The Changing Face of Maritime Law: Activities beyond 200 NM and the Influence of UNCLOS

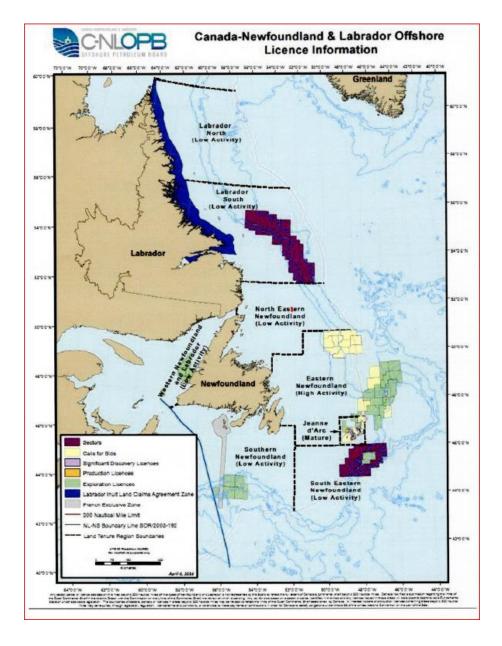
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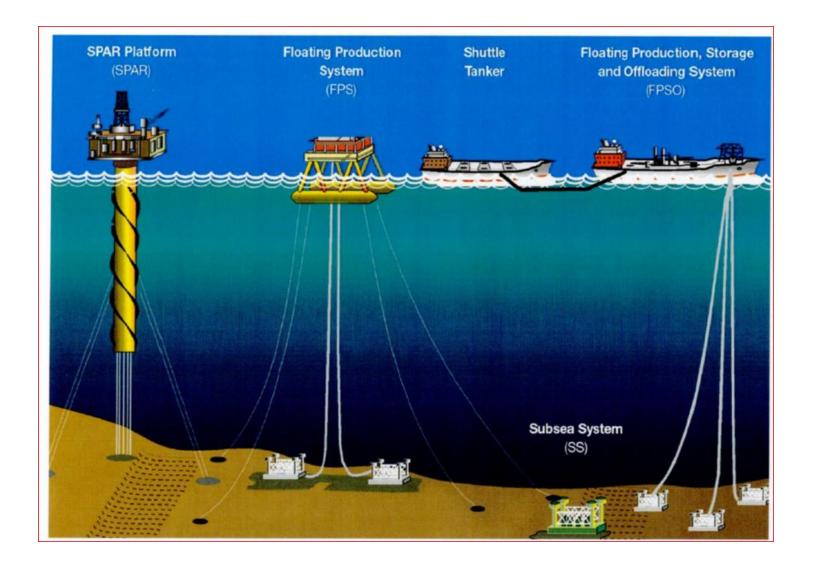
- a) Activity beyond 200 NM
- b) What Canadian laws apply
- c) What's new and is it maritime?



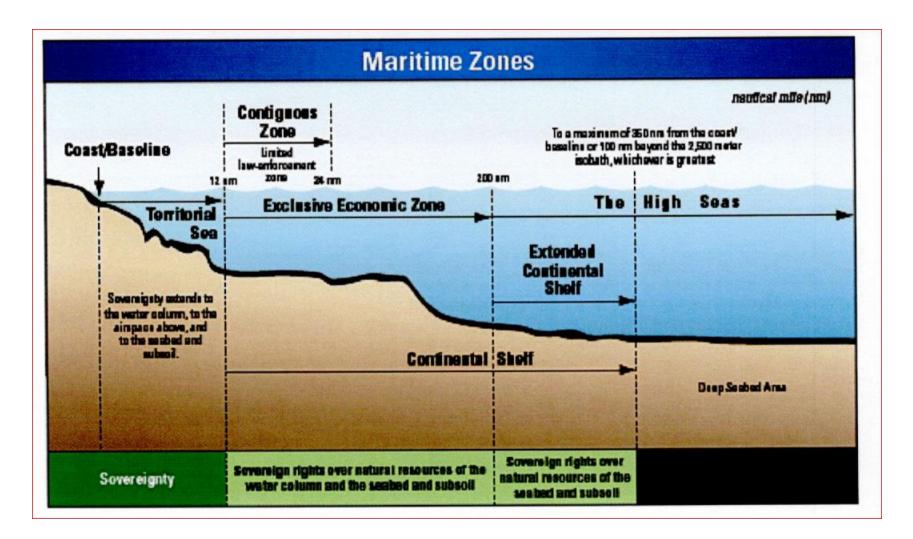




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Application of process

55 (1) The process of the Federal Court of Appeal and of the Federal Court runs throughout Canada and any other place to which legislation enacted by Parliament has been made applicable.



Oceans Act

Application of federal laws — continental shelf installations

20 (1) Subject to any regulations made pursuant to paragraph 26(1)(j) or (k), federal laws apply

- (a) on or under any marine installation or structure from the time it is attached or anchored to the continental shelf of Canada in connection with the exploration of that shelf or the exploitation of its mineral or other non-living resources until the marine installation or structure is removed from the waters above the continental shelf of Canada;
- (b) on or under any artificial island constructed, erected or placed on the continental shelf of Canada; and
- (c) within such safety zone surrounding any marine installation or structure or artificial island referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) as is determined by or pursuant to the regulations.

Interpretation

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), federal laws shall be applied
 - (a) as if the places referred to in that subsection formed part of the territory of Canada;
 - (b) notwithstanding that by their terms their application is limited to Canada; and
 - (c) in a manner that is consistent with the rights and freedoms of other states under international law and, in particular, with the rights and freedoms of other states in relation to navigation and overflight.



Criminal Code

Offences outside of Canada

477.1 Every person who commits an act or omission that, if it occurred in Canada, would be an offence under a federal law, within the meaning of section 2 of the Oceans Act, is deemed to have committed that act or omission in Canada if it is an act or omission

477.1 (b) that is committed in a place in or above the continental shelf of Canada and that is an offence in that place by virtue of section 20 of the Oceans Act;

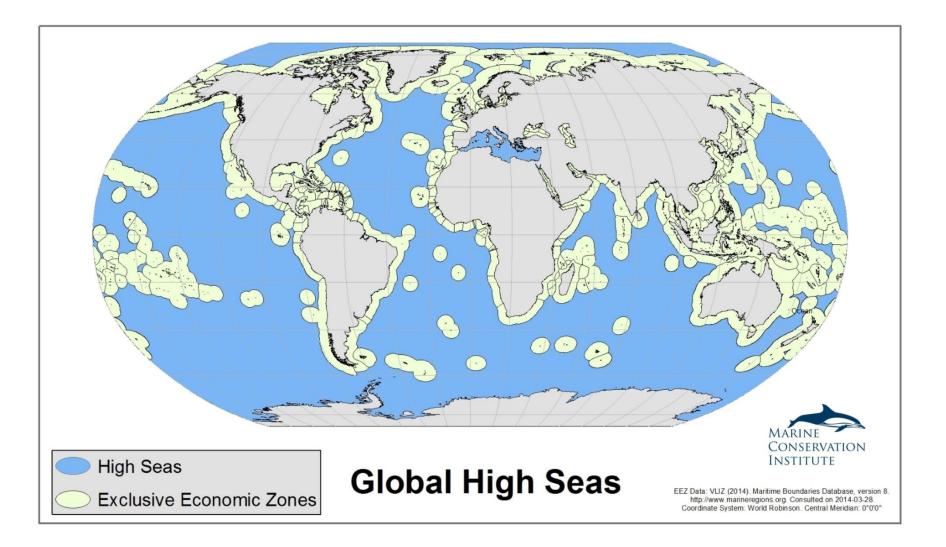


Coastal Fisheries Protection Act

s. 5.2

No person, being aboard a foreign fishing vessel of a prescribed class, shall, in the NAFO Regulatory Area, fish or prepare to fish for a straddling stock in contravention of any of the prescribed conservation and management measures.





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From the Royal Commission on the Ocean Ranger Marine Disaster

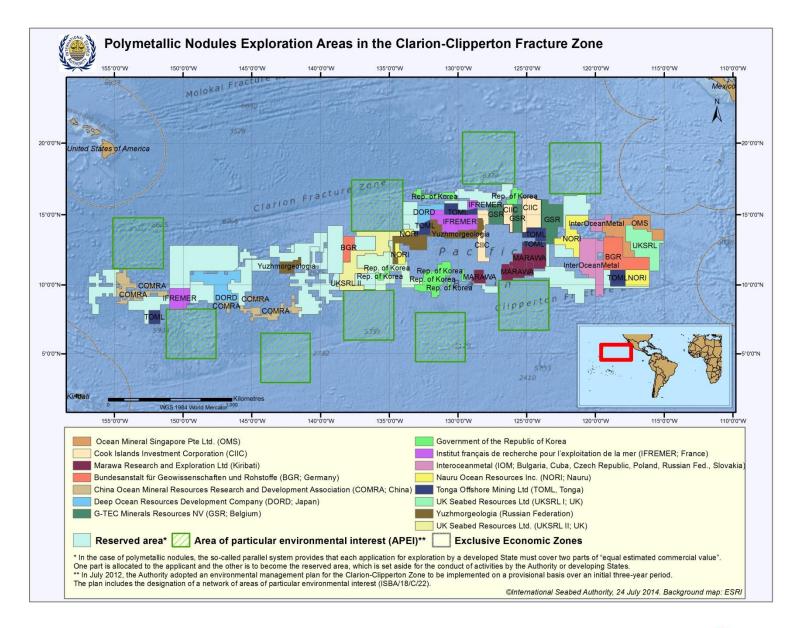
"Despite this predominantly industrial focus the activity takes place at sea. The unique nature of this industrial-marine endeavour, together the constant evolution of new technology, has presented a challenge to agencies established to set standards and govern the design and activities of more traditional craft.... Despite the newness and diversity of the industry, one trend has become clear for both the participants and the regulators: offshore drilling has emerged as an industrial activity that takes place in a marine environment rather than a marine activity undertaken for industrial purposes.¹"

1 Royal Commission on the Ocean Ranger Marine Disaster: *The Loss of the Semisubmersible Drill Rig Ocean Ranger and its Crew,* Vol 1 (Ottawa: Minister of Supply and Services, 1984) at viii [Ocean Ranger]

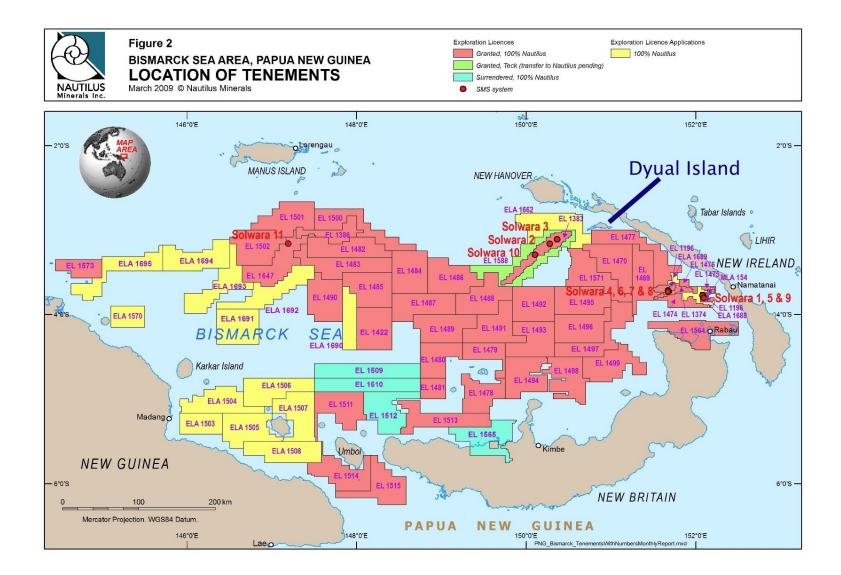


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