

Oceans Act (c. 31, S.C. 18 December, 1996, in force 31 January, 1997)

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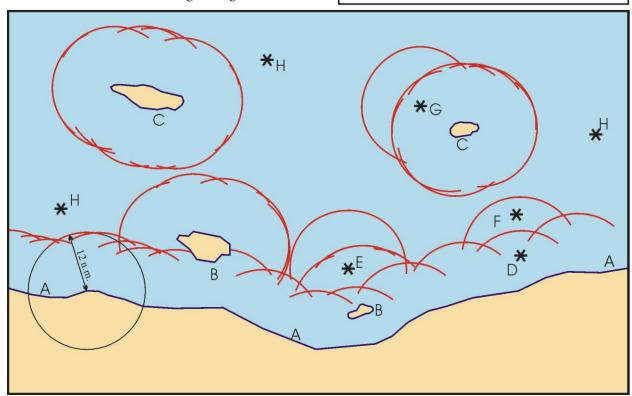
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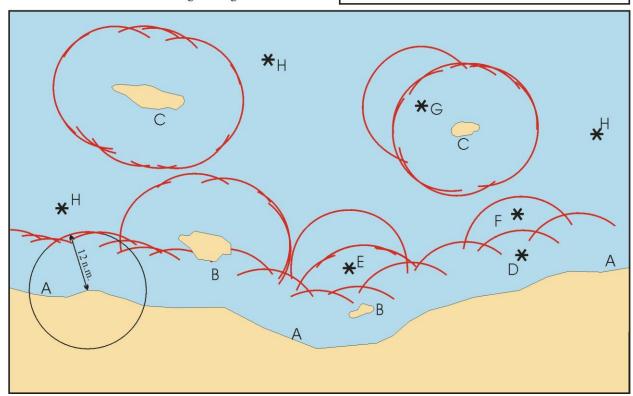
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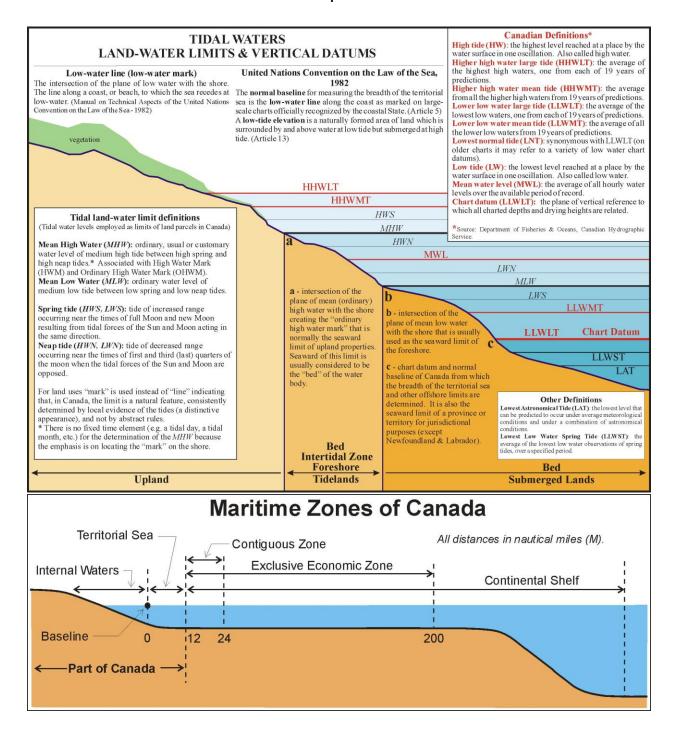
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Sections 3 and 4 of the Territorial Sea Geographical Coordinates (Area 7) Order (SOR/85-872, registration 10 September, 1985), explained the Schedules of the order as follows:

- 3.(1) The lists of geographical coordinates of points set out in Schedules I, II and III are hereby issued as lists of geographical coordinates of points from which baselines may be determined pursuant to the Act in respect of Area 7.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the geographical coordinates of points set out in columns II and III of an item of the schedules are those determined from the chart and edition set out in column IV of that item.

 $4.(1)\,$ In respect of the portion of Area 7 for which the geographical coordinates of points are listed in Schedule I, the baselines are straight lines joining the points so listed.

- (2) In respect of the portion of Area 7 for which the geographical coordinates of points are listed in Schedule II, the baseline is the low-water line along the coast joining the points so listed.
- (3) In respect of the portion of Area 7 for which the geographical coordinates of points are listed in Schedule III, the baselines are the low-water lines of the islands and of the low-tide elevations.

Schedule I, without Column IV

Item	Column I	Column II	Column III
	Locality	Latitude	Longitude
1. *	Nunaluk Spit	69°36'54"N.	139°54'10"W.
2. *	Herschel Island	69°38'30"N.	139°07'24"W.
3. *	Collinson Head	69°34'40"N.	138°50'25"W.
4.	Kay Point	69°17'54"N.	138°23'20"W.
5.	Pitt Island	69°10'55"N.	136°16'00"W.
6.	Garry Island	69°29'55"N.	135°49'03"W.

^{*} See Schedule II

Schedule II, without Column IV

Item	Column I	Column II	Column III
	Locality	Latitude	Longitude
1.	Demarcation Point	69°38'46"N.	141°00'00"W.
	Nunaluk Spit	69°36'54"N.	139°54'10"W.
2.	Herschel Island	69°38'30"N.	139°07'24"W.
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3.	Pelly Island	69°35'18"N.	135°35'30"W.
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Explanation

Schedule I contains a series of numbered and named features with specified latitudes and longitudes and nautical chart references. The baseline is the straight line between the features. Schedule II contains a series of numbered lines that represent segments of the low water line. The beginning and end of each line are identified by name and specified latitudes and longitudes. The asterisk (*) in Schedule I indicates that a name appears in Schedule II and therefore a low water line segment interrupts the straight line sequence. A continuous baseline is created from elements of Schedules I and II.

In the example below, the baseline starts on the low water line at Demarcation Point. It has the most westerly longitude. As can be seen in Schedule II, the easterly end of this segment of the baseline is Nunaluk Spit. Nunaluk Spit appears in Schedule I and is one end of a straight line to Herschel Island from point 1 to point 2. The next segment, defined in Schedule II, is the low water line of Herschel Island to Collinson Head. The next segment is defined in Schedule I as a straight line from point 3 (Collinson Head) to point 4 (Kay Point).

