



Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

Marine Protected Areas Byelaw 2023

The Authority for the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of the powers conferred by section 155(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009¹ makes the following byelaw for that District.

Commencement

1. This byelaw comes into force the day after which it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Interpretation

2. In this byelaw:

- a) 'angling' means fishing using a rod and line or a hook and line;
- b) 'the Authority' means the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in Articles 2 and 4 of the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010²;
- c) 'bream' means black seabream of the fish species *Spondyliosoma cantharus*;
- d) 'the District' means the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in Article 3 of the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010;
- e) 'dive fishing' means the gathering of sea fisheries resources by hand or by using a hand operated implement whilst diving or snorkelling;
- f) 'fishing' includes:
 - (i) digging for bait;
 - (ii) the shooting, setting, towing and hauling of fishing gear;

¹ 2009 c.23

² S.I. 2010 No. 2199

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- (iii) gathering sea fisheries resources by hand or by using a hand operated implement; and
- (iv) catching, taking or removing sea fisheries resources;
- g) 'fishing gear' includes any nets, pots, ropes, anchors, surface markers, lines, trawls, dredges, grabs, rakes or other implements used or deployed during fishing;
- h) 'inboard, lashed and stowed' means fishing gear that is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose;
- i) 'intertidal area' means the area of shoreline from the highest astronomical tide line to 500 metres seaward from the lowest astronomical tide line;
- j) 'intertidal gathering' means the removal of sea fisheries resources from the intertidal area:
 - (i) by hand; or
 - (ii) using handheld fishing gear;
- k) 'lining gear' means any fishing gear comprising of multiple hooks on one or more lines deployed on or over the seabed and rigged from anchors or floats;
- l) 'mollusc shellfish' means any bivalve or gastropod species of mollusc;
- m) 'net' means any fishing gear with the purpose or capacity to enmesh, gill or encircle sea fisheries resources including gill, trammel, tangle, drift, seine and ring nets;
- n) 'owner' means a person listed as holding a share in the ownership of a vessel as recorded on the vessel's Certificate of Registry issued by the UK Ship Register³;
- o) 'part of a bream' means any part of a bream other than the whole or gutted fish;
- p) 'pot' means any folding or rigid cage, device or structure with one or more openings or entrances capable of capturing any sea fisheries resources;
- q) 'sea fisheries resources' has the same meaning as in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- r) 'towed fishing gear' means any fishing gear designed to be towed, dragged or pushed through the water including: any form of fishing dredge, trawl or part of a trawl including warps, doors, weights or any attachments;

³ The UK Ship Register is part of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).
<https://ukshipregister.co.uk/about-us>

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- s) 'vessel' means a ship, boat, raft or watercraft of any description and includes non-displacement craft, personal watercraft, seaplanes and any other thing constructed or adapted for floating on or being submersed in water (whether permanently or temporarily) and hovercraft or any other amphibious vehicle, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water;
- t) 'master' means the owner, or person otherwise responsible for a vessel when fishing; and
- u) 'WGS 84' means the World Geodetic System as revised in 1984 and 2004.

3. Co-ordinates used in this byelaw are measured from WGS 84 datum.

Prohibitions

4. The prohibitions are set out in schedules 1 to 5, which apply to the following areas:

Schedule 1 - Kingmere Marine Conservation Zone;

Schedule 2 - Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones;

Schedule 3 - Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone;

Schedule 4 - Utopia Marine Conservation Zone; and

Schedule 5 - Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone.

Exemption

5. This byelaw does not apply to a person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, if that act was carried out in accordance with a written permission issued by the Authority permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes.

Offences

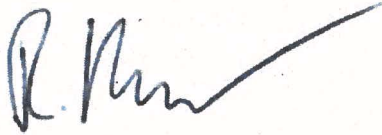
6. A person who contravenes this byelaw is guilty of an offence under section 163(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Revocation

7. The byelaw titled 'Marine Protected Areas Byelaw 2017', made by the Authority on 3rd August 2017, is revoked.

I certify that the above byelaw was made by Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at their meeting on the 27th July 2023.

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Robert Pearson

Date: 27th July 2023

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The Secretary of State for 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 Marine Protected Areas Byelaw 2023 made by Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on the 27 July 2023.

A Senior Civil Servant for, and on behalf of, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



Date: 16.04.26

SCHEDULE 1

KINGMERE MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE

Interpretation

In this Schedule:

- (a) 'Zone 1' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (b) 'Zone 2' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (c) 'Zone 3' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (d) 'Zone 4' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.

PART 1

PROHIBITIONS

Protected Area: Kingmere Marine Conservation Zone

- 1. This Schedule applies to:
 - (a) the area designated in the Kingmere Marine Conservation Designation Order 2013⁴.

Towed fishing gear

- 2. A person must not fish with towed fishing gear in:
 - (i) Zone 1, Zone 2 or Zone 4 at any time; or
 - (ii) in Zone 3 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.
- 3. A person must not transit with a vessel carrying towed fishing gear in Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3 or Zone 4 during the prohibited periods specified in paragraphs 2(i) and 2(ii) unless the towed gear is inboard, lashed and stowed.

Nets

⁴ Ministerial Order 2013 No. 11

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4. A person must not fish with a net in Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3 or Zone 4 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.

Pots

5. A person must not fish with pots in Zone 1 or Zone 2 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.
6. Whilst fishing with pots in Zone 3 or Zone 4, a person must not retain bream from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.

Lining Gear

7. A person must not fish with lining gear in Zone 1 or Zone 2 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.
8. Whilst fishing with lining gear in Zone 3 or Zone 4, a person must not retain bream from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.

Angling

9. A person must not fish by angling in Zone 1 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.
10. Whilst angling in Zone 1 from 1st July to 31st March inclusive and in Zone 2, Zone 3, or Zone 4 at any time, a person must not:
 - (i) retain more than 4 bream during one calendar day;
 - (ii) possess any part of a bream;
 - (iii) retain any live bream in any container, keep net or receptacle;
 - (iv) transfer any bream, dead or alive, between vessels;
 - (v) return any dead bream to the fishery; or
 - (vi) use any bream as bait.
11. Whilst angling in Zone 1 from 1st July to 31st March inclusive and in Zone 2, Zone 3, or Zone 4 at any time, a master must not retain on a vessel a number of bream which is more than 4 times the number of persons angling on the vessel.

Dive fishing

12. A person must not fish by dive fishing in Zone 1 or Zone 2 from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.
13. Whilst dive fishing in Zone 3 or Zone 4, a person must not retain bream from 1st April to 30th June inclusive.

CO-ORDINATES OF MANAGEMENT ZONES

Zones 1 to 4

The co-ordinates of Zones 1 to 4 and their adjoining boundary lines correspond to the area designated in the Kingmere Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013.

Illustrative maps of the zones showing co-ordinate points and boundary lines are provided in Byelaw guidance documents from the Authority⁵.

Zone 1 – boundary lines

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, A	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
	A	50°	44.78'	N	0°	22.12'
B	50°	44.20'	N	0°	22.12'	W
C	50°	43.49'	N	0°	23.26'	W
D	50°	44.07'	N	0°	30.34'	W
E	50°	44.72'	N	0°	30.32'	W

Zone 2 – boundary lines

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, A	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
	A	50°	43.49'	N	0°	23.26'
B	50°	42.49'	N	0°	24.81'	W
C	50°	42.48'	N	0°	28.37'	W
D	50°	44.07'	N	0°	30.34'	W

⁵ <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/regulations>

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Zone 3 – boundary lines

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, F	Geodesic line
6.	F, A	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	44.72'	N	0°	30.32'	W
B	50°	44.07'	N	0°	30.34'	W
C	50°	42.48'	N	0°	28.37'	W
D	50°	42.46'	N	0°	29.94'	W
E	50°	44.24'	N	0°	31.36'	W
F	50°	44.72'	N	0°	30.74'	W

Zone 4 – boundary lines

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, A	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	44.72'	N	0°	30.74'	W
B	50°	44.24'	N	0°	31.36'	W
C	50°	42.46'	N	0°	29.94'	W
D	50°	42.41'	N	0°	32.81'	W
E	50°	44.70'	N	0°	32.78'	W

SCHEDULE 2

BEACHY HEAD WEST MARINE CONSERVATION ZONES

Interpretation

In this Schedule:

- (a) any provision relating to any flora and fauna includes any part or parts of any such flora or fauna;
- (b) any reference to the intertidal area includes any area within the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones which is accessed on or by foot, whether or not it is covered by water;
- (c) 'Educational Conservation Areas' mean the areas for which the co-ordinates, co-ordinate descriptions and enclosing boundaries lines specified in Part 2 of this schedule; and
- (d) 'General Conservation Areas' mean the areas designated in the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones Designation Order 2013⁶, excluding the Educational Conservation Areas.

PART 1

PROHIBITIONS

Protected Area: Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones

1. This Schedule applies to:

- (a) the areas designated as Marine Conservation Zones in the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones Designation Order 2013.

Towed fishing gear

- 2. A person must not fish with towed fishing gear in the General Conservation Areas or the Educational Conservation Areas.
- 3. A person must not transit with a vessel carrying towed fishing gear in any part of the General Conservation Areas or the Educational Conservation Areas unless the towed fishing gear is inboard, lashed and stowed.

⁶ Ministerial Order 2013 No. 2

Nets

4. A person must not set any net from the intertidal area in any part of the General Conservation Areas or of the Educational Conservation Areas.

Lining Gear

5. A person must not set any lining gear from the intertidal area in any part of the General Conservation Areas or of the Educational Conservation Areas.

Intertidal Gathering

6. A person must not remove, harm, kill or destroy any of the following species in the intertidal area in any part of the General Conservation Areas:
 - (i) piddock (*Pholadidae*);
 - (ii) seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.);
 - (iii) native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*); or
 - (iv) blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*).
7. A person must not remove from the intertidal area within any part of the General Conservation Areas 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 kilogram of mollusc shellfish except piddock (*Pholadidae*), blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) or native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*);
 - (v) a total of 1 kilogram of prawns (*Palaemonidae*) or shrimps (*Crangonidae*);
 - (vi) 1 kilogram of marine worms (*Annelida*); or
 - (vii) 2 kilograms of intertidal seaweed (algae).
8. A person must not remove any quantity of the species in Schedule 2, paragraph 7 for any commercial purpose.

Educational Conservation Areas

9. A person must not harm or remove any marine organism by intertidal gathering in the Educational Conservation Areas.
10. Schedule 2, paragraph 9 does not apply to angling or fishing with pots or nets from any vessel.

PART 2

CO-ORDINATES OF CONSERVATION AREAS

General Conservation Areas

The co-ordinates of the General Conservation Areas points and their adjoining boundary lines correspond to the designated Marine Conservation Zones in the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones Designation Order 2013.

The General Conservation Areas comprise land and sea areas enclosed within the defined boundary lines excluding the Educational Conservation Areas.

Illustrative maps of the General Conservation Areas and Educational Conservation Areas showing co-ordinate points and boundaries are provided in Byelaw guidance documents from the Authority⁷.

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 –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	44.11'	N	0°	14.49'	E
B	50°	44.03'	N	0°	14.49'	E
C	50°	44.02'	N	0°	14.49'	E
D	50°	43.56'	N	0°	14.47'	E
E	50°	46.38'	N	0°	04.10'	E
F	50°	46.92'	N	0°	04.12'	E

⁷ <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/regulations>

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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 –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
G	50°	46.81'	N	0°	03.05'	E
H	50°	46.30'	N	0°	03.32'	E
I	50°	48.36'	N	0°	06.94'	W
J	50°	48.81'	N	0°	06.61'	W
K	50°	48.50'	N	0°	06.38'	W
L	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 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 –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	44.11'	N	0°	14.49'	E
B	50°	43.96'	N	0°	14.48'	E
C	50°	44.47'	N	0°	11.87'	E
D	50°	44.56'	N	0°	12.04'	E

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Friars Bay Educational 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 line of lowest astronomical tide
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, A	Mean high water line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	46.81'	N	0°	03.02'	E
B	50°	46.76'	N	0°	02.99'	E
C	50°	46.93'	N	0°	01.11'	E
D	50°	47.11'	N	0°	01.25'	E

SCHEDULE 3

PAGHAM HARBOUR MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE

Interpretation

In this Schedule:

- (a) any provision relating to any flora or fauna includes any part or parts of any such flora or fauna;
- (b) any reference to the intertidal area includes any area within the Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone which is accessed on or by foot, whether or not it is covered by water;
- (c) 'Bird Conservation Area' means the area for which the co-ordinates, co-ordinate descriptions and enclosing boundaries lines are specified in Part 2 of this schedule; and
- (d) 'General Conservation Areas' means the areas designated in the Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013⁸, excluding the Bird Conservation Area.

PART 1

PROHIBITIONS

Protected Area: Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone

1. This Schedule applies to:

- (a) the area designated as Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone in the Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013.

Towed fishing gear

- 2. A person must not fish with towed fishing gear in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area.
- 3. A person must not transit in a vessel with towed fishing gear in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area unless the towed gear is inboard, lashed and stowed.

Nets

⁸ Ministerial Order 2013 No.17

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4. A person must not fish with a net in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area.

Pots

5. A person must not fish with a pot in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area.

Lining Gear

6. A person must not fish with lining gear in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area.

Angling

7. A person must not fish with angling gear in the Bird Conservation Area from 1st April to 31st August inclusive.

Intertidal Gathering

8. A person must not remove, harm, kill or destroy eel grass (*Zostera spp.*) during the exploitation of fisheries in the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area.
9. A person must not undertake intertidal gathering in the Bird Conservation Area from 1st April to 31st August inclusive.
10. A person must not remove from the intertidal area within the General Conservation Areas or the Bird Conservation Area in a single calendar day more than:
 - (i) 5 edible crabs (*Cancer pagurus*);
 - (ii) 20 crabs in total of any species other than *Cancer pagurus*;
 - (iii) 1 kilogram of mollusc shellfish;
 - (iv) a total of 1 kilogram of prawns or shrimps;
 - (v) 1 kilogram of marine worms (Annelida); or
 - (vi) 2 kilograms of intertidal seaweed (algae).
11. A person must not remove any quantity of the species in paragraph 10 for any commercial purpose.
12. A person must not deposit any item on the seabed for the purposes of supporting the act of gathering sea fisheries resources in the General Conservation Areas or Bird Conservation Area.

CO-ORDINATES OF CONSERVATION AREAS

General Conservation Areas

The co-ordinates of the General Conservation Areas points and their adjoining boundary lines correspond to the designated Marine Conservation Zone in the Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013 and excluding the Bird Conservation Area as defined.

Illustrative maps of the General Conservation Areas and Bird Conservation Area showing co-ordinate points and boundaries are provided in Byelaw guidance documents from the Authority⁹.

Pagham Harbour General Conservation Areas

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
Section A (Church Norton Spit, Map A)		
1.	B, C	Mean high water line
2.	C, D	The line shown coloured red between points C and D on Map A
3.	D, E	The line shown coloured red between points D and E on Map A
4.	E, B	Mean high water line

Section B (Main Harbour, entire site map)		
5.	E, F	Mean high water line
6.	F, K	Mean high water line
7.	K, A	Mean high water line
8.	A, B	Geodesic line
9.	B, E	Mean high water line

Section C (Ferry Pool, Map B)		
10.	F, G	The line shown coloured red between points F and G on Map B
11.	G, H	The line shown coloured red between points G and H on Map B
12.	H, I	The line shown coloured red between points H and I on Map B
13.	I, J	The line shown coloured red between points I and J on Map B
14.	J, K	The line shown coloured red between points J and K on Map B
15.	K, F	Mean high water line

⁹ <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/regulations>

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Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	45.49'	N	0°	45.16'	W
B	50°	45.43'	N	0°	45.07'	W
C	50°	45.01'	N	0°	45.61'	W
D	50°	45.05'	N	0°	45.71'	W
E	50°	45.07'	N	0°	45.71'	W
F	50°	45.59'	N	0°	47.21'	W
G	50°	45.59'	N	0°	47.23'	W
H	50°	45.60'	N	0°	47.24'	W
I	50°	45.60'	N	0°	47.24'	W
J	50°	45.59'	N	0°	47.23'	W
K	50°	45.59'	N	0°	47.21'	W

The General Conservation Area described in Section C does not include the Bird Conservation Area.

Bird Conservation Area

Boundary line	Set of co-ordinates of points which boundary line joins	Topographical description of boundary line
1.	X, B	Geodesic line
2.	B, E	Mean high water line on the landward side of Church Norton Spit
3.	E, Y	Mean high water line
4.	Y, X	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
X	50°	45.58'	N	0°	45.53'	W
B	50°	45.43'	N	0°	45.07'	W
Y	50°	45.25'	N	0°	45.65'	W
E	50°	45.07'	N	0°	45.71'	W

SCHEDULE 4

UTOPIA MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE

PART 1

PROHIBITIONS

Protected Area: Utopia Marine Conservation Zone

1. This Schedule applies to:

- (a) the areas designated in the Utopia Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2016¹⁰.

Towed fishing gear

2. A person must not fish with towed fishing gear in the Utopia Marine Conservation Zone.
3. A person must not transit in a vessel with towed fishing gear in Utopia Marine Conservation Zone unless the towed gear is inboard, lashed and stowed.

PART 2

CO-ORDINATES OF UTOPIA MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE

The co-ordinates of the designated area correspond to the designated Marine Conservation Zone in the Utopia Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2016.

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, F	Geodesic line
6.	F, A	Geodesic line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	39.93'	N	0°	53.17'	W
B	50°	39.12'	N	0°	51.72'	W
C	50°	38.37'	N	0°	52.03'	W
D	50°	38.41'	N	0°	52.58'	W

¹⁰ Ministerial Order 2016 No. 21

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E	50°	38.81'	N	0°	52.42'	W
F	50°	39.51'	N	0°	53.61'	W

SCHEDULE 5

BEACHY HEAD EAST MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE

Interpretation

In this Schedule:

- (a) 'Zone 1' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (b) 'Zone 2' means the sea area for which the co-ordinates and boundary lines are specified in Part 2 of this Schedule.

PART 1

PROHIBITIONS

Protected Area: Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone

1. This Schedule applies to:

- (a) the area designated in the Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2019¹¹.

Towed fishing gear

- 2. A person must not fish with towed fishing gear in Zone 1.
- 3. A person must not transit with towed fishing gear through Zone 1 unless the towed gear is inboard, lashed and stowed.

PART 2

CO-ORDINATES OF MANAGEMENT ZONES

Zone 1 and Zone 2

The co-ordinates of Zone 1 and Zone 2 and their adjoining boundary lines correspond to the designated Marine Conservation Zone in the Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2019 that is within the District.

Zone 1 and Zone 2 comprise land and sea areas enclosed within the defined boundary lines.

¹¹ Ministerial Order 2019 No.3

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Illustrative maps of the zones showing co-ordinate points and boundary lines are provided in Byelaw guidance documents from the Authority¹².

Zone 1 – boundary lines

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	0.75km from mean high water spring line
3.	C, D	Geodesic line
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, F	Geodesic line
6.	F, G	Geodesic line
7.	G, H	Geodesic line
8.	H, I	6 nautical mile limit
9.	I, J	Geodesic line
10.	J, K	Geodesic line
11.	K, L	Geodesic line
12.	L, M	Follows base of Beachy Head Lighthouse
13.	M, N	Geodesic line
14.	N, O	Mean high water line
15.	O, P	Geodesic line
16.	P, A	Mean high water line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	51.18'	N	0°	34.30'	E
B	50°	50.65'	N	0°	33.74'	E
C	50°	50.46'	N	0°	31.29'	E
D	50°	50.17'	N	0°	31.53'	E
E	50°	49.41'	N	0°	29.60'	E
F	50°	44.70'	N	0°	29.60'	E
G	50°	44.17'	N	0°	30.81'	E
H	50°	43.94'	N	0°	30.72'	E
I	50°	43.25'	N	0°	27.19'	E
J	50°	43.13'	N	0°	26.15'	E
K	50°	43.56'	N	0°	14.47'	E
L	50°	44.02'	N	0°	14.49'	E

¹² <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/regulations>

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M	50°	44.03'	N	0°	14.49'	E
N	50°	44.11'	N	0°	14.49'	E
O	50°	47.30'	N	0°	20.04'	E
P	50°	47.34'	N	0°	19.96'	E

Zone 2 – boundary lines

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	Geodesic line
3.	C, D	6 nautical mile limit
4.	D, E	Geodesic line
5.	E, F	Geodesic line
6.	F, G	Geodesic line
7.	G, H	Geodesic line
8.	H, I	Geodesic line
9.	I, A	0.75 km from mean high water spring line

Where –

Co-ordinate	Latitude			Longitude		
A	50°	50.65'	N	0°	33.74'	E
B	50°	49.15'	N	0°	32.11'	E
C	50°	43.98'	N	0°	31.05'	E
D	50°	43.94'	N	0°	30.72'	E
E	50°	44.17'	N	0°	30.81'	E
F	50°	44.70'	N	0°	29.60'	E
G	50°	49.41'	N	0°	29.60'	E
H	50°	50.17'	N	0°	31.53'	E
I	50°	50.46'	N	0°	31.29'	E

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the byelaw)

This byelaw enables the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority to perform its conservation duties within section 154 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, specifically to ensure that the conservation objectives of any Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) within the District are met. It provides a regulatory mechanism for fisheries management within marine protected areas (MPAs), located in the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District.

The prohibitions related to each MPA are described in the respective Schedules.

For additional information, practical use and interpretation including illustrative maps, reference should be made to the relevant Byelaw guidance documents provided by the Authority for each MPA site.

Each Schedule is formed of 2 parts. Part 1 defines the management measures under headings that relate to methods of fishing. The methods of fishing may include the gathering of sea fisheries resources from the intertidal area or by divers. Both commercial and recreational fishing management measures are described within the byelaw.

Part 2 of the Schedule provides relevant co-ordinates associated with the protected area location and any specific zones or areas that are defined within the management measures. Illustrative charts are available in the relevant Authority Byelaw guidance.

Any person who contravenes this byelaw is guilty of an offence under Section 163(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

The Byelaw guidance documents for each MPA are available to download from the regulations page of the Sussex IFCA website: <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/regulations>

Schedule 1 - Kingmere Marine Conservation Zone

Schedule 1 introduces a zonal approach to the management of fishing activities within Kingmere MCZ, including temporal and spatial prohibitions on specified commercial and recreational fishing activities. It introduces measures limiting how many fish may be retained by recreational rod and line fishers at specified times of year in specified Zones of the MCZ. It prohibits vessels carrying towed gear in the MCZ during specified times unless the gear is 'inboard, lashed and stowed', meaning towed fishing gear is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose.

Schedule 2 - Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zones

Schedule 2 prohibits specified commercial fishing activities in Beachy Head West MCZ year-round. It prohibits commercial gathering of sea-fisheries resources from the intertidal area in the MCZ. It prohibits the removal or harm of specified species in the MCZ. It prohibits removing further specified species above set amounts by recreational intertidal hand gathering in the MCZ. It prohibits vessels carrying towed gear in the MCZ unless the gear is

'inboard, lashed and stowed', meaning towed fishing gear is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose.

Schedule 3 – Pagham Harbour Marine Conservation Zone

Schedule 3 prohibits specified commercial fishing activities in Pagham MCZ year-round. It applies seasonal prohibitions on rod and line recreational angling in part of the MCZ. It prohibits commercial gathering of sea-fisheries resources from the intertidal area in the MCZ. It prohibits the removal or harm of specified species in the MCZ. It prohibits removing further specified species above set amounts by recreational intertidal hand gathering in the MCZ. It prohibits depositing any materials on the seabed to support intertidal hand gathering in the MCZ. It prohibits vessels carrying towed gear in the MCZ unless the gear is 'inboard, lashed and stowed', meaning fishing gear is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose.

Schedule 4 – Utopia Marine Conservation Zone

Schedule 4 prohibits the use of towed fishing gear in Utopia MCZ year-round. It prohibits vessels carrying towed gear in the MCZ unless the gear is 'inboard, lashed and stowed', meaning fishing gear is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose.

Schedule 5 – Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone

Schedule 5 prohibits the use of towed fishing gear in a specified zone within Beachy Head East MCZ year-round. It prohibits vessels carrying towed gear in a specified Zone in the MCZ unless the gear is 'inboard, lashed and stowed', meaning fishing gear is stored on a vessel in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing or any other purpose.