



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

SEA FISHERIES (PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY FISH SPECIES) BYELAWS 2005 EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Byelaws were introduced in 2005 to allow a restricted zone for the protection of migratory species (salmon and sea trout), consisting of the north west and north east coasts of the Island from the north end of Peel Bay round to the northern side of Ramsey Harbour, within which netting is not permitted out to 750 metres seawards from the high water mark, subject to certain exceptions.

The Byelaws provide that the Department may grant licences to applicants wishing to fish for sand eels within the restricted zone.

Two areas of the restricted zone have been designated for sand eel netting, under authority of a licence. These are as follows, and depicted on the map overleaf:-

The Dog Mills designated area - the area of the restricted zone lying within 300 metres in either direction of the end of the Dog Mills public footpath at Grid Reference SC 453977, and extending into that part of the sea within 750 metres of the high water mark

The Smeale designated area - the area of the restricted zone lying within 1,500 metres in a north-easterly direction of the access point to the beach at Rue Point from the car parking area at Grid Reference NX 407032, and extending into that part of the sea within 750 metres of the high water mark.

Sand eel nets are defined in the byelaws as a beach seine used for the enmeshing or entrapment of sand eels which must be constructed in accordance with the following:-

- *Must not be of monofilament construction in any of its parts*
- *The mesh size in the cod end must not be greater than 16 millimetres*
- *The maximum depth must not be greater than 2.43 metres (8 feet)*
- *The maximum length must not be more than 51.21 metres (168 feet)*

Licence holders can only operate during all or part of the period commencing on the 1st June and finishing on the 30th September in any year.

Licence holders can only operate during the hours of daylight commencing half-an-hour after sunrise and finishing half-an-hour before sunset.

Licence holders must give prior notice to the Department of intended use, including notification by the preceding Friday of any use intended to be carried out on the following Saturday or Sunday.

Licence holders must ensure operation of the sand eel net complies with the following conditions:-

- *The net is attended by the licence holder in person at all times during its use*
- *One end must be staked, anchored, affixed or otherwise held in place on the shore*
- *After setting the rest of the net from the beach, the other end of the net is so positioned on the beach that the fishing action of the net occurs when it is drawn manually and without the use of any mechanical device towards and onto the beach.*

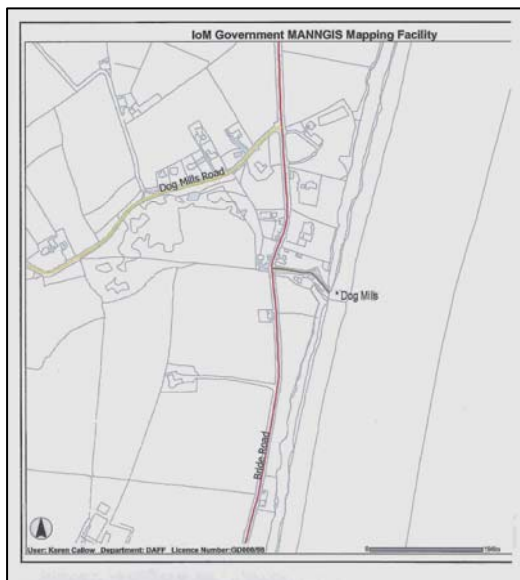
Any person on contravention of the Byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of up to £5,000 and forfeiture of the licence for up to a period of 5 years.

Nothing in the Sea Fisheries (Protection of Migratory Fish Species) Byelaws 2005 shall be taken as exempting any person from the provisions of the Sea-Fisheries (Consolidation) Byelaws 1984 (byelaw 7).

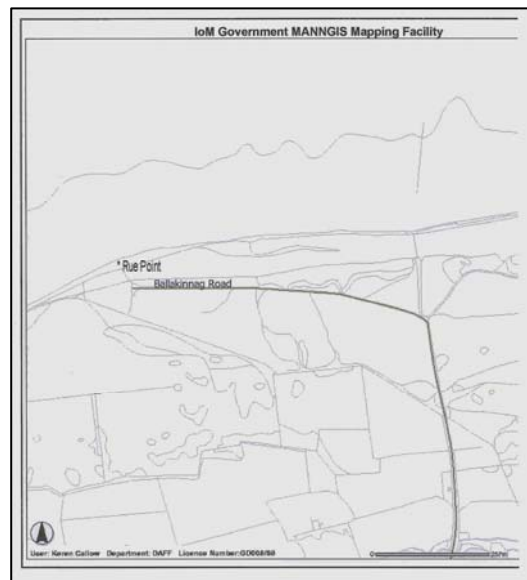
For further information and notification of intended netting operations, please telephone the Fisheries Section of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry on (01624) 685857.

Maps:-

The Dog Mills designated area:-



The Smeale designated area:-



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