



CORNWALL INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)

Whitsand and Looe Bay Marine Conservation Zone (Fishing Restrictions) Byelaw 2018

The Authority for the Cornwall 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.

Interpretation

1. In this byelaw:-
 - (a) "Authority" means the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in Articles 2 and 4 of The Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (Statutory Instrument 2010 No.2188);
 - (b) "bottom towed gear" means any mobile fishing gear used for taking sea fisheries resources which during a fishing operation is in connection with the seabed or other land and not fixed by any means to the seabed or other land;
 - (c) "co-ordinate" means a co-ordinate on the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS84);
 - (d) "District" means the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in Articles 2 and 3 of The Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010;
 - (d) "prohibited area" means the marine area defined in the Schedule.

Prohibition

2. A person must not use bottom towed gear in the prohibited area.
3. A person must not cause bottom towed gear, or any part thereof, to be below the surface of the sea in the prohibited area.

Exemption

4. This byelaw does not apply to any person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, if that act was carried out in accordance with a written permission issued by the Authority, permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes.

SCHEDULE

Prohibited area co-ordinates and boundary lines.

A: 50° 19.991' N, 004° 28.614' W thence a geodesic line to
B: 50° 19.654' N, 004° 28.273' W thence a geodesic line to
C: 50° 19.705' N, 004° 26.120' W thence a geodesic line to
D: 50° 20.375' N, 004° 25.775' W thence a geodesic line to
E: 50° 19.291' N, 004° 15.082' W thence a geodesic line to
F: 50° 19.578' N, 004° 14.397' W thence a geodesic line to
G: 50° 20.382' N, 004° 15.814' W thence a geodesic line to
H: 50° 21.060' N, 004° 18.441' W thence a geodesic line to
I: 50° 21.060' N, 004° 19.617' W thence a geodesic line to
J: 50° 21.708' N, 004° 19.617' W thence the mean high water line to
K: 50° 21.057' N, 004° 27.068' W thence a geodesic line to
L: 50° 21.032' N, 004° 27.088' W thence the mean high water line to A.

Explanatory Note

(This note does not form part of the byelaw)

This byelaw prohibits the use of bottom towed gear in a marine area located within the Whitsand and Looe Bay Marine Conservation Zone. It is designed to provide protection to features that are described in The Whitsand and Looe Bay Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013 (Ministerial Order 2013 No.27). It is also prohibited to cause any part of a bottom towed gear arrangement to be below the surface of the water in that area.

Bottom towed gear used contrary to the prohibitions within the byelaw, for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes may be allowed by written permission of the Authority.