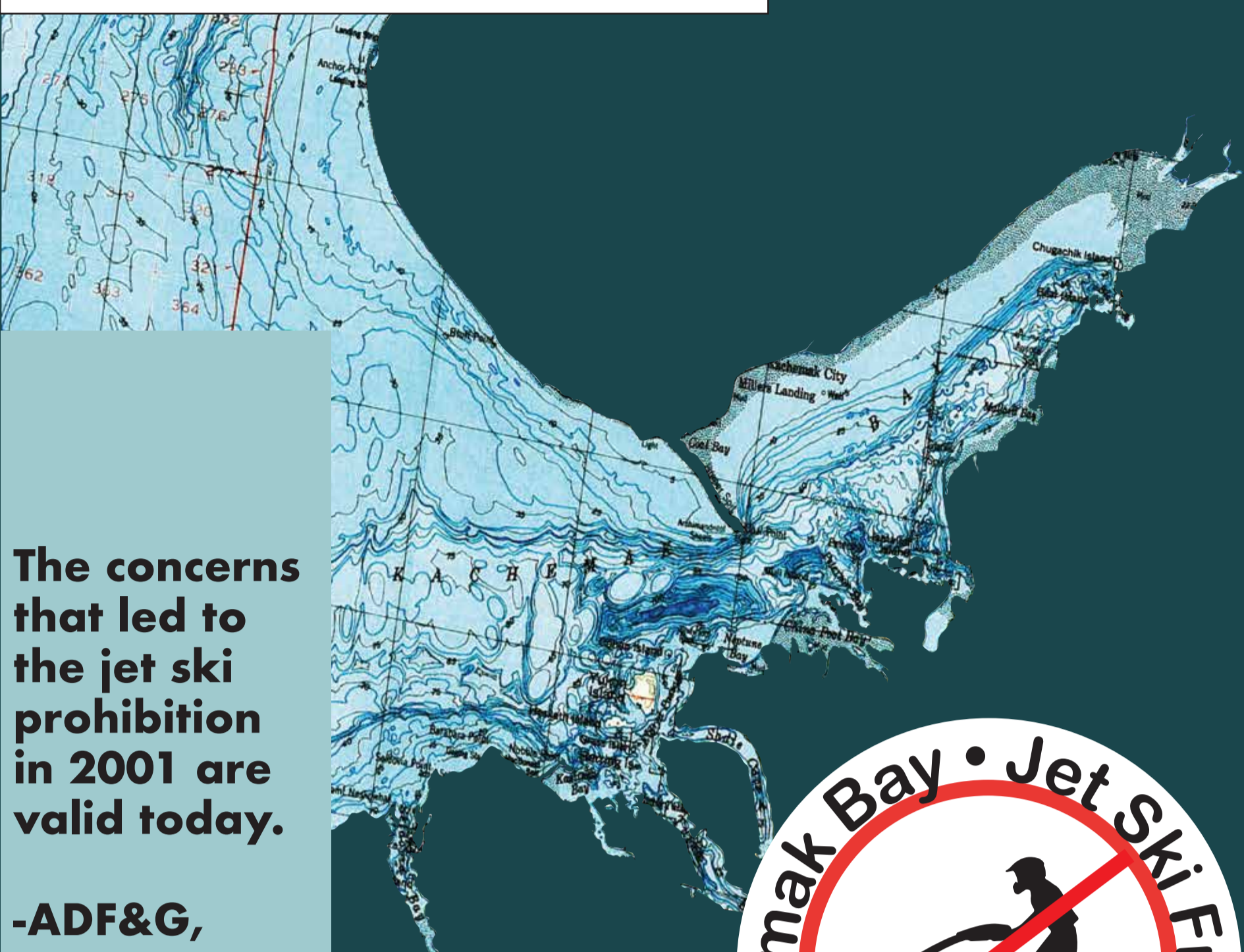


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DISTURB WILDLIFE

Multiple craft typically operate together in small areas, making repeated runs at accelerated speeds. Such intense activity pushes seabirds and marine mammals out of their homes (Snow, 1989; Gentry, 1996; Richardson et al., 1995; Szaniszlo, 1999.; Miller 2008).

COLLISIONS

Because jet skis do not produce the same low-frequency sounds underwater as boats, they often surprise and hit surfacing marine mammals (Gentry, 1996; Osborne, 1996).

HABITAT DISTRUCTION

Because jet skis are lighter and have a shallower draft than most boats, they are operable closer to shore and in shallower waters than most boats (U.S. Dept. of Interior, 1998). These characteristics greatly increase the potential for them to disturb fragile nearshore habitats and organisms.

LOUD

While it is true that jet skis are quieter than they used to be, this improvement is largely negated by the fact that they are often airborne – skipping over the water, digging in at hard turns, jumping, etc. Because the engine is much louder out of the water, they have an irregular, and very loud sound signature that is especially disturbing to wildlife and other users (Snow, 1989). Repeated rapid acceleration and deceleration typical of PWC is more startling to wildlife than a vessel following a steady course at a steady speed (EPA 1979).

