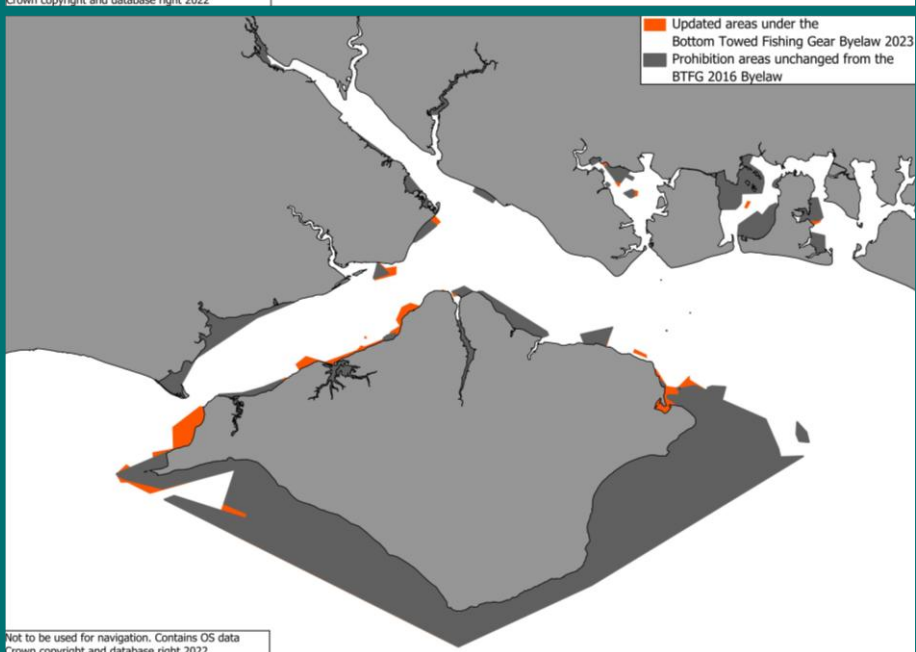
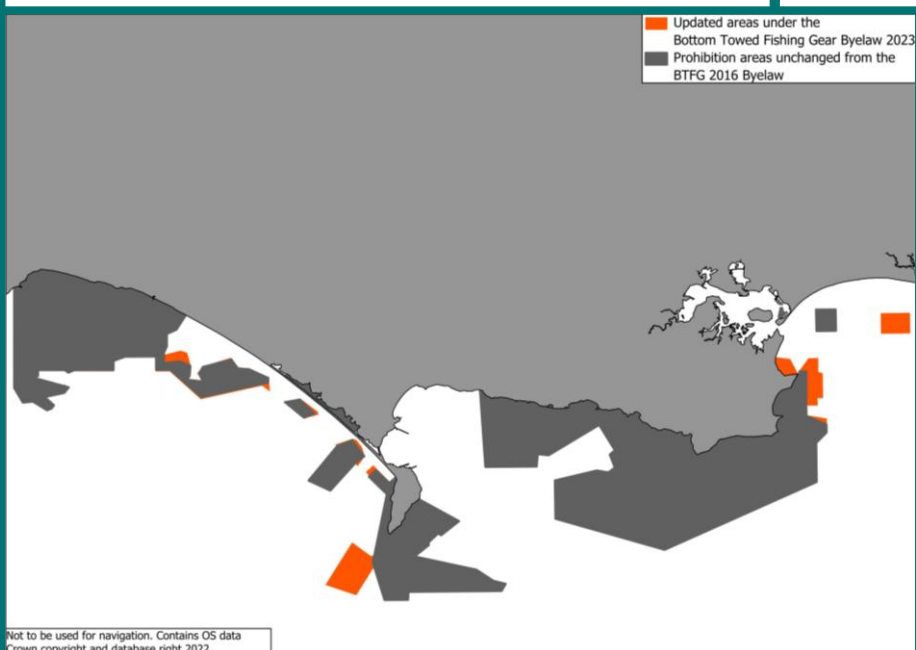


Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2023

The **Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2023** is the outcome of a review of BTFG management in the Southern IFCA District in response to the addition of new Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) and updated best available evidence to inform designated feature location & extent in MCZs, SACs & SPAs.

The maps below show existing BTFG prohibited areas under the Southern IFCA BTFG Byelaw 2016 and **new areas under the BTFG Byelaw 2023** which are now in place.



What are the regulations?

A person must not use bottom towed fishing gear within a prohibited area



A person must not use a vessel carrying bottom towed fishing gear while transiting through a

prohibited area unless all parts of that gear are inboard and above the sea



The BTFG Byelaw 2023 considers **feature-based management for MPAs**: sites designated under the **National Site Network**, Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs)

For the full Byelaw text and coordinates of prohibited areas please visit:

<https://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/bottom-towed-gears-regulations> or scan the QR code.

