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Ref.: D&S IFCA Formal Notice Otter Estuary MCZ

Dear Kate,

Fisheries in MCZ Assessment

Marine Conservation Zone: Otter Estuary MCZ UKMCZ0065

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 Otter Estuary MCZ.

The assessments accompanying this letter pertain to the possible gear:feature interactions outlined in the tables below. 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: OTT-MCZ-001

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Intertidal handwork: Handworking (access from vessel), Handworking (access from land) Miscellaneous: Crab tiling Bait collection: Digging with forks	Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds

MCZ Assessment: OTT-MCZ-002

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Intertidal handwork: Handworking (access from vessel), Handworking (access from land) Miscellaneous: Crab tiling Bait collection: Digging with forks	Intertidal coarse sediment Intertidal mud

MCZ Assessment: OTT-MCZ-003

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Static – pots/traps: Pots/creels, cuttlepots, fishtraps Lines – Longlines (demersal)	Intertidal coarse sediment Intertidal mud

MCZ Assessment: OTT-MCZ-004

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Passive nets: Drift nets (demersal) Lines: Longlines (demersal) Seine nets & other: Shrimp push nets, fyke & stakenets, ring nets	Intertidal coarse sediment Intertidal mud

MCZ Assessment: OTT-MCZ-005

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Seine nets & other: Beach seine/ring	Intertidal coarse sediment Intertidal mud

MCZ Assessment – OTT-MCZ-006

Fishing activities assessed	Protected features
Aquaculture: Shellfish aquaculture: bottom culture, trestle culture	Intertidal coarse sediment Intertidal mud