	Dorchester	Georgetown
Horry	Jasper	Williamsburg			

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Bamberg	Berkeley	Chesterfield	Clarendon	Darlington	Dillon
Florence	Hampton	Kershaw	Lancaster	Lee	Marion
Marlboro	Orangeburg	Sumter			

## TEXAS

### *Coastal counties*

Aransas	Brazoria	Calhoun	Cameron	Chambers	Galveston
Harris	Jackson	Jefferson	Kenedy	Kleberg	Matagorda
Nueces	Orange	Refugio	San Patricio	Victoria	Wharton
Willacy					

### *Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Angelina	Austin	Bee	Brooks	Colorado	De Witt
Duval	Fort Bend	Goliad	Gonzales	Hardin	Hidalgo
Jim Hogg	Jim Wells	Jasper	Karnes	Lavaca	Liberty
Live Oak	McMullen	Newton	San Jacinto	Starr	Tyler
Waller	Washington	Webb			

## VIRGINIA

### *Coastal counties*

Accomack	Alexandria	Arlington	Caroline	Charles City	Chesapeake
Chesterfield	Colonial Heights	Essex	Fairfax	Fairfax City	Falls Church
Fredericksburg	Gloucester	Hampton	Hanover	Henrico	Hopewell

*Coastal counties of Virginia continued*

Isle of Wight	James City	King and Queen	King George	King William	Lancaster
Manassas	Manassas Park	Mathews	Middlesex	New Kent	Newport News
Norfolk	Northampton	Northumberland	Petersburg	Poquoson	Portsmouth
Prince George	Prince William	Richmond	Richmond (city)	Spotsylvania	Stafford
Suffolk	Surry	Virginia Beach	Westmoreland	Williamsburg	York

*Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Albemarle	Amelia	Appomattox	Buckingham	Cumberland	Dinwiddie
Fauquier	Fluvanna	Goochland	Loudon	Louisa	Nottoway
Orange	Powhatan	Prince Edward	Southampton		

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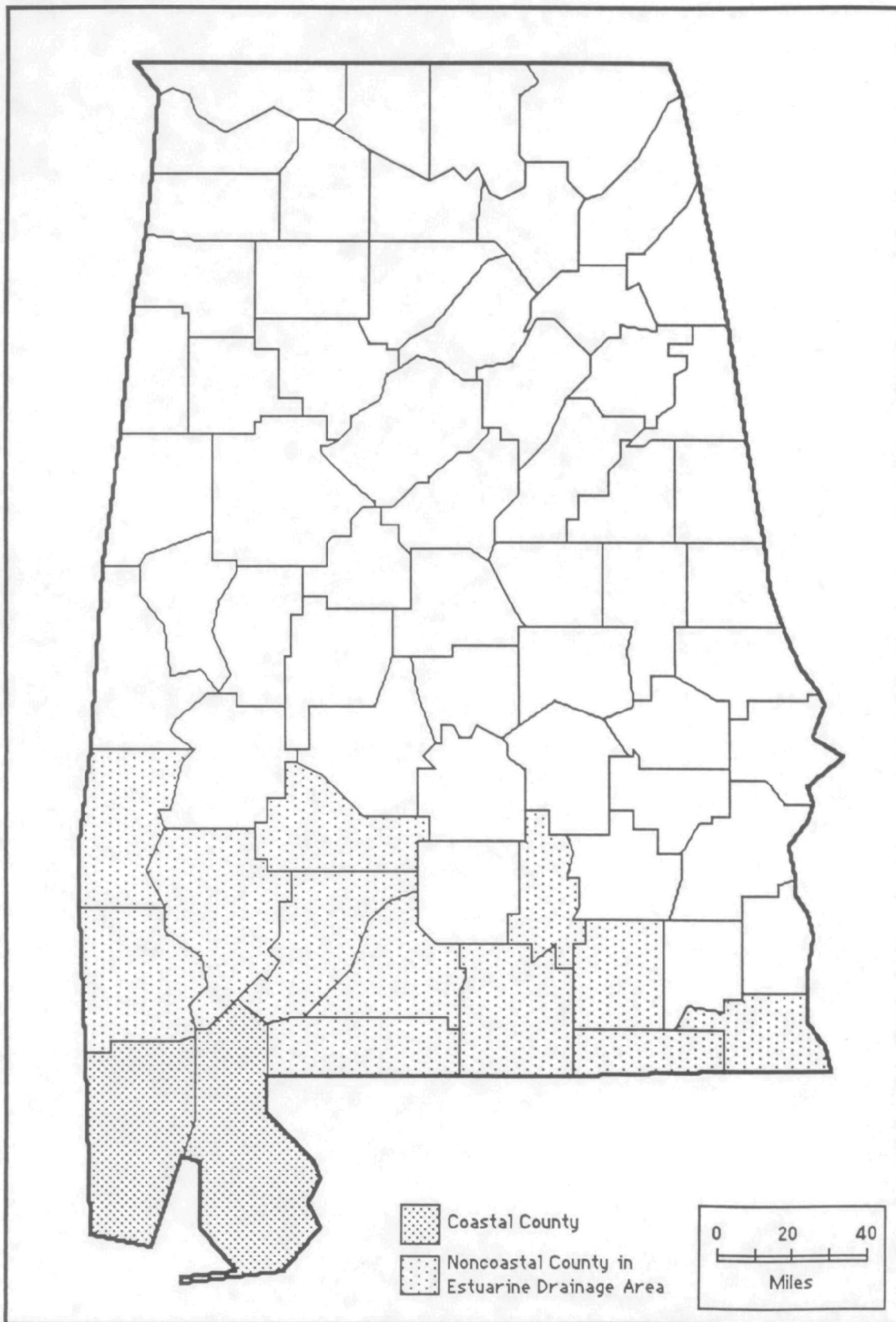
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Clallam	Clark	Cowlitz	Gray's Harbor	Island	Jefferson
King	Kitsap	Mason	Pacific	Pierce	San Juan
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*Noncoastal counties in EDAs*

Lewis	Skamania
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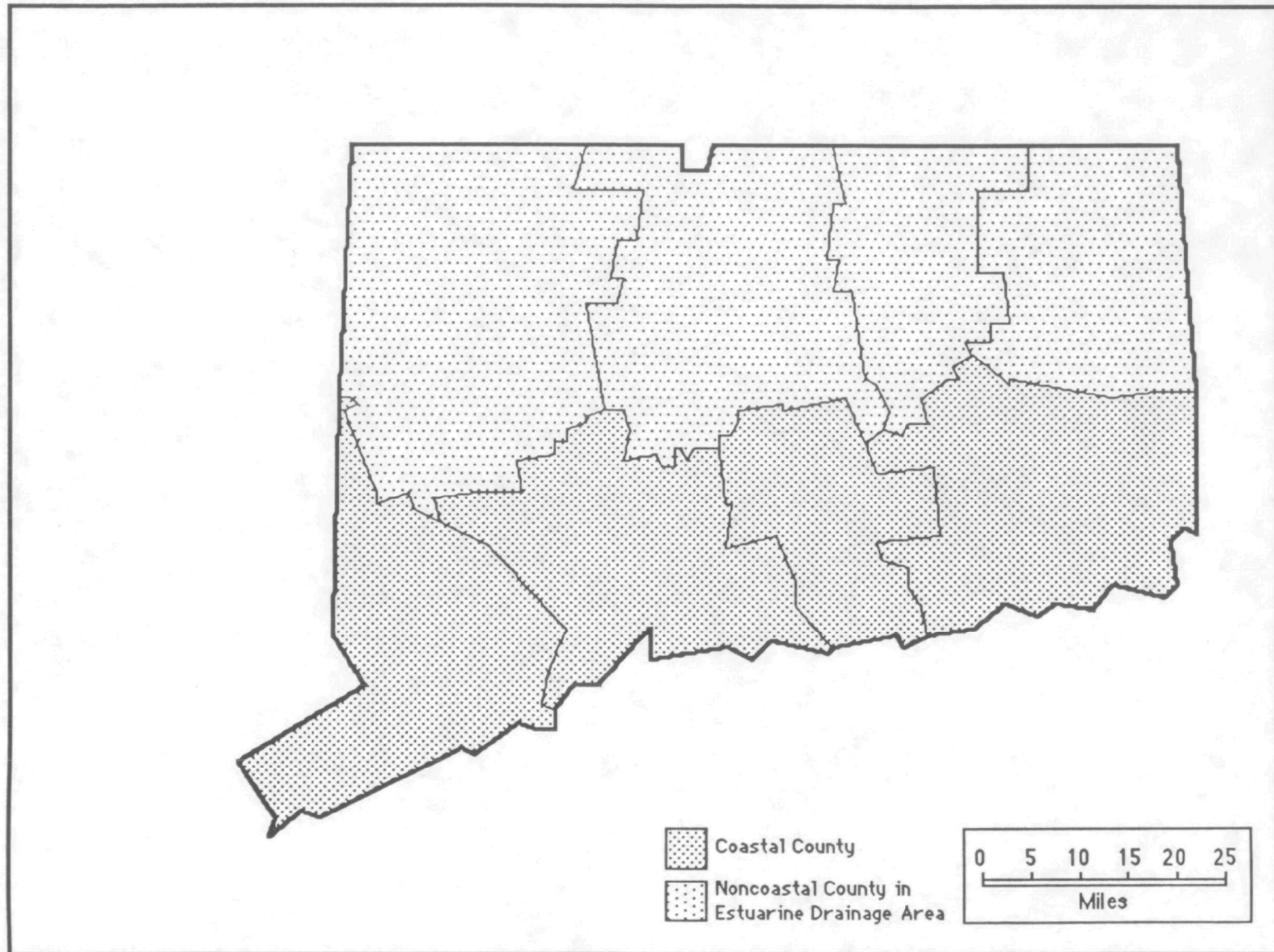
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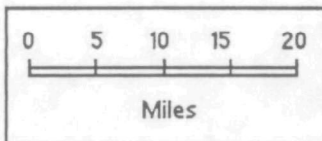
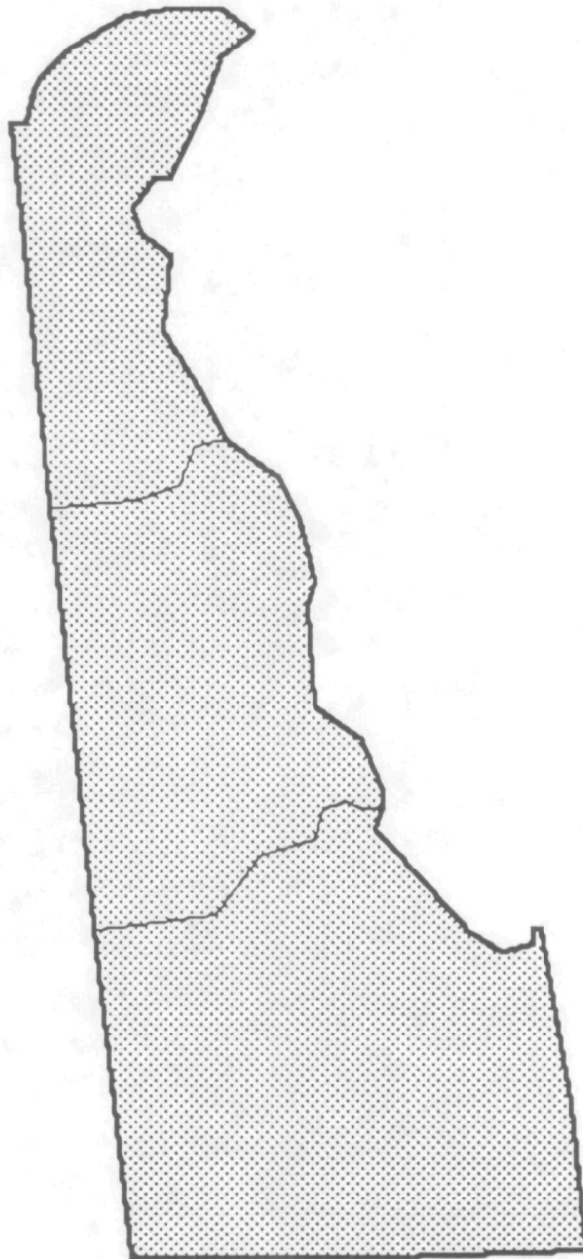
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# Connecticut



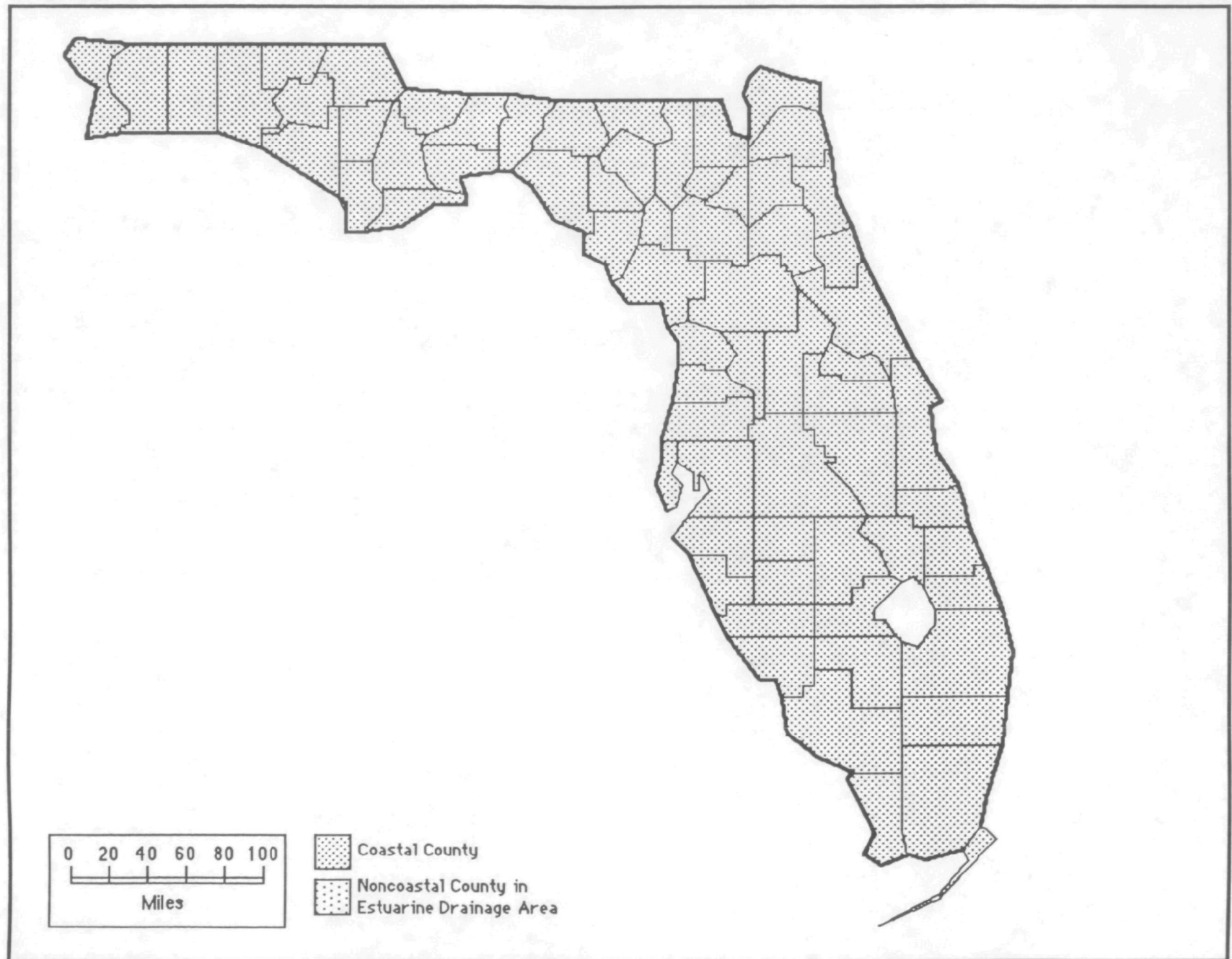
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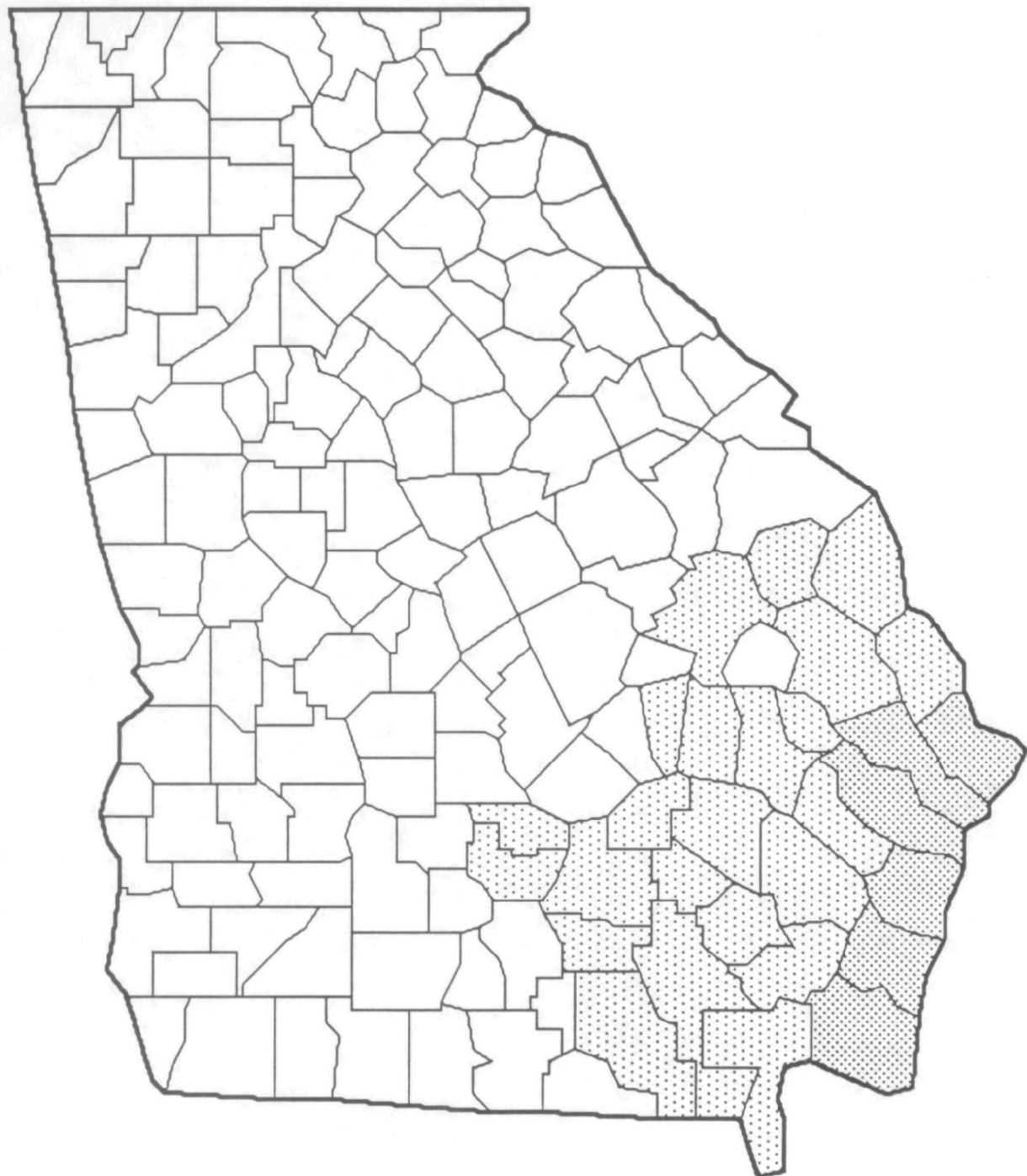
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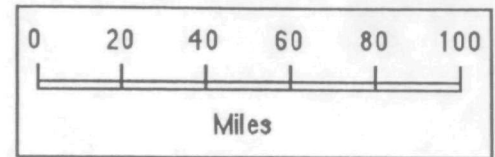
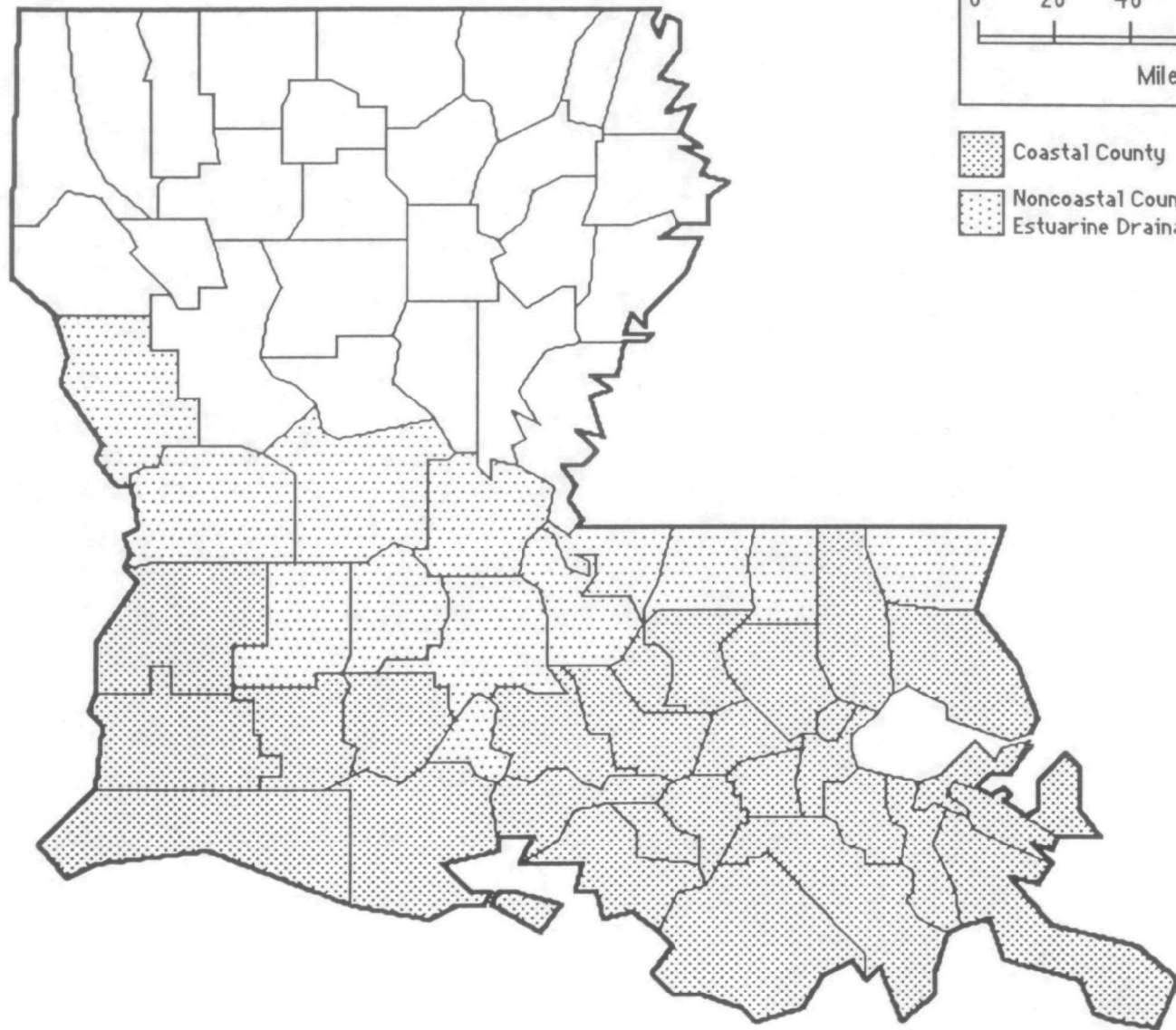
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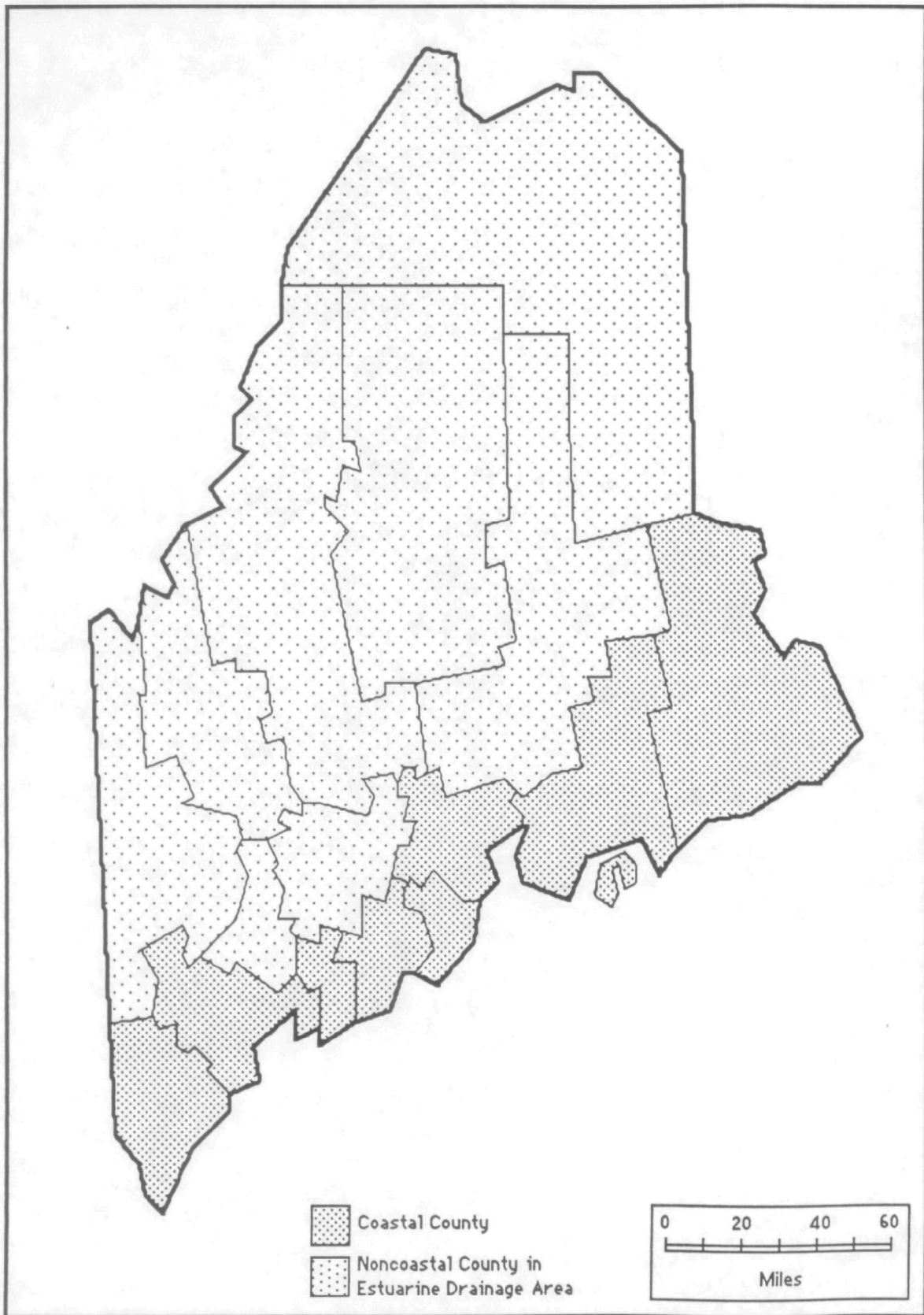
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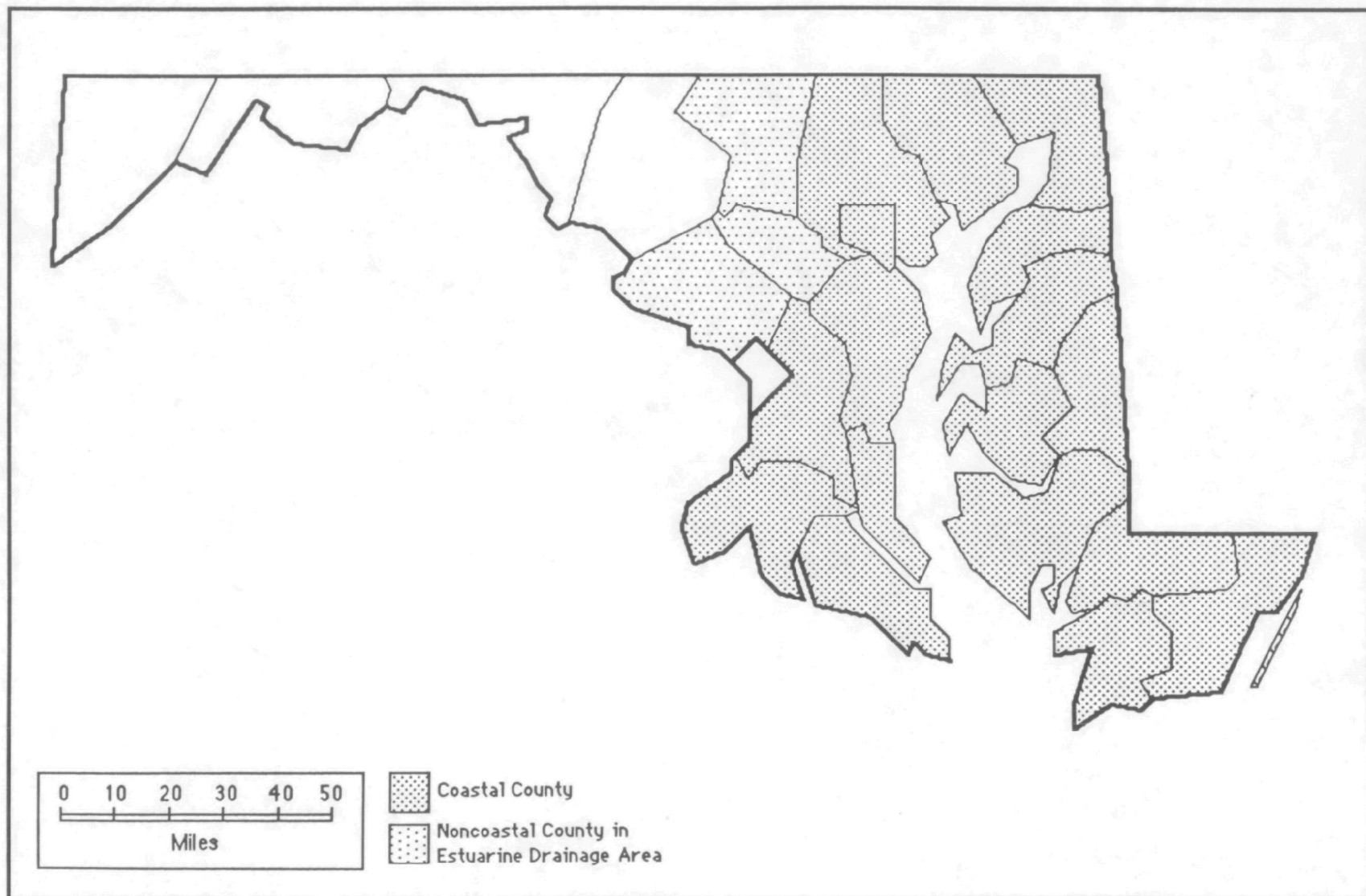


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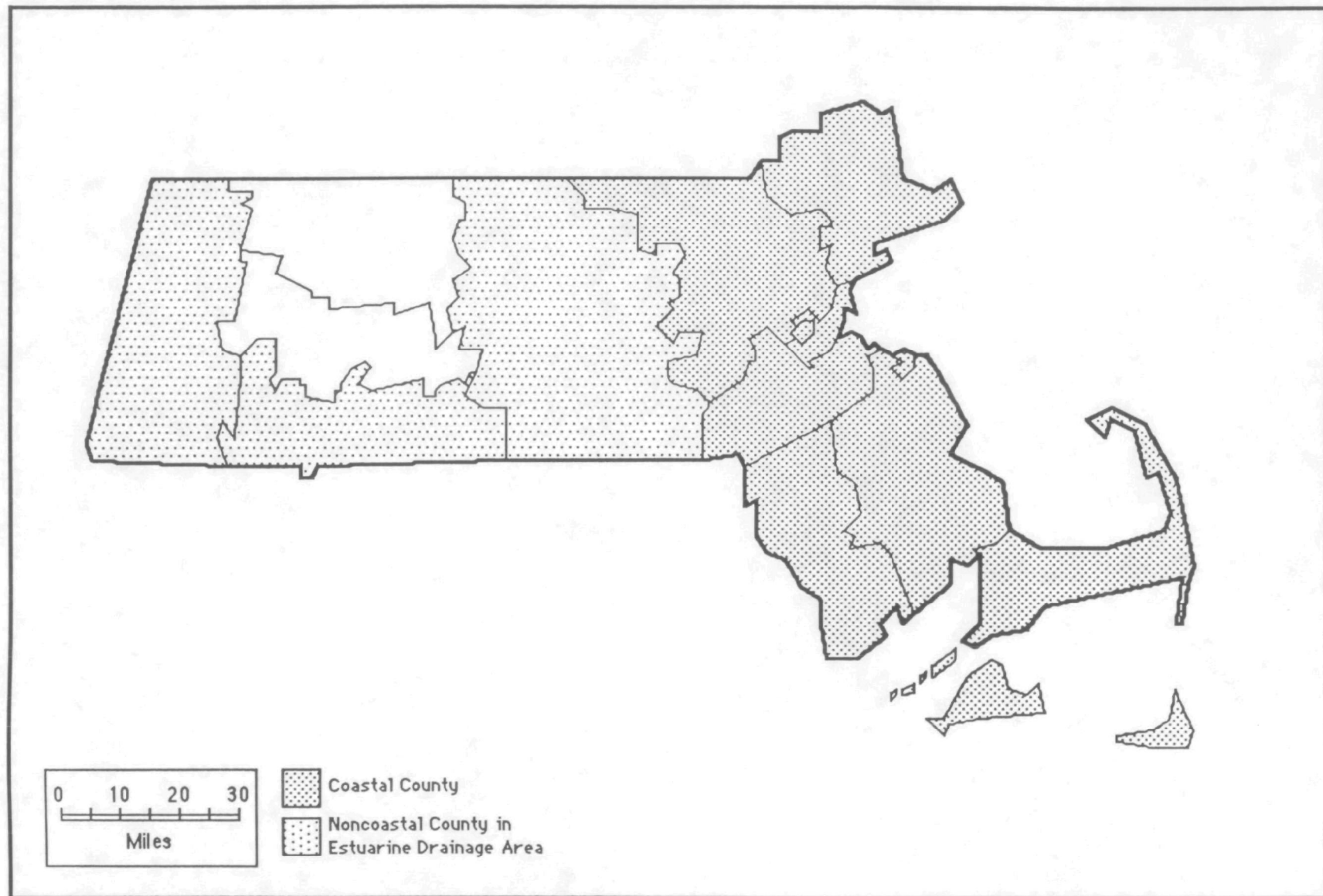
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## Maryland

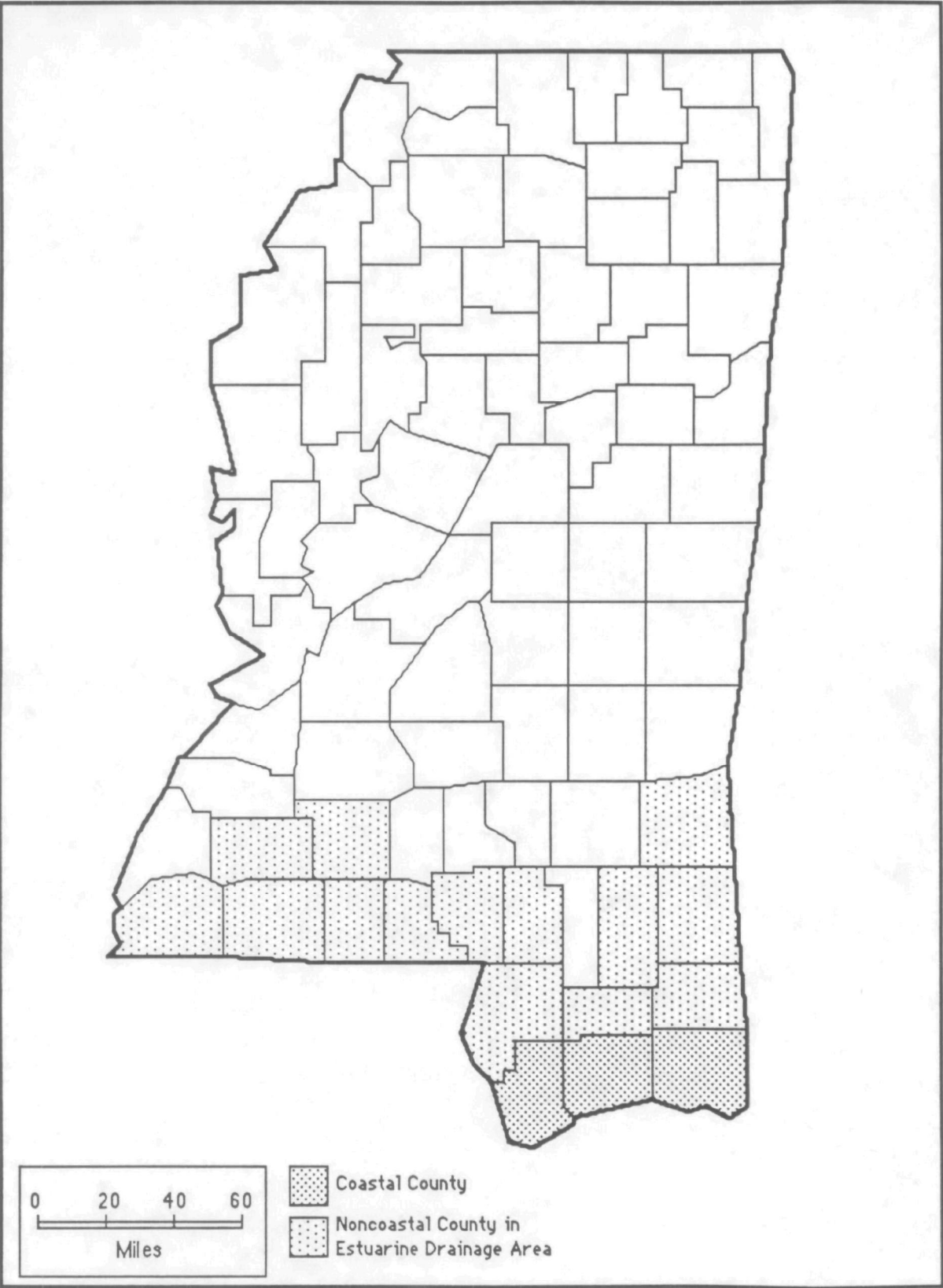


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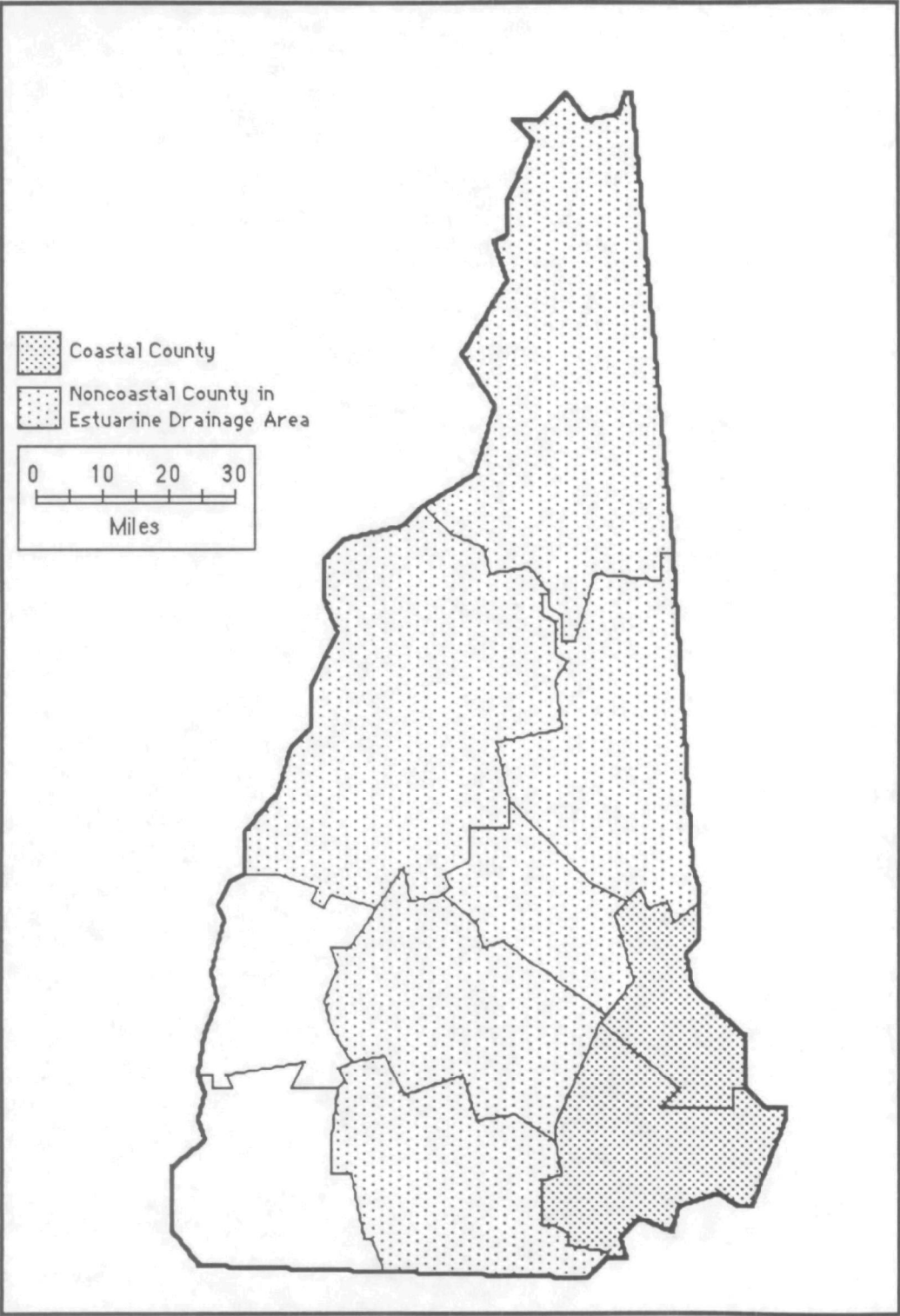




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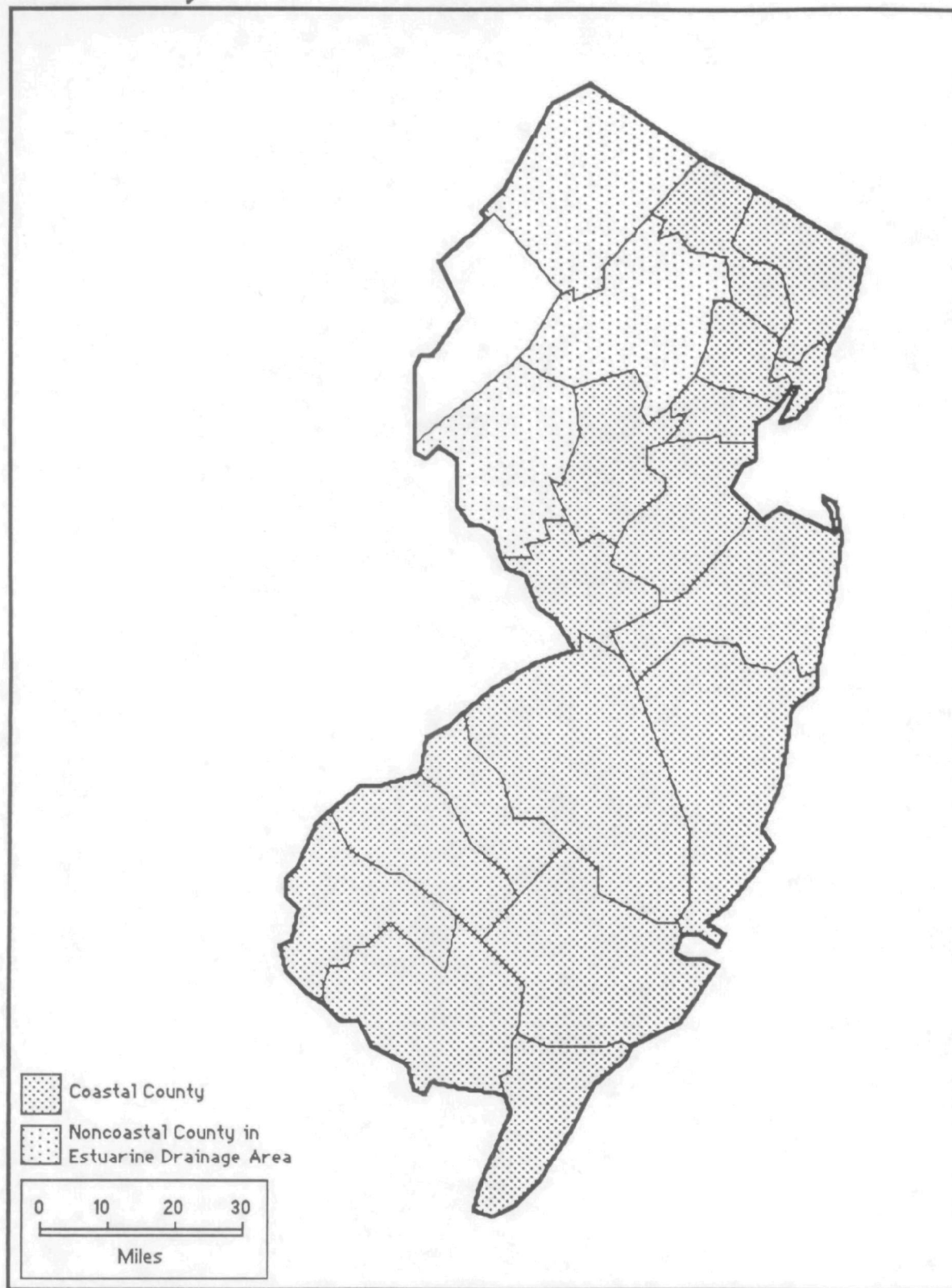


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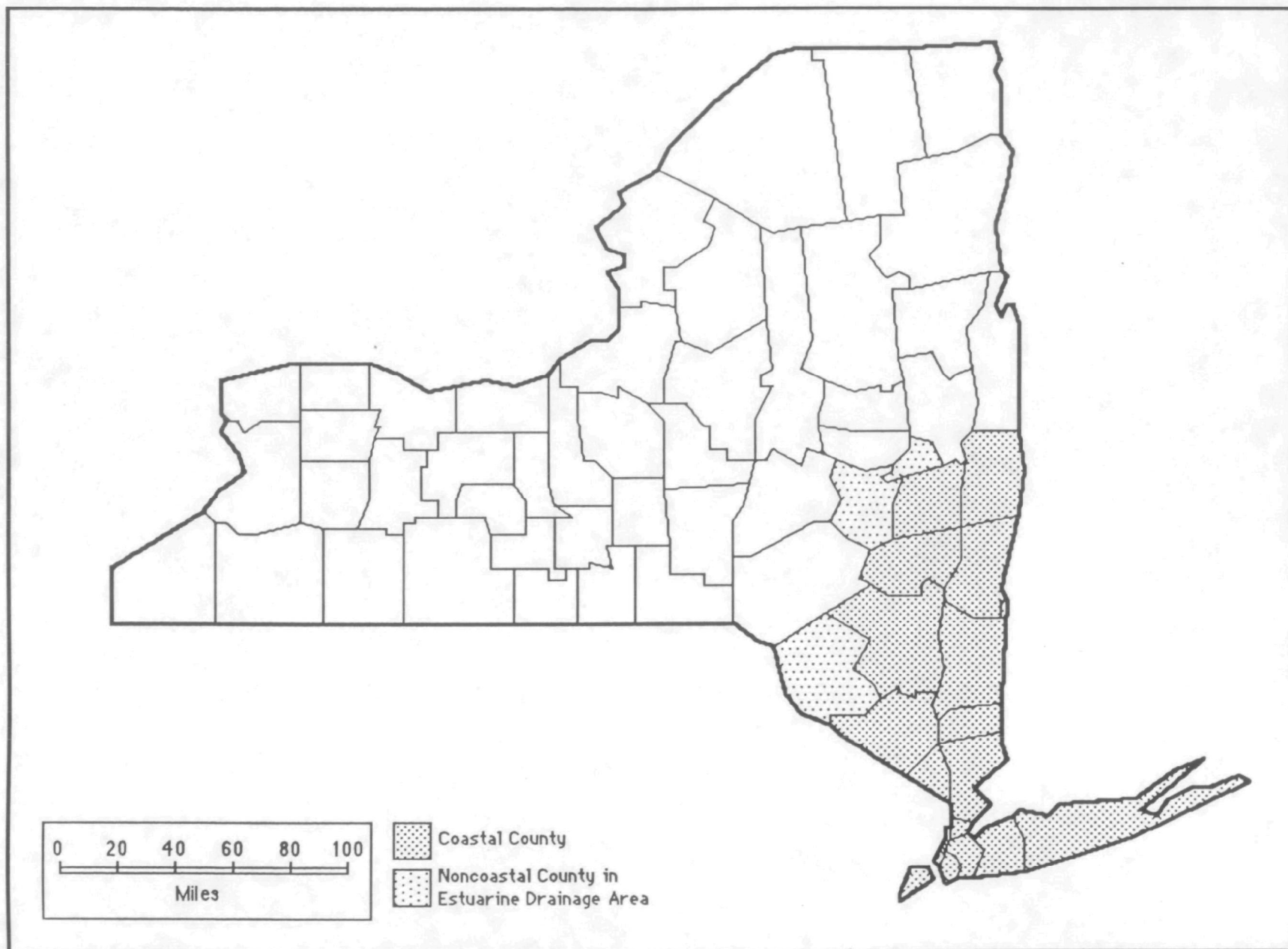




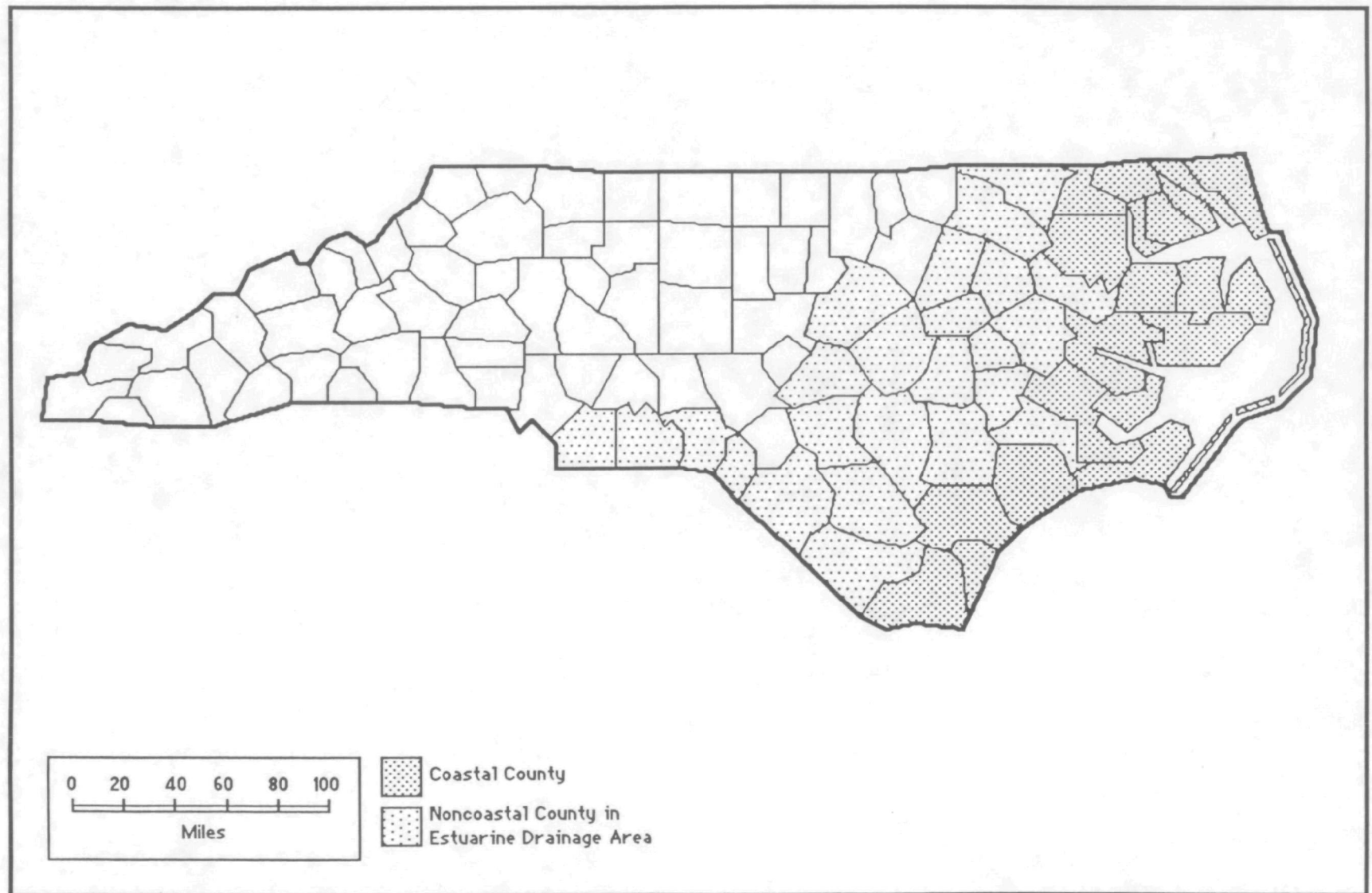
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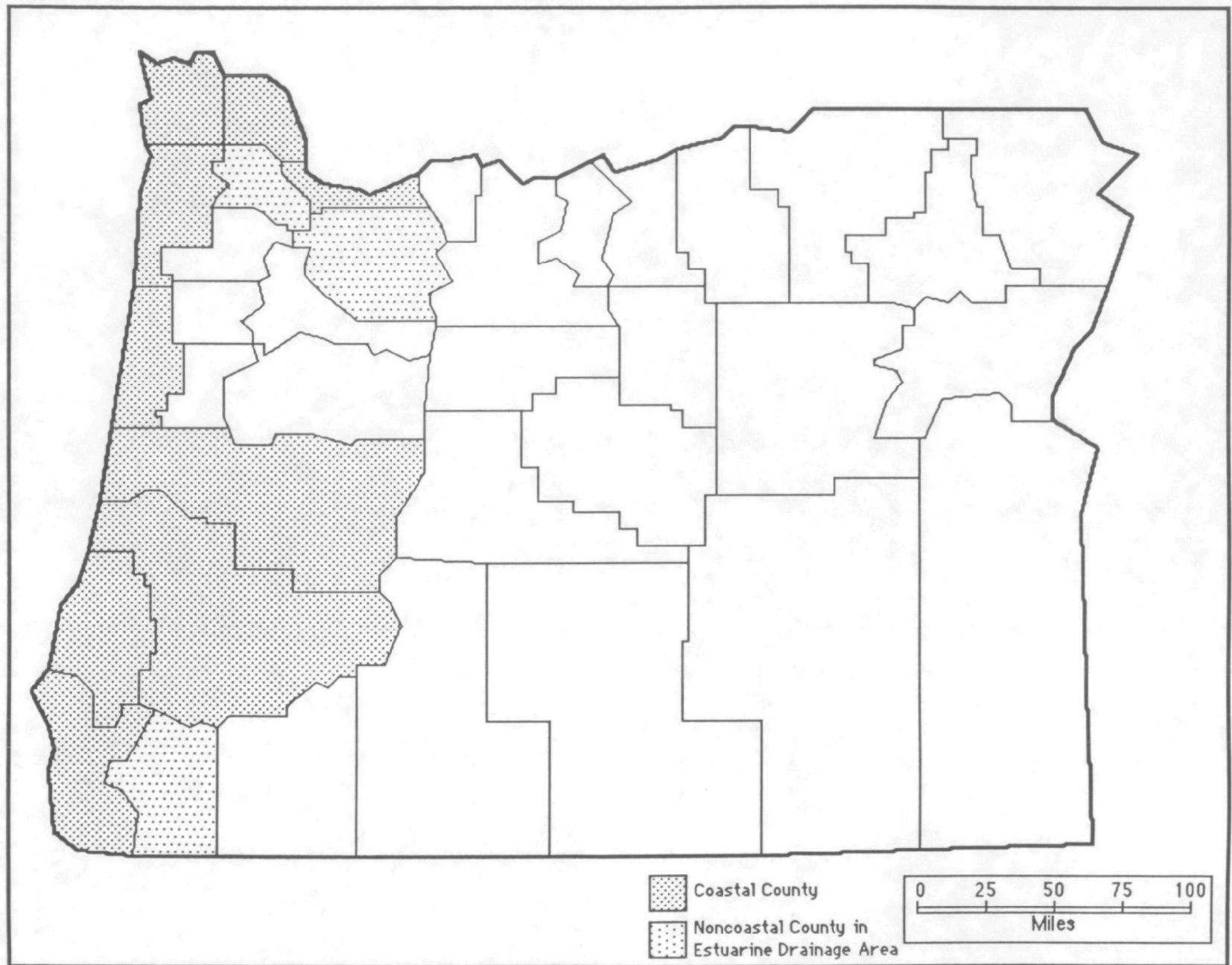
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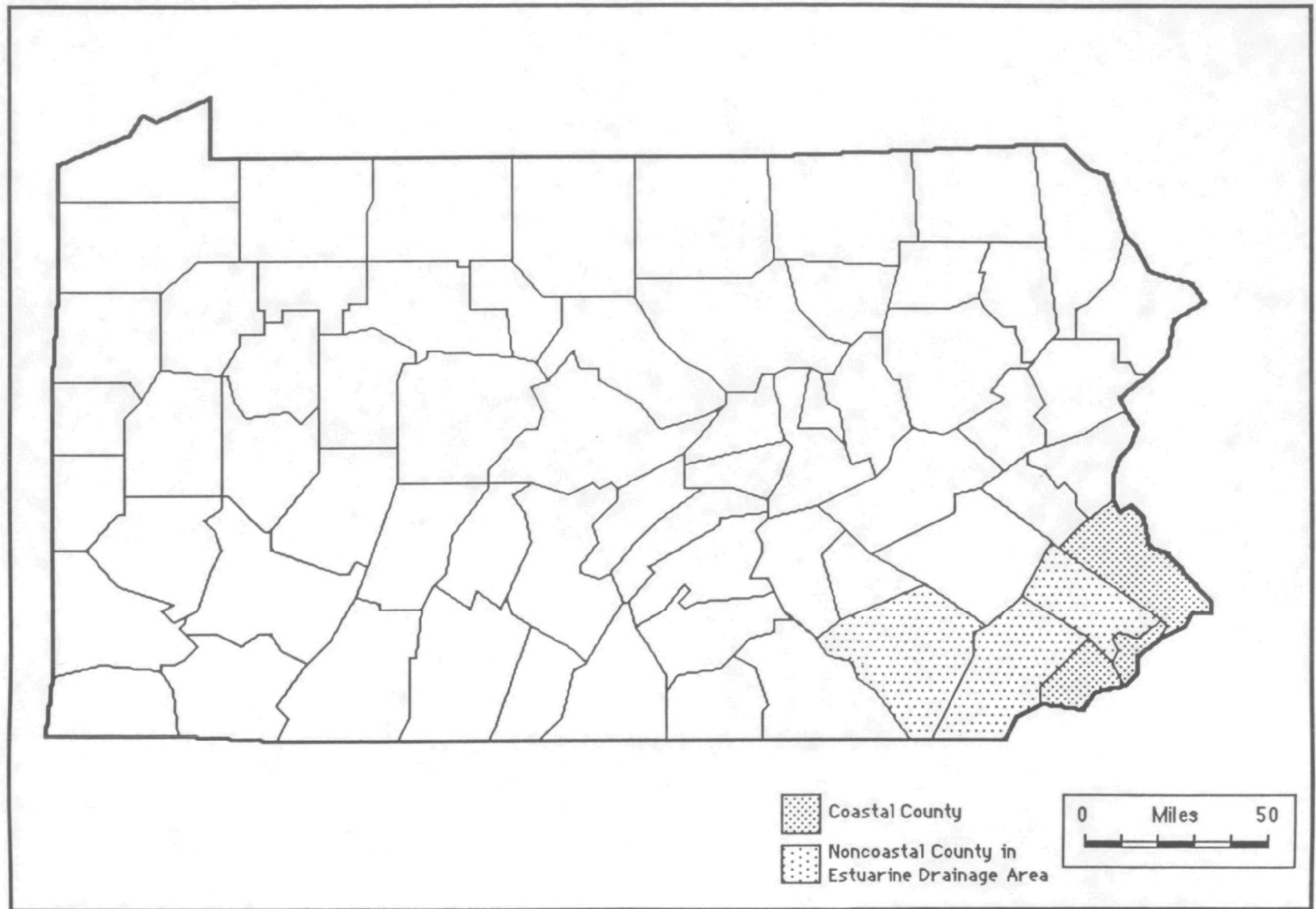
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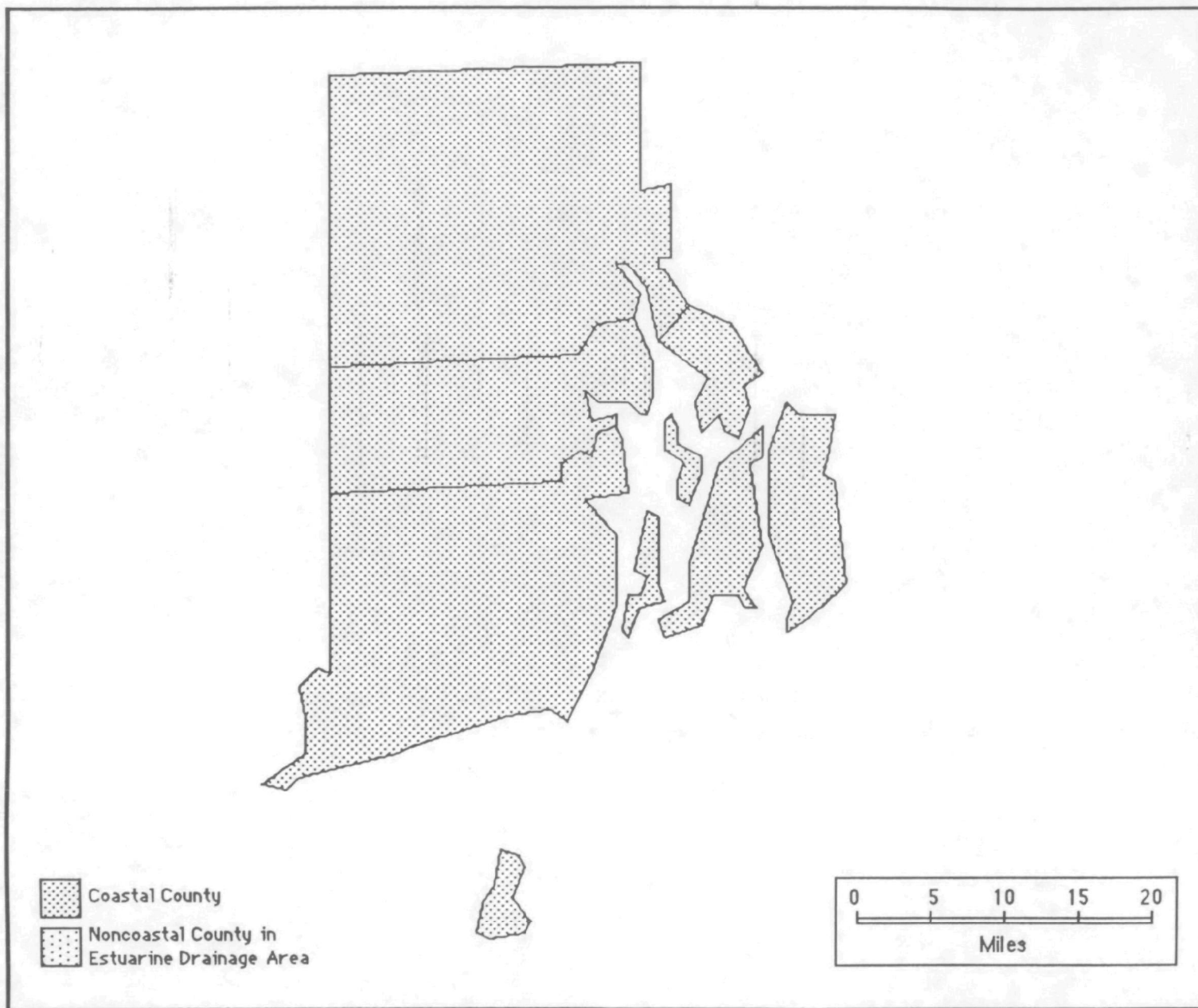
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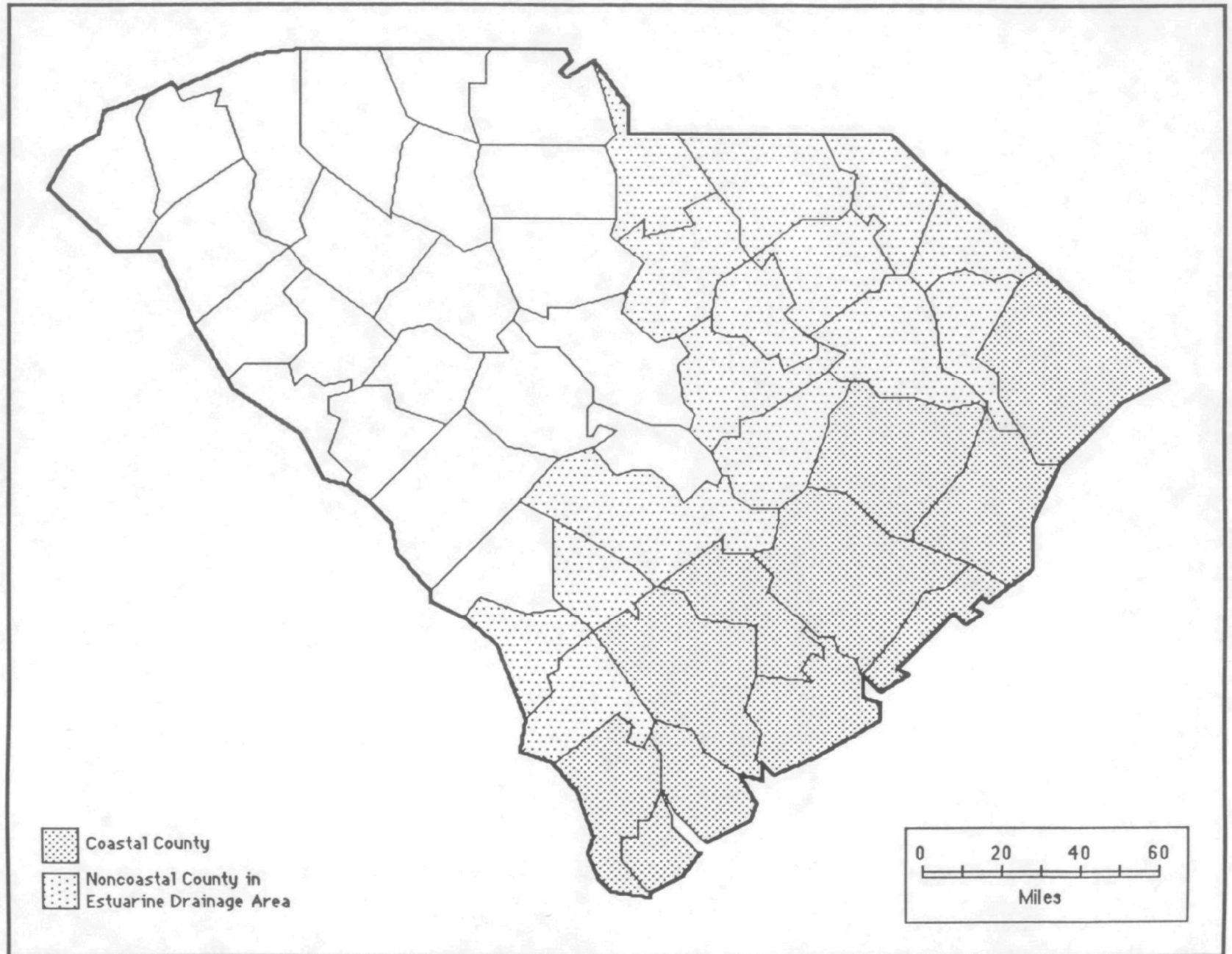


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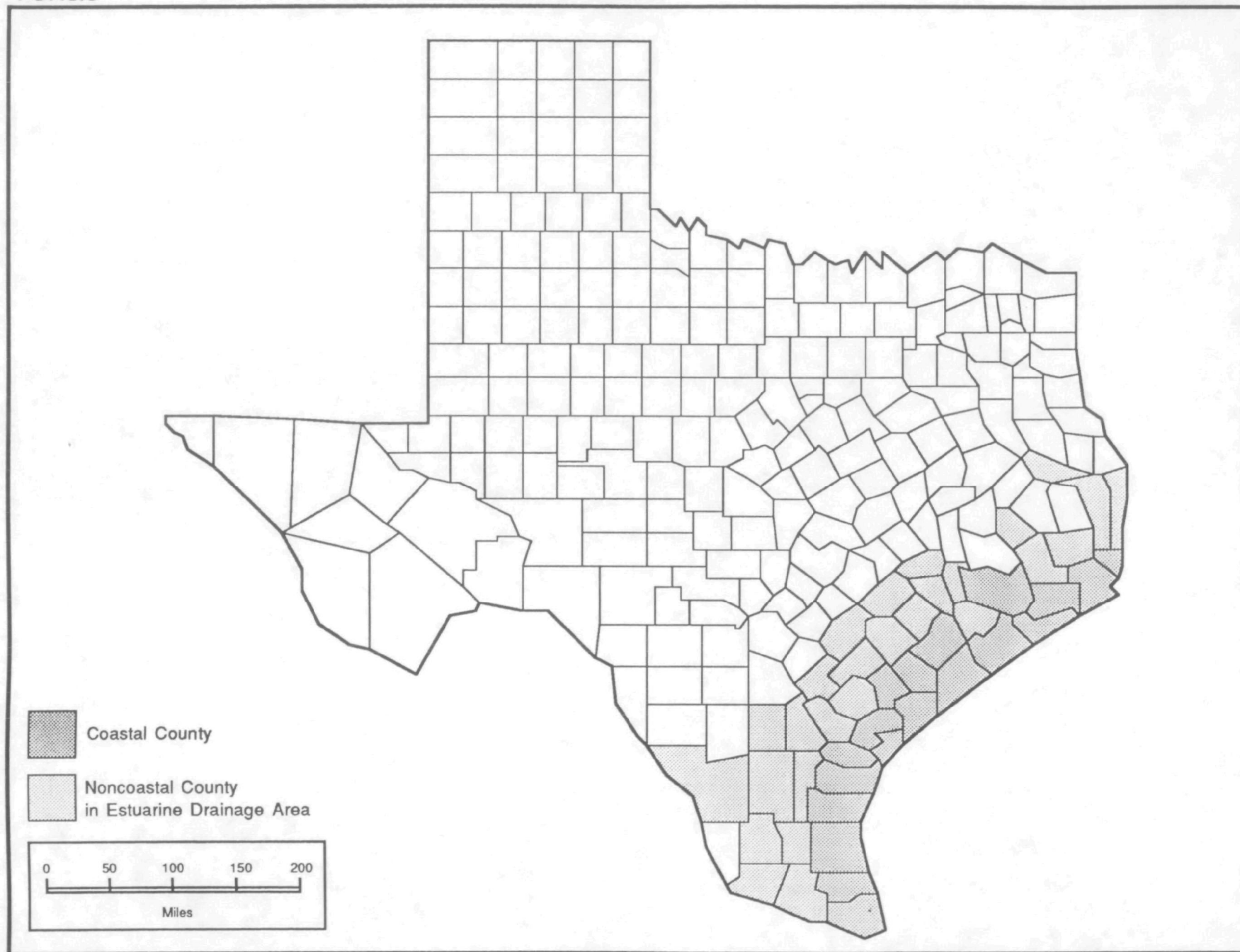




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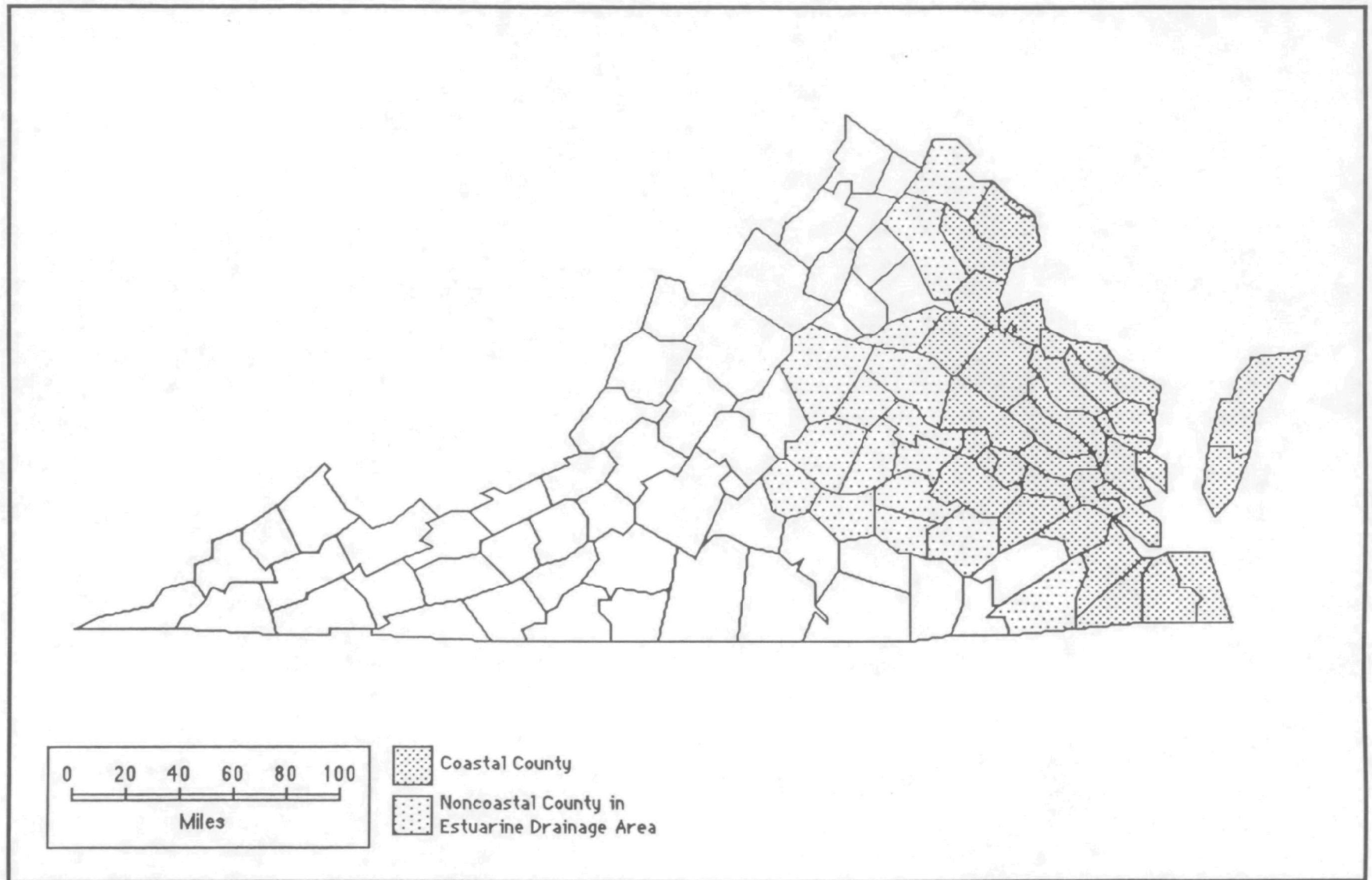


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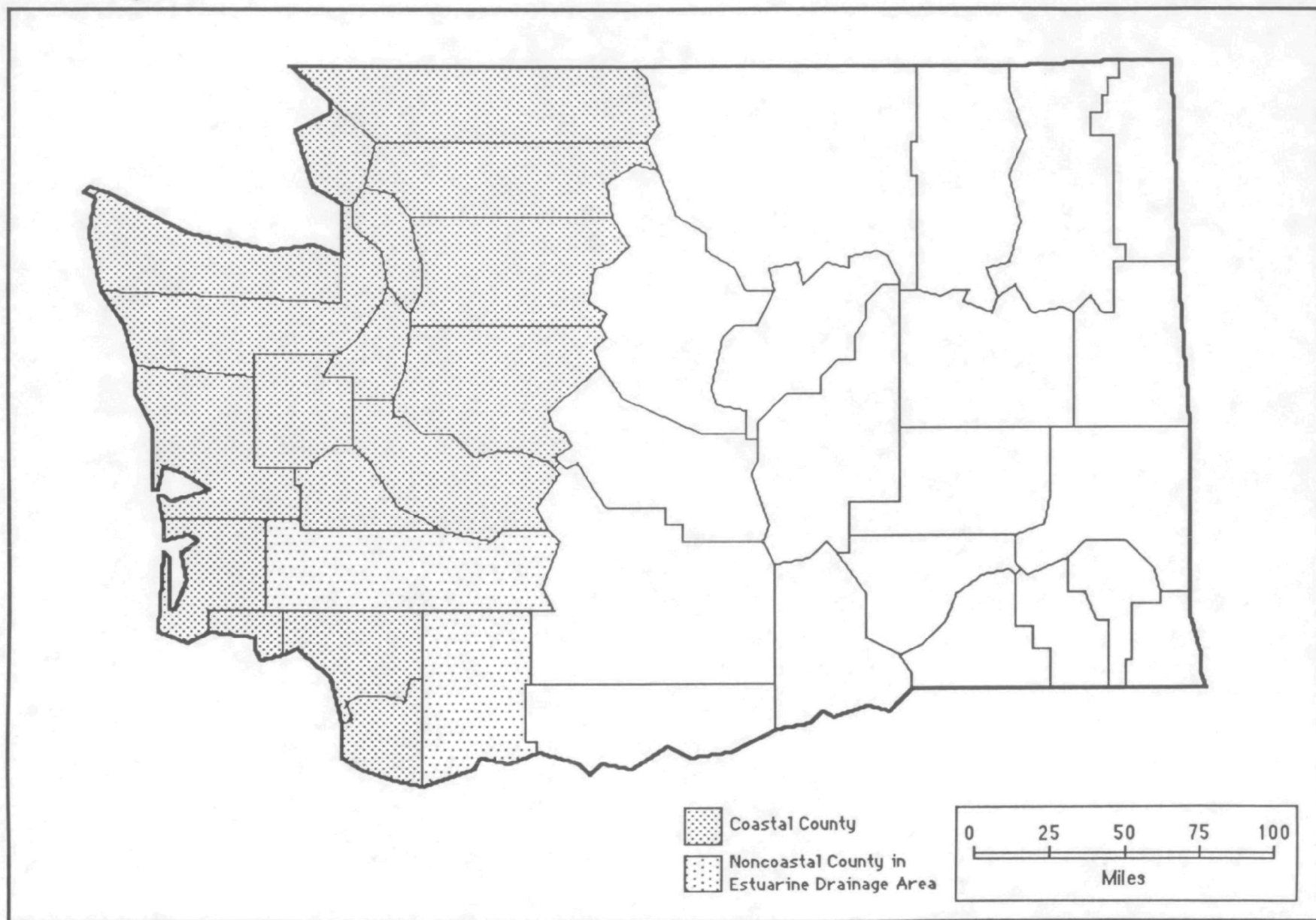




# Virginia



# Washington



## ESTUARINE DRAINAGE AREAS

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## Estuarine Drainage Areas

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## USGS Cataloging Units by Estuary

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### Passamaquoddy Bay

01050001 St. Croix , MN  
01050002 Maine Coastal, MN

### Englishman Bay

01050002 Maine Coastal, MN

### Narraugus Bay

01050002 Maine Coastal, MN

### Blue Hill Bay

01050002 Maine Coastal, MN

### Penobscot Bay

01050002 Maine Coastal, MN  
01020005 Lower Penobscot, MN

### Muscongus Bay

01050003 St. George-Sheepscot, MN  
01050002 Maine Coastal, MN

### Sheepscot Bay

01050003 St. George-Sheepscot, MN  
01030003 St. George-Sheepscot, MN  
01040002 Lower Androscoggin, MN/NH

### Casco Bay

01060001 Presumpscot, MN

### Saco Bay

01060001 Presumpscot, MN  
01060002 Saco, MN/NH

### Great Bay

01060003 Piscataqua-Salmon Falls, MN, NH, MA

### Merrimack River

01070002 Merrimack, MA/NH

### Boston Bay

01090001 Charles, MA

### Cape Cod

01090002 Cape Cod, MA/RI

### Buzzards Bay

01090002 Cape Cod, MA/RI

### Narragansett Bay

01090004 Narragansett, MA/RI

### Gardiners Bay

02030202 Southern Long Island, NY

### Long Island Sound

02030201 Northern Long Island, NY  
02030202 Southern Long Island, NY  
02030102 Southern Long Island, NY  
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01100006 Saugatuck, CT/NY  
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01100004 Quinnipiac, CT  
01080205 Lower Connecticut, CT/MA  
01100002 Shetucket, CT/MA  
01100003 Thames, CT

### Connecticut River

01080205 Lower Connecticut, CT/MA

### Great South Bay

02030202 Southern Long Island, NY

### Hudson/Raritan

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02020007 Rondout, NJ/NY  
02030103 Hackensack-Passai, NY/NJ  
02030105 Raritan, NJ  
02030104 Sandy Hook-Staten Island, NY/NJ

### Barnegat Bay

02040301 Mullica-Toms, NJ

### Delaware Bay

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02040205 Brandywine-Christina, DL/MD/PA  
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02070011 Lower Potomac, MD/VA  
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02080102 Great Wicomico-Piankatank, VA  
02080101 Lower Chesapeake Bay, VA  
02080109 Western Lower Delmarva, VA  
02080105 Mattaponi, VA  
02080106 Pamunkey, VA  
02080107 York, VA  
02080205 Middle James-Willis, VA  
02080206 Lower James, VA  
02080207 Appotamox, VA  
02080208 Hampton Roads, VA  
02080108 Lynnhaven-Poquoson, VA  
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02060001 Upper Chesapeake Bay, MD  
02060004 Severn, MD  
02060005 Choptank, DL/MD  
02060003 Gunpowder-Patapsco, MD/PA  
02060002 Chester-Sassafras, DL/MD/PA  
02060007 Blackwater-Wicomico, DL/MD  
02060008 Nanticoke, DL/MD  
02060009 Pocomoke, DL/MD/VA

### Potomac River

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Occoquan, DC/MD/VA  
02070011 Lower Potomac, MD/VA

### Rappahannock River

02080104 Lower Rappahannock, VA

### York River

02080107 York, VA  
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02080105 Mattaponi, VA

### James River

02080202 Maury, VA  
02080206 Lower James, VA  
02080207 Appotamox, VA  
02080205 Middle James-Willis, VA

### Albemarle Sound

03010203 Ghowan, NC/VA  
03010107 Lower Roanoke, NC  
03010205 Albemarle, NC/VA

### Pamlico Sound

03020105 Pamlico Sound, NC  
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03020104 Pamlico, NC  
03020103 Lower Tar, NC  
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03020204 Lower Neuse, NC  
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### Pamlico and Pungo Rivers

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03020103 Lower Tar, NC

### Neuse River

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03020204 Lower Neuse, NC

### Bogue Sound

03020106 Bogue-Core Sounds, NC

### New River

03030001 New, NC

### Cape Fear River

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03030007 Northeast Cape Fear, NC  
03030005 Lower Cape Fear, NC

### Winyah Bay

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03040202 Lynches, NC/SC  
03040204 Little Pee Dee, NC/SC

### Charleston Harbor

03050202 South Carolina Coastal, SC  
03050201 Cooper SC

### Santee River

03050112 Santee, SC

### St. Helena Sound

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03050208 Broad-St. Helena, GA

### Broad River

03050208 Broad-St. Helena, GA/SC

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### Savannah Sound

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03060109 Lower Savannah, GA/SC

### Ossabaw Sound

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03060202 Lower Ogeechee, GA

### St. Catherines/Sapelo Sound

03060204 Ogeechee Coastal, GA

### Altamaha River

03070106 Altamaha, GA

### St. Andrew/St. Simon Sound

03070203 Cumberland-St. Simons, GA  
03070201 Satilla, GA

### St. Johns River

03080101 Upper St. Johns, FL  
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### Indian River

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03080202 Cape Canaveral, FL

### Biscayne Bay

03090202 Everglades, FL

### Ten Thousand Islands

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03090204 Big Cypress Swamp, FL

### Charlotte Harbor

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03100101 Peace, FL  
03100102 Myakka, FL

### Caloosahatchee River

03090205 Caloosahatchee, FL

### Tampa Bay

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### Suwanee River

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03110102 Econfinia-Steinhatchee, FL  
03110205 Lower Suwanee, FL

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### St. Andrew Bay

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### Choctawhatchee Bay

03140102 Choctawhatchee Bay, FL  
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### Pensacola Bay

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03140304 Lower Conecuh, AL/FL

### Perdido Bay

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### Mobile Bay

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### Mississippi Delta Region

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08090100 Lower Mississippi-New Orleans, LA  
08090301 East Central Louisiana Coastal, LA  
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08070100 Lower Mississippi-Baton Rouge, LA  
08070201 Bayou Sara-Thompson, LA/MS

### Atchafalaya

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08080103 Vermilion, LA

### Calcasieu Lake

08080206 Lower Calcasieu, LA

### Sabine Lake

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### Galveston Bay

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12070104 Lower Brazos, TX

### Matagorda Bay

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12100407 Aransas, TX

### Corpus Christi Bay

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12110111 Lower Nueces, TX

### Laguna Madre

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12110204 San Fernando, TX  
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### Baffin Bay

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### San Diego Bay

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### San Pedro Bay

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18070105 Los Angeles, CA  
18070106 San Gabriel, CA  
18070201 Seal Beach, CA

### Santa Monica Bay

18070104 Santa Monica Bay, CA

### Monterey Bay

18060001 San Lorenzo-Soquel, CA  
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18050003 Coyote, CA

### Suisun Bay

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### Eel River

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### Humboldt Bay

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### Klamath River

18010209 Lower California, CA/OR

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### Winchester Bay

17100303 Umpqua, Or

### Columbia River

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17080001 Lower Columbia-Sandy, OR/WA  
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### Grays Harbor

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### Puget Sound

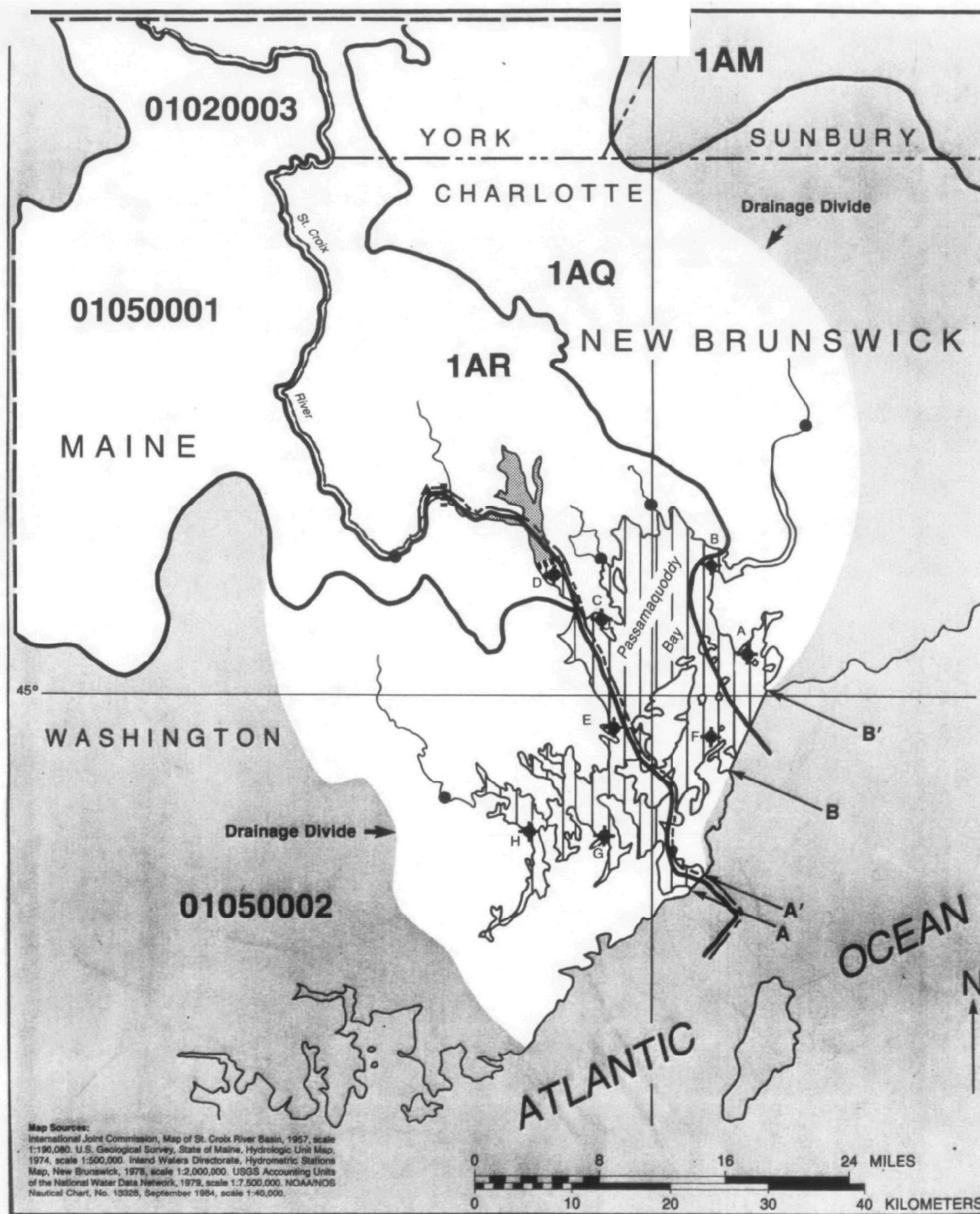
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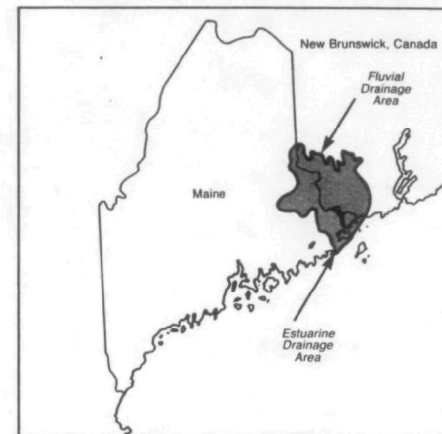
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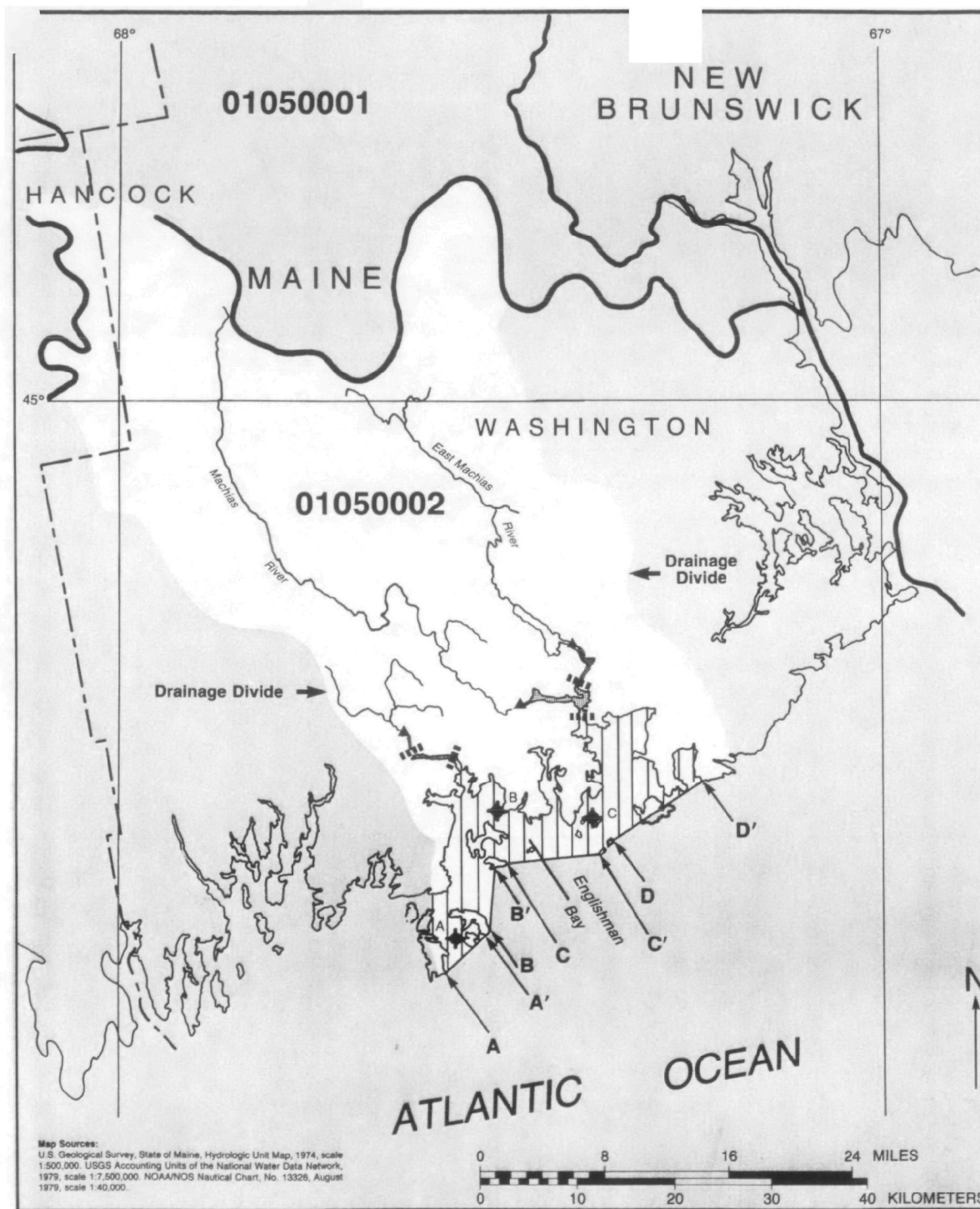
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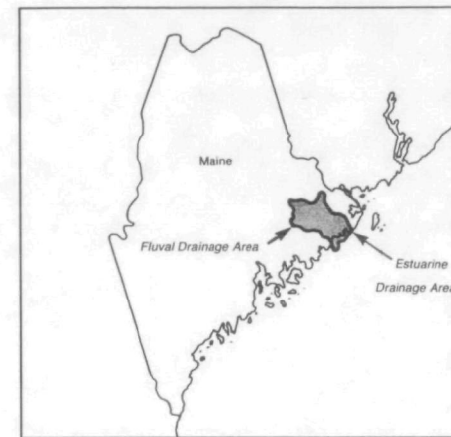
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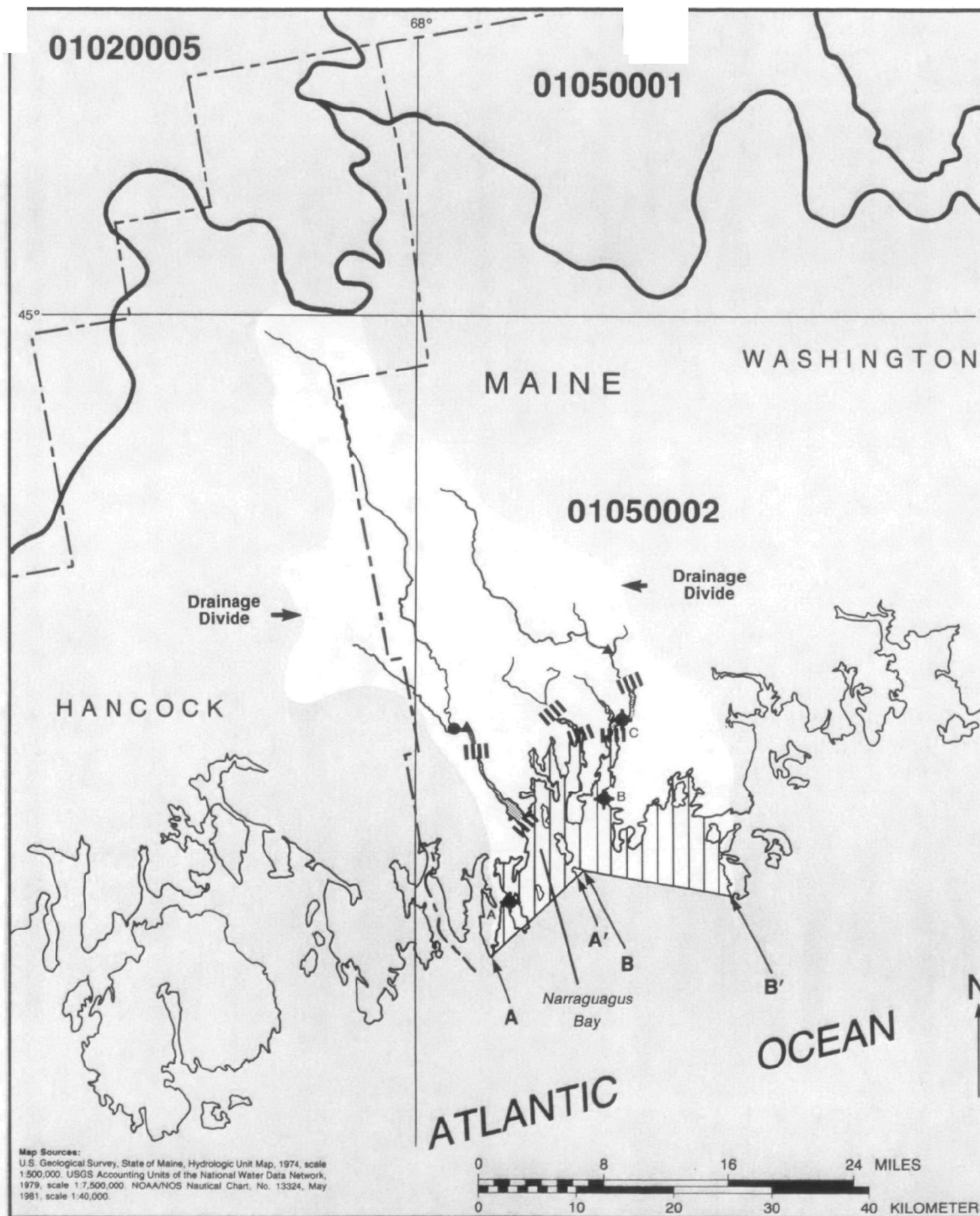
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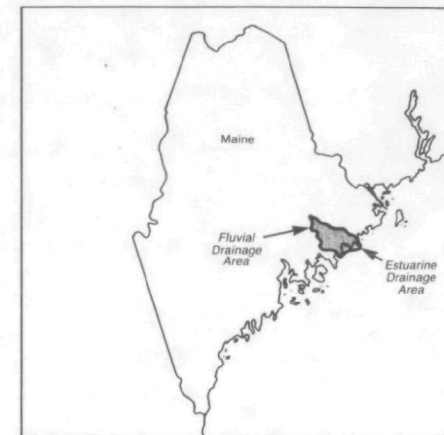
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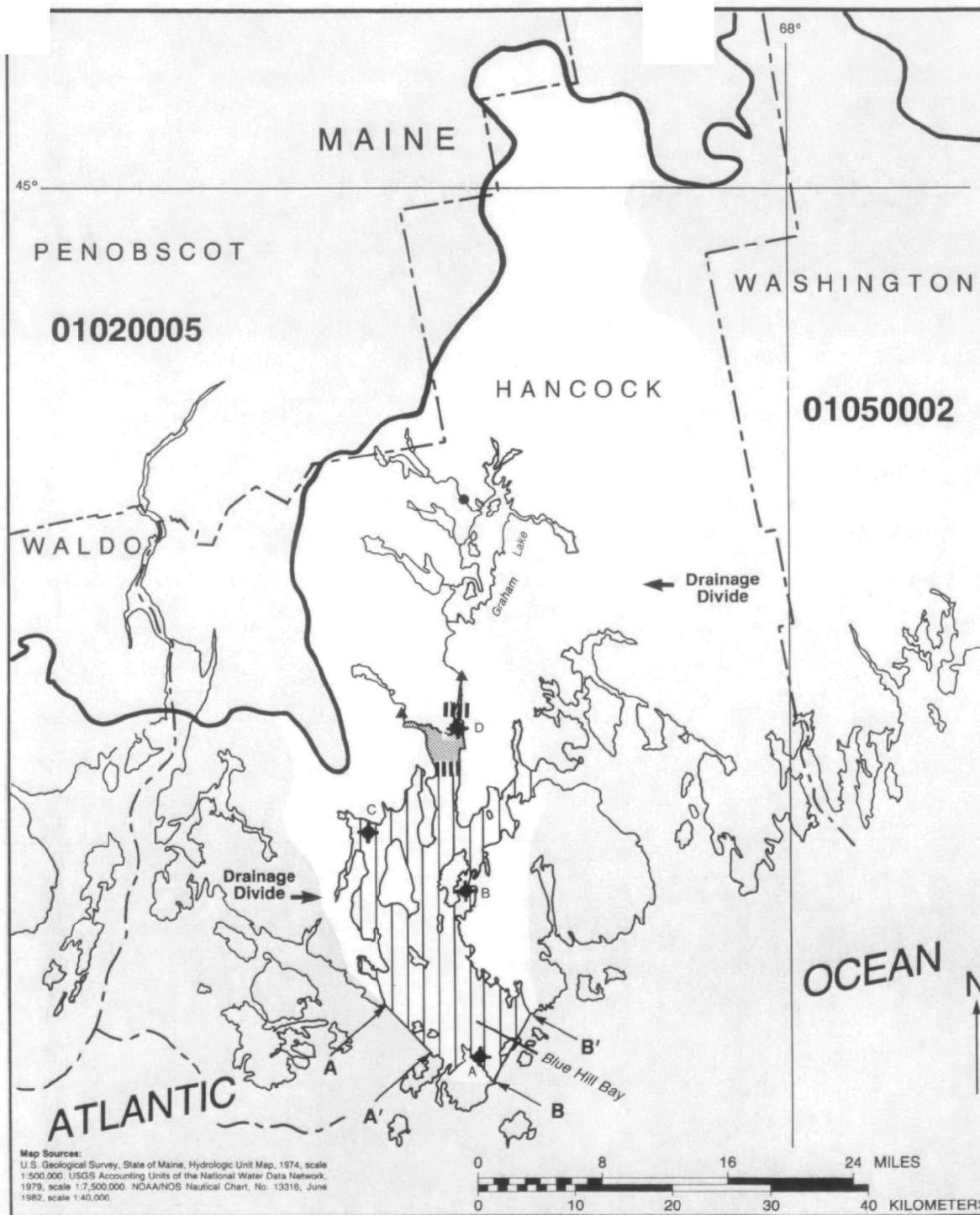
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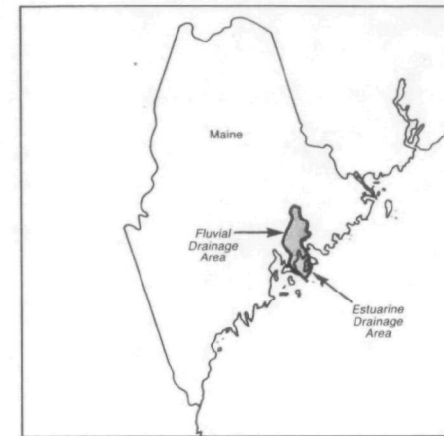
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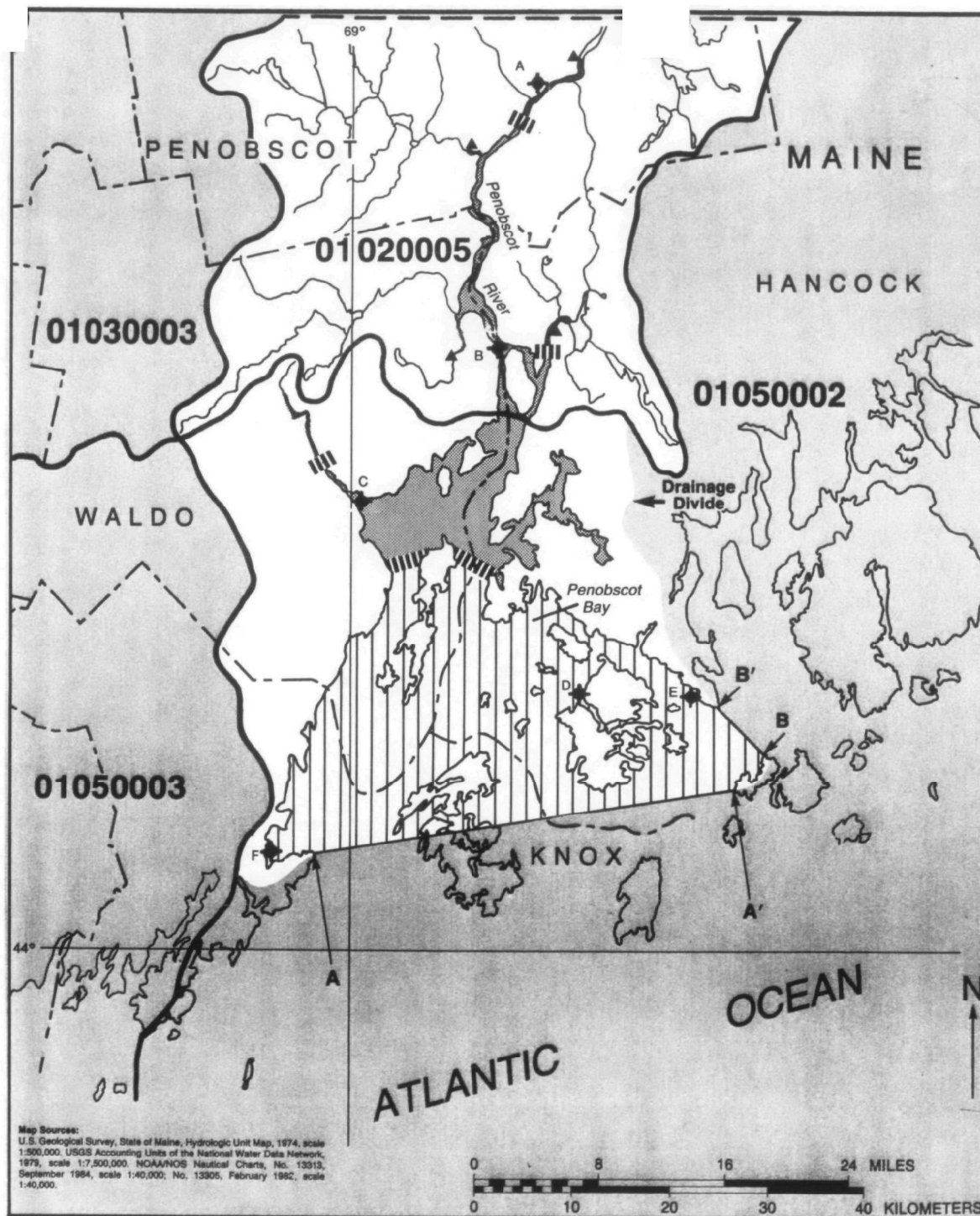


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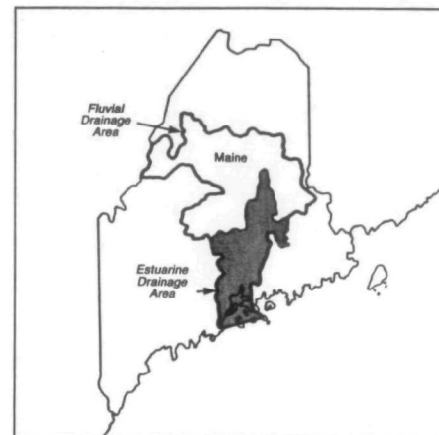


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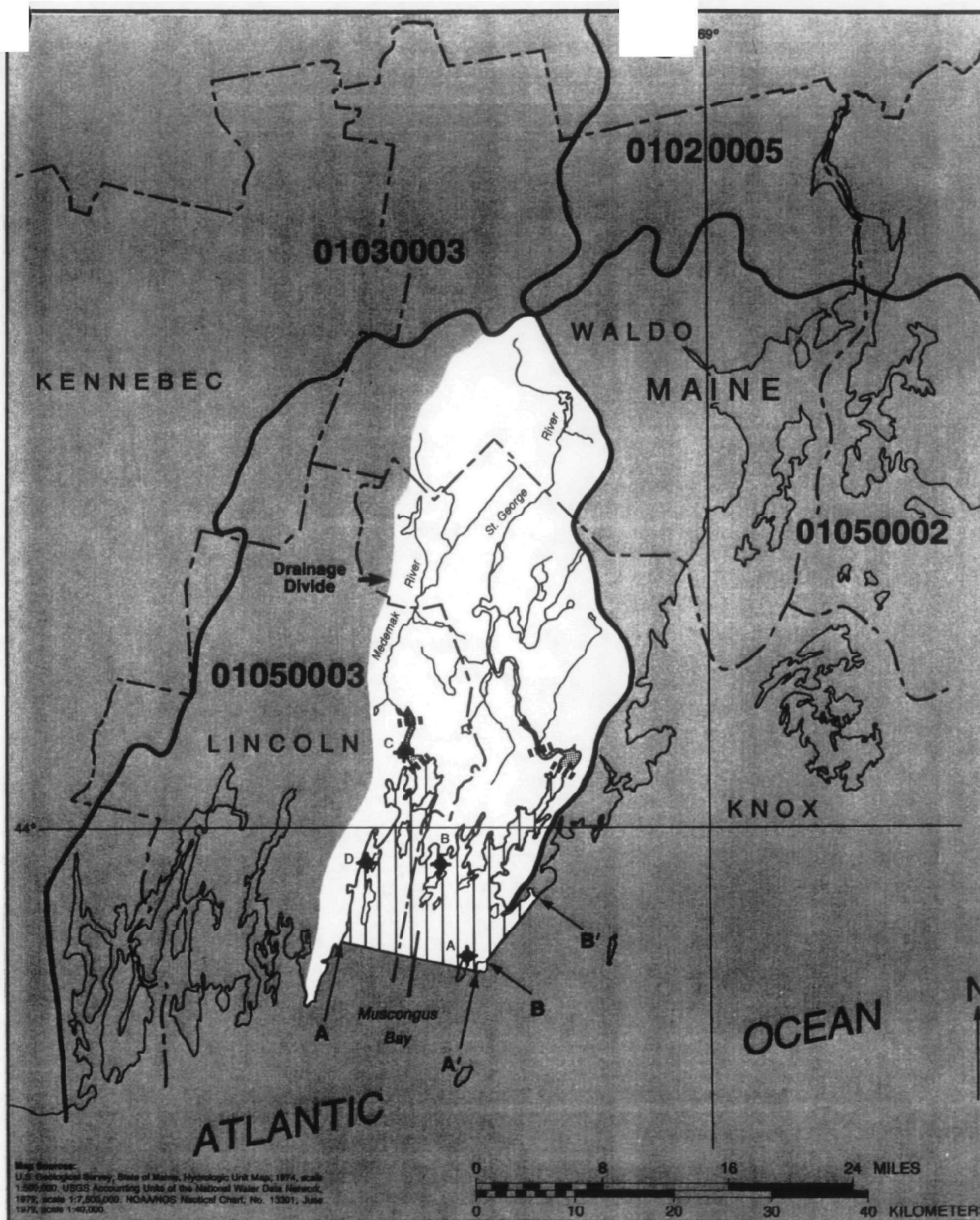
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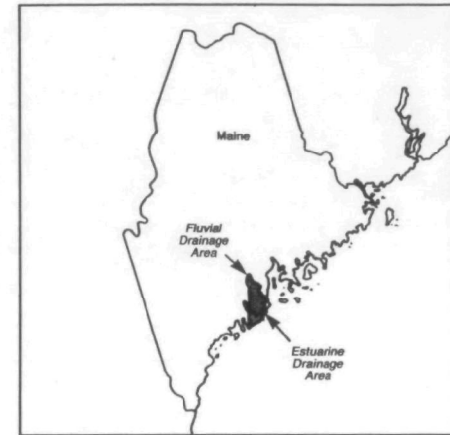
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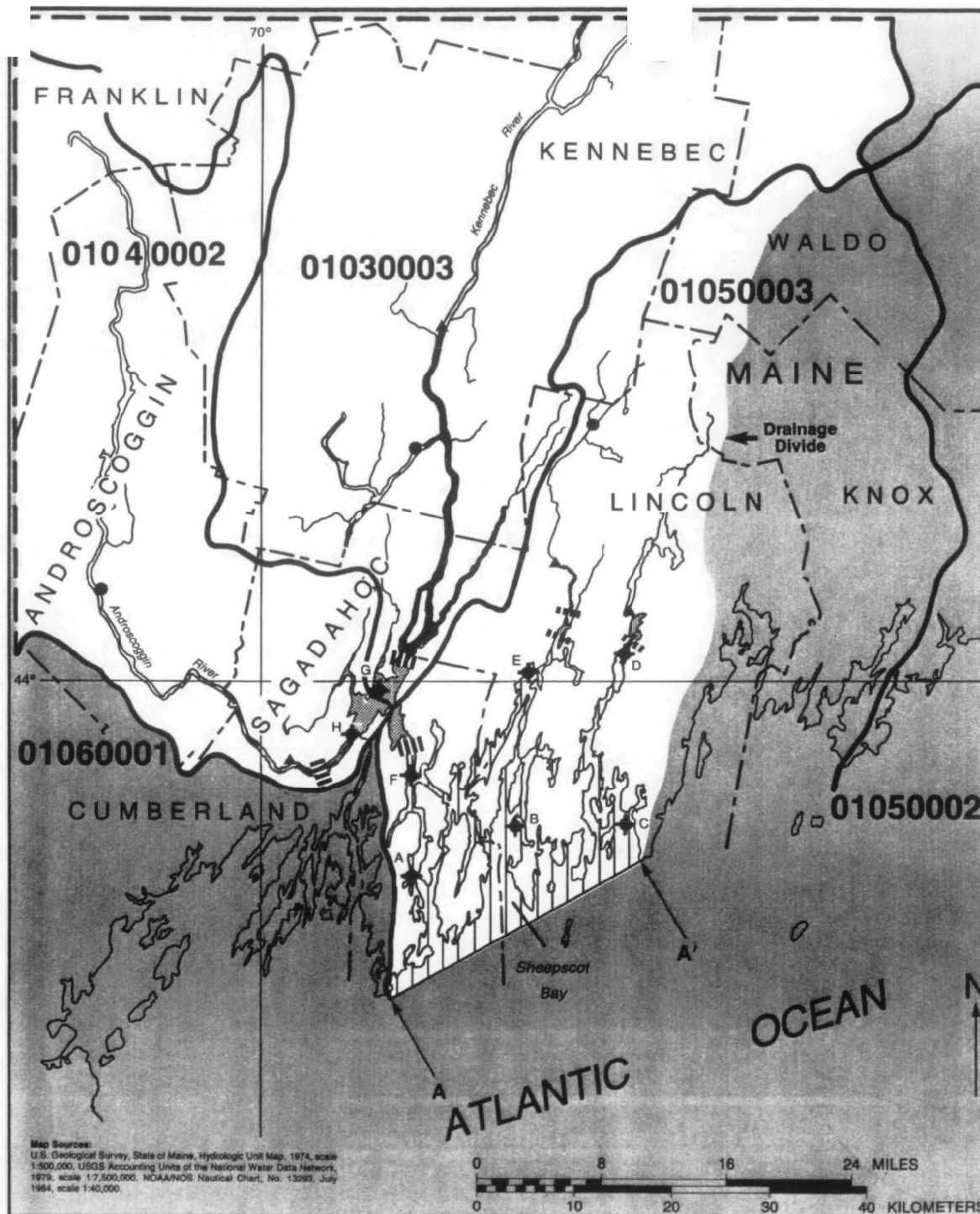
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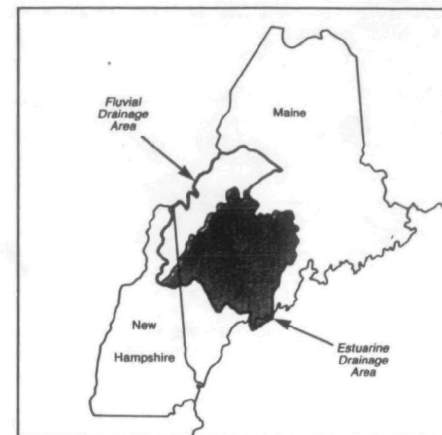
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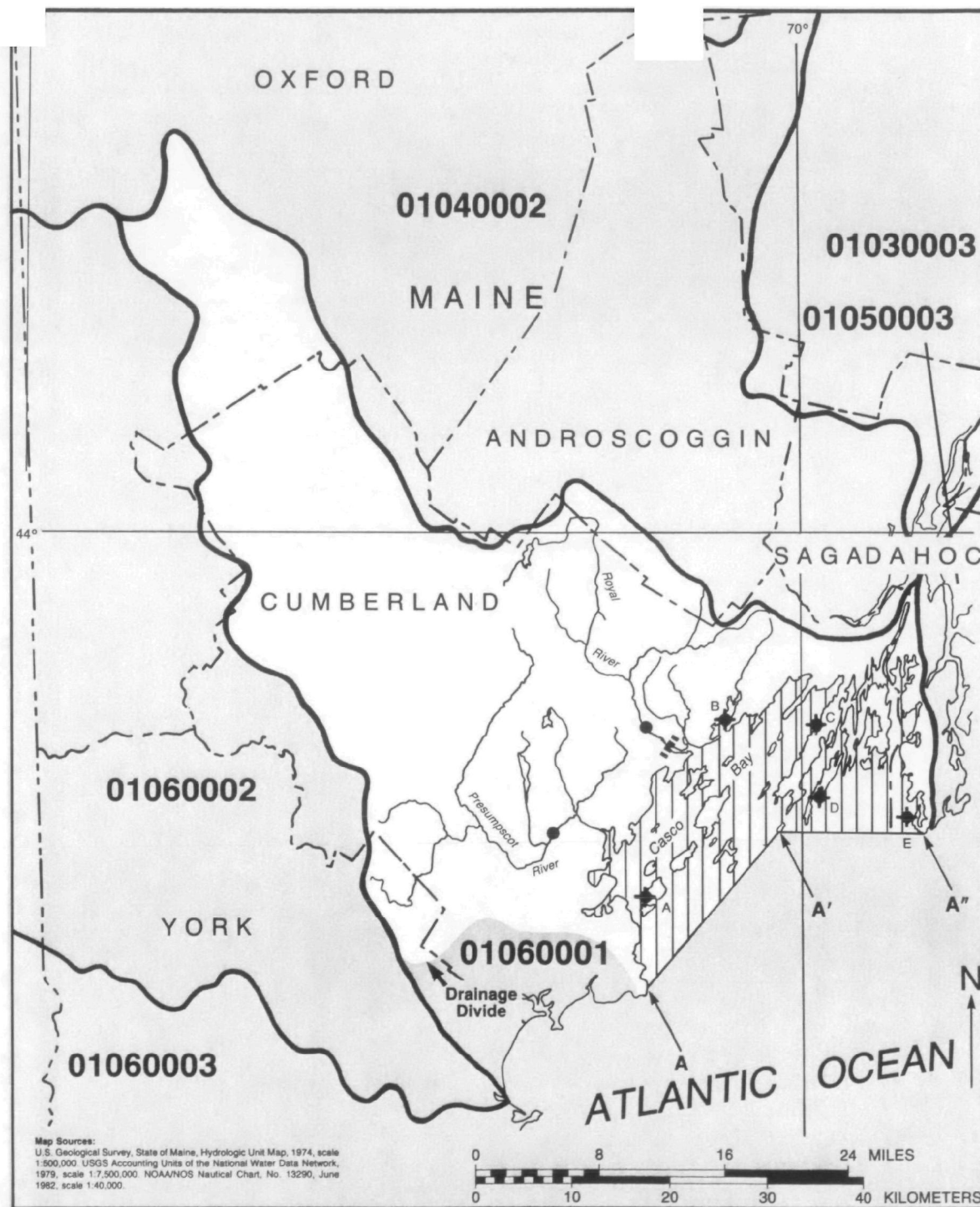


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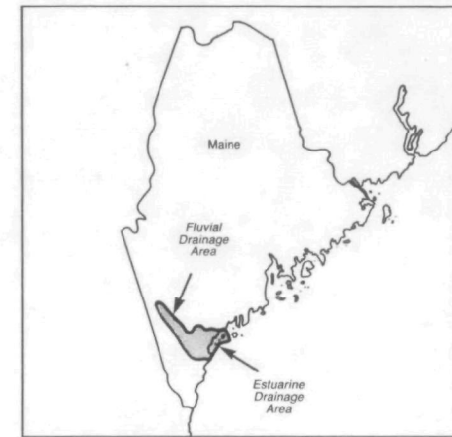


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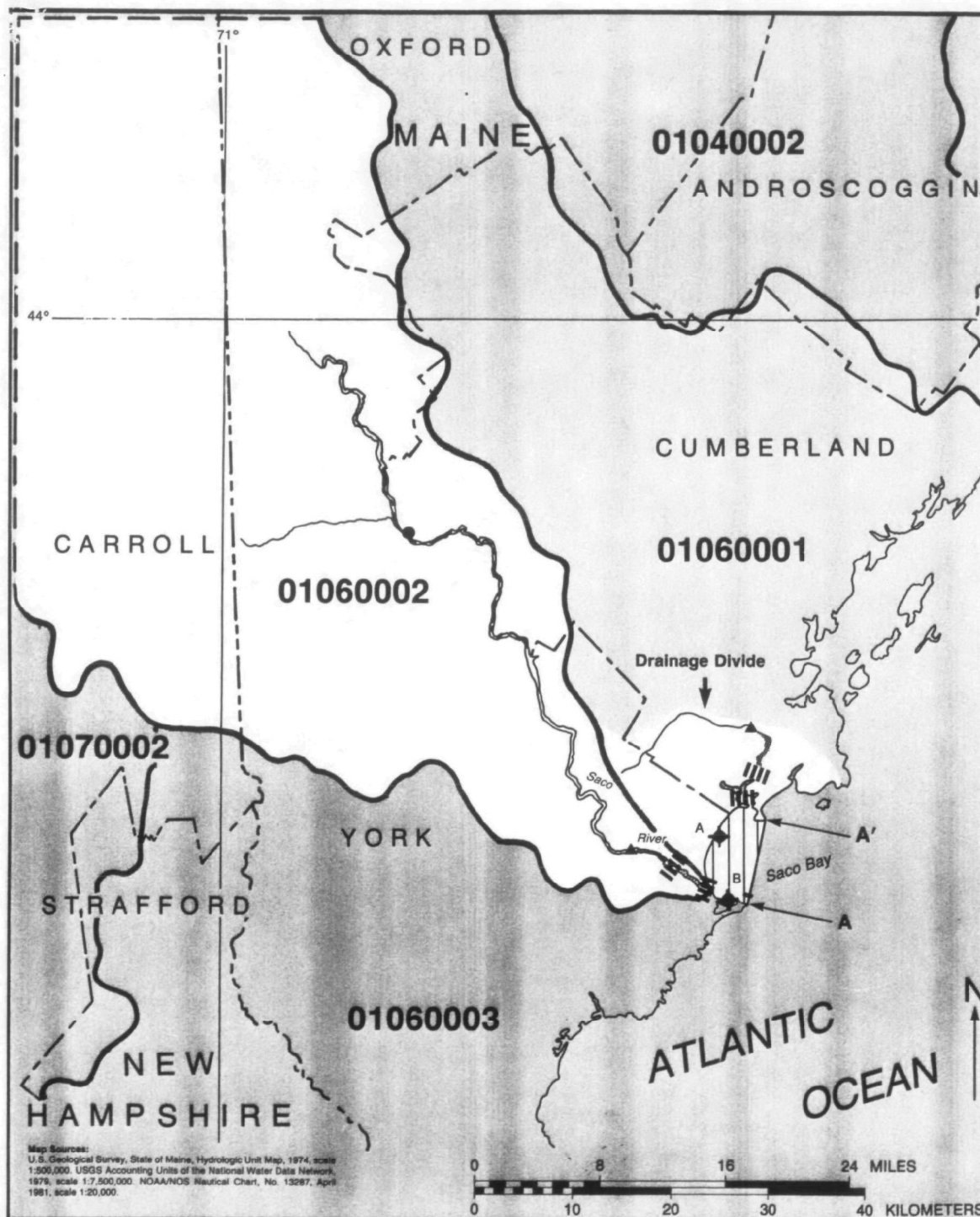
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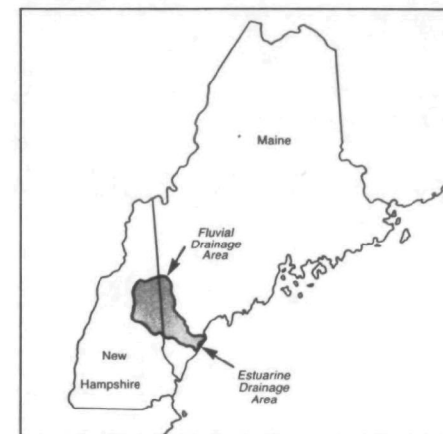
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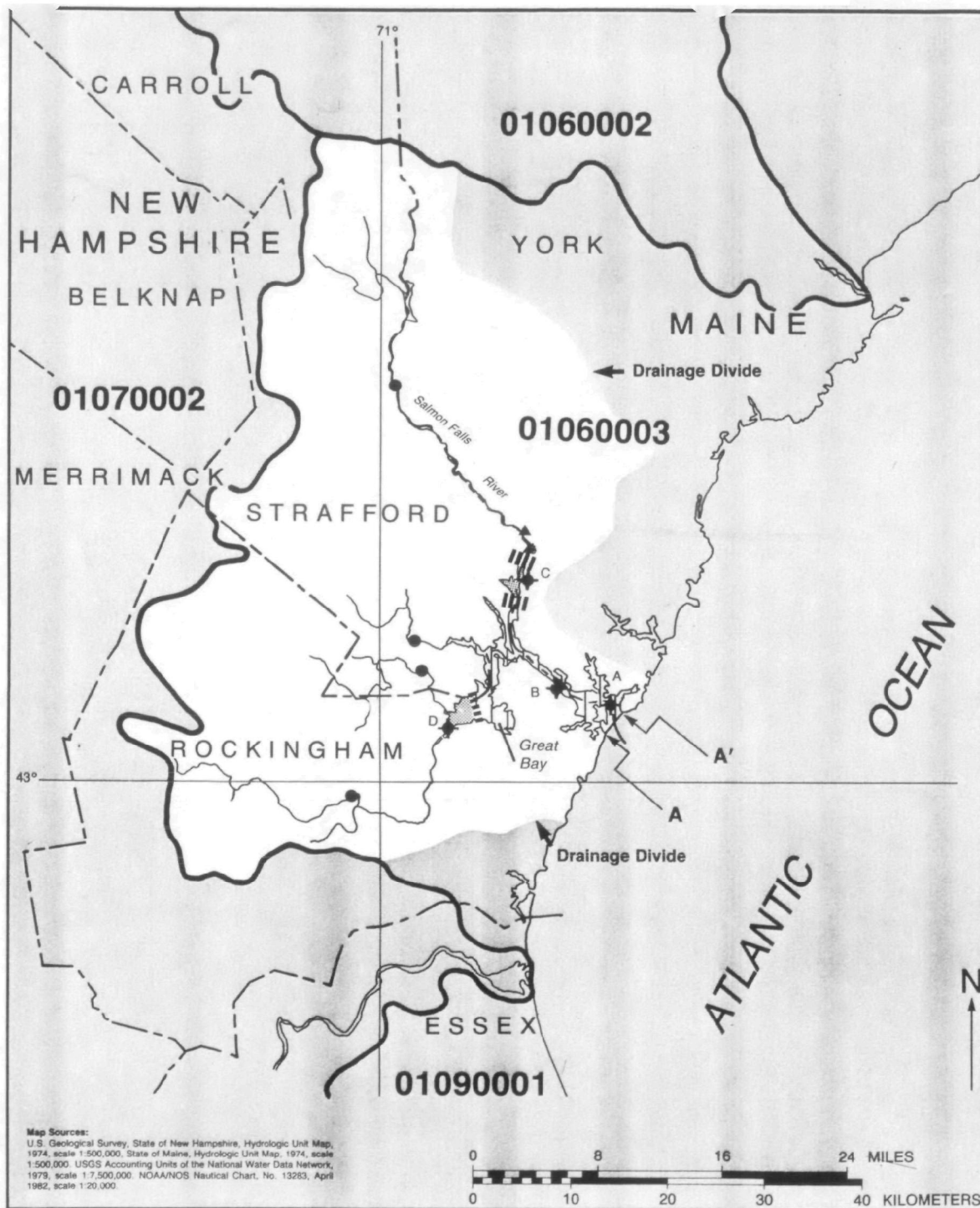
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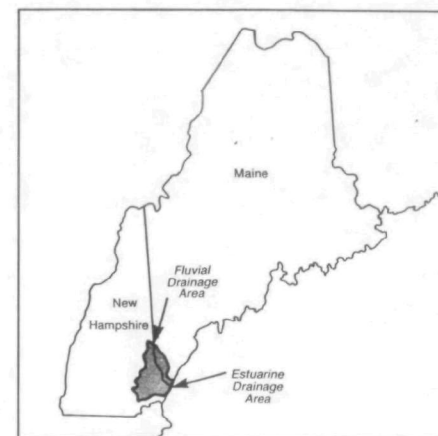
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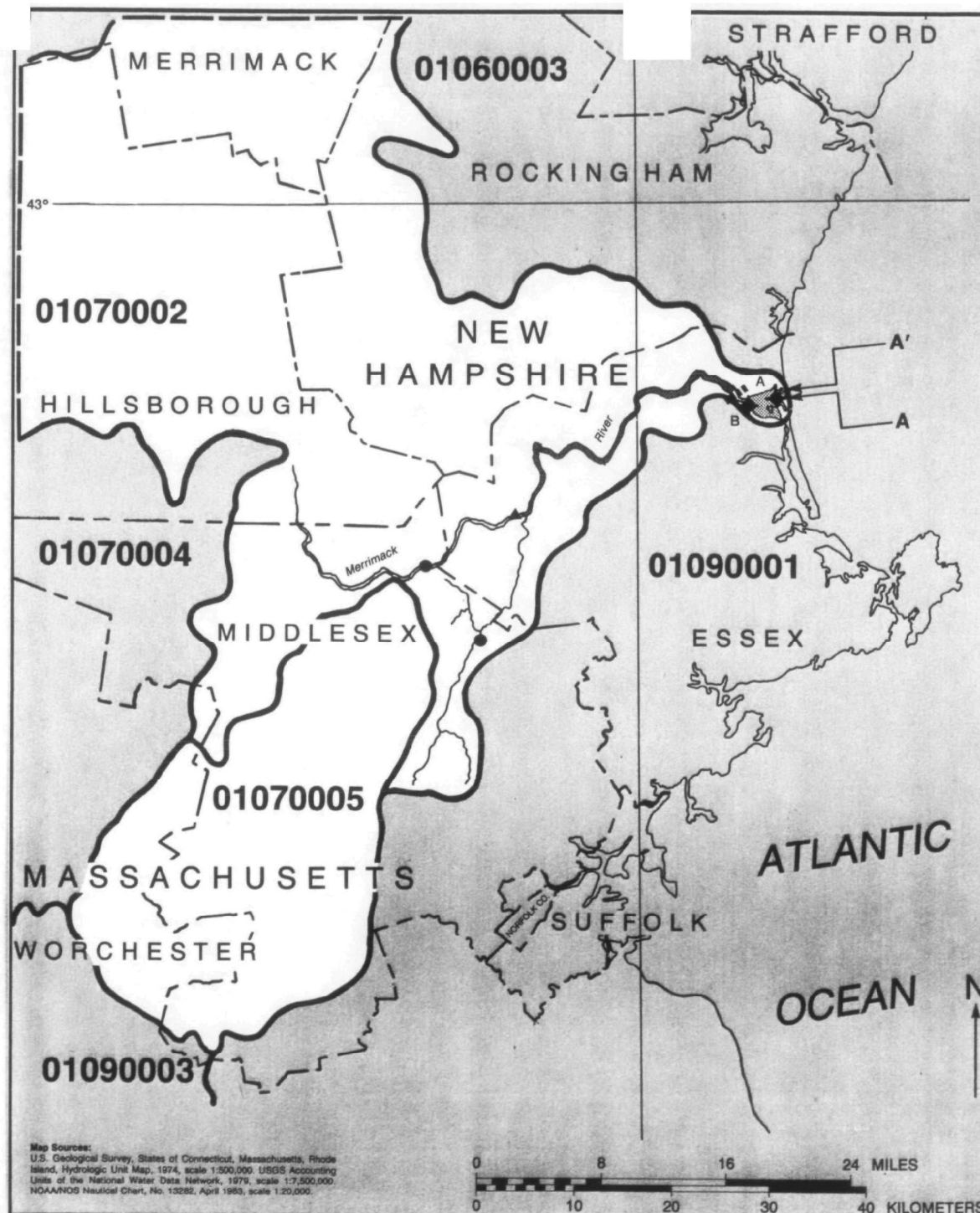
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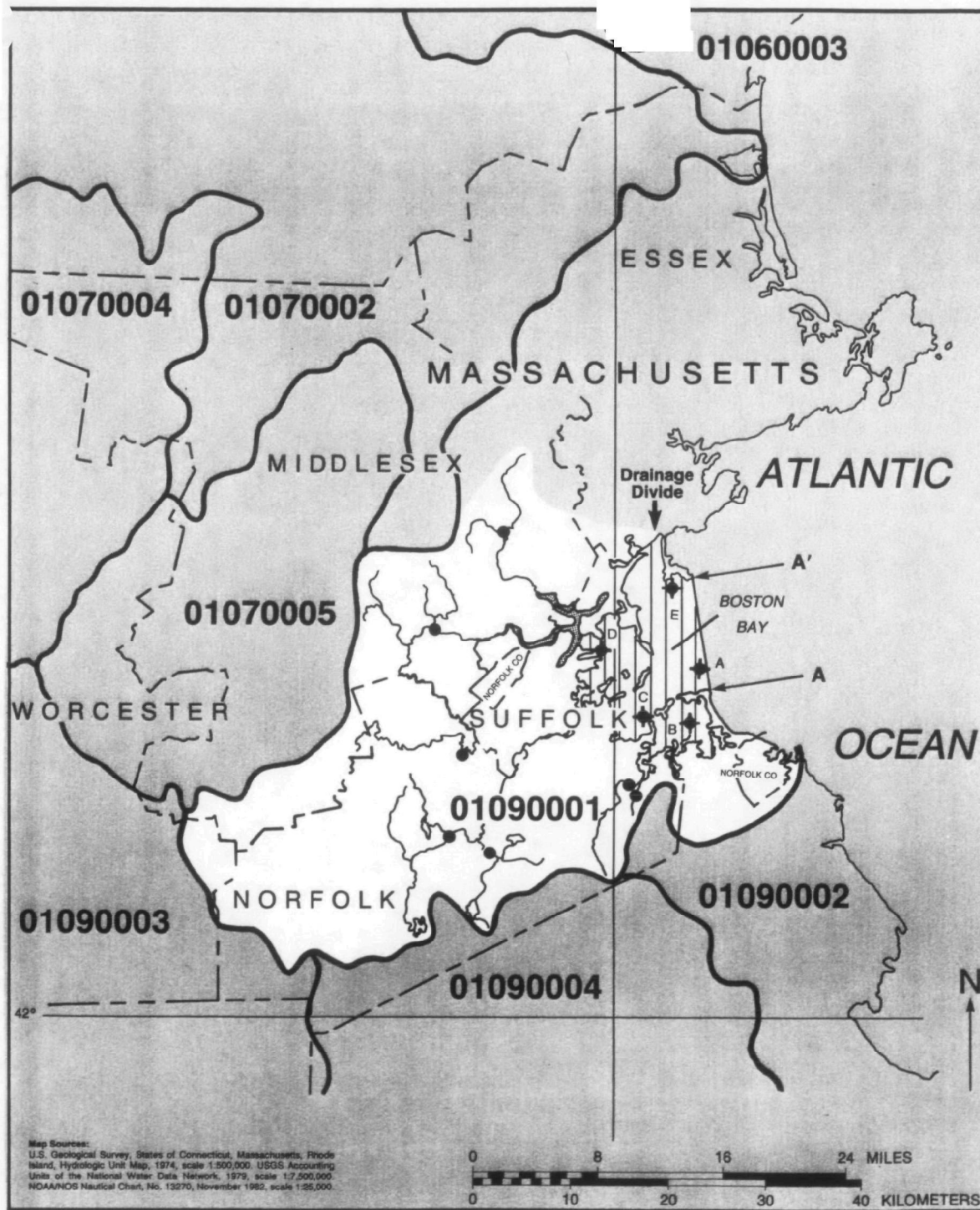


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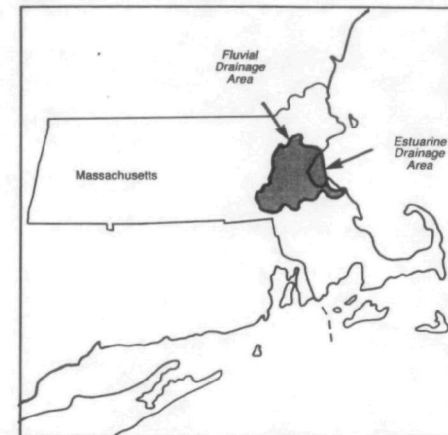


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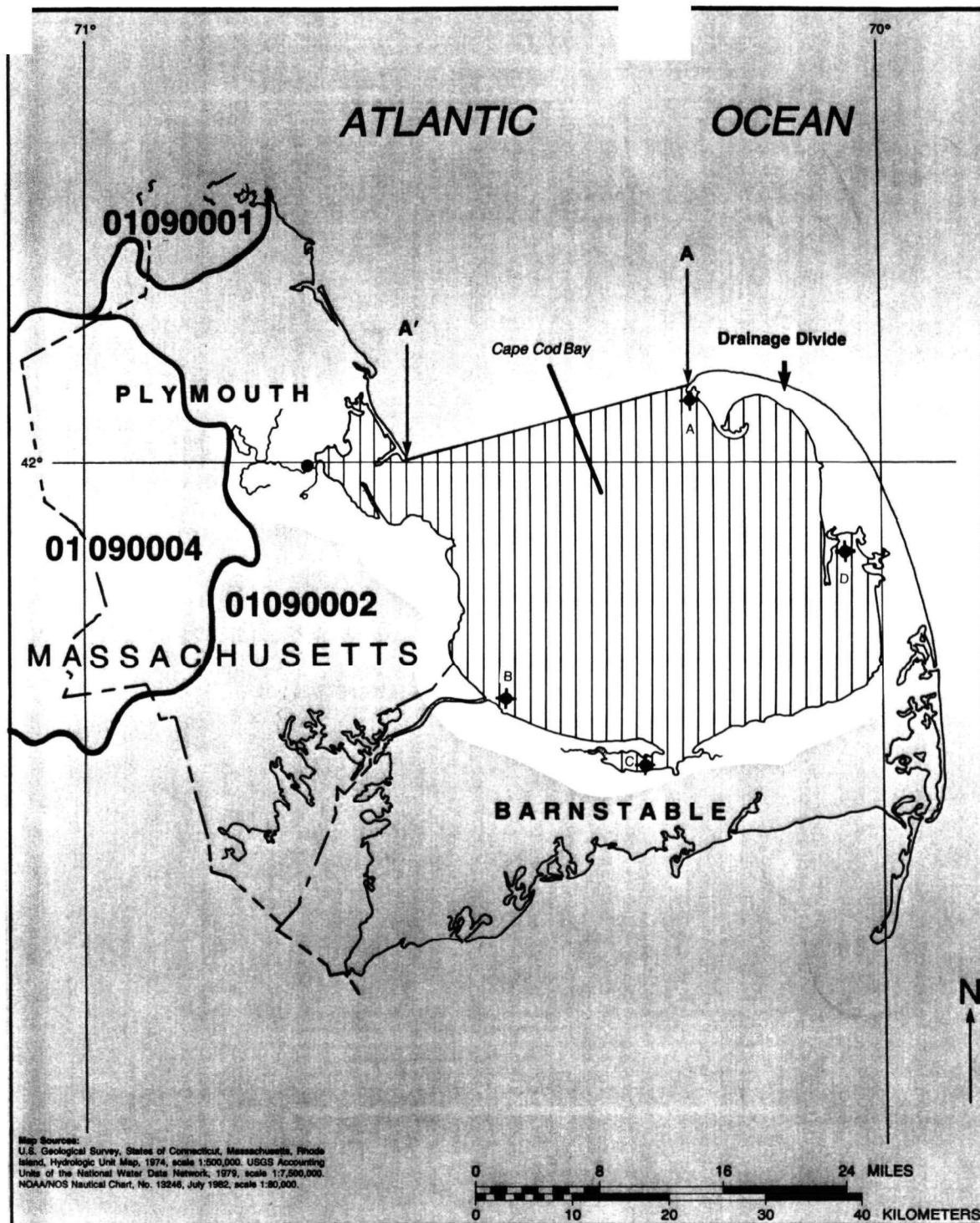
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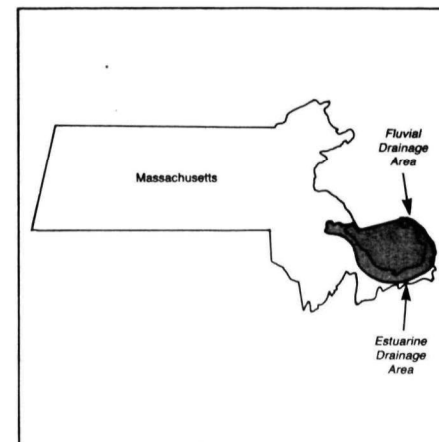
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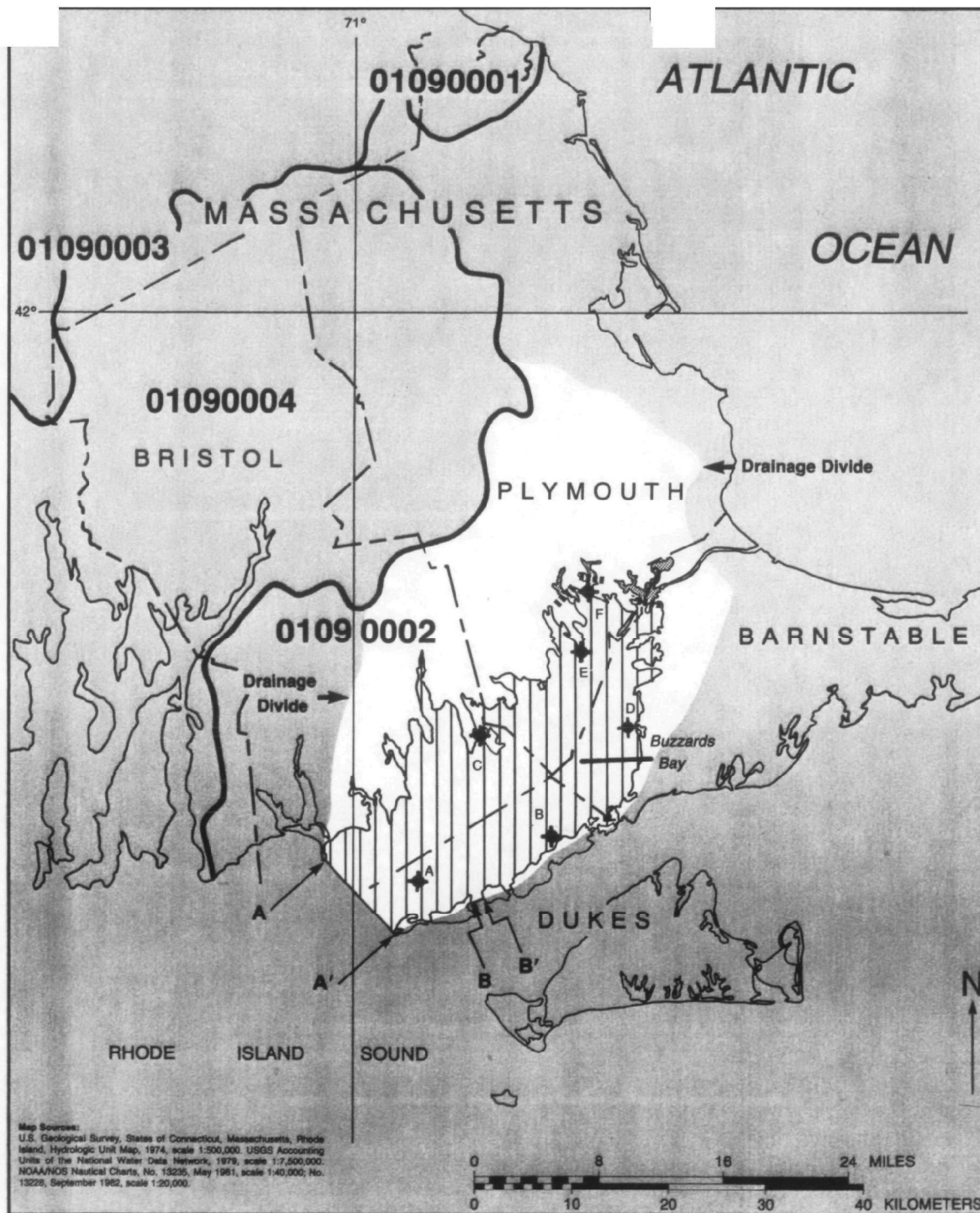
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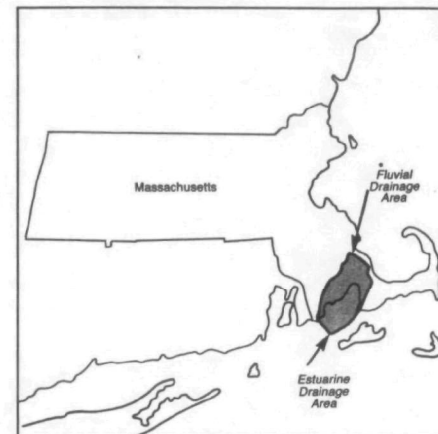
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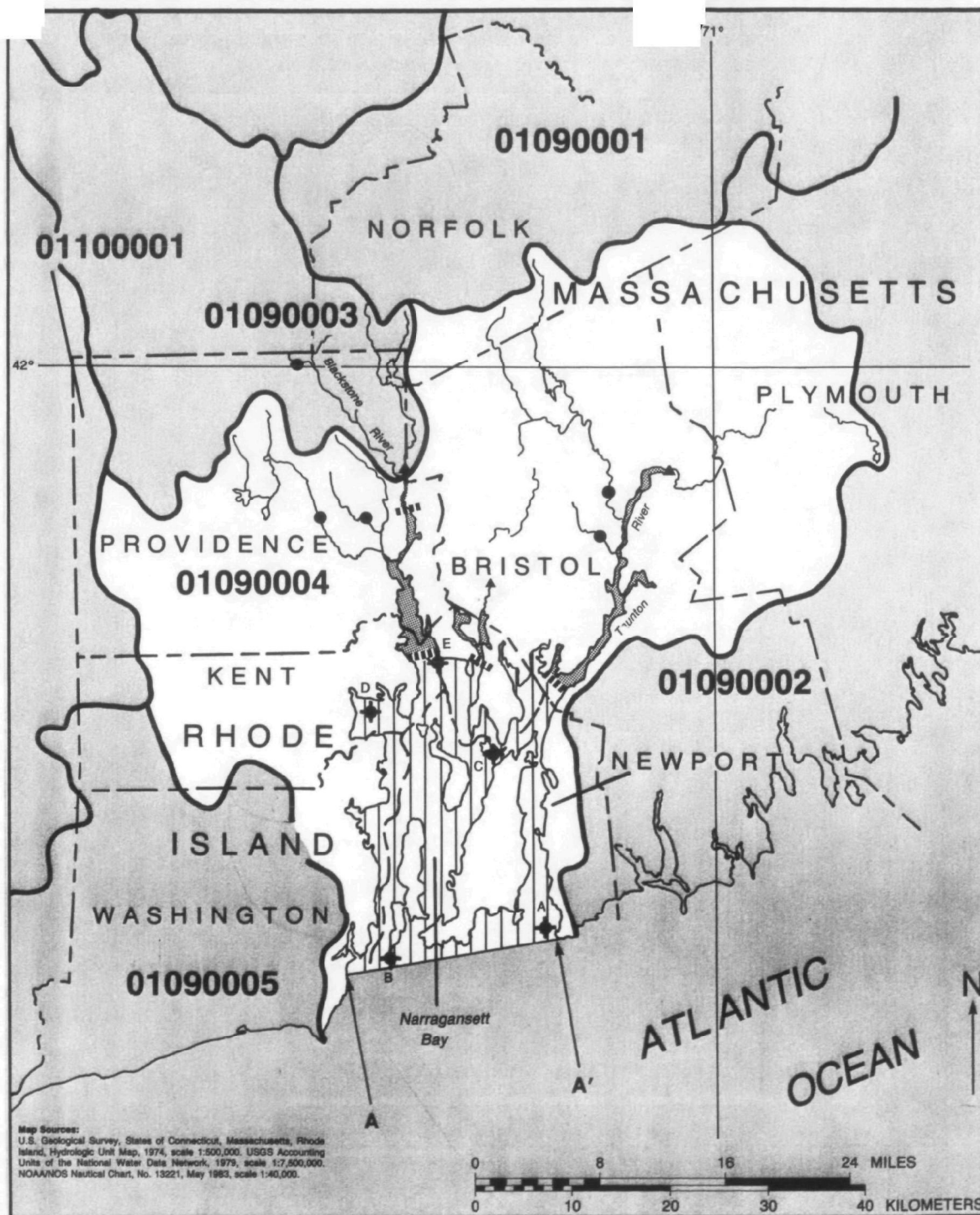


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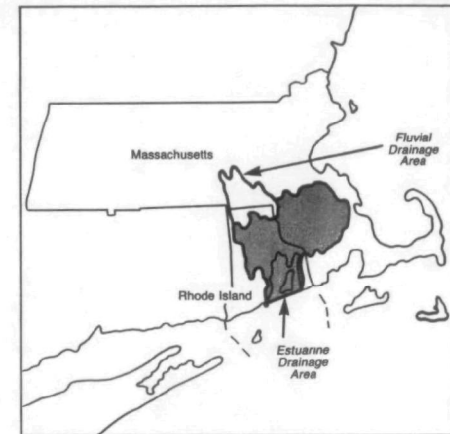
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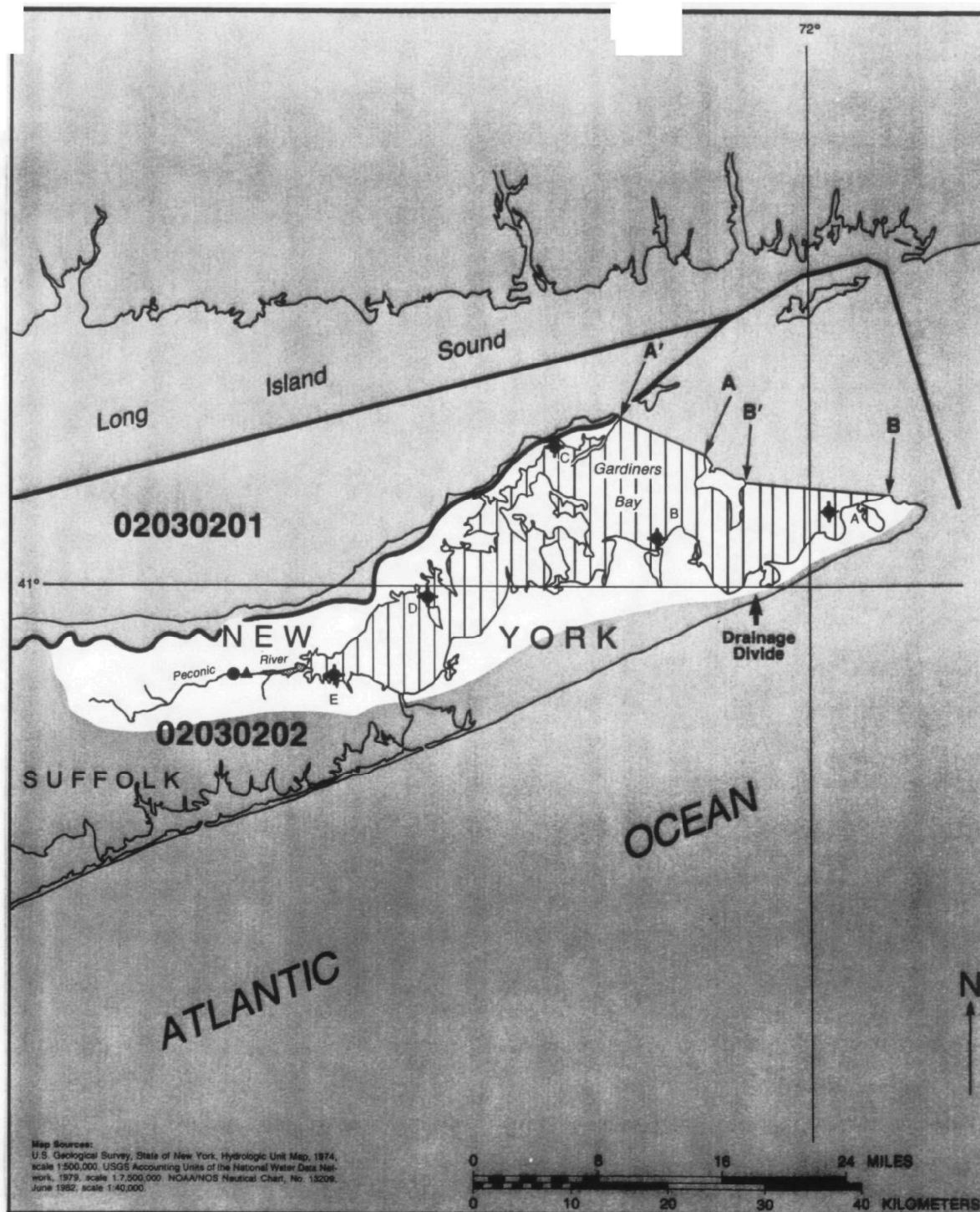


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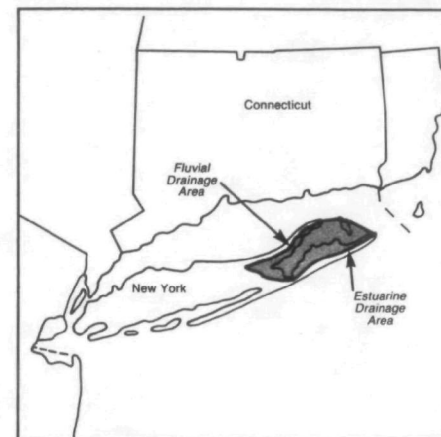


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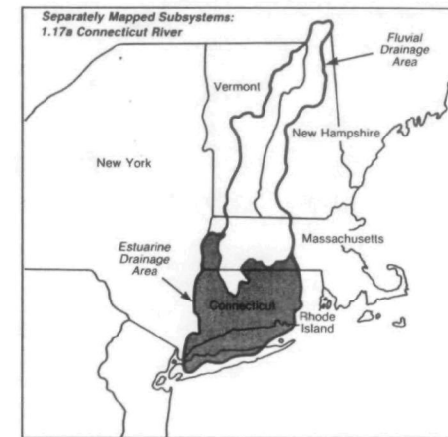
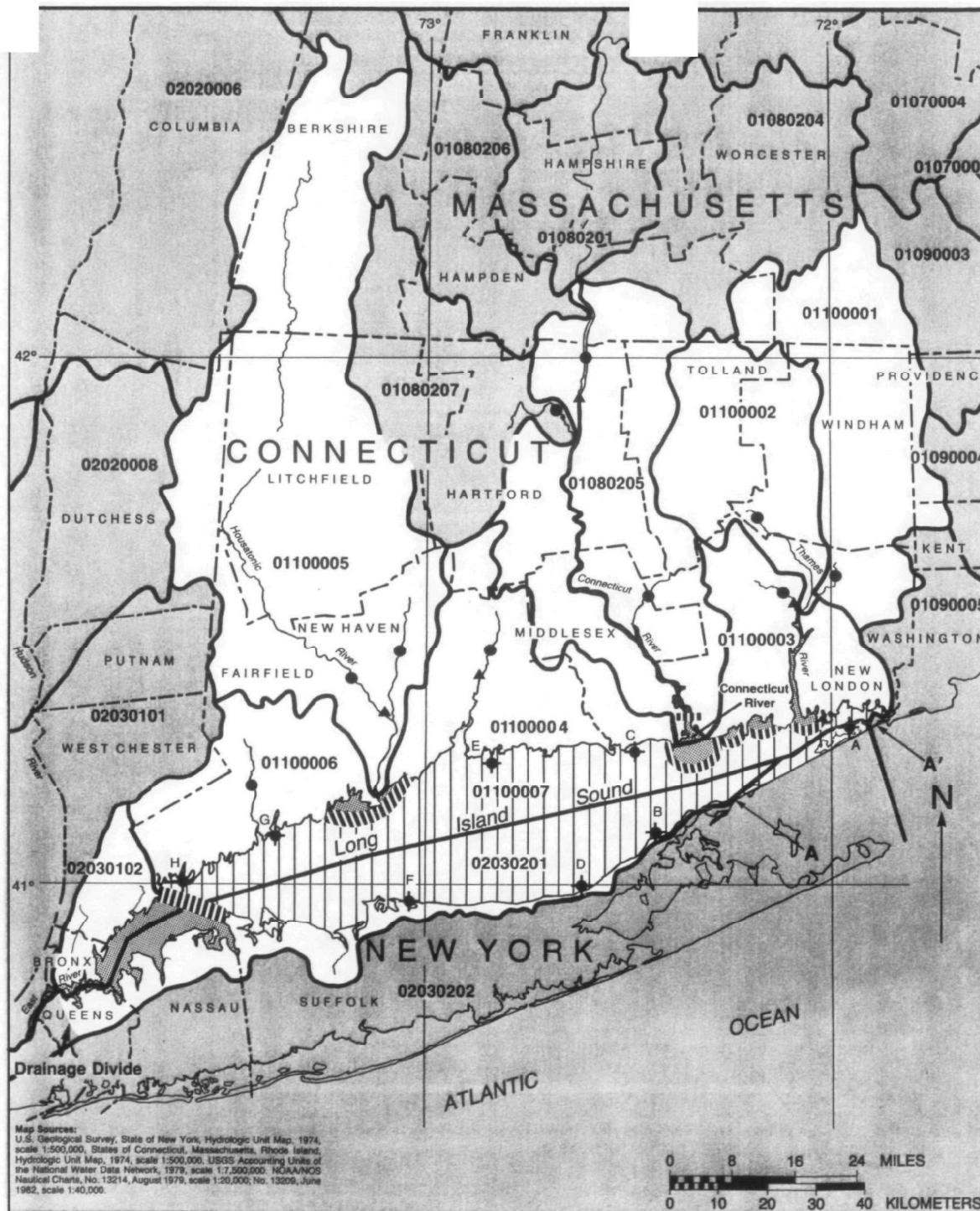


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# Long Island Sound NY, CT, MA



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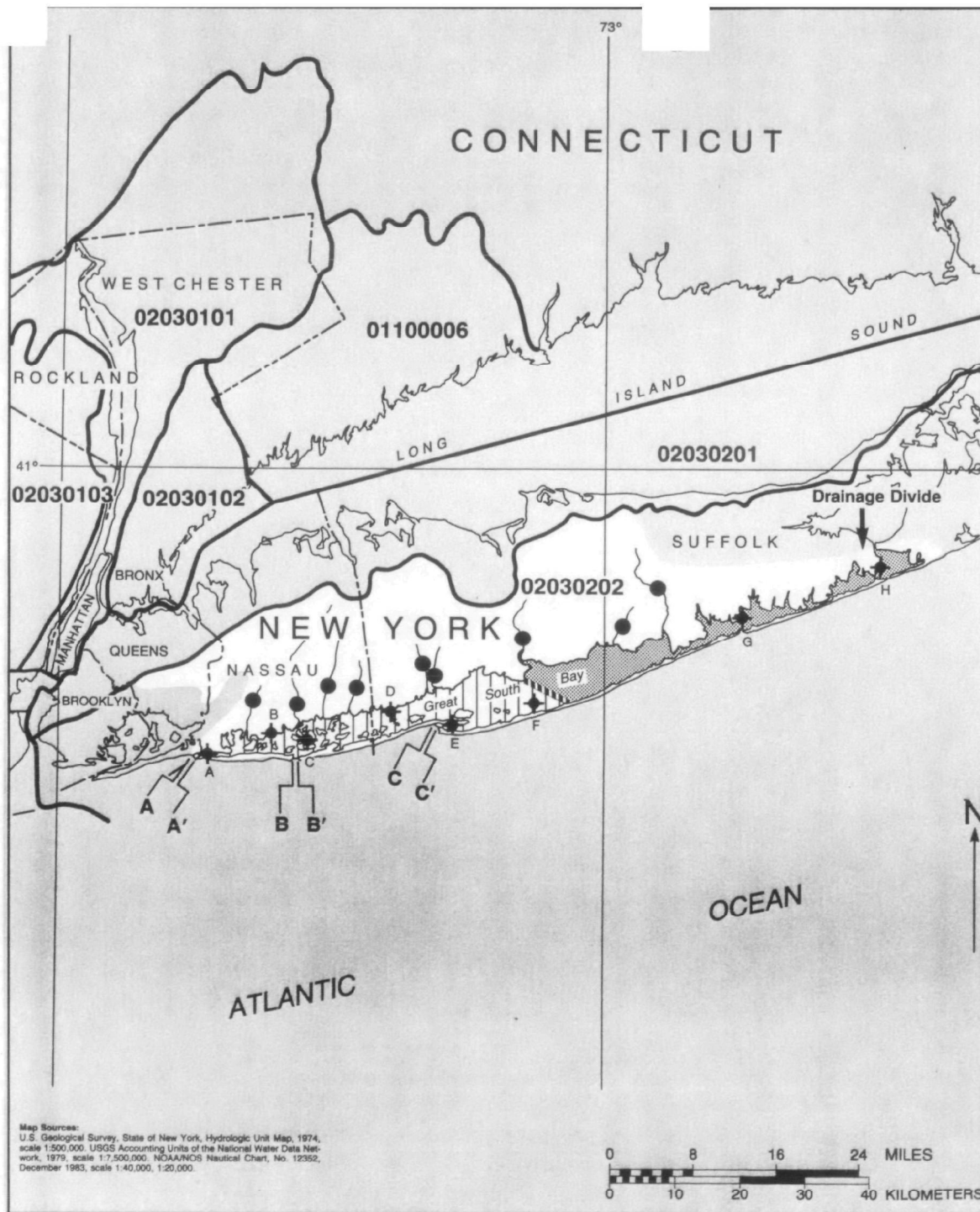


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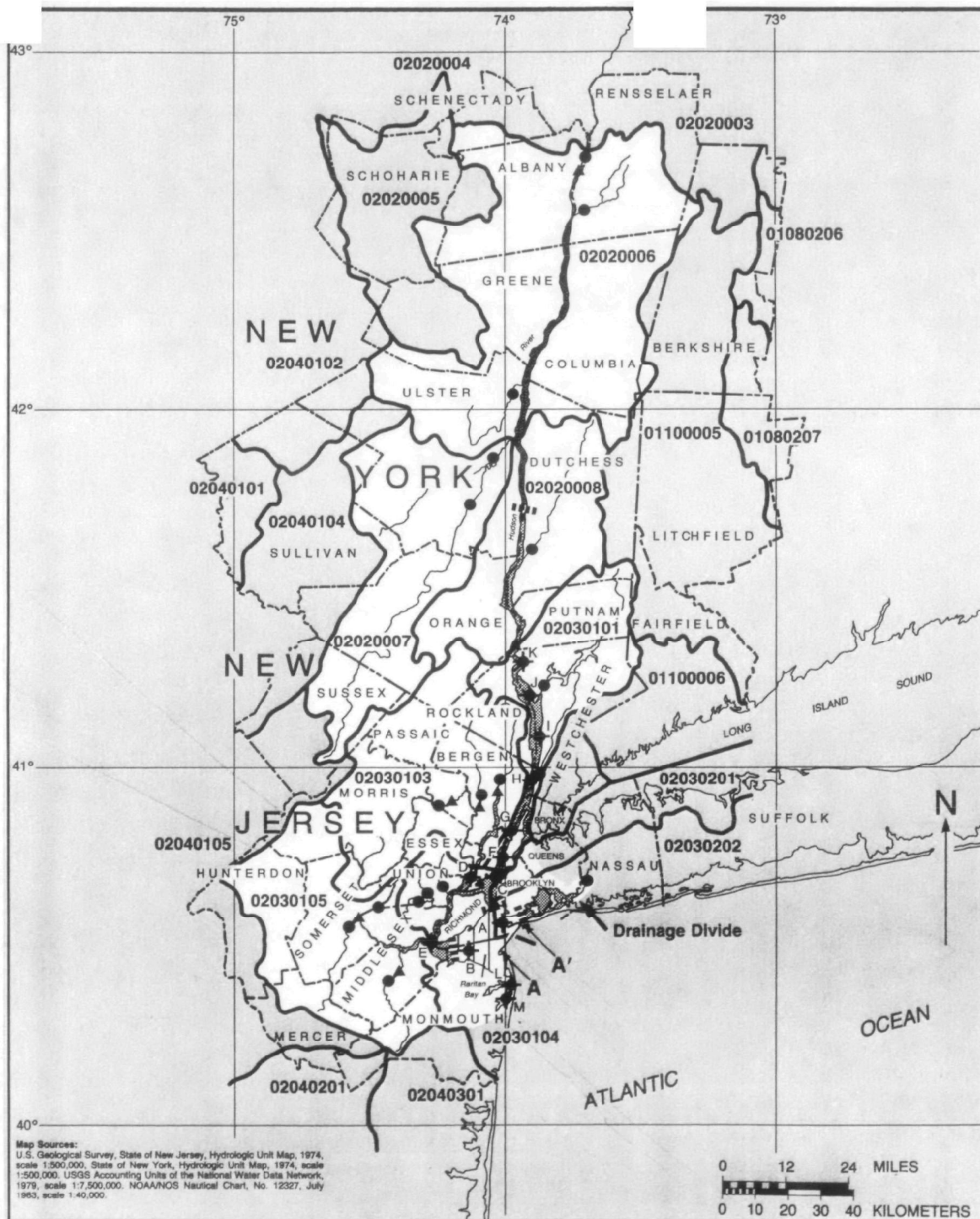
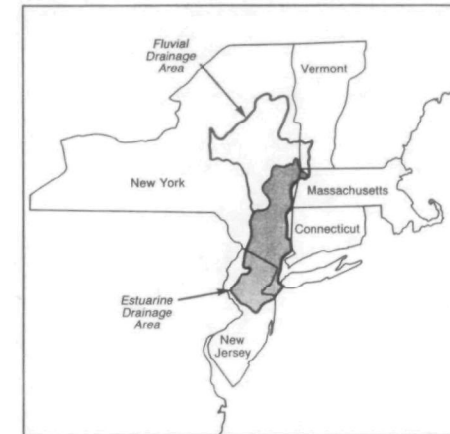


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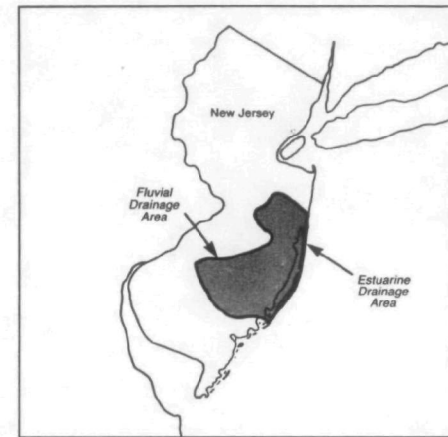
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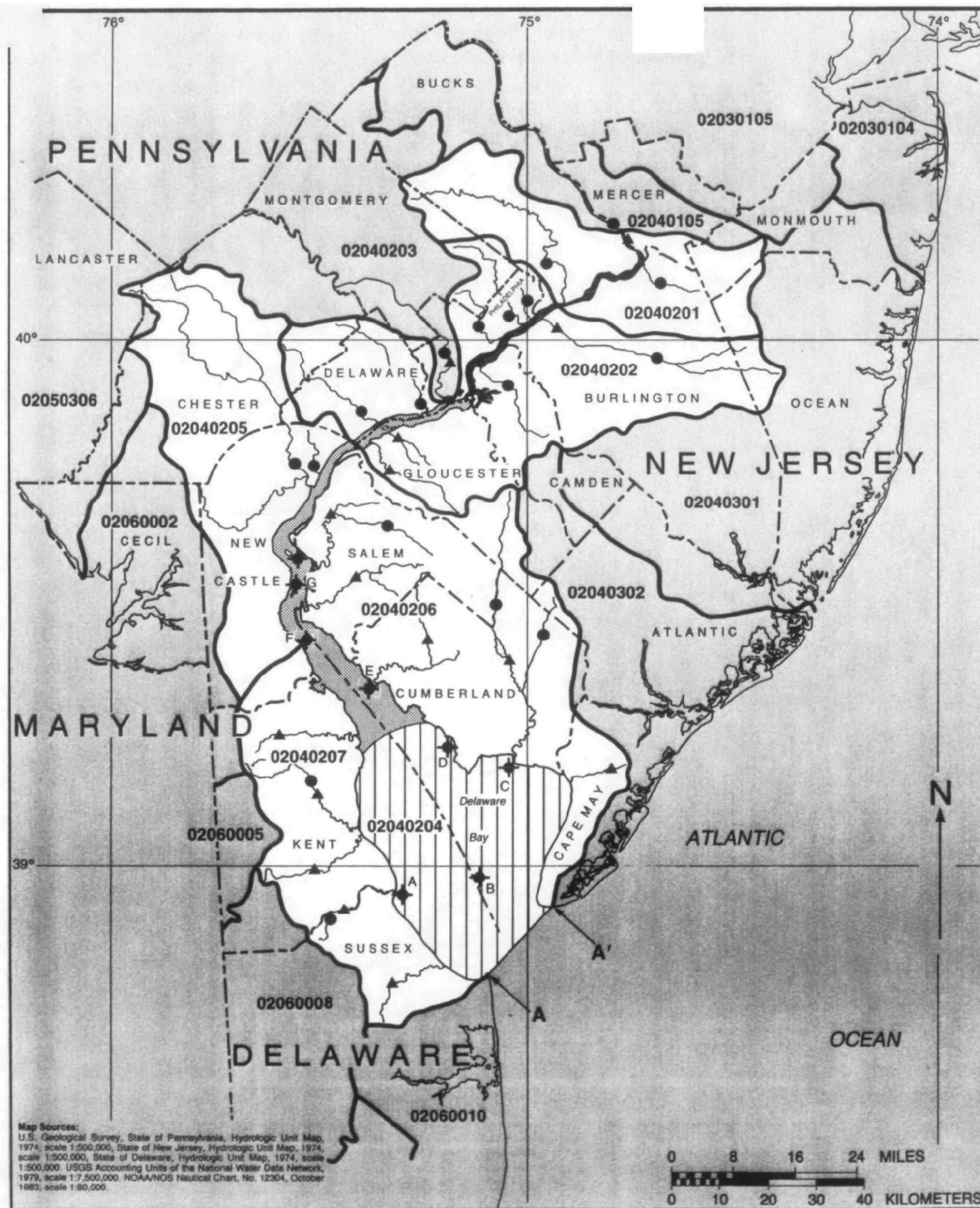


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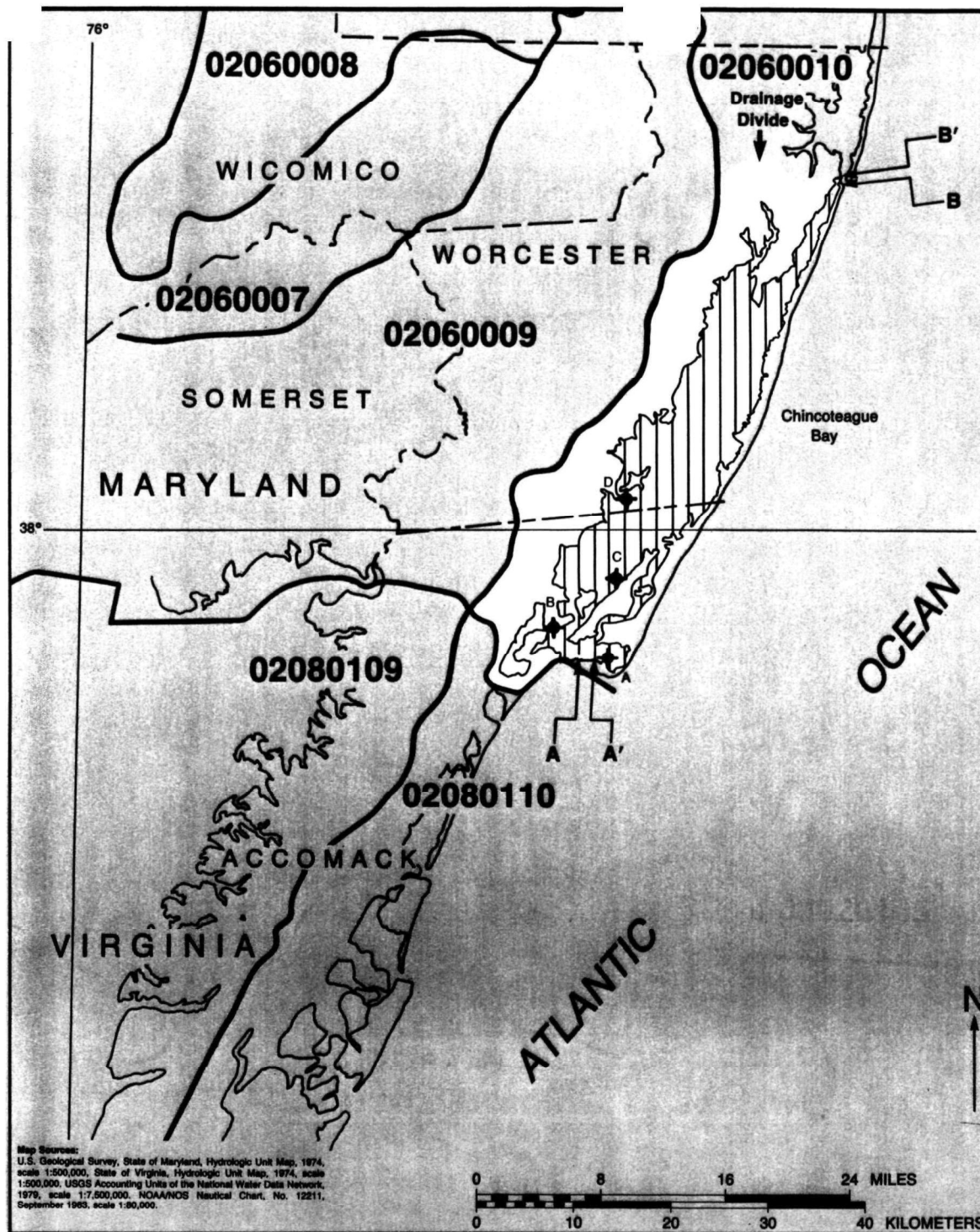
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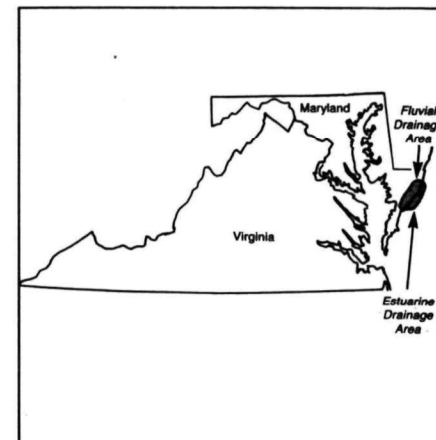
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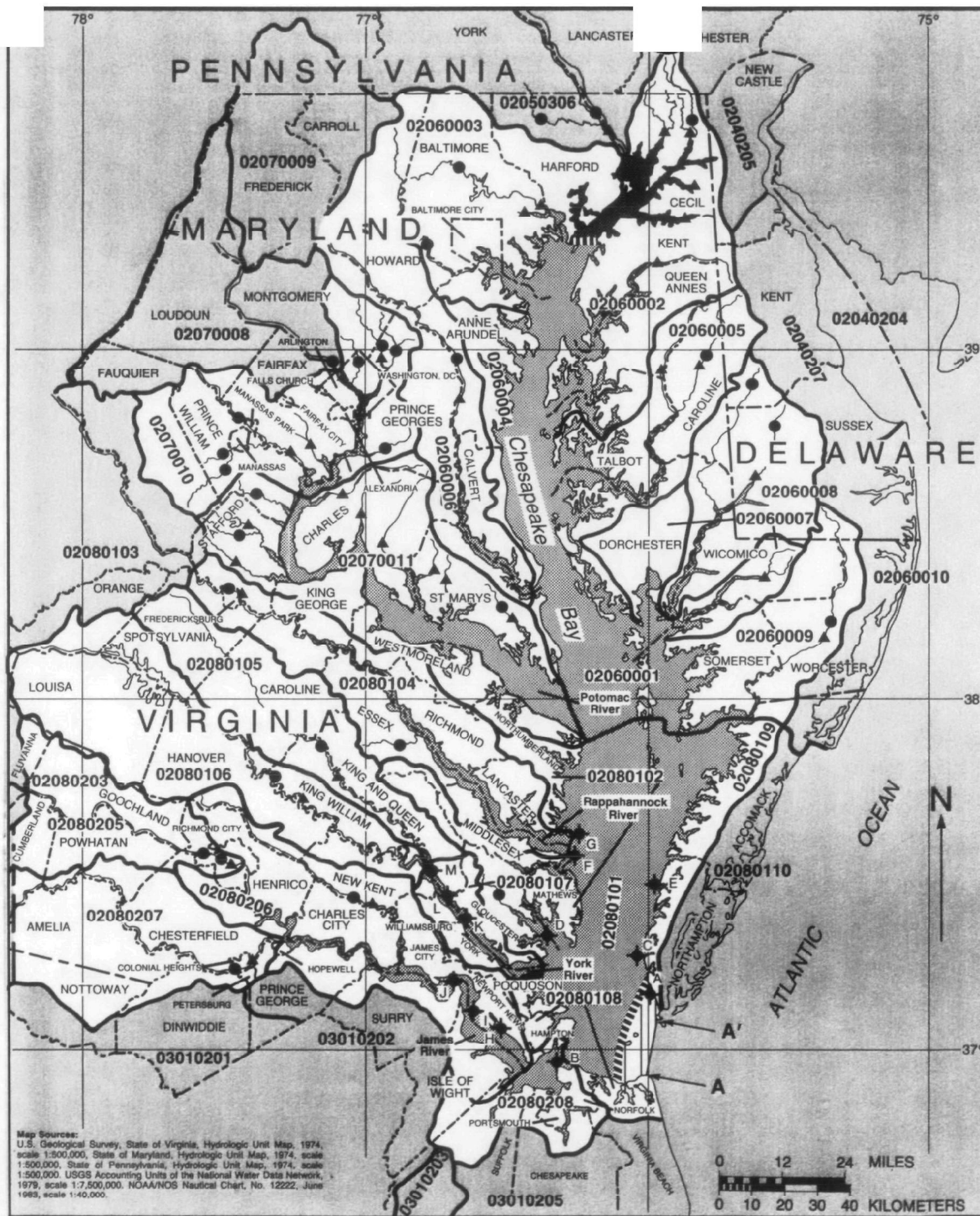


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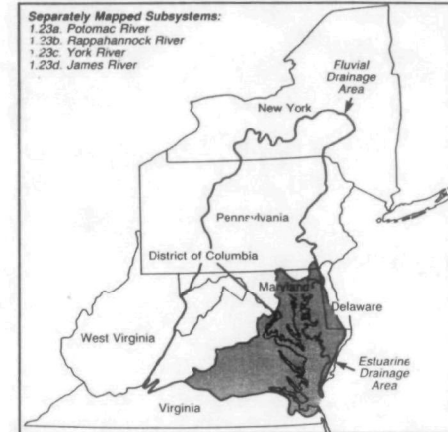


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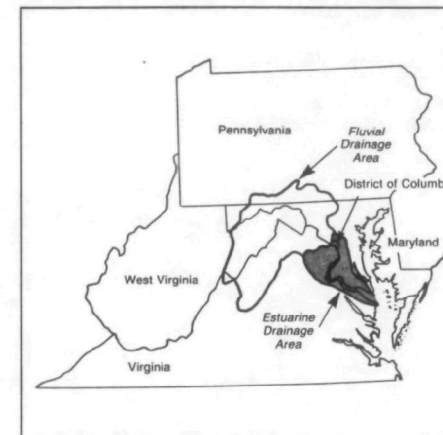


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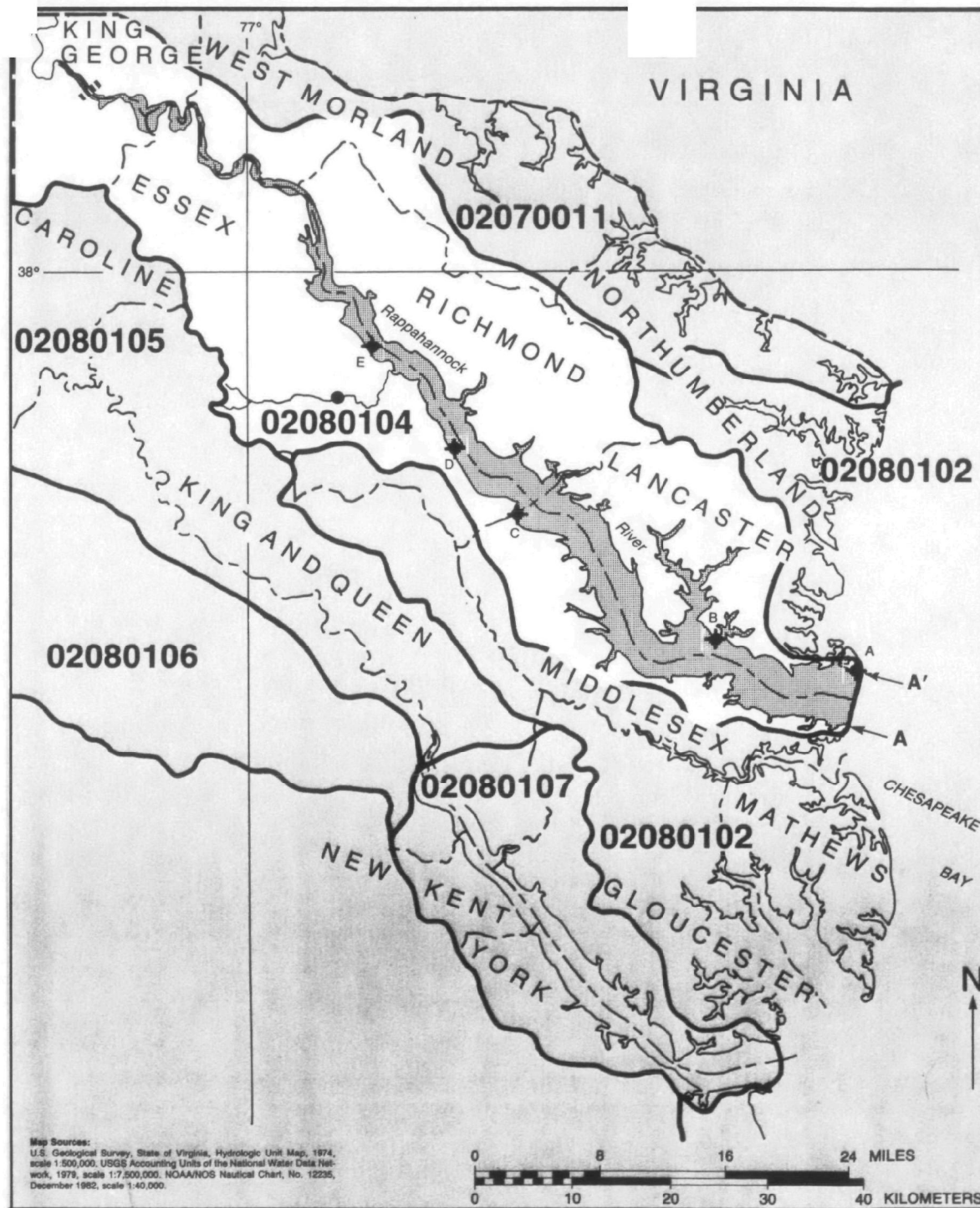
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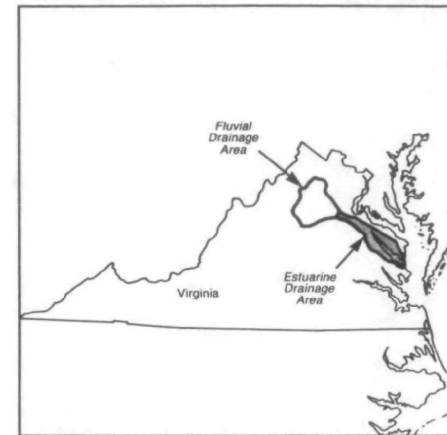


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## Rappahannock River VA



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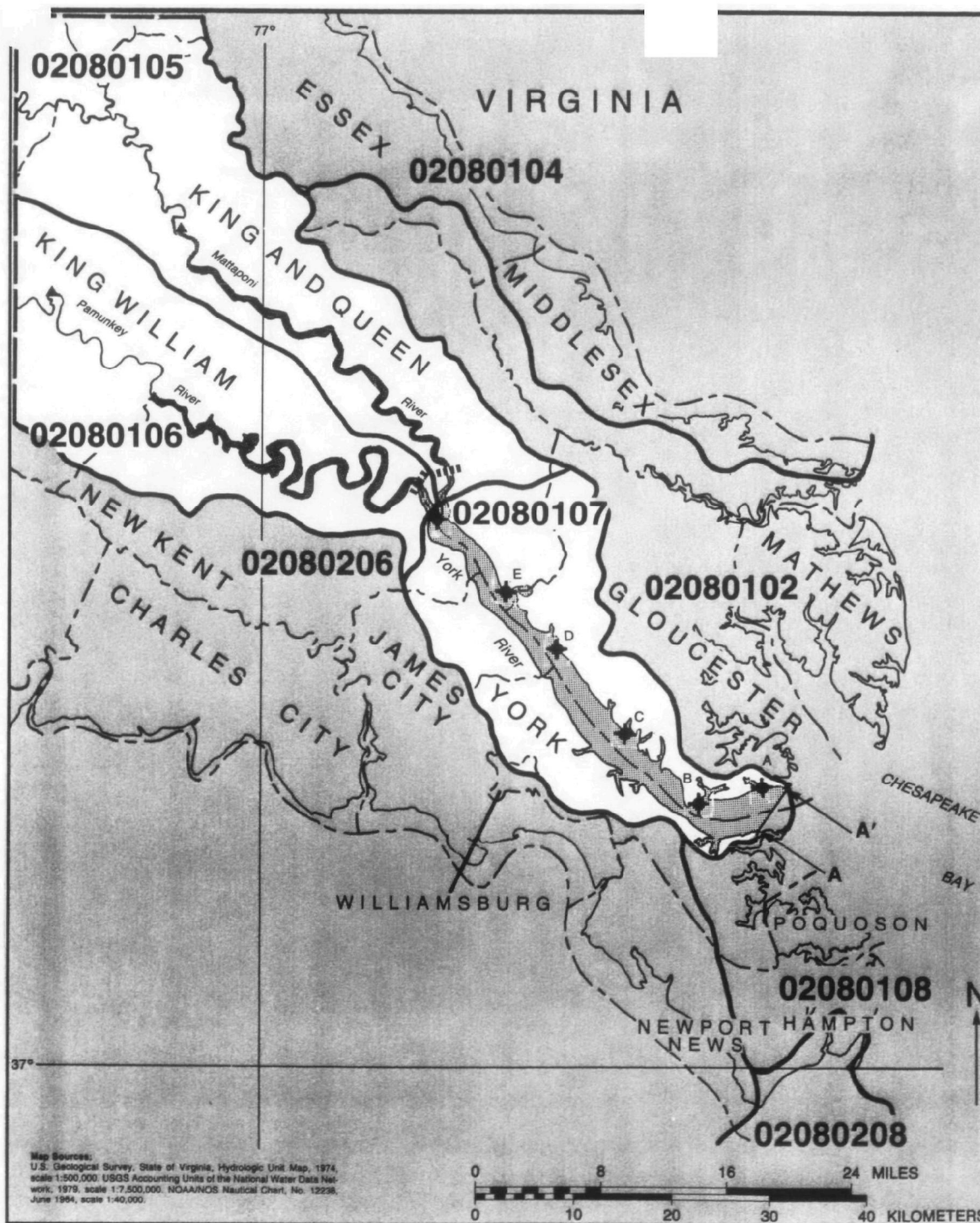
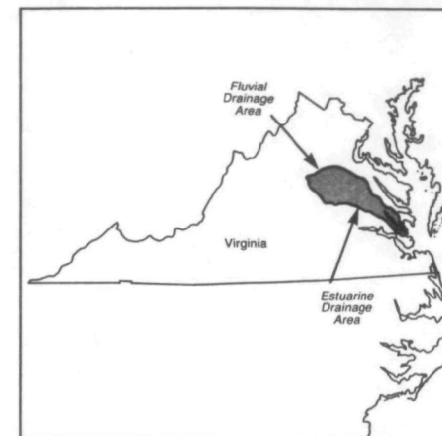


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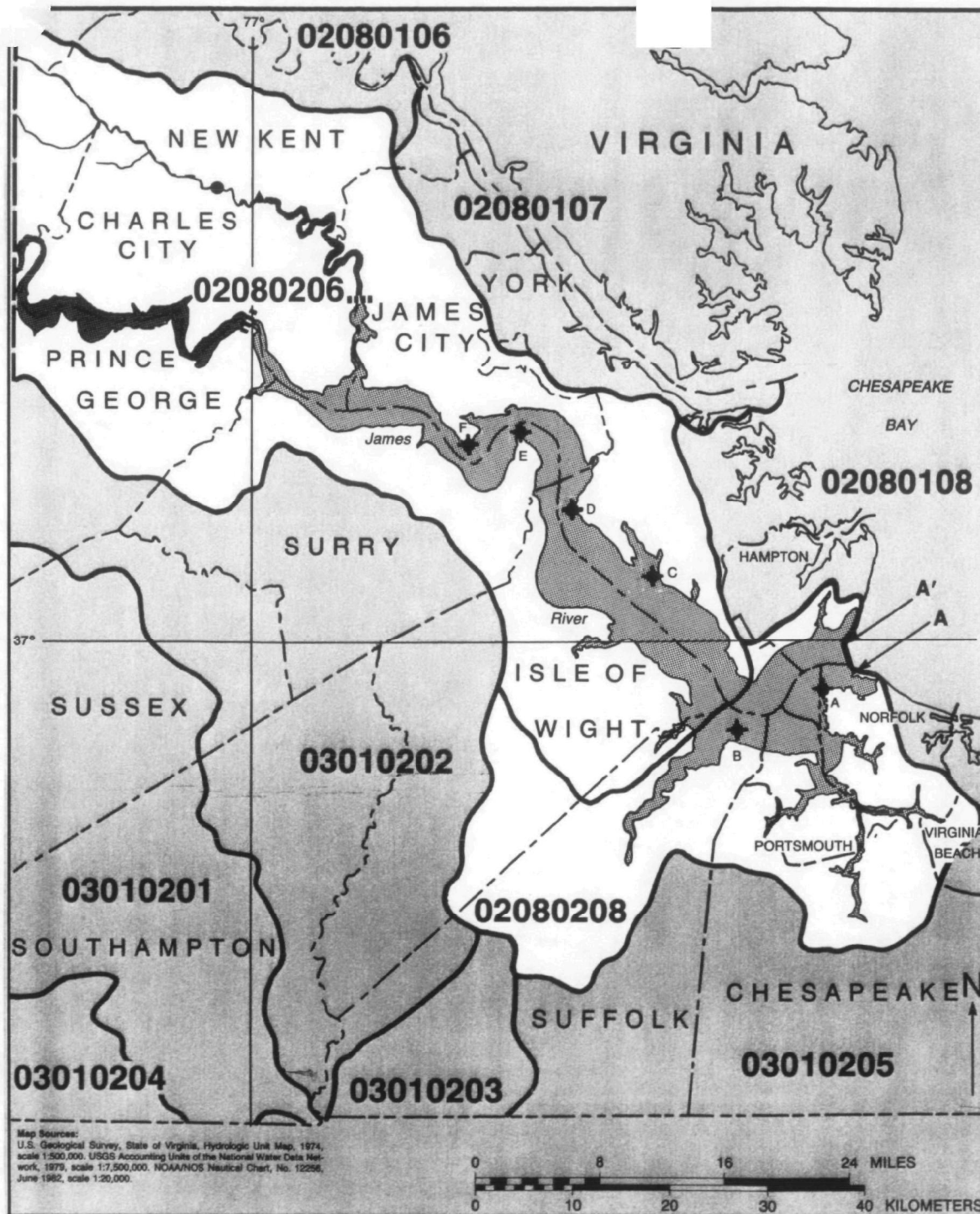
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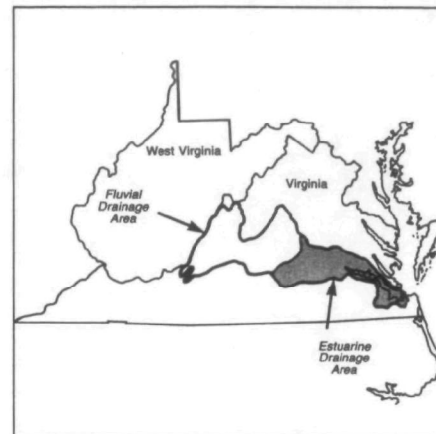


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## James River VA



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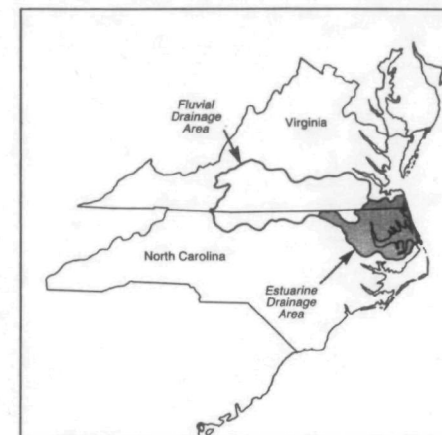


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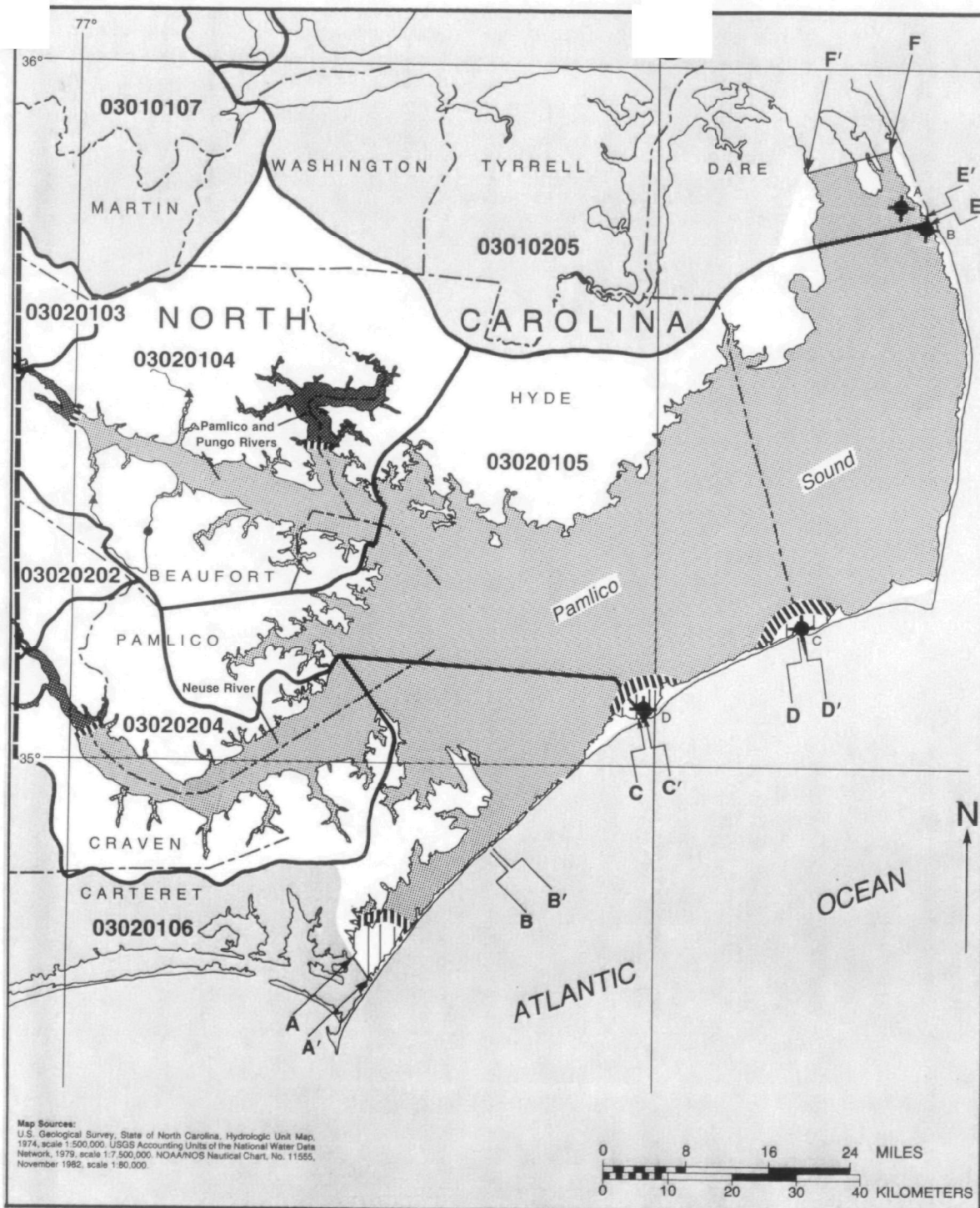


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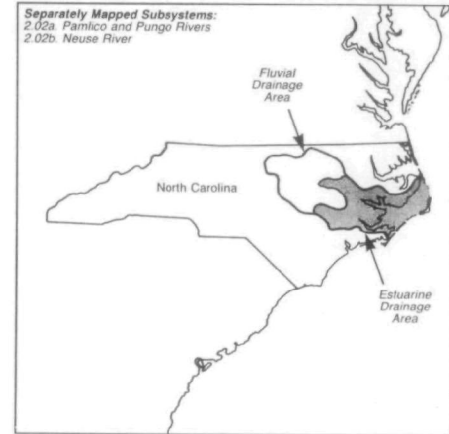


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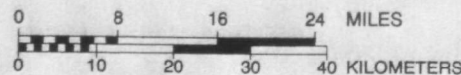




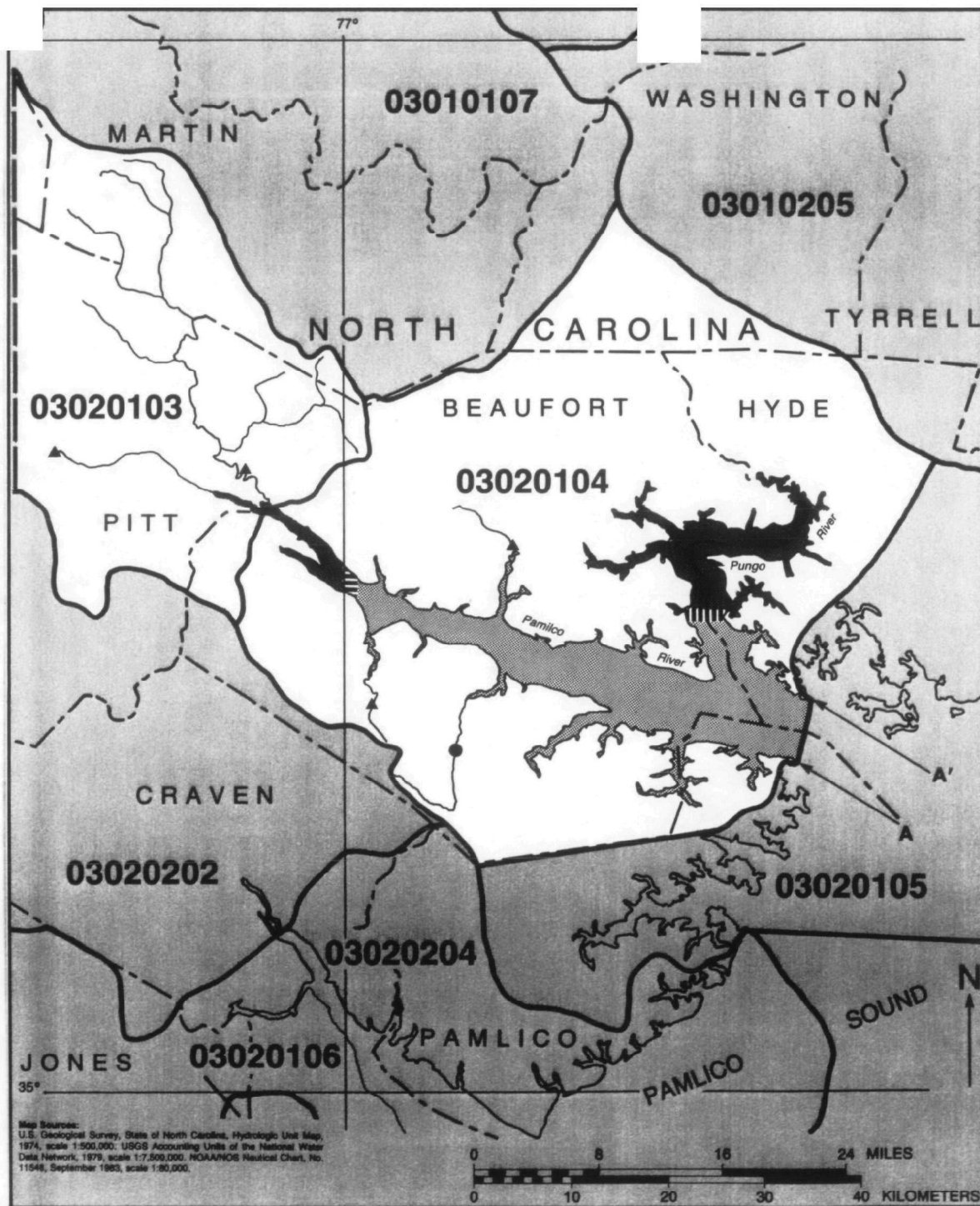
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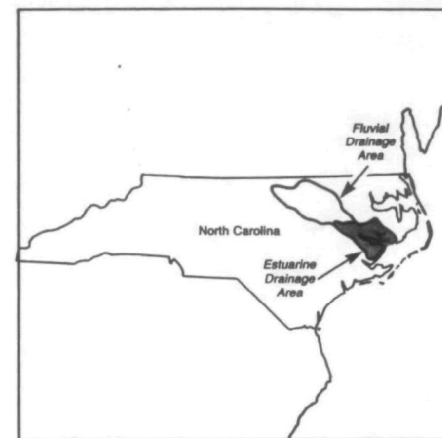
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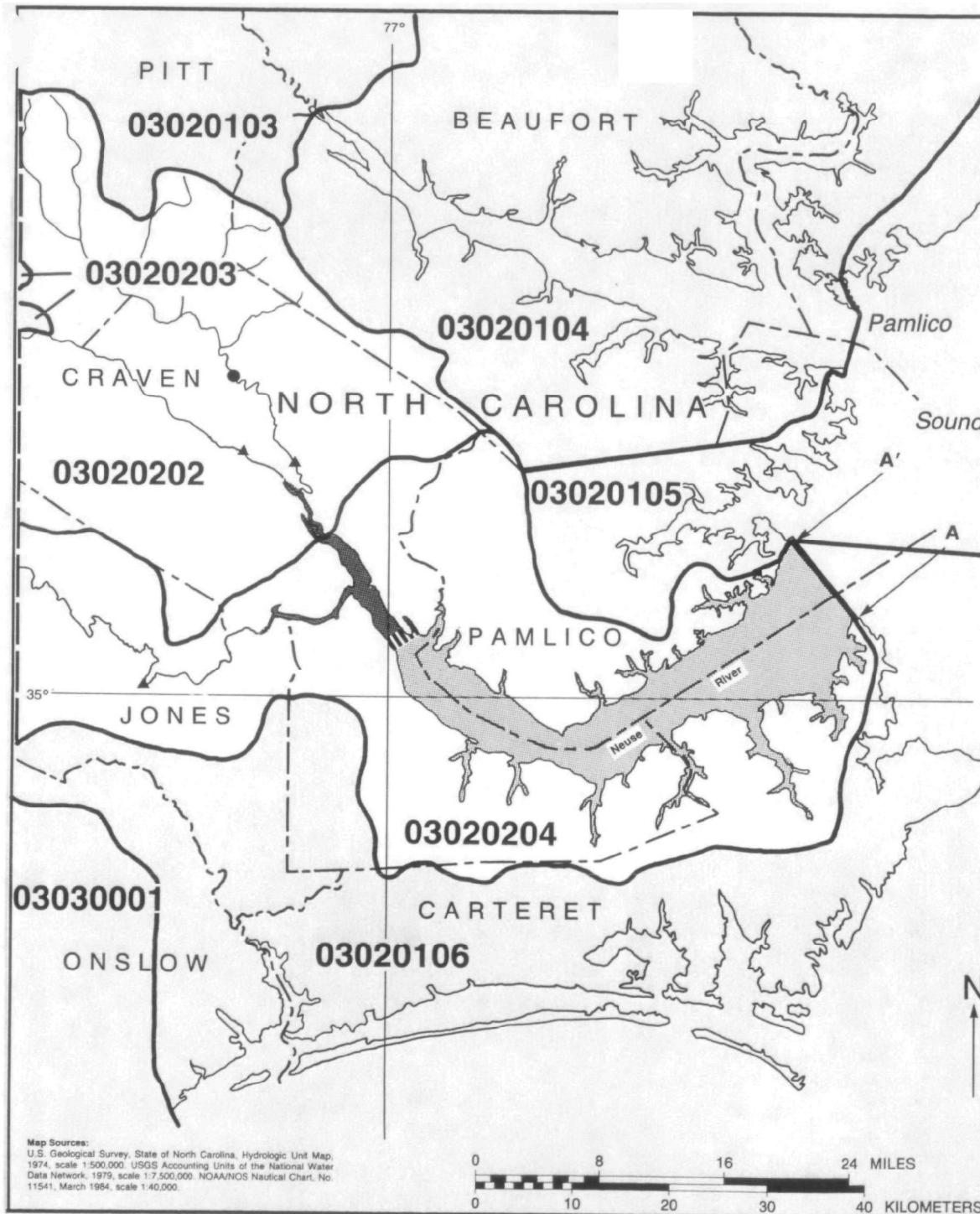
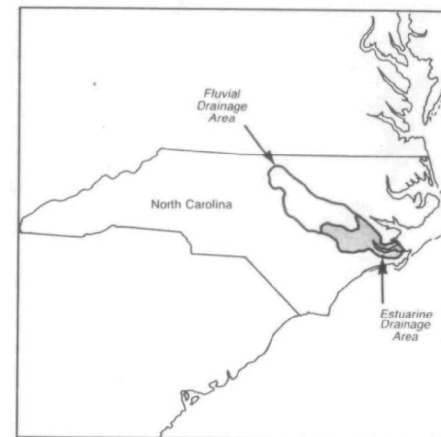


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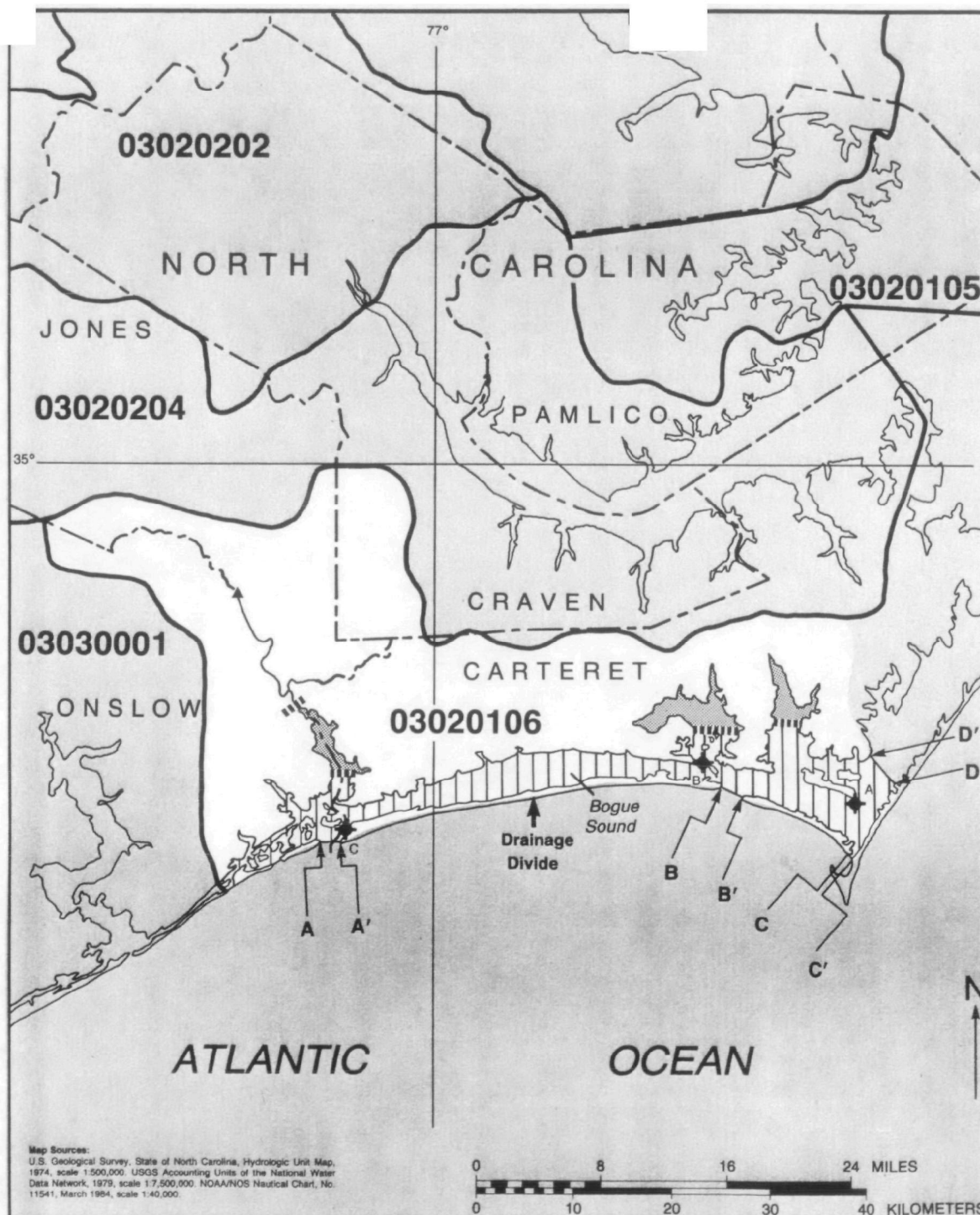
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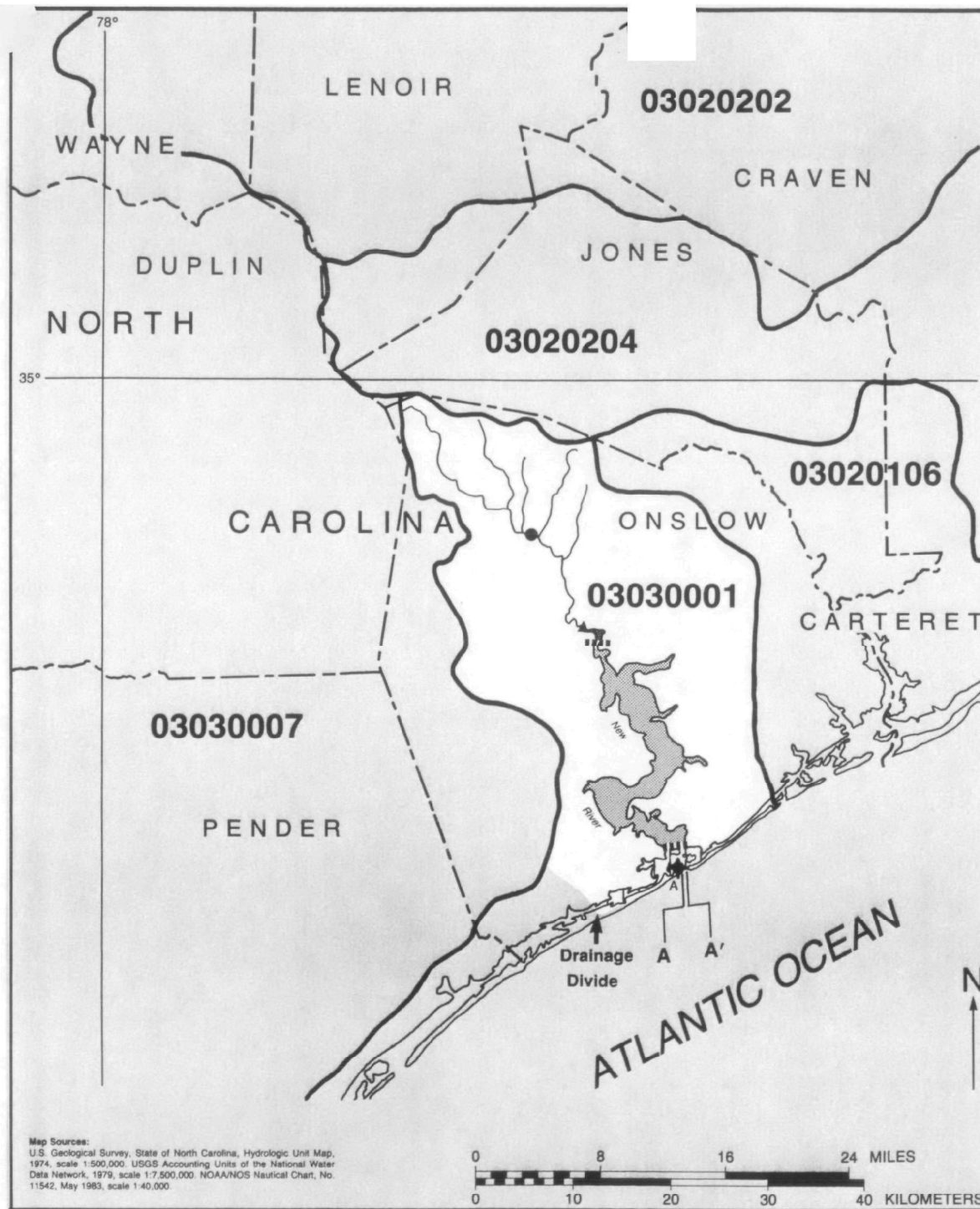
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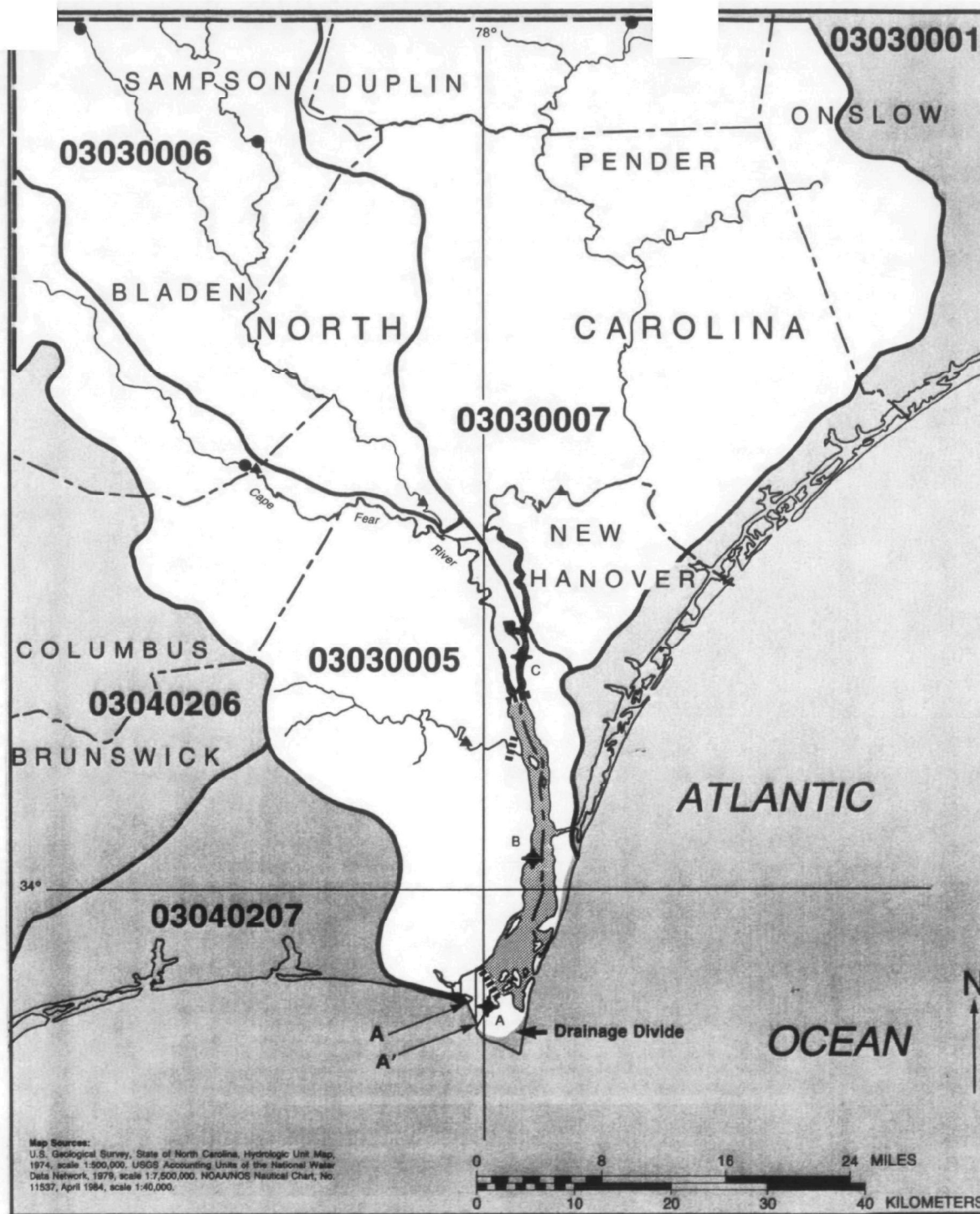
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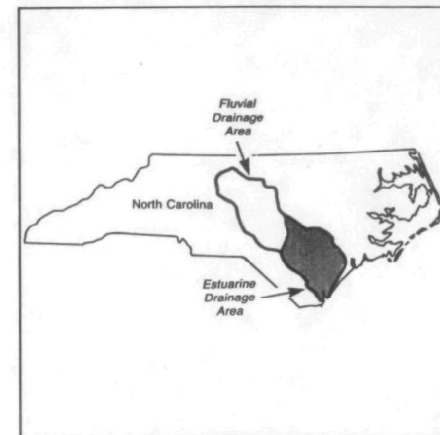
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## Cape Fear River NC



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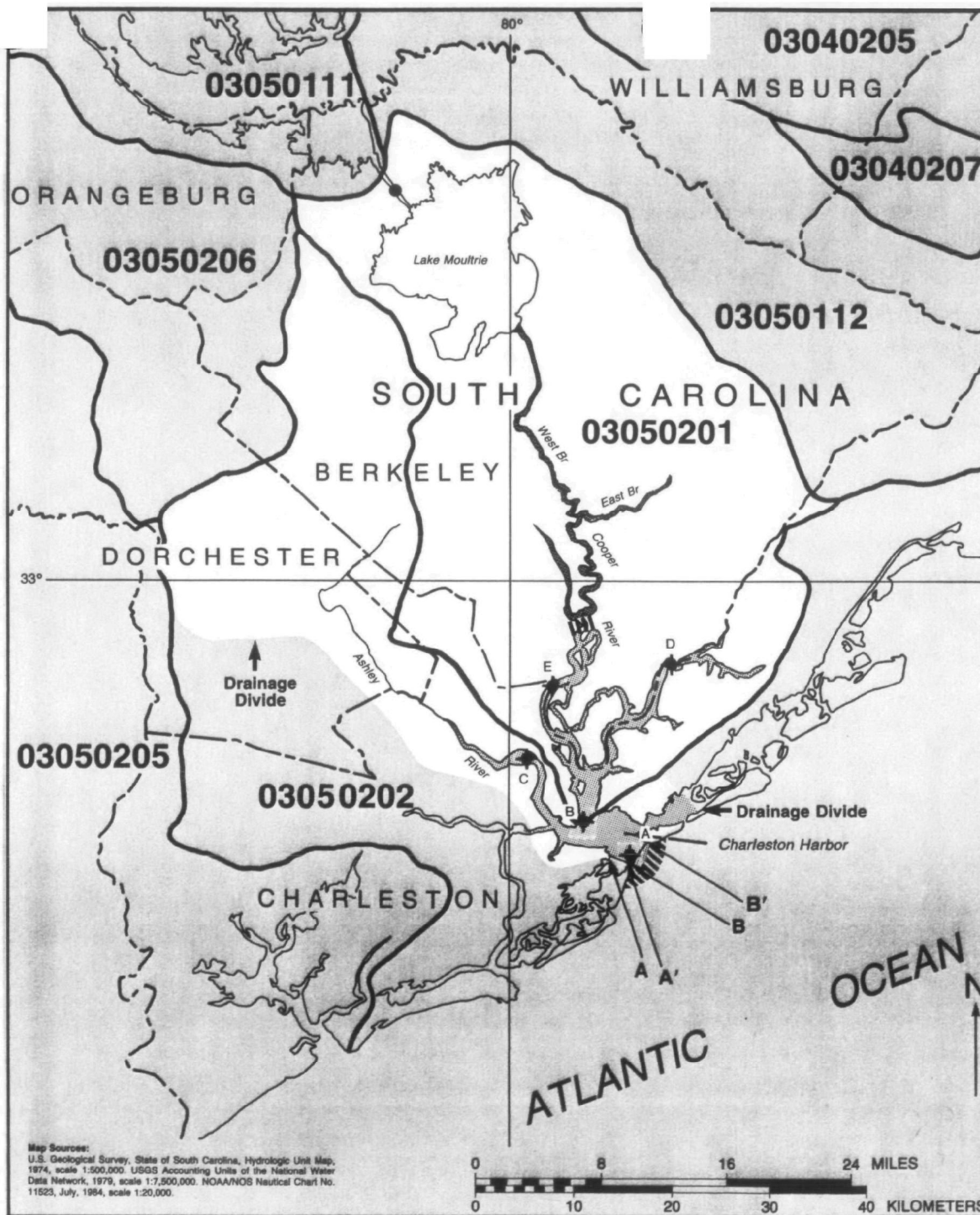
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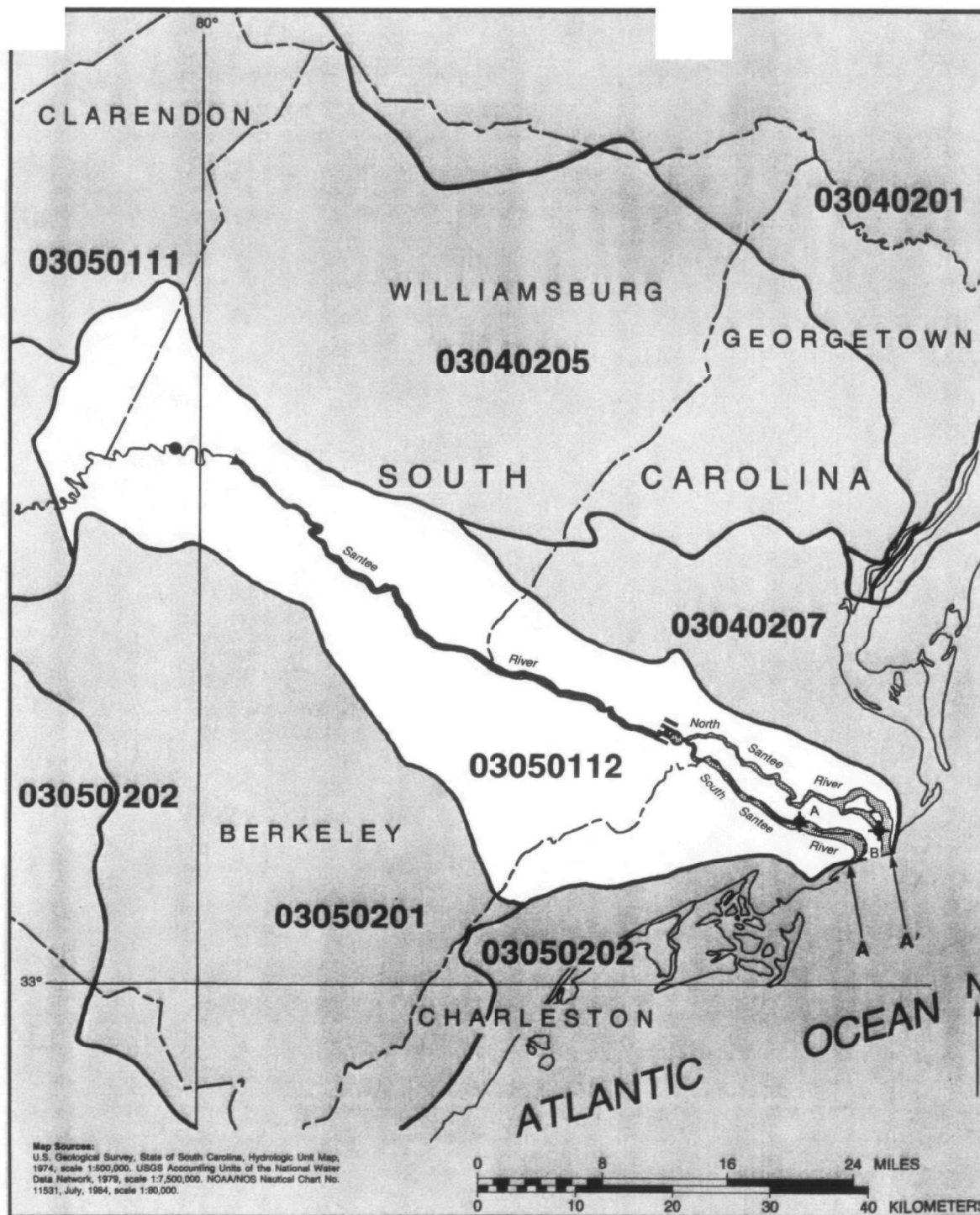
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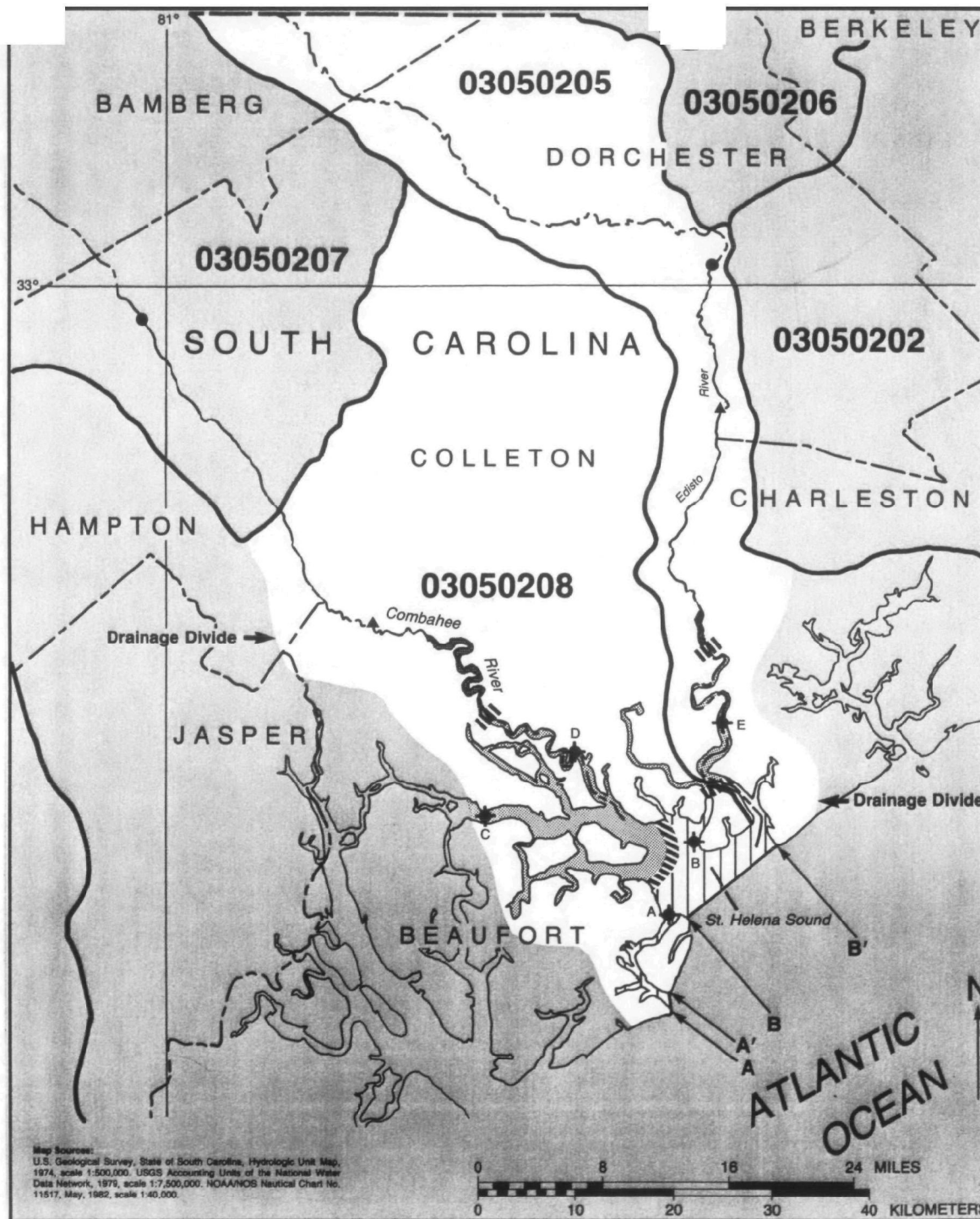


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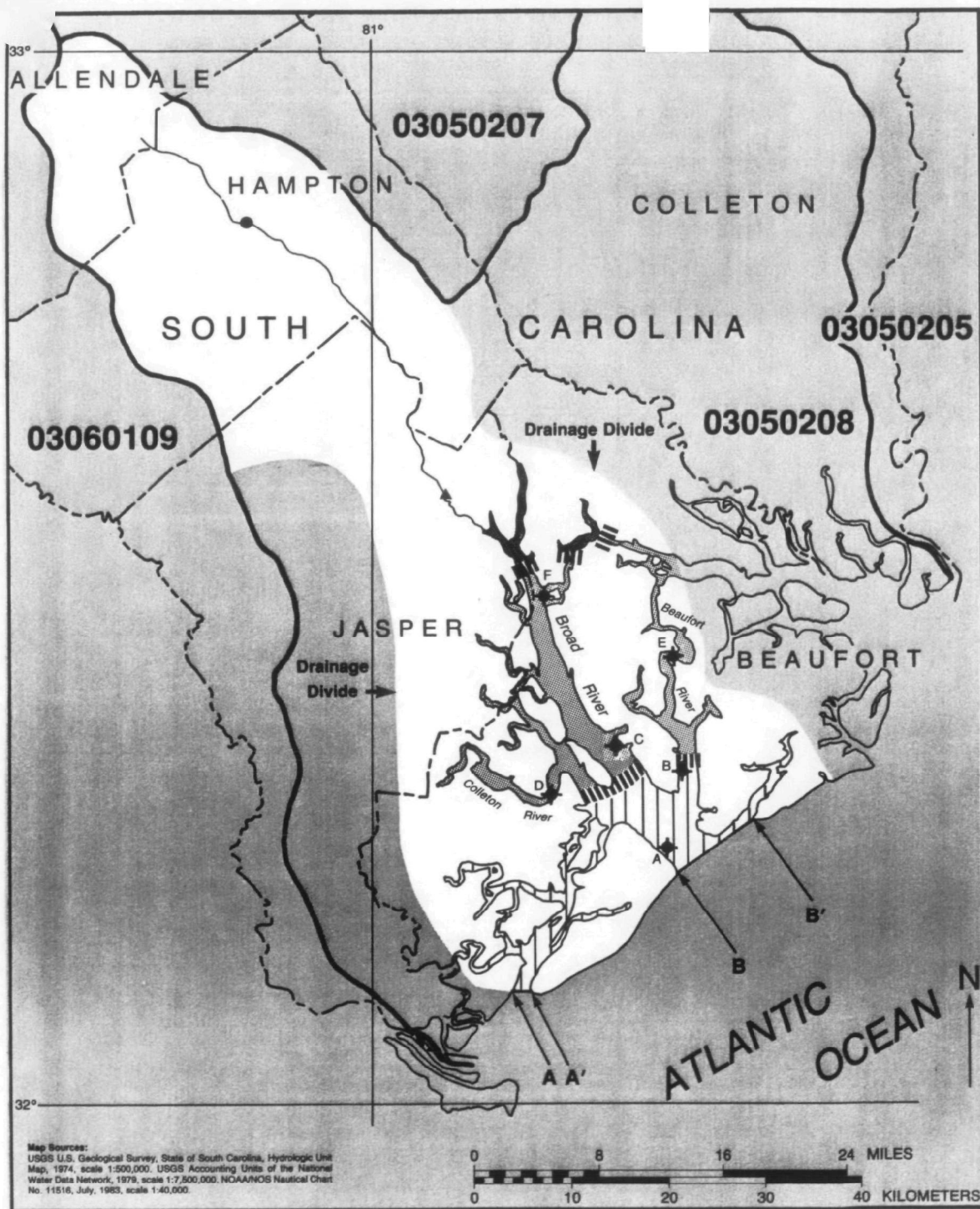




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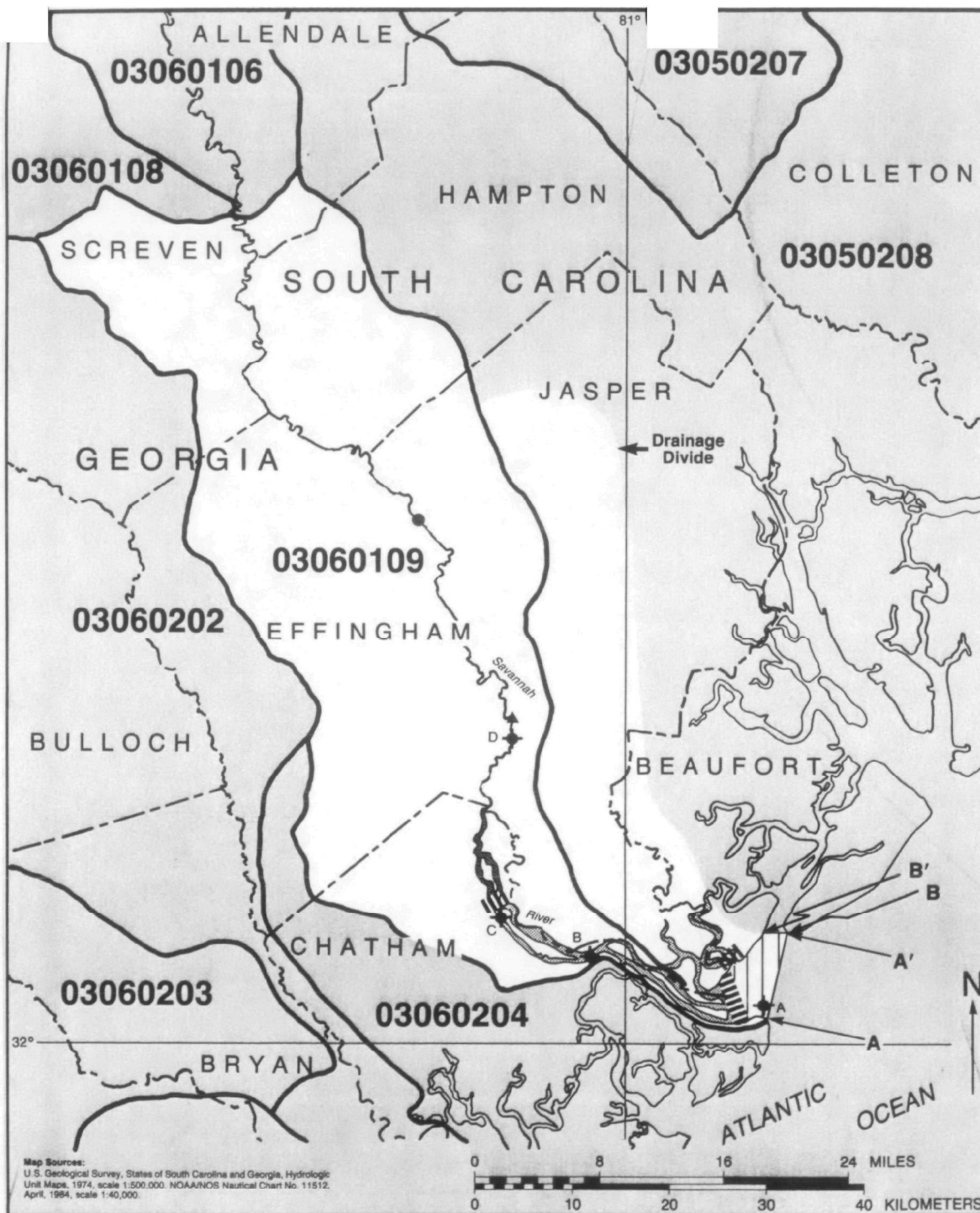
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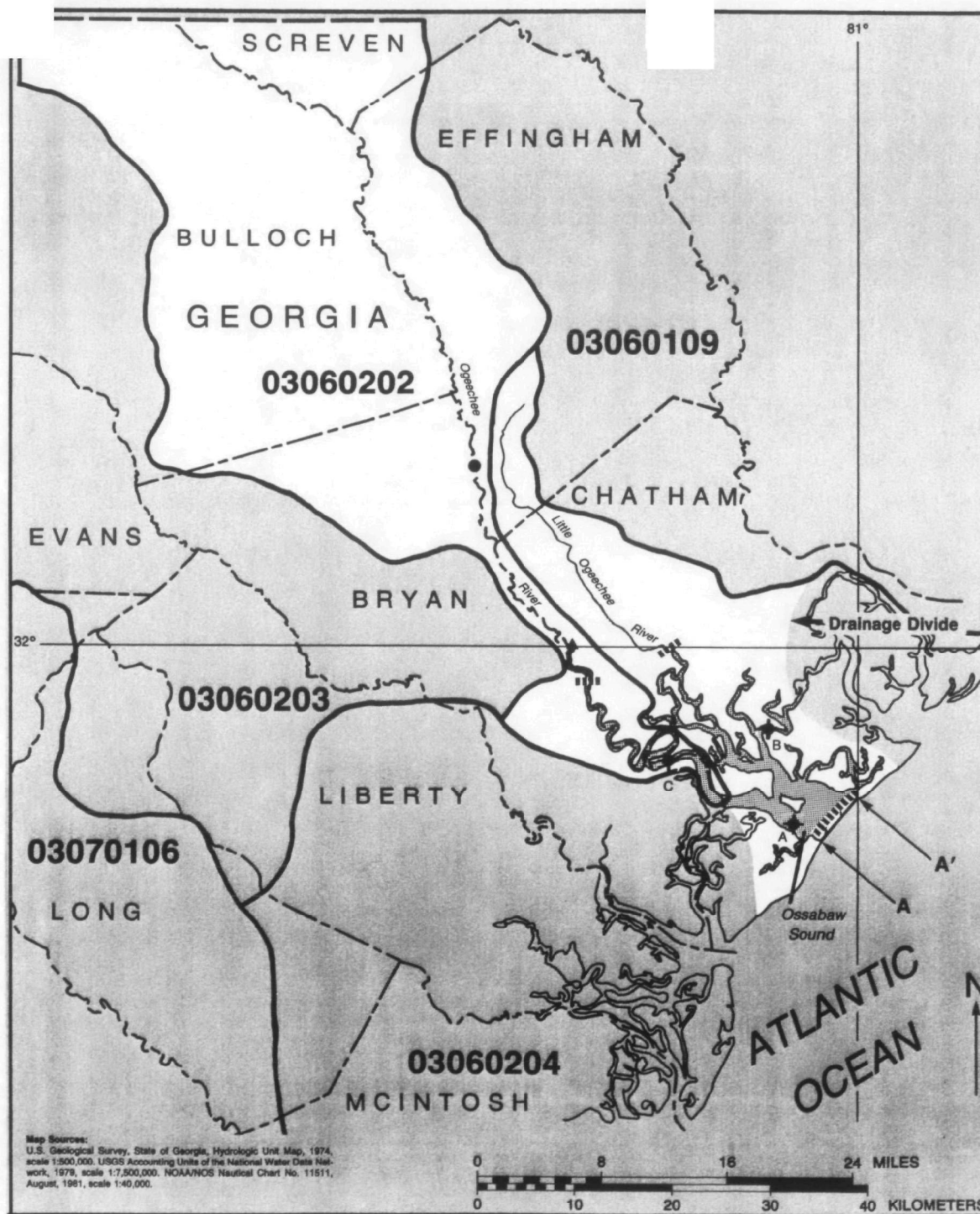
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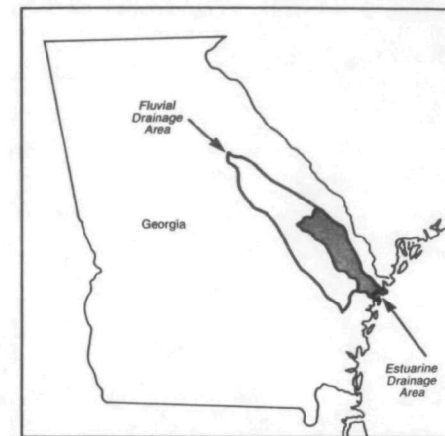
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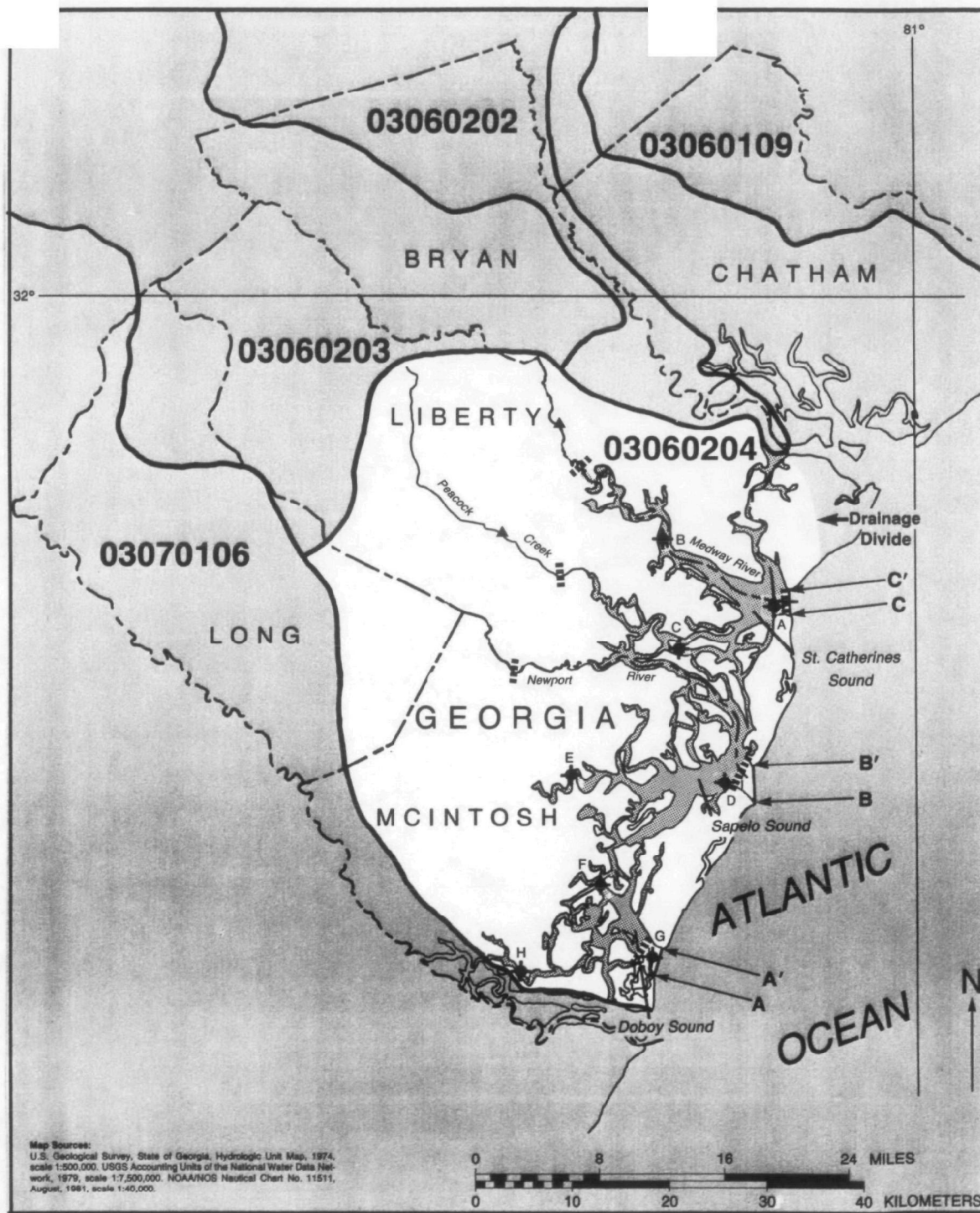


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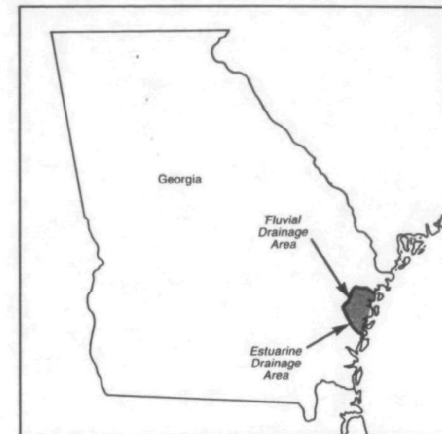


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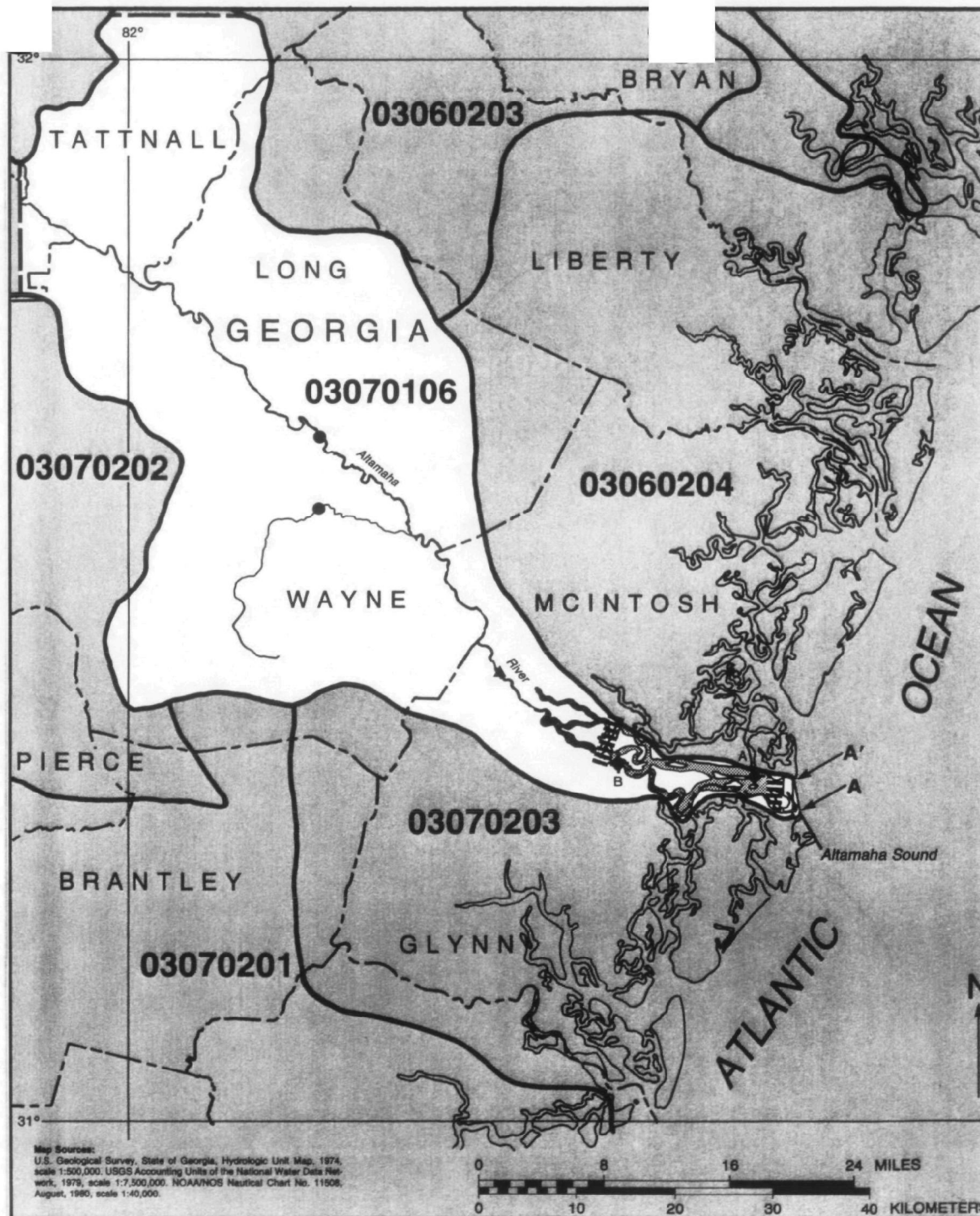


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# Altamaha River GA



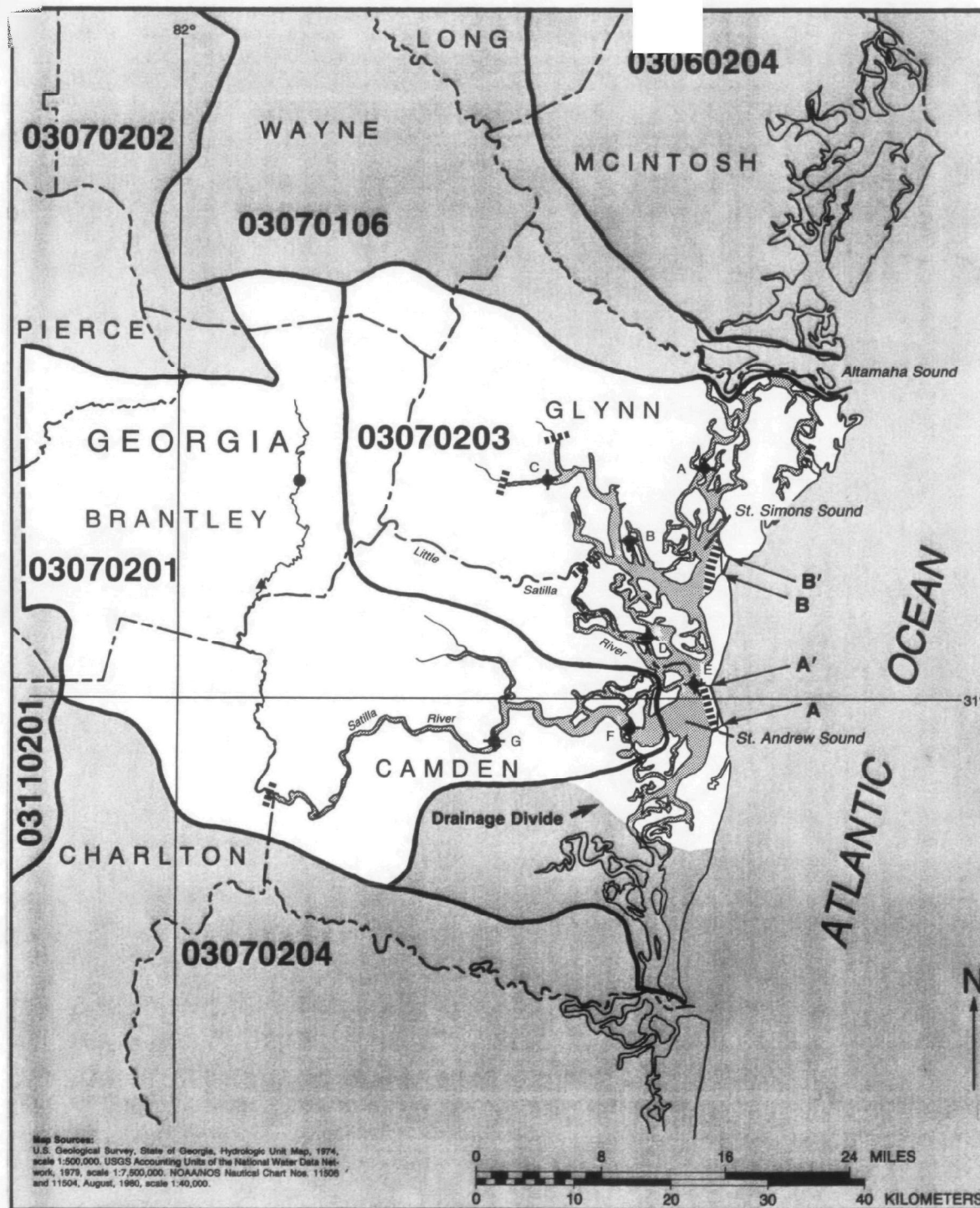
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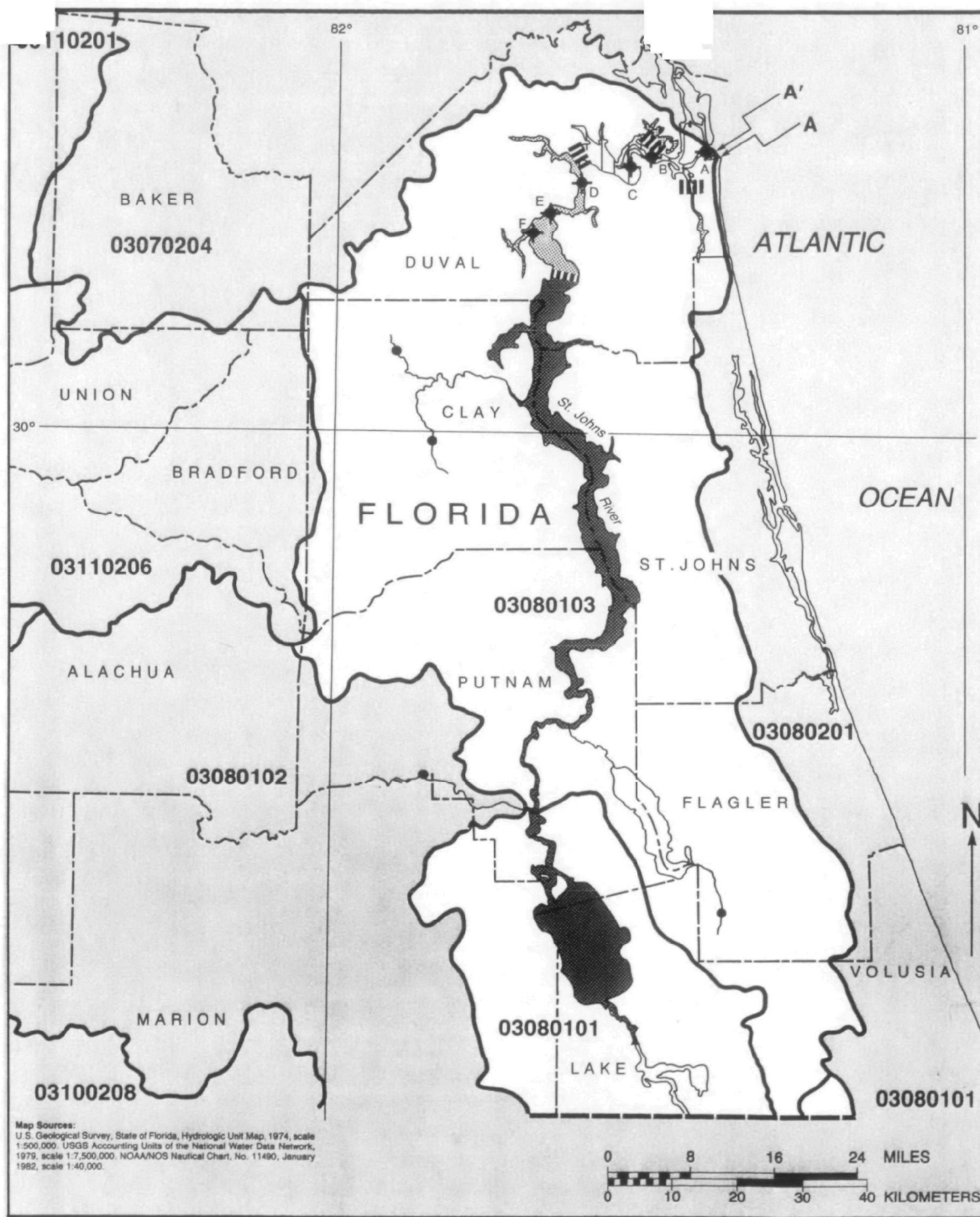
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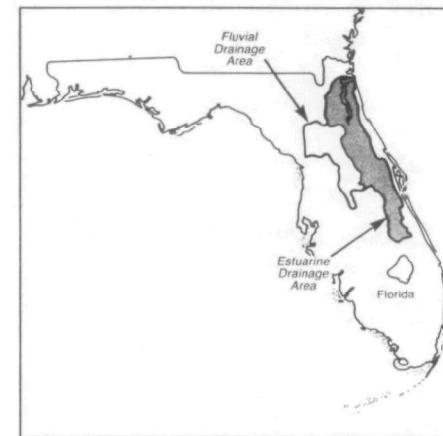
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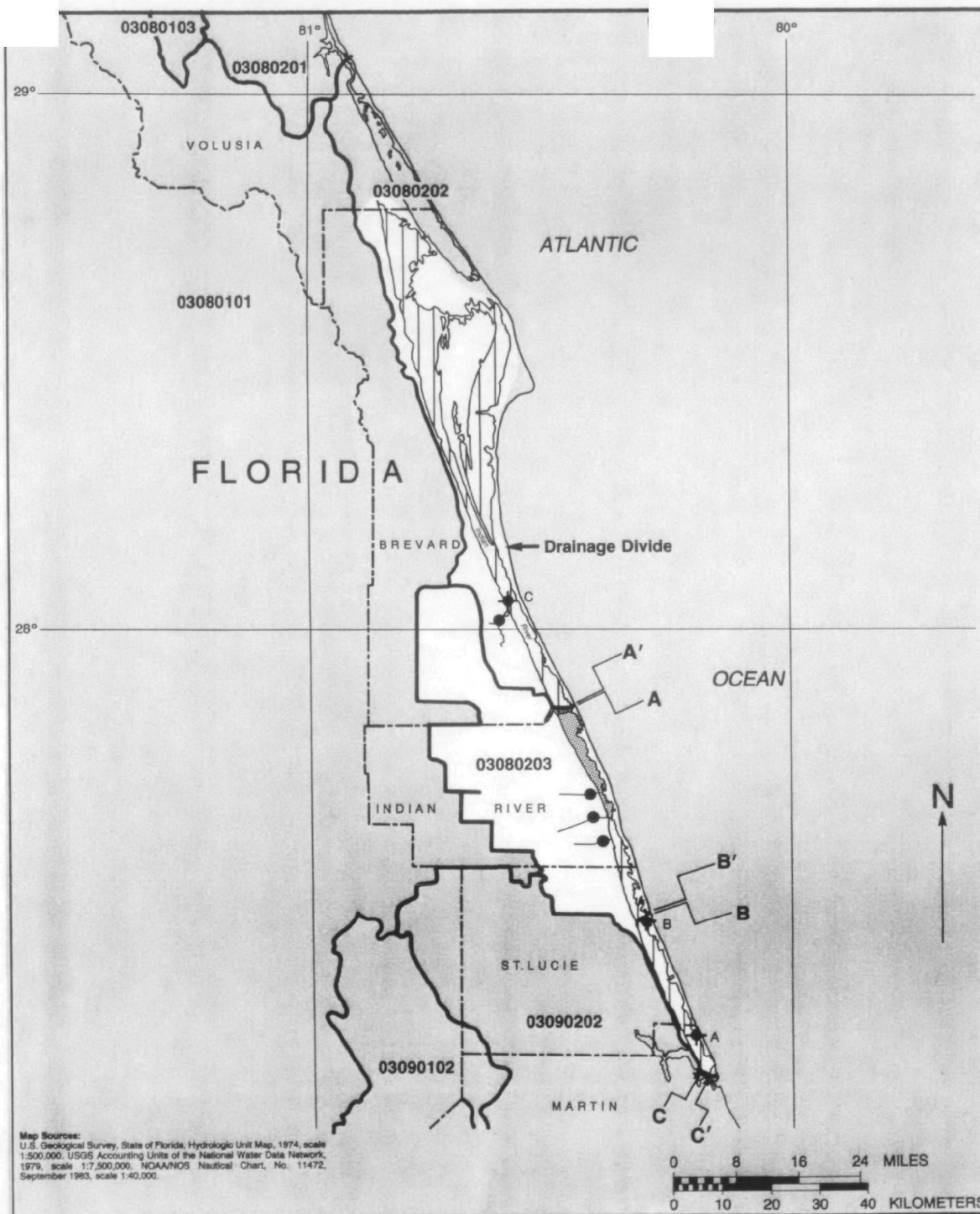
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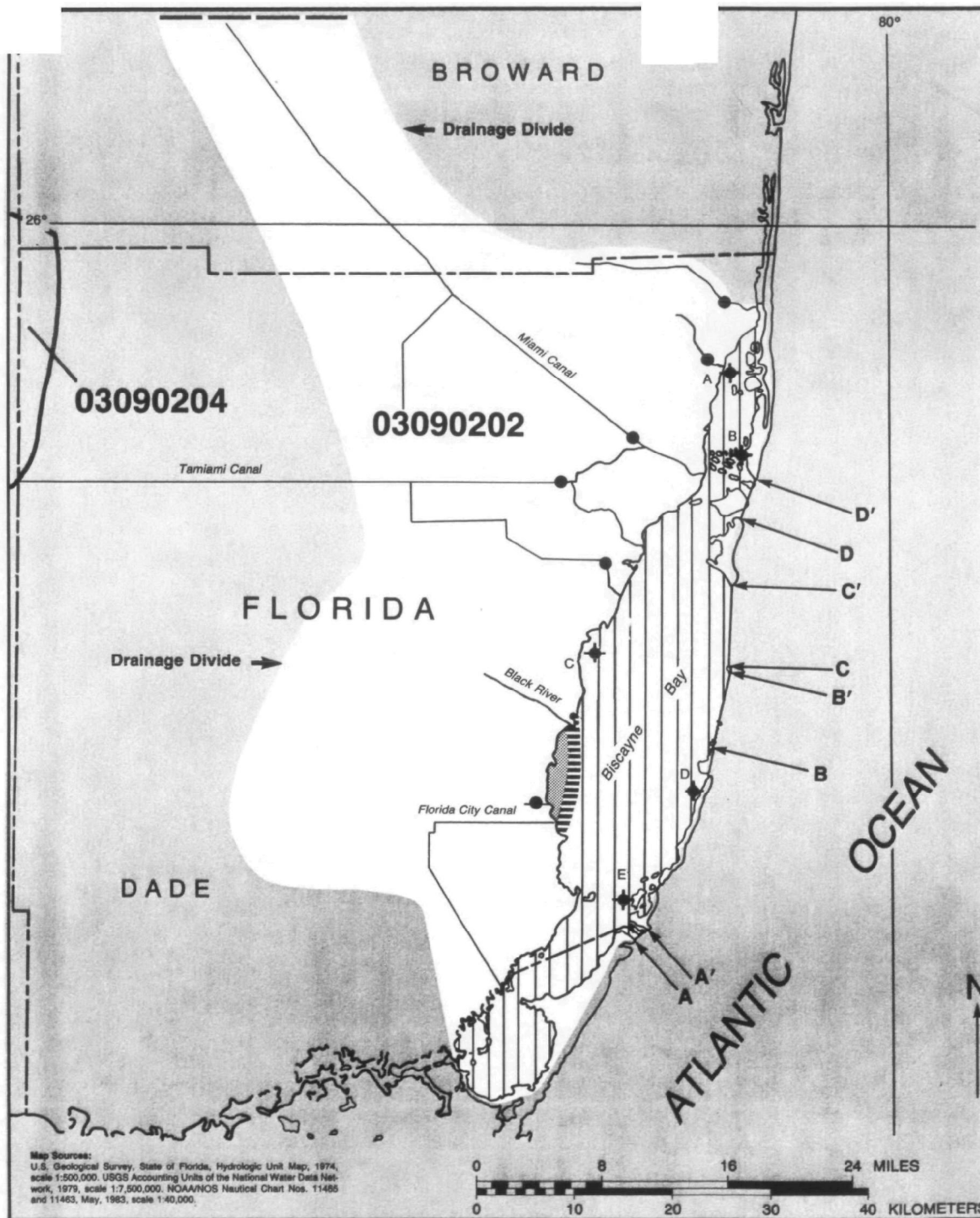
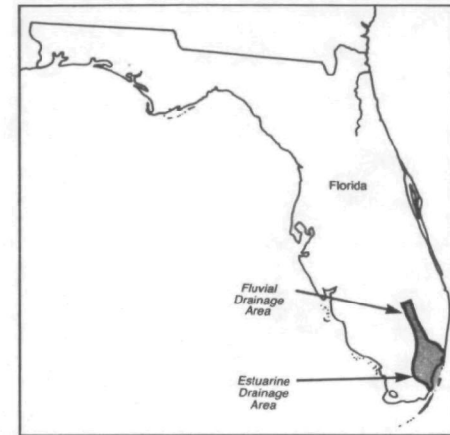


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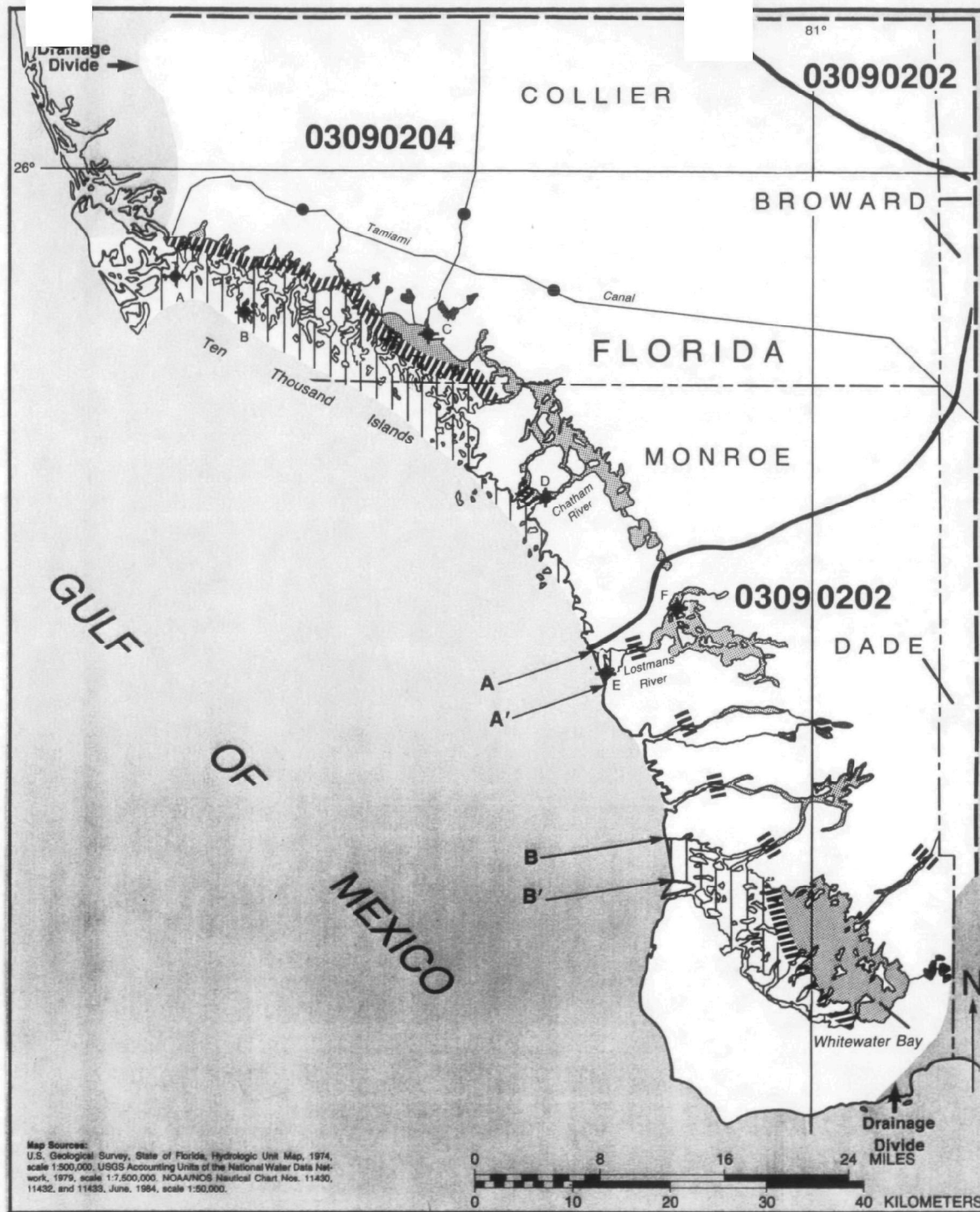
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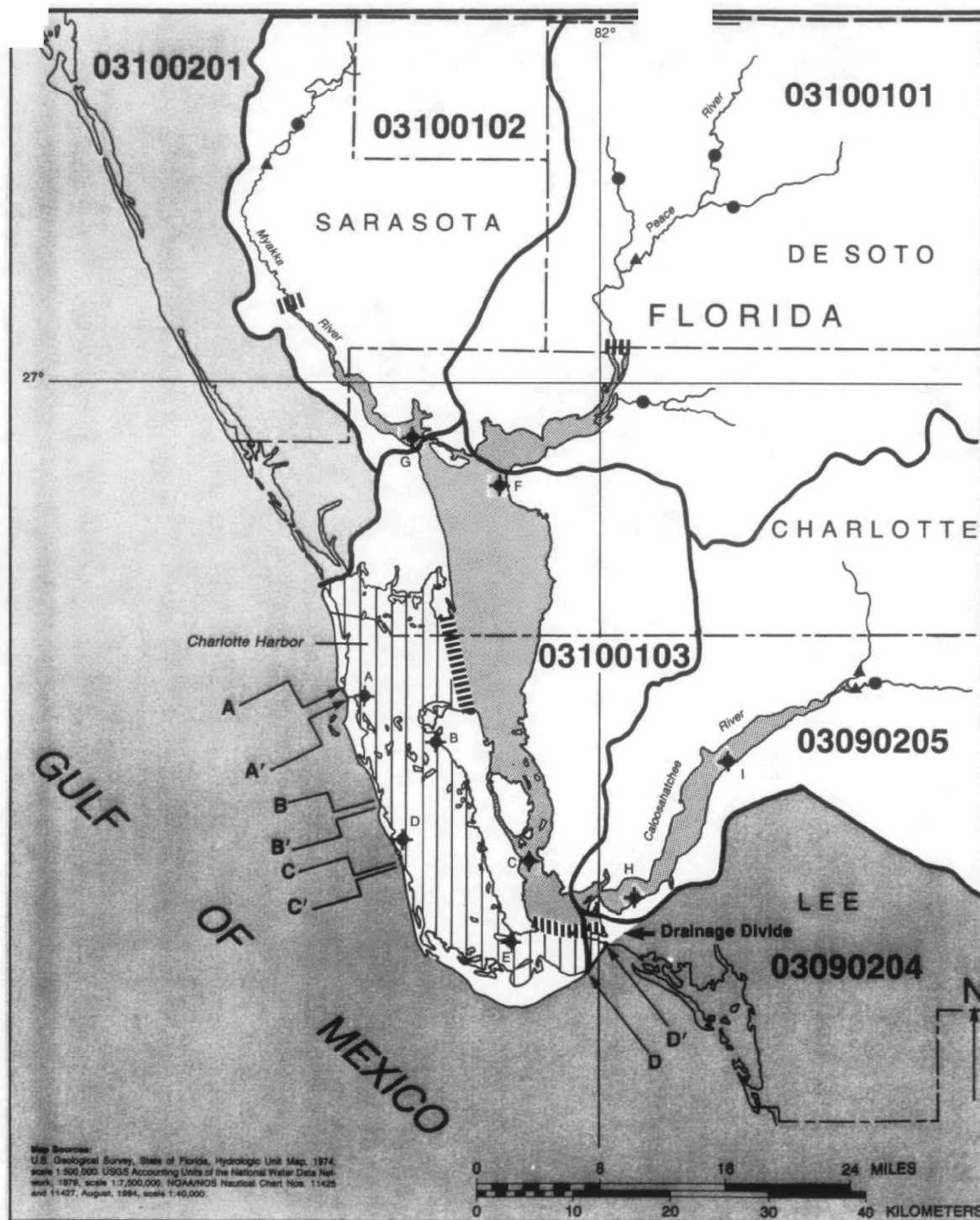




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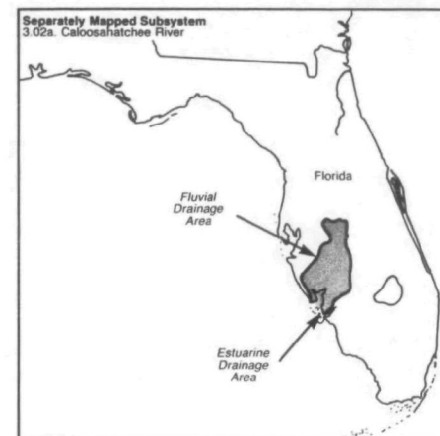


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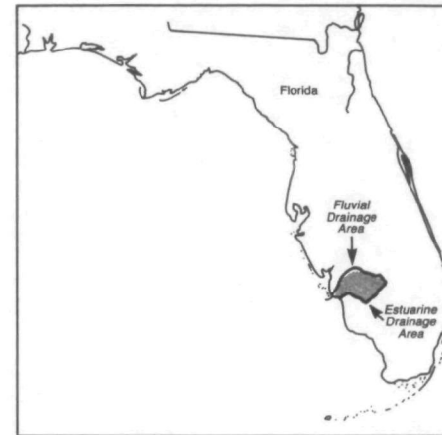














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## Caloosahatchee River FL

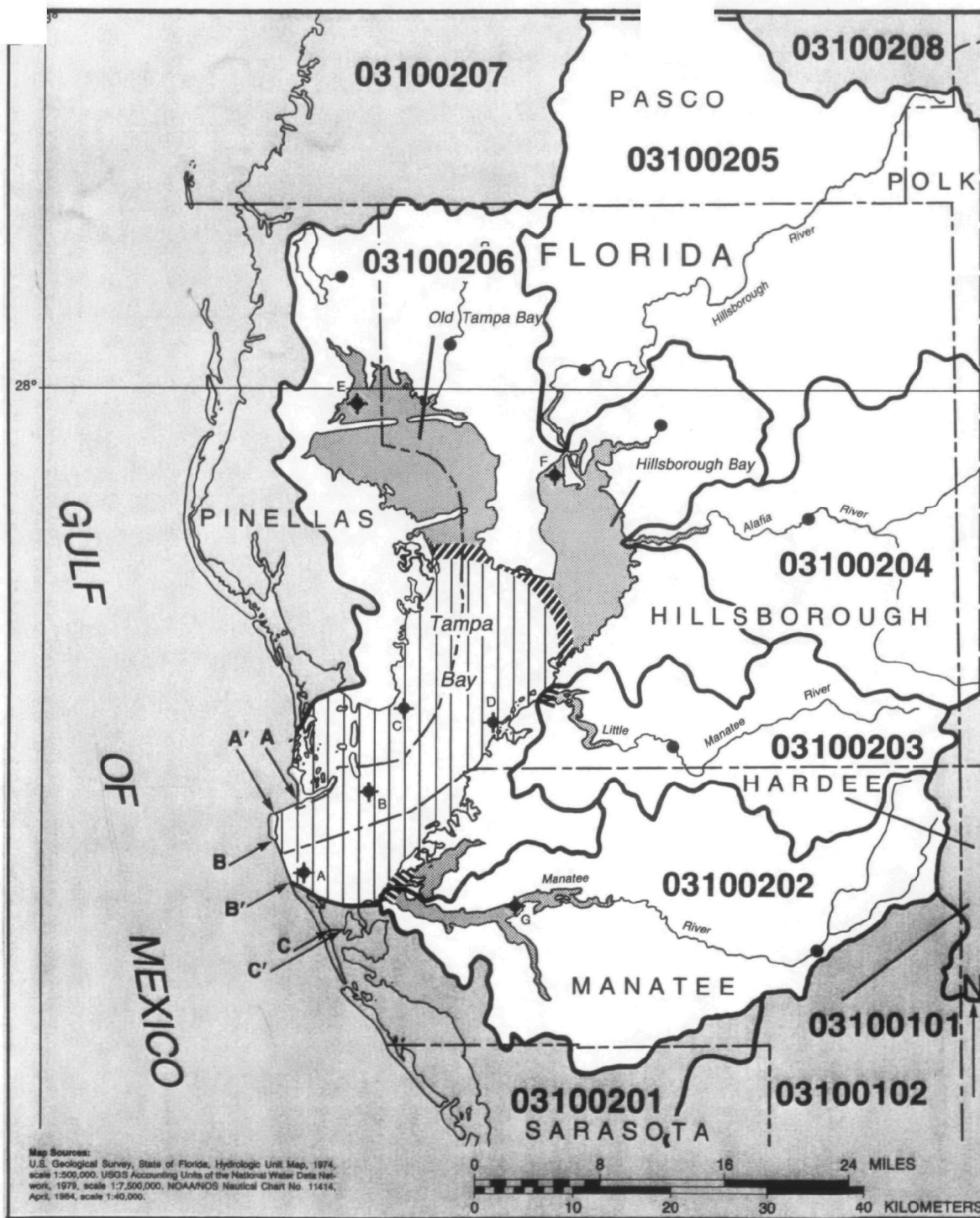


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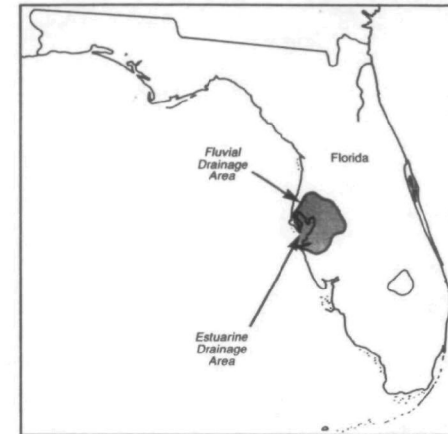


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## Tampa Bay FL



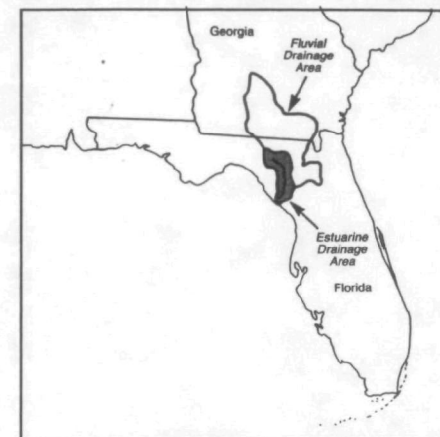
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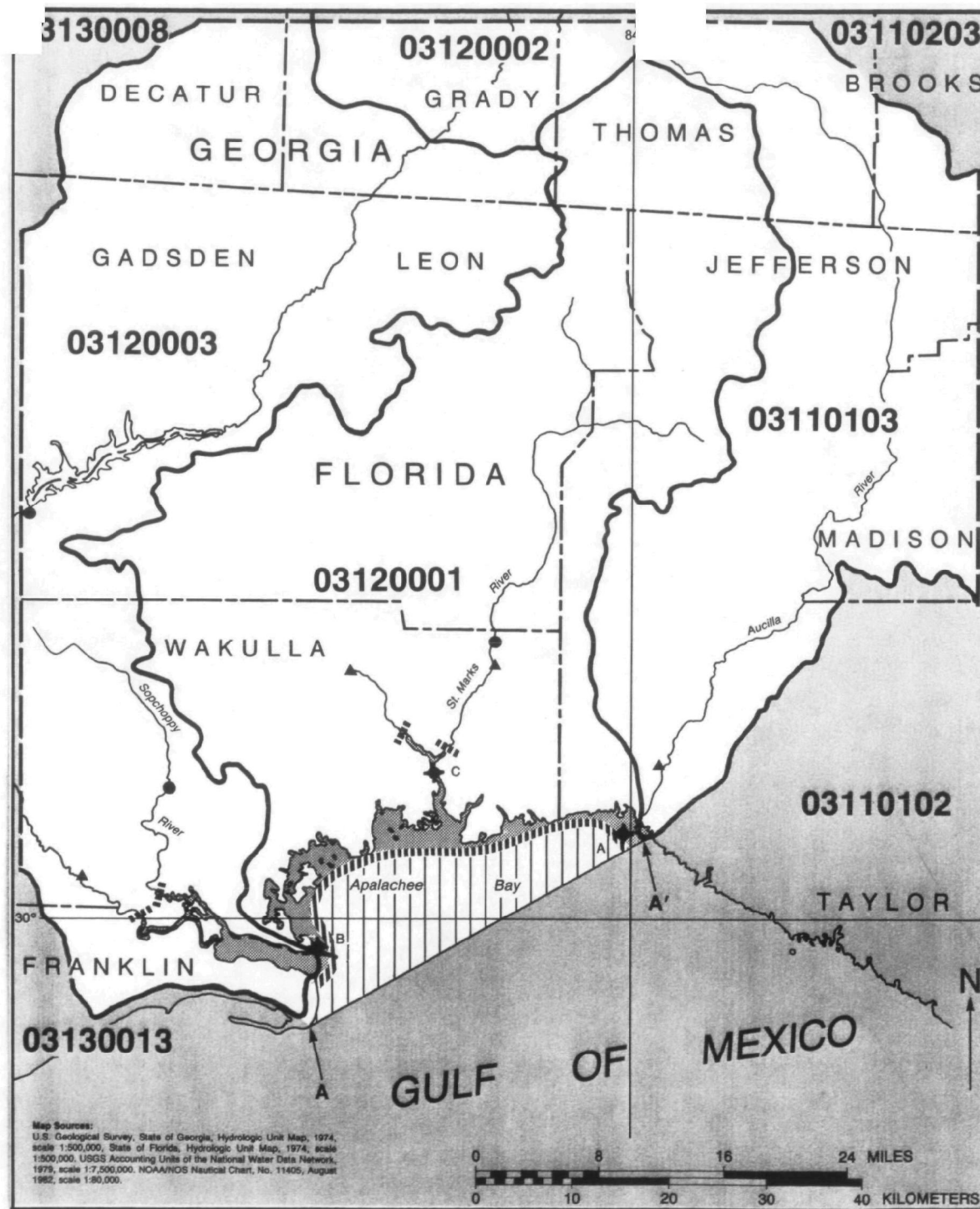
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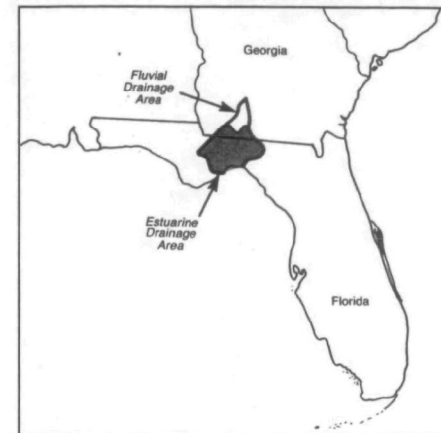
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## Apalachee Bay FL, GA

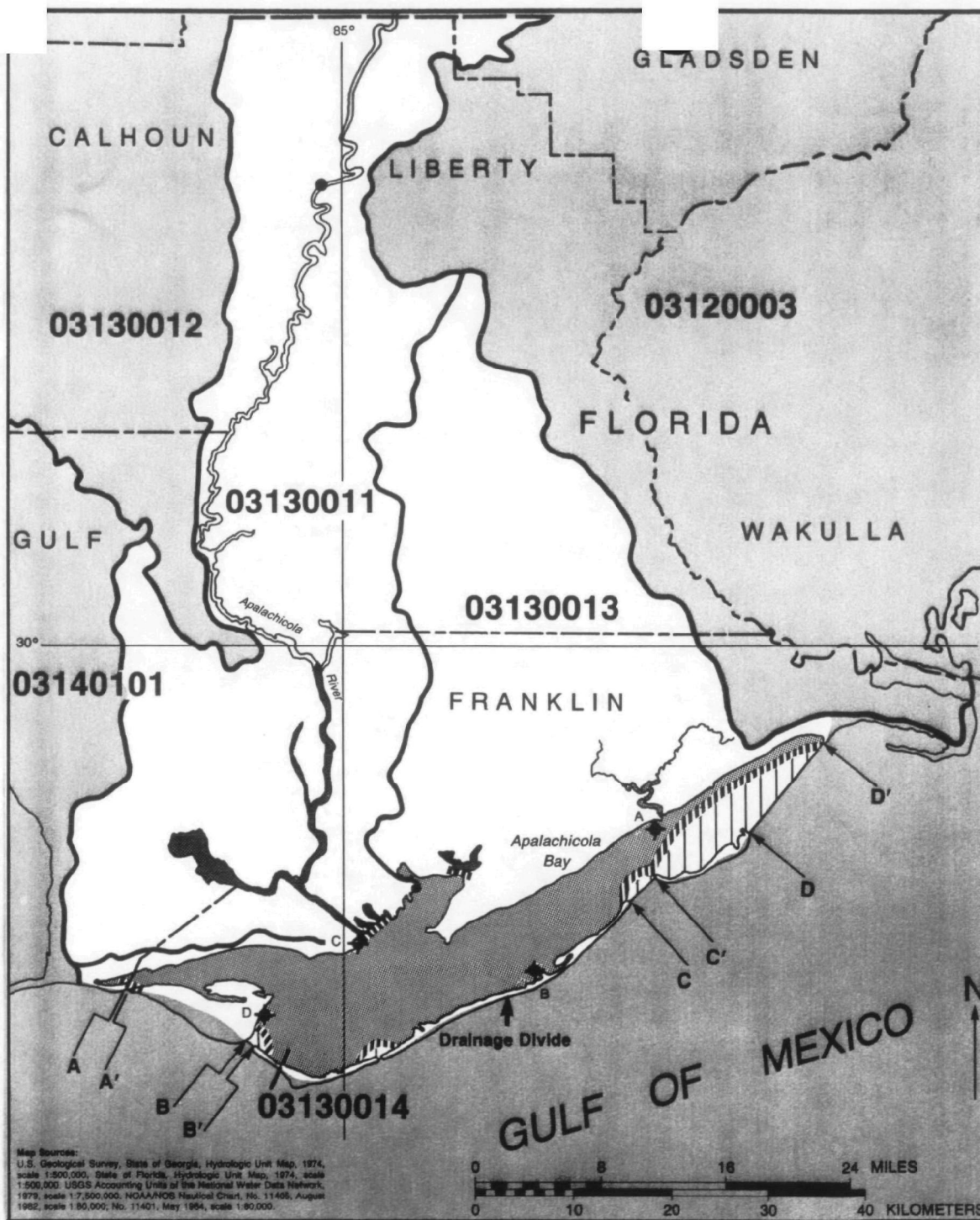


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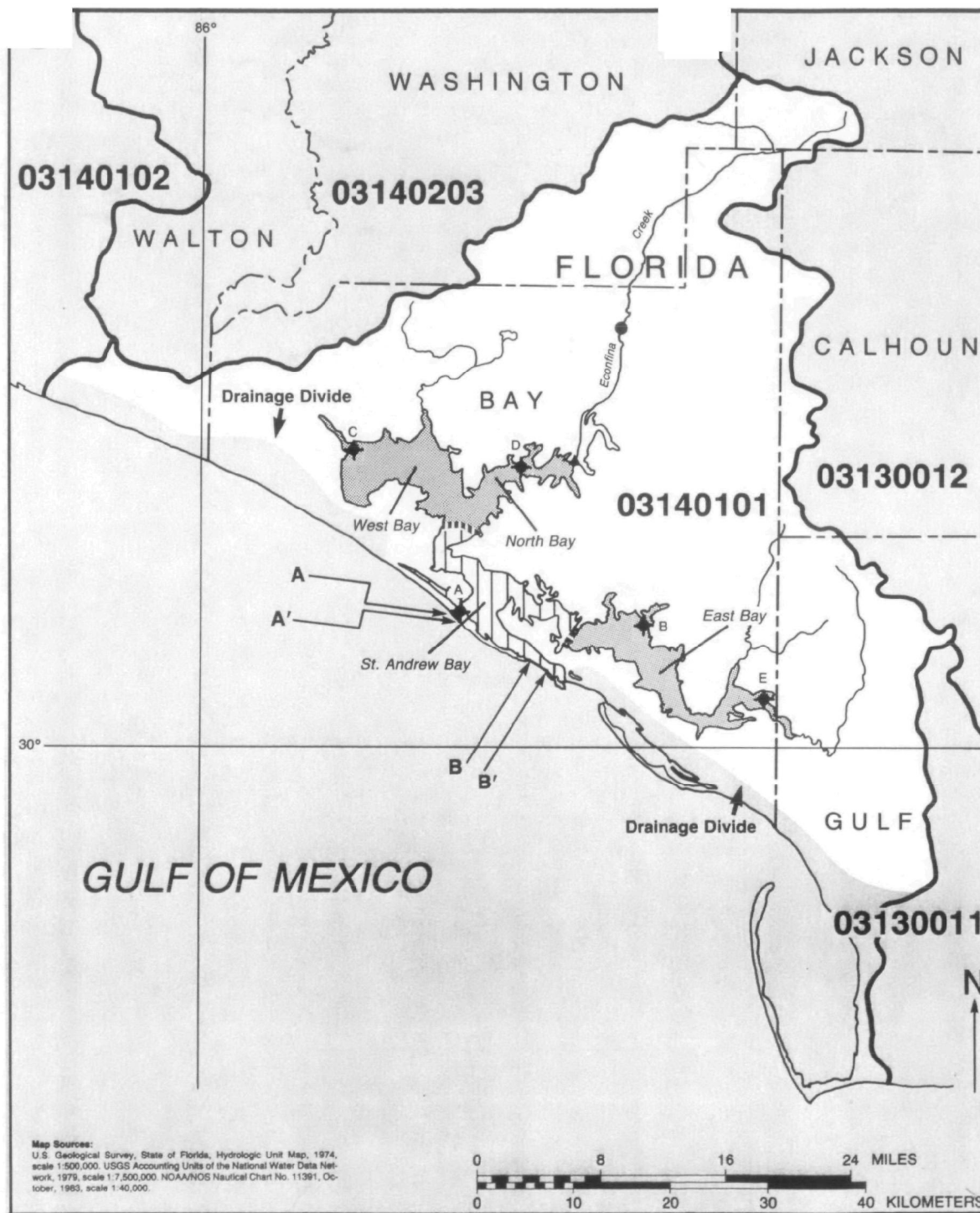


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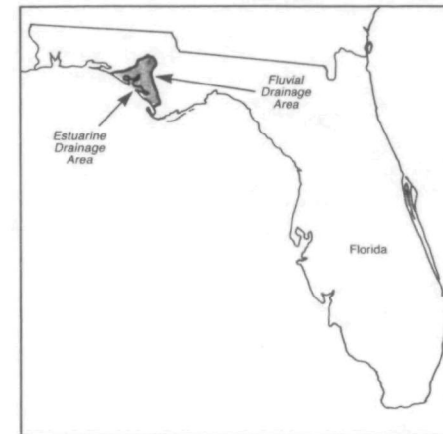


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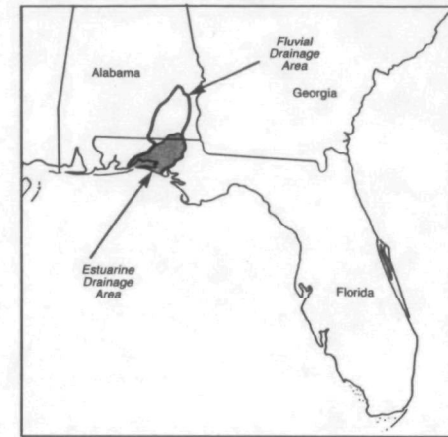


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# Choctawhatchee Bay FL, AL



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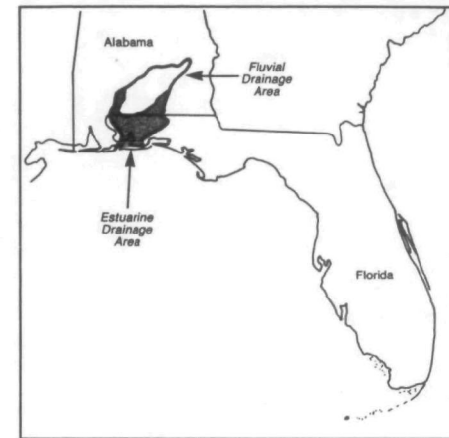
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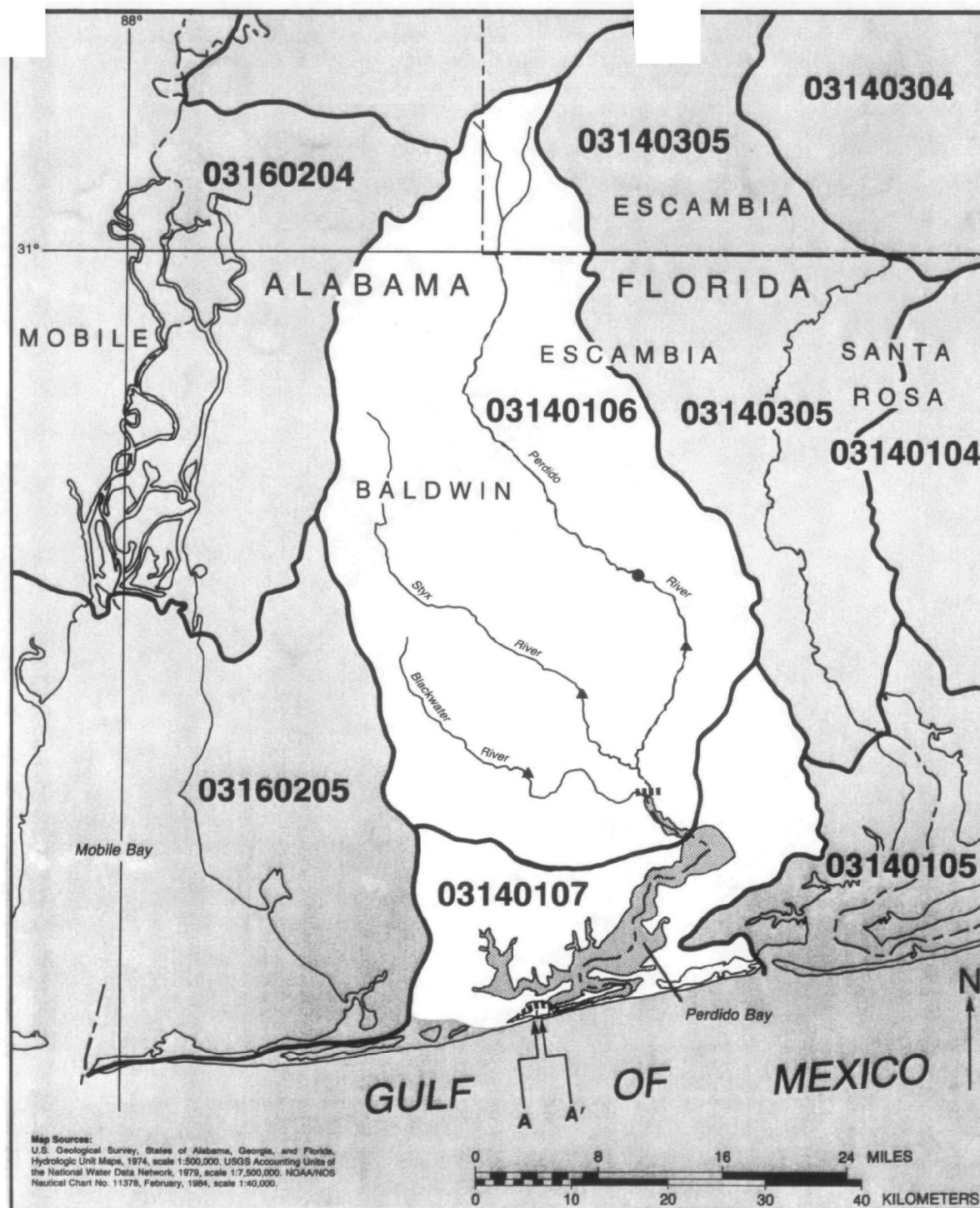
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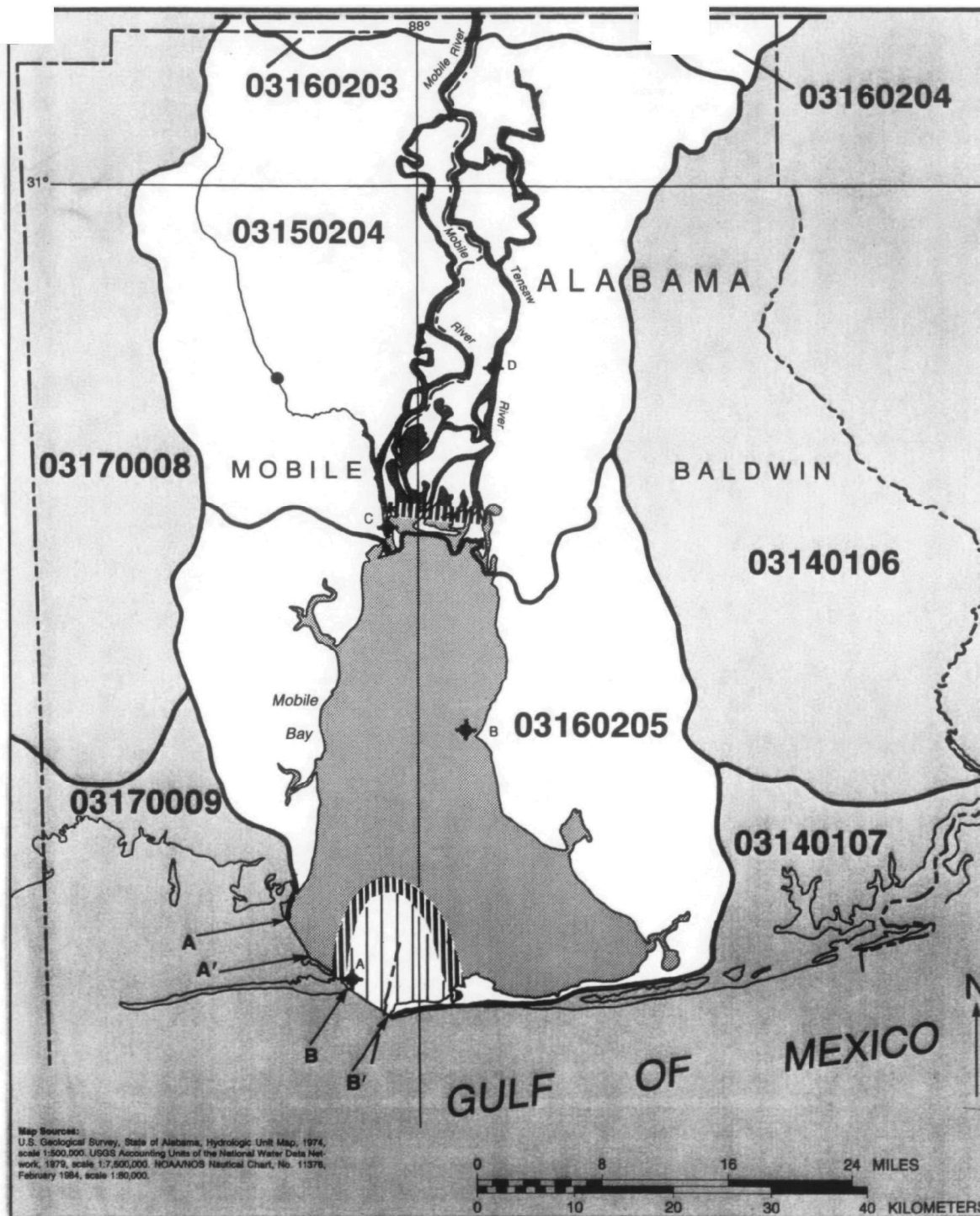


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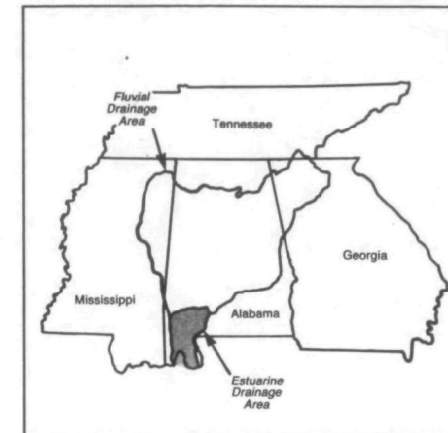


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## Mobile Bay AL



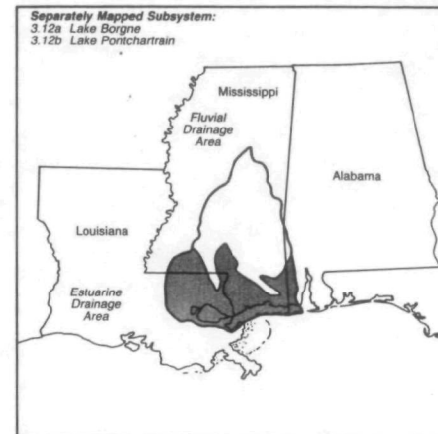
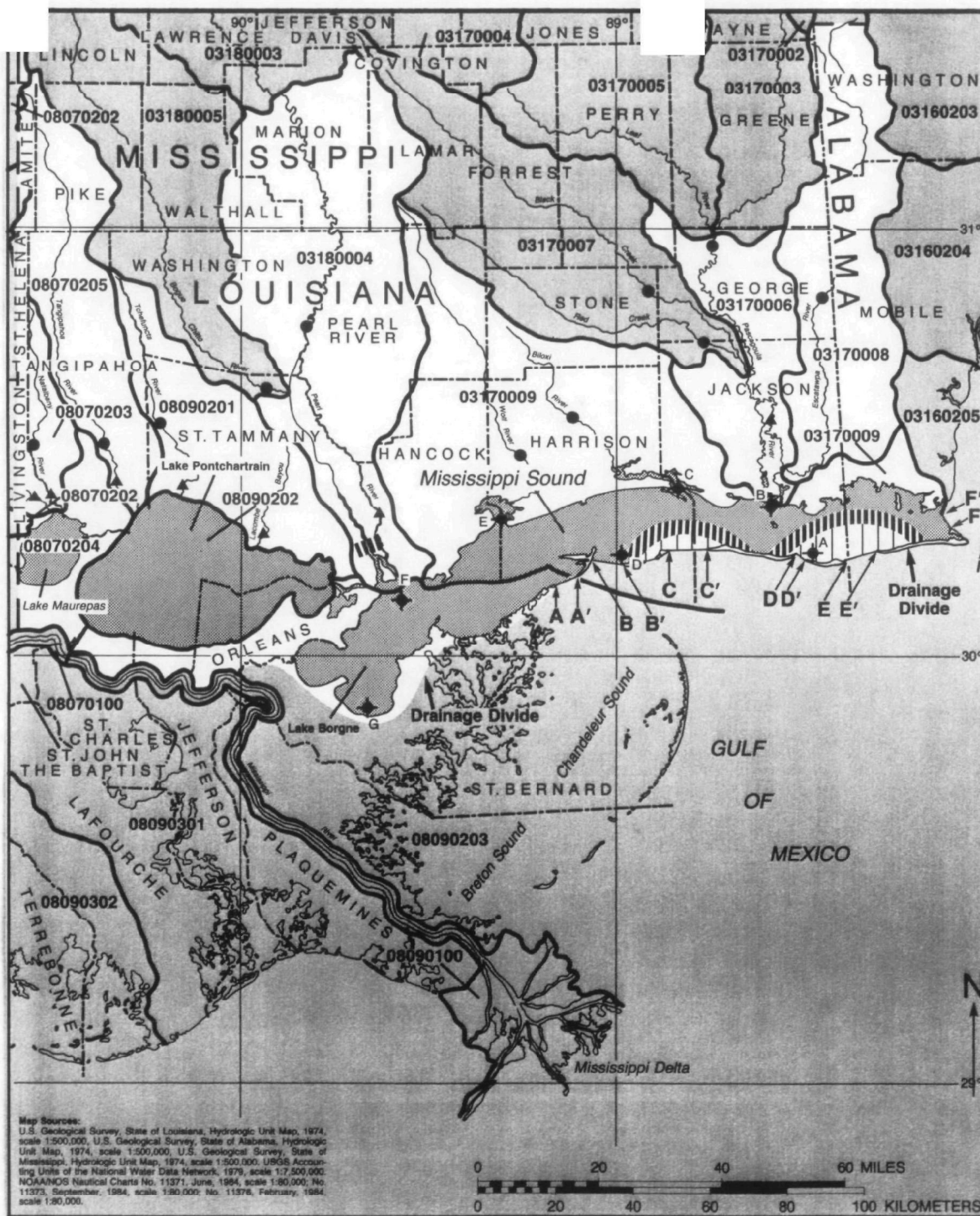
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# Mississippi Sound LA, MS, AL



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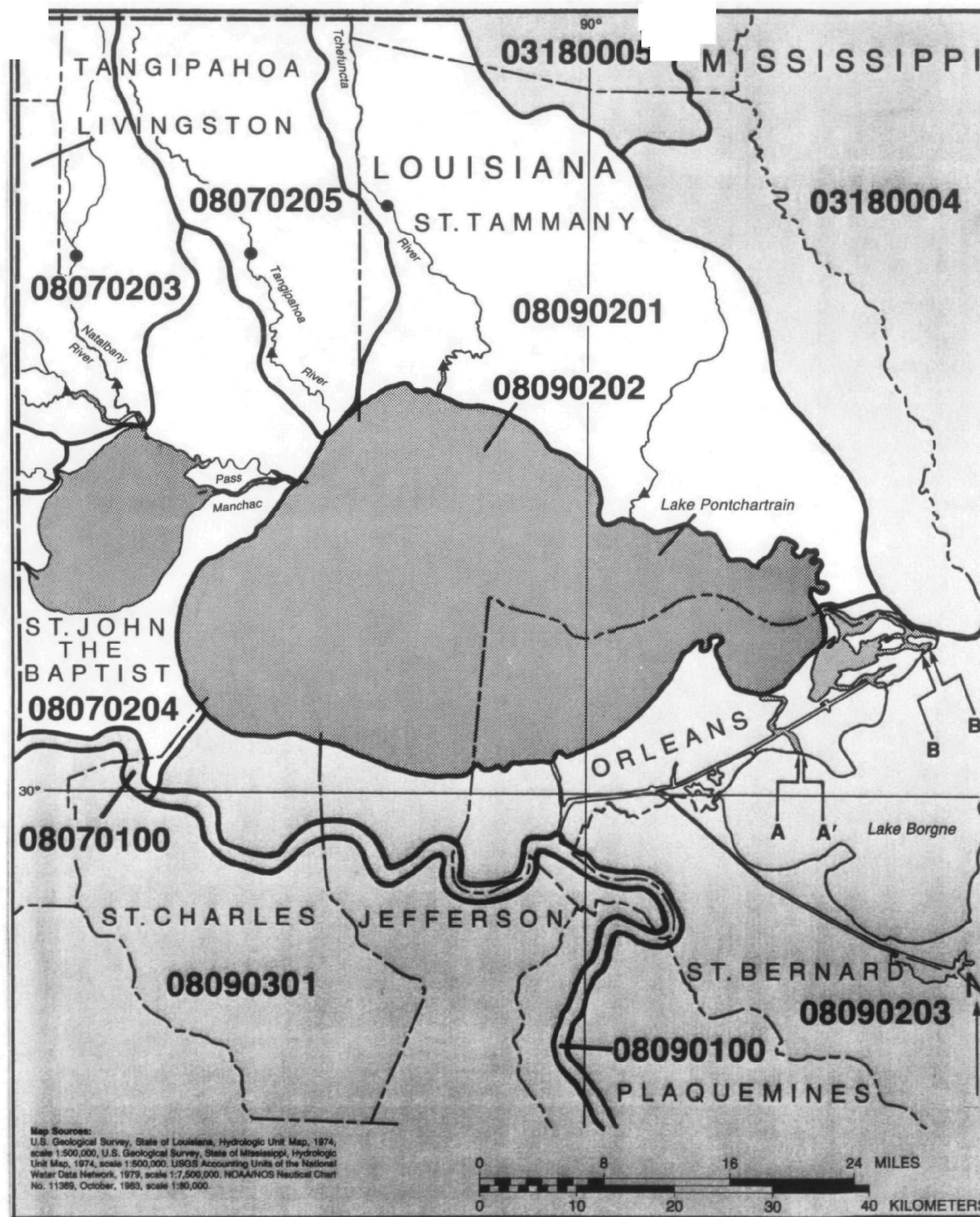


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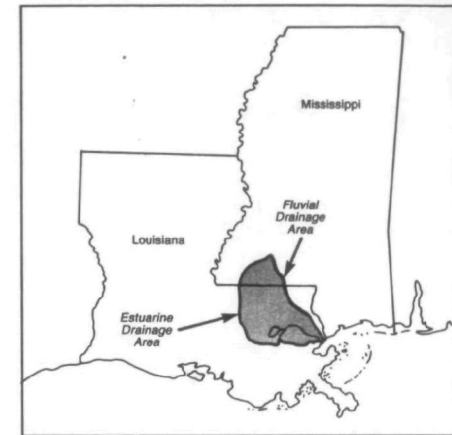


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## Atchafalaya and Verm Bays LA



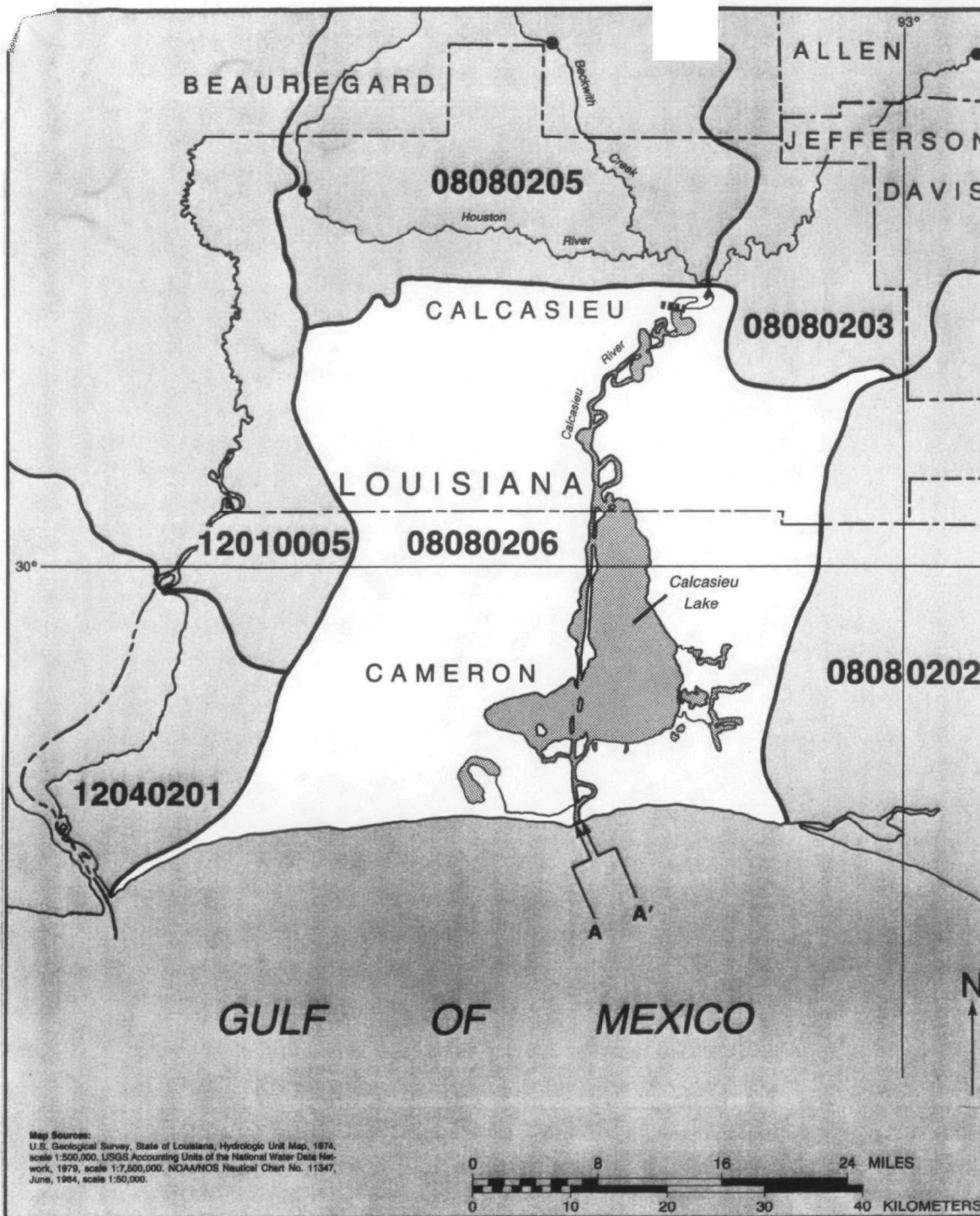
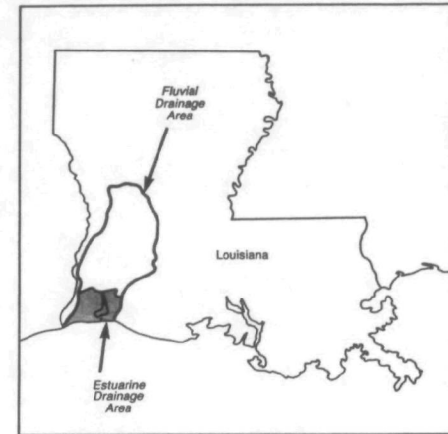
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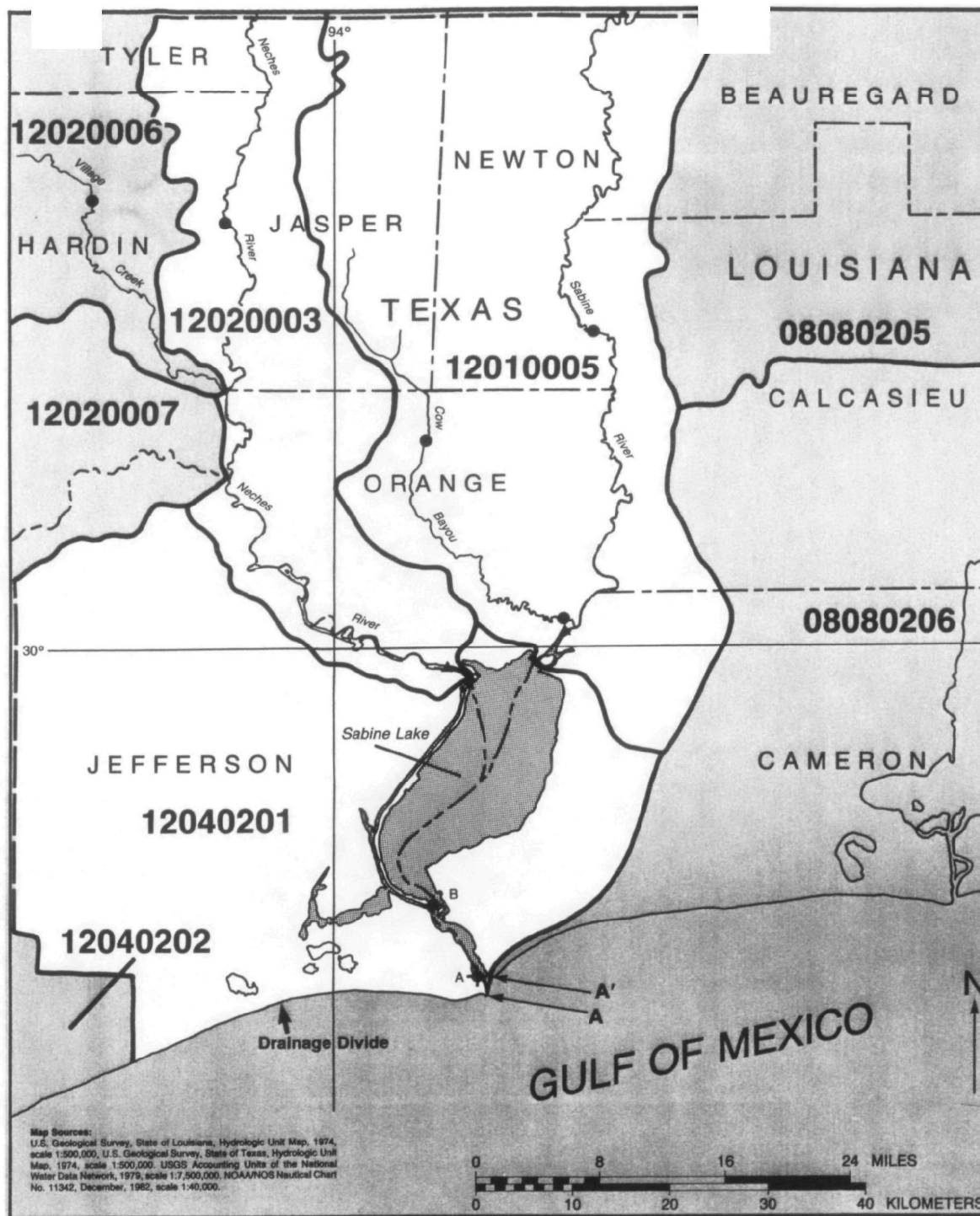


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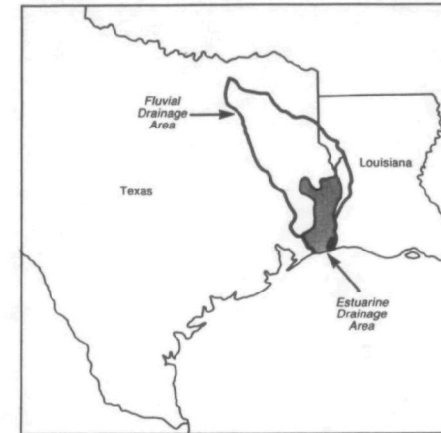
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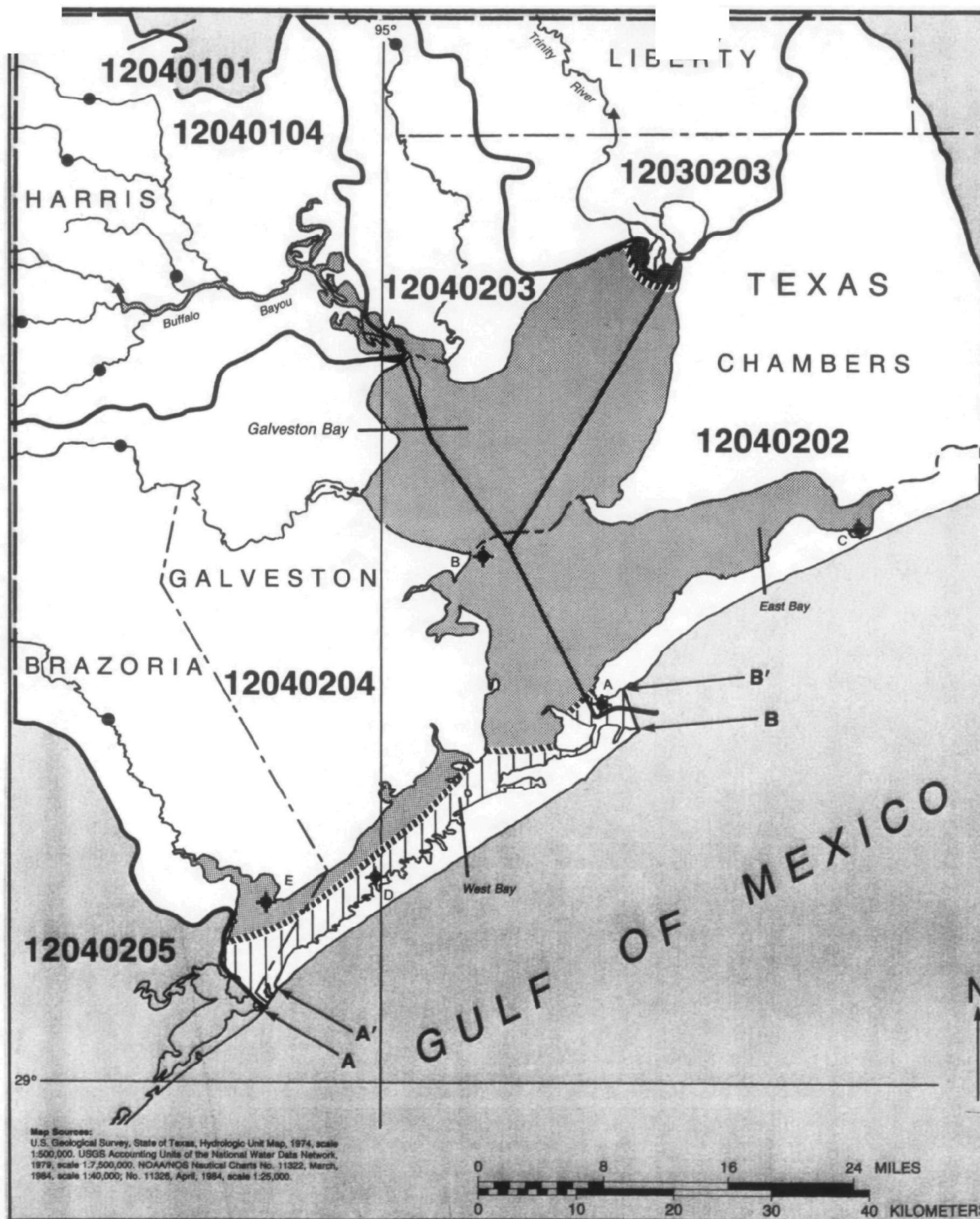
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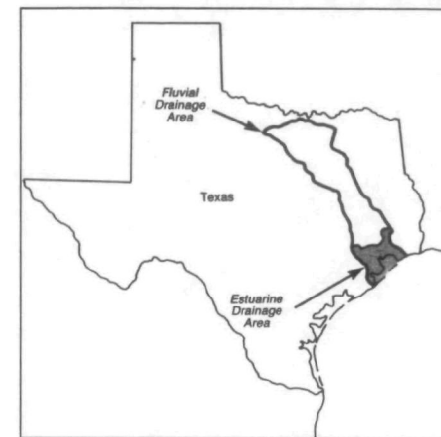
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## Galveston Bay TX



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






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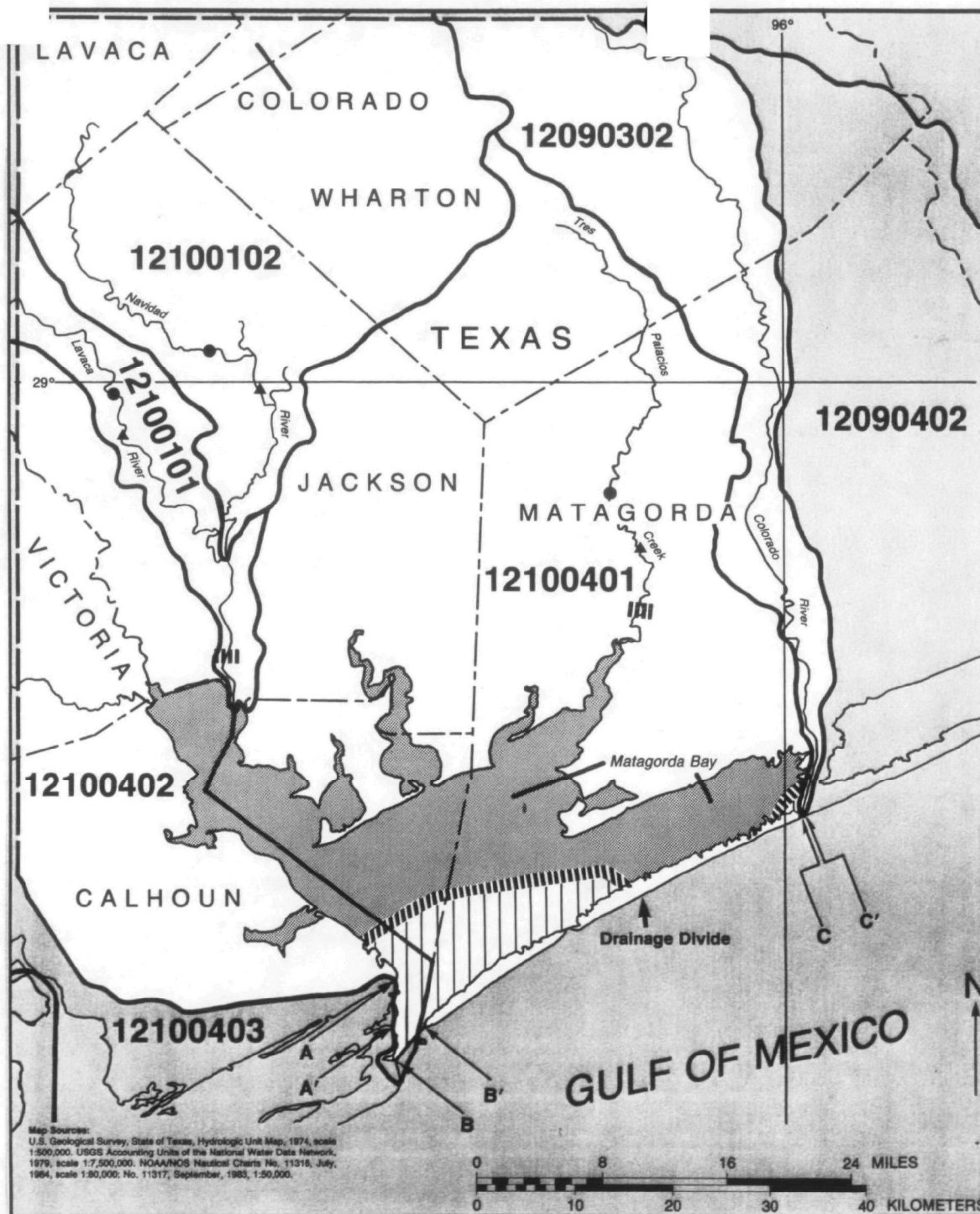


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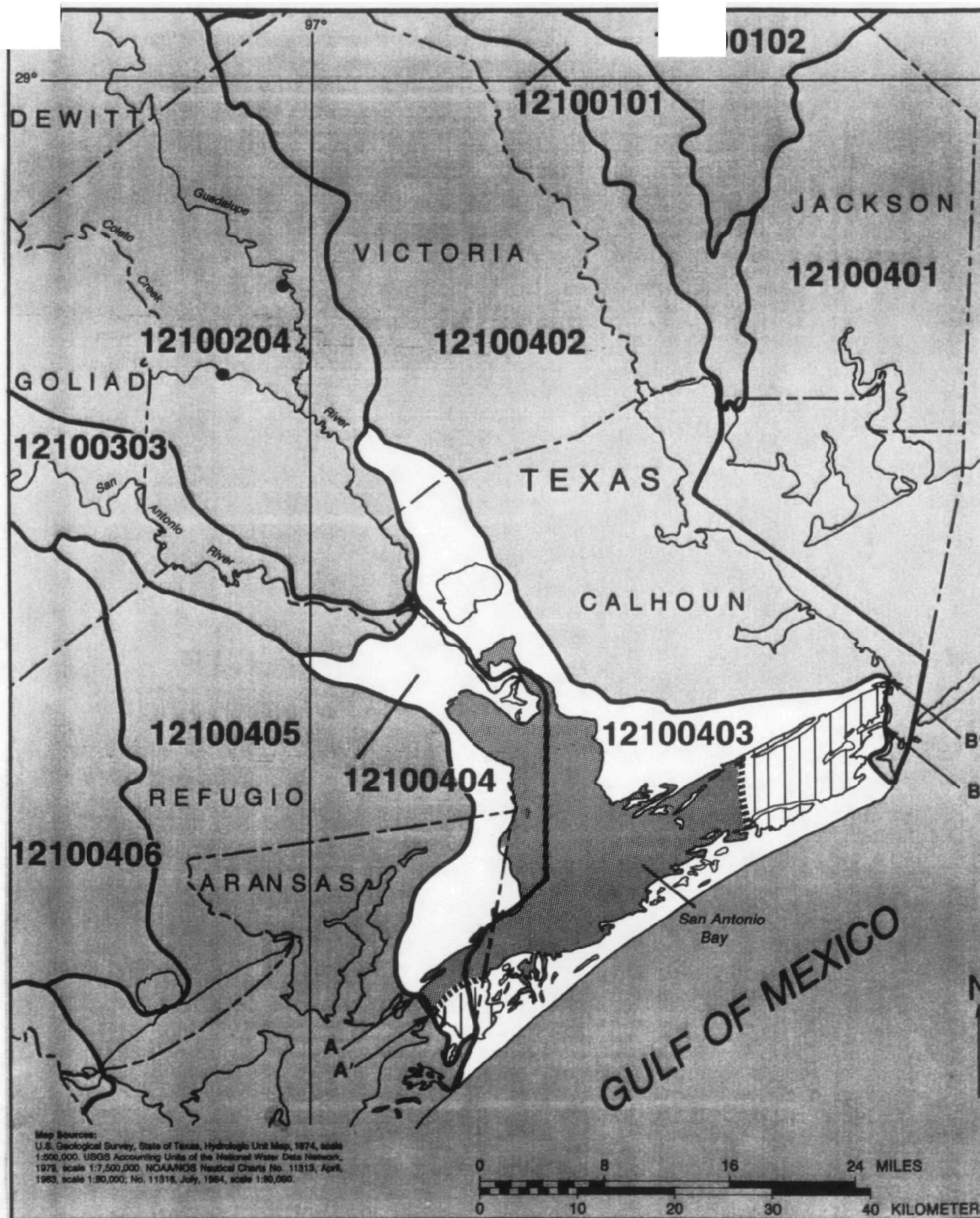
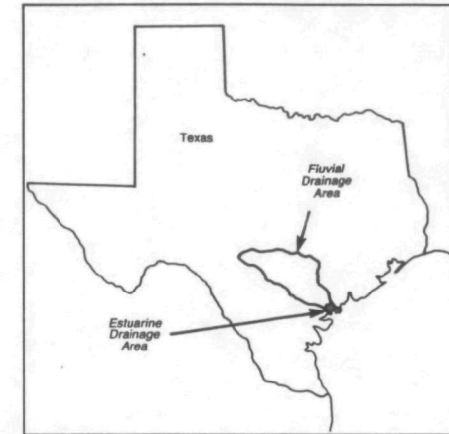
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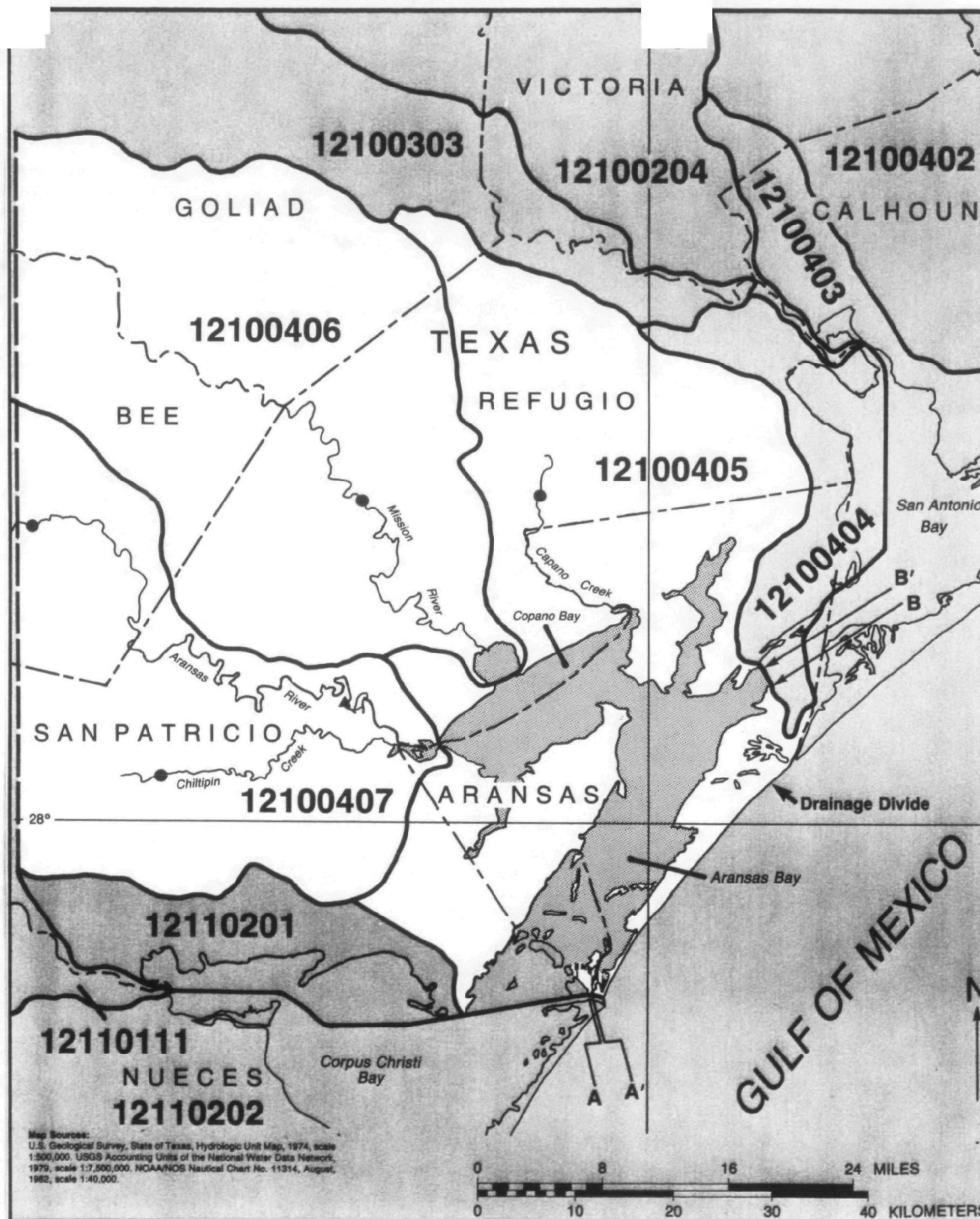
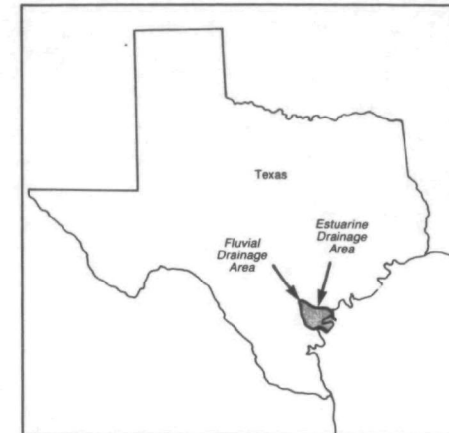
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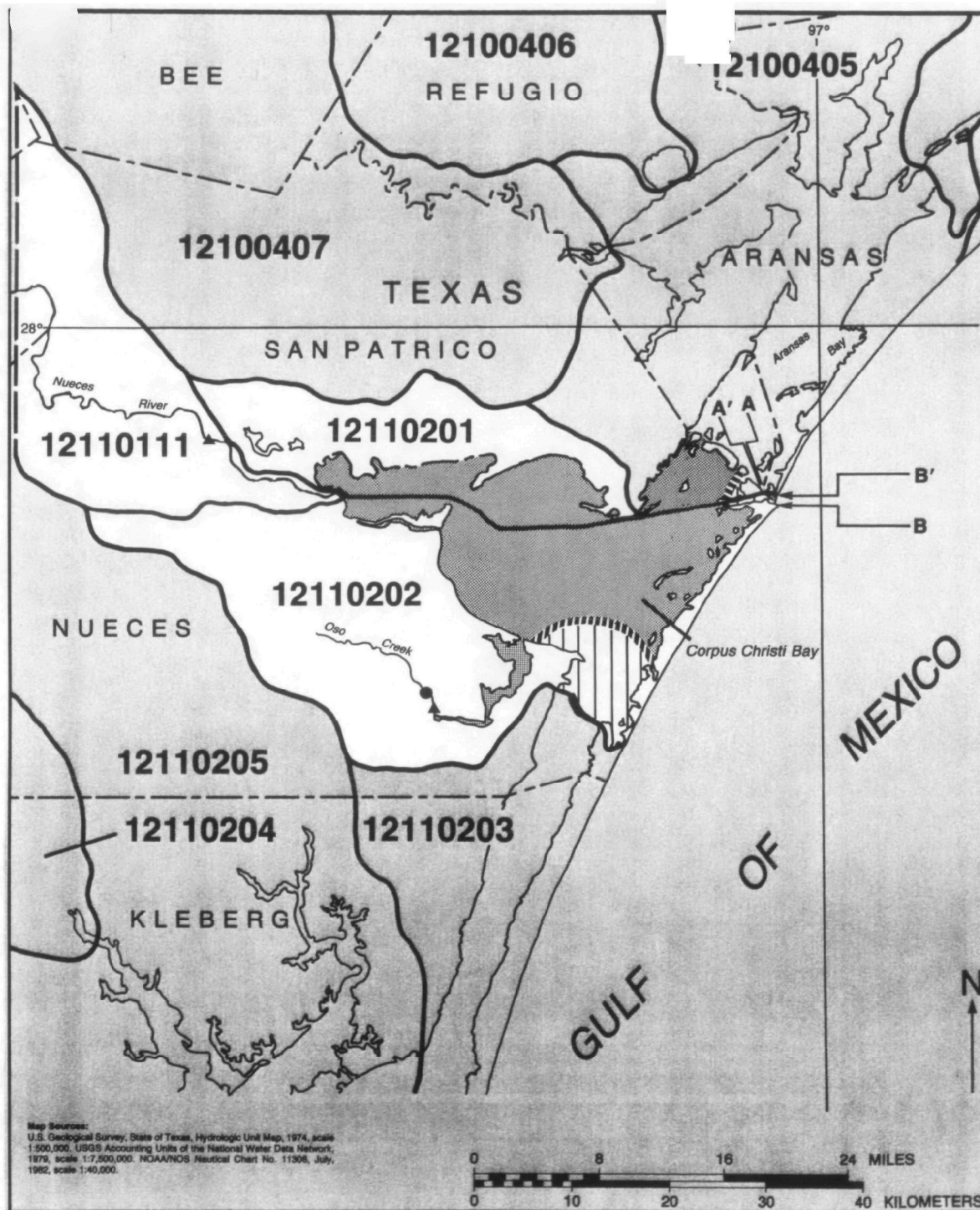


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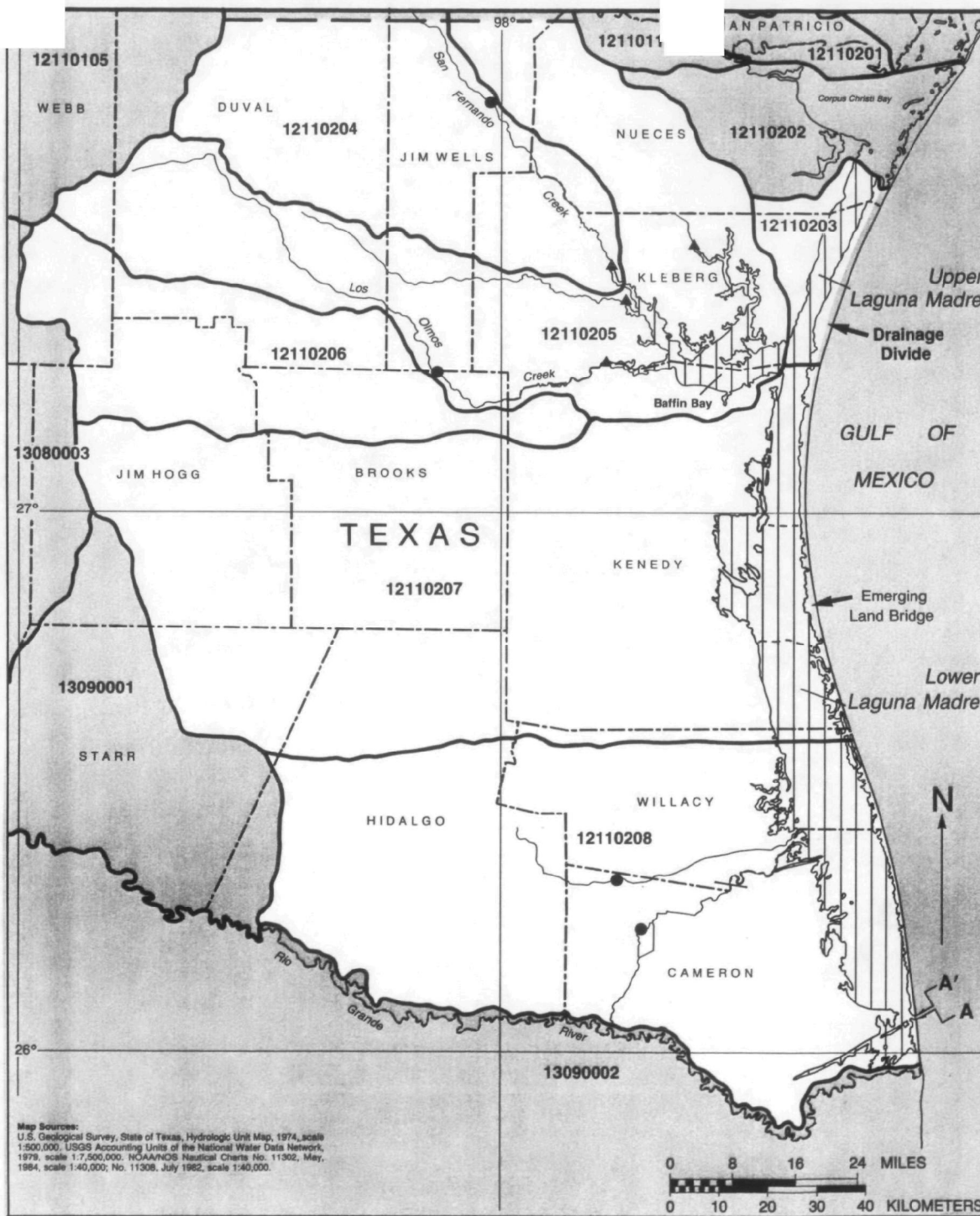


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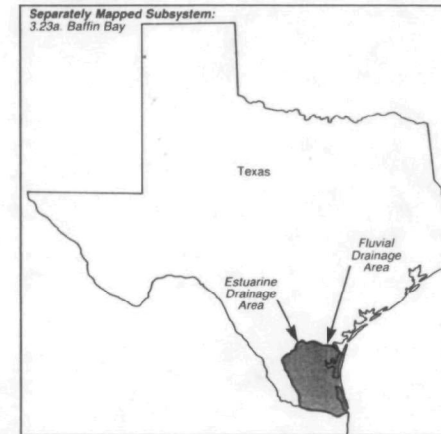


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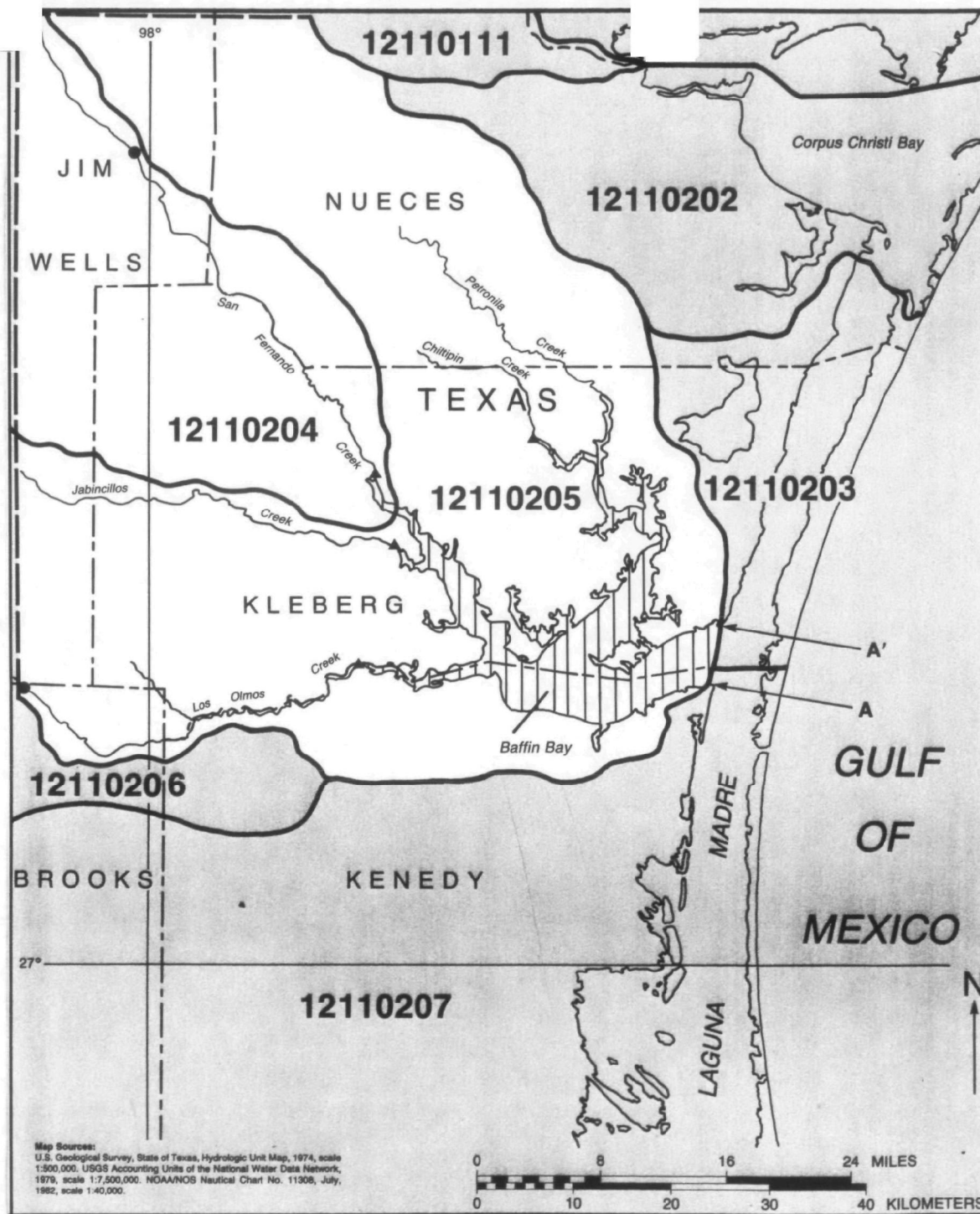
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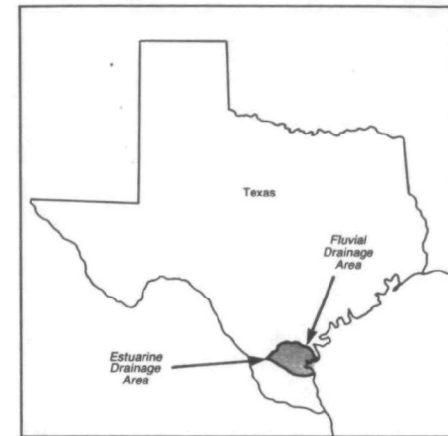
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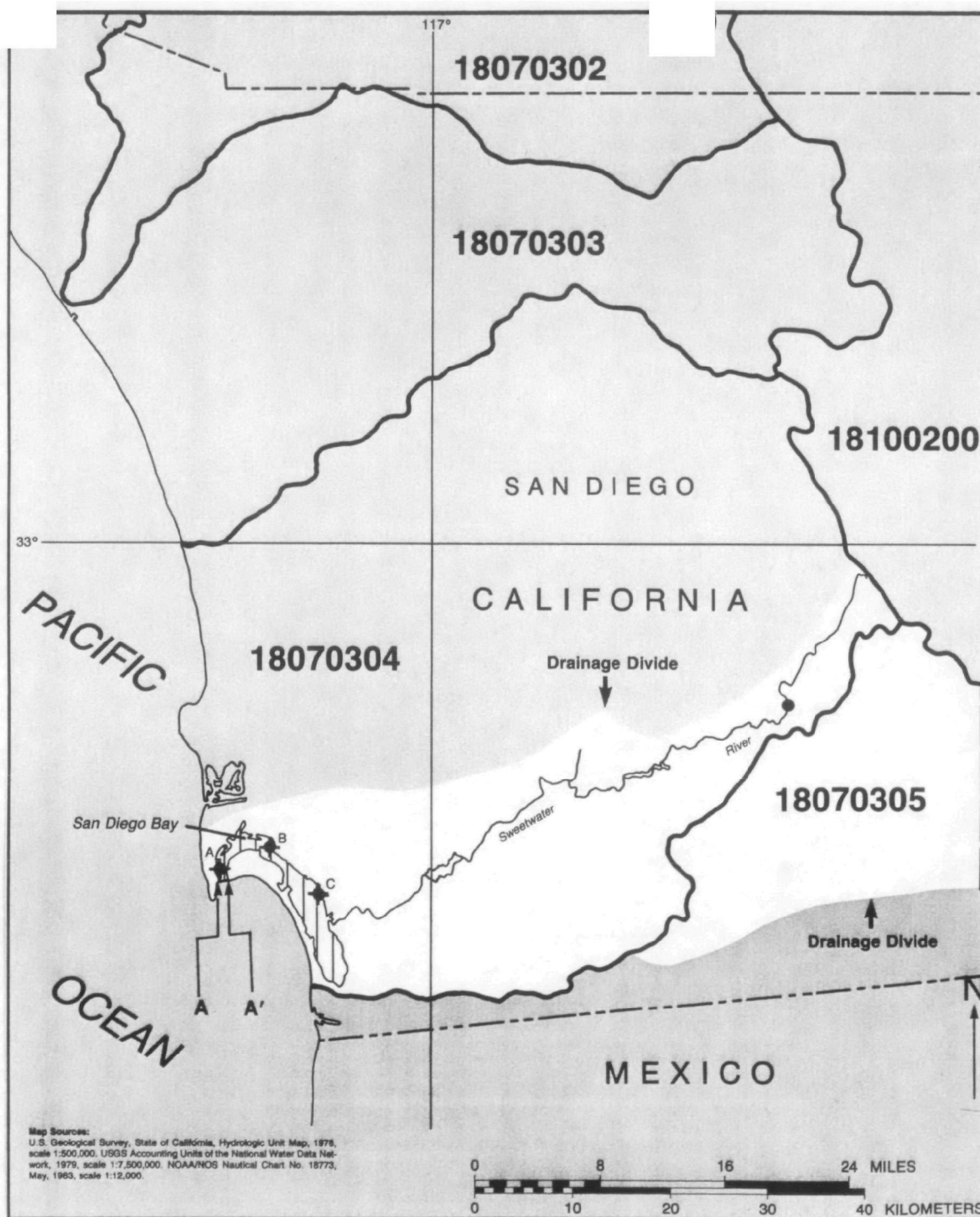
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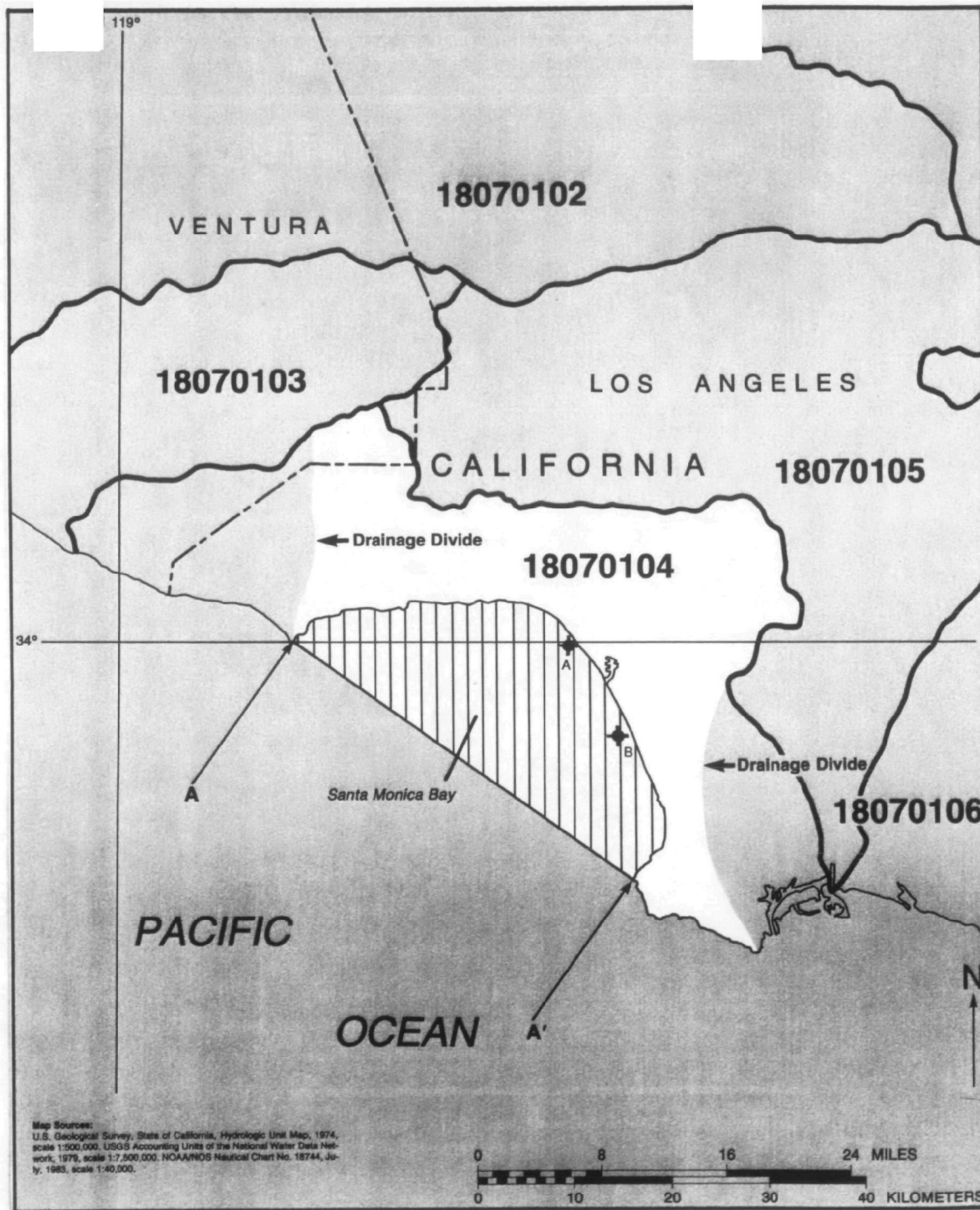


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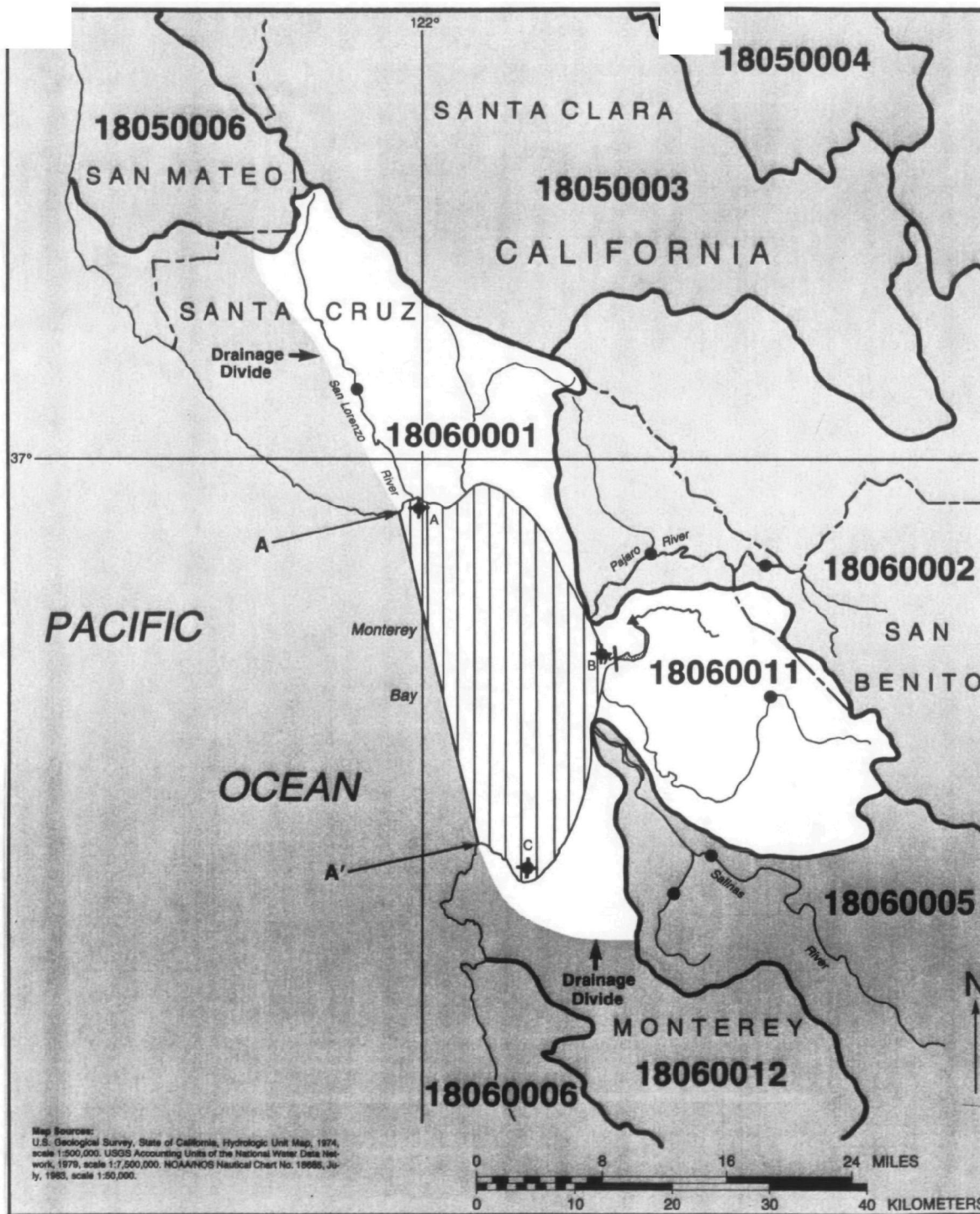
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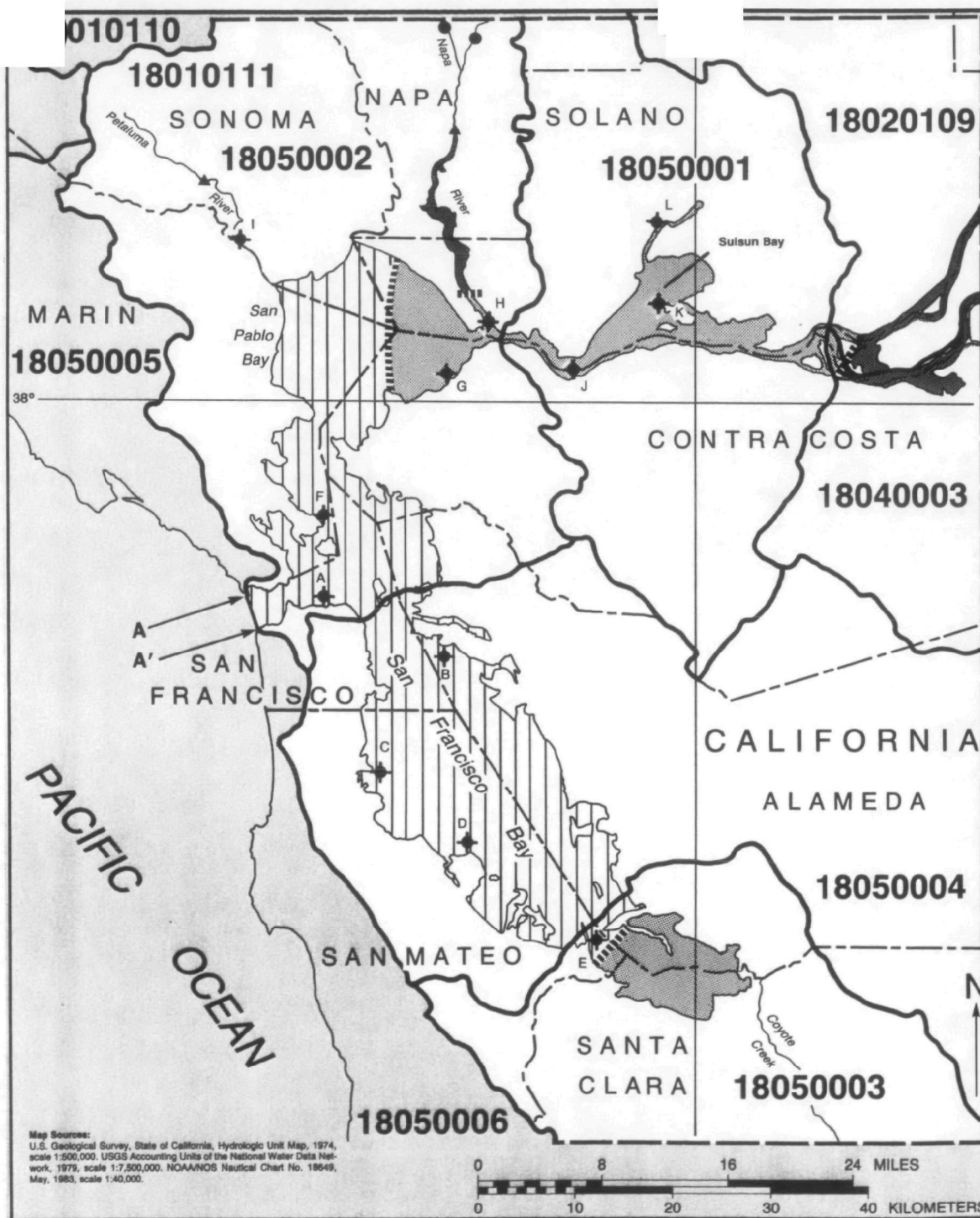
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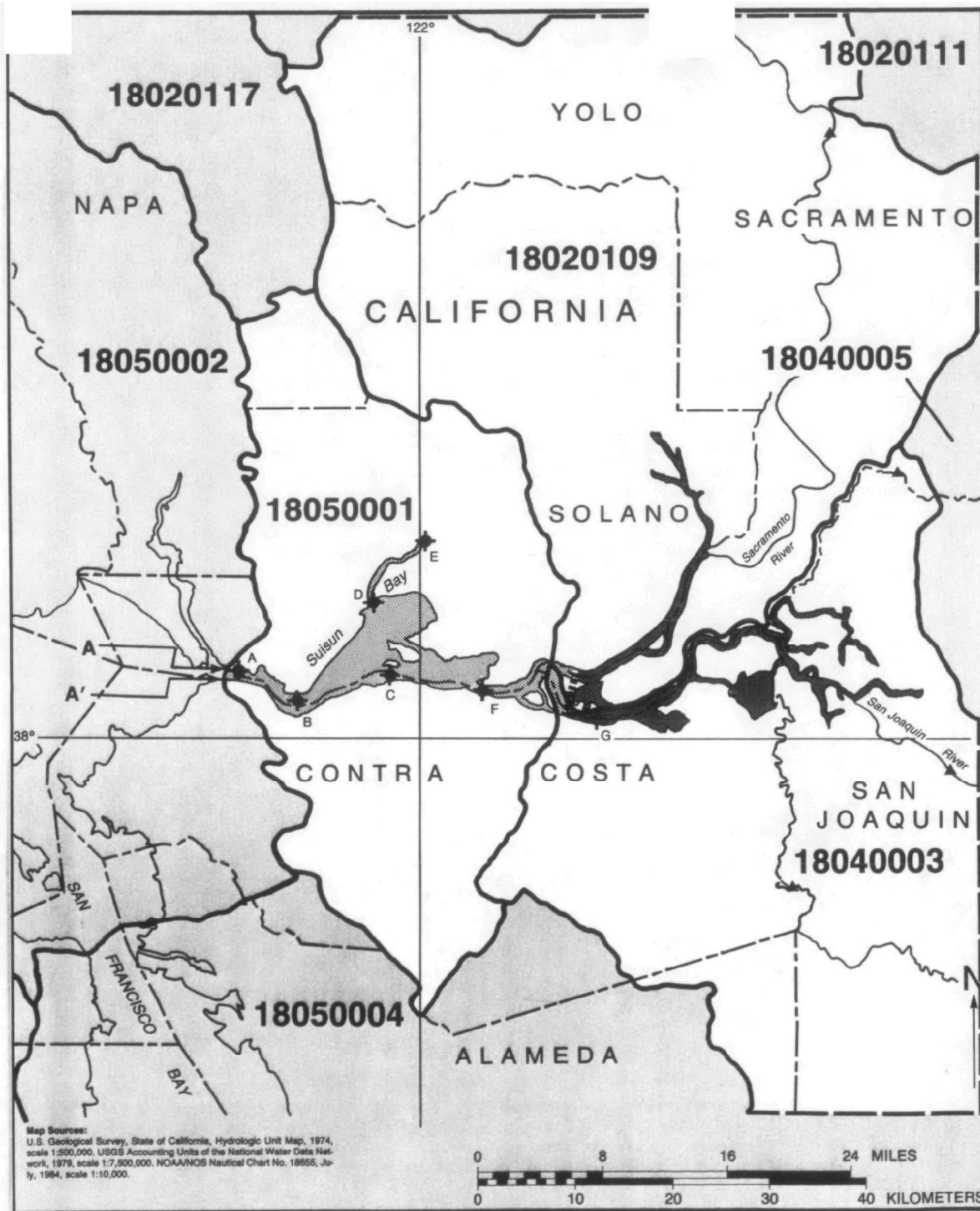


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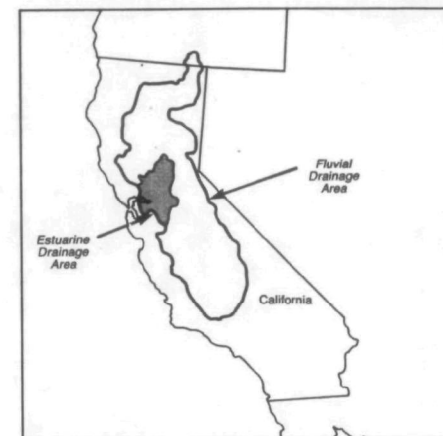


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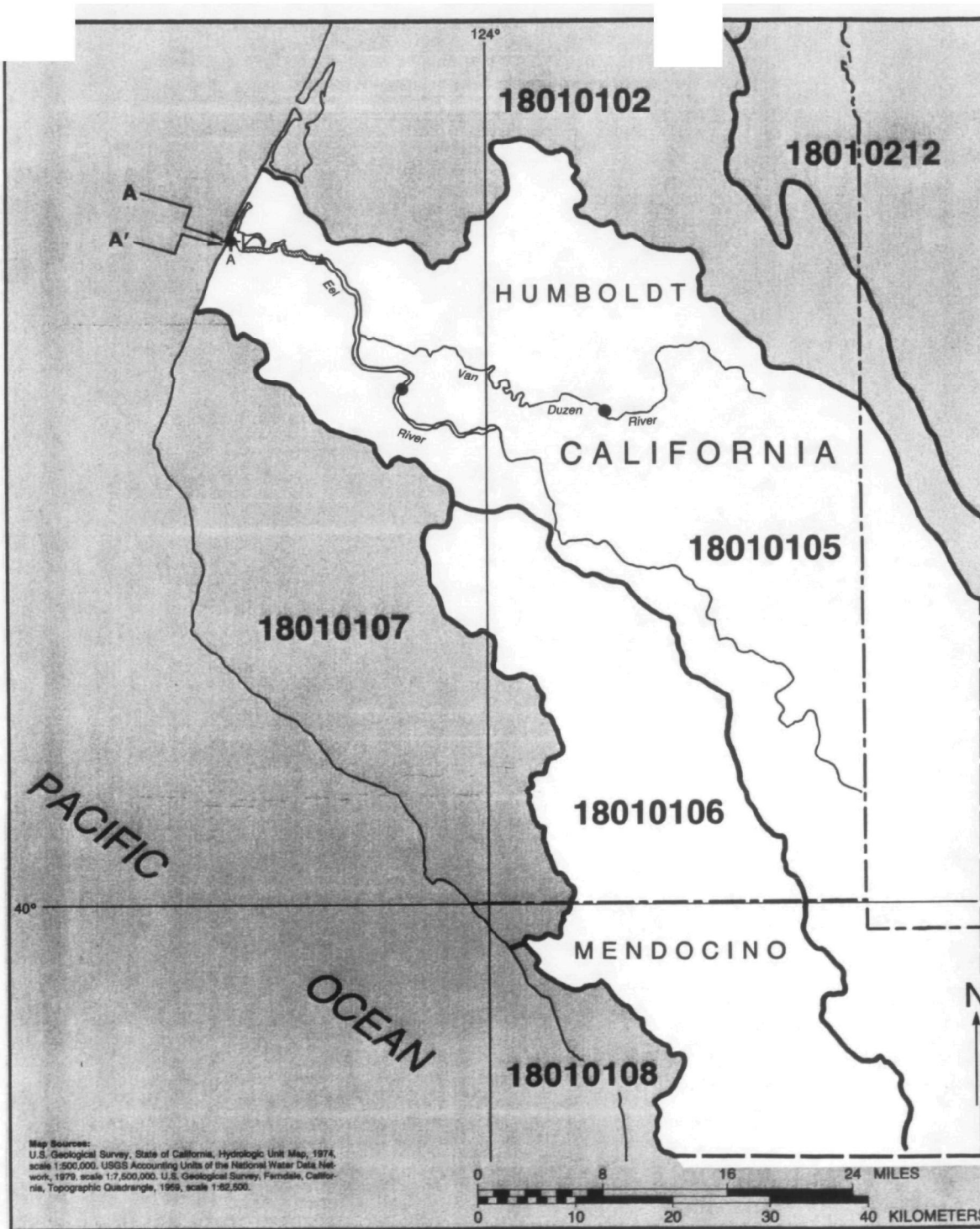


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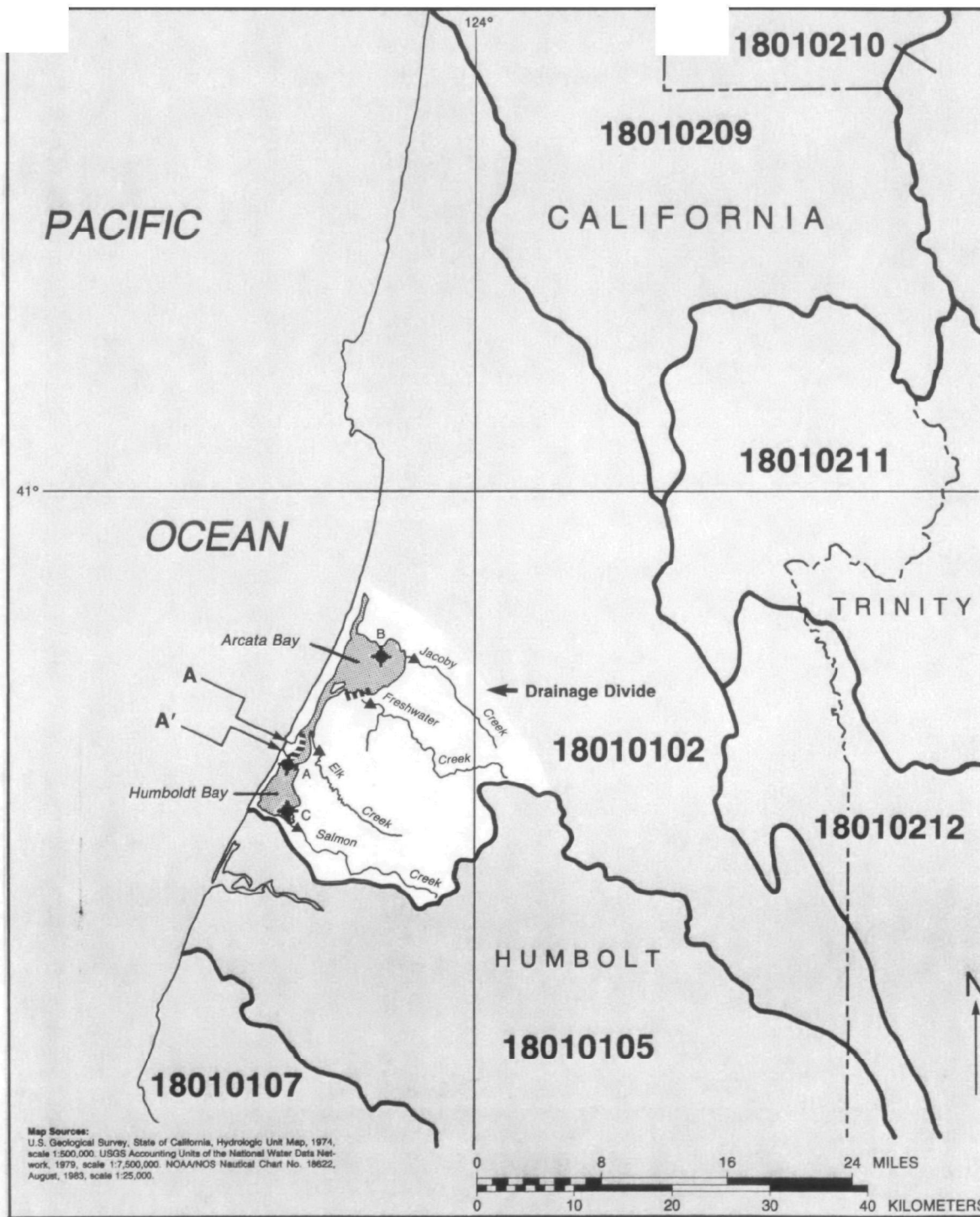
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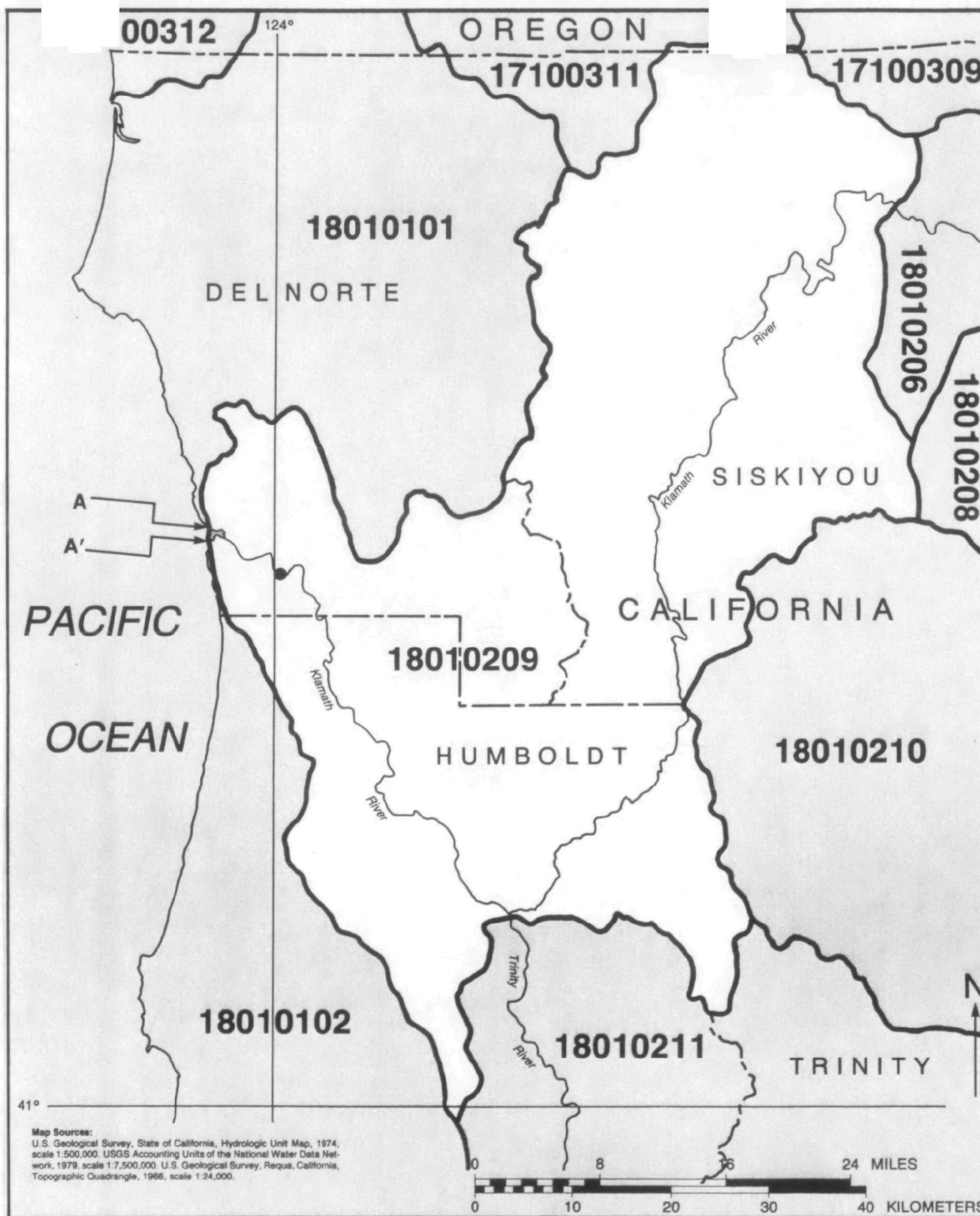


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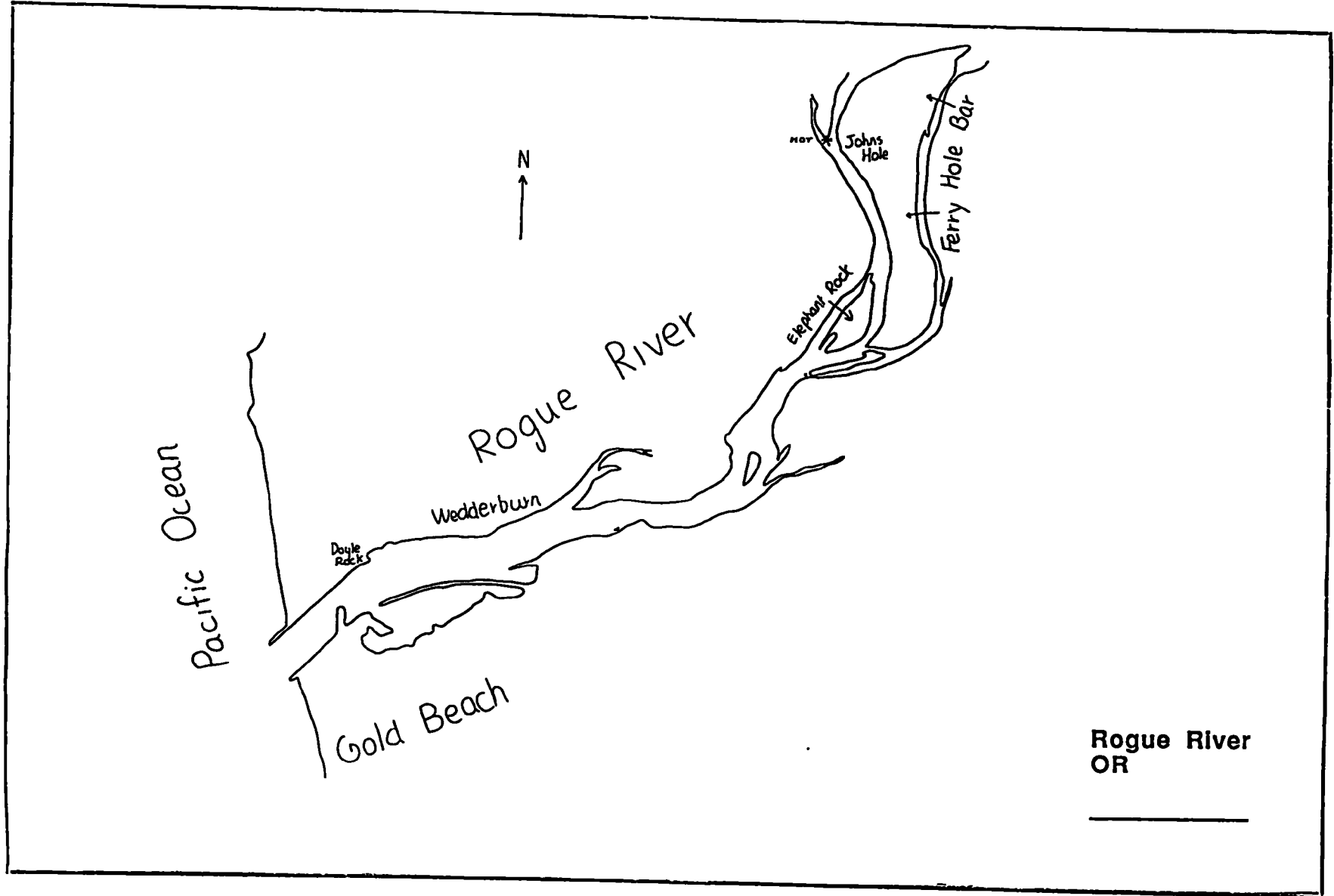
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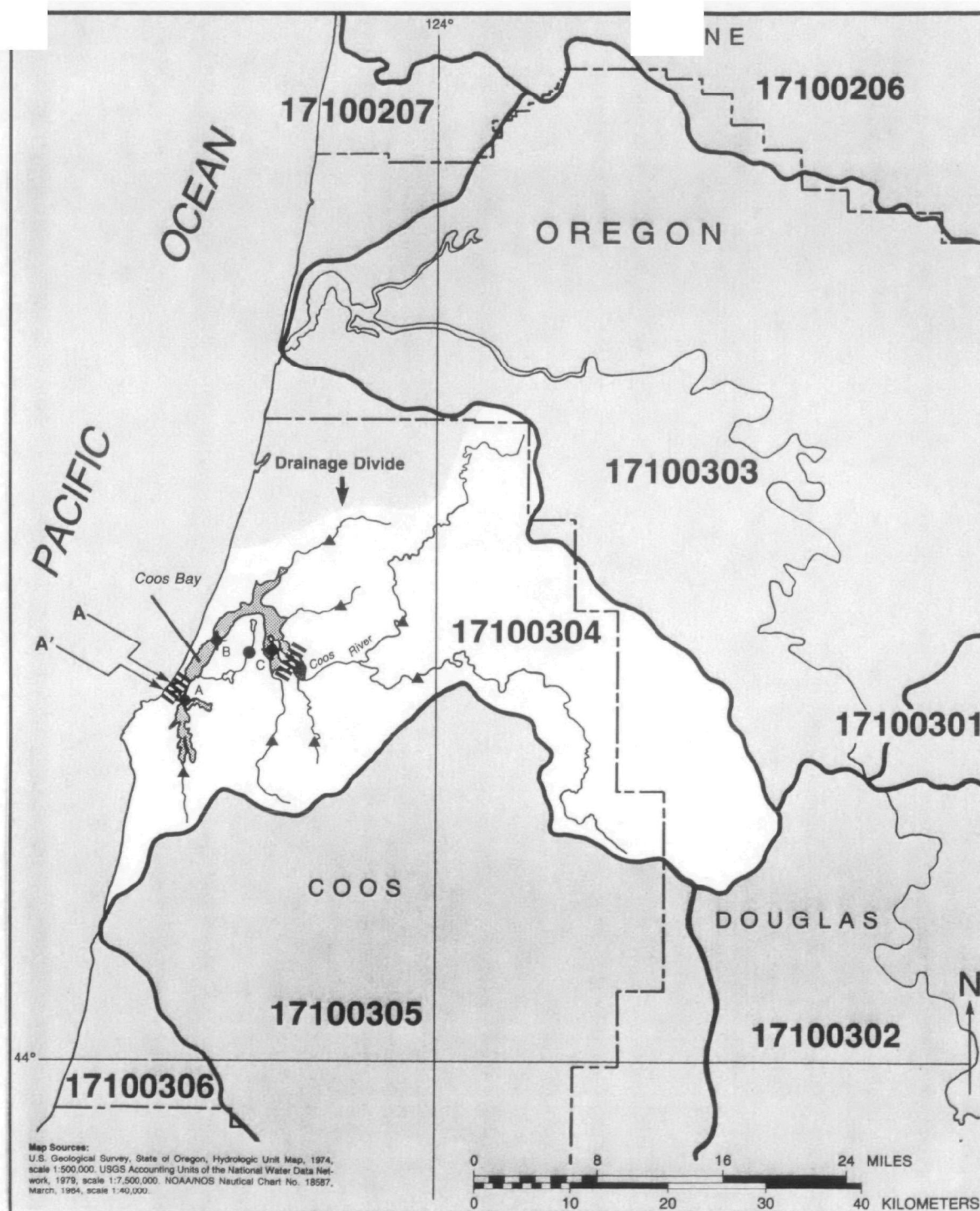
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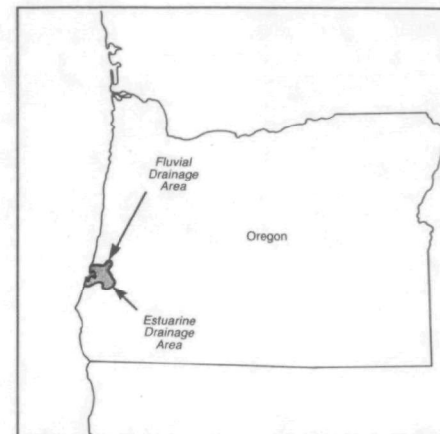
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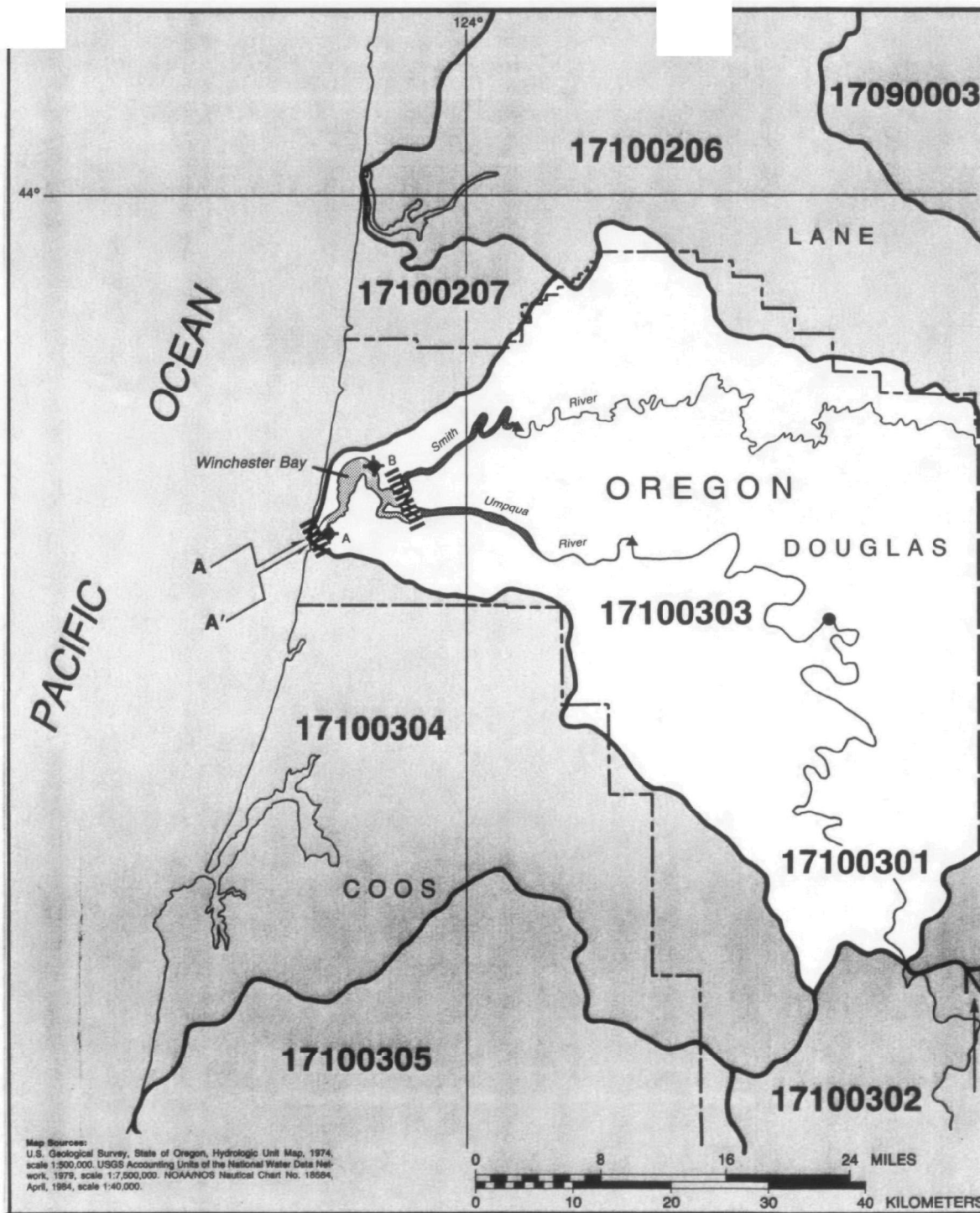
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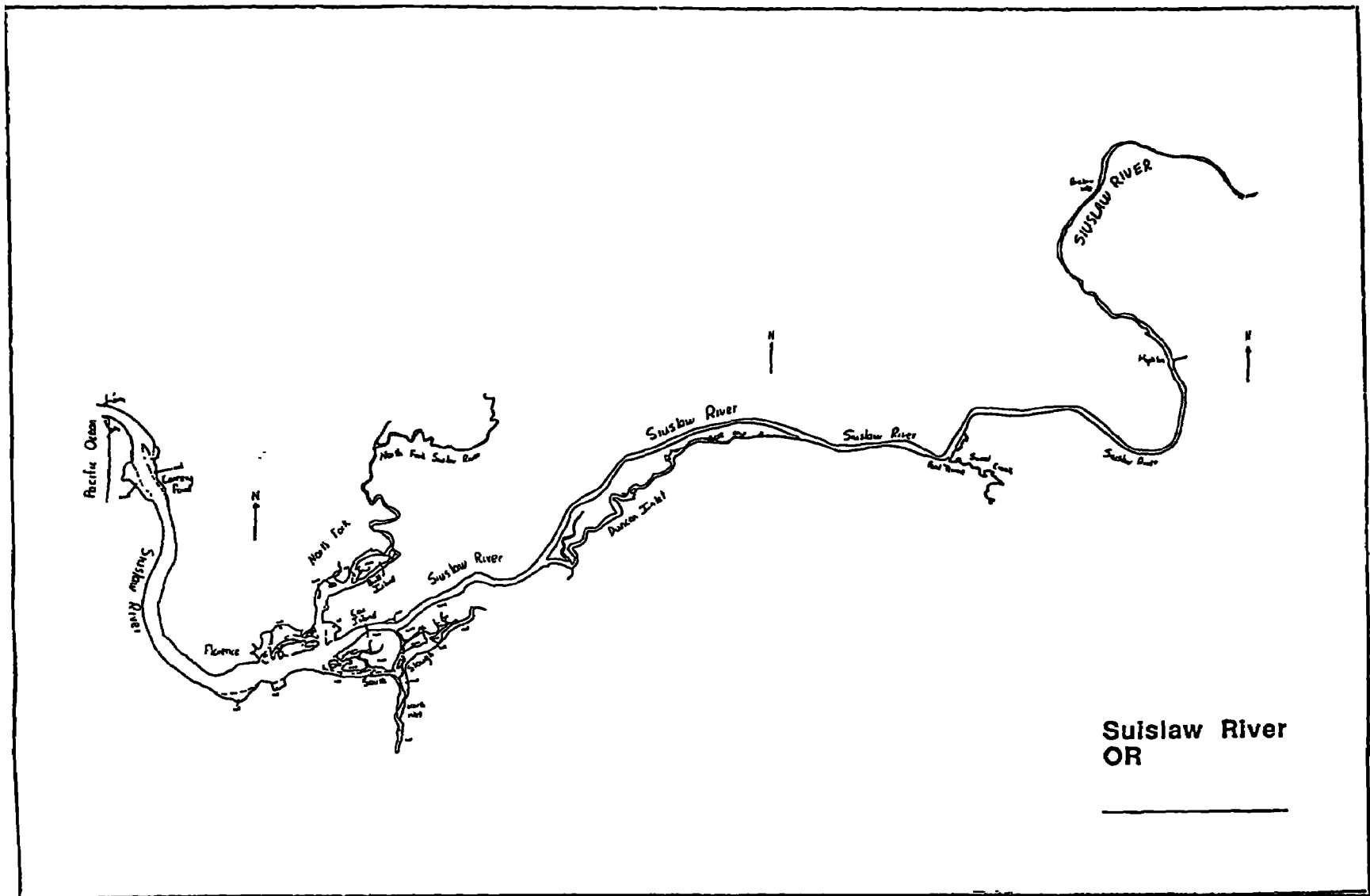


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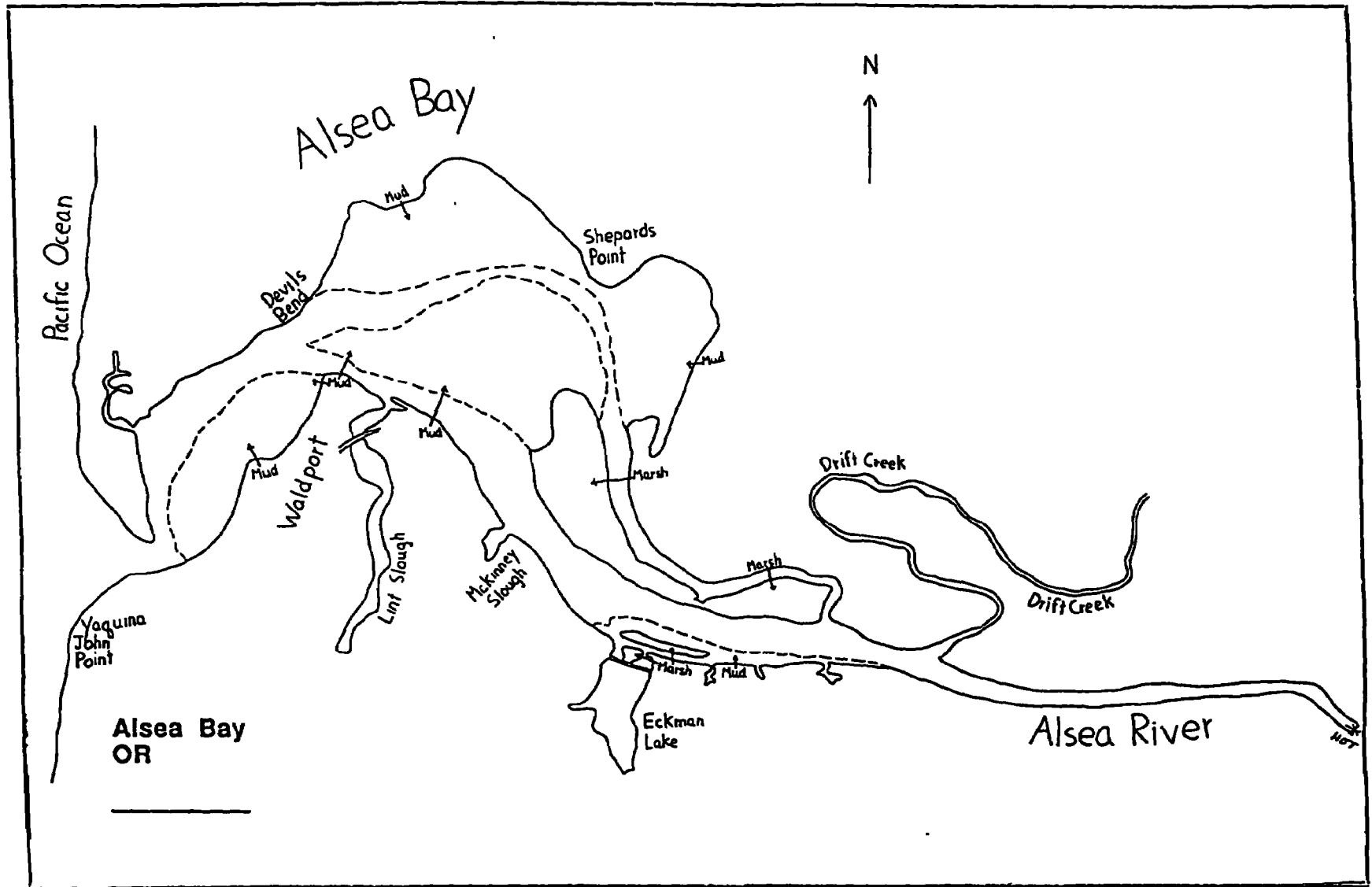


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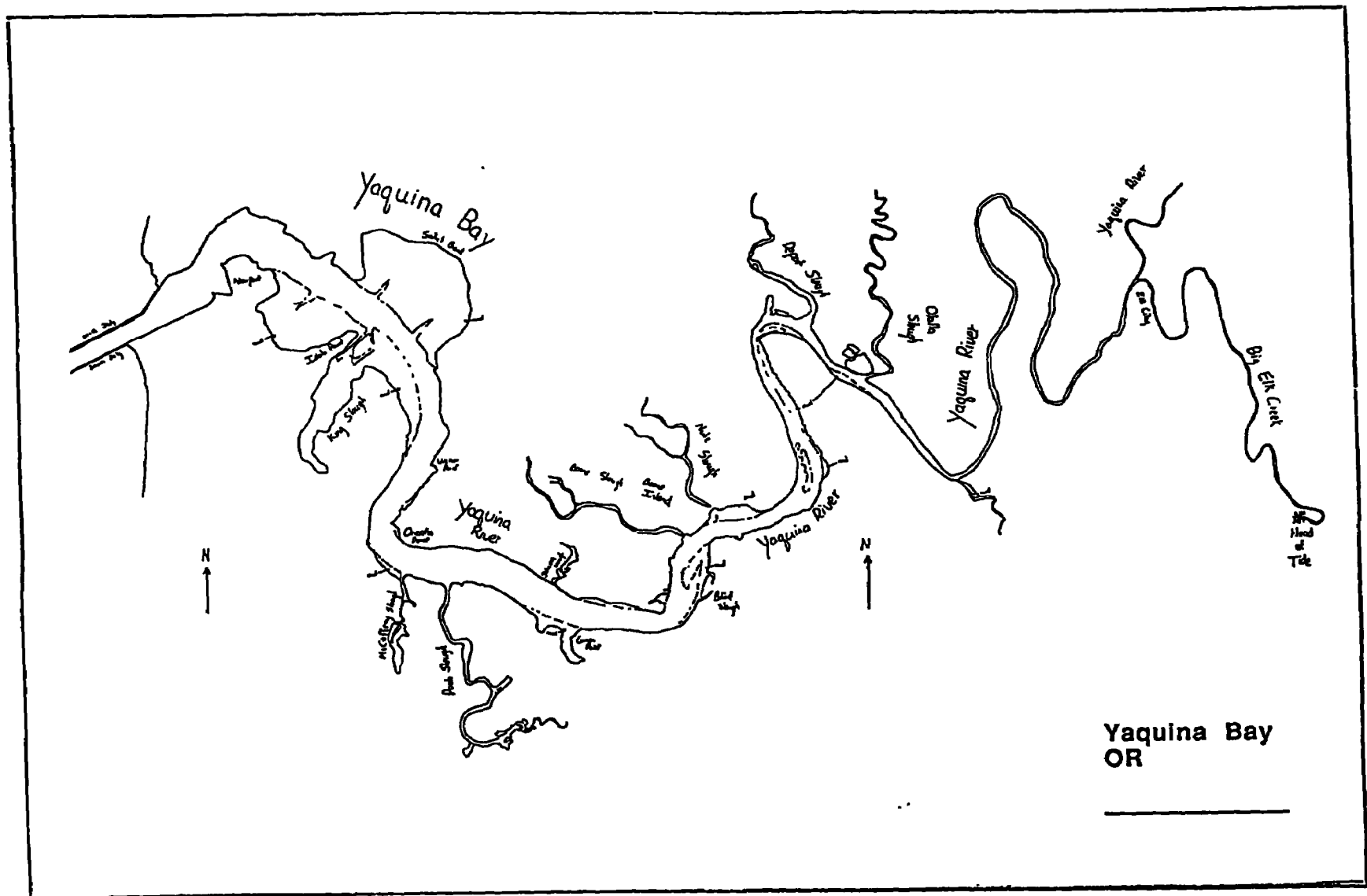
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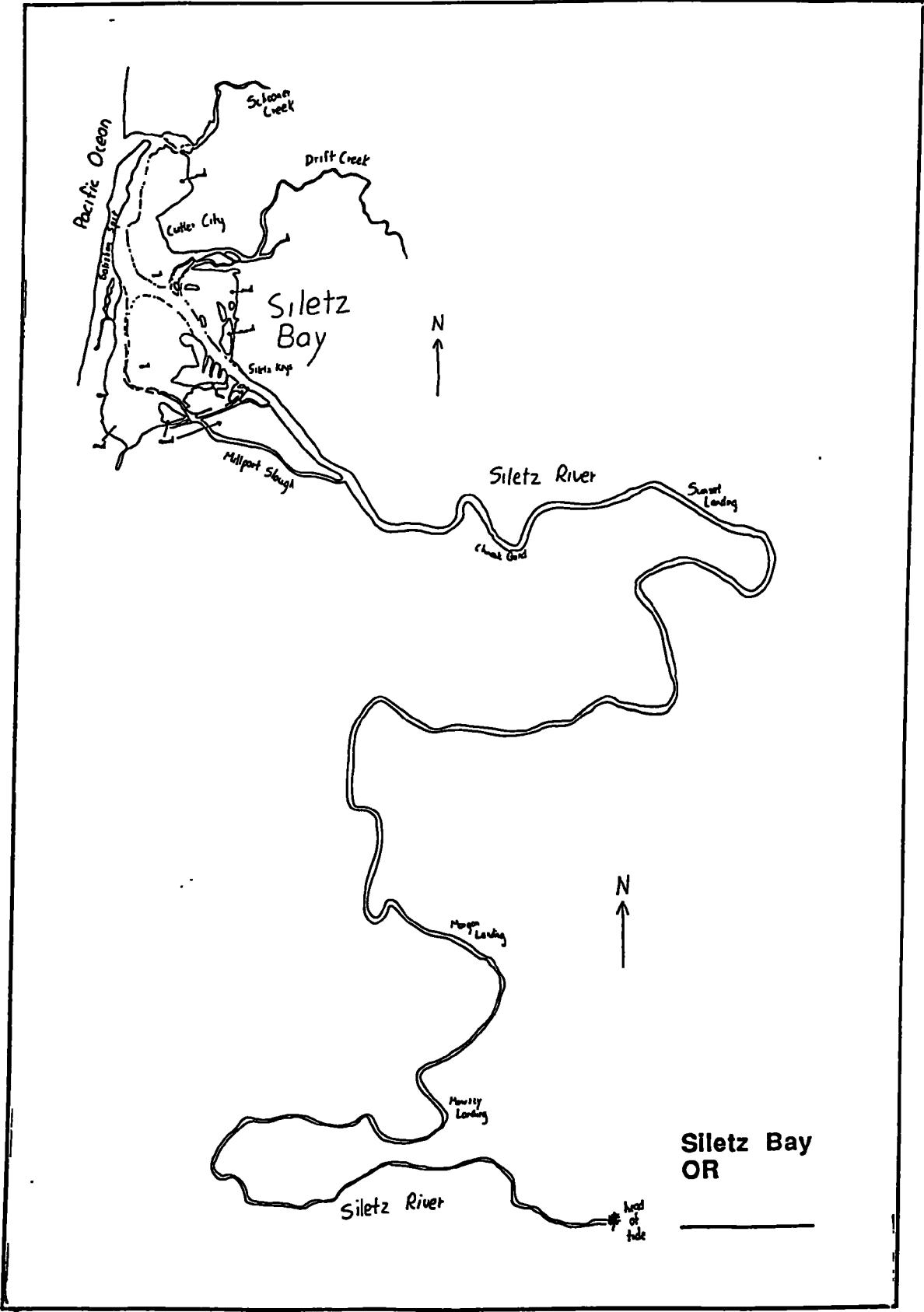


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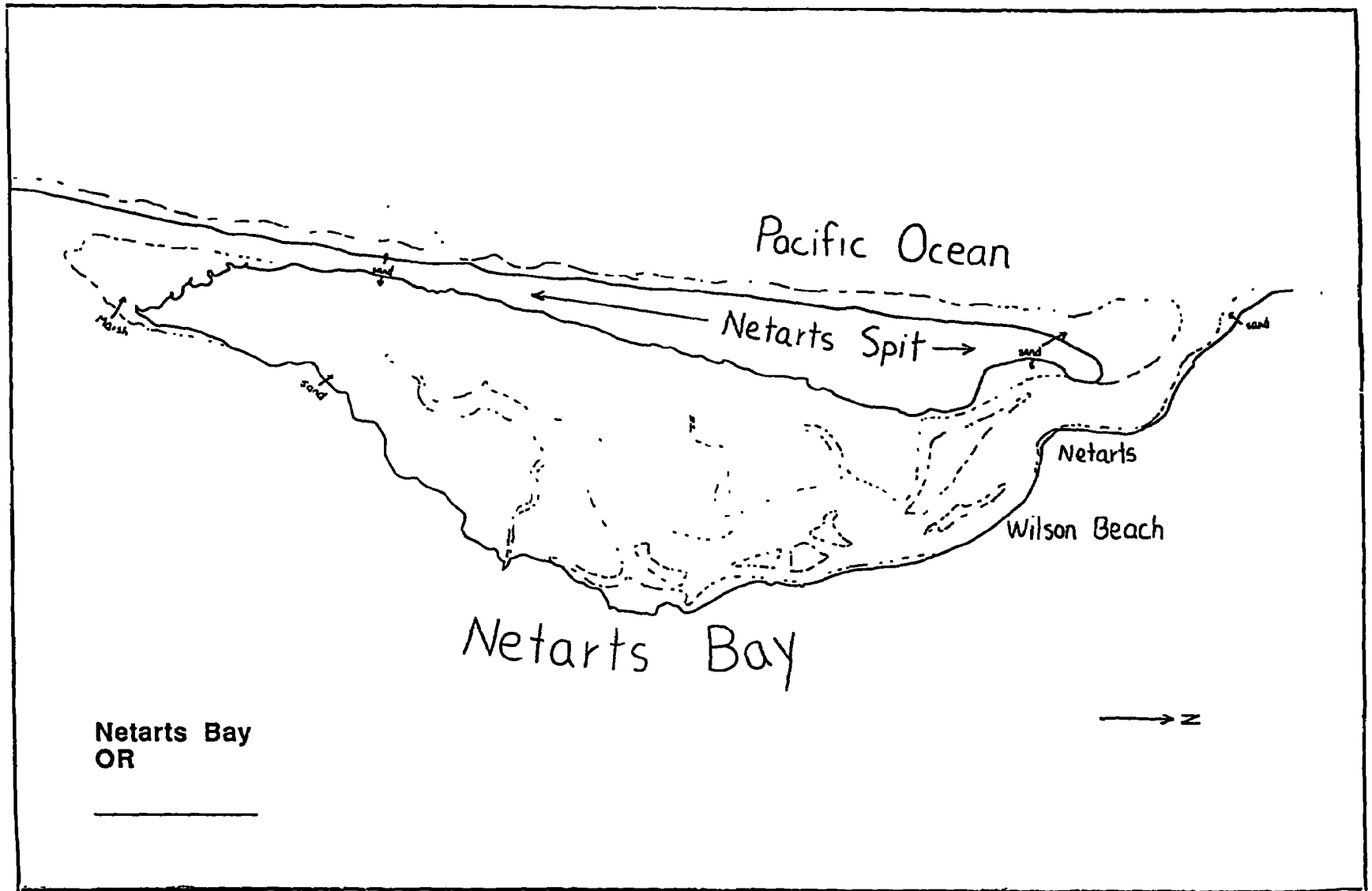




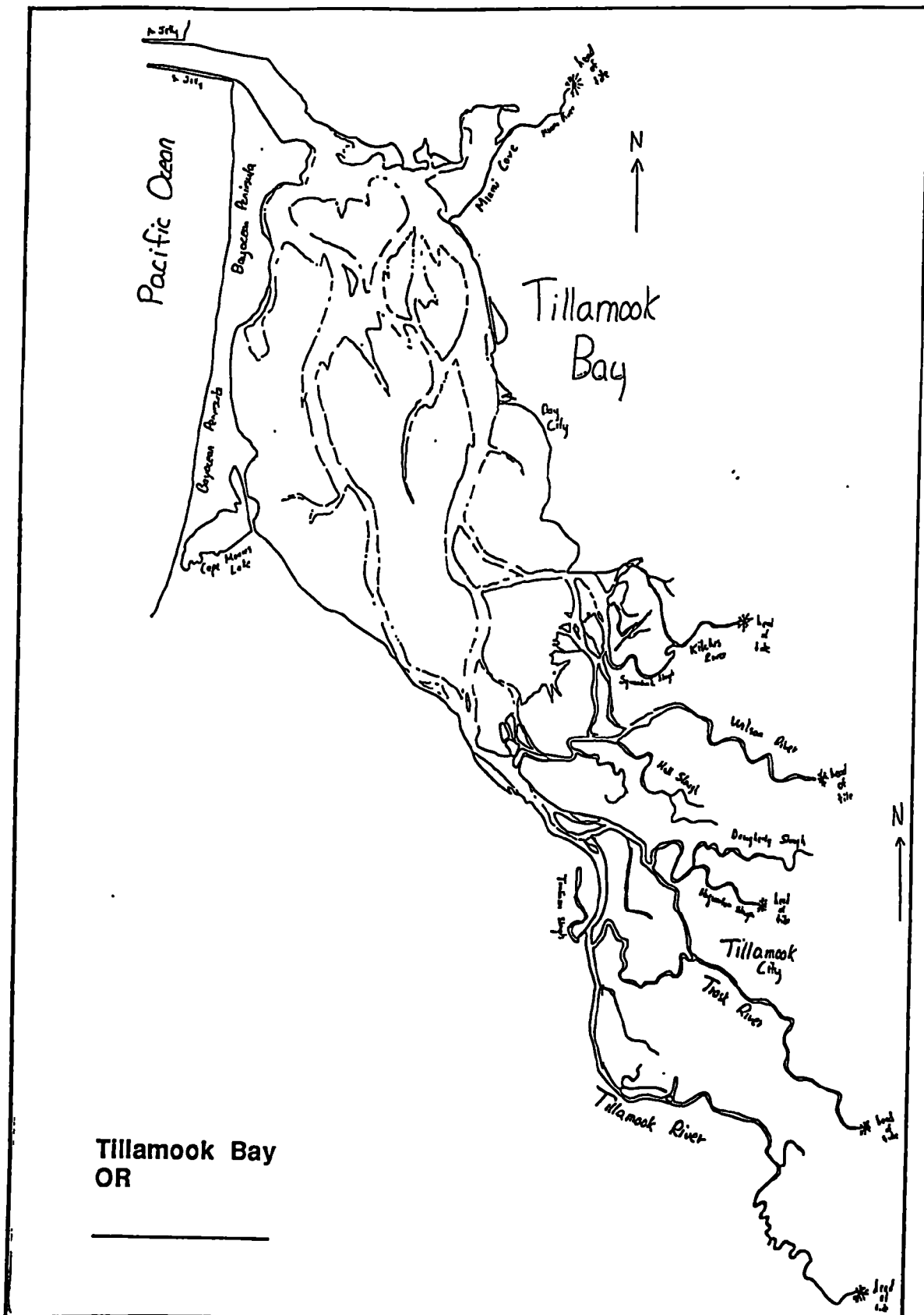
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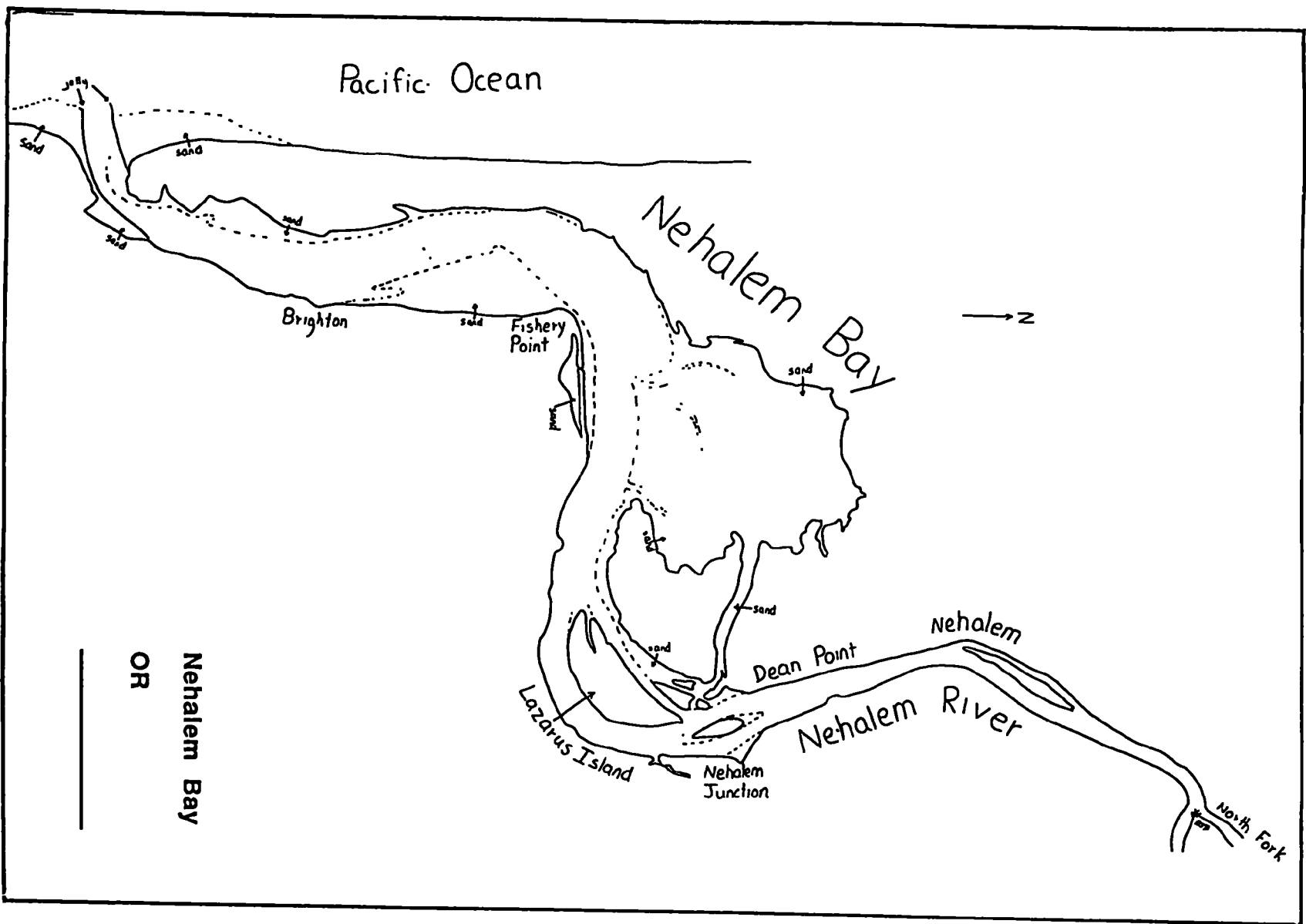


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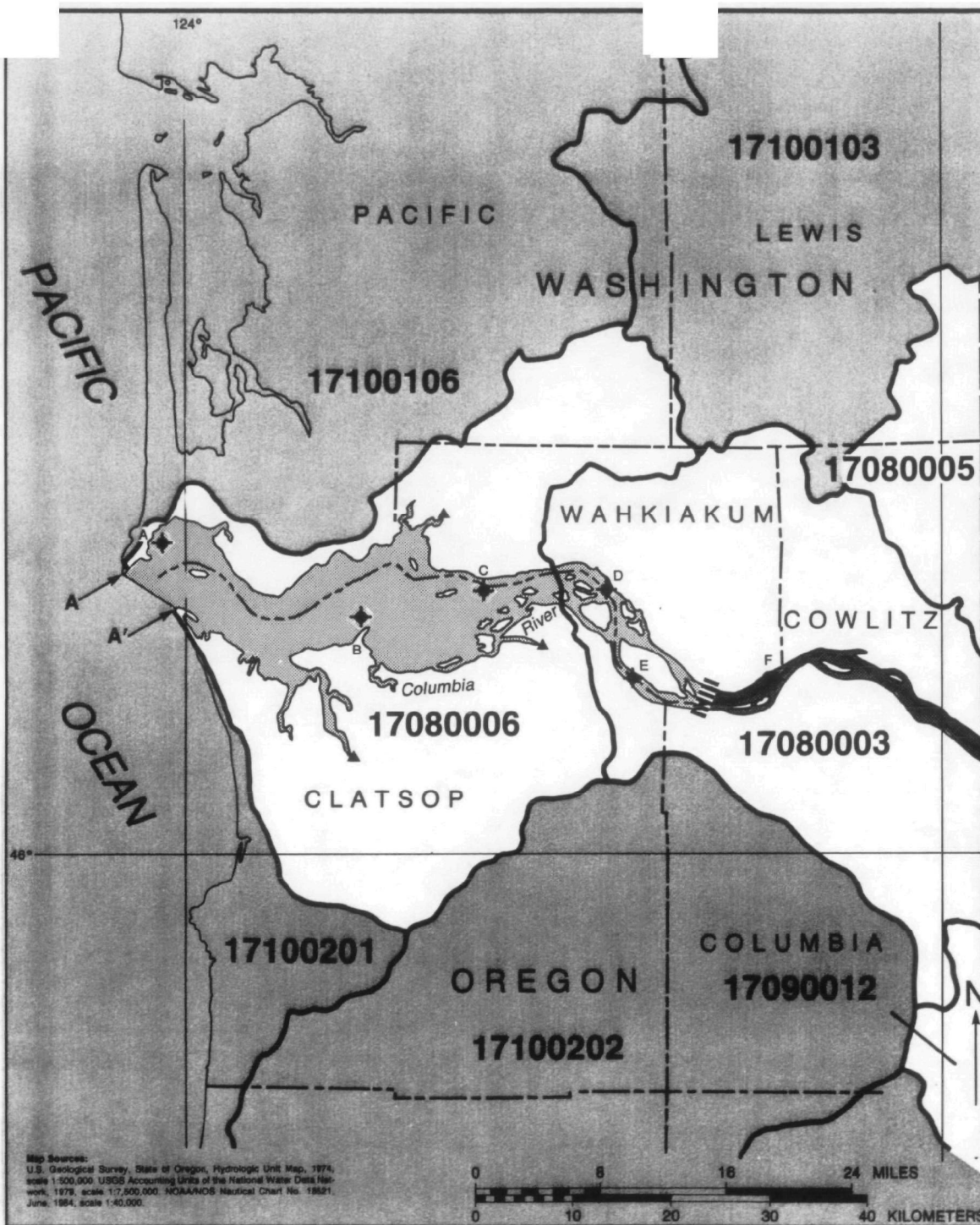


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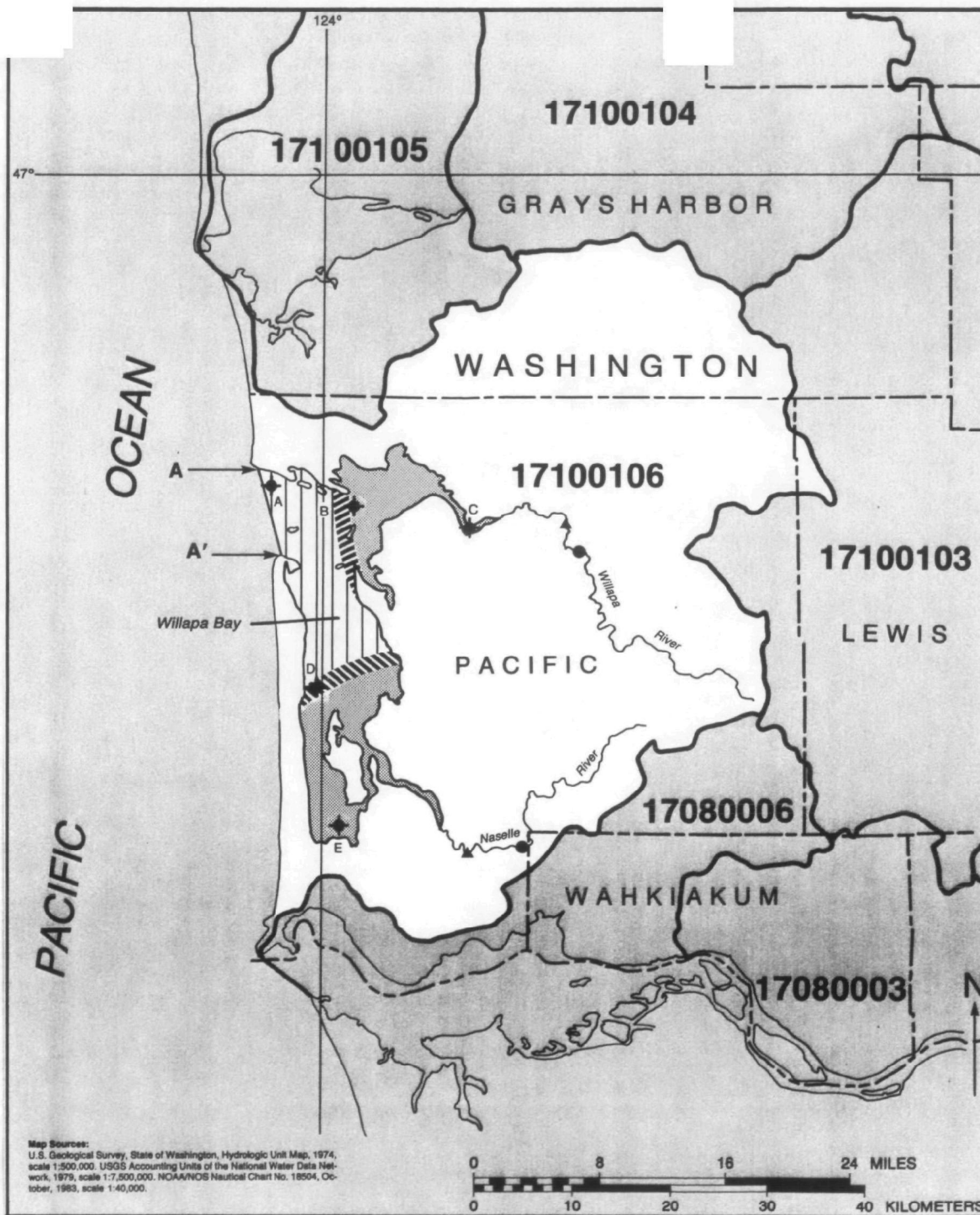


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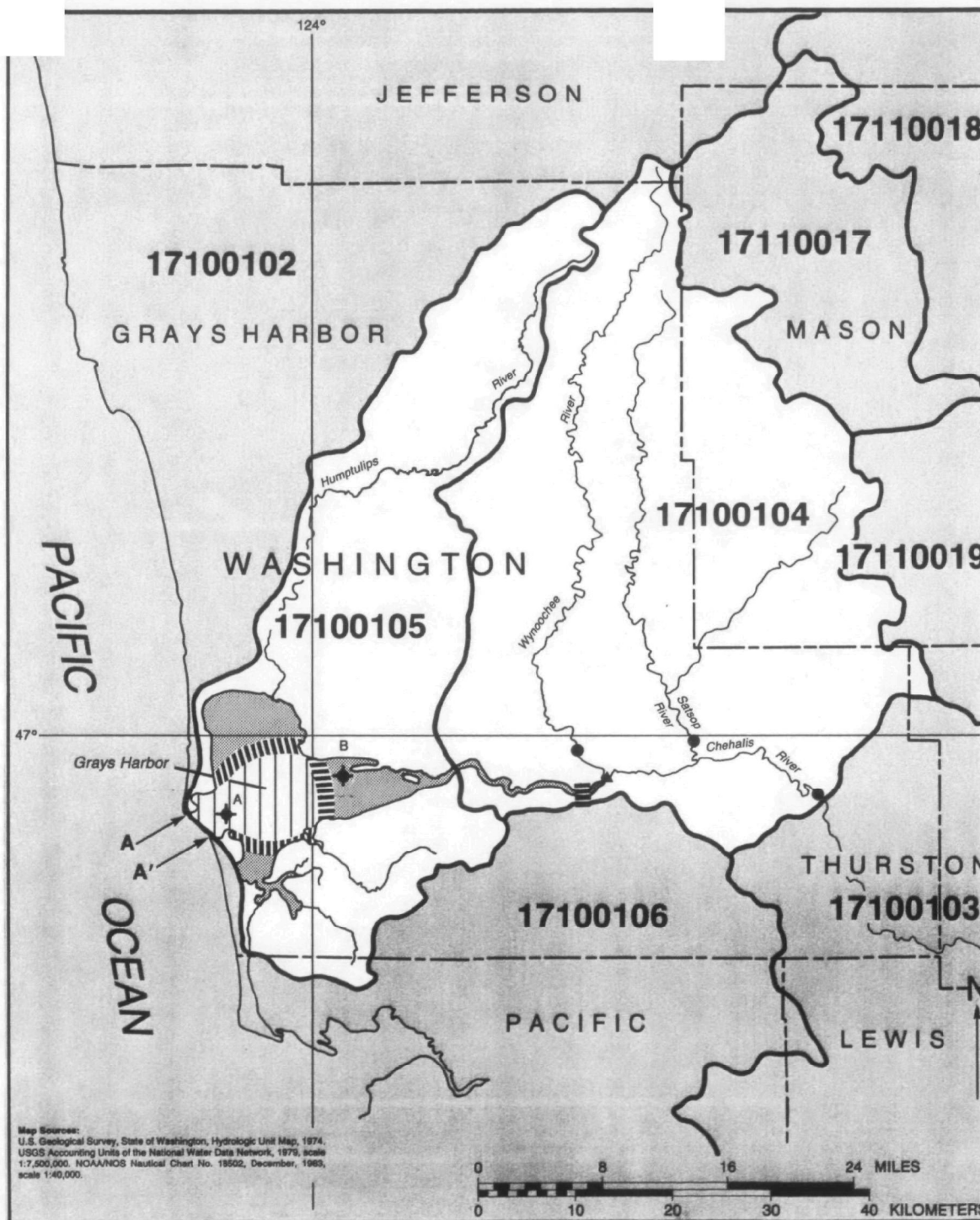
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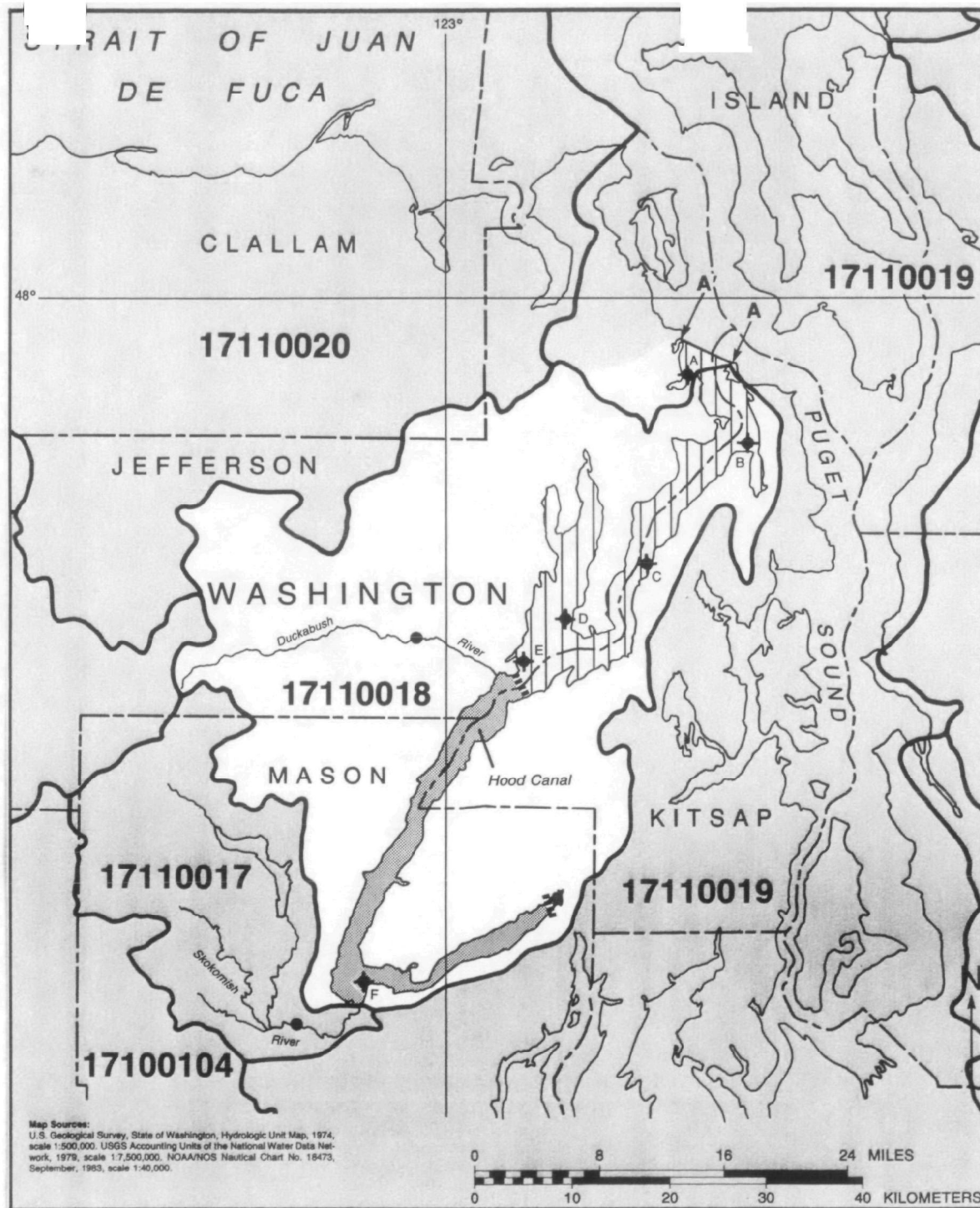


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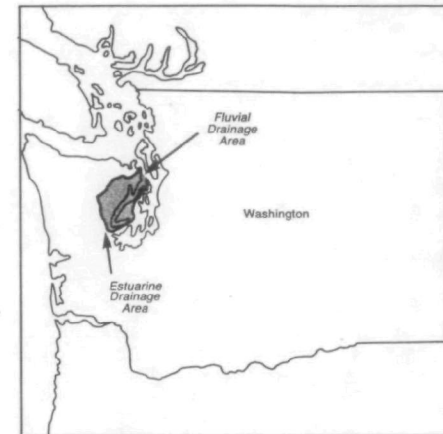


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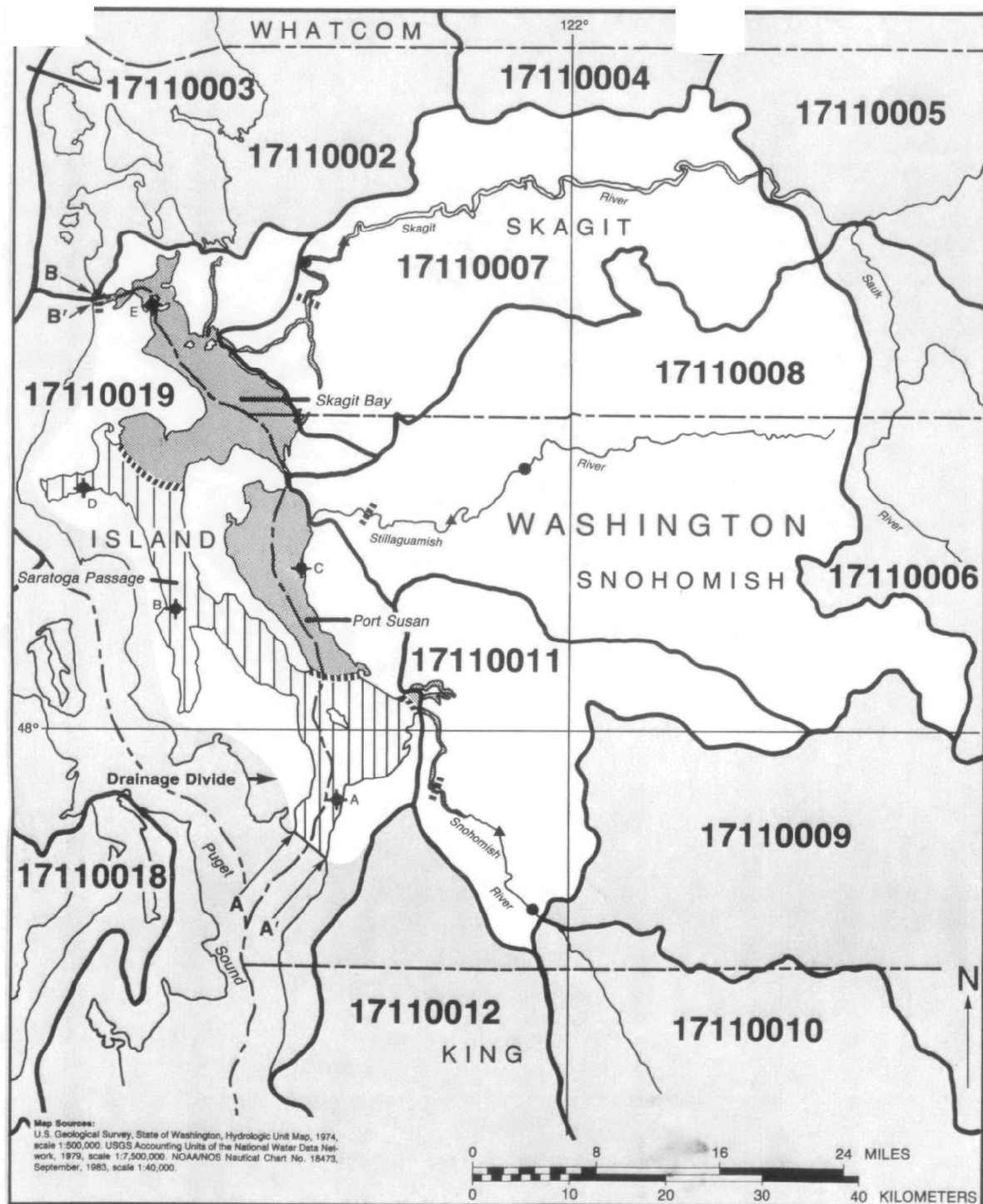


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4	FL	Escambia River	6381	Y	03140305	309	Pensacola Bay	Y
4	FL	Yellow River	1187	Y	03140103	309	Pensacola Bay	Y
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4	FL	Canoe Creek	NA	Y	03140305	309	Pensacola Bay	N
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4	FL	Brushy Creek	108	Y	03140106	310	Perdido Bay	N
4	FL	Ward Creek	NA	Y	03120001	999	Does not enter NRI estuary	N
4	AL	Tombigbee River	30770	Y	03160204	311	Mobile Bay	Y
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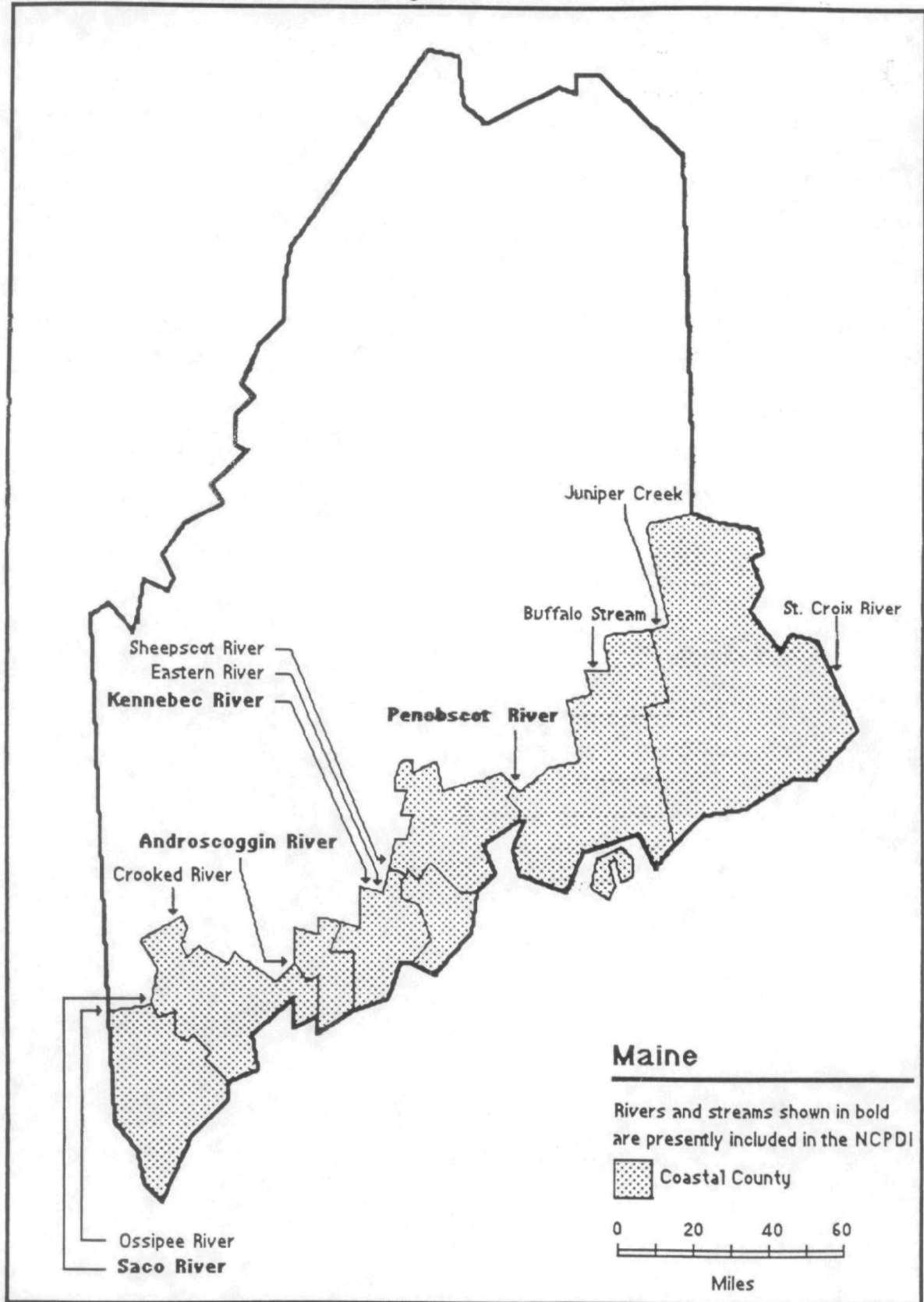
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9	CA	Stanislaus River	756	N	18040002016	405a	Suisun Bay	N
9	CA	San Joaquin River	4403	Y	18040002009	405a	Suisun Bay	Y
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9	CA	Black Butte River	104	N	18010104010	406	Bel River	N
9	CA	Van Duzen River	393	Y	18010105020	406	Bel River	N
9	CA	UT of Balm of Gilead	NA	N	18010104	406	Bel River	N
9	CA	UT of Bel River	98	N	18010105015	406	Bel River	N
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9	CA	Salmon River	1809	N	18010210001	408	Klamath River	N
9	CA	Klamath River	6273	Y	18010209013	408	Klamath River	Y
9	CA	South Fork, Trinity	1553	N	18010212005	408	Klamath River	N
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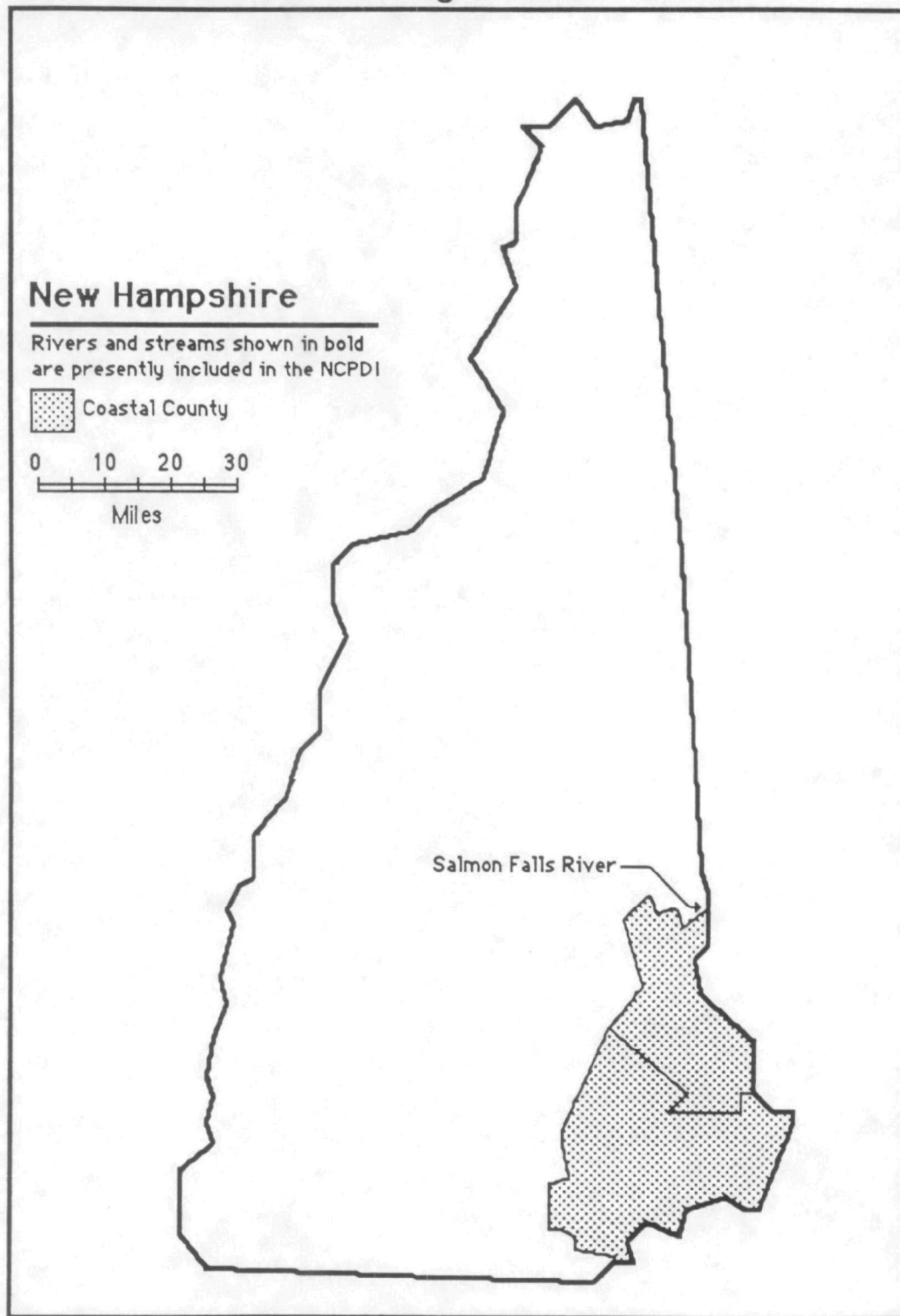
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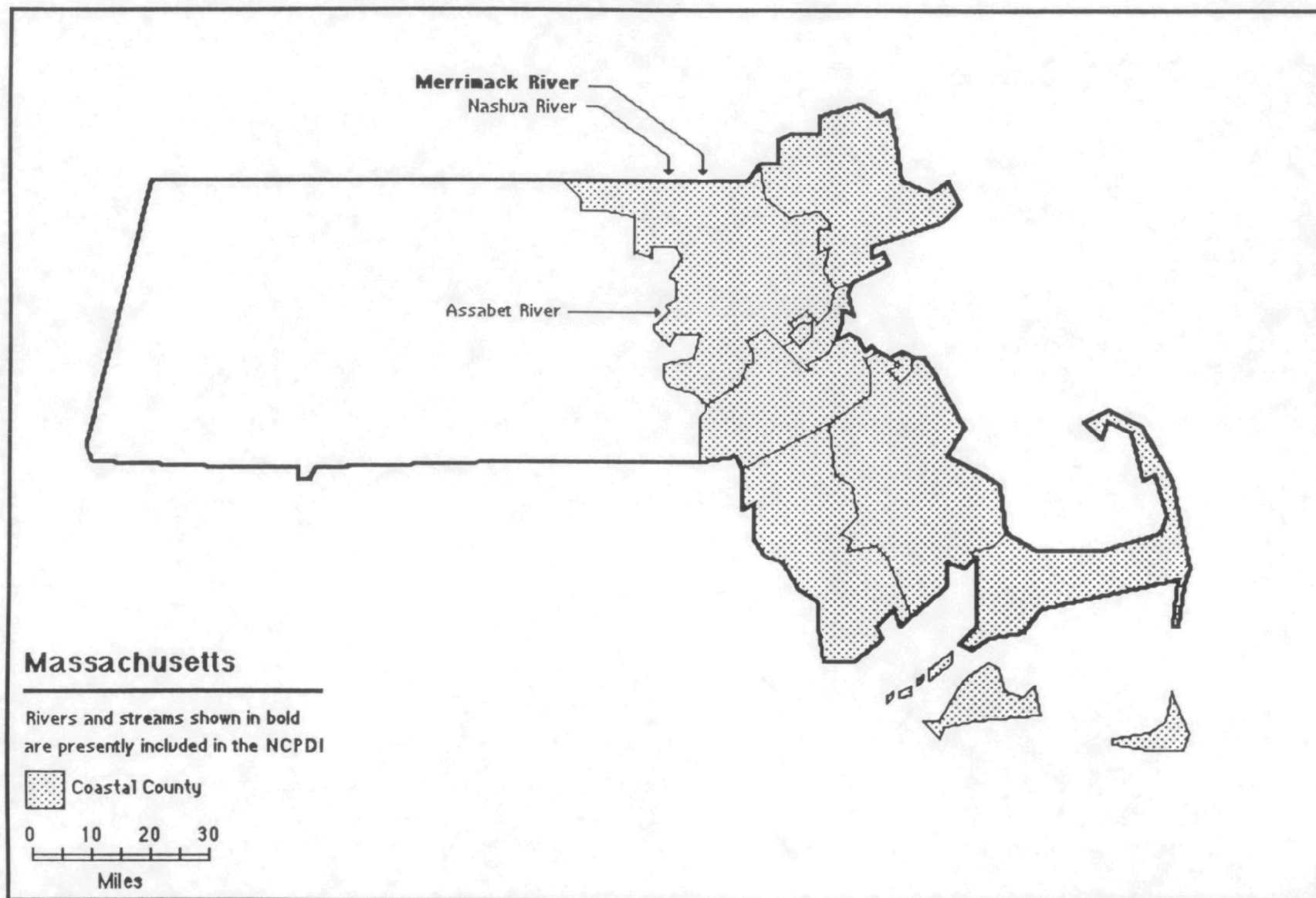




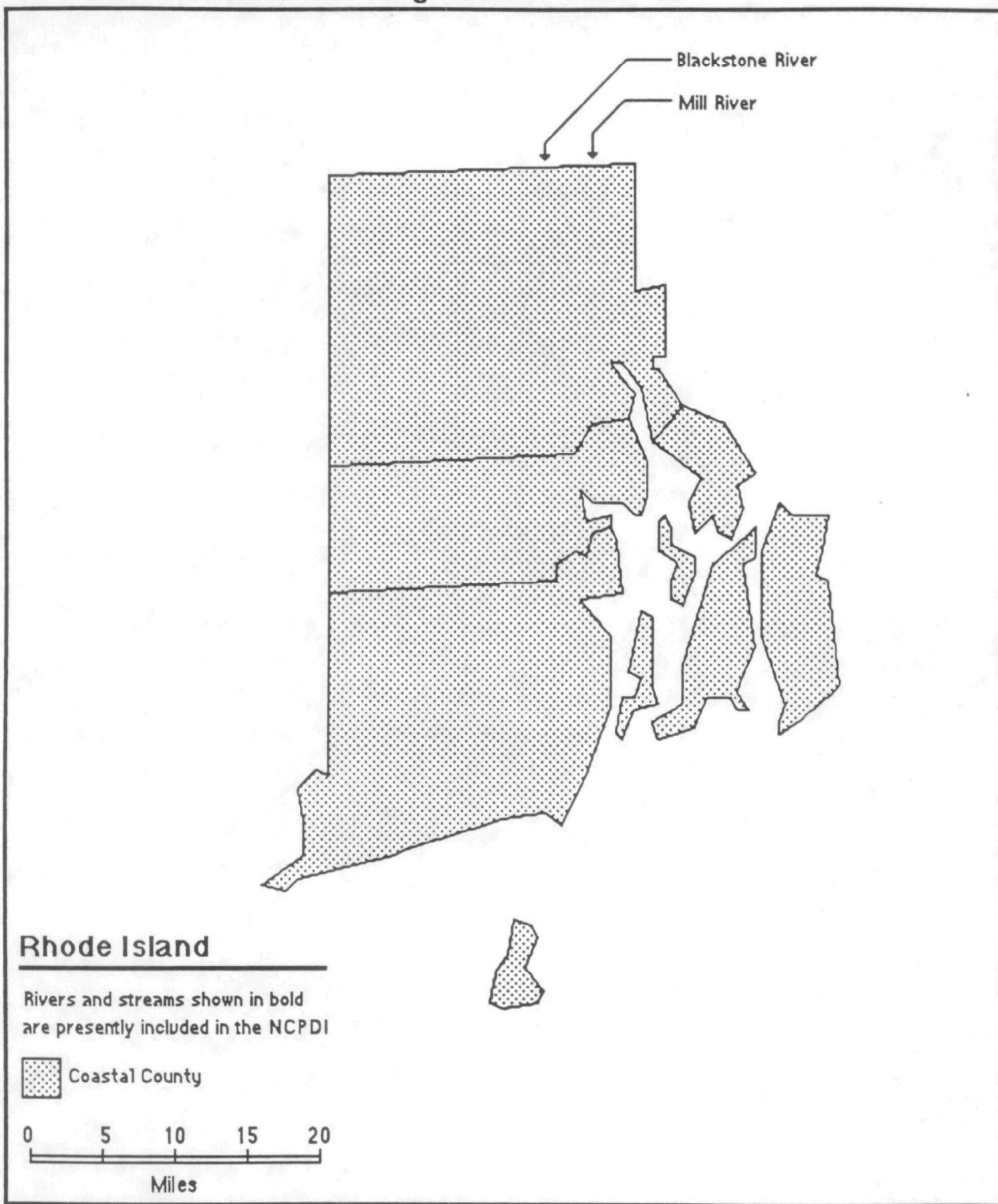
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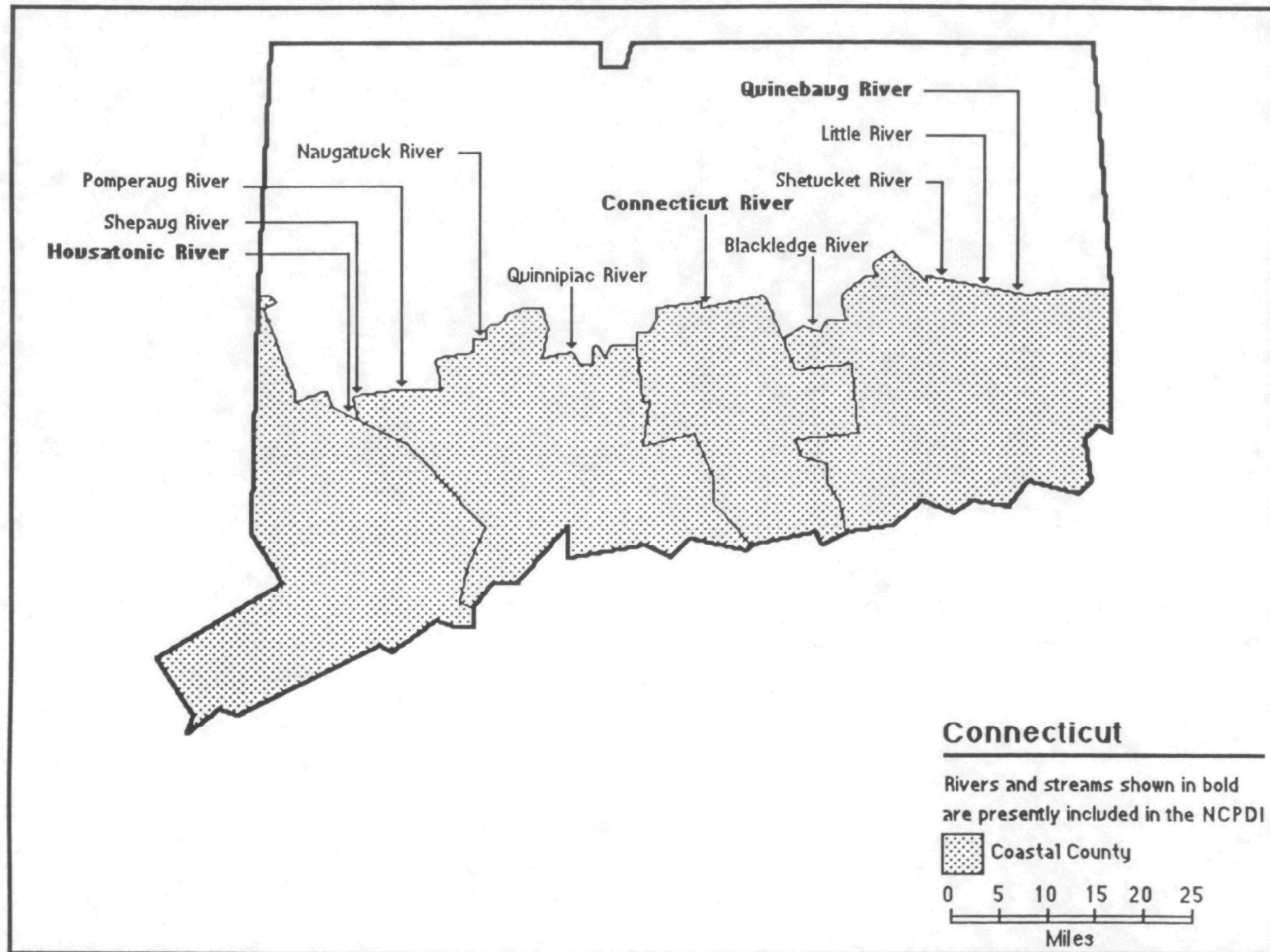
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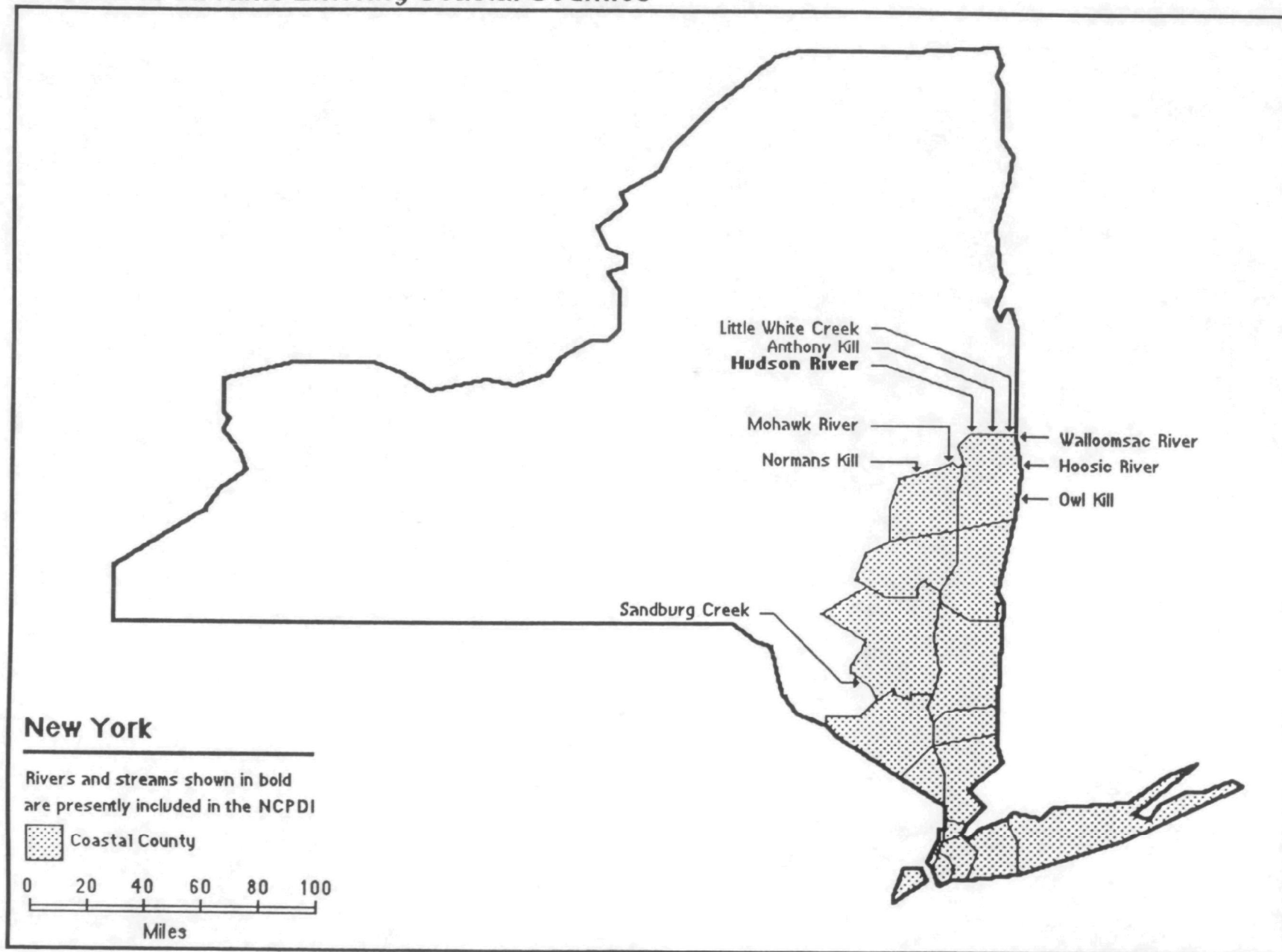
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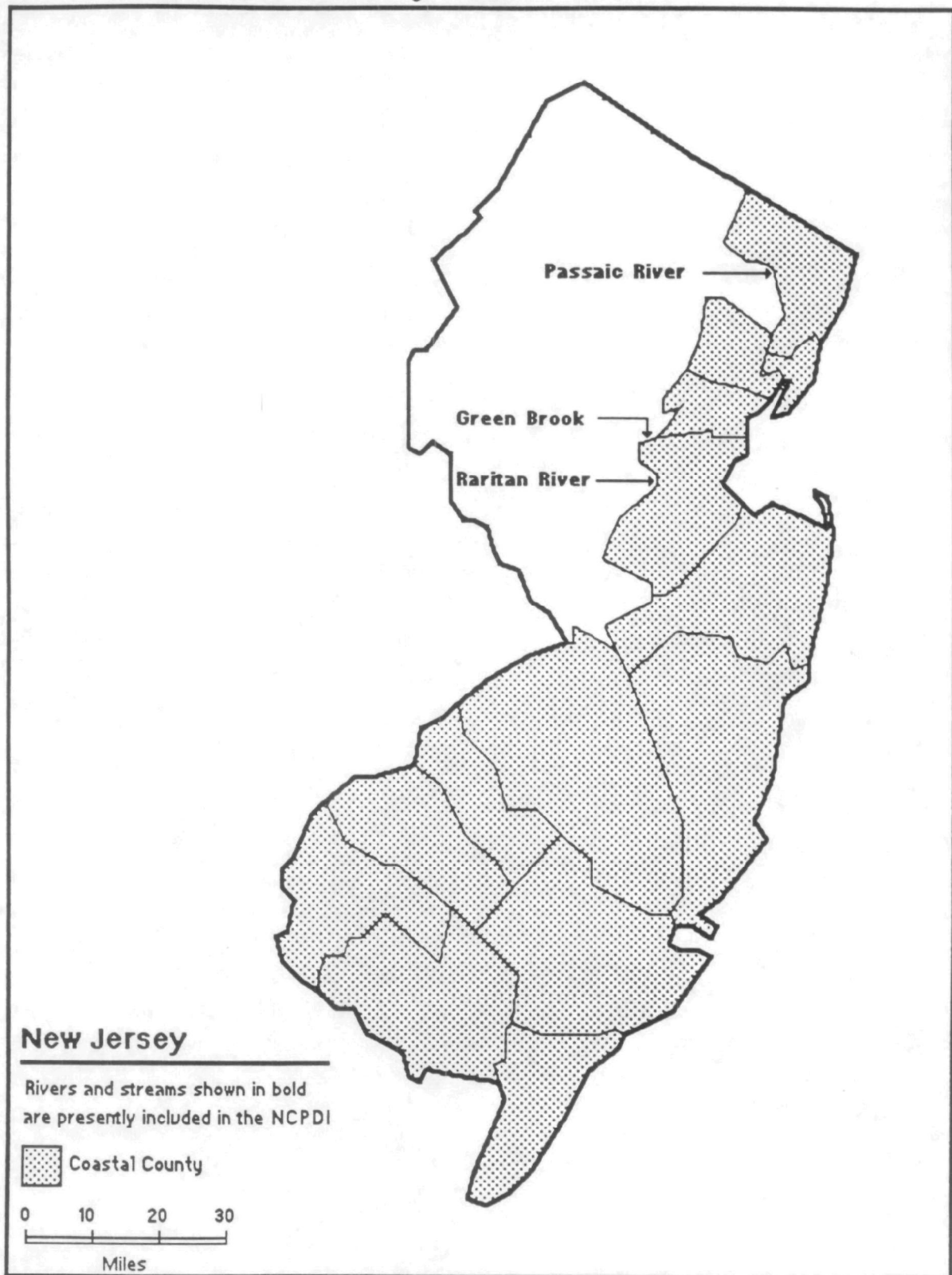


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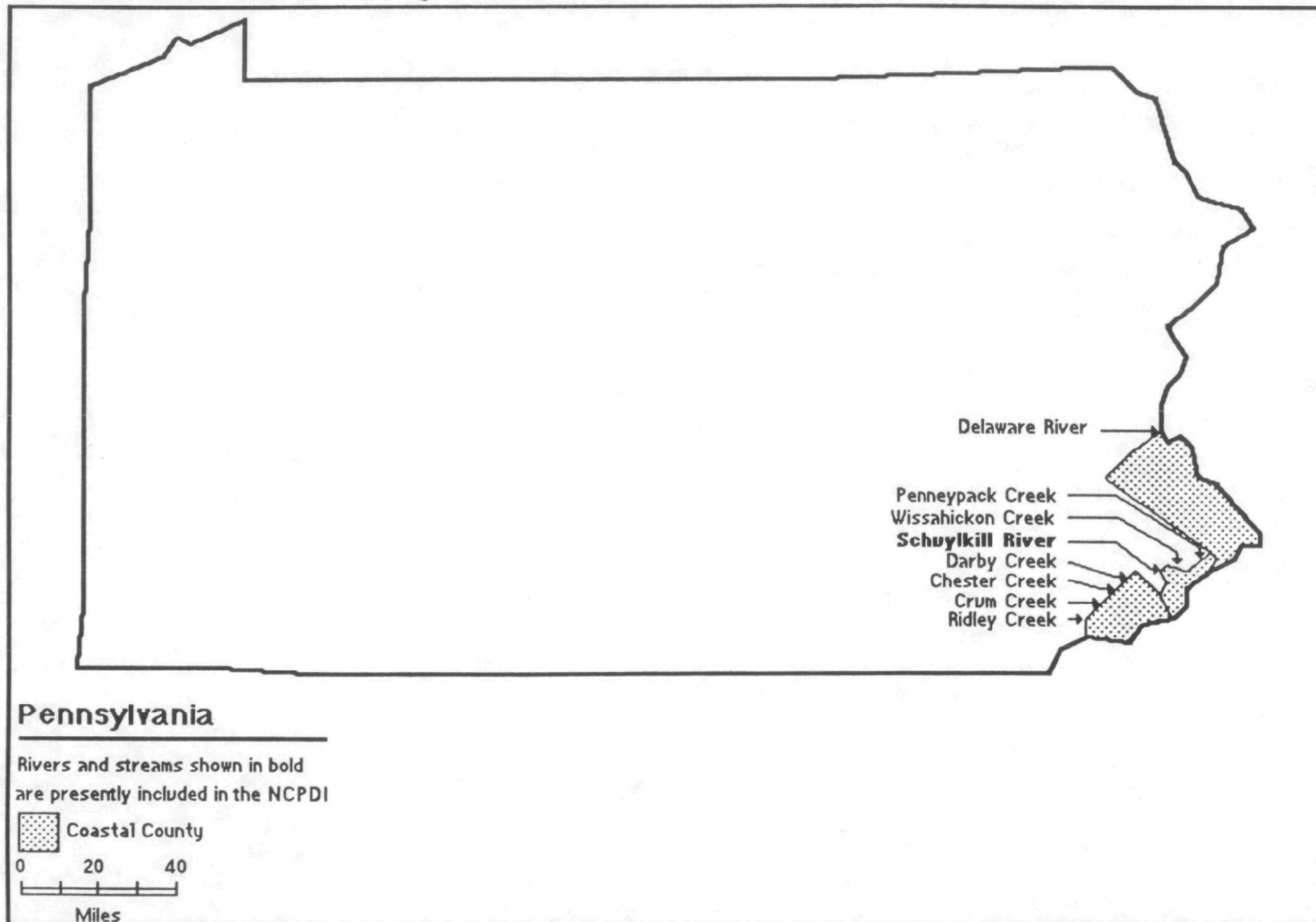




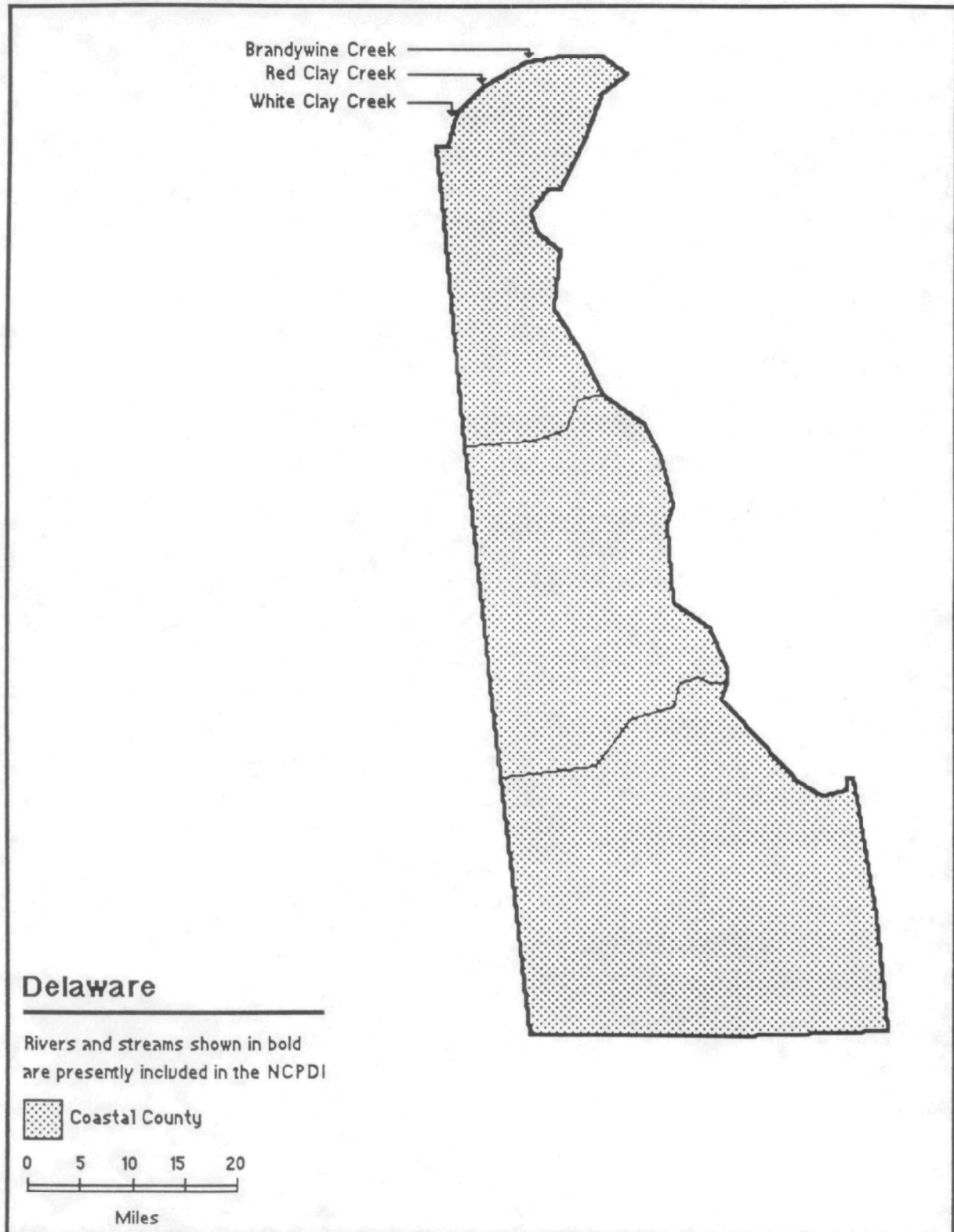
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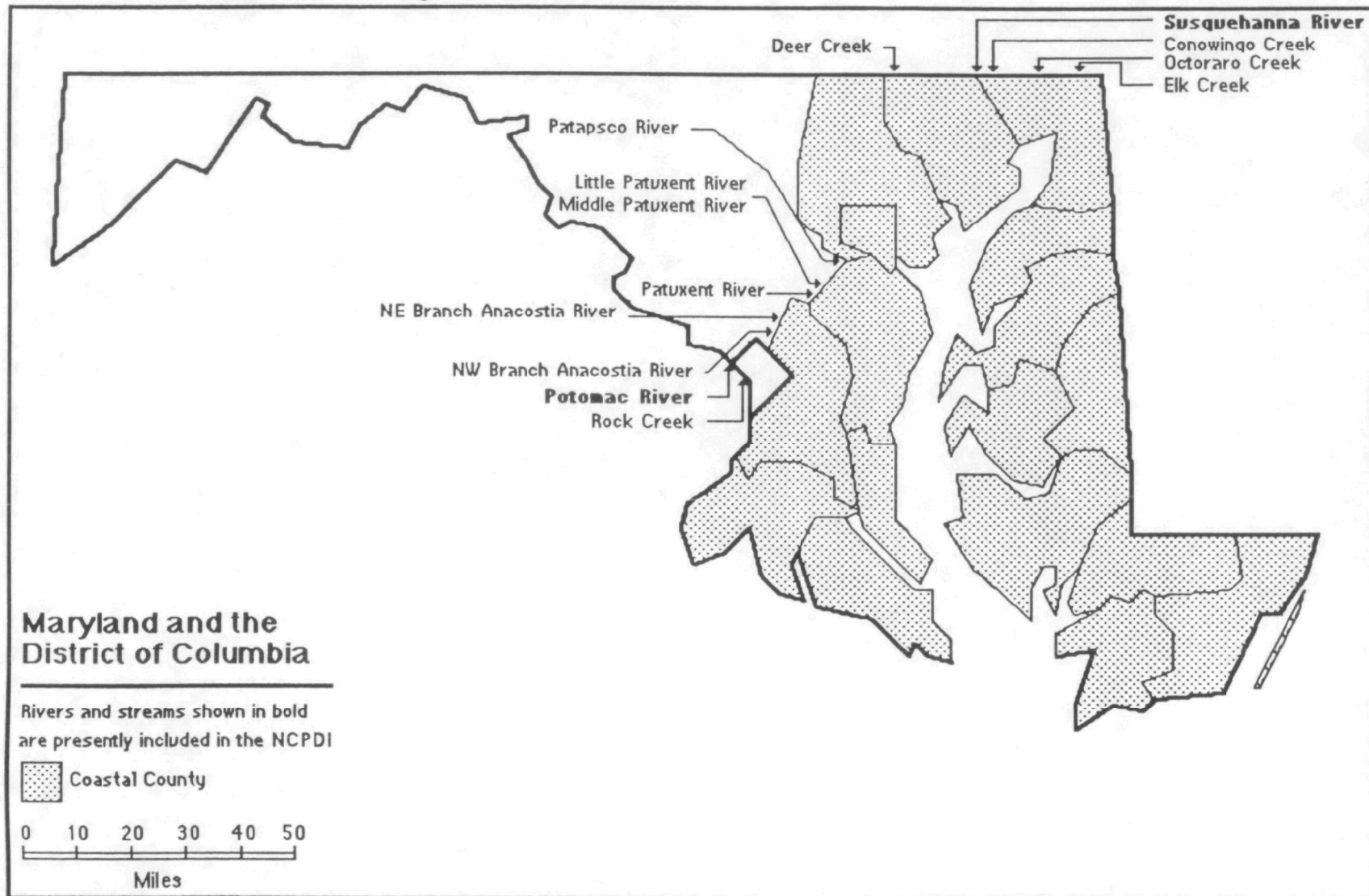
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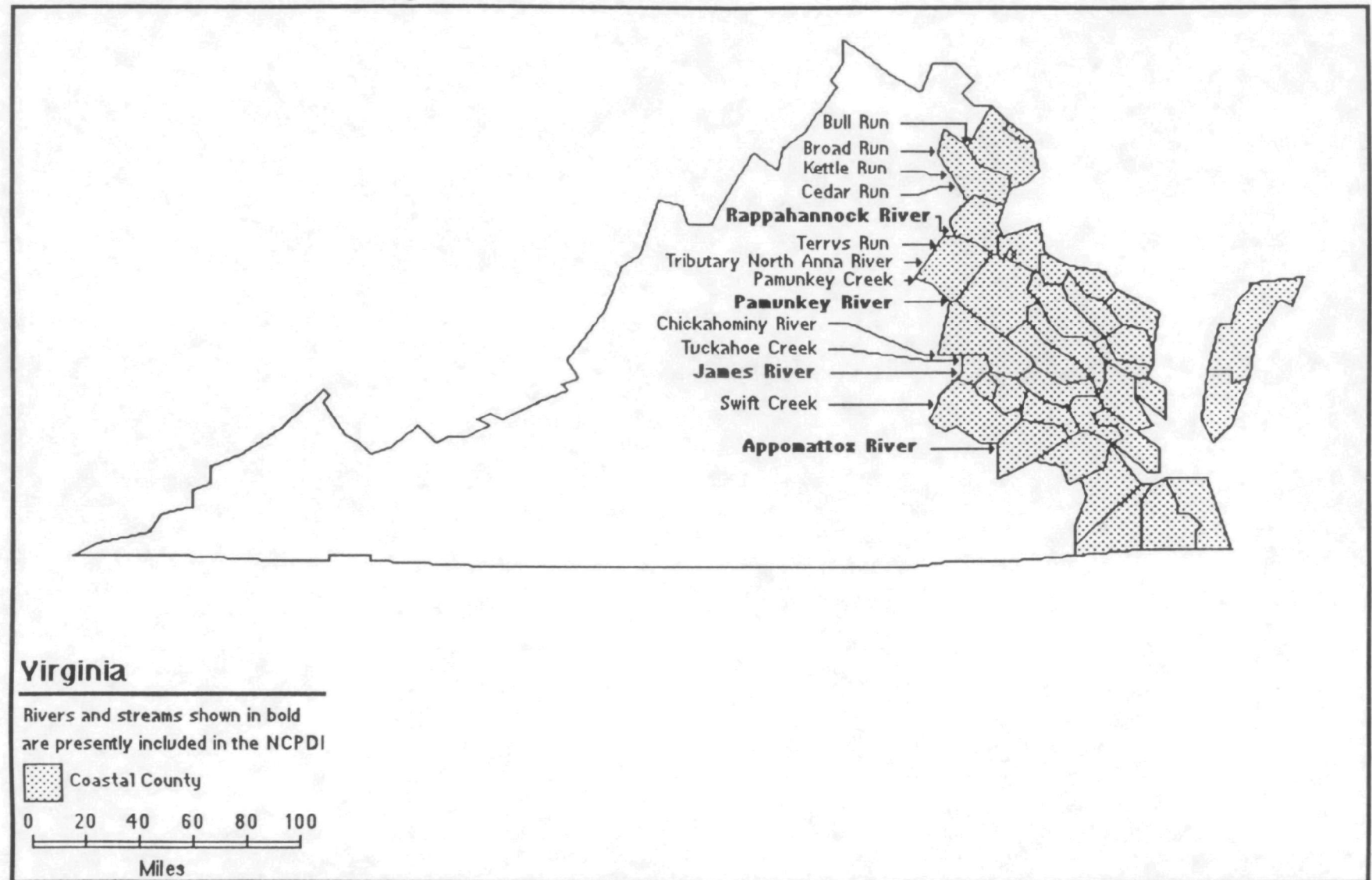
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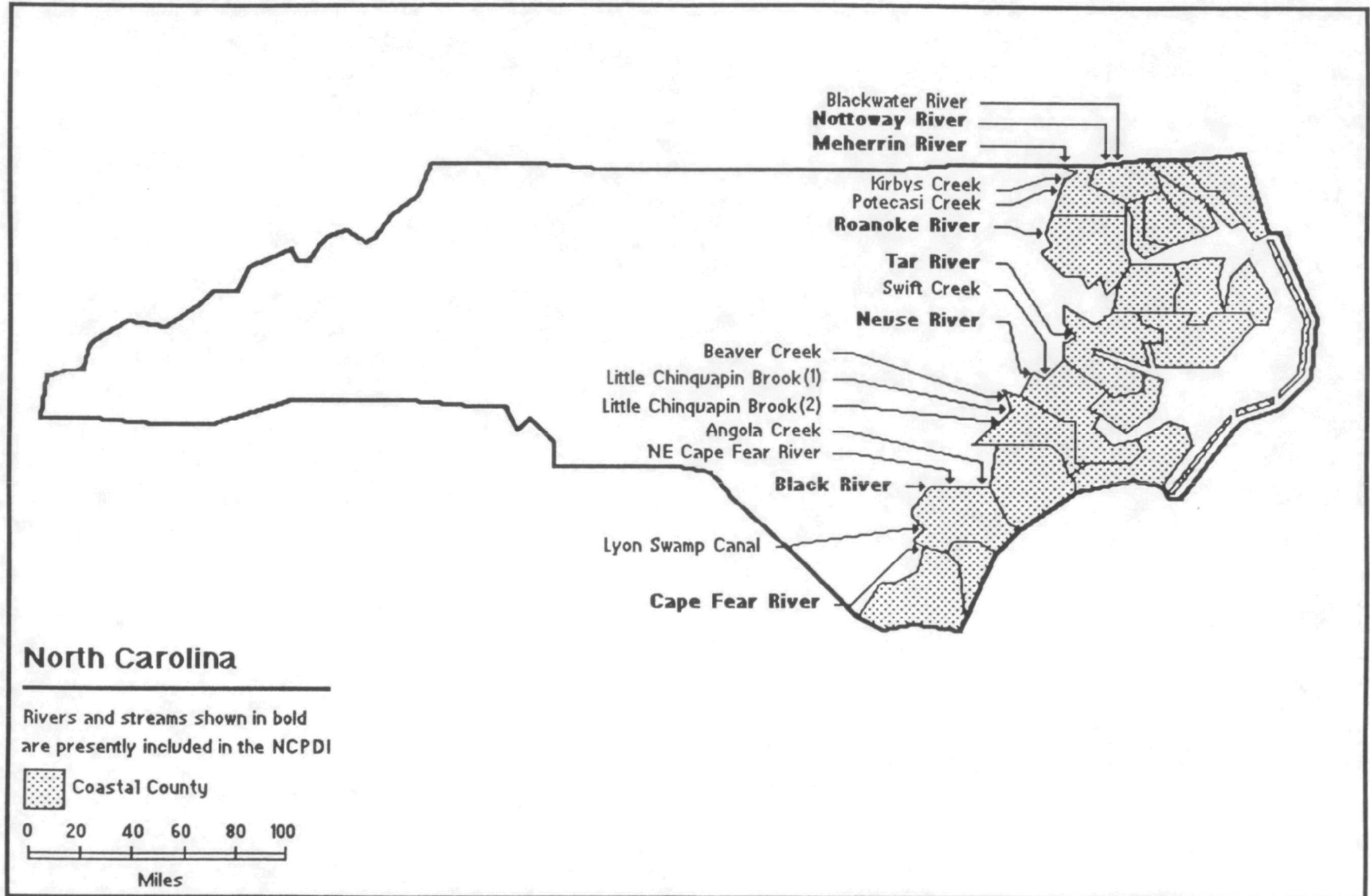


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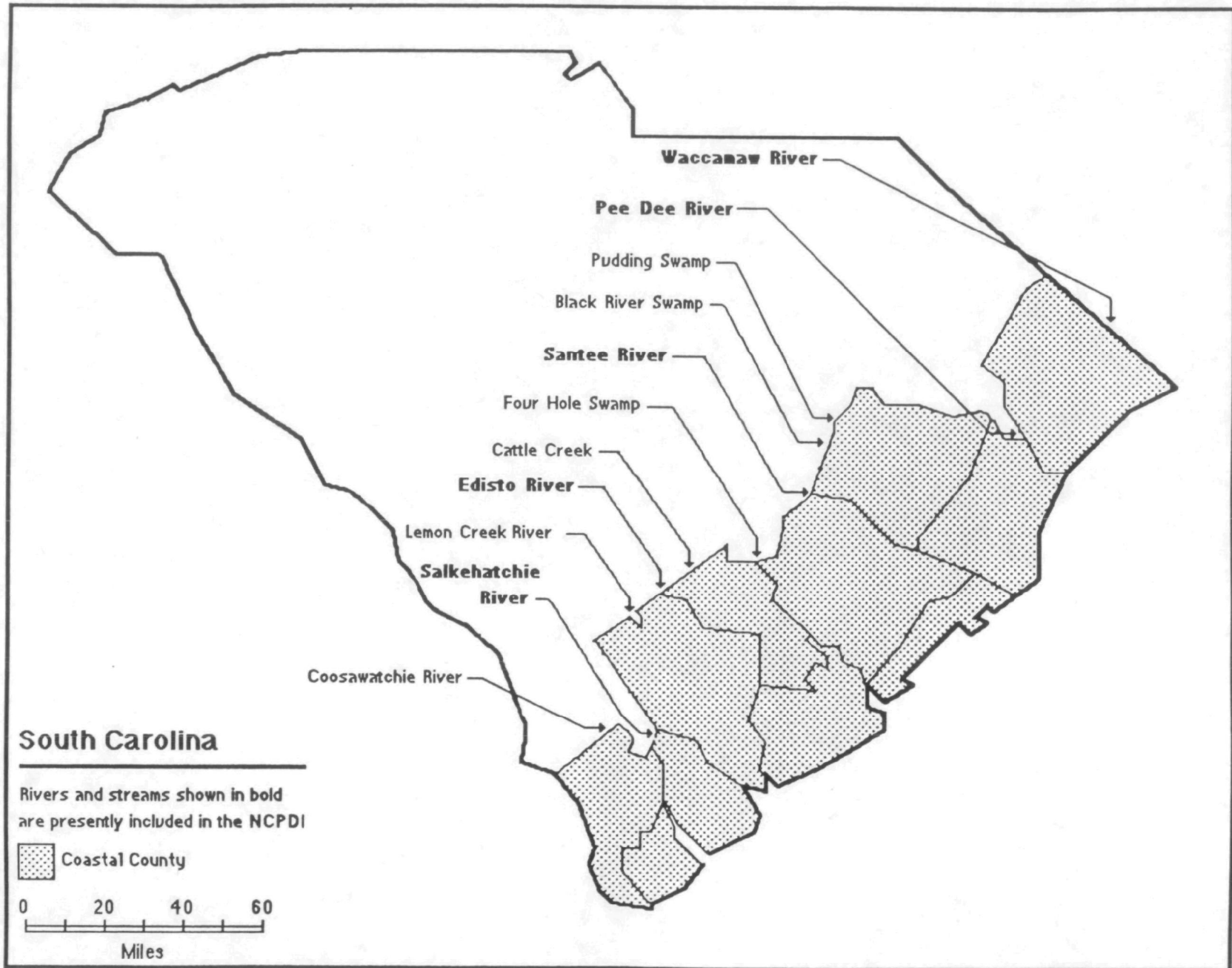




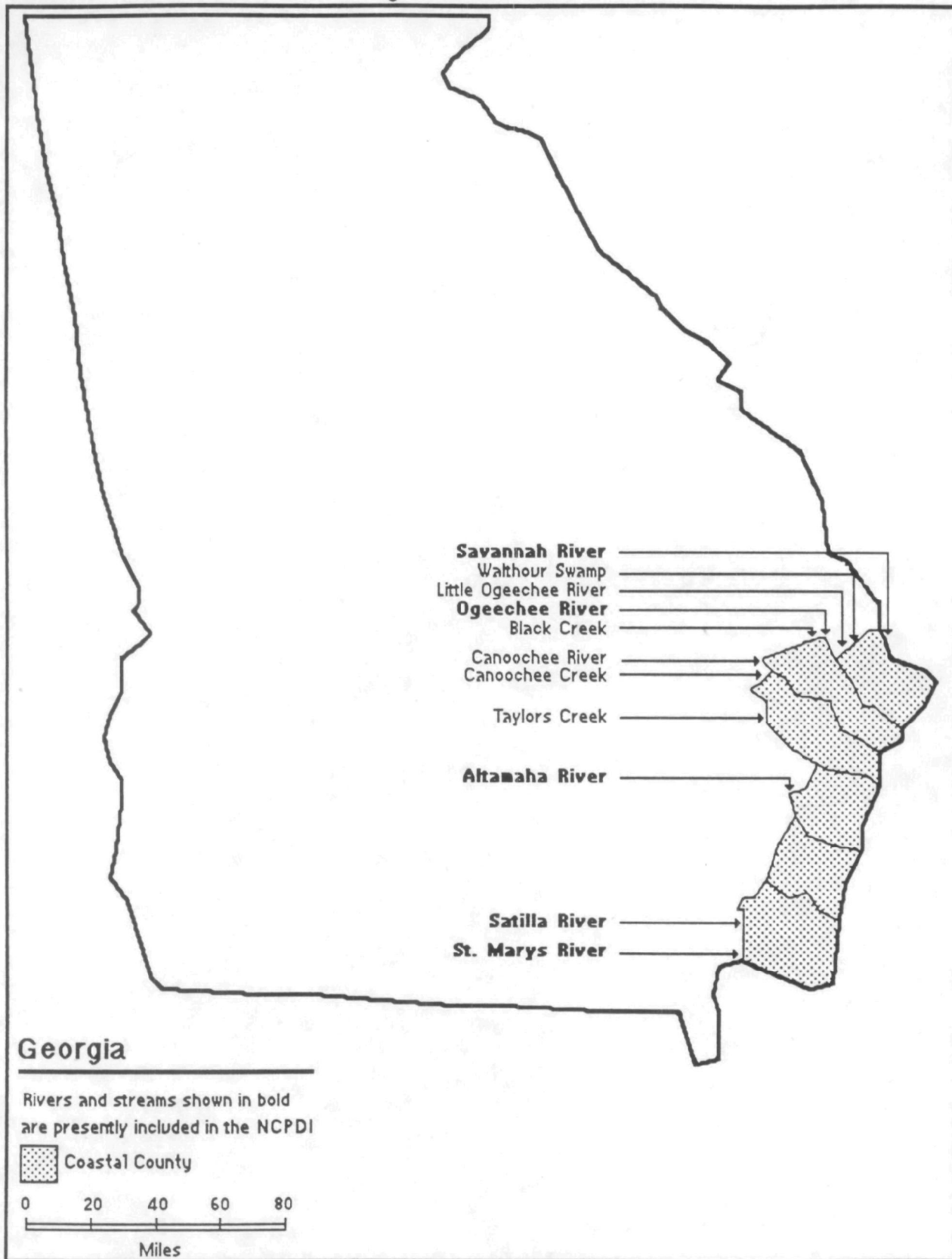
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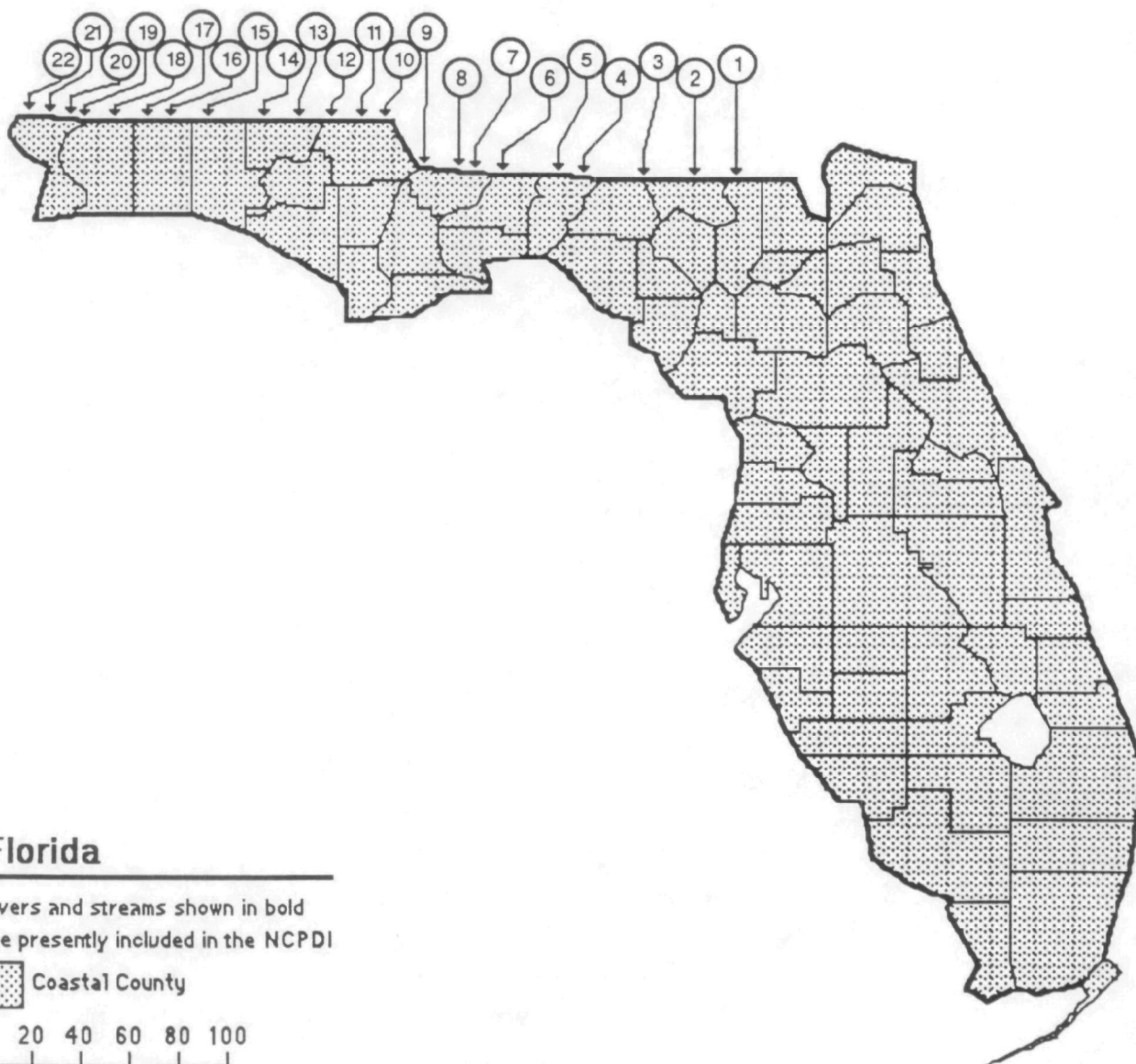


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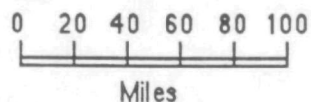
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| 1. Suwannee River      | 12. Big Creek            |
| 2. Alapaha River       | 13. Wrights Creek        |
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| 4. Aucilla River       | 15. Pond Creek           |
| 5. Ward Creeek         | 16. Yellow River         |
| 6. Ochlockonee River   | 17. Blackwater River     |
| 7. Swamp Creek         | 18. Sweetwater River     |
| 8. Attapulgu Creek     | 19. Escambia River       |
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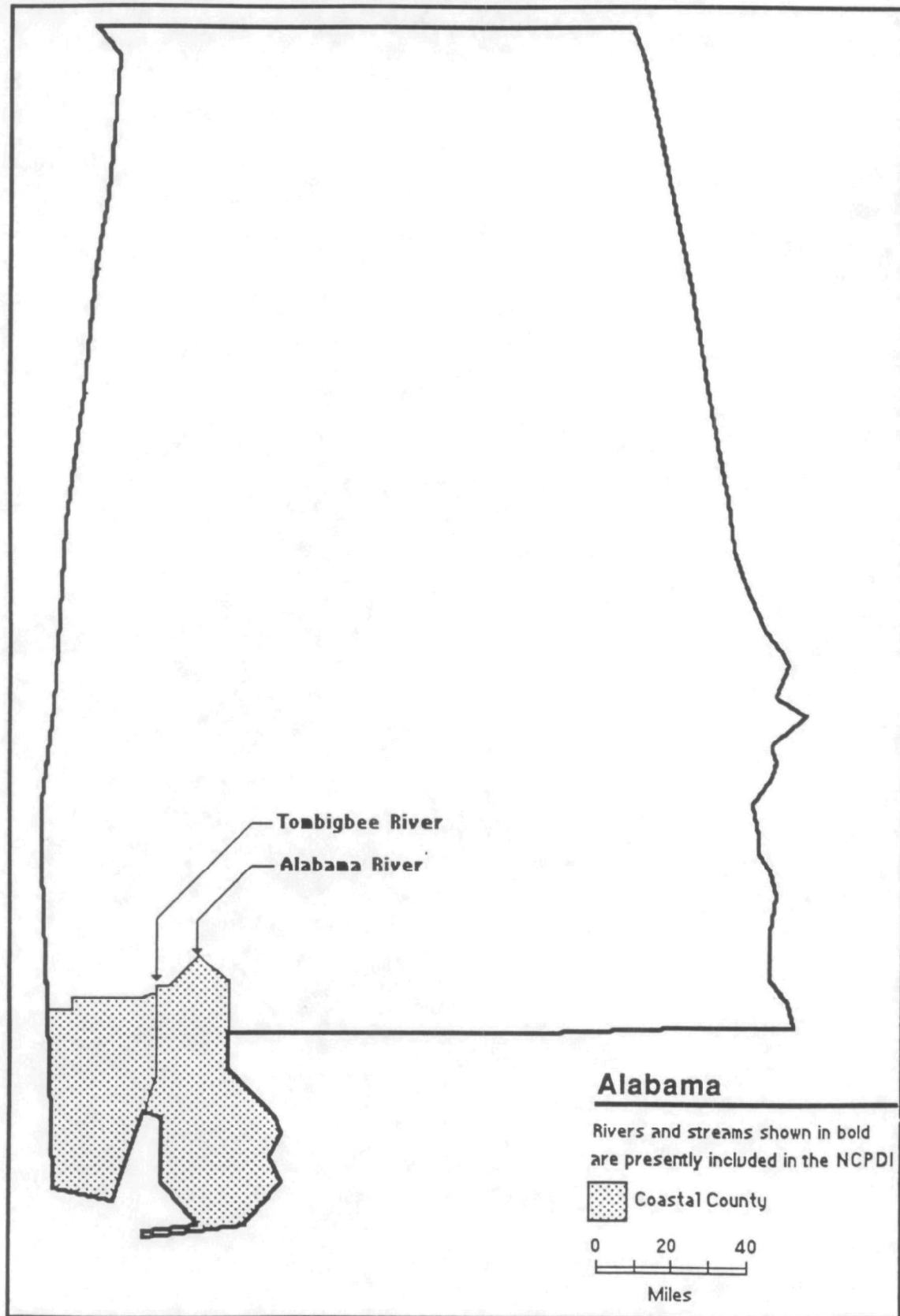
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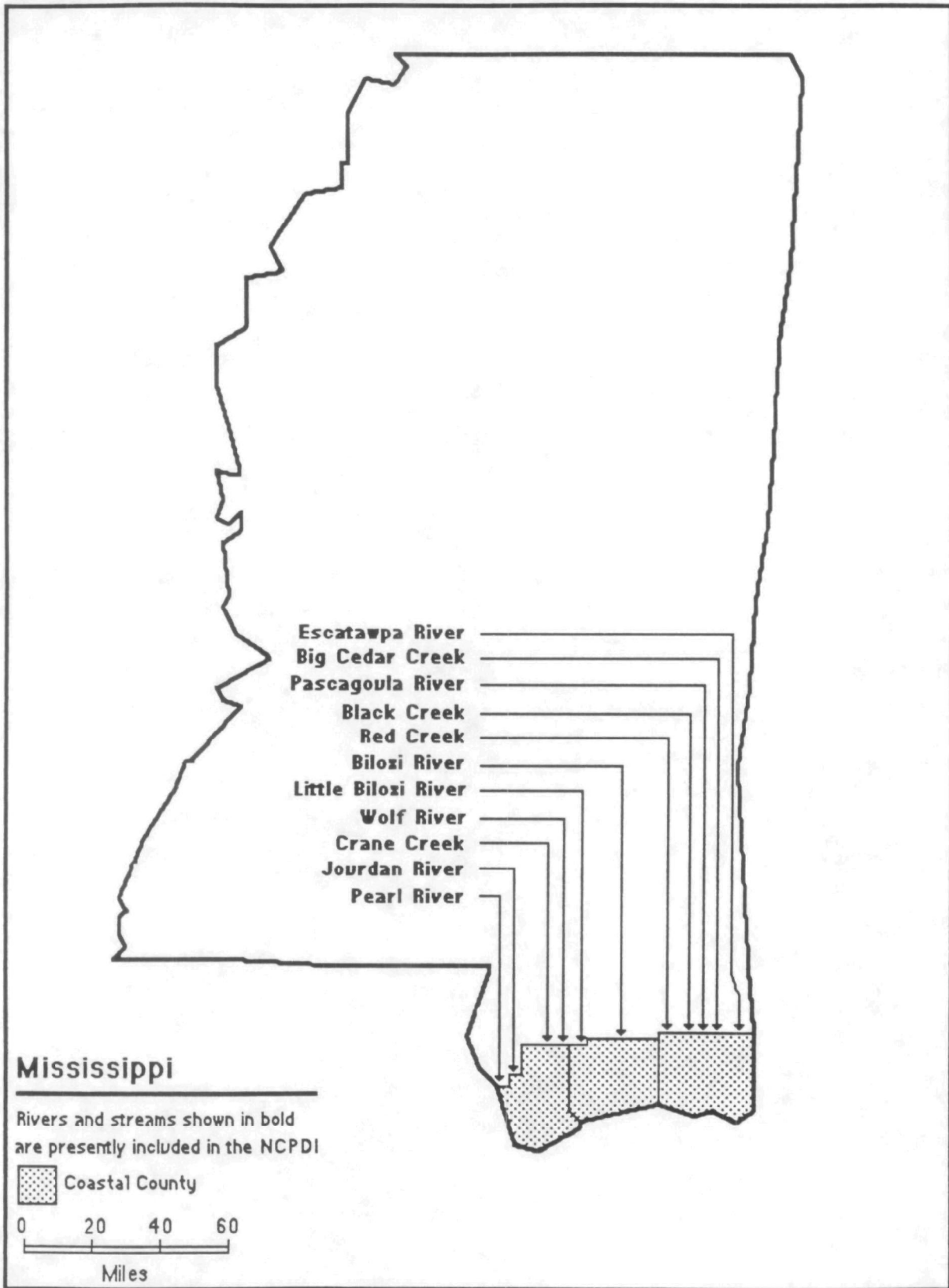


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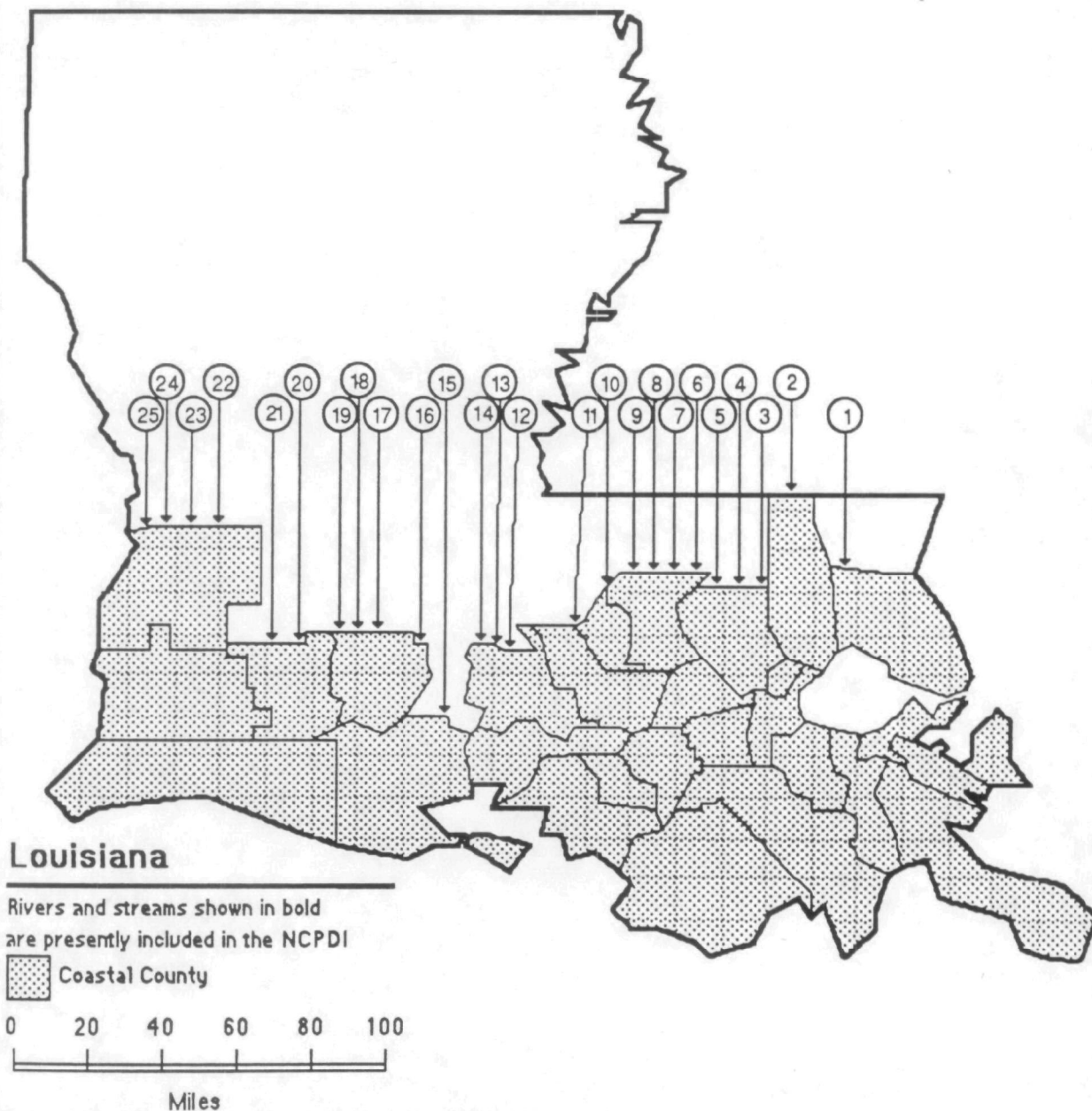


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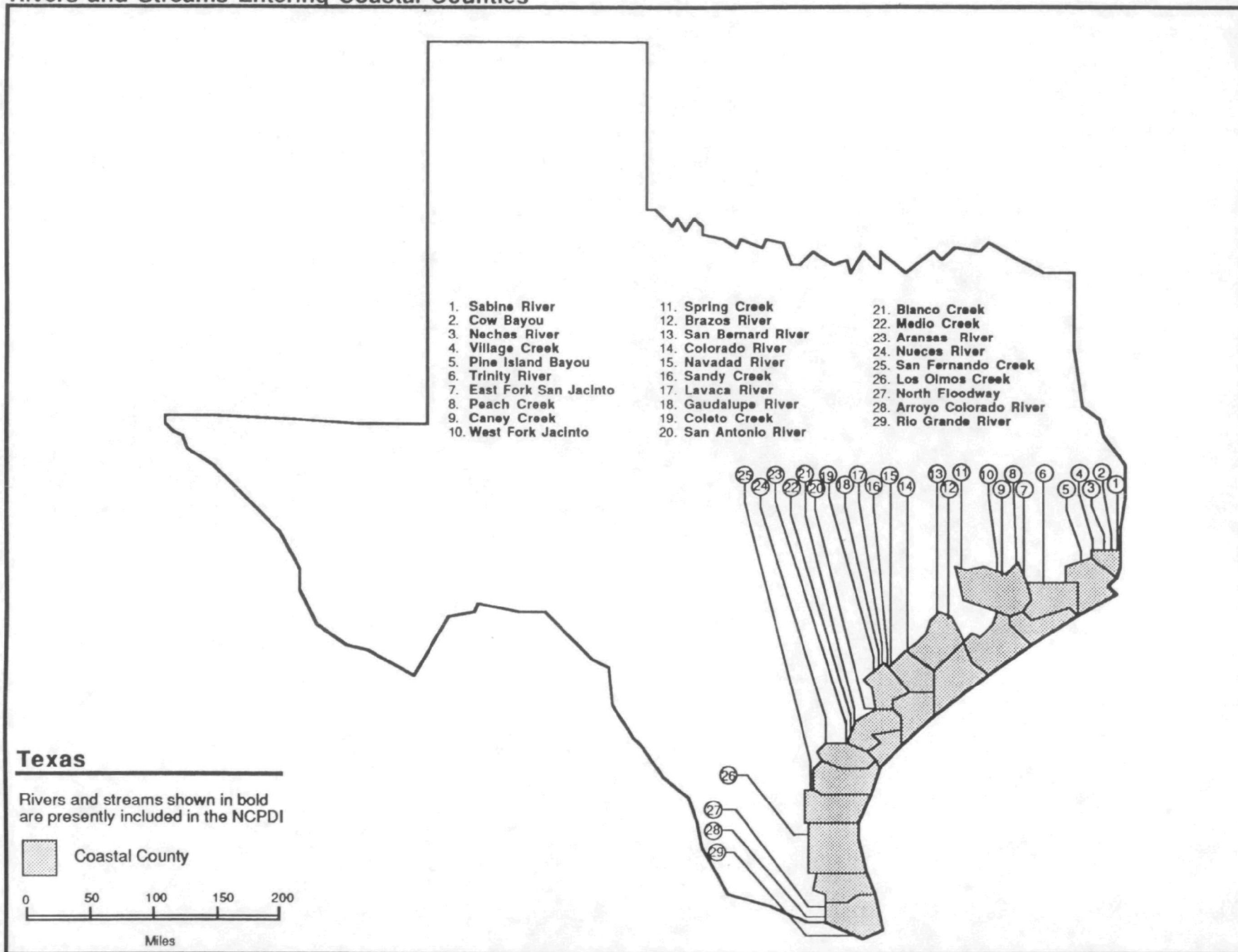


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| 3. Tickfaw River      | 12. Atchafalaya River      | 21. Clear Creek          |
| 4. Hog Branch River   | 13. Bayou des Glaises      | 22. Indian Bayou         |
| 5. Amite River        | 14. Bayou Teche            | 23. Hickory Branch River |
| 6. Sandy Creek        | 15. Vermillion River       | 24. Beckwith Creek       |
| 7. Comite River       | 16. Bayou Plaquemine Brule | 25. Bear Head Creek      |
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| 9. White Bayou        | 18. Bayou des Cannes       |                          |



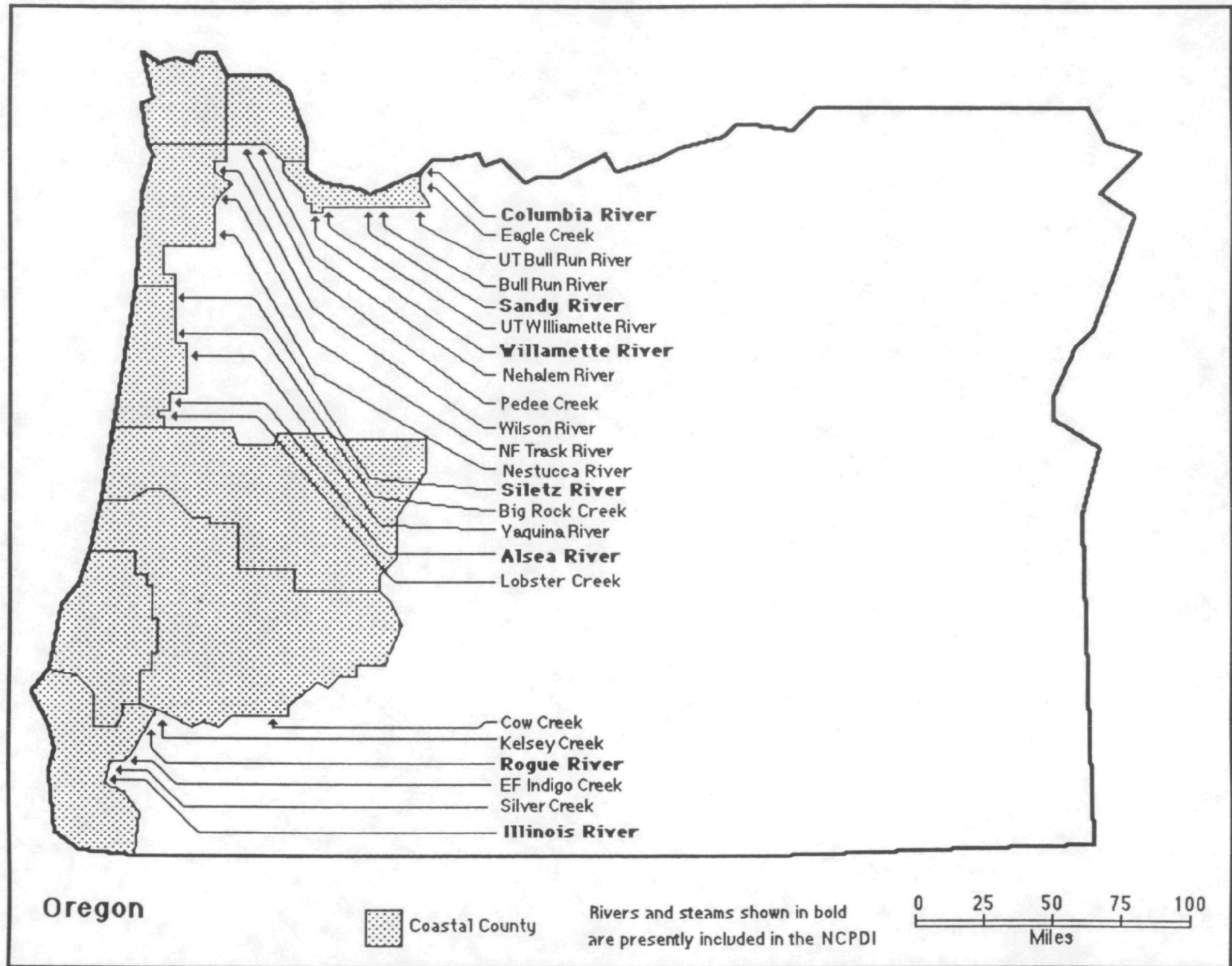
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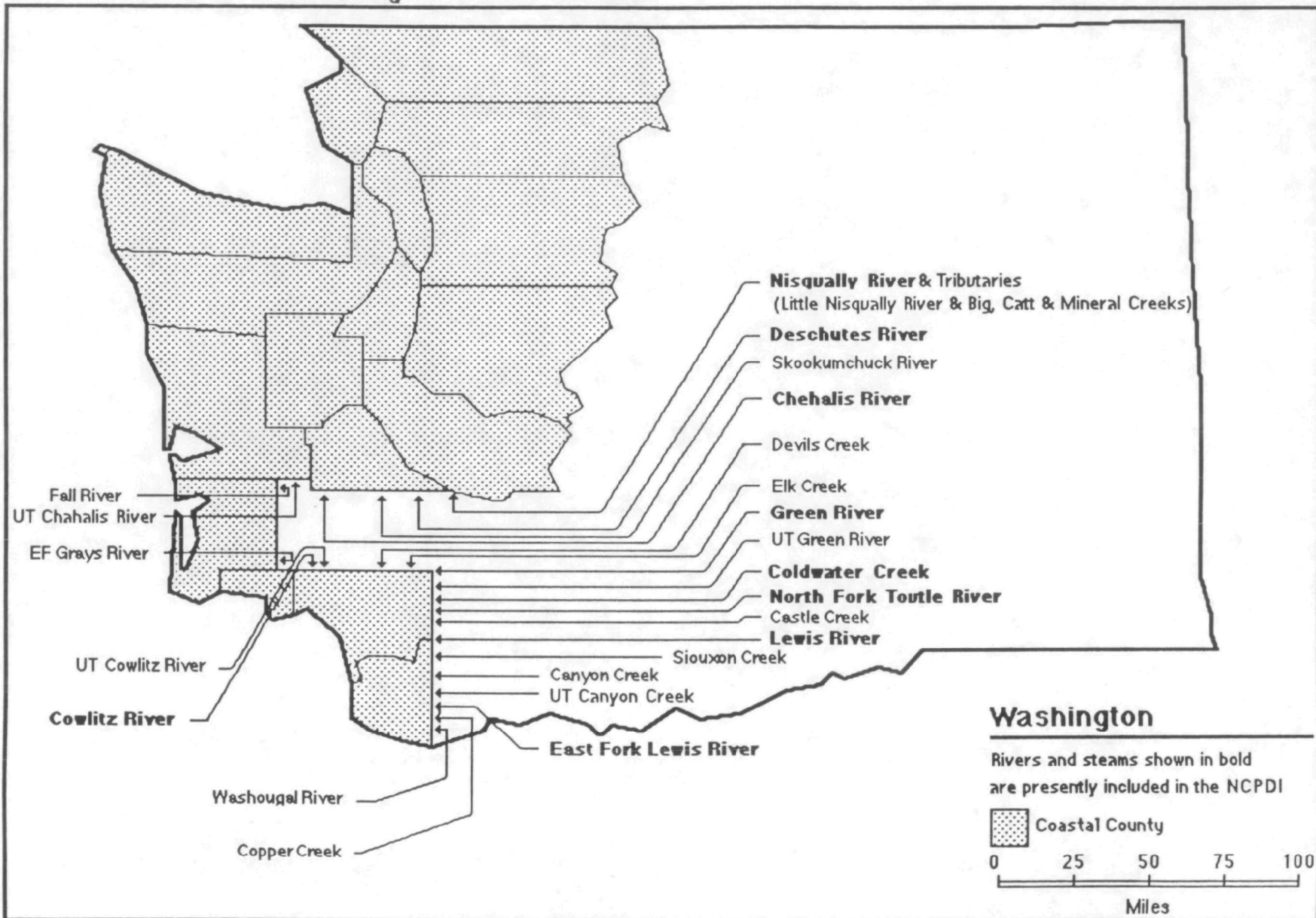


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## OFFSHORE BOUNDARIES

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## **Offshore Boundaries**

The maps of offshore political, maritime and jurisdictional boundaries presented in this section are taken from NOAA's Strategic Assessment Data Atlas Series. They are organized in East/West geographic order from the Northeast through the Gulf of Mexico and up the West Coast to Alaska. These boundaries must be considered when defining offshore analysis areas. The paper which follows the maps presents an early attempt at defining boundaries of offshore coastal areas that are affected by land based sources of pollution. Identifying these areas accurately is an important step towards defining offshore analysis areas. This analysis was originally presented at the Coastal Zone 1980 conference (Coastal Zone '80. Proceedings of the Second Symposium on Coastal and Ocean Management, Vol. IV).

# Eastern United States Coastal and Ocean Zones

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## Political Boundaries

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







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# Political Boundaries and Maritime Zones: Gulf of Mexico

## Description

Political boundaries shown on this map define selected jurisdictions of the Gulf of Mexico. These jurisdictions and their importance include:

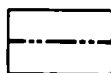
**Territorial Sea:** Coastal waters extending from a coastal baseline seaward within which a nation exercises sovereignty but cannot deny the right of innocent passage to foreign nations. Mexico claims a 12 nautical mile territorial sea while the USA claims a three nmi territorial sea. In the USA, the Submerged Land Act of 1953 established the territorial sea for Texas and Florida's Gulf of Mexico coast as three leagues (about nine nmi) and for Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana as three mi. This difference exists because the US Congress recognized the seaward claims of these states at the time of their admission to the Union. Claims of Florida were established in a new state constitution upon reentry to the Union after the Civil War. Claims of Texas were established when it was an independent republic between 1832 and 1845.

**Contiguous Zone:** A band of high seas extending 12 nmi from the baseline of the territorial sea established pursuant to the 1958 Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone. Within its contiguous zone, a nation can exercise the control necessary to prevent infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration, or environmental regulations. The USA claims a 12 nmi contiguous zone. Mexico claims no contiguous zone. (Stevens pers. comm.)

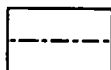
**Prohibited Oil Pollution Zone:** A band of high seas and coastal waters, 50 nmi from the nearest land areas established by the 1973 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). Both Mexico and the USA have signed the Convention. Oil tankers are prohibited from discharging oil within the zone (see Map 5.23) except under certain conditions specified in the MARPOL regulations. Ships other than tankers and greater than 400 gross tons generally are restricted from discharging oil within 12 nmi of the nearest land.

**Exclusive Economic Zone:** The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) extends 200 nmi from the baseline of the territorial sea. Where the extent of the EEZs of nations overlap, boundaries are determined on the basis of equitable principles. The USA proclaimed its EEZ on March 10, 1983. Consistent with international law, within its EEZ, the USA claims: (a) sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving, and managing natural resources, both living and nonliving, of the seabed and subsoil and the superadjacent waters and with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of the zone, such as the production of energy from water, currents, and winds; and (b) jurisdiction with regard to the establishment and use of artificial islands and installation and structures having economic purposes, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment. This zone coincides with the US Fishery Conservation Zone where the USA claims exclusive rights to manage fishery resources, except for highly migratory species (*Federal Register*, March 14, 1983). Mexico claims similar rights and jurisdiction over its EEZ.

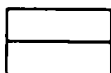
A 1976 maritime boundary agreement between the USA and Mexico established a shared maritime boundary in the Gulf of Mexico. It provides that neither country shall claim or exercise sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil on the other country's side of the maritime boundary. The agreement has not yet entered into force. (Smith pers. comm.)



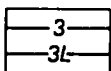
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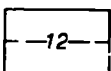
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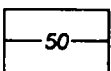
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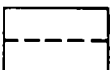
**3 Nautical Mile / 3 League Limit (Territorial Zone)**



**12 Nautical Mile Limit (Contiguous Zone)**



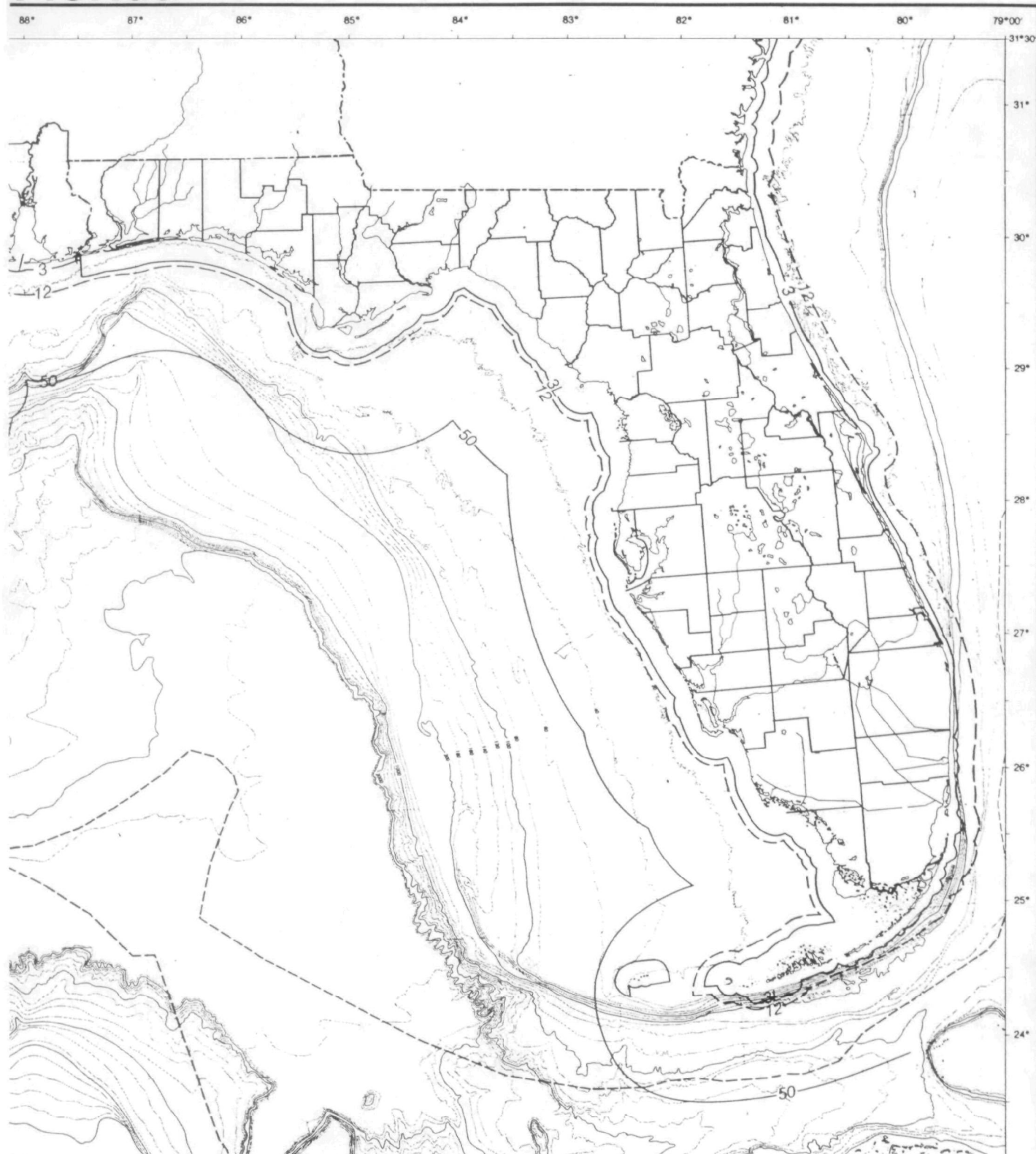
**50 Nautical Mile Limit (Prohibited Zone or Pollution Zone)**



**200 Nautical Mile Limit (Exclusive Economic Zone)**

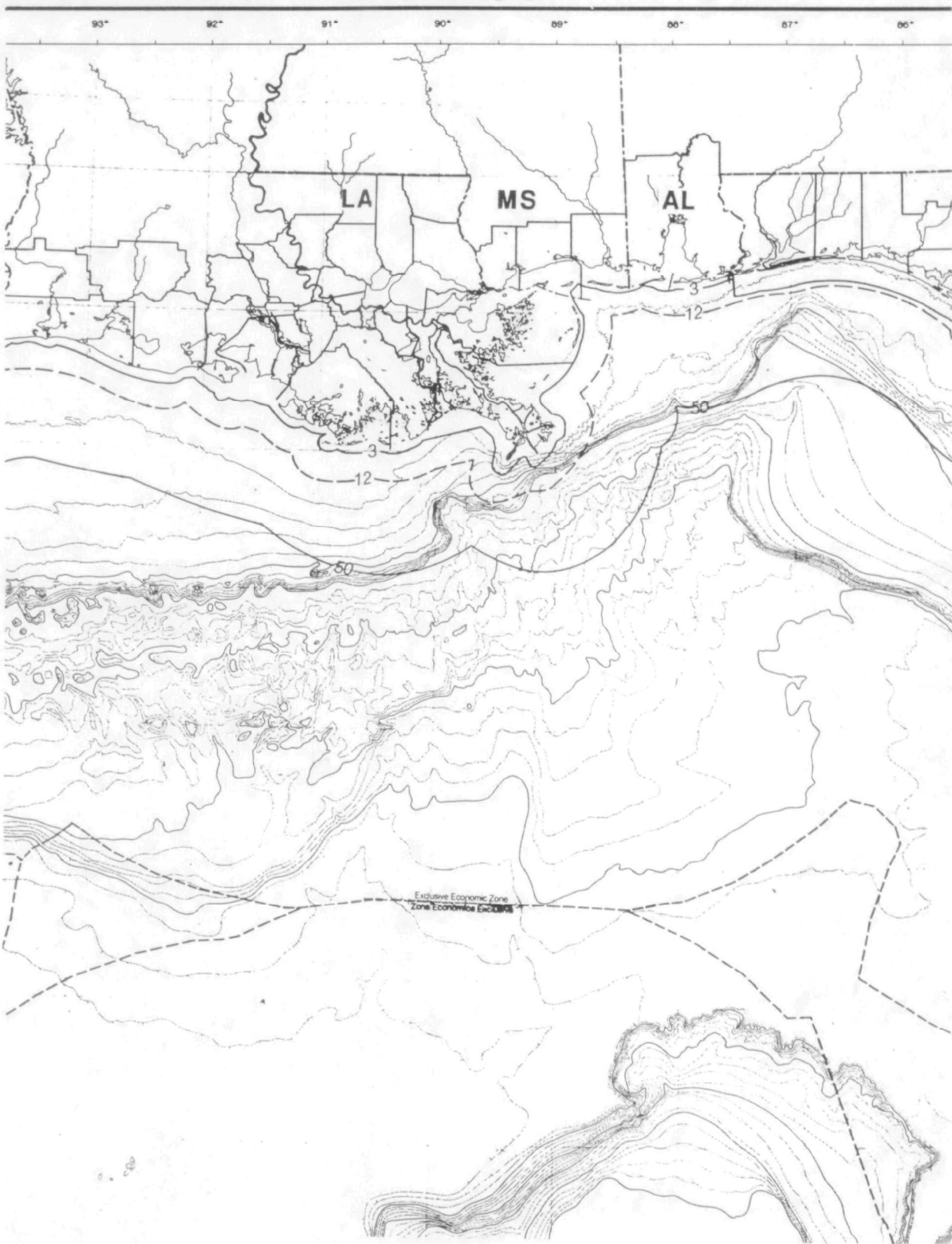
Mexican jurisdictional claims illustrated on this map do not imply official recognition of those claims by the United States Government. Territorial Zone is 3 nautical mile offshore limit in Alabama and Mississippi, 3 league limit in Florida and Texas and 12 nautical mile limit in Mexico.

# Political Boundaries and Maritime Zones: Florida





# Political Boundaries and Maritime Zones: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama



# Political Boundaries and Maritime Zones: Texas



# Federal Agency Regional Boundaries: Gulf of Mexico

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## Description

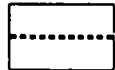
Regional boundaries of federal agencies of the USA having marine resource management and environmental quality responsibilities within the Gulf of Mexico region are shown on this map.

The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of inland waterways, rivers and harbors, port development, flood control projects and all structures or work in or affecting navigable waters, and established shipping safety fairways. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, it grants permits for discharges of dredged or fill materials into navigable waters at specified disposal sites within the 3 nmi territorial sea of the USA (Squires, 1983).

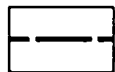
The Minerals Management Service, US Department of the Interior, manages the development of the outer continental shelf (OCS) for oil and gas exploration and production (Maps 4-24-25). The National Park Service of the US Department of the Interior is responsible for the protection and management of designated lands such as national seashores, parks, and recreation areas.

The US Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring the safe and unencumbered passage of marine traffic and monitoring the discharge of oil into navigable waters (Maps 5-23-26). As the principal maritime law enforcement agency in waters subject to US jurisdiction, it has the authority to make inspections, searches, seizures, and arrests at sea.

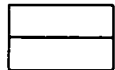
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for implementing federal environmental legislation such as the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA), the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). For example, under the CWA, EPA provides grants to municipal and state agencies to assist in financing the construction of municipal wastewater treatment facilities. EPA administers the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) which incorporates and applies effluent limitations in individual permits for both municipal and direct industrial dischargers, and it conducts monitoring to assure compliance with permit conditions or effluent limits. Under Title I of the MPRSA, EPA designates recommended sites (Map 4-29) and times for ocean dumping and issues permits for the disposal of municipal and industrial wastes. EPA also provides, under CERCLA, two basic types of hazardous substances response capabilities: an emergency response capability for handling major chemical spills (in close cooperation with the US Coast Guard and NOAA) and hazardous substance incidents, and a remedial response capability for undertaking the long-term cleanup of abandoned hazardous waste sites (Map 4-20).



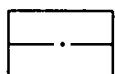
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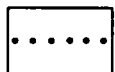
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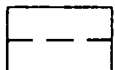
**US Coast Guard Districts (USCG)**



**US Department of the Interior, Minerals  
Management Service Outer Continental Shelf  
Planning Areas (MMS OCS)**

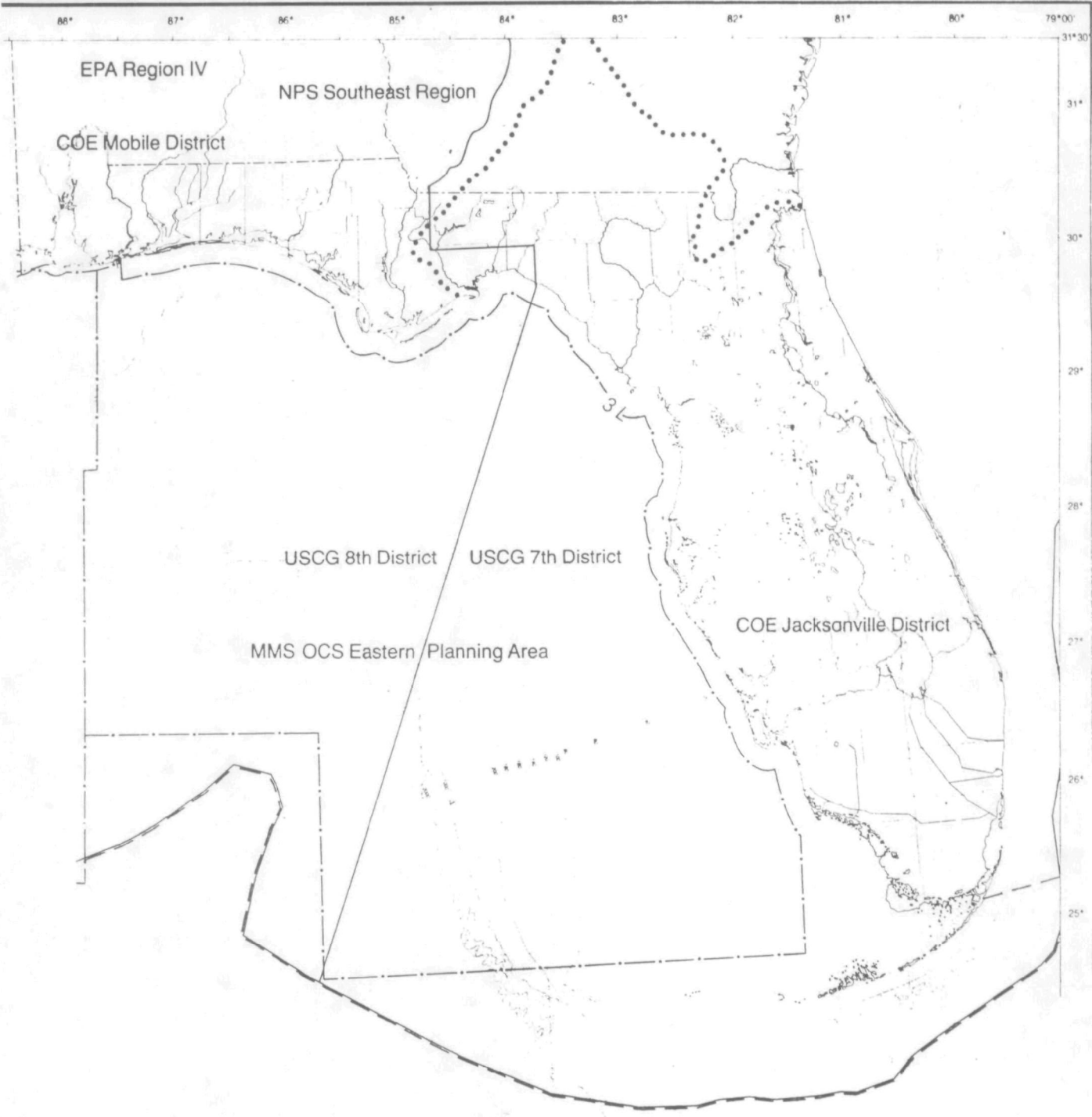


**US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works  
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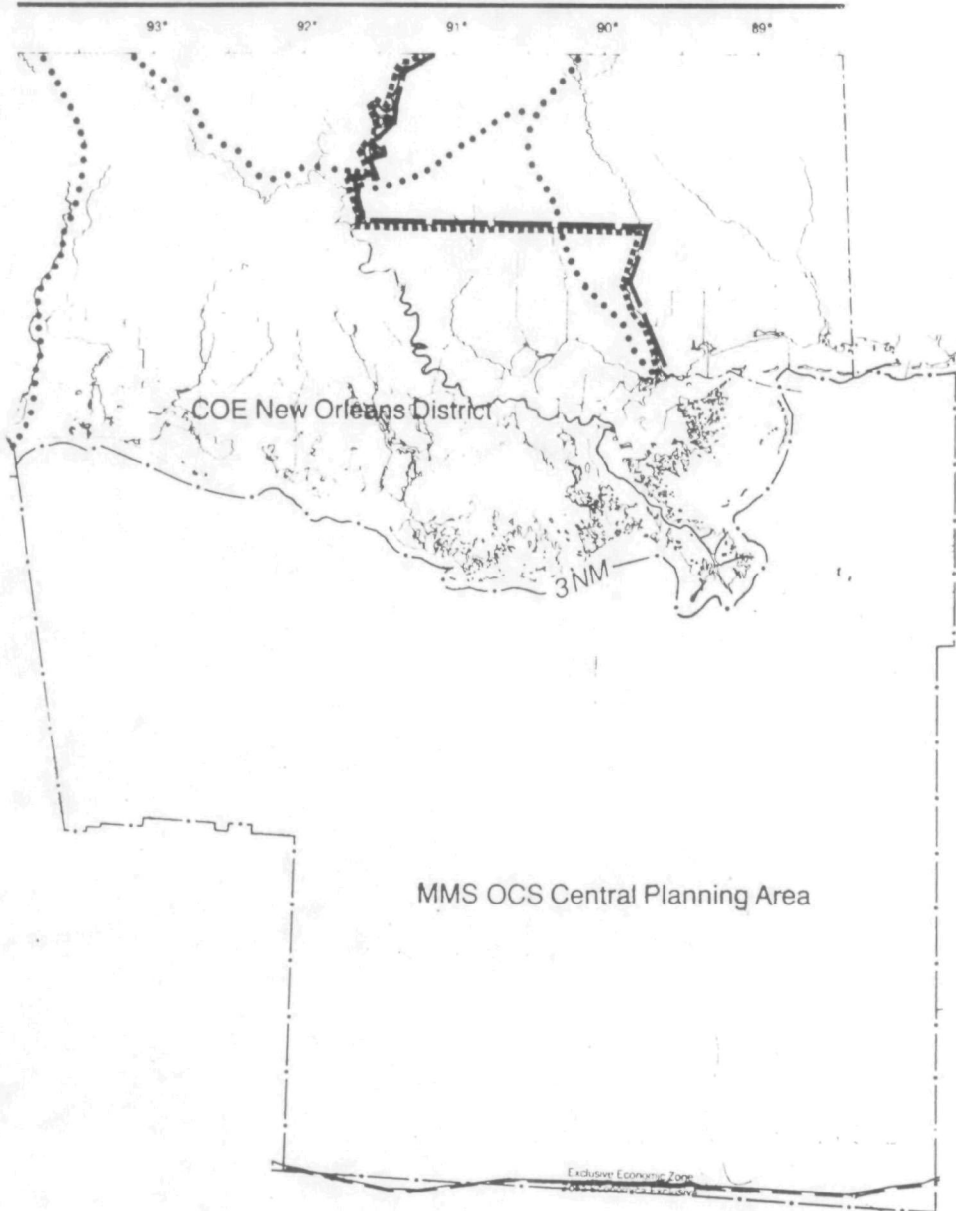


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# Federal Agency Regional Boundaries: Alabama, Florida

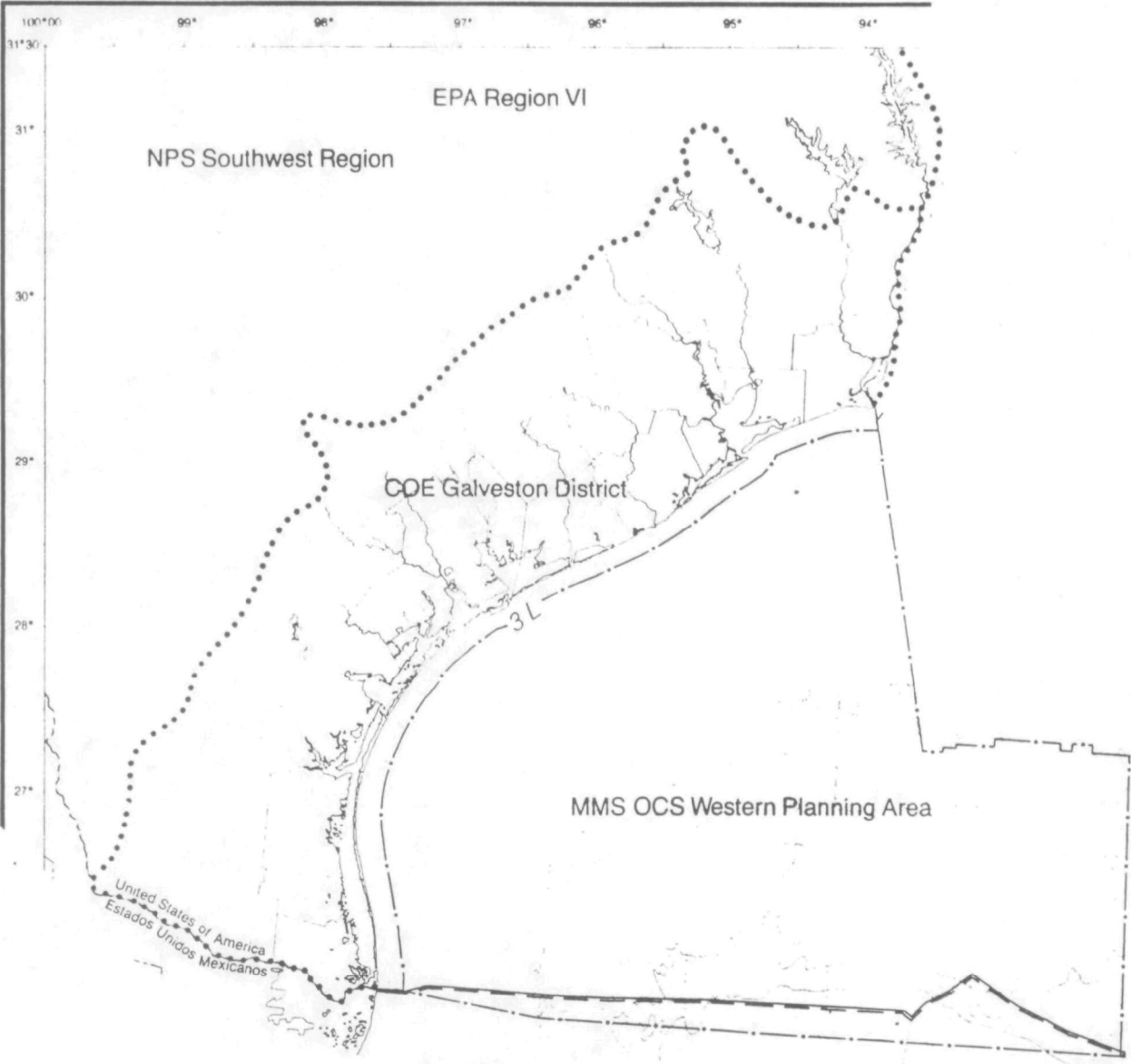


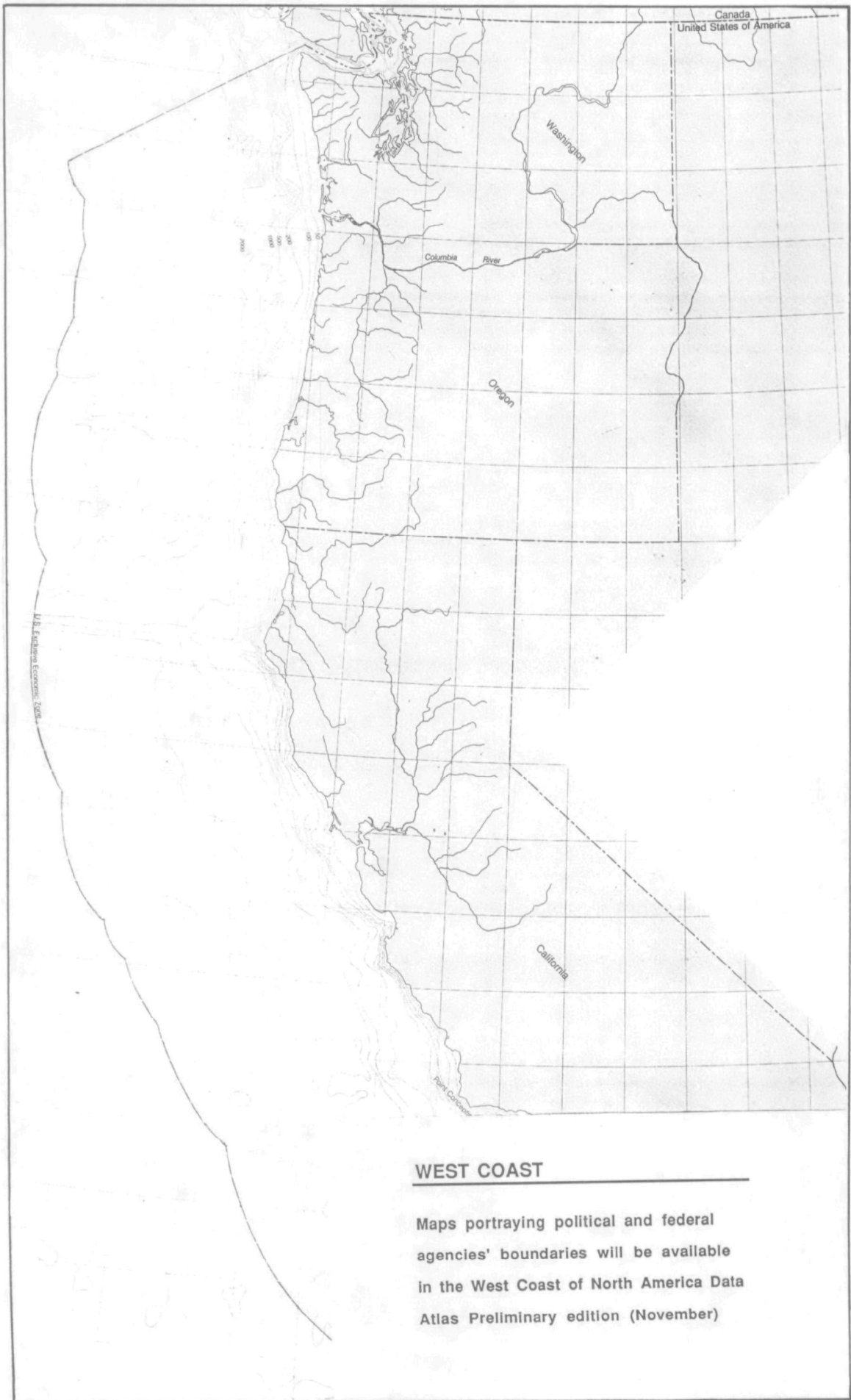
# Federal Agency Regional Boundaries: Louisiana, Mississippi





# Federal Agency Regional Boundaries: Texas

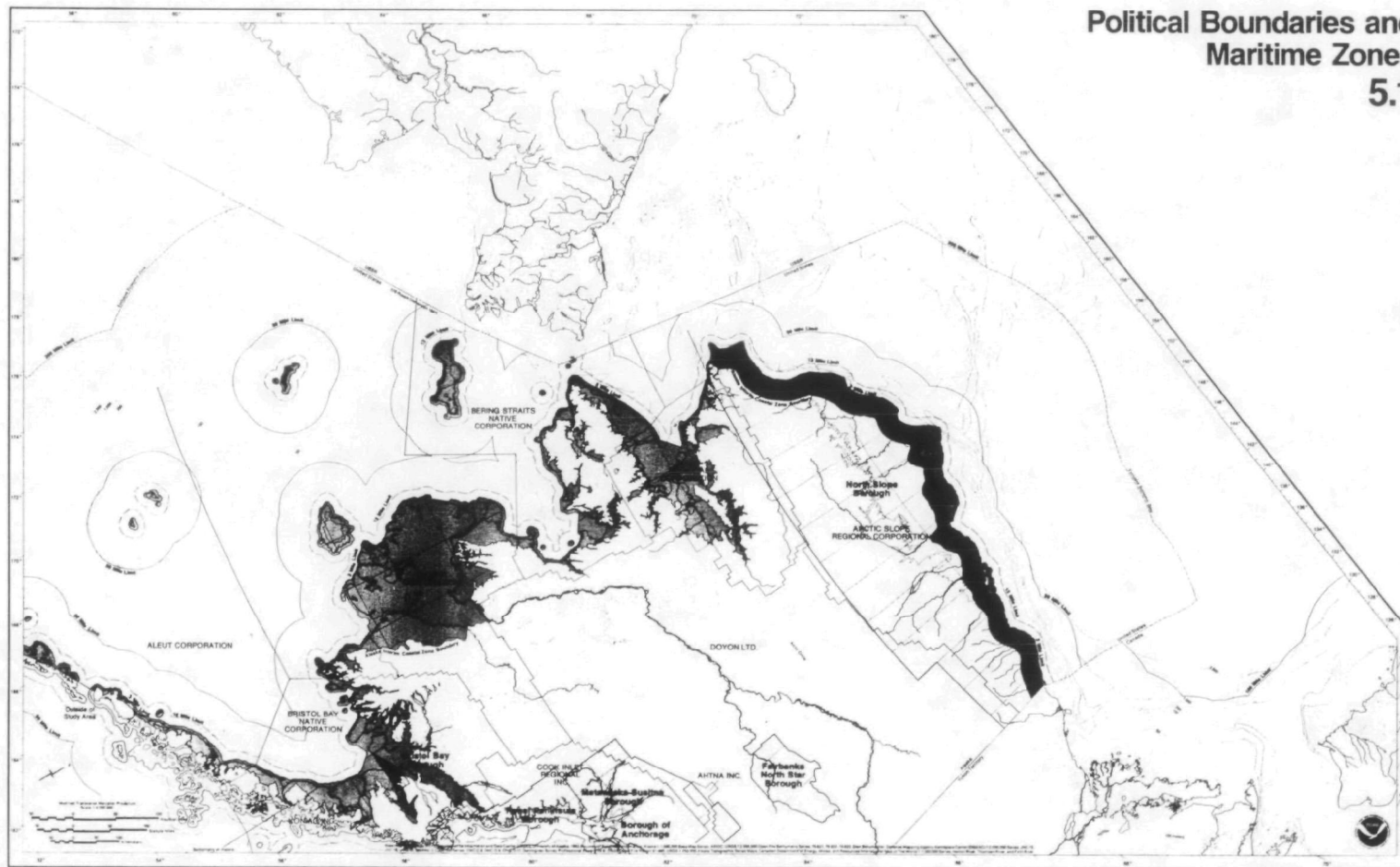




## WEST COAST

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# Political Boundaries and Maritime Zones 5.1



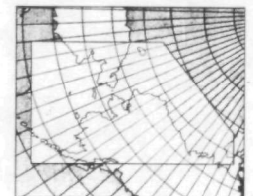
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- International Boundaries
- 200-Mile Limit (Exclusive Economic Zone)
- 50-Mile Limit
- 100-Mile Limit in Canada (Prohibited or Pollution Zone)
- 12-Mile Limit (Contiguous Zone)
- 3-Mile Limit (Territorial Sea)
- Alaska Interim Coastal Zone
- Corporation Boundaries
- Borough Boundaries
- Boroughs

The 3-mile limit is also the seaward boundary of the Alaska Interim Coastal Zone.

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### ORCA's Mission

The Office of Ocean Resources Coordination and Assessment (ORCA) is one of four major line office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coastal Zone Management. ORCA has the responsibility for the coordination and development of overall NOAA policy positions in two important ocean use areas -- outer continental shelf oil and gas exploration and development and marine transportation -- both ocean uses which may have significant effects on the management of other ocean and coastal resources that fall under the responsibilities of NOAA. To complement its evaluation of individual ocean use proposals, ORCA has initiated a series of "strategic assessments" of the Nation's coastal and ocean regions. This document describes a study undertaken as part of a strategic assessment of the East Coast of the United States.



## Introduction

This paper describes an analysis undertaken by the Office of Ocean Resources Coordination and Assessment (ORCA) as one part of its Eastern United States Coastal and Ocean Zones Strategic Assessment Project.<sup>1</sup> The East Coast project is the first of five regional assessments initiated by ORCA which focus on large coastal and ocean regions of the U.S. These assessments will cover the entire "coastal zone" of the U.S. (excluding the Great Lakes), extending seaward to the 200-mile limit of the fishery conservation zone and including all of the outer continental shelf as defined by the 200-meter isobath. Their purpose is to identify ocean resource use conflicts before they occur, so that resources can be developed or conserved in an effective manner and environmental damages minimized. The assessments are described as being "strategic" because they are carried out from a comprehensive planning perspective intended to complement, not replace, the detailed "tactical" analysis of coastal and ocean use proposals.

The objective of this analysis was to utilize remotely sensed satellite imagery to determine the spatial boundaries of nearshore areas or zones likely to be affected by pollutants from land-based sources, so that data collected on the presence or absence of living marine resources could be combined with information on land-based pollutant discharges in a preliminary and relative assessment of potential risk. These areas have been termed "ocean zones of impact". The actual size and shapes of these zones vary, depending upon: (1) type and quantity of pollutant discharge; (2) local meteorologic conditions; and (3) oceanographic/hydrodynamic conditions.

Ocean zones of impact related to east coast estuaries and embayments were approximated using reflectance patterns from data transmitted from the Coastal Zone Color Scanner (CZCS) instrument mounted on the NASA Nimbus-7 satellite. Data were transformed from numerical measures of radiance to photographic images suitable for identifying and mapping ocean impact zones through a simple enhancement technique.

Many similar applications of remote sensing imagery exist in the literature. These applications are based on the property of waters high in organic and inorganic particulates and dissolved matter to alter the way in which sunlight is reflected. For example, waters high in suspended solids scatter incident light of certain wavelengths increasing reflectance relative to surrounding clearer waters. Remote sensing instruments, like the CZCS, can detect this higher reflectance. The assumption is that the spatial distribution of waters of high reflectance which can be related to a point of discharge, e.g. the mouth of a river, is indicative of the dispersion of pollutants discharged at that point.<sup>2</sup>

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Only a preliminary identification of ocean impact zones along the east coast was attempted in this study, and those developed were used primarily in an illustrative manner in the East Coast Project. The analyses required to make a detailed assessment of the changing boundaries of these zones (over time) were beyond the scope, objectives, and resources of the overall project.

### Methodology

Estimating the boundaries of east coast coastal and ocean zones affected by land-based sources of pollutants involved four steps. First, a determination had to be made as to which remote sensing instrument would best capture the phenomenon of interest. Second, the study area had to be divided into subregions that associated pollutants generated by sources located in specific land areas with the points at which these pollutants entered coastal waters, e.g., the mouths of rivers and outlets of embayments. Third, large amounts of remotely sensed data had to be screened, processed, and then analyzed for each subregion, including the selection of data from preliminary images ("quick looks"), the translation of numerical data into visual images, and the enhancement of those images, and their analysis. Fourth, individual images taken at different times were combined for each subregion to arrive at an estimate of the maximum observed boundaries of ocean zones that could be affected by pollutants entering coastal waters.

Choosing a Remote Sensing Instrument: Two remote sensing instruments were investigated: the Coastal Zone Color Scanner (CZCS) and the Landsat 1 and 2 Multispectral Scanner (MSS). The CZCS was designed to monitor changes in ocean turbidity and chlorophyll concentrations. It is mounted on the Nimbus-7 satellite launched on October 23, 1978. The MSS was designed to discriminate among land masses and land uses, but has also been used with considerable success in identifying turbid conditions in coastal and ocean waters. The MSS has been in orbit for more than a decade. Table 1 compares the specifications of each instrument.

Although either instrument could have been used to approximate ocean impact zones, the CZCS was superior for this purpose. The capability of the CZCS to detect low radiance values (the measure of reflectance) is an order of magnitude greater than that for the MSS. This is an important feature for analyzing ocean areas which have low reflectance compared to land areas. Radiance resolution as measured by the number of intervals in the light intensity range of interest is many times greater for the CZCS (Hovis, 1979; Hovis, 1980). In addition, the larger spatial coverage of the CZCS (800m resolution vs 80m for the MSS) was more appropriate to the scale of the study area. Finally, while it was obvious that the MSS data base was more extensive than that for the CZCS (the MSS has been in orbit five times longer), an initial screening of the CZCS scenes that had been processed to date

Table 1. Comparison of Specifications of Nimbus-7 Coastal Zone Color Scanner and Landsat Multispectral Scanner

CHARACTERISTIC	COASTAL ZONE COLOR SCANNER		MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER	
	Wavelength Range (nm)	Saturation Radiance <sup>a, b</sup>	Wavelength Range (nm)	Saturation Radiance
Spectral Bands	433-453	5.41-11.46		
	510-530	3.50-7.64	500-600	24.8
	540-560	2.86-6.21		
	660-680	1.34-2.88	600-700	20.0
	700-800	23.9	700-800	17.6
			800-1100	15.3
Radiance Intervals	256		64	
Spatial Resolution at Nadir	825 meters		80 meters	
Swath Width	1600 km		186 km	
Processed Scene Size	1600 km by 800 km		186 km by 186 km	

a. Units in  $mW/cm^2$  ster um

b. Bands 1 through 4 programmable in four steps for varying solar elevation angles

indicated adequate CZCS data was available to achieve the limited objectives of this analysis.

Three CZCS bands (ranges of wavelengths) were chosen for the analysis: band 2(510 nm to 530 nm); band 3(540 nm to 560 nm); and band 4(660 nm to 680 nm). These three bands, in the blue-green, green, and red portions of the visible spectrum respectively, are also contained within the wider MSS bands 4 (500 nm to 600 nm) and 5 (600 nm to 700 nm). Their selection was based upon a review of similar applications utilizing the MSS, which strongly suggested that the best discrimination of ocean turbidity is obtained in the 500 nm to 700 nm range (Pirie, 1973; Moore, 1974; Polcyn and Sattinger, 1979; Klemas, 1973 and; Bowker and Witte, 1977), with the best resolution in the 600 nm and 700 nm range. Measurements taken in bands on either side of this range often contain considerable interference caused by algae containing chlorophyll, which strongly absorbs light in the lower blue region and reflects light with wavelengths above 700 nm (Hovis and Leung, 1977; Bowker and Witte, 1977). The three CZCS bands differ in the extent to which they

penetrate clear water and their sensitivity to atmospheric reflectance (backscatter). For example, Band 2 (blue-green) is deeply penetrating (about 30 meters in clear water) and quite sensitive to atmospheric conditions, while at the other extreme band 4 (red) penetrates only the upper few meters of the water column with lesser atmospheric interference (Moore, 1974).

Identifying Subregions for Analysis: Three considerations helped to define subregions of the east coast. First, the subregions had to be of sufficient size to be commensurate with the strategic focus of the East Coast Project and completely cover the entire study area. Second, their size had to be compatible with the spatial resolution of the CZCS. Third, and most important, the subregions had to relate areas containing land-based pollutant sources with the points at which their pollutants enter coastal waters, i.e., through the mouths of rivers and outlets from embayments.

These considerations resulted in the division of the study area into sixteen subregions defined by the commonly accepted hydrological boundaries of major east coast river basins, as established by the Water Resources Council (Water Resources Council, 1978). Figure 1 shows the subregions and identifies the number of major rivers in each. In general, pollutants which are discharged into these rivers eventually reach coastal waters after a specified time and after undergoing various physical and chemical degradation, deposition, and transformation processes. The outlets of these rivers or embayments, e.g., the mouth of Delaware Bay at Cape May, are the primary points at which land-based pollutants enter coastal waters. They serve as the coastal reference points to identify ocean impact zones.

Analyzing CZCS Data: At the time of this analysis (August-September 1980), approximately 150 CZCS scenes had been processed onto computer tapes suitable for analysis.<sup>3</sup> Each scene represents a portion of a single pass of the Nimbus-7 satellite over a specified area. Twenty of these scenes which contained data on some portion of the east coast, were screened to the extent to which cloud cover or thinner atmospheric formations, i.e., aerosols, obscured observation. Scenes which did not show the coastal portion of at least one entire subregion free of cloud cover or aerosols were excluded from the analysis. The original set of twenty scenes was reduced to ten. These are listed in Table 2, and the subregions to which they apply are identified.

Numerical data for each scene (radiance measurements) were next transformed into photographic images on a minicomputer/viewscreen system developed and maintained by the Office of Research of NOAA's National Earth Satellite Service. The system was also used to magnify those portions of each scene corresponding to the coastal areas of each subregion. Each magnified image was then manually enhanced to accent the "reflectance structure" of coastal waters.<sup>4</sup>

Magnified images were enhanced by reducing the effective radiance range and range center. This technique effectively blacks out areas at the lower end of the reflectance scale (e.g., areas of deep clear ocean where most



Subregions for Analysis

Legend:  
 ■ Estuary  
 □ Major River Basin

SUBREGION			COASTAL COUNTIES		SUBREGION: Water Resources		
Name	Area (sq.mi.)	1972 Population (x1,000)	Area (sq.mi.)	Population (x1,000)	No. of Major Rivers	Surface Storage (sq.mi.)	Mean Discharge (cfs)
1 Northern Maine	31,110	667	5,907	161	4	375	37,900
2 Saco-Merrimack	6,527	921	2,947	513	1	84	9,870
3 Massachusetts-Rhode Island	6,608	6,153	3,745	3,811	2	23	4,590
4 Housatonic-Connecticut	17,214	4,379	2,269	1,883	3	111	17,180
5 Hudson-New Jersey	20,177	19,167	8,946	15,961	3	83	15,600 <sup>a/</sup>
6 Delaware	15,569	7,982	5,057	4,593	1	27	15,700 <sup>b/</sup>
7 Susquehanna-Potomac	20,629	6,460	8,294	3,109	2	P 14 UC } LC } 23 <sup>c/</sup>	S/P 33,290 <sup>b/</sup> UC } LC } 14,600
8 York-James	19,973	2,326	6,374	1,747	3	} 192	} 25,900
9 Chowan-Roanoke	6,395	10,525	3,644	136	2		
10 Pamlico	18,708	1,259	3,012	145	2	} 495	} 28,000
11 Cape Fear	14,161	8,215	2,677	228	1		
12 Pee Dee-Santee	17,348	1,920	2,901	138	2	} 472	} 25,500
13 Cooper-Edisto	24,975	3,019	4,329	394	2		
14 Savannah	35,595	1,973	2,893	281	5	31	11,700 <sup>d/</sup>
15 St. John's <sup>e/</sup>	10,079	1,598	5,303	1,032	1	1,083	7,310
16 South Florida <sup>e/</sup>	19,708	3,486	13,267	1,858	0		

a/ Discharge value includes only the lower Hudson River to avoid double counting the flow value from the upper Hudson region.

b/ Discharge value includes flow from the Susquehanna River.

c/ The Upper and Lower Chesapeake (UC and LC) cannot be broken down further for surface storage and mean discharge categories.

d/ A USGS estimate for flow into the Atlantic.

e/ This subregion includes counties which drain into the Gulf of Mexico. A USGS estimate for for discharge into the Atlantic from this area is 7,700 cfs.

Figure 1. Analysis Subregions and Estuarine Boundaries

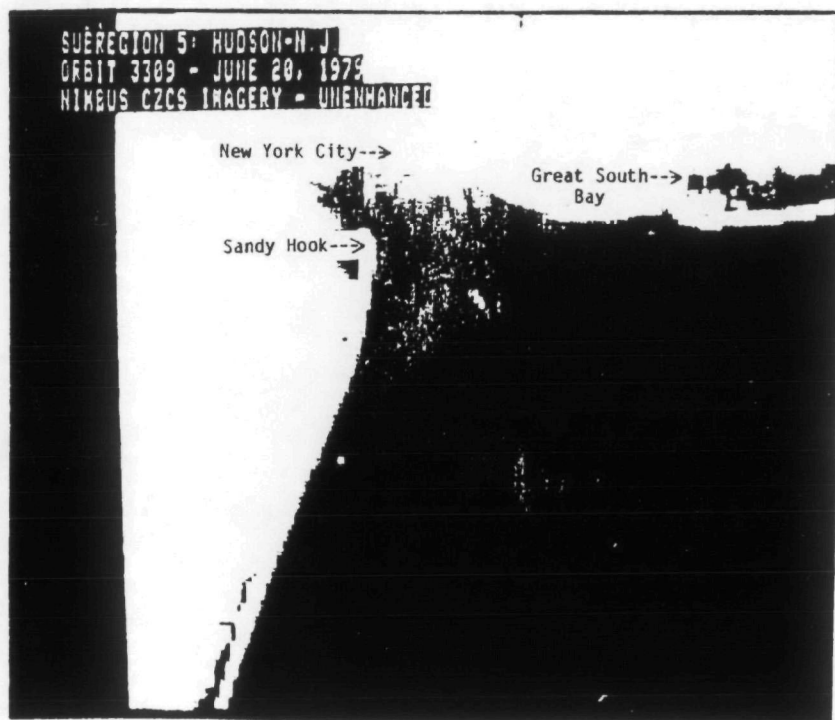


Table 2. CZCS Scenes Used to Define Ocean Impact Zones

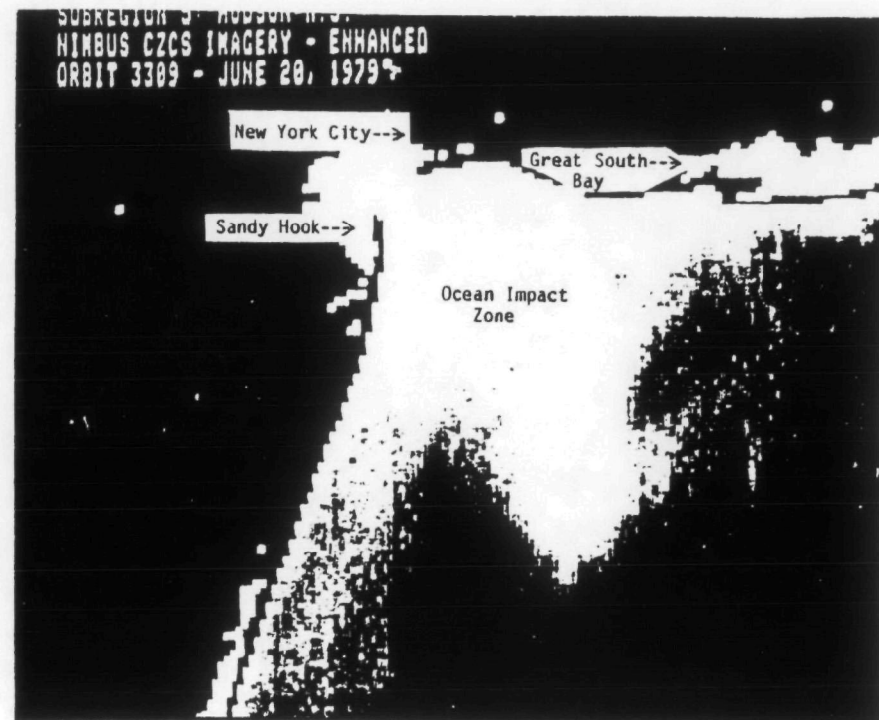
ORBIT NUMBER OF CZCS SCENE	DATE OF ORBIT	CLOCK TIME (EST)	ANALYSIS SUBREGIONS IN SCENE
130	Nov. 2, 1978	12:11	15,16
268	Nov. 12, 1978	11:36	13,14,15,16
2715	May 8, 1979	11:13	1,2,3,4
3226	June 14, 1979	10:39	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,
3240	June 15, 1979	10:57	1,2,3,4,5,6
3309	June 20, 1979	11:38	2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11
3351	June 23, 1979	11:38	9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16
4180	Aug. 22, 1979	11:28	4,6,7
4235	Aug. 26, 1979	11:00	8,9,10,12,13
4249	Aug. 27, 1979	11:19	8

of the observed reflectance is due to the atmosphere) and those on the very high end (e.g., land masses). The procedure was performed separately for each of the three spectral bands used, resulting in three single-band enhanced images. These images were then superimposed to form a single, three-color composite enhanced image. No single set of rules was established to perform the enhancements. Each enhancement was guided solely by the discrimination in the reflectance structure in coastal waters which could be visually perceived on the viewscreen.<sup>5</sup> Figure 2 illustrates the results of this procedure for a magnified image of Subregion 5, Hudson-New Jersey. This procedure is primarily a qualitative correction for Rayleigh scattering, i.e., light backscattered to the CZCS instrument by the atmosphere. Rayleigh scattering can account for 50 to 90% of the radiant energy signal on each of the three CZCS bands used. The effect of Rayleigh scattering is to give the images an overall brightness that obscures the reflectance structure in coastal and ocean areas.

Defining Ocean Zones of Impact: Ocean zones of impact for each subregion were defined by projecting color photographic slides of both the three-color composite enhanced and unenhanced magnified images onto a map of the east coast (scale = 1:2,000,000 or 1 inch = approximately 32 miles). The outlines of areas of high reflectance shown on each enhanced image were then transferred directly onto the map. Although the projected slides did not always match perfectly with the map because of differences between the projection of the map (Lambert conformal conic) and the surface as observed by the satellite, these distortions were slight and easy to correct. Unenhanced images were



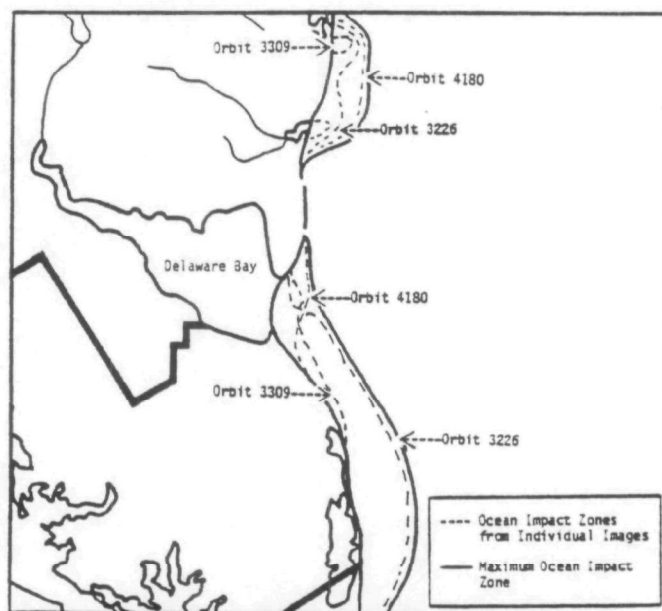
2a. Unenhanced Image



2b. Enhanced Image

Figure 2. Comparison of Unenhanced and Enhanced Images of Subregion 5, Hudson-New Jersey (Orbit 3309, June 20, 1979)

Figure 3. Individual and Maximum Ocean Impact Zones Observed for Subregion 6, Delaware



used to check the orientation of each image with coastline features shown on the map; coastline features on enhanced images were often distorted when the images were enhanced. Figure 3 illustrates how impact zones defined by individual images were combined to approximate a maximum ocean impact zone<sup>6</sup> for Subregion 6, Delaware. Figure 4 shows the maximum ocean zones of impact defined for each subregion.

The ocean zones of impact identified in Figure 4 cover about 90% of the coastline of the East Coast. The zones generally extend about 10 to 30 miles offshore, with the exception of zones in northern Maine (a special case), and overlap among subregions in several cases. In most cases (Subregion 3, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, through Subregion 14, Savannah), the enhanced images clearly show ocean zones of impact emanating from the mouths of major rivers and/or the outlets of major embayments. In these zones high reflectance indicates the existence of areas of relatively high turbidity directly related to sediment and pollutant discharges entering nearshore ocean waters. However, in some cases (Subregions 1 and 2, Northern Maine and Saco-Merrimack, and Subregions 15 and 16, St. Johns and South Florida), ocean impact zones could not be directly related to specific discharge points and, therefore, to pollutant discharges. In these areas the observed ocean zones are relatively large and are assumed to be the result of coastal processes such as the upwelling of nutrient rich bottom waters (Appolonio, 1979). The assumption is that although these zones are not the result of pollutant discharges, they are general nearshore "mixing zones" within which pollutant discharges from land-based sources are relatively confined and concentrated and, therefore, were reasonable ocean impact zones for the purpose of the East Coast Project.

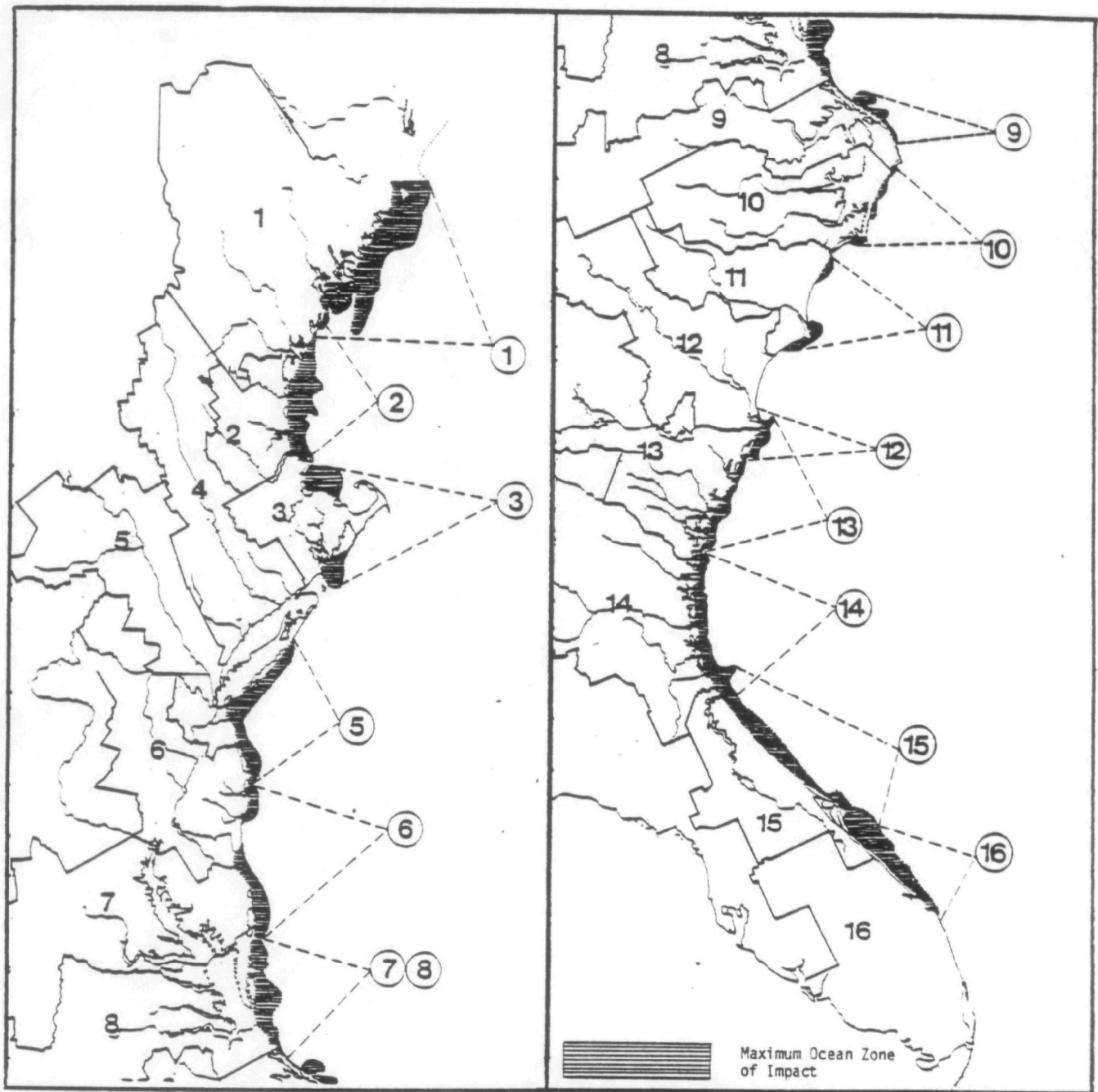


Figure 4. Maximum Ocean Zones of Impact Observed for Analysis Subregions

## Evaluation and Interpretation

Each of the ocean impact zones identified in Figure 4 were evaluated and interpreted by investigating the individual images comprising each maximum impact zone in relation to: (1) the extent to which areas of reflectance, assumed to be turbidity resulting from land-based sources of pollutants, could be due to other factors; and (2) whether or not these areas made reasonable sense based on climatic conditions, e.g., precipitation, known to exist immediately preceding and at the time at which an image was recorded.

Two possible causes of reflectance in coastal waters other than turbidity were assessed -- bottom reflectance in shallow waters and reflectance due to aerosol formations. Bottom reflectance was assessed by assuming that if an area of reflectance was due solely to shallow waters, this area would appear the same in each image containing the area. Conversely, if at least one image which contained the areas showed no reflectance emanating from it, it was assumed that no or very little bottom reflectance affected the image. In addition, examination of bathymetry showed that only in one case was an area of consistently high reflectance in very shallow waters (less than six to ten meters). This area, the Nantucket shoals in Subregion 3, was therefore, not considered an ocean impact zone. Aerosols were, for the most part, easily identified in the unenhanced and/or enhanced images. Remaining uncertainties were resolved by case-by-case judgements comparing the locations of possible sources of turbid water, i.e., the mouths of major rivers, bays and estuaries to nearby, more obvious atmospheric formations.

Four climatic conditions known to affect the extent and movement of turbidity in coastal waters were investigated: seasonal currents (Pirie, 1973); precipitation (Rouse and Coleman, 1976); wind intensity and direction; and tidal stage (Hunter, 1973). Data were obtained from the East Coast Data Atlas (surface currents), NOAA Daily Weather Maps (precipitation and wind data), and the National Ocean Survey (tidal stages). Data on these conditions were used to qualitatively assess the sizes and shapes of the observed ocean impact zones. In most cases, the ocean impact zones appeared reasonable based on seasonal currents, precipitation, and prevailing wind conditions. However, this was generally not the case with respect to tidal stage. For example, in those subregions in which ocean impact zones were most obviously due to discharges from river mouths and embayments, the images showed major differences in both the extent and direction of the zones. These differences were generally consistent with what would be expected from precipitation and prevailing wind conditions, but often counter to what would be anticipated based on tidal stage (i.e., the largest zones observed during incoming or high tide). This discrepancy may simply be due to the limited number of images of each subregion, or may have a physical basis, e.g. the relative influence of tides as compared to wind or streamflow.

Table 3 identifies the specific locations at which the data used to assess each image were collected, reports relevant information on each climatic



Table 3. Summary of CZCS Images of Individual Subregions and Associated Climatic Data

ORBIT NUMBER OF CZCS SCENE	DESCRIPTION OF AREAS OF HIGH REFLECTANCE EXTENDING BEYOND ESTUARIES WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO OCEAN COLOR	ATMOSPHERIC INTERFERENCE <sup>a</sup>		CLIMATIC CONDITIONS <sup>b</sup>		
		Clouds	Aerosols	Rainfall for Previous 4 Days <sup>c</sup> (Week)	Wind Direction	Tidal Stages <sup>d</sup>
<b>Subregion 1</b>				Portland, ME	Portland, ME	Portland, ME
2715	none	low	low	T(T)	calm	HL
3226*	large area extending southward from Bay of Fundy	none	none	T(T)	W	LH
3240	none	moderate	moderate	T(T)	SW	LH
4235	none	low	moderate	T(H)	W	LH
<b>Subregion 2</b>				Portland, ME	Portland, ME	Portland, ME
2715	none	none	moderate	T(T)	calm	HL
3226*	large faint area along entire coast	none	none	T(T)	calm	LH
3240	small area in Casco Bay	low	moderate	T(T)	SW	LH
4235	very small plume from minor river	low	moderate	T(H)	W	LH
<b>Subregion 3</b>				Boston, MA/ Nantucket, MA	Boston, MA/ Nantucket, MA	Boston, MA/ Nantucket, MA
2715	very small plume from Charles River	none	none	T(L)	ENE/WSW	HL/HL
3226*	large plumes from Charles River and southern bays	none	none	M(M)	WNW/N	LH/LH
3240	small plume from Charles River	low	low	M(M)	WSW/WSW	LH/L
3309	small plume from Charles River	none	none	L(L)	NW/N	HL/HL
<b>Subregion 4</b>				Hartford, CN/ Albany, NY		New L'don, CN/
2715	confined to Long Island Sound	none	none	T(L)	no station	L
3226	confined to Long Island Sound	none	none	H(H)	no station	H
3240	confined to Long Island Sound	none	none	H(H)	no station	LH
3309	confined to Long Island Sound	none	none	L(L)	no station	L
4180	confined to Long Island Sound	none	none	M(M)	no station	LH
<b>Subregion 5</b>				Albany, NY/ New York, NY	New York, NY	Sandy Hook, NY
3226	none in cloud free area	moderate	none	H(H)	N	H
3240*	large plume from Hudson River extending along Long Island coast	none	none	H(H)	WSW	H
3309*	large faint plume extending along New Jersey coast	none	none	L(L)	NNW	L
<b>Subregion 6</b>				Phil'phia, PA/ Salisbury, MD		At'tic City, NJ
3226*	small plumes from minor N.J. rivers; large southerly plume from Delaware Estuary	none	none	H(H)	no station	H
3240	small plumes from minor N.J. rivers; large southerly plume from Delaware Estuary	none	none	H(H)	no station	H
3309	small faint plumes from minor N.J. rivers	none	none	M(M)	no station	LH
4180*	large plumes from minor N.J. rivers; small faint plume from Delaware Estuary	none	none	VH(VH)	no station	L
<b>Subregions 7/8</b>				Salisbury, MD/	Norfolk, VA	Hamp'n Rds, VA
3226*	small plume from Chesapeake Bay extending along coast	none	none	H(H)	ENE	H
3309	none	none	none	M(M)	NE	L
4235	large easterly plume from Chesapeake	none	moderate	M(VH)	WSW	H
4249*	very large northeasterly plume from Chesapeake Bay	none	none	M(VH)	SW	H

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ORBIT NUMBER OF CZCS SCENE	DESCRIPTION OF AREAS OF HIGH REFLECTANCE EXTENDING BEYOND ESTUARIES WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO OCEAN COLOR	ATMOSPHERIC INTERFERENCE <sup>a</sup>		CLIMATIC CONDITIONS <sup>b</sup>		
		Clouds	Aerosols	Rainfall for Previous 4 Days <sup>c</sup> (Week)	Wind Direction	Tidal Staged
<u>Subregion 9</u>				Hatteras, NC	Hatteras, NC	Hamp'n Rds, VA
3309* 3351* 4235	small nearshore plume from inlet to sound large easterly plume from inlet to sound small faint plume from inlet to sound	moderate none moderate	none none none	L(L) L(M) T(H)	ENE WSW SSE	L HL HL
<u>Subregion 10</u>				Hatteras, NC/ Raleigh, NC	Hatteras, NC	
3351* 4235*	small plume from inlet to sound small plume from southern tip of Pamlico Sound	low low	moderate low	M(VH) T(H)	WSW NE	no station no station
<u>Subregion 11</u>				Wilmington, NC	Wilmington, NC	Myrtle Bch, SC
3309 3351*	none small plume from minor river; small plume from Cape Fear River	moderate moderate	moderate moderate	VH(VH) T(VH)	N WSW	L L
<u>Subregion 12</u>				Wilm'gton, NC/ Charleston, SC	Charleston, SC	Charleston, SC
3351 4235*	none small faint plume from Pee Dee River	high low	moderate moderate	L(VH) L(VH)	SW NE	L HL
<u>Subregion 13</u>				Charleston, SC	Charleston, SC	Charleston, SC
268* 3351* 4235*	large very distinct areas from coastal embayments small distinct areas along entire coast single plume from northern embayment	low none moderate	low low moderate	T(T) L(L) L(L)	ENE SW NE	L L HL
<u>Subregion 14</u>				Savannah, GA	Savannah, GA	Edisto, GA
268* 3351	large very distinct areas from coastal embayments faint areas along coast	low low	low moderate	T(L) L(H)	calm WSW	L L
<u>Subregion 15</u>				J'sonville, FL	J'sonville, FL	D'tona Bch, FL
130* 268* 3351	large area along southern coast large area along entire coast narrow faint band along coast	moderate low moderate	none low moderate	L(M) T(T) T(T)	calm calm calm	HL L L
<u>Subregion 16</u>				Miami, FL	Miami, FL	Miami, FL
130* 268* 3351	large area along northern coast large area along northern coast none	moderate low low	none none none	L(VH) VH(VH) T(VH)	NNW NNE NE	HL L L

\* image used to define all or a portion of seaward boundary of maximum ocean impact zone

a. A qualitative indication of interference over coastal and nearshore waters by simple inspection of image

b. First station/second station as listed

c. Highest rainfall in period at any single station

Legend: T - trace amount or less

L - trace to 0.3 in.

M - 0.3 to 0.8 in.

H - 0.8 to 1.3 in.

VH - greater than 1.3 in.

d. Legend: L - low tide +/- 1.5 hours

LH - incoming tide, 1.5 to 4.5 hours after low tide

H - high tide +/- 1.5 hours

HL - outgoing tide, 1.5 to 4.5 hours after high tide

condition at the time the image was recorded, and describes the size, shape, and intensity of the ocean impact zones identified by each image. The table also summarizes the extent of atmospheric interference visible in each image. An evaluation and interpretation of the ocean impact zones defined for each subregion follows.

Subregions 1 and 2, Northern Maine and Saco-Merrimac: Three of the four scenes utilized for these subregions showed little or no reflectance structure beyond the estuarine areas and bay mouths which comprise most of the coastline. The fourth scene, however, indicated a large area of high turbidity extending southward from the Bay of Fundy (see Figure 5). In this scene the structure of the high reflectance is very well defined along the entire coast of Subregion 1, but becomes much fainter and less distinct south of Casco Bay in Subregion 2.

The general southerly orientation of the zone is consistent with reported current regimes (NOAA/CEQ, 1980). However, minimal precipitation during the preceding week would tend to rule out any significant contribution to reflectance in this zone from the major land-based pollutant sources in the region -- sediments from agricultural and silvicultural sources. The zone of high turbidity is likely due to high concentrations of algae associated with an upwelling of nutrient rich bottom waters. This existence of such an upwelling along the coast of Maine has been reported by Appolonio (1979). The shape of nutrient concentration contour lines reported by Appolonio is very similar to the reflectance structure shown in Figure 5.

Subregions 3, 4, and 5 (Massachusetts-Rhode Island, Housatonic- Connecticut, and Hudson-New Jersey): Two distinct ocean impact zones were identified in Subregion 3 -- the plume of the Charles River draining the Boston area, and a zone emanating from Narragansett Bay and Buzzard Bay to the south (see Figure 6). The impact zone defined by the large plume from the Charles River derives from scene 3226<sup>7</sup> which was recorded two days after 0.4 inches of precipitation fell in the Boston area, and during a westerly prevailing wind. Considerably smaller plumes were observed in the other three scenes containing this subregion, when climatic conditions were less strong.

The maximum zone of impact emanating from Narragansett Bay and Buzzard Bay was also defined by scene 3226. The general southwestly direction of this impact zone agrees with the direction of coastal currents and mean wind (due north) on the day the scene was recorded. Precipitation occurred only preceding scenes 3226 and 3240. No precipitation occurred during the week prior to the other scene for this region. Scene 3240, taken one day after scene 3226, is the only other one which shows an ocean impact zone, although much smaller than that shown by scene 3226. The smaller zone shown in this scene might be due to the prevailing wind direction on this day (west-southwest), which would tend to push surface waters into the bay mouth.

Subregion 4, had the largest number of applicable scenes (five), covering a considerable range of climatic conditions, e.g., from low to high precipitation

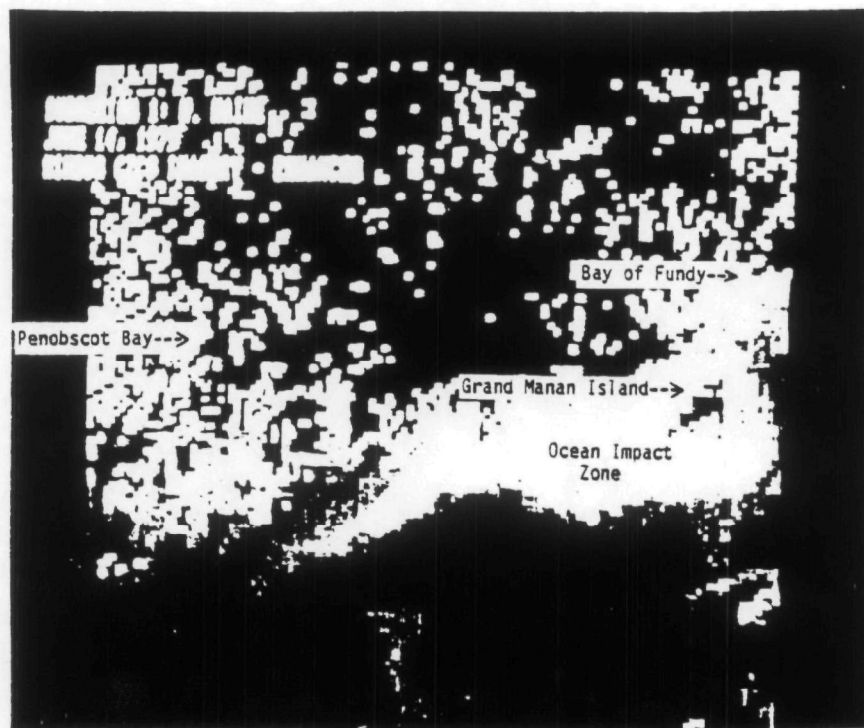


Figure 5. Enhanced Image of Subregion 1, North Maine (Orbit 3226, June 14, 1979)



Figure 6. Enhanced Image of Subregion 3, Massachusetts-Rhode Island Coastal (Orbit 3226, June 14, 1979)

and low to near high tide.<sup>8</sup> The principal conclusion is that the very high turbidity observed inside Long Island Sound does not extend beyond the mouth of the Sound -- at least at the surface (see Figure 7). For example, scenes 3226 and 3240 taken two and three days after moderate to heavy precipitation over western Massachusetts and Connecticut showed very high reflectance over most of the water surface inside the Sound, with the strongest structure located between the most likely sources of suspended sediment, the Connecticut and Housatonic rivers. However, neither in these nor the three scenes of lesser reflectance, did the structure extend beyond the mouth of Long Island Sound into ocean waters.

For subregion 5, the New York Bight, three scenes were available, one of which was partially obscured by cloud cover. An ocean impact zone extending easterly along Long Island (scene 3240) and south along the New Jersey coast (scene 3309) was identified (see Figure 2b and Figure 7). The area of reflectance shown in scene 3240 is considerably more distinct than in scene 3309. Scene 3240 was preceded by 1.2 inches of precipitation in the Hudson River drainage basin, while scene 3309 was preceded by relatively little precipitation. The orientation of the reflectance structure in the two scenes is in agreement with the respective westerly and northerly directions of the prevailing winds. No impact zone was observed in scene 3226 because of cloud cover. These results are generally supported by other remote sensing and field sampling studies of the New York Bight (Hovis and Leung, 1977; Polcyn and Sattinger, 1979).

Subregions 6, 7, and 8, Delaware, Susquehanna-Potomac, and York-James: Two separate impact zones were identified in Subregion 6, a small zone defined by several small rivers and estuaries which discharge directly into the ocean along the New Jersey coast, and a large zone, produced by the Delaware estuary (see Figure 8). For the small zone all scenes showed small, but distinct, plumes from the Great Egg and Wading Rivers, plumes similar to those observed with Landsat imagery (Klemas, et al, 1973). The largest of these plumes were observed in scene 4180, taken on the day of a very heavy, localized storm. The ocean zone of impact emanating from the Delaware estuary was constructed from two scenes taken within a few days of a high precipitation in the Delaware River drainage basin. The largest part of the zone, directed southward, was taken from scene 3226. In the second scene (4180), partially obscured by aerosol, a much smaller zone was visible along the northern tip of the estuary mouth.

Ocean impact zones related to the Delaware Estuary have been extensively studied with Landsat MSS imagery, through research conducted at the University of Delaware (Klemas, 1980; Klemas et al., 1973). Results have demonstrated a pattern of reflectance implying a southerly flushing of the bay along the Delaware and Maryland coast with a much smaller zone directed northward along the New Jersey coast. These findings generally support the ocean impact zones defined above.



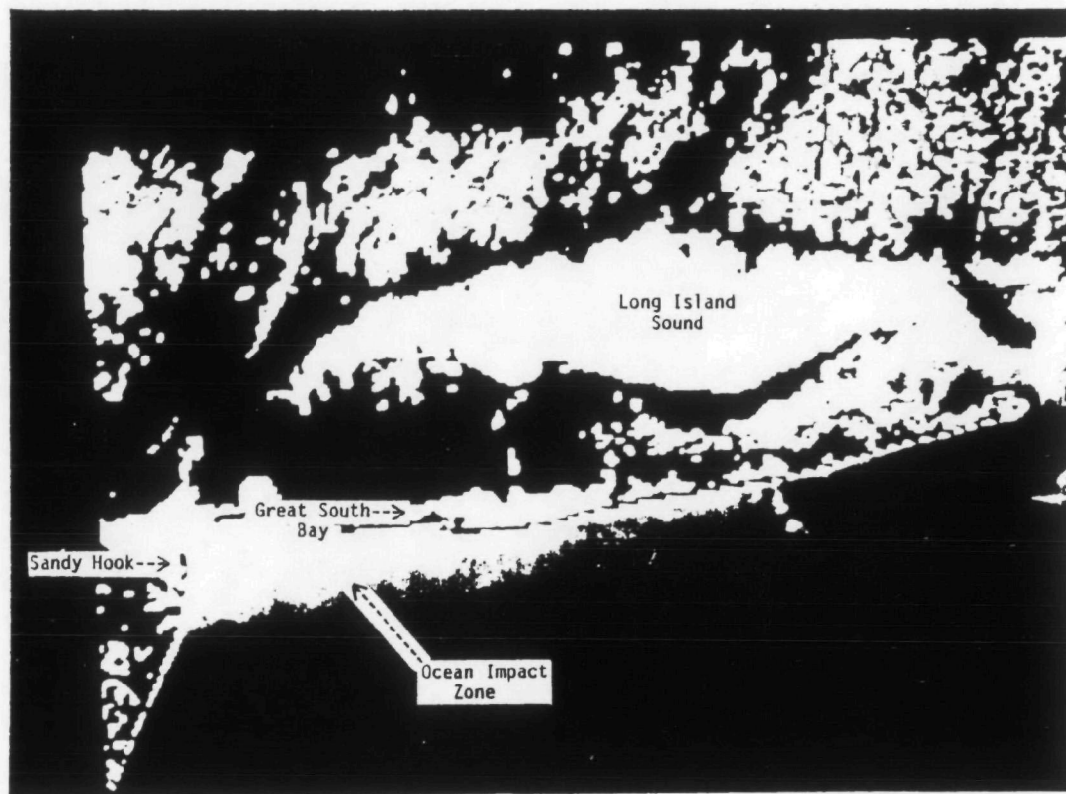


Figure 7. Enhanced Image of Subregions 4 and 5, Housatonic-Connecticut and Hudson-New Jersey (Orbit 3240, June 15, 1979)

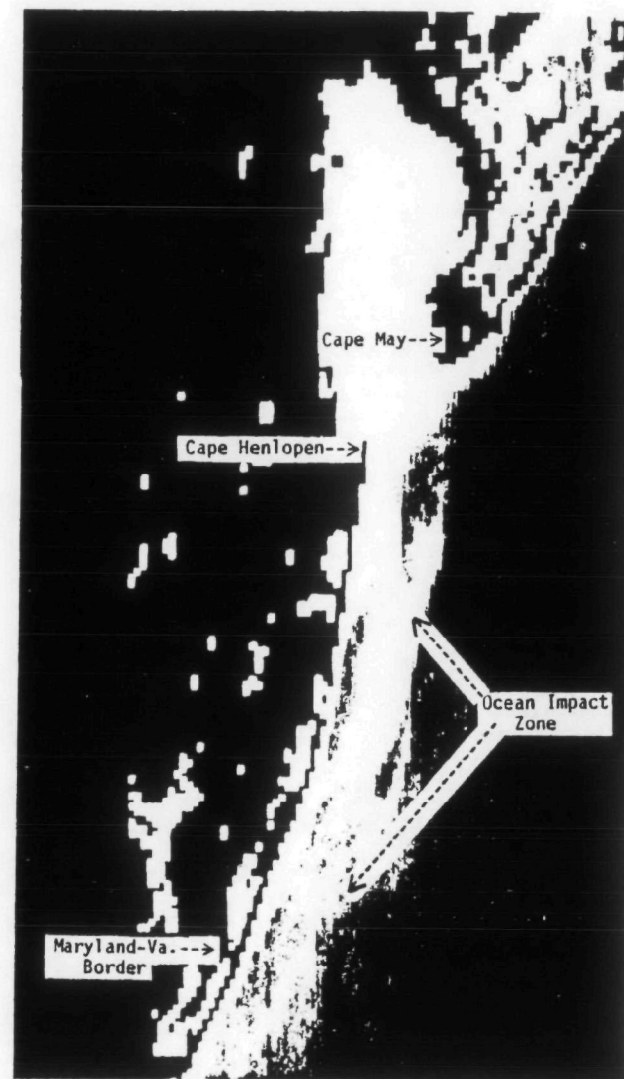


Figure 8. Enhanced Image of Subregion 6, Delaware (Orbit 3240, June 15, 1979)

Subregions 7 and 8 were combined into a single large area, the entire Chesapeake Bay drainage system. The largest portion of coastline for both these subregions is along the Chesapeake Bay which receives the overwhelming mass of pollutants. However, discharge into nearshore ocean waters takes place only at the mouth of the Bay in Subregion 8. No scene could clearly distinguish any reflectance structure along the ocean shores of Maryland and Delaware (Subregion 7) from the high reflectance emanating from the bay mouth.

During the summer months currents along this stretch of coast have two directions: southerly along the coast and northwesterly from the ocean into the coast (NOAA/CEQ, 1980). A southerly flushing of the bay similar to that of the Delaware estuary was evidenced during two recent sampling surveys of the Chesapeake Bay plume (National Marine Fisheries Service, 1980).

The maximum impact zone for these subregions was defined by scenes 3226 and 4249. In scene 4249 the ocean zone is strikingly defined by a northeasterly directed plume of turbid waters flushing from the bay. While the structure of high reflectance continues northward along the entire coast of Subregion 7, it is uncertain whether and to what extent this is directly caused by Bay waters. Scene 4235 taken the previous day and partially obscured by aerosols, indicated an almost identical plume in size and direction. In both images, the orientation of the impact zone is consistent with the direction of prevailing winds, coming from the southwest in scene 4229, and west-southwest in scene 4235.

In scene 3226 wind direction was reversed (i.e., east-northeast). Instead of an expansive plume, the impact zone has a flat seaward boundary stretching from the northern tip of the bay to the North Carolina-Virginia border. It should be noted that all of these scenes were recorded at or near high tide. The single scene recorded near low tide (3309), when some flushing of the bay would be expected, showed no ocean zone of impact.

Subregions 9, 10, 11, and 12, Chowan-Roanoke, Pamlico, Cape Fear, and Pee Dee-Santee: Data for these subregions consisted of only two scenes, each of which contained some interference from nearshore clouds and aerosols. In subregions 9 and 10, ocean impact zones were defined by small plumes at the major outlets of the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, the dominant coastal features of the North Carolina coast (see Figure 10). No other areas of high reflectance were observed along most of the coast of Subregions 11 and 12. Except for the southern tip of Florida, this is the largest stretch of coast without an observable ocean impact zone. While the data for these subregions is admittedly thin, the absence of impact zones is not surprising. This stretch of coast has only two major river discharges -- the mouth of the Cape Fear River in Subregion 11 and the Pee Dee/Santee Rivers at the extreme southern tip of Subregion 12. These subregions contain no large bays or estuaries, and a only minimal network of smaller rivers. The impact zones of the two rivers (both taken from scene 3351) appeared as a dense "yellow" color on the unenhanced image, a visual aspect very similar to the extremely high reflectance and color tone observed in unenhanced images in scenes of Subregions 13 and 14.



Figure 9. Enhanced Image of Subregions 7 and 8, Susquehanna-Potomac and York-James (Orbit 4249, August 27, 1979)

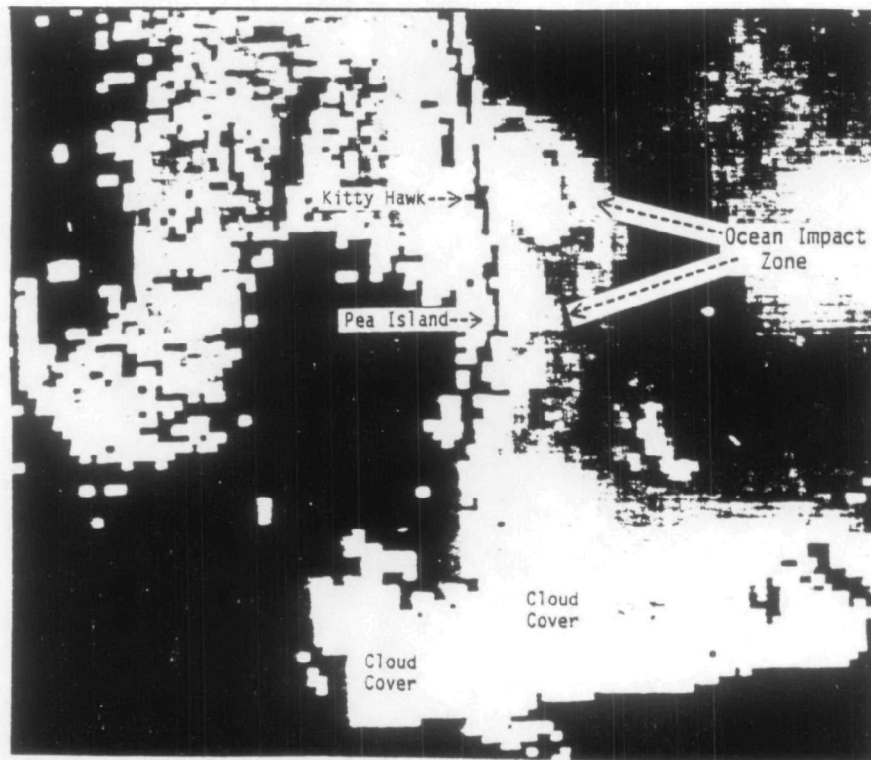


Figure 10. Enhanced Image of Subregion 9, Chowan-Roanoke (Orbit 3351, June 23, 1979)

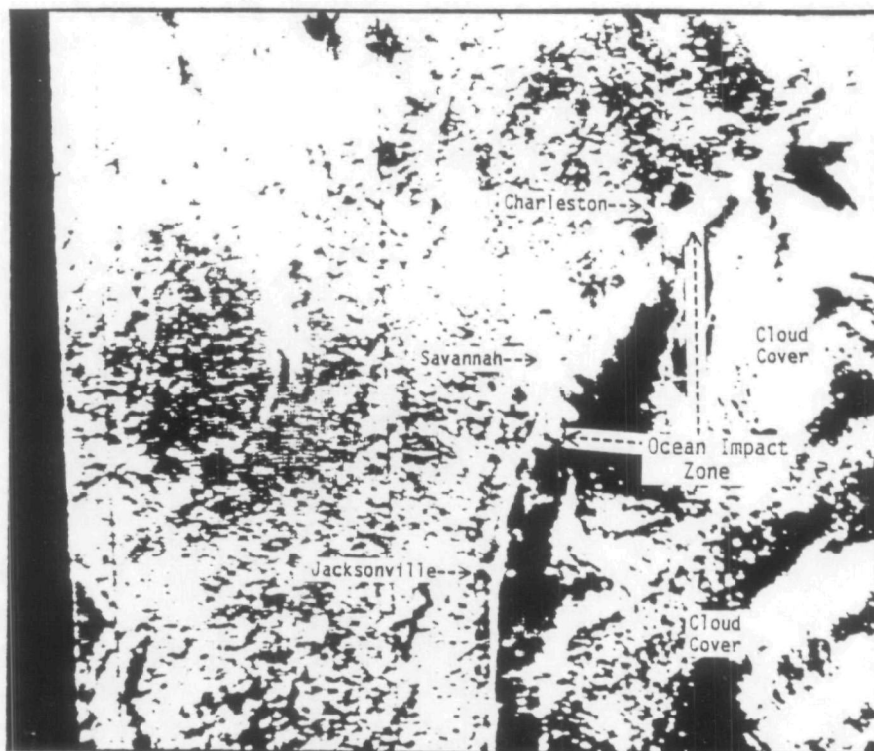


Figure 11. Unenhanced Image of Subregions 13 and 14, Pee Dee-Santee and Cooper Edisto (Orbit 268, November 12, 1978)

Subregions 13 and 14, Cooper-Edisto and Savannah: The results for Subregions 13 and 14 were unexpected. The entire coast of these two subregions exhibited an extremely well defined reflectance structure in offshore waters in two of the three scenes available. The structure appeared as a deep yellow - orange in the unenhanced image. Close inspection suggested that this reflectance is the result of discharges from many rivers and small bays rather than a coastal process. In several areas the deep yellow color could be traced "upriver" for a considerable distance, in others, distinct plumes from individual rivers and bays could be identified. The lack of a single reflectance structure covering a large area raises doubts about the influence of coastal processes. However, these observations should not rule out the possibility that coastal processes are also affecting the reflectance. For example, the strongest reflectance structure was observed in the image of Orbit 268 (see Figure 11). On the date of this orbit both previous precipitation and wind direction would suggest a minimal offshore influence from land-based pollutants.

Subregions 15 and 16, St. John's and South Florida: The large ocean impact zones for these two subregions are taken from two CZCS November orbits (130 and 268). As illustrated in Figure 12, a very distinct continuous band of high reflectance exists along the entire coast of Subregions 15 and the northern portion of Subregion 16, following very closely the 20 meter isobath. Similar observations have been made by others using more advanced image-processing techniques to analyze these scenes. Both scenes are part of the CZCS "benchmark" series of the Nimbus Experiment Team (Hovis, 1979).

Evaluation of these scenes indicated that the reflectance did not originate from the ocean floor, i.e., bottom reflectance. Scene 3351 showed little reflectance off the Florida coast. Neither previous precipitation nor pollutant discharges offered explanations. Precipitation in Subregion 15 was light in the week preceding the three scenes. Land-based discharges in the two subregions are characterized by only a few major rivers some of which could be clearly observed. Although the greatest pollutant discharges are in the more developed southernmost counties of Subregion 16 (NOAA/CEQ, 1980), little nearshore reflectance was observed in this area. Thus, there was no evidence which suggested that the ocean impact zones for these subregions were the result of land-based pollutant discharges. As was the case for Subregions 1 and 2, the zones more likely result from coastal processes, such as tidal mixing of bottom sediments (Lee, 1980).

### Concluding Comments

This paper has presented a limited application of satellite imagery in the context of a large-scale strategic assessment of the east coast. The completeness of geographic coverage of satellite data makes them especially well suited for studying areas as large as the entire east coast. The CZCS images provided a single set of data which encompassed the entire study area. Obtaining comparable information from other sources, e.g., from published sampling surveys, would have been a considerably more complex



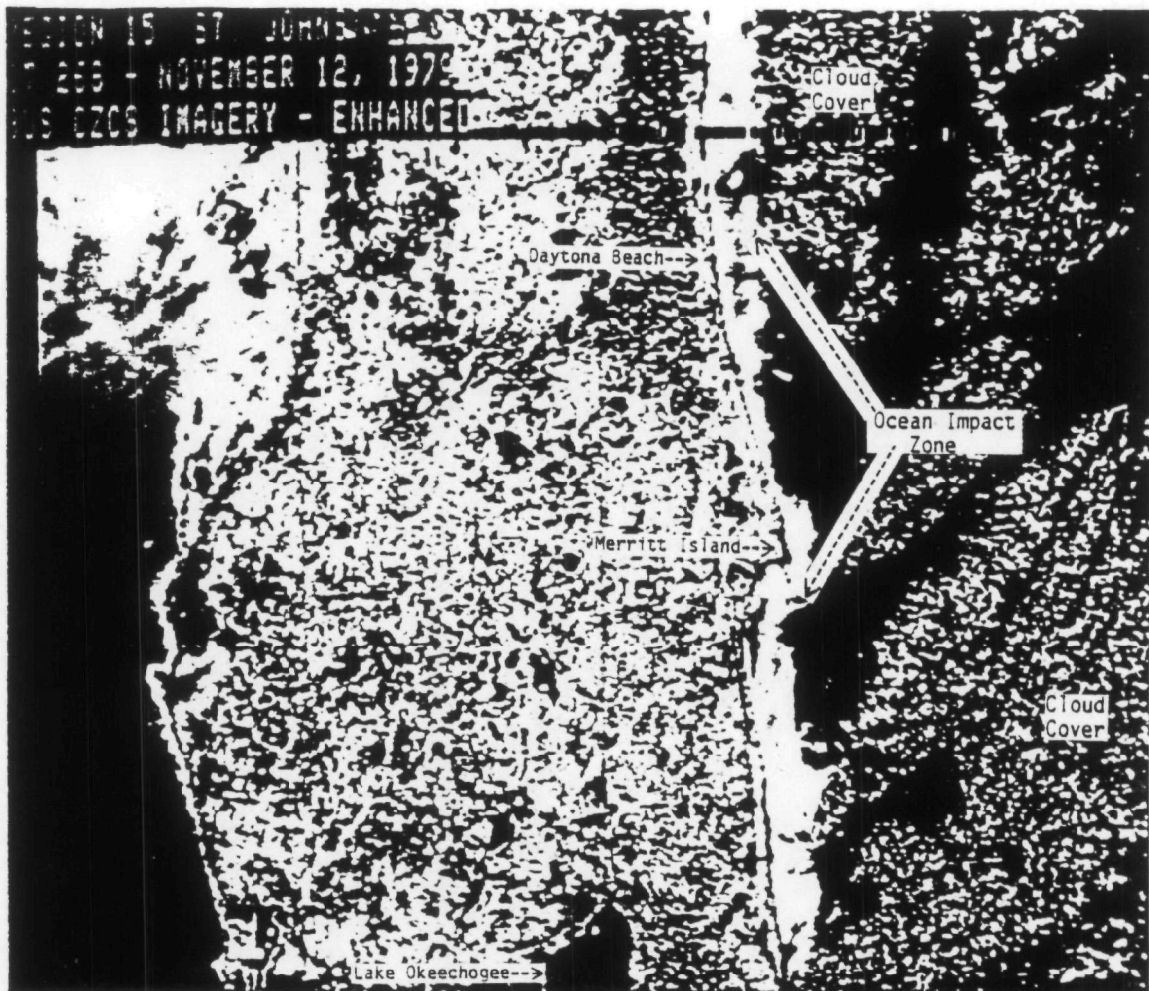


Figure 12. Enhanced Image of Subregions 15 and 16, St. John's and South Florida (Orbit 268, November 12, 1978)

task, and results would have lacked both consistency and geographic coverage.

This application of enhanced CZCS imagery to estimate the spatial extent of the persistence of land-based pollutants in nearshore ocean waters was limited by: (1) the extraordinary complexity of the phenomena it attempted to capture; (2) inherent limitations of remote sensing; and (3) limited availability of data at the time of the study. For example, one inherent limitation of remote sensing is that it primarily monitors only surface phenomena. Reflectance measurements in turbid waters are dominated by radiation emanating from only the upper few meters of the water column. They will not capture the movement of material at greater depths or along the ocean floor. Therefore, the ocean impact zones defined for subregions in which subsurface transport is dramatically different from that observed on the surface will not be accurate. Also, in most cases ocean impact zones will be underestimated. This is because satellite observations based upon the light scattering of suspended particles cannot infer the presence of dissolved pollutants, which are not subject to settling and disperse at a greater rate than suspended matter.

Nevertheless, the results have been useful. In combination with data on the presence or absence of marine species and pollutant discharges from land-based sources, these data are being used to make a preliminary assessment of the potential risks to living marine resources among areas along the east coast. For example, potential risks to a species (e.g., a particular fish or invertebrate) from land-based pollutants will be generally greater within estuaries than nearshore ocean impact zones and greater in nearshore impact zones than other ocean waters, depending on the types and quantities of pollutants present and the life-history function the species is undergoing at the time (e.g., spawning or nursing).

Considerable improvement in the type and quality of information presented here will be possible in the near future, as more and more CZCS data are made available. As indicated above, only a small number of CZCS scenes had been processed at the time of this study. Recently processing of CZCS data has gone into accelerated production. This expanded data set will enable a much more complete identification and analysis of nearshore ocean impact zones, particularly under different climatic conditions and over time.

### Footnotes

1. For a complete discussion of the East Coast project and its use of satellite imagery see Ehler, et al, 1980.
2. Although the scatter of light by suspended particles is only one of many processes which determine ocean color, it is the principal phenomenon of interest in the spectral bands selected for analysis.
3. All of these plus additional recently processed scenes are now being made available to the public through the Environmental Data and Information Service, NOAA.
4. It is important to note that magnifying the image reduces the field of view and thereby reduces the variation in atmospheric thickness across the image. This improves the quality of the subsequent enhancement.
5. For most of the images the enhancement was achieved with a band width of 60 to 100 counts with a midpoint between 130 and 190 counts (as opposed to a full range of 256 counts and a 128 count midpoint).
6. The term "maximum ocean zone of impact" refers to the total area of high reflectance observed from all of the images of a subregion.
7. Note that for ease of exposition scenes are identified by orbit numbers. For example, in Subregion 3 the image developed from orbit 3226 is referred to as scene 3226.
8. Tidal stages referred to in discussion correspond with definitions in Table 3:
  - low tide            - observed low tide +/- 1.5 hours
  - incoming tide - 1.5 to 4.5 hours after observed low tide
  - high tide         - observed high tide +/- 1.5 hours
  - outgoing tide - 1.5 to 4.5 hours after observed high tide

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