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References:

D&S IFCA– Formal Notice Plymouth Sound & Estuaries EMS

Dear Sangeeta

Fisheries in EMS Habitats Regulations Assessment for Amber Activities
European Marine Site: Plymouth Sound & Estuaries UK0013111
Tamar Estuaries Complex SPA UK9010141

Further to the Defra's Revised Approach on the management of commercial fishing activities within European Marine Sites, the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (D&S IFCA) has undertaken Habitats Regulation Assessments (HRA) on the Amber risk fishing activities taking place within Plymouth Sound and Estuaries EMS. D&S IFCA Officers have reviewed the five previously produced HRAs on the interaction of fish traps on features of the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries EMS, in light of all previous data together with data collected and analysed from the 2020 fishery. The revised HRAs accompany this letter for the gear feature interactions shown in the tables below. These assessments demonstrate that there will not be any adverse effect on the sub-feature for which the site is designated.

I would kindly request that Natural England review and provide formal advice on these assessments.

Thank you for your attention and the advice you have already provided in relation to these proposed fisheries. 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

D&S IFCA Interaction ID	Fishing Activity	Sub-feature(s)
HRA_UK0013111_Q23	Fish traps	Subtidal mixed sediments
HRA_UK0013111_B23		Subtidal coarse sediment
HRA_UK0013111_J23		Subtidal mud
HRA_UK0013111_Q23		Subtidal sand

D&S IFCA Interaction ID	Fishing Activity	Sub-feature(s)/ Supporting Habitat(s)/ Annex I Species
HRA_UK9010141_AO23	SPA Fishtraps	Avocet
		Little egret
HRA_UK9010141_D23		Intertidal seagrass beds
HRA_UK0013111_D23	SAC Fishtraps	Subtidal seagrass beds
		Intertidal seagrass beds

D&S IFCA Interaction ID	Fishing Activity	Sub-feature(s)/ Supporting Habitat(s)/ Annex I Species
HRA_UK0013111_K23	Fishtraps	Intertidal mud
HRA_UK0013111_L23		Intertidal sand & muddy sand
HRA_UK0013111_P23		Intertidal mixed sediments
HRA_UK0013111_AR23		Intertidal coarse sediment
HRA_UK9010141_AO23	Fishtraps	Avocet
HRA_UK9010141_AO23		Little egret
HRA_UK9010141_AT23		Water column
HRA_UK9010141_K23		Intertidal mud
HRA_UK9010141_L23		Intertidal sand & muddy sand
HRA_UK9010141_P23		Intertidal mixed sediments

D&S IFCA Interaction ID	Fishing Activity	Sub-feature(s)
HRA_UK0013111_AJ23	Fish traps	Allis shad
HRA_UK0013111_AJ21	Pots/ creels	Allis shad

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HRA_UK0013111_W23	Fishtraps	Intertidal rock
HRA_UK0013111_Z23		Circalittoral rock
HRA_UK0013111_AC23		Infralittoral rock