

## Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw Fishery

### Guidance Document for Catch Reporting: Bivalve Harvesting Zones

*Information for Permit Holders for catch reporting under a Category A Permit for the 2024-2025 fishing season*

This guidance document is provided to aid Permit Holders in completing the **Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw (SDPB) Monthly Catch Return Form**.

The guidance is specific to reporting for the column on the catch return form titled ‘**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**’ (see circled column in the image below). This document should be read in conjunction with the SDPB and the Category A Permit 2024-2025 Permit Conditions.

Name..... Vessel.....  
 Month..... Year.....

Day	Hours Fished	Species Caught and Quantity	Name(s) of company or individual catch sold	Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken	Total Number of Tows	Day	Hours Fished	Species Caught and Quantity	Name(s) of company or individual catch sold	Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken	Total Number of Tows
<i>E.g.</i>	5.5	<i>CMM - 275kg COC - 75kg</i>	<i>Mr X</i>		5	35	16th				
1st							17th				

To ensure that the management of the Solent Dredge Permit Fishery continues to be based on the best available evidence, there is a need to relate catch data for King scallop more closely to the data obtained through the Solent Scallop Survey program. During previous seasons, Permit Holders have been required to report on the catch return forms the Bivalve Management Area (BMA) where fishing effort has taken place each day for all species. Given the majority of catches for King scallop are currently taken from a single BMA, BMA 3 – Eastern Solent, there is a need to define Sub-Areas for catch reporting within this BMA to improve understanding of harvesting areas in relation to patterns in the King scallop stock.

The information which will need to be provided on the catch return form for the 2024-2025 fishing season in the column ‘**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**’ will therefore be different depending on whether the fishing effort is for King scallop or another bivalve species (*excluding Native oyster*).

If fishing effort is for **bivalve species that are NOT King scallop** (*excluding Native oyster*), for example, but not limited to, Common cockle or species of clam then please go to **Section 1 of this document**.

If fishing effort is for **King scallop**, please go to **Section 2 of this document**.

In all cases, Permit Holders are required to complete all sections of the **SDPB Monthly Catch Return Form** in accordance with the requirements under the SDPB and the Category A Permit Conditions. This Guidance Document is designed to provide additional guidance on the reporting of 'Bivalve Harvesting Zones'.

#### Additional Information

Please note that, in accordance with the Category A Permit Conditions (11)(a)(iii) and (11)(b)(iii) the **SDPB Monthly Catch Return Form** now includes a column for reporting **the number of tows undertaken** to provide the ability for Permit Holders to report this information that is required under the Category A Permit Conditions.

#### Assistance with this Guidance Document

If any advice is required on the use of this guidance document or the completing of the SDPB Monthly Catch Return Form, please contact Southern IFCA by email at [permits@southern-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:permits@southern-ifca.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01202 721373.

Southern IFCA welcomes feedback from Permit Holders on using the new BMA Sub-Areas for catches of King scallop, if you wish to provide any feedback, please do so by email at [permits@southern-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:permits@southern-ifca.gov.uk).

**The Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw (SDPB) Monthly Catch Return Form must be received by the Authority no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.**

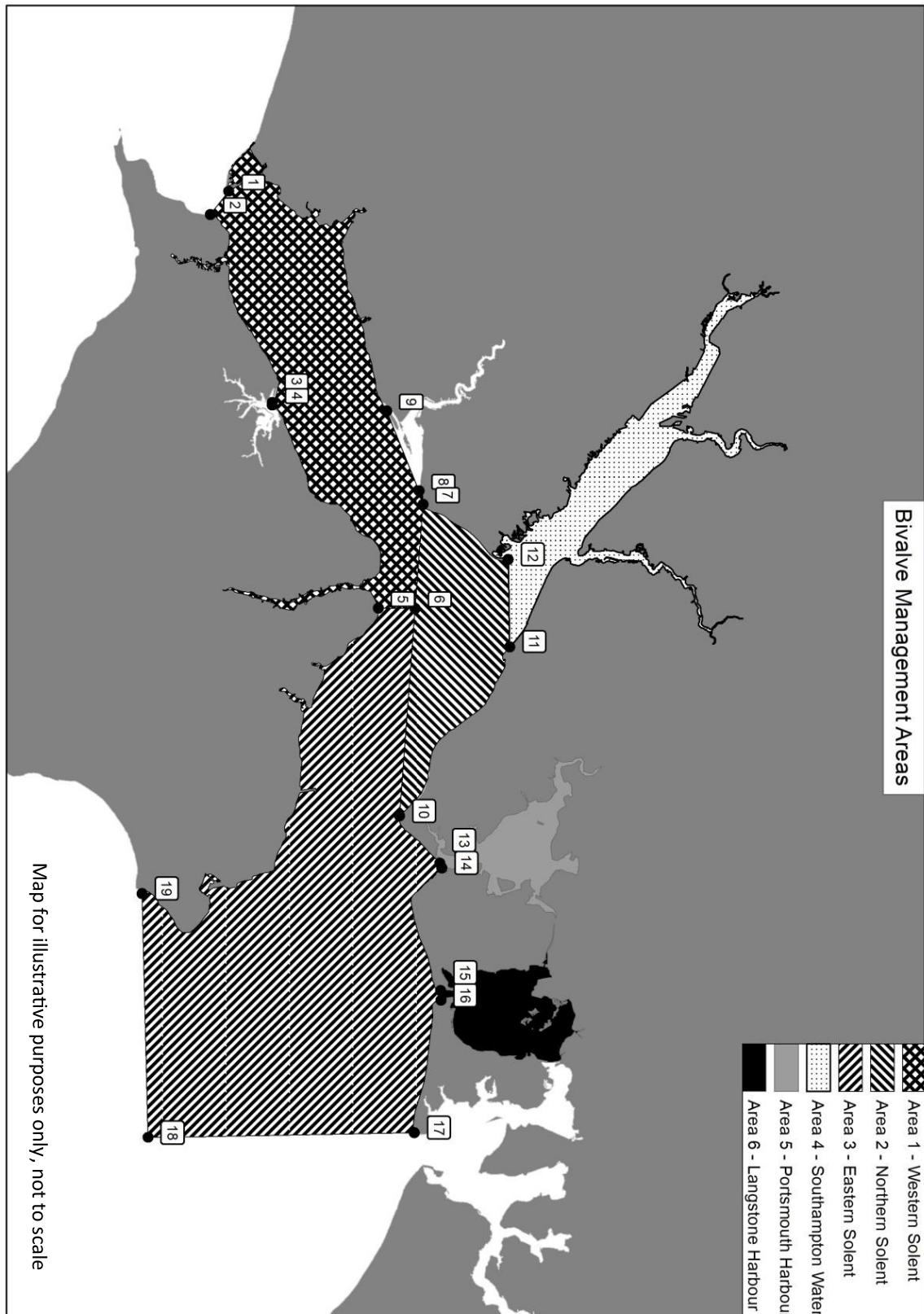
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## Section 1: Fishing for bivalve species that are NOT King scallop (excluding Native oyster)

If fishing has taken place for bivalve species that are **NOT King scallop**, for example, but not limited to, Common cockle and species of clam:

- In the column '**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**' on the SDPB Monthly Catch Return Form please report the **Bivalve Management Area(s)** from which the catch was taken.
- The Bivalve Management Areas (BMAs) are shown in **Map 1** in this Guidance Document. This same map is provided in Schedule 1 of the SDPB along with the detail, including coordinates, of how each BMA is defined.
- If your tows cross the line between BMAs or you use more than one BMA in a single day, please include the number of all relevant BMAs in the '**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**' column. If you are able to provide a weight of catch for each BMA used, please do so, if you are unable to do this, please list all relevant BMAs where fishing effort took place during that day.

Map 1: The Solent Dredge Permit Byelaw Bivalve Management Areas (BMAs)



## Section 2: Fishing for King scallop

If fishing has taken place for **King scallop**, in the column '**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**' please report as follows:

**If you are fishing within Bivalve Management Areas 1,2,4,5 or 6:**

- Please report the **Bivalve Management Area(s)** from which the catch was taken.

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**If you are fishing within Bivalve Management Area 3:**

- Please report the **BMA 3 Sub-Area** from which the catch was taken.
- BMA 3 Sub-Areas are shown on **Map 2** in this Guidance Document
- There are 6 Sub-Areas within BMA 3:
  - Zone 3a
  - Zone 3b
  - Zone 3c
  - Zone 3d
  - Zone 3e
  - Zone 3f
- The coordinates of points marking the boundaries of each Zone are given below:

**Zone 3a:** means that part of BMA 3 enclosed by a series of straight lines drawn

From Point 1 (50° 46.882'N 001° 16.631'W)

To Point 2 (50° 46.162'N 001° 16.618'W)

To Sturbridge Buoy, Point 3 (50° 45.481'N 001° 08.589'W)

To Gilkicker Point, Point 4 (50° 46.404'N 001° 08.429'W)

**Zone 3b:** means that part of BMA 3 enclosed by

A straight line from Point 2 (50° 46.162'N 001° 16.618'W) to Point 5 (50° 45.993'N 001° 16.617'W)

From Point 5 along the line of the coast to Point 6 (50° 45.946'N 001° 16.334'W)

A straight line from Point 6 to Point 7 (50° 45.985'N 001° 16.314'W)

A straight line from Point 7 to Point 8 (50° 45.976'N 001° 16.089'W)

A straight line from Point 8 to Point 9 (50° 44.473'N 001° 12.484'W)

A straight line from Point 9 to Point 10 (50° 44.346'N 001° 12.409'W)

A straight line from Point 10 to Point 11 (50° 44.251'N 001° 12.806'W)

From Point 11 along the line of the shore to Point 12 (50° 44.017'N 001° 10.449'W)

A straight line from Point 12 to Point 13 (50° 44.343'N 001° 10.583'W)

A straight line from Point 13 to Point 14 (50° 44.578'N 001° 08.742'W)

A straight line from Point 14 to Sturbridge Buoy, Point 3 (50° 45.481'N 001° 08.589'W)

A straight line from Point 3 to Point 2

**Zone 3c:** means that part of BMA 3 enclosed by

A straight line from Sturbridge Buoy, Point 3 (50° 45.481'N 001° 08.589'W) to Point 14 (50° 44.578'N 001° 08.742'W)

A straight line from Point 14 to Point 15 (50° 43.903'N 001° 09.199'W)

From Point 15 along the line of the coast to Nettlestone Point, Point 16 (50° 43.266'N 001° 06.550'W)

A straight line from Point 16 to No Mans Land Fort, Point 17 (50° 44.362'N 001° 05.594'W)

A straight line from Point 17 to Point 3

**Zone 3d:** means that part of BMA 3 enclosed by a series of straight lines drawn

From Sturbridge Buoy, Point 3 (50° 45.481'N 001° 08.589'W)

To No Mans Land Fort, Point 17 (50° 44.362'N 001° 05.594'W)

To Saddle navigational marker, Point 18 (50° 45.104'N 001° 04.951'W)

To Outer Spit cardinal marker, Point 19 (50° 45.442'N 001° 05.455'W)

To Gilkicker Point, Point 4 (50° 46.404'N 001° 08.429'W)

**Zone 3e:** means that part of BMA 3 enclosed by

A straight line from Gilkicker Point, Point 4 (50° 46.404'N 001° 08.429'W) to Outer Spit cardinal marker, Point 19 (50° 45.442'N 001° 05.455'W)

From Point 19 along the eastern edge of the Portsmouth Harbour Approaches to NCI Gosport, Point 20 (50° 47.381'N 001° 06.723'W)

From Point 20 along the line of the coast to Point 4

**Zone 3f:** means that part of BMA3 enclosed by

A straight line from Nettlestone Point, Point 16 (50° 43.266'N 001° 06.550'W) to No Mans Land Fort, Point 17 (50° 44.362'N 001° 05.594'W)

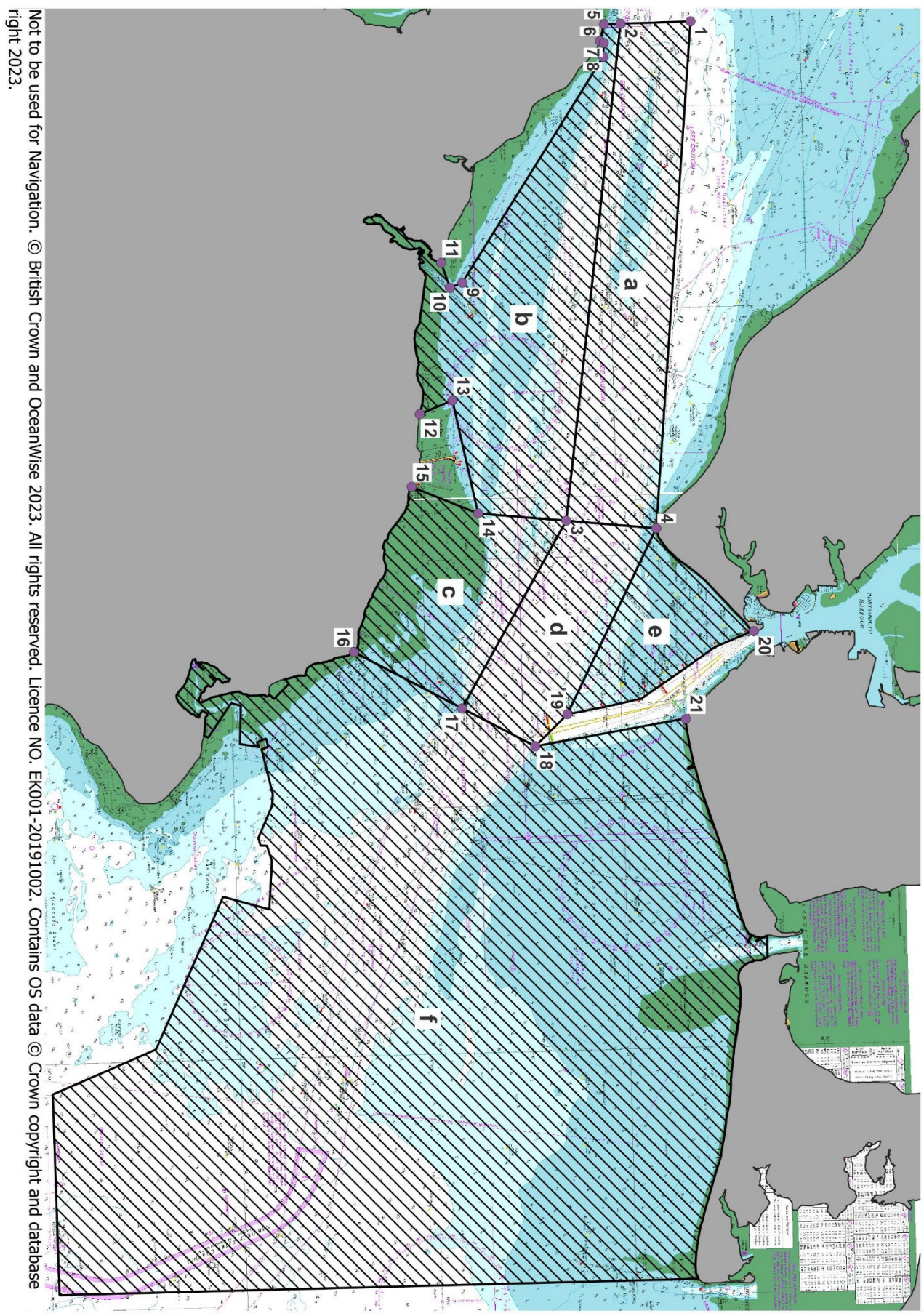
A straight line from Point 17 to Saddle navigational marker, Point 18 (50° 45.104'N 001° 04.951'W)

A straight line from Point 18 to Point 21 (50° 46.657'N 001° 05.329'W)

From Point 21 along the boundary line of BMA3 to Point 16

- If your tows cross the line between Sub-Areas within BMA 3 or you use more than one Sub-Area in a single day, please include all relevant Sub-Areas in the '**Bivalve Harvesting Zone(s) from which catch was taken**' column. If you are able to provide a weight of catch for each Sub-Area used, please do so, if you are unable to do this, please list all relevant Sub-Areas where fishing effort took place during that day.

**Map 2: Sub-Areas, a to f, within BMA 3 (Eastern Solent), to be used when completing the SDPB catch return for catches of King scallop where fishing effort has taken place within BMA 3.**



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