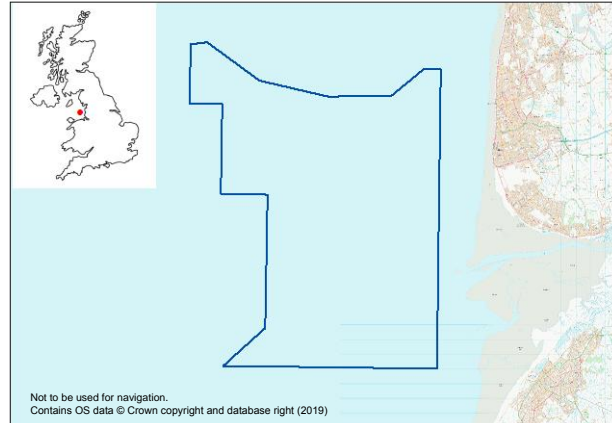


# Fylde MCZ

## Description:

The Fylde marine conservation zone (MCZ) is an offshore site located in Liverpool Bay, lying between 3-20 km off the Fylde coast and Ribble Estuary. The MCZ protects an area of approximately 260 km<sup>2</sup>. The depth of the seabed within the site ranges from almost being exposed on low tide (just 35 cm depth) to 22 m at its deepest part. The site was chosen for the extensive areas of subtidal sediment habitats and plant and animal communities present. Located next to



Shell Flat sandbank, part of the Shell Flat and Lune Deep SAC and offers protection to other rich areas of seabed outside of the SAC. The site is co-located within the Liverpool Bay SPA which provides protection for particular bird features including common scoter and red-throated diver and their supporting habitats.

## Qualifying features:

The Fylde MCZ hosts subtidal sands and subtidal muds.

## Management:

None raised.

## Stakeholder Concerns:

None raised.

MPA: Fylde MCZ				No. Stakeholders: 1 online & 0 workshop			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Geophysical surveys	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Motor boating	2	3	1	6	H	1	?
Jetskis	2	3	1	6	L	1	?
Paddle sports	0	0	0	0	H	0	➔
Parascending	0	0	0	0	H	0	?
Sailing (non-motorised)	1	2	1	2	M	2	➔
SCUBA diving	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Swimming / Snorkelling	0	0	0	0	H	0	➔
Towed water sports	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Wildlife watching from the sea	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Bait collection	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Beach recreation	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Coasteering	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Land boarding	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Wildlife watching from the land	0	0	0	0	?	0	➔
Drone use	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Gliding (unpowered)	0	0	0	0	M	0	➔
Aircraft (powered)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

#### KEY

FREQUENCY	DURATION	PARTICIPATION	INTENSITY	CONFIDENCE	EXTENT	TREND
4 Regular/daily	4 >8 hours	6 >100	45-96 High	H High	2 Whole MPA (solid)	⬆ Increase
3 Regular/weekends	3 4-8 hours	5 51-100	24-40 Med-high	M Medium	1 Part of MPA (shaded)	➔ Stay the same
2 Seasonally	2 2-4 hours	4 21-50	9-20 Low-med	L Low	0 Does not occur	⬇ Decrease
1 Sporadically	1 <2 hours	3 11-20	1-8 Low	? Data missing	? Data missing	? Data missing
0 Does not occur	0 Does not occur	2 6-10	0 Does not occur			
? Data missing	? Data missing	1 1-5	? Data missing			
		0 Does not occur				
		? Data missing				