

Wash Fishery Order 1992 (WFO): Mussel Re-laying Fishery 2022



Hand-work mussel Licence conditions

Persons operating under a licence issued under Article 8(1) of the Wash Fishery Order 1992 are required to undertake their fishing activities in accordance with the conditions set by the Authority as per Article 8(5) of the same Order.

The following Licence Conditions are applicable to persons operating in the Wash Fishery Order 1992 hand-work mussel re-laying fishery 2022 under the associated licence.

These Licence conditions must be read in conjunction with the Wash Fishery Order 1992 Regulations which also apply to this fishery.

Licence condition 1: Re-laying Mussel Fishery

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery mussels unless such are redeposited on private shellfish beds within the area of the Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation.

For the purpose of this licence condition, the 'Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation' is the area set out in Schedule 1 of these licence conditions.

Licence Condition 2: Fishing methods (hand-work Licence)

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery mussels unless:

- a) by hand; or
- b) by hand rakes.

Licence Condition 3: Opening / closing date

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery mussels prior to the open date or after the close date of the fishery.

1. The fishery will open at 04:30 on 26 July 2022 (the open date) and in accordance with the Days of Operation (Licence condition 5) thereafter.
2. The Authority will notify Licence Holders, Nominated Representatives and Deputies with at least 12 hours' notice of the closure (close date) of the fishery as follows:
 - a. on the exhaustion of the Total Allowable Catch (90 tonnes) or to enable the start of the 2022 mussel surveys on 10 September 2022; or

- b. where it is judged necessary to do so to meet the conservation objectives of the marine protected areas of The Wash or for the sustainability or the viability of the fishery.

Licence Condition 4: Open areas

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery mussels except from areas set out in Schedule 2 (Mussel Re-laying Fishery Open Areas). Open Areas may be subject to closure and the Authority will provide a minimum of 12 hours' notice of such via text or e-mail to Licence Holders, Nominated Representatives and Nominated Deputies as applicable.

Licence Conditions 5: Days of Operation

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery any mussels except in accordance with the published opening date and the published closed date for the mussel re-laying fishery.

Licence holders, Nominated Representatives and Nominated Deputies will be notified of the closure of the fishery with no less than 12 hours' notice via text or e-mail using the contact details provided under Licence Condition 6.

Licence Condition 6: Contact Details

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery mussels unless a valid email address or mobile telephone number which is capable of receiving text messages has been provided to Eastern IFCA.

Licence condition 7: Requirement to have vessel holds inspected

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery any mussels using a vessel unless:

- a) the dimensions of the hold have been recorded by an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer;
- b) a 'certificate of hold inspection' has been issued which will record the dimensions as per 6(a) above which will be invalid if the hold is modified in any way which would alter its volume or capacity after the certificate has been issued.

Licence Condition 8: Requirement to notify

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery any mussels unless the Licence Holder, Nominated Representative or Nominated Deputy has notified Eastern IFCA of the estimated time of commencement of mussel harvesting at least 12 hours prior to such commencement.

For the purpose of this Licence Condition, such notification must include the vessel name and port letter numbers, the intended fishing method and the name of the mussel

bed intended to be fished and such notification must be in the form of a text message to the designated mobile phone number or email to the designated email address.

The designated mobile phone number is: 07748182025

The designated email address is: enforcement@eastern-ifca.gov.uk

Licence Condition 9: Catch Returns Data

Fishers must submit the 'required catch data' to Eastern IFCA via 'text message' to a designated mobile telephone number or via email to a designated email address no later than 2 hours after fishing has finished on any given day of fishing.

The required catch data is as follows: the name and port letter numbers of the vessel used to fish for mussels, the fishing method, the estimated weight of mussels removed from the Regulated Fishery, the name of the bed from which the mussels were removed and the destination of the mussels.

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The designated email address is: enforcement@eastern-ifca.gov.uk

Failure to comply with a licence condition is an offence under section 3(3) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. The master, owner and charterer (if any) of a vessel used in the commission of an offence shall each be guilty of any such offence and liable to an unlimited fine on summary conviction.

Licence conditions are subject to change and fishers will be notified of any amendments to the licence conditions.

Schedule 1 - Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation

The following table sets out the co-ordinates of the Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation as Licence condition 1 above.

The Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation is defined by a boundary drawn by the series of straight lines connecting points A to D and a line connecting point D to E which follows the land boundary which is to be taken as mean high water springs.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	53° 07'.69 N	00° 20'.55 E
B	53° 03'.66 N	00° 28'.16 E
C	53° 02'.73 N	01° 07'.55 E
D	52° 57'.16 N	01° 07'.10 E
E	53° 07'.69 N	00° 20'.55 E

Schedule 2 – Licence Condition 2: Mussel Re-laying Fishery Open Areas

This schedule sets out the areas open to the mussel dredge re-laying fishery under Licence Condition 3 – Open Areas.

Open areas are defined by a boundary drawn by the series of straight lines connecting each point listed in the tables to the next point in sequence and finally returning to the first point in each table as set out in the charts for illustrative purposes.

Herring Hill Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	52° 55.120' N	00° 05.850' E
B	52° 55.120' N	00° 06.600' E
C	52° 54.790' N	00° 06.600' E
D	52° 54.790' N	00° 05.850' E

Shellridge Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
E	52° 55.310' N	00° 08.700' E
F	52° 55.310' N	00° 09.360' E
G	52° 54.675' N	00° 09.360' E
H	52° 54.675' N	00° 08.965' E
I	52° 54.815' N	00° 08.700' E

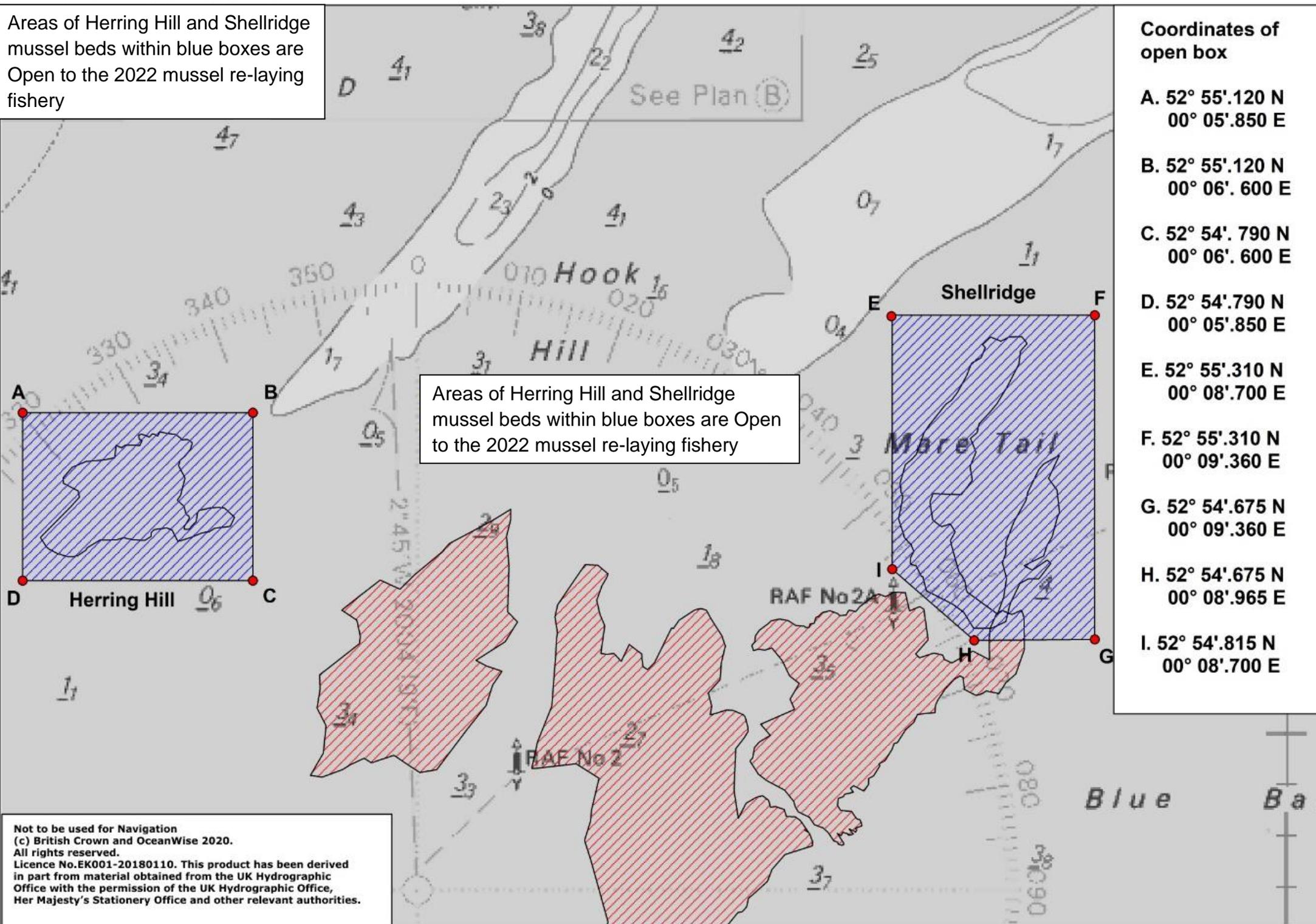
Holbeach Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	52° 52.415' N	00° 11.420' E
B	52° 52.415' N	00° 12.565' E
C	52° 52.015' N	00° 12.565' E
D	52° 52.015' N	00° 11.420' E

Trial Bank Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	52° 50.800' N	00° 14.150' E
B	52° 50.800' N	00° 15.000' E
C	52° 50.230' N	00° 15.000' E
D	52° 50.230' N	00° 14.150' E

Skate Run Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
E	52° 50.390' N	00° 16.525' E
F	52° 50.390' N	00° 17.225' E
G	52° 49.820' N	00° 17.225' E
H	52° 49.820' N	00° 16.525' E

Blackshore / 'Back of the Wall' Mussel Bed Open Area		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	52° 50.30' N	00° 19.790' E
B	52° 50.300' N	00° 21.235' E
C	52° 49.660' N	00° 21.235' E
D	52° 49.660' N	00° 19.790' E

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Coordinates of open box

- A. 52° 55'.120 N
00° 05'.850 E
- B. 52° 55'.120 N
00° 06'. 600 E
- C. 52° 54'. 790 N
00° 06'. 600 E
- D. 52° 54'.790 N
00° 05'.850 E
- E. 52° 55'.310 N
00° 08'.700 E
- F. 52° 55'.310 N
00° 09'.360 E
- G. 52° 54'.675 N
00° 09'.360 E
- H. 52° 54'.675 N
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- I. 52° 54'.815 N
00° 08'.700 E

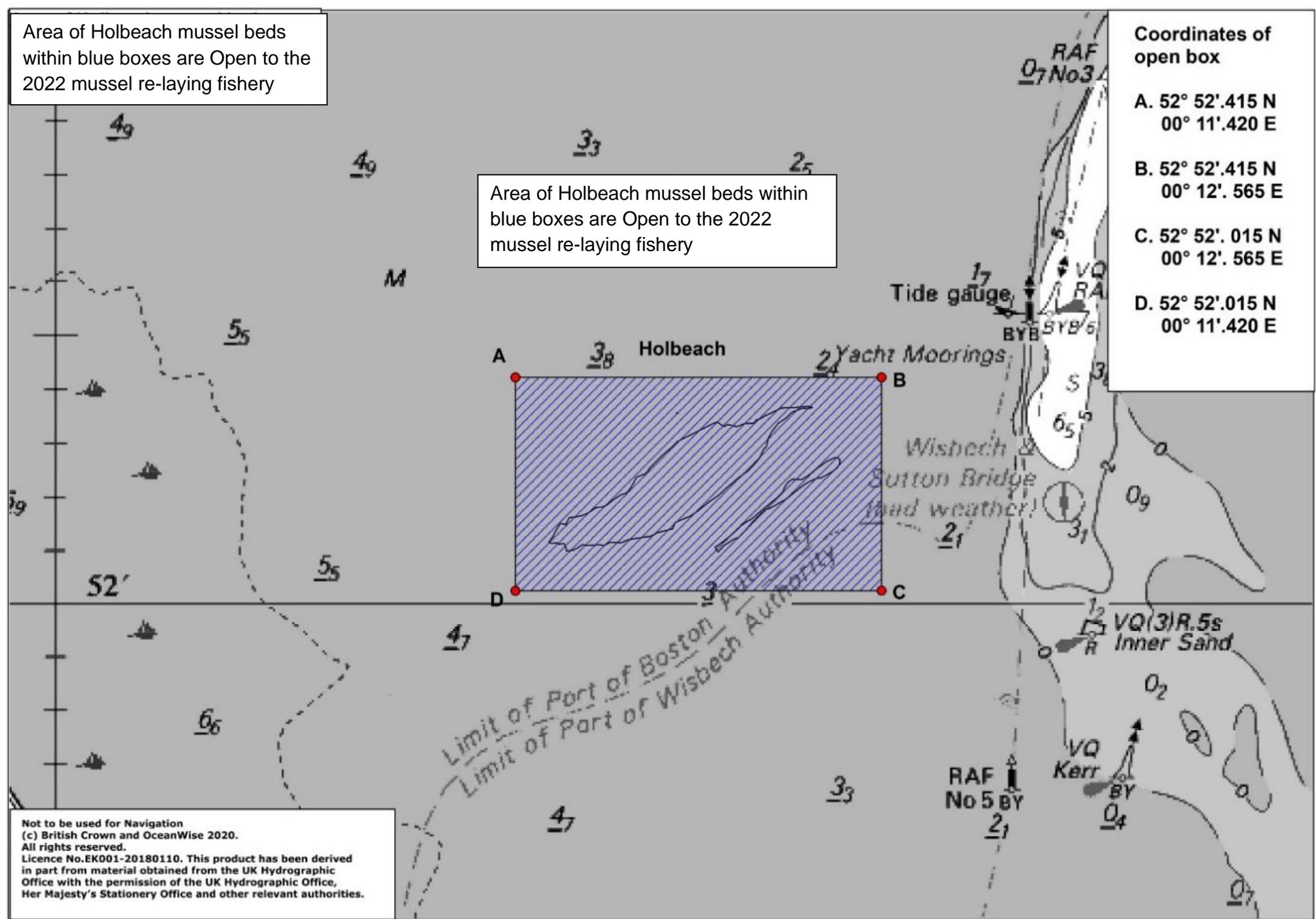
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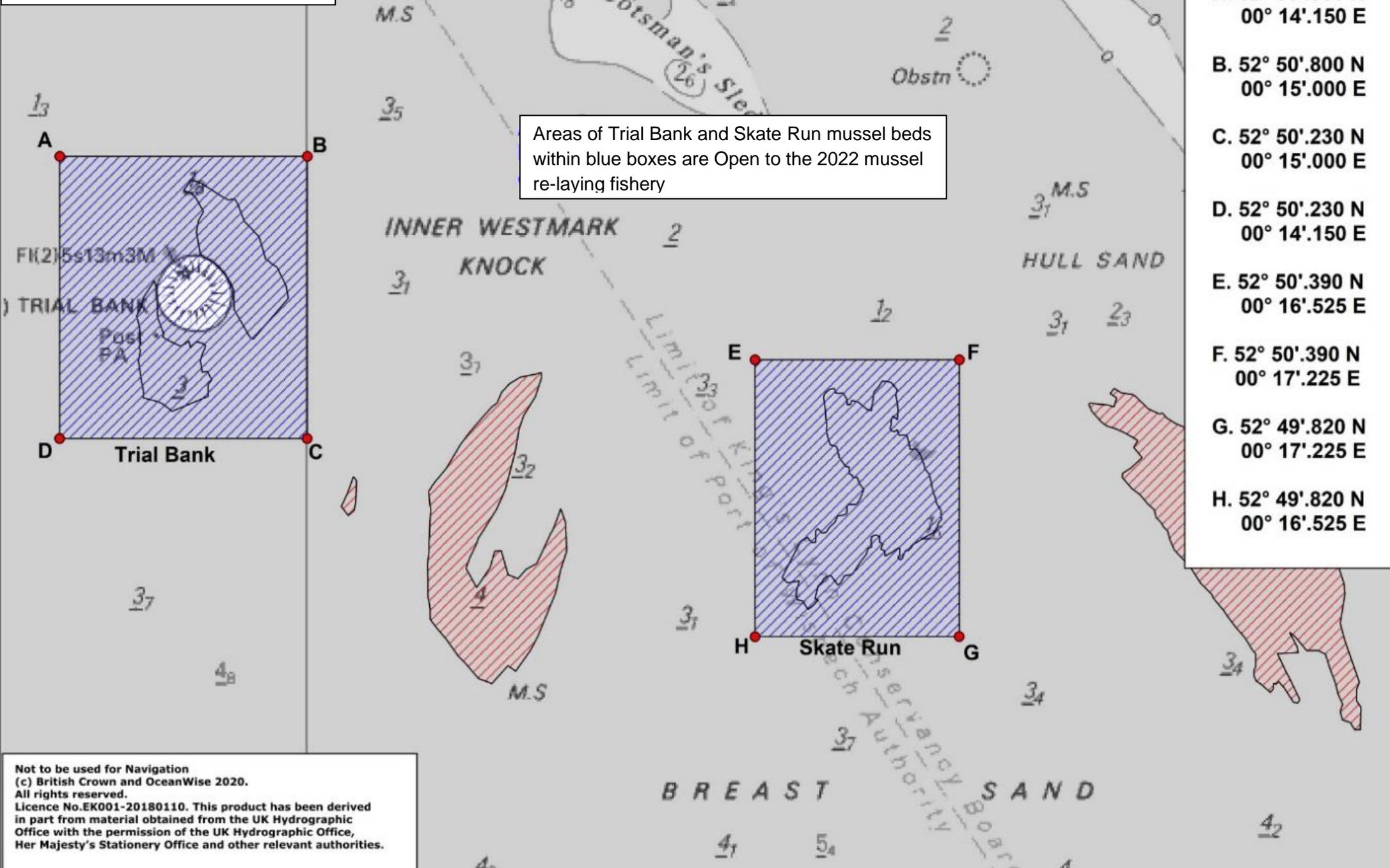
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A.	52° 52'.415 N	00° 11'.420 E
B.	52° 52'.415 N	00° 12'. 565 E
C.	52° 52'. 015 N	00° 12'. 565 E
D.	52° 52'.015 N	00° 11'.420 E



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Coordinates of open box

A.	52° 50'.800 N	00° 14'.150 E
B.	52° 50'.800 N	00° 15'.000 E
C.	52° 50'.230 N	00° 15'.000 E
D.	52° 50'.230 N	00° 14'.150 E
E.	52° 50'.390 N	00° 16'.525 E
F.	52° 50'.390 N	00° 17'.225 E
G.	52° 49'.820 N	00° 17'.225 E
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Area of Blackshore and Back of the Wall mussel beds to be opened to the 2022 relaying mussel fishery

Area of Blackshore and Back of the Wall mussel beds within blue box to be opened to the 2022 relaying seed mussel fishery

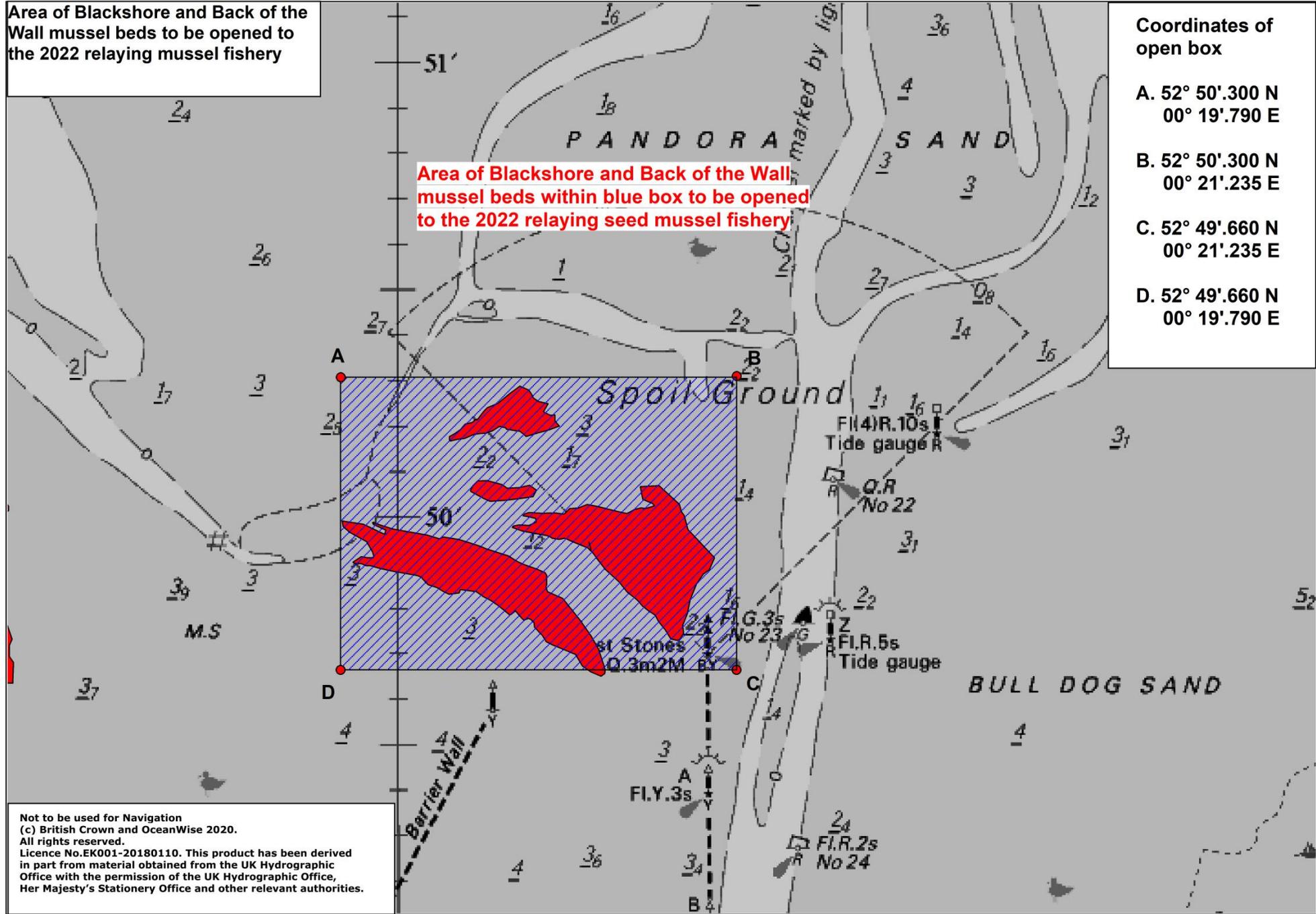
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