

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES

§ 1124. Exclusive Economic Zone.

(a) The exclusive economic zone of the Commonwealth is hereby established. The inner limit of the zone shall be the outer limit of the territorial sea, as established in 2 CMC § 1123. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the outer limit of the zone is the line every point of which is at a distance of 200 miles from the nearest point of the baselines.

(b) Where the outer limit line of the exclusive economic zone would extend into a similar zone or the territorial sea of an adjacent state, the boundary shall be delimited by the line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest point of the baselines and from the nearest point of any similar line drawn by the adjacent state, or, if the state has not drawn any line, from the nearest landfall of that state. The Governor may, by agreement with any adjacent state, either directly or through any appropriate entity, delimit a different boundary in accordance with equitable principles and taking account of all relevant circumstances. Any such agreement shall take effect only after it has been submitted to the legislature, and only if the legislature does not, within 20 days after the date of receipt of the agreement, adopt a joint resolution disapproving the agreement.

(c) The requirements of 2 CMC § 1121(a) shall apply to the outer limit lines of the exclusive economic zone and any line of delimitation drawn in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, except that lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, may be substituted where appropriate for any chart required by 2 CMC § 1121.

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