

# 2024 Whale Observations State of Maine Maps

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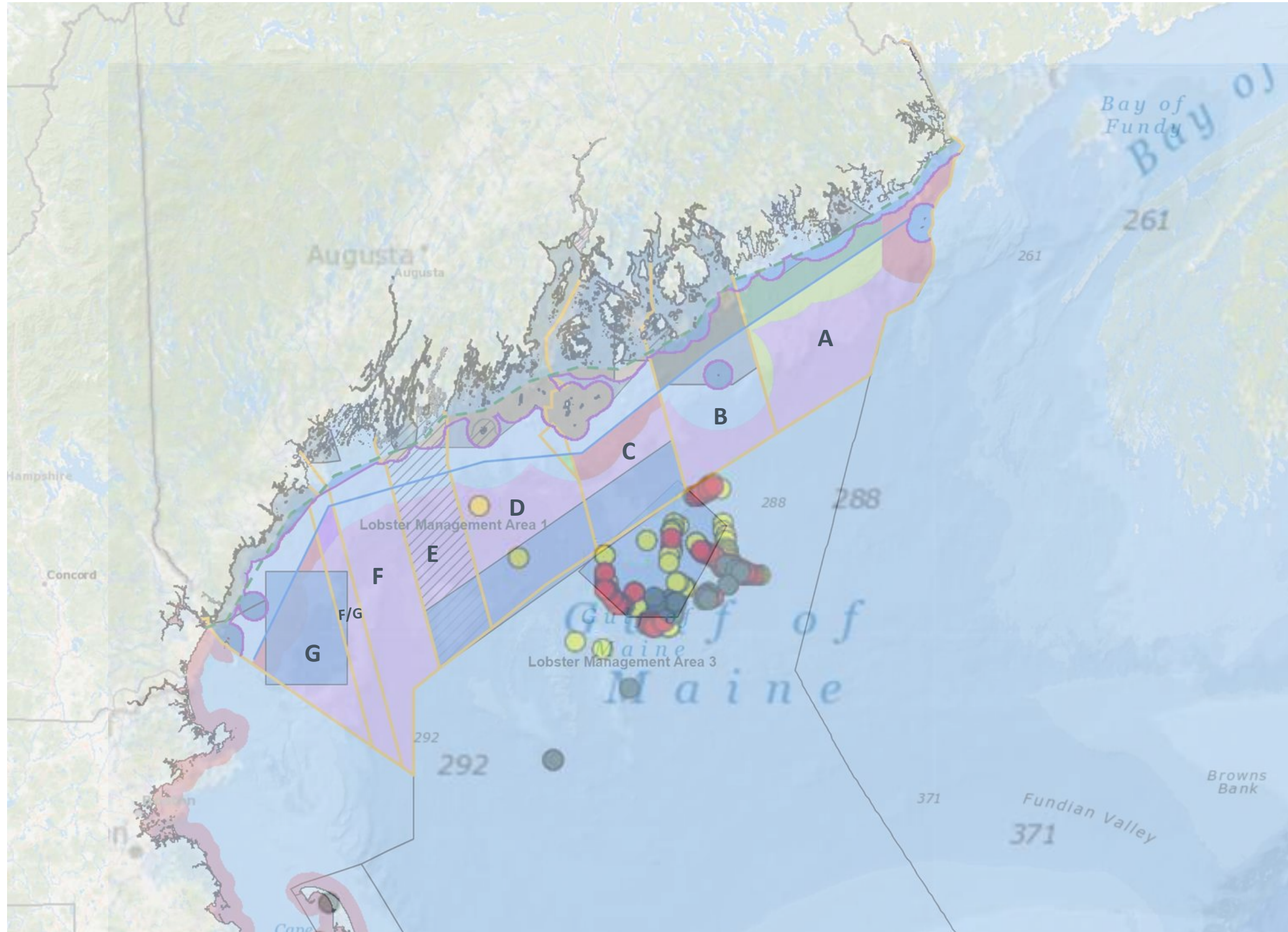
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# Whale Observations – January 2024

## State of Maine



### Legend

- Jordan Basin Gear Marking Area
- NOAA Areas Exempt from Trawl Minimums
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### Observations by score

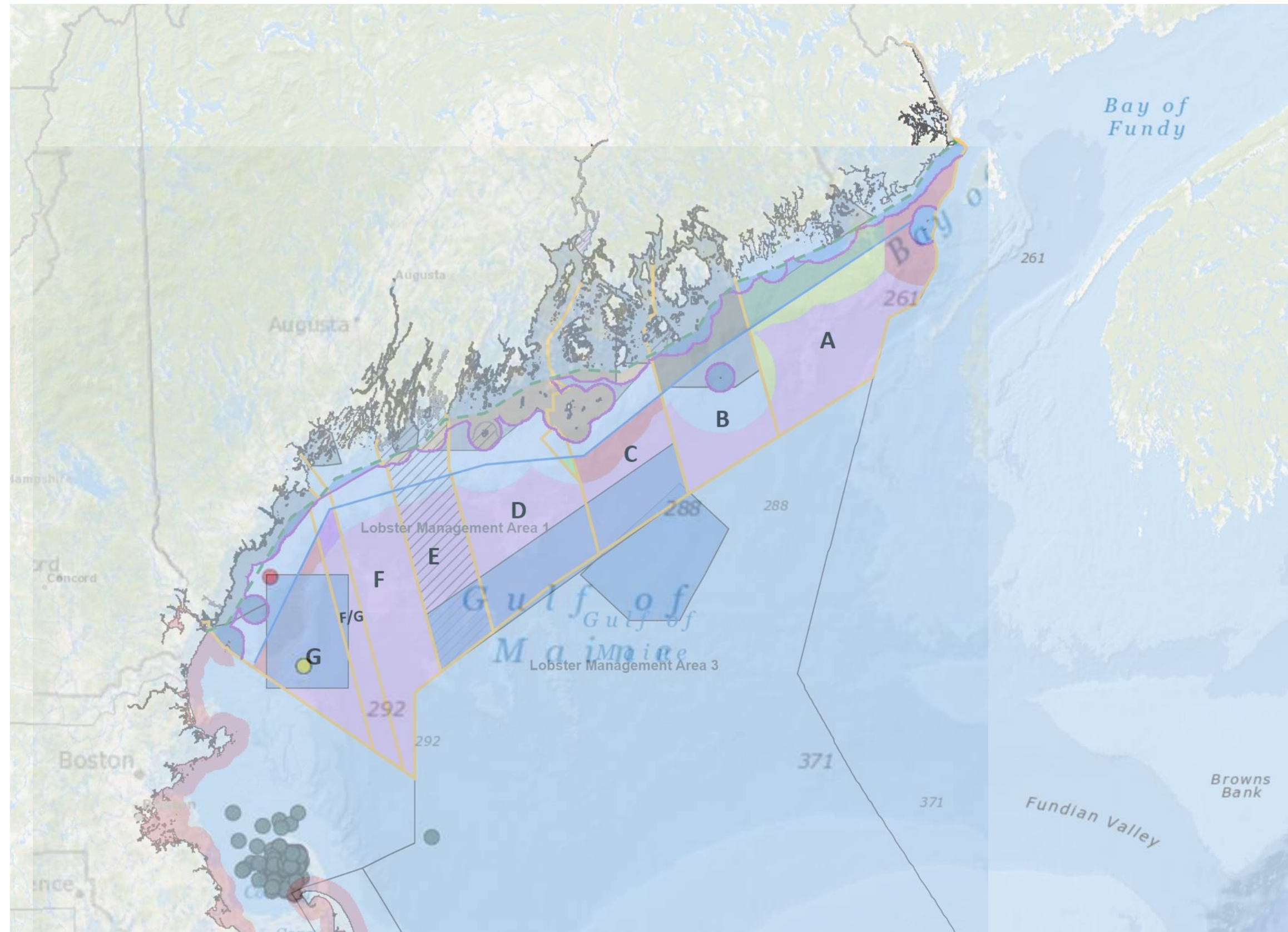
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# Whale Observations – February 2024

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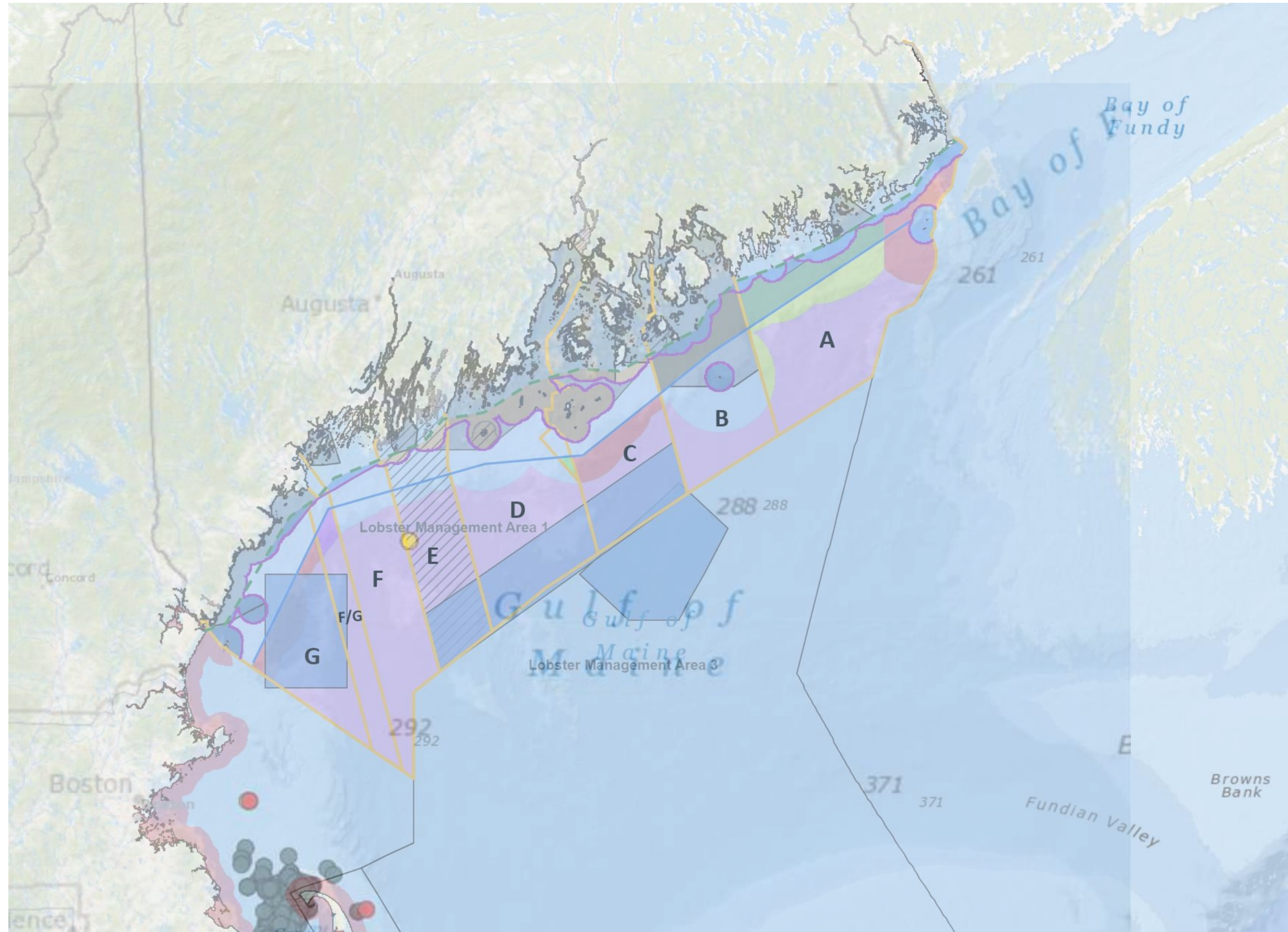
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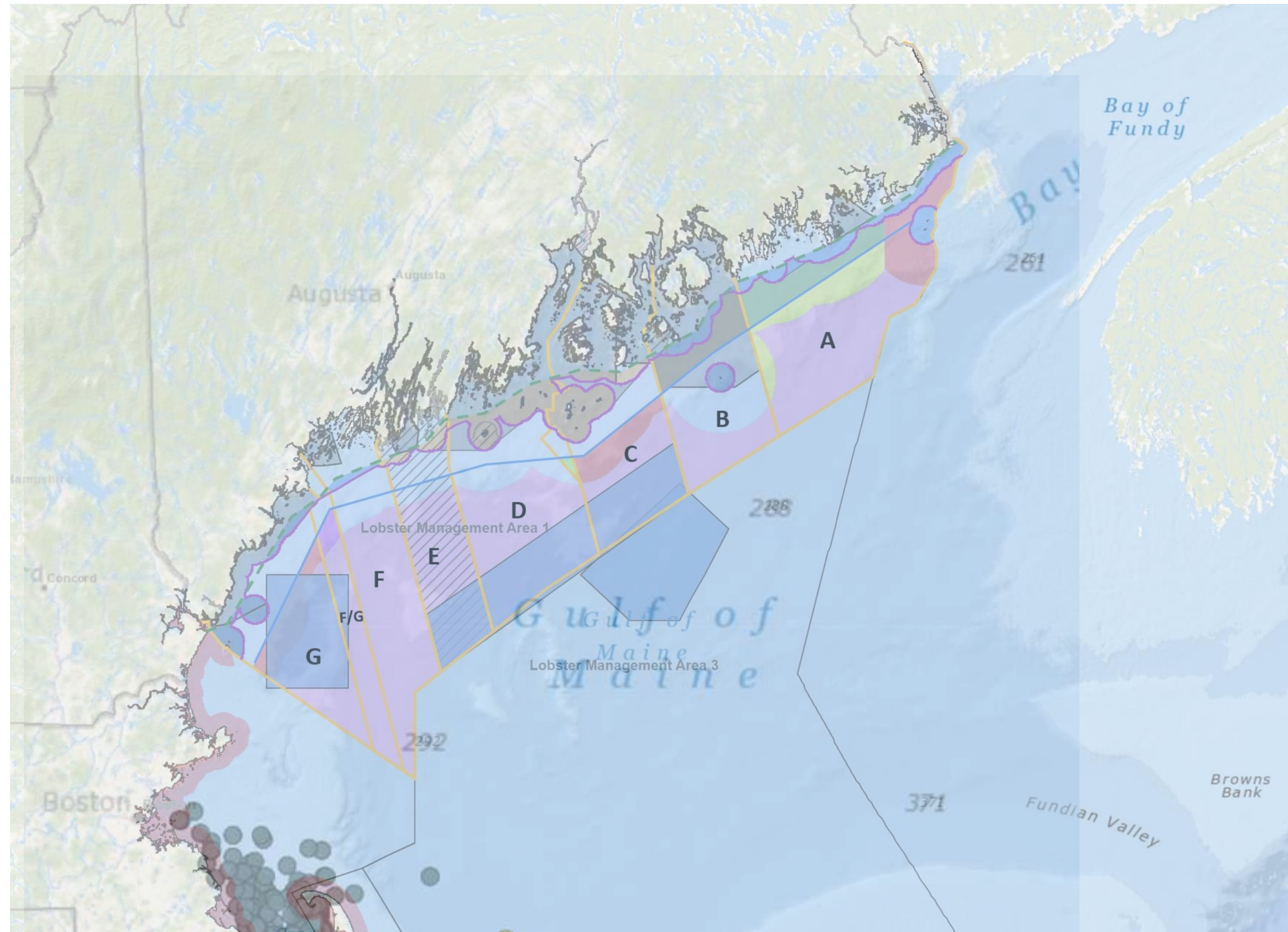
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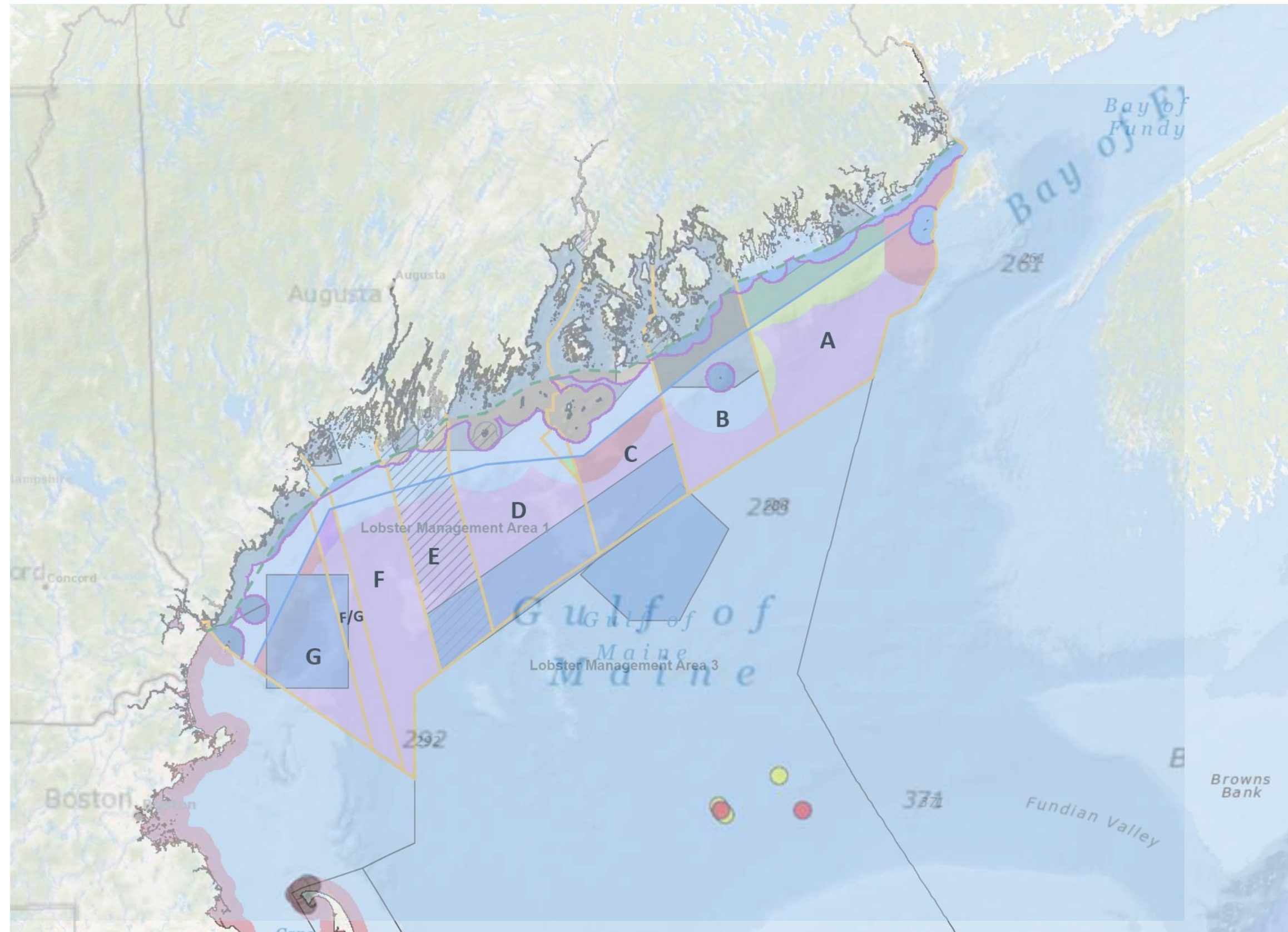
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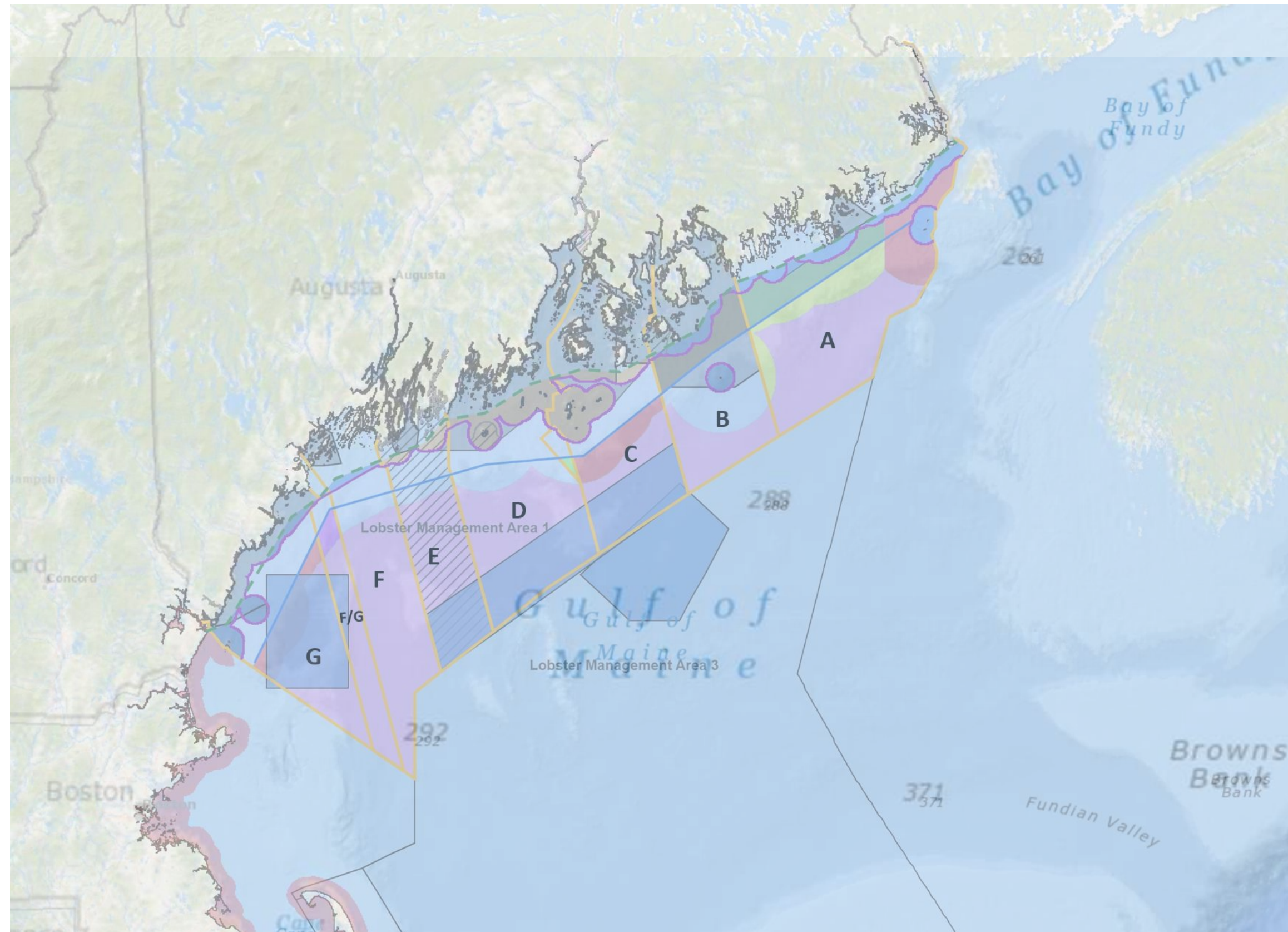
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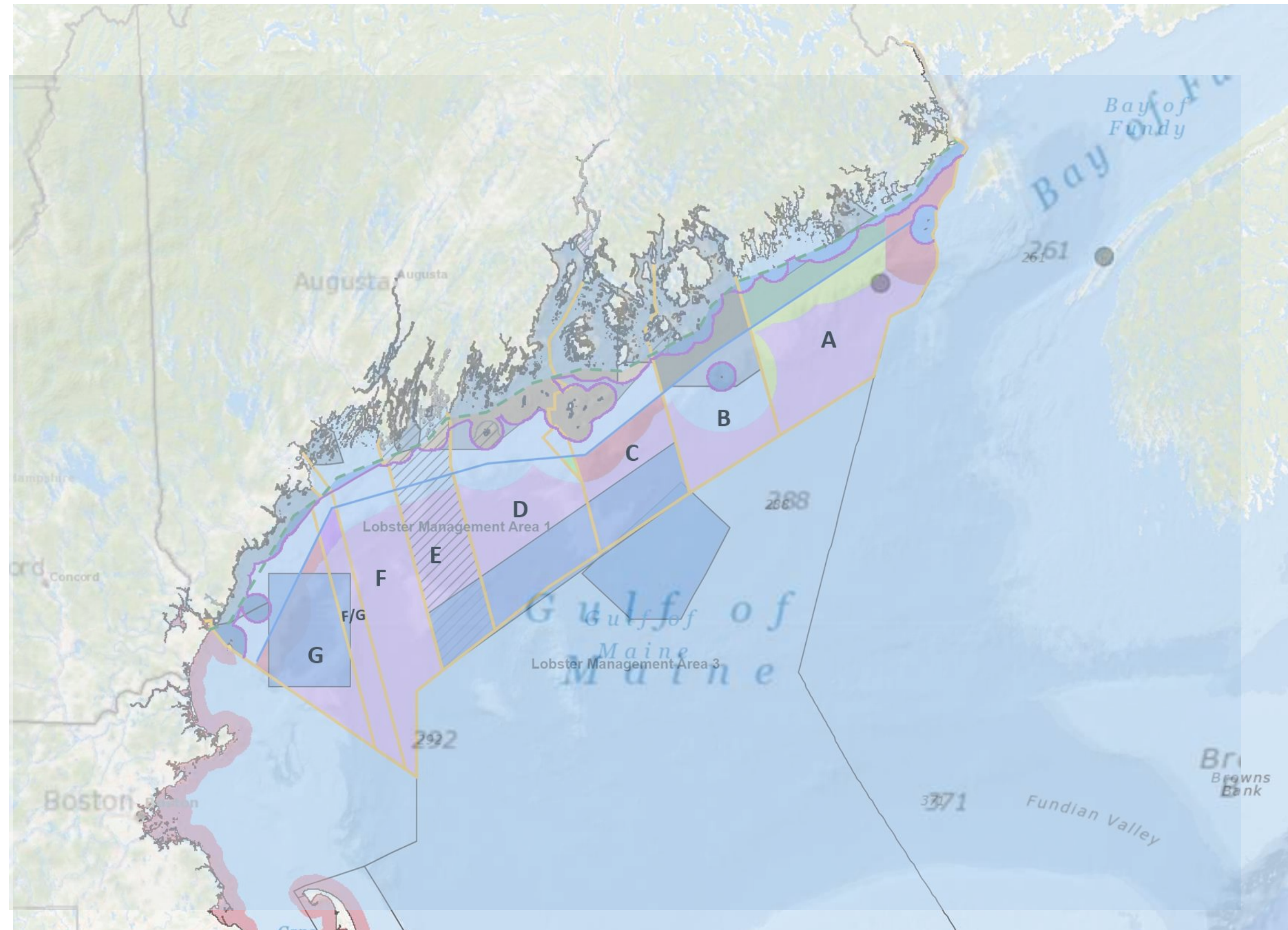
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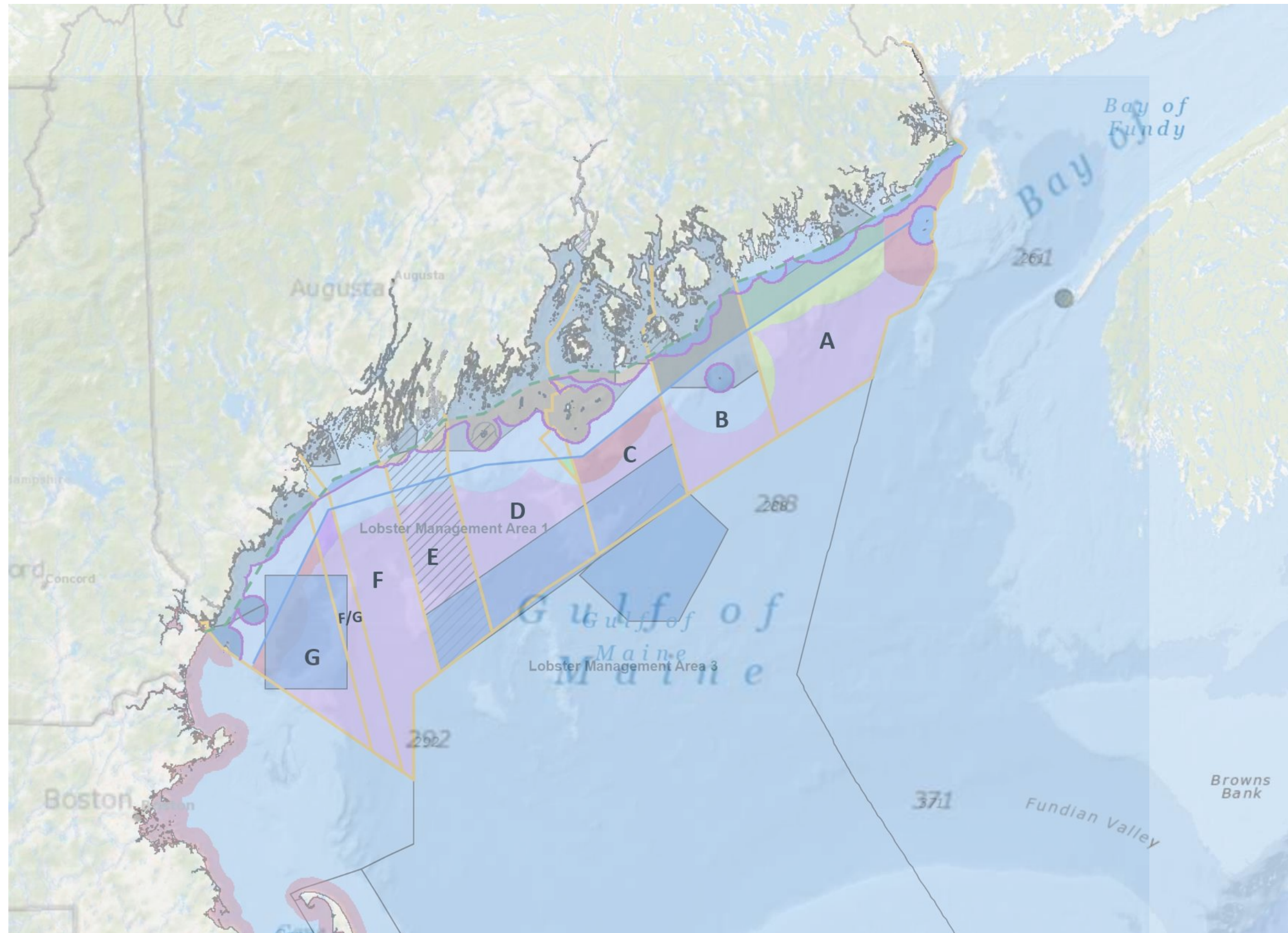




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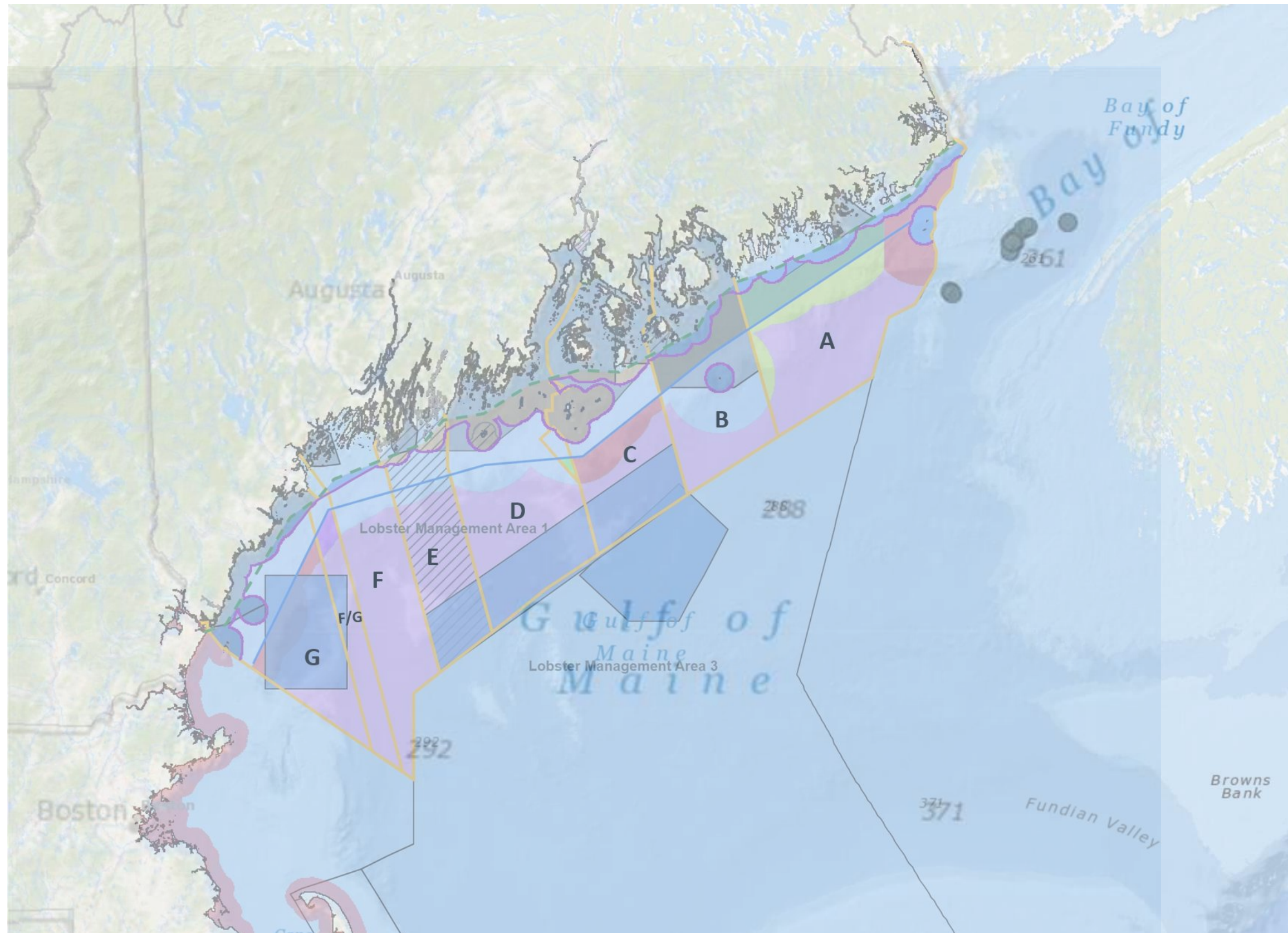
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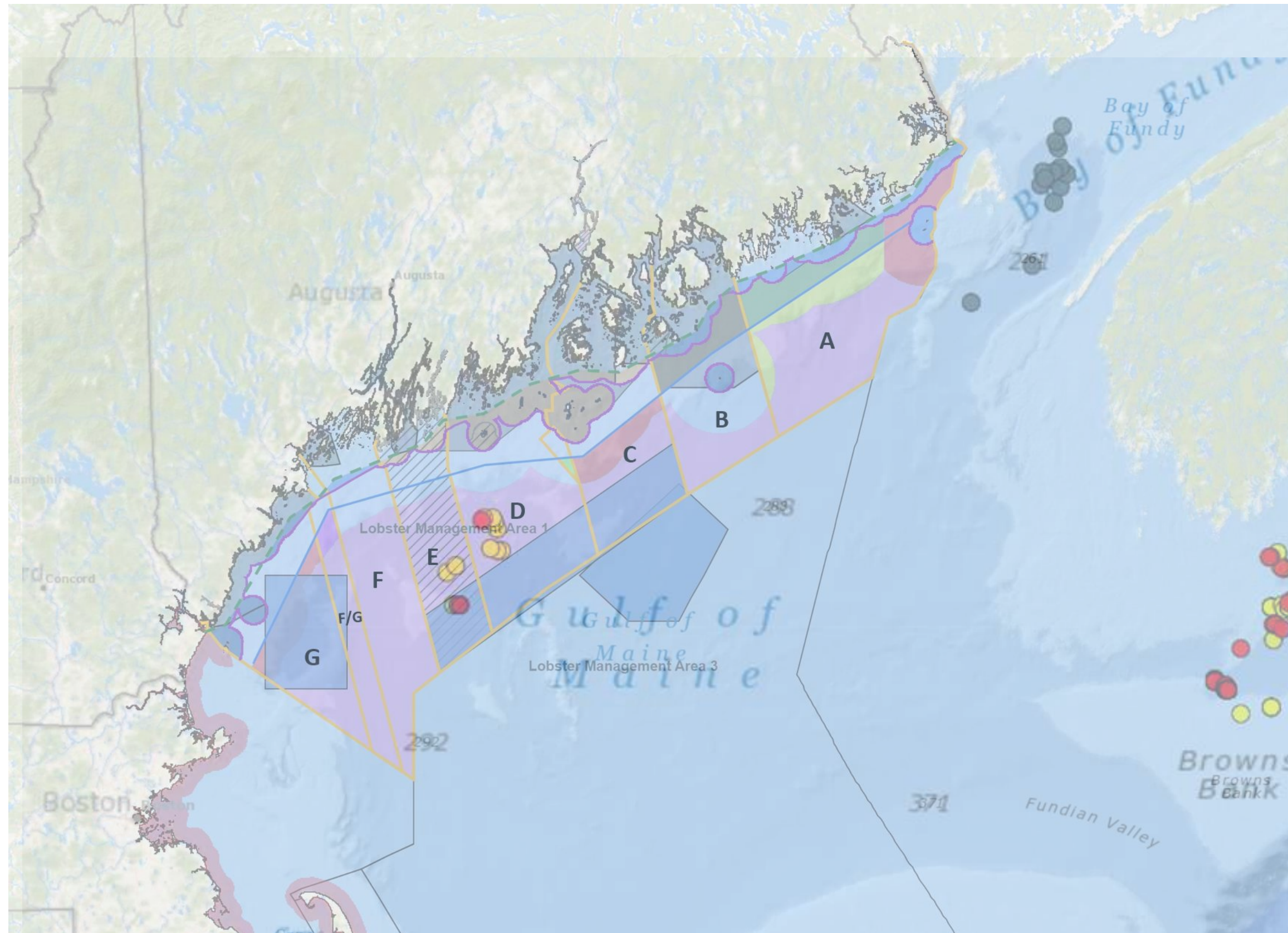
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