

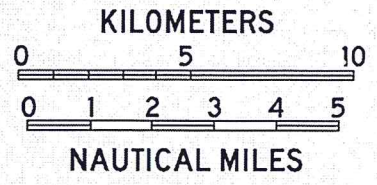
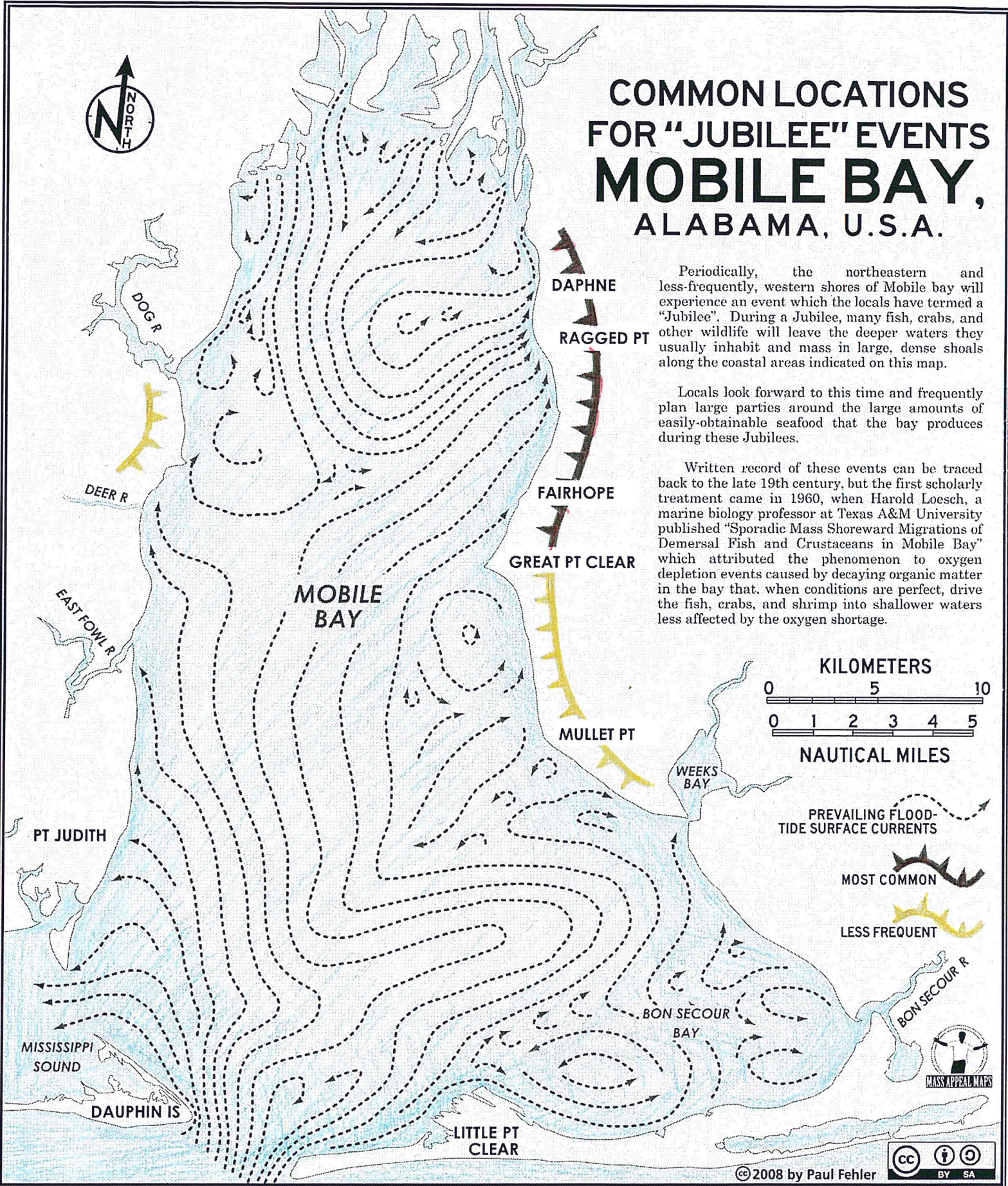


# COMMON LOCATIONS FOR "JUBILEE" EVENTS MOBILE BAY, ALABAMA, U.S.A.

Periodically, the northeastern and less-frequently, western shores of Mobile bay will experience an event which the locals have termed a "Jubilee". During a Jubilee, many fish, crabs, and other wildlife will leave the deeper waters they usually inhabit and mass in large, dense shoals along the coastal areas indicated on this map.

Locals look forward to this time and frequently plan large parties around the large amounts of easily-obtainable seafood that the bay produces during these Jubilees.

Written record of these events can be traced back to the late 19th century, but the first scholarly treatment came in 1960, when Harold Loesch, a marine biology professor at Texas A&M University published "Sporadic Mass Shoreward Migrations of Demersal Fish and Crustaceans in Mobile Bay" which attributed the phenomenon to oxygen depletion events caused by decaying organic matter in the bay that, when conditions are perfect, drive the fish, crabs, and shrimp into shallower waters less affected by the oxygen shortage.



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