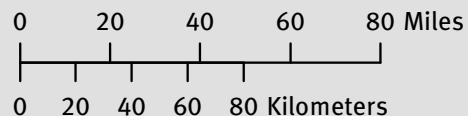
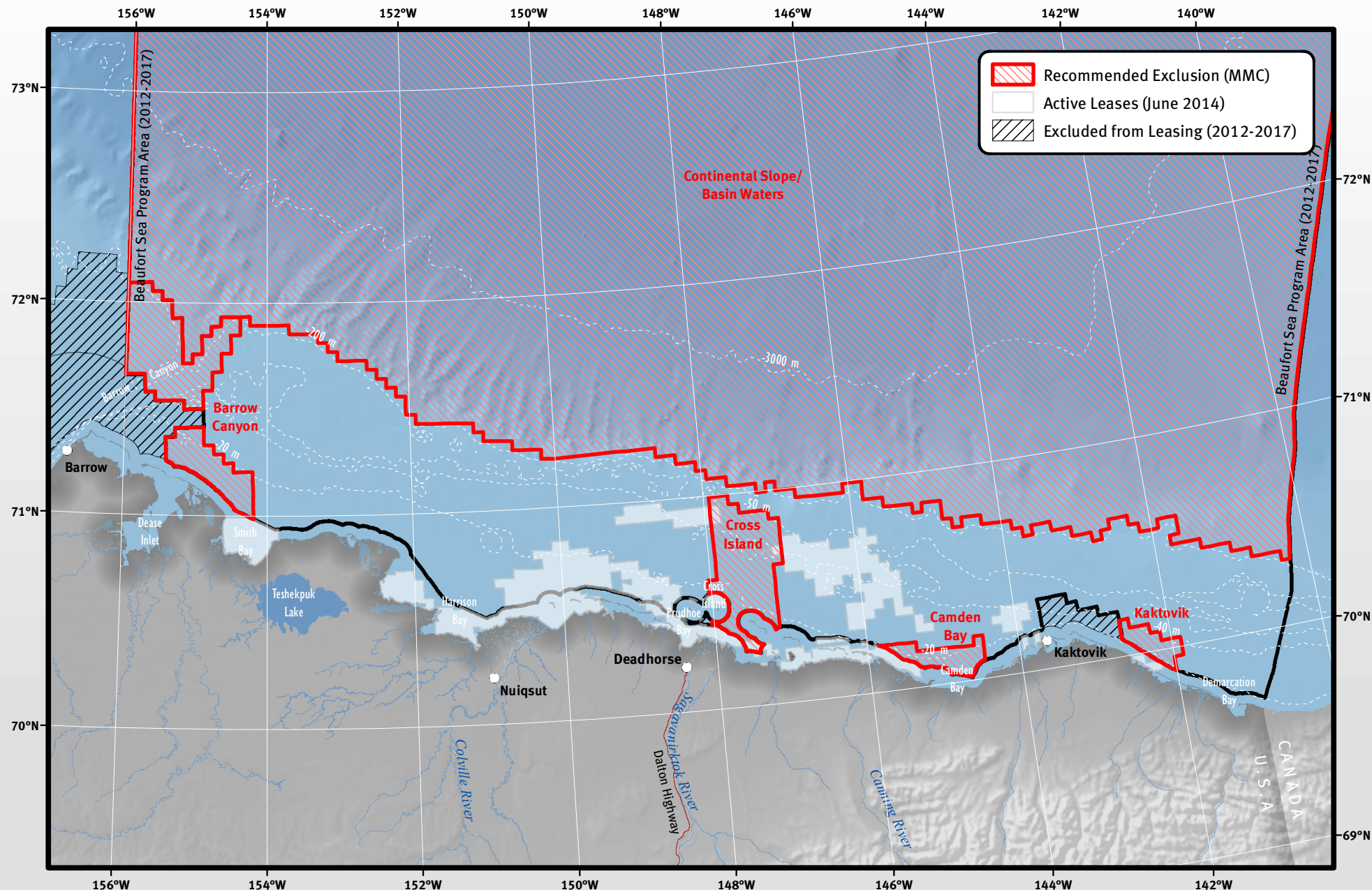


Marine Mammal Commission: Recommended Exclusion Areas



The Commission recommends that BOEM exclude from leasing the following areas:

- 1) an expanded area north and east of the current Barrow exclusion area, to include all of Barrow Canyon to the shelf break and coastal waters out to the 20m isobath extending to Smith Bay (concentration area for feeding bowhead whales, fall bowhead whale hunting area, and bearded and ringed seal harvest area; Clarke et al. 2014, Braund and Associates 2010);
- 2) Cross Island, including waters east to Tigvariak Island and seaward out to the 50 m isobaths (fall bowhead whale hunting area; Galginitis 2014);
- 3) waters seaward of Camden Bay to the 20m isobath (fall bowhead whale hunting area and beluga and seal feeding area; Huntington 2013);
- 4) an expanded area east of the current Kaktovik exclusion area and out to the 40m isobaths (fall bowhead whale hunting area; Braund and Associates 2010); and
- 5) all continental slope and basin waters greater than 200m in depth.