

# Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority



## Solent Scallop Fishery Code of Conduct

In order to promote a sustainable scallop fishery, the following measures should be followed when fishing for scallops (*Pecten maximus*) in the Solent:

- **Seasonal closure:** Between the 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, both days inclusive, no vessel should fish for scallops.
- **Gear specification:** Between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, both days inclusive, a person must not use a vessel to operate more than 2 scallop dredges.

**Definitions:** “Solent” means that part of the District as lies below mean high water springs from the East of an imaginary straight line drawn from Hurst Point at (**Point 1** - 50° 42.430’N 001° 32.935’W); to Fort Victoria at (**Point 2** - 50° 41.973’N 001° 32.045’W); to the West of an imaginary straight line drawn due south from the most south-westerly point of Hayling Island (**Point 3** - 50° 46.631’N 0° 56.255’W); to its point of intersection (**Point 4**) with an imaginary straight line drawn due east from Culver Cliff (**Point 5** - 50° 40.034’N 1° 5.747’W).

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### ***Explanatory Note***

*This Code of Conduct has been developed following concerns from industry regarding the sustainability of the Solent scallop fishery. The Code of Conduct aims to promote sustainability within the Solent scallop fishery:*

- *Via a seasonal closure, which seeks to protect the scallops during the spatting and settlement period;*
- *Via a gear restriction, which aims to mitigate impact on the seabed and promote safety across the fleet.*

*Southern IFCA will monitor vessels compliance with the Code of Conduct; the outcomes of which may be used to inform the future management of this fishery.*

*All other byelaws and national measures still apply across this fishery. Scallop dredges used should conform with the Southern IFCA Scallop Fishing Byelaw and the Scallop Order 2012. Please refer to [www.southern-IFCA.gov.uk](http://www.southern-IFCA.gov.uk) for further details.*

