



Coastal fish and shellfish species are highly dependent on shallow and sheltered coastal habitats for their reproduction.

Coastal habitats are also utilised as spawning and nursery areas for migratory marine species, such as black seabream, bass, herring and flatfish. The nearshore areas provide essential fish habitat which support critical fish life stages, hence sustaining healthy fish populations.



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NEARSHORE TRAWLING BYELAW 2019

Summary of Management Measures

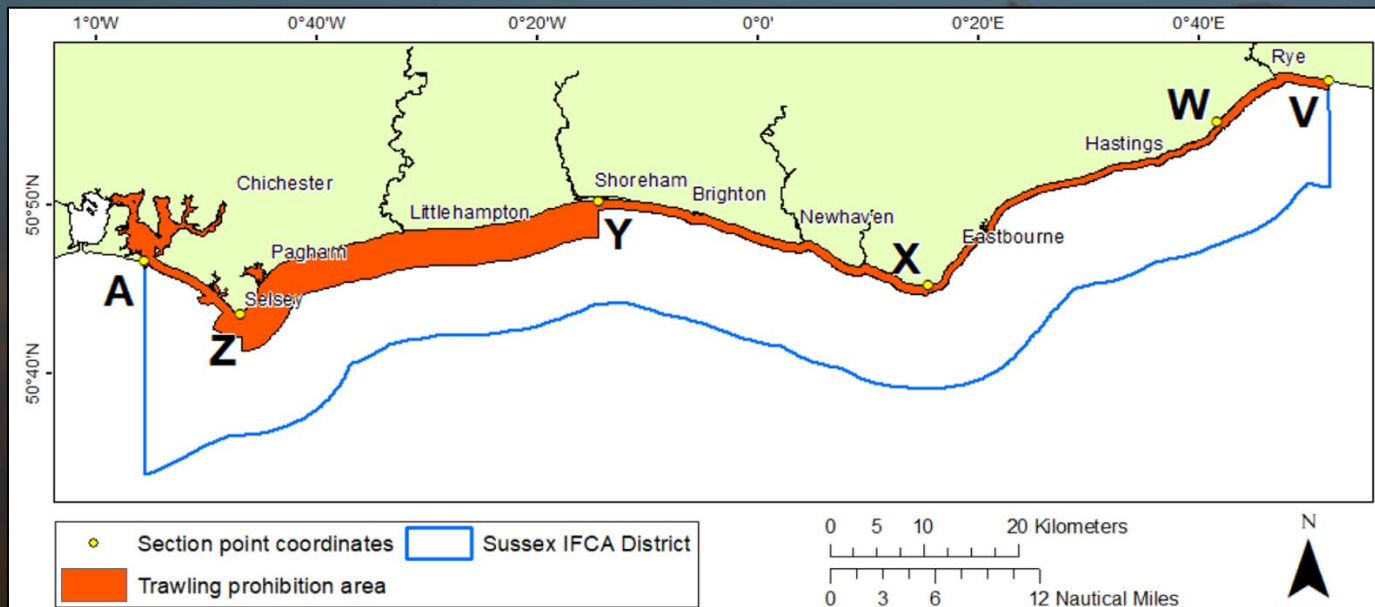
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Purpose

The Nearshore Trawling Byelaw 2019 protects some of the most biologically productive, important and sensitive marine habitats in Sussex coastal waters. Protecting these habitats helps to secure sustainable inshore fisheries for the Sussex community.

These ecosystem-based fisheries management measures help protect nearshore areas of Sussex by:

- Protecting essential fish and shellfish habitats that support breeding, feeding and nursery functions;
- Preventing damage to sensitive marine habitats and the ecosystem services they provide;
- Enabling habitat restoration, including large areas of kelp that historically existed along the Sussex coast;
- Increasing marine wildlife abundance and biological productivity.



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Management measures

- No fishing with towed gear is permitted within the nearshore trawling prohibition area year-round.
- Passage through the prohibition area is permitted only if towed gear is secured and stowed.

The extent of the nearshore trawling prohibition area from mean high water springs is:

A-Z 1km (0.54nm) between Chichester Harbour and Selsey Bill

Z-Y 4km (2.16nm) from Selsey Bill to Shoreham Harbour

Y-X 1km (0.54nm) from Shoreham Harbour to Beachy Head

X-W 0.75km (0.40nm) Beachy Head to Fairlight

W-V 1km (0.54nm) within Rye Bay

The prohibition area includes all of Selsey Bill & the Hounds Marine Conservation Zone.*

A	50° 46.62' N	00° 55.92' W
Z	50° 43.35' N	00° 47.29' W
Y	50° 49.59' N	00° 14.96' W
X	50° 44.12' N	00° 14.50' E
W	50° 53.19' N	00° 41.04' E
V	50° 55.42' N	00° 51.16' E

*For a full list of coordinates and explanation of the labelling system please see the Nearshore Trawling Byelaw 2019.