

EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

Protected Areas Byelaw

Regulatory Notice 2

The Authority of the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of the procedure set out in the Protected Areas Byelaw issues the following Regulatory Notice for that District.

Interpretation

In this regulatory notice: -

- a) 'Bottom towed gear' means any 'fishing gear' as defined in paragraph 1(e) of the Protected Areas Byelaw designed to be towed, dragged or pushed through the water whilst in contact with the seabed.
- b) 'Beam trawl' means a trawl net where the mouth or opening of the net is kept open by a beam, which is mounted at each end on guides or skids which travel along the seabed.

Protected Area: The Wash and North Norfolk Coast SAC

Characteristic for protection: Sub-tidal Boulder and Cobble Communities sub-feature

Management measure: Prohibition of fishing with bottom towed gear

Exemptions: A vessel engaged in fishing using a beam trawl is exempt from the requirement for fishing gear to be stored in such a way that use cannot readily be made of it for any purpose only if the following apply:

1. It is fishing up to the boundary of a Restricted Area and/or it will be fishing immediately upon leaving the Restricted Area; and
2. The beam(s) is hoisted so that it is clearly visible above the sea and that no part of the fishing gear is in contact with any part of the seabed whilst the vessel is within the Restricted Area

Restricted Area: Area J as per the attached chart and associated coordinates.

Commencement date: 16th May 2014

Latest review date: 31st March 2017

Expiry date: Not applicable

Note: Coordinates are shown in decimal degrees for reference purposes only. Any enforcement of this Regulatory Notice will be based upon the coordinates expressed as degrees and decimal minutes.

I hereby certify that the above Regulatory Notice was made by Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at their meeting on 18th September 2013.

The said Regulatory Notice comes into effect on 16th May 2014.

Philip Haslam

Chief Executive Officer

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PROTECTED AREA BYELAW

Regulatory Notice 2: Boulder and Cobble Communities - Bottom towed gear prohibited area

