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ANNEX A

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

1. In this byelaw "the specified areas" means
 - 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
 - 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.
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 scientific sampling gear except with the written permission of and using gear approved by the NWIFCA in the specified areas:

Bait collection, 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 meeting on 2013

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Chief Executive to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
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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 14th 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:

Point A	54° 49.15N	3° 25.25W
Point B	54° 40.20N	3° 26.90W
Point C	54° 49'.30N	3° 28.30W
Point D	54°48.90N	3° 30.00W
Point E	54 46.33 N	3 30.00W
Point F	54 46.41N	3 25.92W

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:

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

Area III. The Morecambe Bay EMS Seagrass beds closed areas means the separate areas enclosed by: MHW and a line connecting the following points E, S, T & 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 ;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 and MHW and a line connecting the following points O to R in order and returning to Point O along the line of MHW.

Point E	54° 04.46 N	3° 10.39 W
Point S	54° 04.46 N	3° 10.30 W
Point T	54° 04.34 N	3° 10.27 W
Point F	54° 04.42N	3° 09.82W
Point G	54° 04.48N	3° 09.90W
Point H	54° 04.56N	3° 09.71W
Point I	54° 04.24N	3° 09.09 W
Point J	54° 04.16N	3° 09.29W
Point K	54° 04.37N	3° 12.82W
Point L	54° 04.40N	3° 12.18W
Point M	54° 04.08N	3° 12.14W
Point N	54° 04.06N	3° 12.77W
Point O	54° 05.87N	3° 11.25W
Point P	54° 05.45N	3° 12.34W
Point Q	54° 04.79N	3° 10.72W
Point R	54° 04.91N	3° 10.41W

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:

Point A	54° 04'.97N	3° 12'.28W
Point B	54° 04'.40N	3° 10'.44W
Point C	54° 04'.32N	3° 10.39W
Point D	54° 04.16N	3° 10'.62W
Point E	54° 04'.79N	3° 12'.46W

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:

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

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 :

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

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

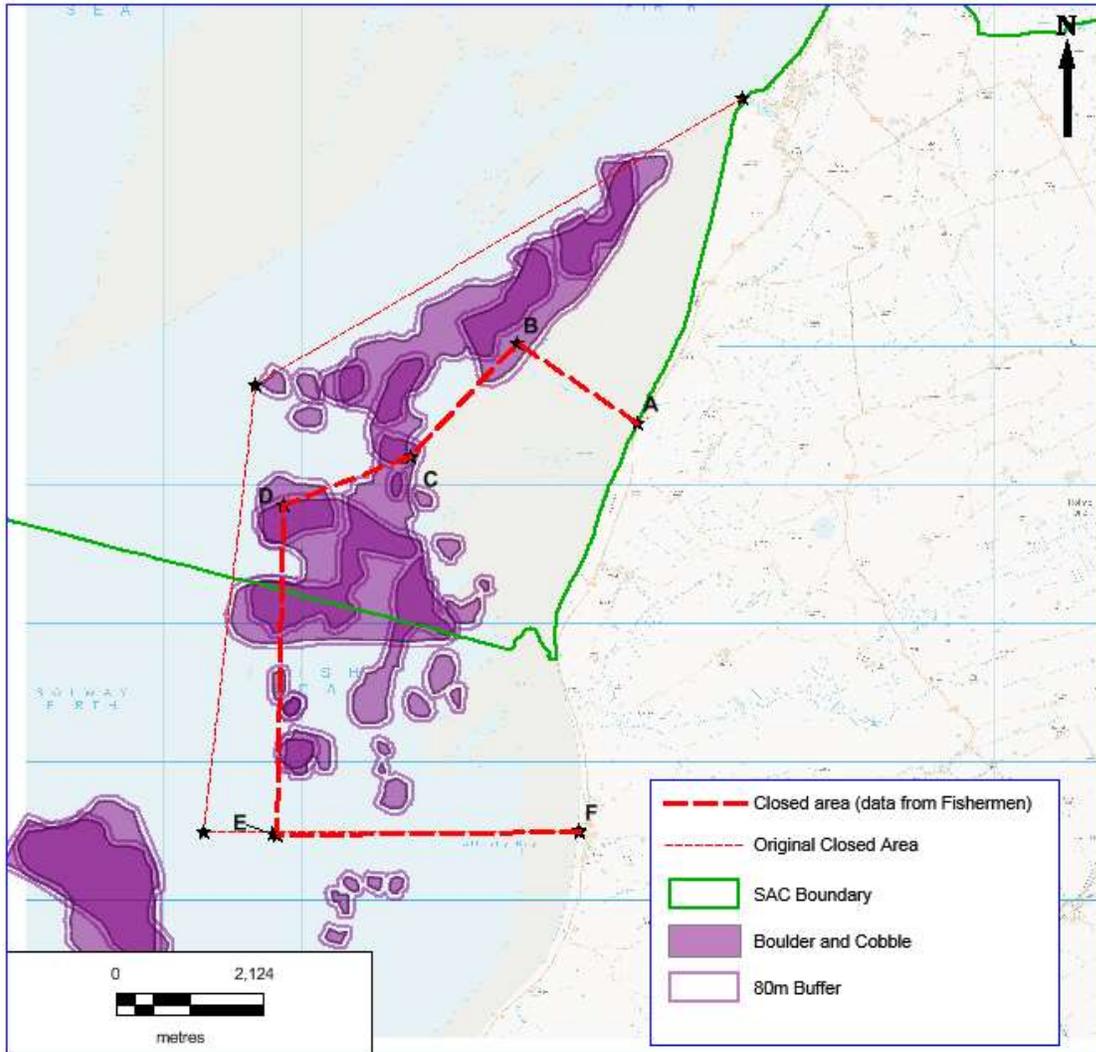
This byelaw prohibits the use without written consent from the NWIFCA of all towed fishing gear or scientific sampling equipment in parts of European Marine Sites (EMS) in the NWIFCA District. There is scientific evidence that all the closed areas contain sensitive features of conservation importance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

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Byelaw 6 Protection for European Marine Site Features

I. The Solway Firth EMS reef closed area



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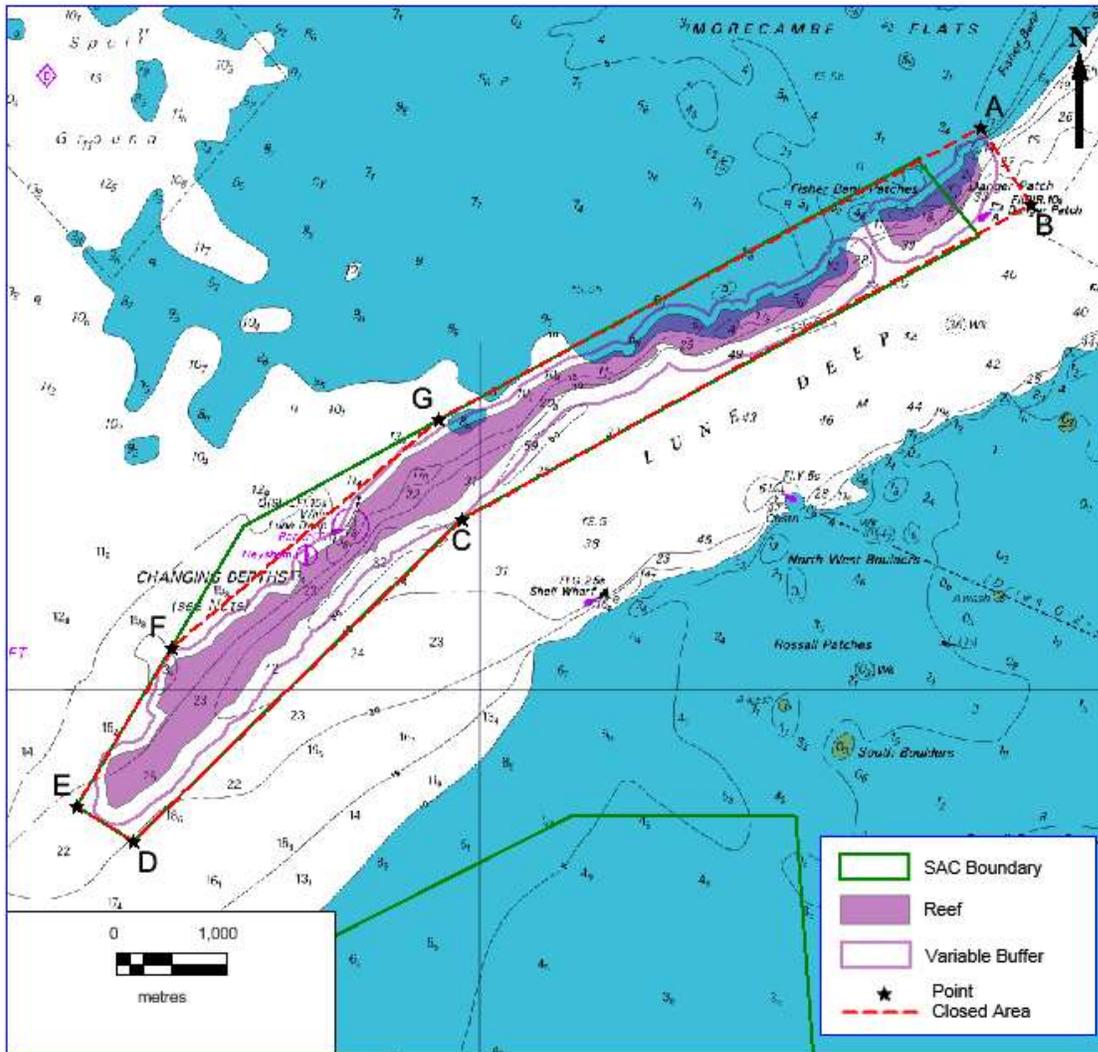
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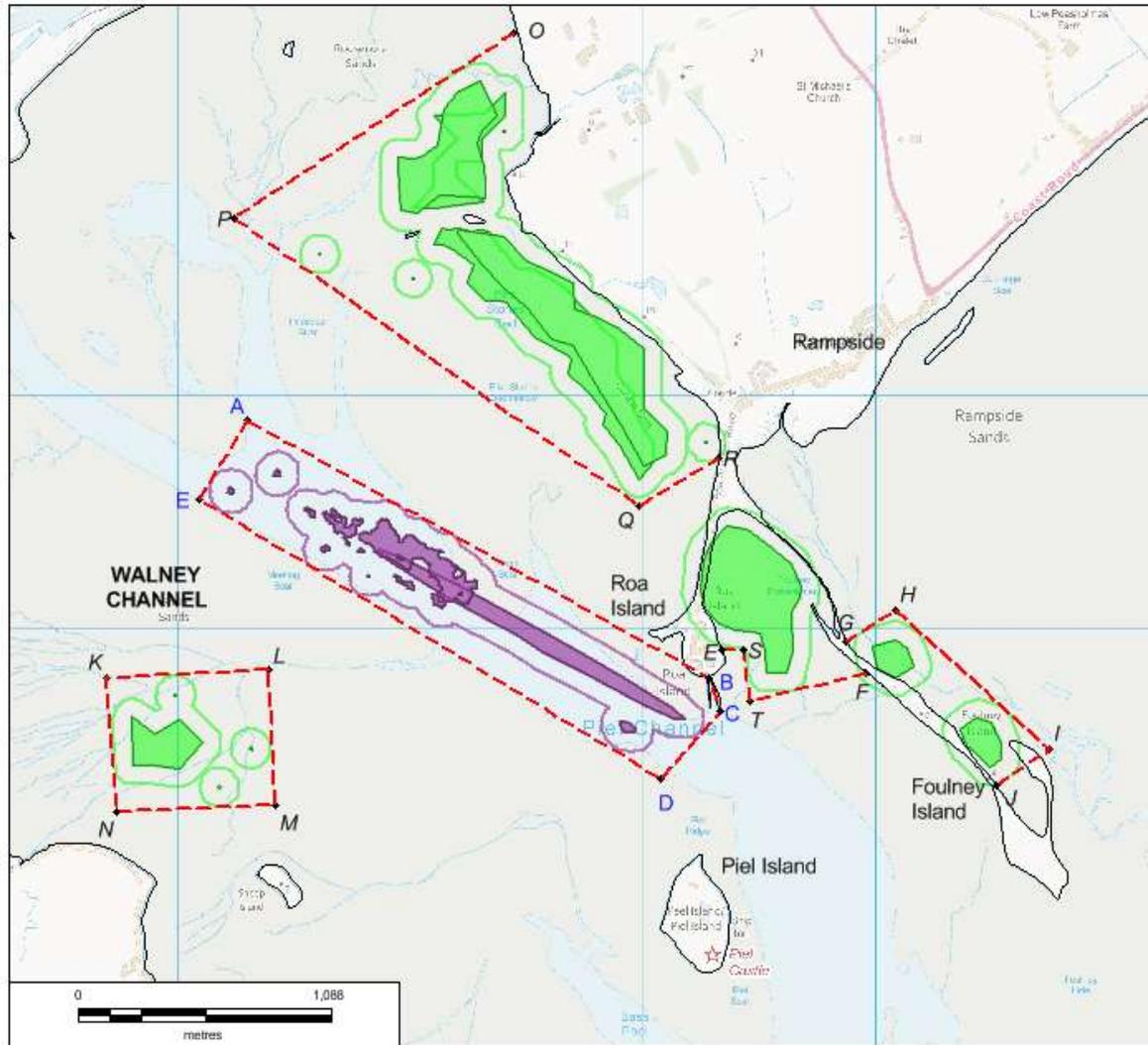
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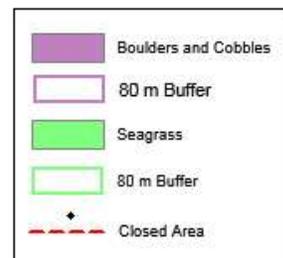
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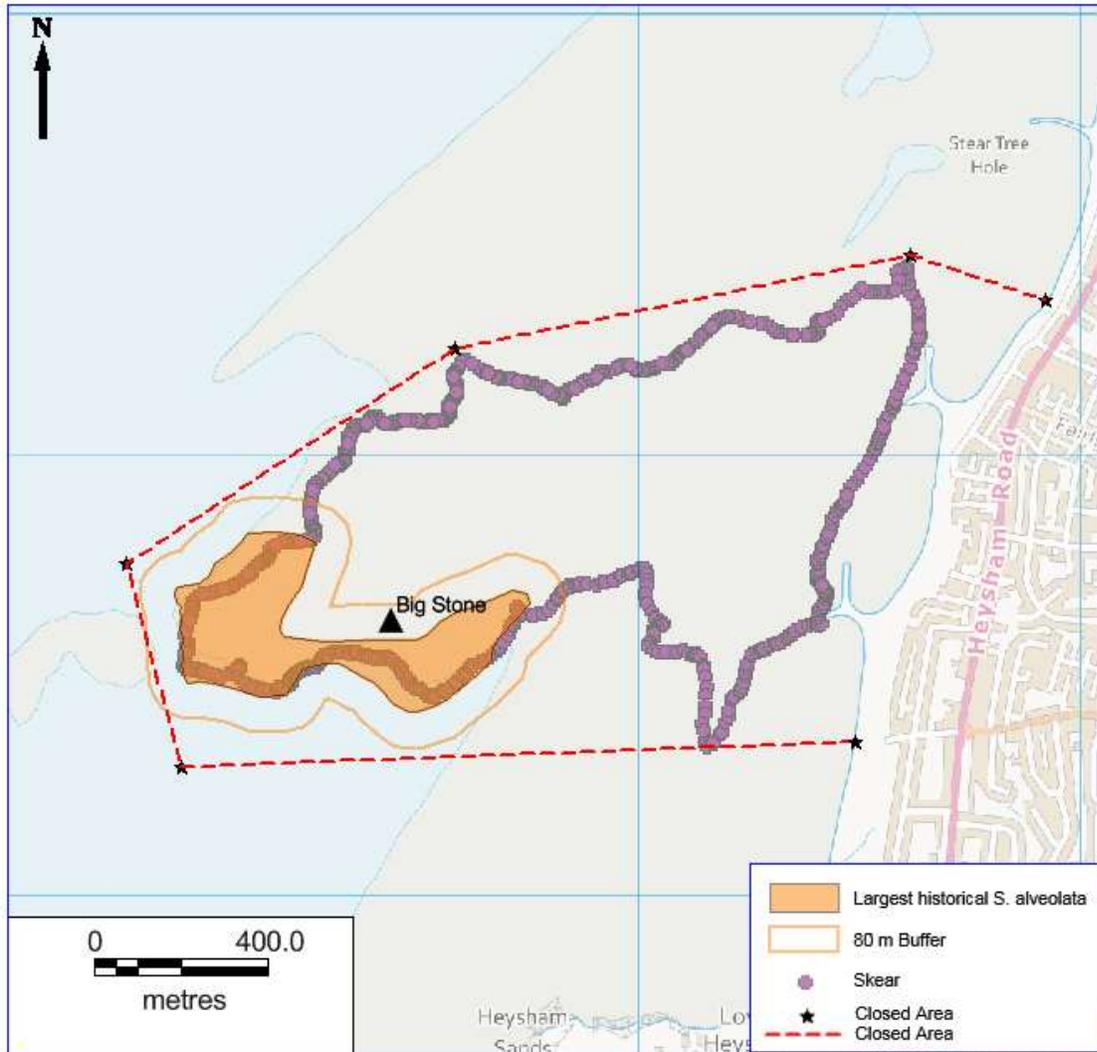
III. The Morecambe Bay EMS seagrass beds closed area

IV. The Morecambe Bay EMS Walney Channel boulder and cobble reef closed area



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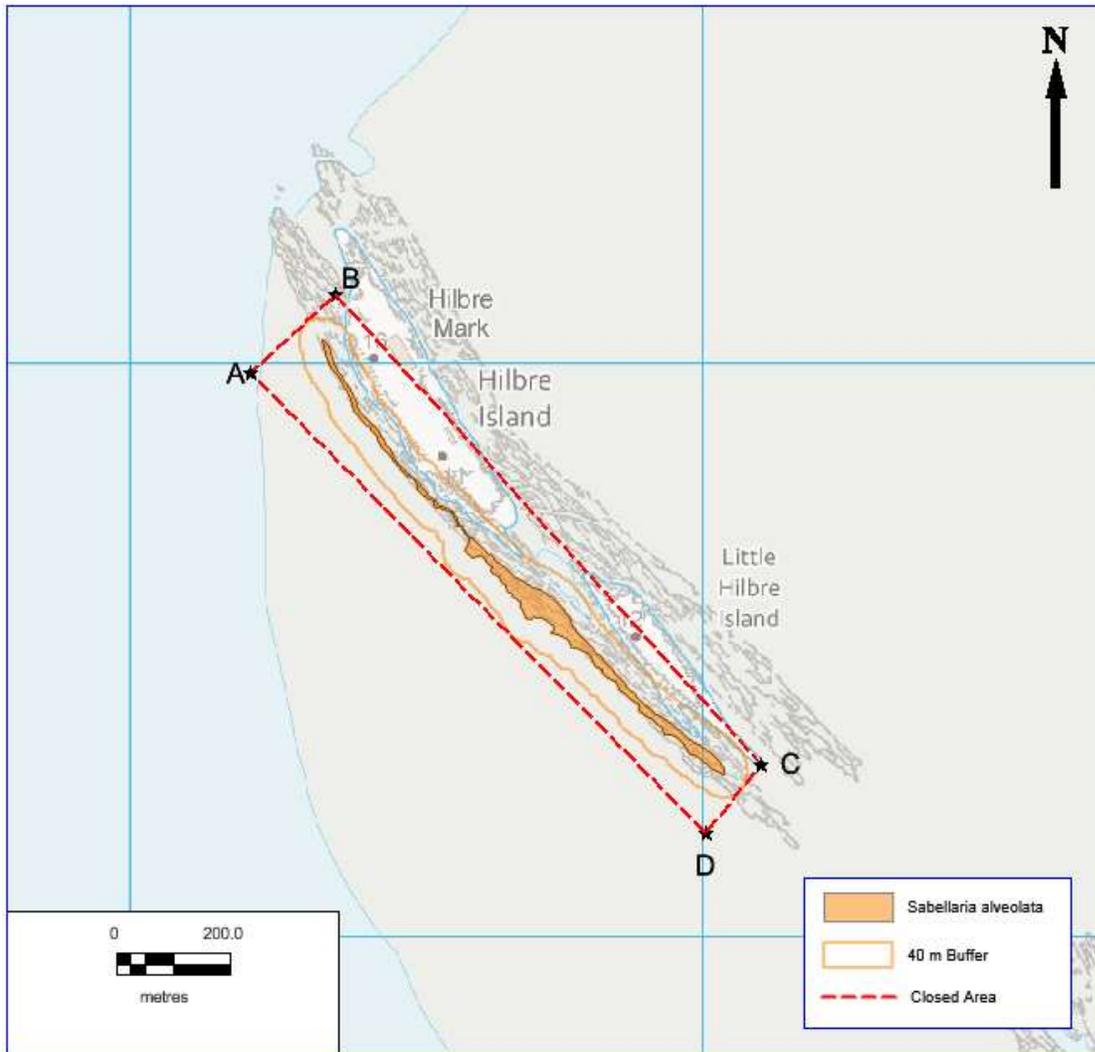
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