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**Ref.: D&S IFCA Formal Notice Devon Avon Estuary MCZ**

Dear Kate,

**Fisheries in MCZ Assessment  
Marine Conservation Zone: Devon Avon Estuary MCZ UKMCZ0058**

Further to Defra's revised approach on the management of commercial fishing activities within Marine Protected Areas and the introduction of Marine Conservation Zones, the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (D&S IFCA) has undertaken a series of MCZ Assessments on fishing activities taking place within the Devon Avon Estuary MCZ.

The assessments accompanying this letter pertain to the possible gear:feature interactions outlined in the tables below, including shore-based activities, seine netting and potting on the features of the MCZ. The assessments demonstrate that these activities do not pose a risk of hindering the conservation objectives of the MCZ.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Clark".

Sarah Clark  
Deputy Chief Officer

MCZ Assessment: DAV-MCZ-001

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Intertidal handwork: Handworking (access from vessel) Intertidal handwork: Handworking (access from land) Miscellaneous: Crab tiling Bait collection: Digging with forks	Intertidal mud Intertidal sand and muddy sand Moderate energy intertidal rock Tentacled lagoon worm ( <i>Alkmaria romjini</i> )

MCZ Assessment: DAV-MCZ-002

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Seine nets & other: Beach seine/ring	Intertidal mud Intertidal sand and muddy sand Moderate energy intertidal rock Tentacled lagoon worm ( <i>Alkmaria romjini</i> )

MCZ Assessment: DAV-MCZ-003

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Static – pots/traps: Pots/creels Static – pots/traps: Cuttlepots Static – pots/traps: Fish traps	Intertidal mud Intertidal sand and muddy sand Moderate energy intertidal rock Tentacled lagoon worm ( <i>Alkmaria romjini</i> )

MCZ Assessment: DAV-MCZ-004

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Intertidal handwork: Hand working (access from vessel) Intertidal handwork: Hand working (access from land) Miscellaneous: Crab tiling Bait collection: Digging with forks	Coastal saltmarshes and saline reed beds