

**Summary of the flexible permit conditions that apply to the permits pursuant to paragraphs 21 to 23 of this byelaw are;**

**Catch restrictions**

No person shall remove from the District any undersized oyster;

An undersized oyster is any oyster (other than Portuguese Oysters and Pacific Oysters) the maximum dimension of which will pass through a circular ring of 70mm internal diameter.

**Gear restrictions**

No commercial permit holder shall fish for oyster unless using an oyster dredge with the following dredge configuration;

- (a) a dredge with a rigid framed mouth so designed as to take shellfish only when towed along the sea bed. Shellfish may only be removed from the dredge when it has been hauled and lifted into the vessel;
- (b) has a maximum overall width dimension not exceeding 1.2 metres and if two or more dredges are in dredging or fishing for oysters used at the same time in or from the same relevant fishing vessel the total overall width dimension shall not exceed 2.4 metres;
- (c) has no teeth attached to the dredge along all or any part of the lower dredge mouth frame that may come into contact with seabed.
- (d) That any parallel bars forming a 'ladder' at the bottom of the dredge mouth have a minimum gap of 60mm between the bars.
- (e) That no diving blade is fitted to any dredge.
- (f) the dredge or dredges are clearly marked with the relevant fishing vessel's; registration (port, letters and numbers) of the vessel named on the permit or the permit number; and
- (g) the maximum weight of the dredge shall not exceed 50kg.

**Spatial restrictions**

Any commercial permit holder shall only dredge or fish for, or take any oyster in the following specified area within the District:

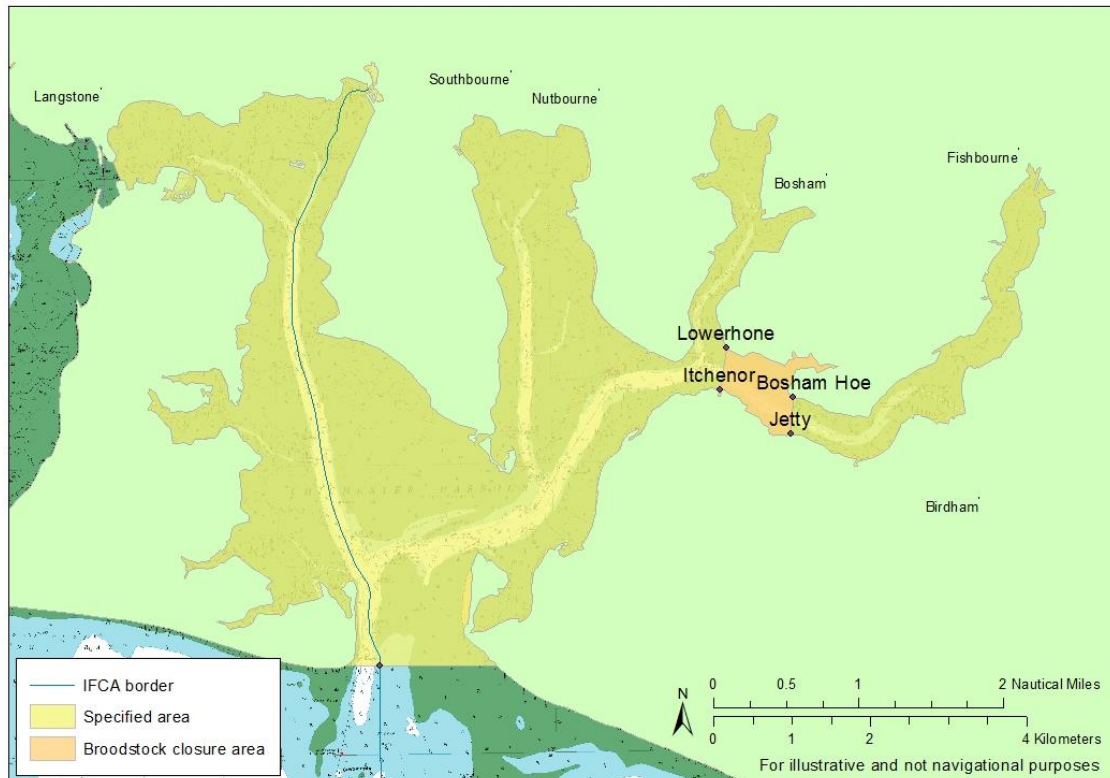
A specified area known as Chichester Harbour including that part of the Chichester Harbour that lies within Southern IFCA District (refer to attached map) and includes;

- (i) that part of sea of the Sussex District North of an imaginary straight line drawn due East from a point at 50°46.62 North, 0°55.92 West
- (ii) that part of the sea of the Southern District North of an imaginary straight line drawn due west from a point at 50°46.62 North, 0°55.92 West, and East of an imaginary line drawn along the western side of the road-bridge leading from Langstone to Hayling Island in Hampshire;

except for within the following long term broodstock closure area;

- (iii) Itchenor 50°48.49' North 0°52.16' West imaginary straight line to Lowerhone; 50°48.78' North 0°52.08' West and following the MHWS line along the coast to;
- (iv) Bosham Hoe 50°48.43' North, 0°51.37' West imaginary straight line to the Jetty 50°48.18' North, 0°51.40' West and following the MHWS line along the coast to Itchenor 50°48.49' North, 0°52.16' West.

The specified areas are identified for illustrative purposes only on the chart below:



### Important Information:

In accordance with paragraph 21(a) of the byelaw, temporary closure restrictions within the specified area may also apply. These annually reviewed restrictions must be referred to by Sussex IFCA Oyster Permit holders prior to oyster dredging within the fishery.

### Time restrictions

No person shall dredge or fish for or take any oysters in all or any part of District on any day before 8.00 am or after 2.00 pm (local time) and only on days from Monday to Friday inclusive.

No person shall dredge or fish for or take any oysters in all or any part of the District during the period from 1st day of March to the 31st day of October in any year both days inclusive.