

Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Byelaw guidance for marine fisheries and conservation management
Marine Protected Areas Byelaw 2015



Schedule 2: Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone

Introduction

This guidance is intended to provide a summary explanation and description of the regulations defined with the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, Marine Protected Areas Byelaw 2015 and schedule 2, Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ).

The guidance includes:

- Reference to the relevant Marine Conservation Zone Order
- A description of the key byelaw management measures
- Co-ordinates and boundary lines associated with any defined zones or areas
- Graphical representations of zones showing reference points that correspond to the byelaw.
- Authority policy on interpretation of definitions where applicable
- Voluntary measures adopted by users

For the purposes of any clarification and legal interpretation the original byelaw should be referred to.

Byelaw Summary Explanation

Definitions

Both paragraph 1 of the Byelaw and the interpretation section at the start of schedule 2 provide definitions that relate the management measures. The byelaw should be referred to for this specific information.

Paragraphs 1 to 4 provide the byelaw framework under which the management for specific sites (e.g. Beachy Head West MCZ) is defined in numbered schedules

Protected Area

The byelaw provides details of the relevant Beachy Head West, MPA designation Order 2013 (Ministerial Order 2013 No.2).

Part 1 – Management Measures

Towed Gear

Fishing with towed gears, such as trawls and dredges, is prohibited in the MCZ.

A person must not fish in any part of the General Conservation Areas with towed gear at any time. A person must not fish with towed gear in any sea area within 0.5 nautical miles of the General Conservation Areas unless a vessel information and monitoring system is fitted to the vessel. Such vessel information and monitoring system should be of the following type:

- Inshore Vessel Monitoring System (e.g. SUCCORFISH, AST or Marine Instruments devices)
- Vessel Monitoring System with GSM capacity (VMS+) - required for all registered fishing vessels of 12 metres or more overall length (Council Regulation (EU) No 404/2011).
- A marine Automatic Identification System

A person must not transit in any part of the General Conservation Areas unless all towed fishing gear on board is secured and stowed.

Nets

A person must not set any net from the shore in any part of the MCZ.

Lining

A person must not set any lining gear from the shore in any part of the MCZ.

Shore-related gathering and fishing

It is prohibited to remove from, or harm, kill or destroy, on the shore in any part of the MCZ:

- (i) piddock (Pholadidae)
- (ii) seahorse (Hippocampus sp.)
- (iii) native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*), or
- (iv) blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*)

It is prohibited to remove from the shore, from any part of the MCZ, in a single calendar day more than:

- (i) 2 lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*)
- (ii) 5 edible crabs (*Cancer pagurus*)
- (iii) 20 crabs in total of any species other than *Cancer pagurus*
- (iv) 1 kg of mollusc shellfish (bivalve or gastropod species) except piddock species (Pholadidae family), blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) or native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*)
- (v) A total of 1 kg of prawns or shrimps
- (vi) 1 kg of marine worms (Annelida)
- (vii) 2 kg of intertidal seaweed

It is prohibited to remove any quantity of the above species in connection with any commercial purpose.

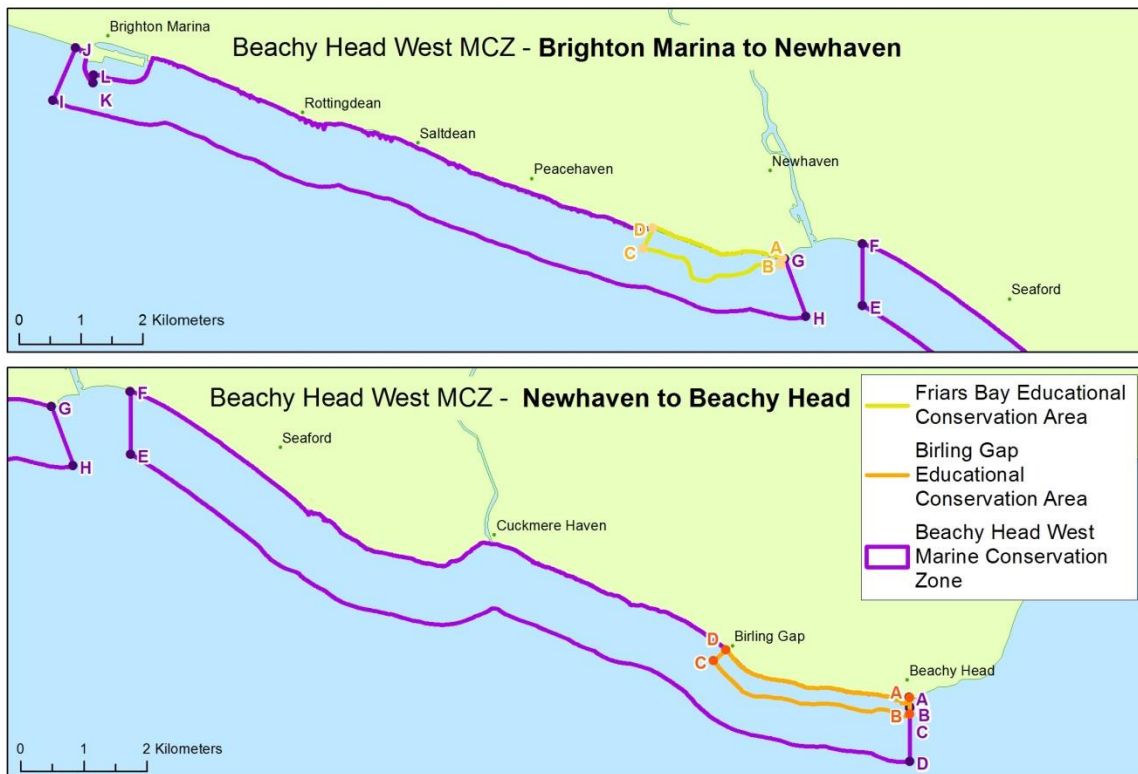
Special management measures in Educational Conservation Areas

A person must not intentionally harm or remove any marine organism by intertidal gathering in the Educational Conservation Areas.

This prohibition does not apply to angling or fishing with pots or nets from any vessel.

Part 2 - Positions of Marine Conservation Zone and Education Conservation Areas

Figure 1, Beachy Head West MCZ and associated Education Conservation Areas



Coordinates of the MCZ and Education Conservation Areas

Boundary lines and co-ordinates for each area shown in figures 1 are presented below.

Beachy Head to Newhaven General Conservation Area

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
1	A, B	Geodesic line
2	B, C	The shortest adjoining line of mean high water to the west of the light house
3	C, D	Geodesic line
4	D, E A	line seaward of and parallel to mean high water line at a distance from that line (taking the shortest distance from any given point on that line) of 0.5 nautical miles
5	E, F	Geodesic line
6	F, A	Mean high water line
Where		
A is 50° 44.11'N	0° 14.49'E	
B is 50° 44.03'N	0° 14.49'E	
C is 50° 44.02'N	0° 14.49'E	
D is 50° 43.56'N	0° 14.47'E	
E is 50° 46.38'N	0° 04.10'E	
F is 50° 46.92'N	0° 04.12'E	

The General Conservation Area 'Beachy Head to Newhaven' encloses Birling Gap Educational Conservation Area

Newhaven to Brighton Marina General Conservation Area

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
1	G, H	Geodesic line
2	H, I	A line seaward of and parallel to Mean high water line at a distance from that line (taking the shortest distance from any given point on that line) of 0.5 nautical miles
3	I, J	Geodesic line
4	J, K	Mean high water line
5	K, L	Geodesic line
6	L, G	Mean high water line
Where		
G is 50° 46.81'N	0° 03.05'E	
H is 50° 46.30'N	0° 03.32'E	
I is 50° 48.36'N	0° 06.94'W	
J is 50° 48.81'N	0° 06.61'W	
K is 50° 48.50'N	0° 06.38'W	
L is 50° 48.57'N	0° 06.37'W	

The General Conservation Area 'Newhaven to Brighton Marina' encloses Friars Bay Educational Conservation Area

Birlinging Gap Educational Conservation Area – Boundary Lines

The boundary lines between the reference points follow:

- The line of mean high water springs (MHWS) between reference points A to D
- The line of lowest astronomical tide (LAT) between reference points B to C
- Geodesic straight lines between reference points A to B and C to D

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
1	A, B	Geodesic line
2	B, C	The line of lowest astronomical tide
3	C, D	Geodesic line
4	D, A	Mean high water line
Where		
A is 50° 44.11'N	0° 14.49'E	
B is 50° 43.96'N	0° 14.48'E	
C is 50° 44.47'N	0° 11.87'E	
D is 50° 44.56'N	0° 12.04'E	

Friars Bay (Newhaven) Educational Conservation Area – Boundary Lines

The boundary lines between the reference points follow:

- The line of mean high water springs (MHWS) between reference points A to D
- The line of lowest astronomical tide (LAT) between reference points B to C
- Geodesic straight lines between reference points A to B and C to D

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
1	A, B	Geodesic line
2	B, C	The line of lowest astronomical tide
3	C, D	Geodesic line
4	D, A	Mean high water line
Where		
A is 50° 46.81'N	0° 03.02'E	
B is 50° 46.76'N	0° 02.99'E	
C is 50° 46.93'N	0° 01.11'E	
D is 50° 47.11'N	0° 01.25'E	

List of Protected MPA Features

Protected feature

Intertidal coarse sediment
 Subtidal mixed sediments
 Subtidal mud
 Subtidal sand
 Infralittoral muddy sand
 Infralittoral sandy mud
 Low energy infralittoral rock and thin sandy sediment
 Blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) beds
 Subtidal chalk
 Littoral chalk communities
 Native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*)
 Short-snouted seahorse (*Hippocampus hippocampus*)
 Moderate energy circalittoral rock
 High energy circalittoral rock

Type of feature

Marine habitat
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Notifying the Authority if you witness illegal activity, help us protect the MCZ and compliance to byelaw.

What can I do?

If you see what you believe is illegal activity taking place -

- Make a written record what you see (simple notes are good)
- Take a photograph if you can
- If relevant obtain a position of the vessel and your vessel's position (e.g. observed vessel was approx. 200 metres to the south of our position at Lat/Long).

Contact details

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Information on offences and penalties

It is the responsibility of those fishing for both commercial and recreational purposes within any marine conservation zone to ensure that any fishing activity complies with Sussex IFCA MPA Byelaw.

It is an offence not to comply with any reasonable request made by an Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Officer whilst conducting their duties. This includes; facilitating the boarding and inspection of any vessel engaged in fishing, inspection of vehicles and equipment associated with fishing activities.

The maximum penalty for non-compliance of a byelaw is a fine not exceeding £50,000. Breaches of any byelaw condition can be subject to an Administrative Penalty sanction according to a standard scale.

Illegal fishing equipment may be immediately seized.

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