

# NORTH WESTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## ANNEX A

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### MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

The Authority for the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 makes the following byelaw for that District.'

#### NWIFCA BYELAW 6

#### PROTECTION FOR EUROPEAN MARINE SITE FEATURES

##### Interpretation

~~— In this byelaw the Solway Firth European Marine Site ('EMS') reef-closed area means the area enclosed by MHW and a line connecting the following points in order:~~

<del><u>54° 52' 15N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 23' 92W</u></del>
<del><u>54° 49' 83N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 30' 42W</u></del>
<del><u>54° 46' 33N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 31' 00W</u></del>
<del><u>54° 46' 41N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 25' 92W</u></del>

~~— The Lune Deep EMS and Morecambe Bay EMS bedrock reef and boulder and cobble reef-closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order:~~

<del><u>53° 57' 75N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 05' 83W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 57' 38N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 05' 40W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 55' 84N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 10' 15W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 54' 25N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 12' 88W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 54' 43N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 13' 36W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 55' 21N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 12' 56W</u></del>
<del><u>53° 56' 32N</u></del>	<del><u>3° 10' 34W</u></del>

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~~2. The Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed areas means the areas enclosed by a line (or MHW) (or MHW) connecting the following points in order:~~

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54° 05.87N      3° 11.25W

54° 05.45N      3° 12.34W

54° 04.79N      3° 10.72W

54° 04.00N      3° 10.42W

54° 04.40N      3° 10.43W

54° 04.42N      3° 09.82W

54° 04.48N      3° 09.90W

54° 04.56N      3° 09.71W

54° 04.23N      3° 09.10W

54° 04.16N      3° 09.30W

54° 04.37N      3° 12.82W

54° 04.40N      3° 12.18W

54° 04.08N      3° 12.14W

54° 04.06N      3° 12.76W

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~~3. The Morecambe Bay EMS Walney Channel boulder and cobble reef closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order:~~

~~54° 04'.97N      3° 12'.28W~~

~~54° 04'.36N      3° 10'.34W~~

~~54° 04'.16N      3° 10'.62W~~

~~54° 04'.79N      3° 12'.46W~~

~~4. The Morecambe Bay EMS Heysham Flat *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area means the area enclosed by MHW and a line connecting the following points in order:~~

~~54° 03'.77N      2° 53'.33W~~

~~54° 03'.82N      2° 53'.62W~~

~~54° 03'.70N      2° 54'.56W~~

~~54° 03'.43N      2° 55'.24W~~

~~54° 03'.19N      2° 55'.12W~~

~~54° 03'.38N      2° 53'.78W~~

~~— The Dee Estuary EMS Hilbre Island *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order:~~

~~53° 22'.94N      3° 13'.87W~~

~~53° 23'.02N      3° 13'.74W~~

~~53° 22'.58N      3° 13'.05W~~

~~53° 22'.52N      3° 13'.14W~~

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1. In this byelaw “the specified areas” means

l) The Solway Firth EMS reef closed area

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- II) The Lune Deep EMS and Morecambe Bay EMS bedrock reef and boulder and cobble reef closed area
- III) The Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed area
- IV) The Morecambe Bay EMS Walney Channel boulder and cobble reef closed area
- V) The Morecambe Bay EMS Heysham Flat *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area
- VI) The Dee Estuary EMS Hilbre Island *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area

2. The definitions of the specified areas are set out in the Schedule to this byelaw.

3. Co-ordinates used in this byelaw are measured from WGS 84 datum. The WGS 84 means the World Geodetic System revised in 1984 and 2004.

4. Bottom towed gear or point sampling gear means any fishing gear or other equipment towed by boat, vehicle or animal in contact with the seabed below Mean High Water or any scientific sampling equipment taking samples from the surface or below the surface of the seabed below Mean High Water.

6-5. The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District are defined in articles 2, 3 and 4 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2200).

### Prohibitions

No person shall use any bottom towed gear or pointscientific sampling gear except with the written permission of and using gear approved by the NWIFCA in the followingspecified areas:

- I. The Solway Firth EMS reef closed area
- II. The Lune Deep EMS and Morecambe Bay EMS bedrock reef and boulder and cobble reef closed area
- III. The Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed area
- IV. The Morecambe Bay EMS Walney Channel boulder and cobble reef closed area  
The Morecambe Bay EMS Heysham Flat *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area
- V. The Dee Estuary EMS Hilbre Island *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area

All bBait collection, and hand worked fisheries and vehicular access are prohibited at all times in the Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed area.

I hereby certify that the above byelaw  
-was made by the Authority at their  
at their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June ..... 2013

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The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 155(4) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 confirms the Byelaw 6 Protection for European Marine Site Features made by the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013

NIGEL GOODING

A Senior Civil Servant for, and on behalf of, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Date:

## Schedule

Area I. the Solway Firth European Marine Site ('EMS') reef closed area means the area enclosed by Mean High Water ("MHW") and a line connecting the following points in order and returning to Point A along the line of MHW:

<u>Point A</u>	<u>54° 52'.15N</u>	<u>3° 23'.92W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>54° 49'.83N</u>	<u>3° 30'.42W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>54° 46'.33N</u>	<u>3° 31'.00W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>54°46'.41N</u>	<u>3° 25'.92W</u>

Area II. The Lune Deep EMS and Morecambe Bay EMS bedrock reef and boulder and cobble reef closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order and returning to Point A:

<u>Point A</u>	<u>53° 57'.75N</u>	<u>3° 05'.83W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>53° 57'.38N</u>	<u>3° 05'.40W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>53° 55'.84N</u>	<u>3° 10'.15W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>53° 54'.25N</u>	<u>3° 12'.88W</u>
<u>Point E</u>	<u>53° 54'.43N</u>	<u>3° 13'.36W</u>
<u>Point F</u>	<u>53° 55'.21N</u>	<u>3° 12'.56W</u>
<u>Point G</u>	<u>53° 56'.32N</u>	<u>3° 10'.34W</u>

Area III. The Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed areas means the separate areas enclosed by: MHW and a line connecting the following points A to D in order and returning to Point A along the line of MHW; MHW and a line connecting the following points E to F in order and returning to Point F along the line of MHW; MHW and a line connecting the following points G to J in order and returning to Point G along the line of MHW; a line connecting the following points K to N in order and returning to point K.

<u>Point A</u>	<u>54° 05.87N</u>	<u>3° 11.25W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>54° 05.45N</u>	<u>3° 12.34W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>54° 04.79N</u>	<u>3° 10.72W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>54° 04.00N</u>	<u>3° 10.42W</u>
<u>Point E</u>	<u>54° 04.40N</u>	<u>3° 10.43W</u>
<u>Point F</u>	<u>54° 04.42N</u>	<u>3° 09.82W</u>
<u>Point G</u>	<u>54° 04.48N</u>	<u>3° 09.90W</u>
<u>Point H</u>	<u>54° 04.56N</u>	<u>3° 09.71W</u>
<u>Point I</u>	<u>54° 04.23N</u>	<u>3° 09.10W</u>
<u>Point J</u>	<u>54° 04.16N</u>	<u>3° 09.30W</u>
<u>Point K</u>	<u>54° 04.37N</u>	<u>3° 12.82W</u>
<u>Point L</u>	<u>54° 04.40N</u>	<u>3° 12.18W</u>
<u>Point M</u>	<u>54° 04.08N</u>	<u>3° 12.14W</u>
<u>Point N</u>	<u>54° 04.06N</u>	<u>3° 12.76W</u>

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Area IV. The Morecambe Bay EMS Walney Channel boulder and cobble reef closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order and returning to Point A:

<u>Point A</u>	<u>54° 04'.97N</u>	<u>3° 12'.28W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>54° 04'.36N</u>	<u>3° 10'.34W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>54° 04'.16N</u>	<u>3° 10'.62W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>54° 04'.79N</u>	<u>3° 12'.46W</u>

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Area V. The Morecambe Bay EMS Heysham Flat *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area means the area enclosed by MHW and a line connecting the following points in order and returning to Point A:

<u>Point A</u>	<u>54° 03'.77N</u>	<u>2° 53'.33W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>54° 03'.82N</u>	<u>2° 53'.62W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>54° 03'.70N</u>	<u>2° 54'.56W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>54° 03'.43N</u>	<u>2° 55'.24W</u>
<u>Point E</u>	<u>54° 03'.19N</u>	<u>2° 55'.12W</u>
<u>Point F</u>	<u>54° 03'.38N</u>	<u>2° 53'.78W</u>

Area VI. The Dee Estuary EMS Hilbre Island *Sabellaria alveolata* reef closed area means the area enclosed by a line connecting the following points in order and returning to Point A:

<u>Point A</u>	<u>53° 22'.94N</u>	<u>3° 13'.87W</u>
<u>Point B</u>	<u>53° 23'.02N</u>	<u>3° 13'.74W</u>
<u>Point C</u>	<u>53° 22'.58N</u>	<u>3° 13'.05W</u>
<u>Point D</u>	<u>53° 22'.52N</u>	<u>3° 13'.14W</u>

*Explanatory Note*  
(This note does not form part of the Byelaw)

This byelaw prohibits the use without written consent from the NWIFCA of all towed fishing gear or scientific sampling equipment in parts of European Marine Sites (EMS) in the NWIFCA District. There is scientific evidence that all the closed areas contain sensitive features of conservation importance which require protection from damage caused by such equipment.

The specified areas closed by this byelaw are defined in the Schedule to this byelaw.

The specified areas are identified, for illustrative purposes only, on the maps below.

~~There is scientific evidence that all the closed areas contain sensitive features of conservation importance which require protection from damage caused by this equipment~~

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