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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (2009 c23)

SCALLOP FISHING BYELAW

The Authority for the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 hereby make the following byelaw for that District.

**INTERPRETATION**

(1) For the purpose of this byelaw, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "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 (50° 42.430'N 001° 32.935'W); to Fort Victoria at (50° 41.973'N 001° 32.045'W); to the West of an imaginary straight line drawn due south from point (50° 46.631'N 0° 56.255'W); to its point of intersection with an imaginary straight line drawn due east from Culver Cliff (50° 40.034'N 1° 5.747'W).

**PROHIBITIONS**

- (2)
  - a). When dredging for scallops (*Pecten maximus*) within any fishery the maximum number of dredges which may be towed at any time is twelve. All dredges must be fitted with a spring loaded tooth bar and the mouth of any dredge must not exceed 85 cm in overall width. No more than two tow bars may be used at any time and the maximum length of any tow bar shall not exceed 5.18 metres including attachments.
  - b). No person shall fish for or take any scallop from any fishery on any day before 0700 local time and after 1900 local time.

**EXCEPTIONS**

- (3) Paragraph (2b) does not apply within the Solent.

**REVOCATION**

- (4) The byelaw entitled 'Scallop Fishing' made by Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee in exercise of its powers under sections 5 and 5a of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966, confirmed on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2001 and in force immediately before the making of this byelaw is hereby revoked

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I hereby certify that the above byelaw was made by Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at their meeting on the **INSERT DATE**.

**INSERT SIGNATURE**

**INSERT SIGNATURE**

Robert Clark  
Chief Officer

Professor John Humphreys  
Chairman of the Authority

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by Section 155(4) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, confirms the Scallop Fishing Byelaw made by Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on the **INSERT DATE**.

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### **Explanatory Note (not part of byelaw)**

*The purpose of this byelaw is to manage the harvesting via dredge for scallops within the Southern IFCA district through gear specification and a daily curfew. The byelaw seeks to will support the development of sustainable bivalve fisheries.*