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2	3111020	GB1	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 57.148 min N	67 deg 30.891 min W	47		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Nov. 1, 2003.
3	311021	GB2	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 58.474 min N	67 deg 30.969 min W	41		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Nov. 1, 2003.
4	311022	GB3	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 58.179 min N	67 deg 31.848 min W	43		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Nov. 1, 2003.
5	311023	GB4	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 00.109 min N	67 deg 32.449 min W	41		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Nov. 1, 2003.

6	311024	GB5	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 57.439 min N	67 deg 31.160 min W	45		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Beam trawl sample. Nov. 1, 2003.
7	311032	GB6	Georges Bank, NW Atlantic	USA	41 deg 57.190 min N	67 deg 31.080 min W	47		pebble gravel	Northern Edge of Georges Bank, in an area open to fishing; U.S. Waters. Naturalists dredge sample. Nov. 1, 2003.



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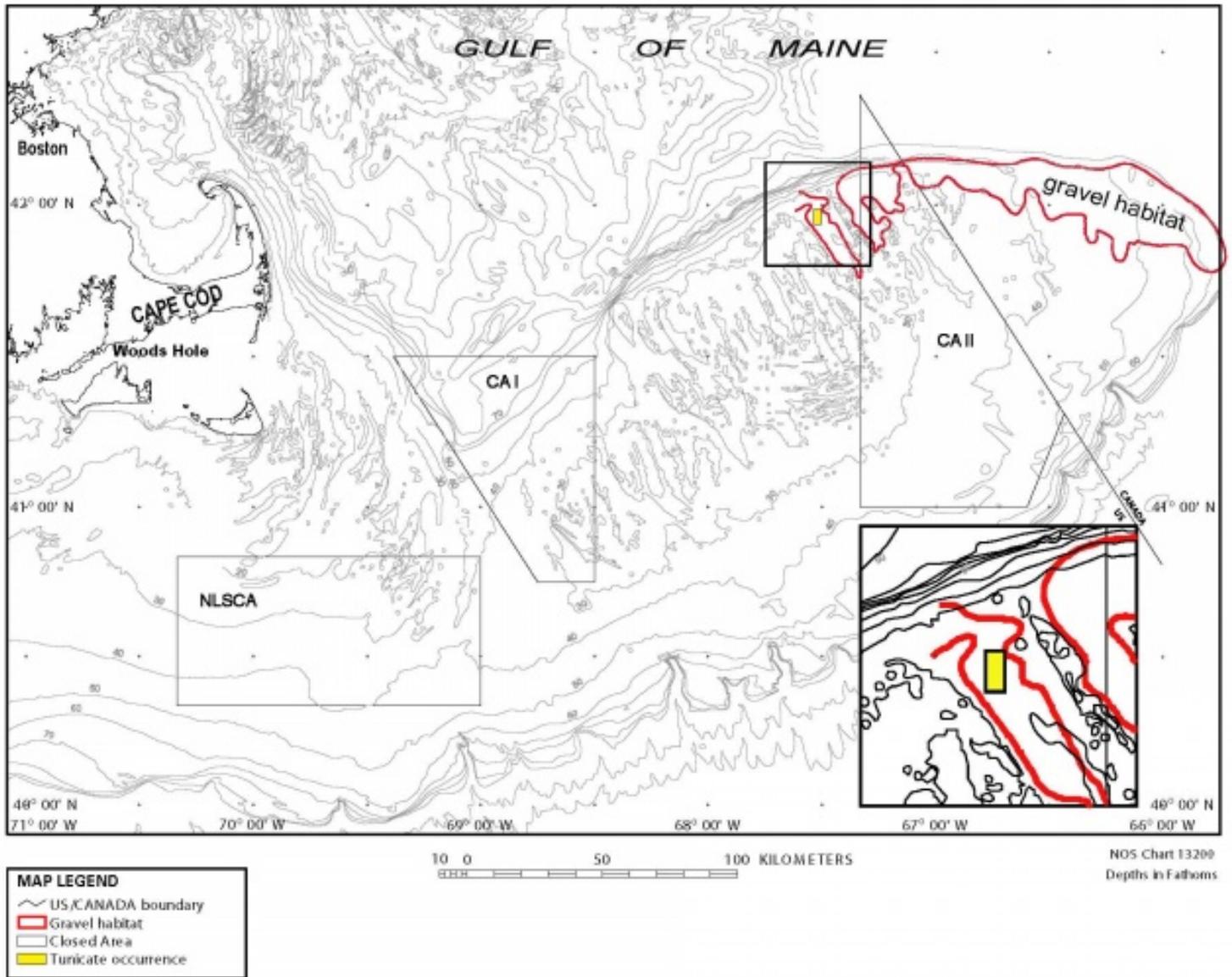
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