

SOUTHERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009¹

BOTTOM TOWED FISHING GEAR BYELAW 2023

The Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 155(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, hereby makes the following byelaw for that District.

COMMENCEMENT

- (1) This Byelaw comes into force on the date on which it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.

INTERPRETATION

- (2) In this byelaw:

- a) all positions given by means of coordinate are defined on World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS84);
- b) "the Authority" means the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in Articles 2 and 4 of the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010²;
- c) "bottom towed fishing gear" means any fishing gear which is capable of being pulled or pushed along the seabed;
- d) "the District" means the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in Article 3 of the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010²; and
- e) "prohibited area" means the area enclosed by the co-ordinates listed in Schedule 1 under each numbered area.

PROHIBITION

- (3) A person must not, subject to paragraph (5), use bottom towed fishing gear within a prohibited area.
- (4) A person must not, subject to paragraph (5), use a vessel carrying bottom towed fishing gear within a prohibited area unless all parts of that gear are inboard and above the sea.

DISPENSATIONS

- (5) Paragraphs (3) and (4) do not apply to any person who has obtained a written dispensation issued by the Authority, authorising an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, for educational, scientific, stocking or breeding purposes.
- (6) A dispensation issued under paragraph (5) will only be valid if:
 - a. The act being undertaken complies with the terms of the dispensation; and

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² S.I. 2010/2198

- b. The dispensation is carried on board and produced for inspection when requested by an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer of the Authority or any other person authorised by the Authority to make such a request.

REVIEW

- (7) The Authority (or a sub-committee thereof authorised by the Authority to do so) will review the suitability of the byelaw in accordance with any changes in available evidence, to include any statutory advice provided by Natural England or other such bodies, organisations or persons as the Authority deem fit and in line with the Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2023 Management Intentions Document.

OFFENCES

- (8) A person who contravenes this byelaw is guilty of an offence under section 163 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

REVOCATIONS

- (9) The byelaw with the title 'Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2016' made by the Authority, in exercise of its powers under sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, confirmed on 17th November 2017, and in force immediately before the making of this byelaw is revoked.

I hereby certify that the above byelaw was made by Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at their meeting on 8th June 2023.



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Pia Bateman

Chief Executive Officer
Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 155(3) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, confirms the Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2023 made by the Southern IFCA on 8th June 2023.



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

Date: 07.07.25

SCHEDULE 1

PROHIBITED AREAS

Point Number	Latitude		Longitude		Straight Line, unless otherwise stated, to Next Point Number
Chichester and Langstone Harbours – Areas 1-6					
Area 1					
1	50 °	49.030 minutes N	000 °	57.295 minutes W	to
2	50 °	49.035 minutes N	000 °	56.921 minutes W	to
3	50 °	48.320 minutes N	000 °	56.647 minutes W	to
4	50 °	48.149 minutes N	000 °	56.821 minutes W	to
5	50 °	48.054 minutes N	000 °	57.177 minutes W	From point 5 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to
6	50 °	48.175 minutes N	000 °	58.000 minutes W	to
7	50 °	48.410 minutes N	000 °	57.880 minutes W	From point 7 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to
8	50 °	48.602 minutes N	000 °	58.085 minutes W	to
9	50 °	48.641 minutes N	000 °	58.084 minutes W	From point 9 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 1.
Area 2					
10	50 °	47.803 minutes N	000 °	57.392 minutes W	to
11	50 °	47.664 minutes N	000 °	56.579 minutes W	to
12	50 °	47.200 minutes N	000 °	56.590 minutes W	From point 12 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to
13	50 °	46.991 minutes N	000 °	57.058 minutes W	to
14	50 °	47.062 minutes N	000 °	57.076 minutes W	From point 14 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to
15	50 °	47.376 minutes N	000 °	57.410 minutes W	to
16	50 °	47.654 minutes N	000 °	57.331 minutes W	From point 16 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 10.
Area 3					
17	50 °	49.515 minutes N	000 °	59.104 minutes W	to
18	50 °	49.437 minutes N	000 °	59.165 minutes W	to
19	50 °	49.440 minutes N	000 °	59.314 minutes W	to
20	50 °	49.495 minutes N	000 °	59.456 minutes W	to
21	50 °	49.609 minutes N	000 °	59.418 minutes W	to
22	50 °	49.663 minutes N	000 °	59.367 minutes W	to
23	50 °	49.731 minutes N	000 °	59.246 minutes W	to
24	50 °	49.842 minutes N	000 °	58.961 minutes W	to

25	50 °	49.703	minutes	N	000 °	59.004	minutes	W	From point 25 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 17.
Area 4									
26	50 °	47.775	minutes	N	001 °	1.516	minutes	W	to
27	50 °	48.140	minutes	N	001 °	1.446	minutes	W	to
28	50 °	48.600	minutes	N	001 °	0.363	minutes	W	to
29	50 °	48.465	minutes	N	001 °	0.117	minutes	W	to
30	50 °	48.781	minutes	N	000 °	59.704	minutes	W	to
31	50 °	48.887	minutes	N	000 °	59.273	minutes	W	to
32	50 °	48.824	minutes	N	000 °	59.154	minutes	W	From point 32 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 26.
Area 5									
33	50 °	48.998	minutes	N	001 °	0.917	minutes	W	to
34	50 °	48.961	minutes	N	001 °	0.710	minutes	W	to
35	50 °	48.711	minutes	N	001 °	0.953	minutes	W	to
36	50 °	48.760	minutes	N	001 °	1.107	minutes	W	From point 36 to point 33.
Area 6									
37	50 °	50.635	minutes	N	001 °	0.544	minutes	W	to
38	50 °	50.331	minutes	N	001 °	0.766	minutes	W	to
39	50 °	50.031	minutes	N	001 °	0.121	minutes	W	to
40	50 °	49.842	minutes	N	000 °	59.961	minutes	W	to
41	50 °	49.633	minutes	N	000 °	59.942	minutes	W	to
42	50 °	49.264	minutes	N	001 °	0.090	minutes	W	to
43	50 °	49.264	minutes	N	001 °	1.237	minutes	W	to
44	50 °	48.937	minutes	N	001 °	1.267	minutes	W	to
45	50 °	48.840	minutes	N	001 °	1.369	minutes	W	to
46	50 °	48.711	minutes	N	001 °	1.599	minutes	W	to
47	50 °	48.711	minutes	N	001 °	2.375	minutes	W	From point 47 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 48
48	50 °	50.006	minutes	N	001 °	3.280	minutes	W	to
49	50 °	50.027	minutes	N	001 °	3.257	minutes	W	From point 49 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 37.

Portsmouth Harbour – Areas 7-12

Area 7									
50	50 °	49.514	minutes	N	001 °	7.450	minutes	W	to
51	50 °	49.448	minutes	N	001 °	7.103	minutes	W	to
52	50 °	49.271	minutes	N	001 °	7.148	minutes	W	to
53	50 °	49.219	minutes	N	001 °	7.585	minutes	W	to
54	50 °	49.387	minutes	N	001 °	7.930	minutes	W	From point 54 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 50.
Area 8									
55	50 °	50.180	minutes	N	001 °	7.501	minutes	W	to
56	50 °	50.059	minutes	N	001 °	7.667	minutes	W	to
57	50 °	49.937	minutes	N	001 °	7.326	minutes	W	to
58	50 °	49.846	minutes	N	001 °	7.426	minutes	W	to
59	50 °	49.986	minutes	N	001 °	7.809	minutes	W	to
60	50 °	49.782	minutes	N	001 °	8.074	minutes	W	to
61	50 °	49.630	minutes	N	001 °	8.160	minutes	W	to
62	50 °	49.632	minutes	N	001 °	8.251	minutes	W	to
63	50 °	49.791	minutes	N	001 °	8.419	minutes	W	to
64	50 °	49.853	minutes	N	001 °	8.396	minutes	W	to
65	50 °	50.370	minutes	N	001 °	8.972	minutes	W	to
66	50 °	50.406	minutes	N	001 °	9.079	minutes	W	to
67	50 °	50.471	minutes	N	001 °	9.102	minutes	W	From point 67 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 55.
Area 9									
68	50 °	49.798	minutes	N	001 °	8.864	minutes	W	to
69	50 °	49.700	minutes	N	001 °	8.682	minutes	W	to
70	50 °	49.616	minutes	N	001 °	8.829	minutes	W	to
71	50 °	49.722	minutes	N	001 °	8.965	minutes	W	From point 71 to point 68.
Area 10									
72	50 °	50.211	minutes	N	001 °	9.300	minutes	W	to
73	50 °	50.289	minutes	N	001 °	9.169	minutes	W	to
74	50 °	50.177	minutes	N	001 °	9.030	minutes	W	to
75	50 °	50.103	minutes	N	001 °	9.049	minutes	W	to

76	50 °	50.093	minutes	N	001 °	9.079	minutes	W	From point 76 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 72.
Area 11									
77	50 °	50.256	minutes	N	001 °	9.627	minutes	W	to
78	50 °	50.300	minutes	N	001 °	9.685	minutes	W	to
79	50 °	50.356	minutes	N	001 °	9.580	minutes	W	to
80	50 °	50.345	minutes	N	001 °	9.529	minutes	W	From point 80 along the base of the jetty until the southerly end of the jetty, then along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 77.
Area 12									
81	50 °	50.567	minutes	N	001 °	9.265	minutes	W	to
82	50 °	50.425	minutes	N	001 °	9.700	minutes	W	to
83	50 °	50.499	minutes	N	001 °	9.779	minutes	W	From point 83 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 81.
Southampton Water – Areas 13-18									
Area 13									
84	50 °	49.275	minutes	N	001 °	15.186	minutes	W	to
85	50 °	49.156	minutes	N	001 °	15.368	minutes	W	to
86	50 °	49.576	minutes	N	001 °	16.473	minutes	W	to
87	50 °	49.739	minutes	N	001 °	16.334	minutes	W	From point 87 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 84.
Area 14									
The Part of the District that lies below mean high water springs and north of a straight line drawn from:									
88	50 °	52.381	minutes	N	001 °	18.341	minutes	W	to
89	50 °	52.385	minutes	N	001 °	18.783	minutes	W	
Area 15									
The Part of the District that lies below mean high water springs and upriver of a straight line drawn from:									
90	50 °	54.097	minutes	N	001 °	27.122	minutes	W	to
91	50 °	54.133	minutes	N	001 °	27.119	minutes	W	to
92	50 °	54.290	minutes	N	001 °	27.587	minutes	W	to
93	50 °	54.287	minutes	N	001 °	27.875	minutes	W	to
94	50 °	54.424	minutes	N	001 °	27.900	minutes	W	to
95	50 °	54.614	minutes	N	001 °	28.103	minutes	W	to
96	50 °	54.687	minutes	N	001 °	28.027	minutes	W	

Area 16		50 °	48.910	minutes	N	001 °	18.557	minutes	W	to	From point 98 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 97.
97	98	50 °	50.213	minutes	N	001 °	20.155	minutes	W		
Area 17		50 °	50.762	minutes	N	001 °	20.979	minutes	W	to	From point 100 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 99.
99	100	50 °	51.901	minutes	N	001 °	23.316	minutes	W		
Area 18		50 °	48.749	minutes	N	001 °	18.690	minutes	W	to	From point 104 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 101.
101	102	50 °	48.506	minutes	N	001 °	18.359	minutes	W	to	
103	104	50 °	47.792	minutes	N	001 °	19.800	minutes	W	to	
		50 °	47.807	minutes	N	001 °	19.970	minutes	W	to	
Lymington, Keyhaven and Beaulieu – Areas 19-21											
Area 19		50 °	47.107	minutes	N	001 °	21.922	minutes	W	to	
105	106	50 °	46.897	minutes	N	001 °	21.560	minutes	W	to	
107	108	50 °	46.953	minutes	N	001 °	20.936	minutes	W	to	
109	110	50 °	46.650	minutes	N	001 °	20.963	minutes	W	to	
		50 °	46.458	minutes	N	001 °	22.196	minutes	W	to	
		50 °	46.563	minutes	N	001 °	22.317	minutes	W	to	
111		50 °	47.119	minutes	N	001 °	22.011	minutes	W	to	From point 111 to point 105.
Area 20		50 °	45.756	minutes	N	001 °	26.754	minutes	W	to	
112	113	50 °	45.189	minutes	N	001 °	28.936	minutes	W	to	
114		50 °	43.792	minutes	N	001 °	32.437	minutes	W	to	From point 114 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 112.
Area 21		50 °	43.786	minutes	N	001 °	32.446	minutes	W	to	From point 115 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 116.
115	116	50 °	42.860	minutes	N	001 °	33.300	minutes	W	to	

Yarmouth – Area 22									
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117	50 °	42.419	minutes	N	001 °	31.204	minutes	W	to
118	50 °	42.478	minutes	N	001 °	31.199	minutes	W	to
119	50 °	42.512	minutes	N	001 °	29.845	minutes	W	to
120	50 °	42.677	minutes	N	001 °	28.848	minutes	W	to
121	50 °	42.776	minutes	N	001 °	28.496	minutes	W	to
122	50 °	43.041	minutes	N	001	27.362	minutes	W	to
123	50 °	43.011	minutes	N	001	27.295	minutes	W	to
From point 123 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 117 including the waters within the River Yar below mean high water springs.									
Yarmouth to Cowes – Areas 23-24									
Area 23									
124	50 °	43.288	minutes	N	001 °	26.599	minutes	W	to
125	50 °	43.503	minutes	N	001 °	26.805	minutes	W	to
126	50 °	43.796	minutes	N	001 °	26.198	minutes	W	to
127	50 °	43.572	minutes	N	001 °	25.127	minutes	W	to
128	50 °	43.973	minutes	N	001 °	23.302	minutes	W	to
129	50 °	44.133	minutes	N	001 °	23.059	minutes	W	to
130	50 °	44.095	minutes	N	001 °	22.852	minutes	W	to
131	50 °	44.406	minutes	N	001 °	21.559	minutes	W	to
132	50 °	44.614	minutes	N	001 °	21.362	minutes	W	to
133	50 °	44.806	minutes	N	001 °	20.847	minutes	W	to
134	50 °	45.022	minutes	N	001 °	21.043	minutes	W	to
135	50 °	45.482	minutes	N	001 °	20.707	minutes	W	to
136	50 °	45.629	minutes	N	001 °	20.205	minutes	W	to
137	50 °	45.507	minutes	N	001 °	19.642	minutes	W	to
From point 137 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 124 including the waters within Newtown Harbour below mean high water springs.									
Area 24									
138	50 °	44.453	minutes	N	001 °	22.726	minutes	W	to
139	50 °	44.372	minutes	N	001 °	22.729	minutes	W	to
140	50 °	44.374	minutes	N	001 °	22.863	minutes	W	to

141	50 °	44.455	minutes	N	001 °	22.860	minutes	W	From point 141 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 138.
The Medina, Cowes and Osbourne Bay – Areas 25-28									
Area 25									
142	50 °	46.027	minutes	N	001 °	18.427	minutes	W	to
143	50 °	46.071	minutes	N	001 °	18.422	minutes	W	to
144	50 °	46.070	minutes	N	001 °	18.255	minutes	W	to
145	50 °	46.023	minutes	N	001 °	18.253	minutes	W	From point 145 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 142.
Area 26									
The Part of the District that lies below mean high water springs and south of a straight line drawn from:									
146	50 °	44.962	minutes	N	001 °	17.588	minutes	W	to
147	50 °	44.962	minutes	N	001 °	17.419	minutes	W	
Area 27									
148	50 °	45.767	minutes	N	001 °	17.319	minutes	W	to
149	50 °	45.846	minutes	N	001 °	17.444	minutes	W	to
150	50 °	45.803	minutes	N	001 °	17.749	minutes	W	to
151	50 °	46.029	minutes	N	001 °	17.847	minutes	W	to
152	50 °	46.155	minutes	N	001 °	17.043	minutes	W	to
153	50 °	45.976	minutes	N	001 °	16.618	minutes	W	From point 153 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 148.
Area 28									
154	50 °	45.947	minutes	N	001 °	16.346	minutes	W	to
155	50 °	45.985	minutes	N	001 °	16.314	minutes	W	to
156	50 °	45.976	minutes	N	001 °	16.089	minutes	W	to
157	50 °	44.473	minutes	N	001 °	12.484	minutes	W	to
158	50 °	44.346	minutes	N	001 °	12.409	minutes	W	to
159	50 °	44.261	minutes	N	001 °	12.813	minutes	W	From point 159 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 154 including those waters within Kings Quay.
Ryde to South Wight – Areas 29-31									
Area 29									
160	50 °	44.000	minutes	N	001 °	10.372	minutes	W	to
161	50 °	44.343	minutes	N	001 °	10.582	minutes	W	to
162	50 °	44.578	minutes	N	001 °	8.742	minutes	W	to

163	50 °	43.891	minutes	N	001 °	9.112	minutes	W	From point 163 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 160.
Area 30									
164	50 °	43.778	minutes	N	001 °	7.541	minutes	W	to
165	50 °	43.553	minutes	N	001 °	6.856	minutes	W	to
166	50 °	43.430	minutes	N	001 °	6.845	minutes	W	to
167	50 °	43.648	minutes	N	001 °	7.636	minutes	W	From point 167 to point 164.
Area 31									
168	50 °	41.008	minutes	N	000 °	58.440	minutes	W	to
169	50 °	40.615	minutes	N	000 °	57.901	minutes	W	to
170	50 °	40.248	minutes	N	000 °	57.780	minutes	W	to
171	50 °	40.293	minutes	N	000 °	58.351	minutes	W	to
172	50 °	40.555	minutes	N	000 °	58.501	minutes	W	From point 172 to point 168.
South Wight – Area 32									
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173	50 °	43.039	minutes	N	1 °	6.443	minutes	W	to
174	50 °	43.052	minutes	N	1 °	6.359	minutes	W	to
175	50 °	42.409	minutes	N	1 °	5.752	minutes	W	to
176	50 °	42.345	minutes	N	1 °	5.163	minutes	W	to
177	50 °	42.751	minutes	N	1 °	4.492	minutes	W	to
178	50 °	42.750	minutes	N	1 °	4.446	minutes	W	to
179	50 °	42.620	minutes	N	1 °	4.447	minutes	W	to
180	50 °	42.244	minutes	N	1 °	3.526	minutes	W	to
181	50 °	42.255	minutes	N	1 °	3.459	minutes	W	to
182	50 °	42.320	minutes	N	1 °	3.453	minutes	W	to
183	50 °	42.368	minutes	N	1 °	3.203	minutes	W	to
184	50 °	42.327	minutes	N	1 °	2.422	minutes	W	to
185	50 °	41.856	minutes	N	1 °	2.645	minutes	W	to
186	50 °	41.126	minutes	N	1 °	0.206	minutes	W	to
187	50 °	40.052	minutes	N	0 °	59.524	minutes	W	to
188	50 °	39.752	minutes	N	0 °	59.424	minutes	W	to
189	50 °	39.759	minutes	N	0 °	58.110	minutes	W	to
190	50 °	35.443	minutes	N	1 °	9.921	minutes	W	to
191	50 °	33.183	minutes	N	1 °	17.943	minutes	W	to

192	50 °	38.734	minutes	N	1	°	34.406	minutes	W	to
193	50 °	38.867	minutes	N	1	°	33.829	minutes	W	to
194	50 °	38.300	minutes	N	1	°	31.200	minutes	W	to
195	50 °	39.764	minutes	N	1	°	30.342	minutes	W	to
196	50 °	38.949	minutes	N	1	°	35.194	minutes	W	to
197	50 °	39.368	minutes	N	1	°	36.454	minutes	W	to
198	50 °	39.370	minutes	N	1	°	36.840	minutes	W	to
199	50 °	39.685	minutes	N	1	°	37.105	minutes	W	to
200	50 °	40.026	minutes	N	1	°	36.504	minutes	W	to
201	50 °	39.910	minutes	N	1	°	36.242	minutes	W	to
202	50 °	40.243	minutes	N	1	°	34.990	minutes	W	to
203	50 °	40.438	minutes	N	1	°	35.012	minutes	W	to
204	50 °	40.562	minutes	N	1	°	33.841	minutes	W	to
205	50 °	41.335	minutes	N	1	°	33.851	minutes	W	to
206	50 °	42.075	minutes	N	1	°	32.266	minutes	W	to
207	50 °	42.049	minutes	N	1	°	32.074	minutes	W	to
From point 207 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 173.										
Poole Bay – Areas 33-34										
Area 33										
208	50 °	41.486	minutes	N	001	°	46.576	minutes	W	to
209	50 °	40.461	minutes	N	001	°	46.581	minutes	W	to
210	50 °	40.465	minutes	N	001	°	48.873	minutes	W	to
211	50 °	41.490	minutes	N	001	°	48.869	minutes	W	From point 211 to point 208.
Area 34										
212	50 °	41.729	minutes	N	001	°	52.368	minutes	W	to
213	50 °	40.632	minutes	N	001	°	52.363	minutes	W	to
214	50 °	40.637	minutes	N	001	°	53.947	minutes	W	to
215	50 °	41.738	minutes	N	001	°	53.961	minutes	W	From point 215 to point 212.
Poole Harbour – Areas 35-36										
Area 35										
216	50 °	41.842	minutes	N	001	°	56.556	minutes	W	to
217	50 °	41.654	minutes	N	001	°	56.514	minutes	W	to
218	50 °	41.622	minutes	N	001	°	56.143	minutes	W	to

219	50 °	41.328	minutes	N	001 °	56.590	minutes	W	to
220	50 °	41.351	minutes	N	001 °	56.911	minutes	W	to
221	50 °	41.852	minutes	N	001 °	56.718	minutes	W	From point 221 to point 216.
Area 36									
222	50 °	42.236	minutes	N	001 °	56.820	minutes	W	to
223	50 °	42.127	minutes	N	001 °	56.780	minutes	W	to
224	50 °	42.047	minutes	N	001 °	56.569	minutes	W	to
225	50 °	42.017	minutes	N	001 °	56.553	minutes	W	to
226	50 °	41.998	minutes	N	001 °	56.558	minutes	W	to
227	50 °	41.996	minutes	N	001 °	56.630	minutes	W	to
228	50 °	42.025	minutes	N	001 °	56.847	minutes	W	to
229	50 °	42.243	minutes	N	001 °	57.150	minutes	W	to
230	50 °	42.292	minutes	N	001 °	57.024	minutes	W	From point 230 to point 222.
Studland Bay – Area 37									
Area 37									
231	50 °	39.383	minutes	N	001 °	57.149	minutes	W	to
232	50 °	39.280	minutes	N	001 °	56.014	minutes	W	to
233	50 °	38.683	minutes	N	001 °	55.529	minutes	W	to
234	50 °	38.543	minutes	N	001 °	55.407	minutes	W	From point 234 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 231.
Purbeck Coast – Area 38									
Area 38									
235	50 °	38.581	minutes	N	001 °	55.350	minutes	W	to
236	50 °	38.670	minutes	N	001 °	55.337	minutes	W	to
237	50 °	39.307	minutes	N	001 °	54.575	minutes	W	to
238	50 °	39.297	minutes	N	001 °	53.813	minutes	W	to
239	50 °	38.613	minutes	N	001 °	53.833	minutes	W	to
240	50 °	38.551	minutes	N	001 °	53.482	minutes	W	to
241	50 °	37.312	minutes	N	001 °	53.483	minutes	W	to
242	50 °	37.315	minutes	N	001 °	53.917	minutes	W	to
243	50 °	36.942	minutes	N	001 °	53.913	minutes	W	to
244	50 °	36.948	minutes	N	001 °	54.724	minutes	W	to
245	50 °	36.461	minutes	N	001 °	54.711	minutes	W	to

246	50	°	36.294	minutes	N	001	°	53.214	minutes	W	to
247	50	°	35.588	minutes	N	001	°	53.219	minutes	W	to
248	50	°	35.078	minutes	N	001	°	54.044	minutes	W	to
249	50	°	33.132	minutes	N	001	°	54.051	minutes	W	to
250	50	°	29.849	minutes	N	002	°	6.019	minutes	W	to
251	50	°	31.461	minutes	N	002	°	14.535	minutes	W	to
252	50	°	33.393	minutes	N	002	°	14.549	minutes	W	to
253	50	°	33.869	minutes	N	002	°	11.239	minutes	W	to
254	50	°	33.770	minutes	N	002	°	10.355	minutes	W	to
255	50	°	33.987	minutes	N	002	°	9.864	minutes	W	to
256	50	°	34.642	minutes	N	002	°	10.242	minutes	W	to
257	50	°	34.853	minutes	N	002	°	9.850	minutes	W	to
258	50	°	36.098	minutes	N	002	°	11.026	minutes	W	to
259	50	°	34.620	minutes	N	002	°	14.981	minutes	W	to
260	50	°	34.675	minutes	N	002	°	15.818	minutes	W	to
261	50	°	34.064	minutes	N	002	°	15.909	minutes	W	to
262	50	°	34.066	minutes	N	002	°	19.968	minutes	W	to
263	50	°	37.914	minutes	N	002	°	20.335	minutes	W	to

From point 263 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 235.

Portland and Stennis Ledges – Areas 39-40

Area 39

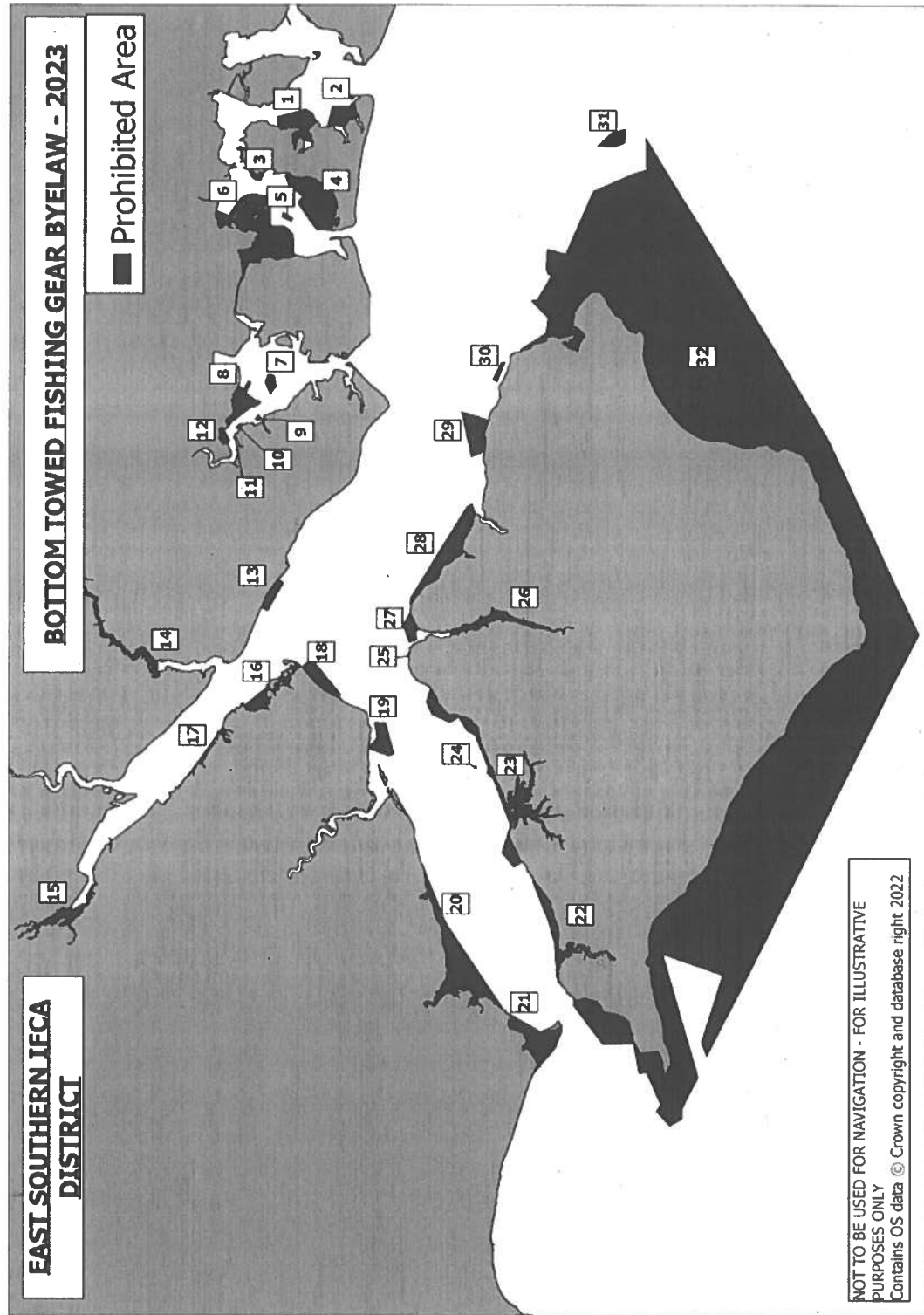
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266	50	°	30.690	minutes	N	002	°	23.424	minutes	W	to
267	50	°	30.761	minutes	N	002	°	23.676	minutes	W	to
268	50	°	30.330	minutes	N	002	°	24.397	minutes	W	to
269	50	°	30.219	minutes	N	002	°	24.380	minutes	W	to
270	50	°	29.683	minutes	N	002	°	25.467	minutes	W	to
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272	50	°	28.412	minutes	N	002	°	19.352	minutes	W	to
273	50	°	28.254	minutes	N	002	°	18.393	minutes	W	to
274	50	°	27.883	minutes	N	002	°	18.757	minutes	W	to
275	50	°	27.883	minutes	N	002	°	26.000	minutes	W	to
276	50	°	27.483	minutes	N	002	°	26.033	minutes	W	to

Area 42									
305	50	°	37.569	minutes	N	002	°	34.394	minutes W to
306	50	°	36.901	minutes	N	002	°	33.020	minutes W to
307	50	°	36.757	minutes	N	002	°	32.952	minutes W to
308	50	°	36.565	minutes	N	002	°	34.060	minutes W to
309	50	°	37.401	minutes	N	002	°	35.673	minutes W From point 309 to point 305.
Lyme Bay – Area 43									
Area 43									
310	50	°	41.735	minutes	N	002	°	43.267	minutes W to
311	50	°	41.000	minutes	N	002	°	44.020	minutes W to
312	50	°	40.790	minutes	N	002	°	44.768	minutes W to
313	50	°	40.180	minutes	N	002	°	44.767	minutes W to
314	50	°	39.764	minutes	N	002	°	45.035	minutes W to
315	50	°	39.970	minutes	N	002	°	43.721	minutes W to
316	50	°	39.864	minutes	N	002	°	43.212	minutes W to
317	50	°	39.219	minutes	N	002	°	42.925	minutes W to
318	50	°	38.702	minutes	N	002	°	42.963	minutes W to
319	50	°	38.538	minutes	N	002	°	43.162	minutes W to
320	50	°	38.485	minutes	N	002	°	42.086	minutes W to
321	50	°	38.839	minutes	N	002	°	42.418	minutes W to
322	50	°	39.186	minutes	N	002	°	41.962	minutes W to
323	50	°	39.609	minutes	N	002	°	39.759	minutes W to
324	50	°	39.141	minutes	N	002	°	39.243	minutes W to
325	50	°	39.045	minutes	N	002	°	38.214	minutes W to
326	50	°	38.600	minutes	N	002	°	36.833	minutes W to
327	50	°	37.920	minutes	N	002	°	36.743	minutes W to
328	50	°	38.210	minutes	N	002	°	37.356	minutes W to
329	50	°	37.548	minutes	N	002	°	42.154	minutes W to
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333	50	°	39.653	minutes	N	002	°	48.090	minutes W to
334	50	°	39.458	minutes	N	002	°	48.942	minutes W to

335	50	°	38.949	minutes	N	002	°	48.945	minutes	W	to
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339	50	°	38.969	minutes	N	002	°	54.864	minutes	W	to
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341	50	°	38.705	minutes	N	002	°	55.000	minutes	W	to
342	50	°	38.617	minutes	N	002	°	55.000	minutes	W	to
343	50	°	38.284	minutes	N	002	°	53.089	minutes	W	to
344	50	°	38.290	minutes	N	002	°	52.785	minutes	W	to
345	50	°	38.167	minutes	N	002	°	52.433	minutes	W	to
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347	50	°	37.667	minutes	N	002	°	54.300	minutes	W	to
348	50	°	37.267	minutes	N	002	°	53.600	minutes	W	to
349	50	°	37.084	minutes	N	002	°	53.830	minutes	W	to
350	50	°	37.000	minutes	N	002	°	54.185	minutes	W	to
351	50	°	37.433	minutes	N	002	°	55.300	minutes	W	to
352	50	°	37.382	minutes	N	002	°	56.083	minutes	W	to
353	50	°	38.124	minutes	N	002	°	56.780	minutes	W	to
354	50	°	43.070	minutes	N	002	°	56.780	minutes	W	From point 354 along the coast at the level of mean high water spring tide to point 310.

SCHEDULE 2

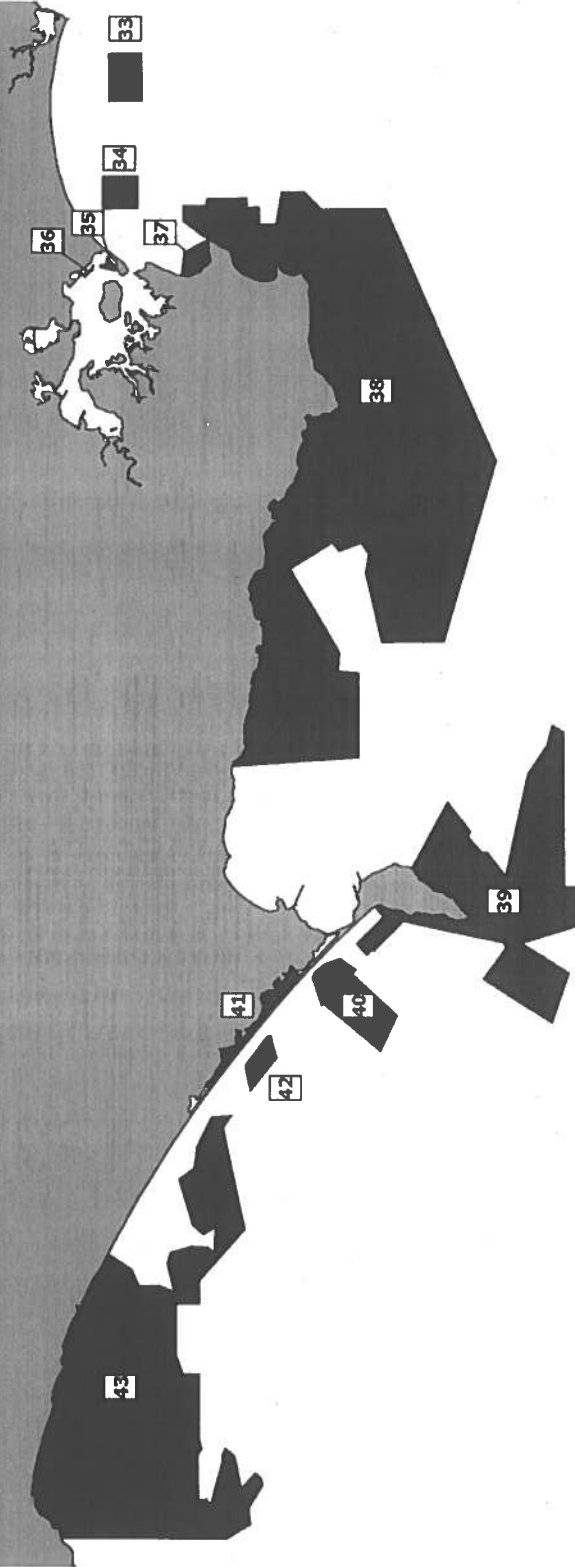
PROHIBITED AREAS ILLUSTRATIVE MAPS – the number provided for each Prohibited Area corresponds to the Area Number in Schedule 1



**WEST SOUTHERN IECA
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BOTTOM TOWED FISHING GEAR BYELAW - 2023

■ Prohibited Area



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SOUTHERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(this note is not part of the byelaw)

This byelaw prohibits the use of bottom towed fishing gear for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources in areas of the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority District in order to protect designated features and supporting habitats within Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) and within or adjacent to Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

The byelaw also requires a person using a vessel carrying bottom towed fishing gear within a prohibited area to have all parts of that gear inboard and above the sea.

Prohibited areas are defined as areas enclosed by the co-ordinates listed in Schedule 1 to the Byelaw under each numbered area. Prohibited areas are also shown, for illustrative purposes only, on the maps in Schedule 2.

An application may be made to the Authority for a written dispensation authorising an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against the byelaw if that act is for educational, scientific, stocking or breeding purposes and is undertaken in accordance with the terms of the dispensation.

The Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority's 'Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2016' is revoked by this byelaw.