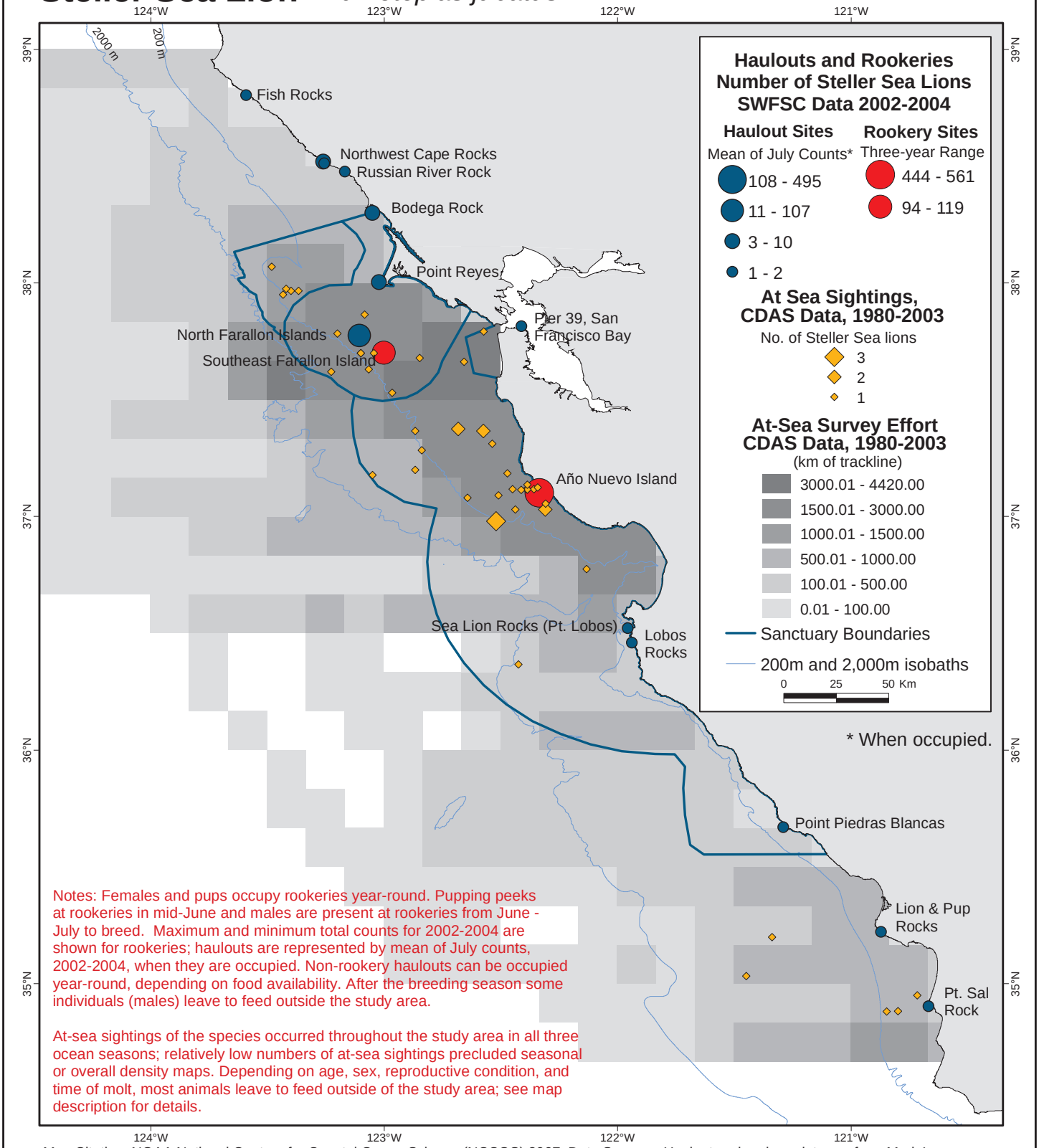
Steller Sea Lion *Eumetopias jubatus*



Notes: Females and pups occupy rookeries year-round. Pupping peeks at rookeries in mid-June and males are present at rookeries from June - July to breed. Maximum and minimum total counts for 2002-2004 are shown for rookeries; haulouts are represented by mean of July counts, 2002-2004, when they are occupied. Non-rookery haulouts can be occupied year-round, depending on food availability. After the breeding season some individuals (males) leave to feed outside the study area.

At-sea sightings of the species occurred throughout the study area in all three ocean seasons; relatively low numbers of at-sea sightings precluded seasonal or overall density maps. Depending on age, sex, reproductive condition, and time of molt, most animals leave to feed outside of the study area; see map description for details.

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