

NWSFC BYELAW 27 - MOBILE NETS -PROHIBITIONS AND AUTHORISATIONS (ENGLAND).

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- (a) No person shall, for the purposes of Section 37(1) of the Salmon Act 1986, use any drift, draft, seine or other mobile net (except trawl nets of any kind including hand push nets used in fishing for shrimps) in those parts of the District numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 at paragraph (d) below during the period 1st May to 30th November following unless the use of such nets is licensed by the Environment Agency under Section 25 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1975.
- (b) No person shall, for the purposes of Section 37(1) of the Salmon Act 1986, use any drift, draft, seine or other mobile net (except trawl nets of any kind including hand push nets used in fishing for shrimps) in those parts of the District numbered 8, 9, 10 and 11 in paragraph (d) below during the period 1st May to 30th November following unless the use of such nets are either licensed by the Environment Agency under Section 25 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1975 or authorised by the Committee in accordance with paragraph (c) below.
- (c) (i) Any written authorisation issued under this paragraph shall be under the hand of the Clerk to the Committee and shall be subject to the conditions set out in the authorisation as detailed in sub-paragraphs (ii) to (v) of this paragraph.
- (ii) Authorisations issued under this paragraph shall be valid during the period from 1st May until 30th November inclusive in each year, issued on demand to the user for nets as described in paragraph (a) above, not transferable, numbered, shall be valid, subject to sub-paragraph (iii) below, for a part of the District as defined in paragraph (d) of this byelaw and shall specify the number and type of nets to which they apply.
- (iii) Upon notification in writing to a person who has been granted an authorisation under this paragraph to use a net, the use of that net may be temporarily suspended by the Committee in parts of the areas defined at paragraph (d) below in order to protect salmon and sea trout and their migration.
- (iv) Any net authorised under this paragraph shall be used in such places, at such times and in such manner that it does not interfere with the migration of salmon and sea trout. If such fish are taken they shall be put back into the sea immediately and the net shall be reset as soon as possible to avoid any re-occurrence.
- (v) The holder of an authorisation under this paragraph shall be required to submit annually to the Committee such information in regard to catches and fishing effort under the terms of such authorisation and on such dates as the Committee may require.
- (d) This byelaw shall apply to all those parts of the District inshore of the following lines.
- (1) Duddon Estuary - a line drawn from Green Road Station (Latitude 54° 14.6' North, Longitude 03° 14.7' West) to Whelpshead Crag (Latitude 54° 14.5' North, Longitude 03° 12.5' West) thence in a 183° (True) direction to Dunnerholme Point (Latitude 54° 12.5' North, Longitude 03° 12.6' West).
- (2) Leven Estuary - a line drawn from Canal Foot (Latitude 54° 11.4' North, Longitude 03° 03.1' West) to the grain silo at Sandgate Marsh Farm (Latitude 54° 10.2' North, Longitude 02° 59.3' West).
- (3) Kent Estuary - a line drawn from the seaward tip of Holme Island (Latitude 54° 11.5' North, Longitude 02° 53.3' West) to Blackstone Point (Latitude 54° 11.3' North, Longitude 02° 52.0' West).
- (4) Keer Estuary - a line drawn from the disused chimney in position Latitude 54° 09.1' North, Longitude 02° 49.4' West) in a 186° (True) direction to Scalestone Point (Latitude 54° 05.0' North, Longitude 02° 50.1' West)

- (5) Lune Estuary - a line drawn from Sunderland Point (Latitude 53° 59.4' North, Longitude 02° 52.8' West) to Cockersand Abbey (Latitude 53° 58.6' North, Longitude 02° 52.4' West).
- (6) Wyre Estuary - a line drawn from the shoreward end of Knott End Ferry Slipway (Latitude 53° 55.7' North, Longitude 02° 59.8' West) to the seaward end of the Pier at Fleetwood (Latitude 53° 55.8' North, Longitude 03° 00.8' West).
- (7) Ribble Estuary - a line drawn from St. Cuthberts Church Lytham St. Annes (Latitude 53° 44.3' North, Longitude 02° 58.5' West) in a 167° (True) direction to Crossens Sewage Works (Latitude 53° 40.8' North, Longitude 02° 57.1' West).
- (8) Duddon Estuary - a line drawn from Haverigg Point (Latitude 54° 11.3' North, Longitude 03° 19.0' West) in a 152° (True) direction to high water mark on Walney Island in the vicinity of Shope Tree Scar (Latitude 54° 08.6' North, Longitude 03° 16.5' West) and a line drawn between Lowsy Point (Latitude 54° 09.2' North, Longitude 03° 14.8' West) and North End Haws (Latitude 54° 09.0' North, Longitude 03° 15.0' West) except the area defined at (1) above.
- (9) Leven, Kent and Keer Estuaries - a line drawn from Aldingham Church (Latitude 54° 07.6' North, Longitude 03° 05.8' West) in a 114° (True) direction to Morecambe Stone Jetty Light (Latitude 54° 04.4' North, Longitude 02° 52.7' West) except the areas defined at (2), (3) and (4) above.
- (10) Lune Estuary - a line from the lighthouse at the seaward end of South Jetty at Heysham (Latitude 54° 01.9' North, Longitude 02° 55.7' West) in a 226° (True) direction to King's Scar Buoy (Latitude 53° 57.0' North, Longitude 03° 04.3' West) thence in a 147° (True) direction to Rossall Point Coast Guard (Latitude 53° 55.3' North, Longitude 03° 02.6' West) except the areas defined at (5) and (6) above.
- (11) Ribble Estuary - a line drawn from the root of St. Annes Pier (Latitude 53° 44.9' North, Longitude 03° 02.1' West) in a 232° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 53° 41.7' North, Longitude 03° 08.9' West (in the vicinity of the Gut Buoy) thence in a 118° (True) direction to the root of Southport Pier (Latitude 53° 39.2' North, Longitude 03° 00.8' West) except the area defined at (7) above.