

Marine Management Organisation

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c.23)

The Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge Special Area of Conservation (Specified Areas) Prohibited Fishing Gears Byelaw 2022

The Marine Management Organisation¹, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 129A and section 129B of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and having:

- placed copies of the draft byelaw in convenient places for the purpose of inspection in accordance with section 130(3) of that Act;
- provided a copy of the draft byelaw to any person upon request in accordance with section 130(4) of that Act; and
- published notice of its proposal to make the byelaw in accordance with sections 130(6) and 130(7) of that Act;

makes the following byelaw to conserve the following marine habitats: sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time and *Sabellaria spinulosa* reefs.

Interpretation

1. In this byelaw:
 - a. “bottom towed fishing gear” means any trawls, seines, dredges or similar gear, including trawls towed on or very close to the sea bed, which are actively moved in the water by one or more fishing vessels or by any other mechanised system and in which any part of the gear is designed and rigged to operate on, and be in contact with, the seabed;
 - b. “inboard, lashed and stowed” means stored in such a way that it cannot readily be used for fishing;
 - c. “specified area of reef” means any or all of the areas defined in Schedule 1;
 - d. “specified area of sandbank” means any or all of the areas defined in Schedule 2; and,
 - e. “static fishing gear” means any gear which is left on, or in contact with, the seabed for the purposes of fishing, this includes fixed nets and pots.

¹ The Marine Management Organisation was established by the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, section 1.

2. Co-ordinates used in this byelaw are measured from WGS 84 datum. The WGS 84 means the World Geodetic System revised in 1984 and 2004.

Prohibition

3. A person must not use bottom towed fishing gear in a specified area of reef or a specified area of sandbank.
4. A person must not use static fishing gear in a specified area of reef.
5. A vessel transiting through a specified area of reef must have all bottom towed fishing gear and static fishing gear inboard, lashed and stowed.
6. A vessel transiting through a specified area of sandbank must have all bottom towed fishing gear inboard, lashed and stowed.

Exemptions

7. Paragraphs 3 to 6 do not apply:
 - a. to a person fishing using angling gear solely for pleasure; or
 - b. to a person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, if:
 - i. the act was carried out in accordance with written permission issued by the Marine Management Organisation permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes; or,
 - ii. the act was carried out in accordance with a marine licence issued by the Secretary of State under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, in connection with a decommissioning programme required under Part IV of the Petroleum Act 1998 (c.17).

Citation

8. This byelaw may be cited as the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge Special Area of Conservation (Specified Areas) Prohibited Fishing Gears Byelaw 2022.

Revocation

9. The byelaw with the title “The Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge European Marine Site (Specified Areas) Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw” made by the Marine Management Organisation in exercise of its powers under section 129 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, confirmed on 11 December 2013, and in force immediately before the making of this byelaw is revoked.

Made under the Common Seal of the Marine Management Organisation on

The Common Seal of the Marine Management Organisation was affixed to this byelaw in the presence of:

Michael Coyle
Director of Operations
Marine Management Organisation

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 130(8) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 confirms this byelaw.

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

Date:

This byelaw comes into force on:

Schedule 1

A “specified area of reef” means:

Area 1 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1	53°22.9302'N	00°39.3114'E; to
Point 2	53°22.7196'N	00°38.7366'E; to
Point 3	53°22.5210'N	00°37.1790'E; to
Point 4	53°21.9282'N	00°36.8430'E; to
Point 5	53°21.7824'N	00°36.4290'E; to
Point 6	53°22.9746'N	00°36.3504'E; to
Point 7	53°23.8806'N	00°37.2318'E; to
Point 8	53°24.7452'N	00°38.5464'E; to
Point 9	53°24.7350'N	00°39.3840'E; to
Point 10	53°23.8548'N	00°39.8004'E and returning to Point 1,

Area 2 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1	53°15.3810'N	00°38.9322'E; to
Point 2	53°15.2796'N	00°39.3366'E; to
Point 3	53°15.0534'N	00°39.4830'E; to
Point 4	53°14.8254'N	00°39.3714'E; to
Point 5	53°14.6682'N	00°38.9142'E; to
Point 6	53°14.8206'N	00°38.4828'E; to
Point 7	53°15.0384'N	00°38.3430'E; to
Point 8	53°15.2886'N	00°38.5134'E and returning to Point 1,

Area 3 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1	53°23.1564'N	00°42.1692'E; to
Point 2	53°23.2764'N	00°42.5748'E; to
Point 3	53°23.1708'N	00°43.0488'E; to
Point 4	53°22.9116'N	00°43.1556'E; to
Point 5	53°22.6134'N	00°42.9666'E; to
Point 6	53°22.5366'N	00°42.5892'E; to
Point 7	53°22.6038'N	00°42.1842'E; to
Point 8	53°22.8540'N	00°41.9748'E and returning to Point 1, and

Area 4 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1	53°21.7584'N	00°46.7892'E; to
Point 2	53°22.0212'N	00°47.0034'E; to

Point 3 53°22.1124'N 00°47.5812'E; to
Point 4 53°21.8892'N 00°47.8890'E; to
Point 5 53°21.7008'N 00°48.0312'E; to
Point 6 53°21.4170'N 00°47.9364'E; to
Point 7 53°21.3006'N 00°47.3268'E; to
Point 8 53°21.5130'N 00°47.0046'E and returning to Point 1.

Schedule 2

A "specified area of sandbank" means:

Area 1 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1 53°19.2636'N 00°34.6524'E; to
Point 2 53°17.4366'N 00°34.9854'E; to
Point 3 53°11.8710'N 00°34.9494'E; to
Point 4 53°10.9146'N 00°31.4544'E; to
Point 5 53°13.5102'N 00°30.7986'E; to
Point 6 53°18.9786'N 00°32.2680'E; to
Point 7 53°19.5354'N 00°33.3960'E and returning to Point 1, and

Area 2 as is enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

Point 1 53°19.6842'N 00°55.3320'E; to
Point 2 53°18.2592'N 00°56.1084'E; to
Point 3 53°17.5206'N 00°56.9016'E; to
Point 4 53°17.4180'N 00°58.2036'E; to
Point 5 53°18.8688'N 00°56.5626'E; to
Point 6 53°19.3026'N 00°56.3142'E; to
Point 7 53°20.6466'N 00°56.3658'E; to
Point 8 53°20.9076'N 00°56.9232'E; to
Point 9 53°19.8894'N 00°59.6808'E; to
Point 10 53°18.6168'N 01°01.3836'E; to
Point 11 53°13.6740'N 01°00.6468'E; to
Point 12 53°13.9278'N 00°58.8006'E; to
Point 13 53°15.9816'N 00°52.6212'E; to
Point 14 53°17.0742'N 00°49.8726'E; to
Point 15 53°16.2444'N 00°49.9104'E; to
Point 16 53°15.6582'N 00°50.4594'E; to
Point 17 53°14.8812'N 00°52.8696'E; to
Point 18 53°13.9986'N 00°52.4016'E; to
Point 19 53°13.4220'N 00°53.4402'E; to
Point 20 53°07.2702'N 00°59.3334'E; to
Point 21 53°06.2934'N 00°59.1312'E; to
Point 22 53°08.2674'N 00°55.1556'E; to
Point 23 53°12.3180'N 00°50.0604'E; to
Point 24 53°12.7512'N 00°48.4722'E; to
Point 25 53°14.4120'N 00°43.6416'E; to
Point 26 53°14.9664'N 00°42.5616'E; to
Point 27 53°15.2904'N 00°42.6612'E; to
Point 28 53°15.5598'N 00°43.0824'E; to

Point 29 53°15.7140'N 00°43.8336'E; to
Point 30 53°16.9170'N 00°43.5810'E; to
Point 31 53°18.8628'N 00°43.5798'E; to
Point 32 53°19.5762'N 00°44.3670'E; to
Point 33 53°19.8138'N 00°45.7590'E; to
Point 34 53°19.6326'N 00°48.7656'E; to
Point 35 53°19.1724'N 00°50.7420'E; to
Point 36 53°18.7458'N 00°51.8550'E; to
Point 37 53°23.5002'N 00°47.1192'E; to
Point 38 53°24.1332'N 00°47.4720'E; to
Point 39 53°23.9616'N 00°49.2810'E; to
Point 40 53°23.6208'N 00°49.9290'E and returning to Point 1.

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of the byelaw)

The Marine Management Organisation has made this byelaw to protect the following marine habitats, which are designated features of the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge Special Area of Conservation: sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time and *Sabellaria spinulosa* reefs.

The byelaw prohibits the use of bottom towed fishing gear within specified areas of sandbank and specified areas of reef, and the use of static fishing gear within specified areas of reef. The specified areas include buffer zones to ensure that fishing activities taking place adjacent to the marine habitats do not negatively impact them.

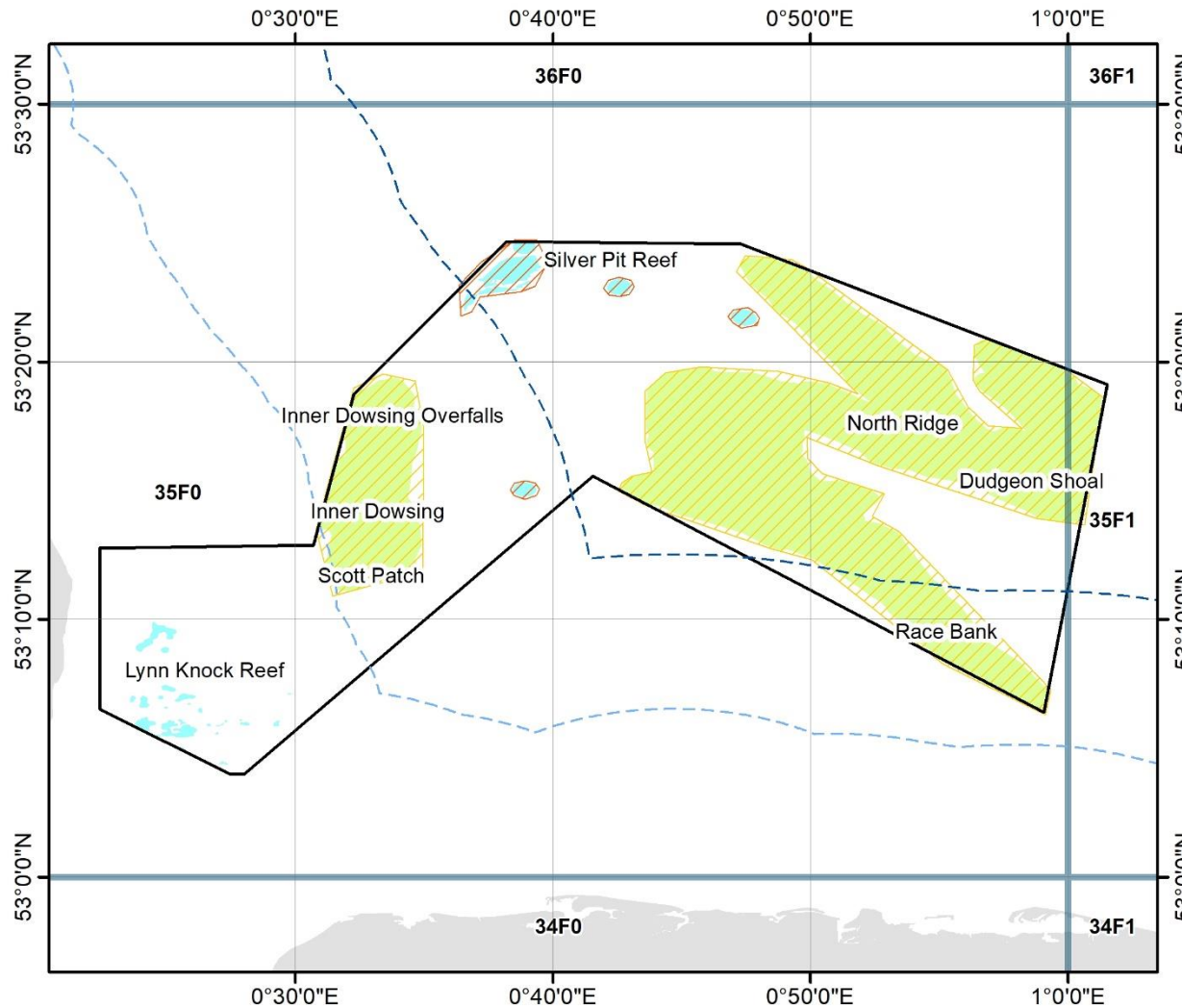
The specified areas are defined in the Schedules to this byelaw.

The specified areas are identified, for illustrative purposes only, on the map overleaf.



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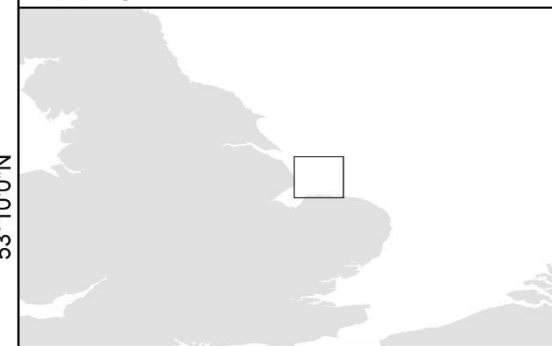
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- 6 Nautical Mile Limit (1983) (UKHO)
- 12 Nautical Mile Limit (1983) (UKHO)
- Specified area of sandbank
- Specified area of reef

- ICES Statistical Rectangles
- Inner Dowsing Race Bank and North Ridge SAC
- Area to be managed as Annex I Reef
- Annex I Sandbank

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Coordinate System: GCS WGS 1984
Datum: WGS 1984
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