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2022**

**Schedule Two - Sand Eel  
Trawling**

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## Important Information

1. All positions in these Annexes are expressed in Degrees Decimal Minutes (DDM) and shall be measured according to the WGS84 Geographic Co-ordinate System.
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# Sand Eel Trawling

## Chart Legends



No access for sand eel trawling within designated areas of seagrass in accordance with Schedule 2(e) of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022.

## Explanation of the Restrictions

The Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 defines mobile fishing gear, which includes trawls (sand eel trawls).

Schedule 2 of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 enables fishing for sand eel to be conducted without a Mobile Fishing Permit. However, fishing for sand eel (sand eel trawling) is subject to a series of restrictions summarised below:

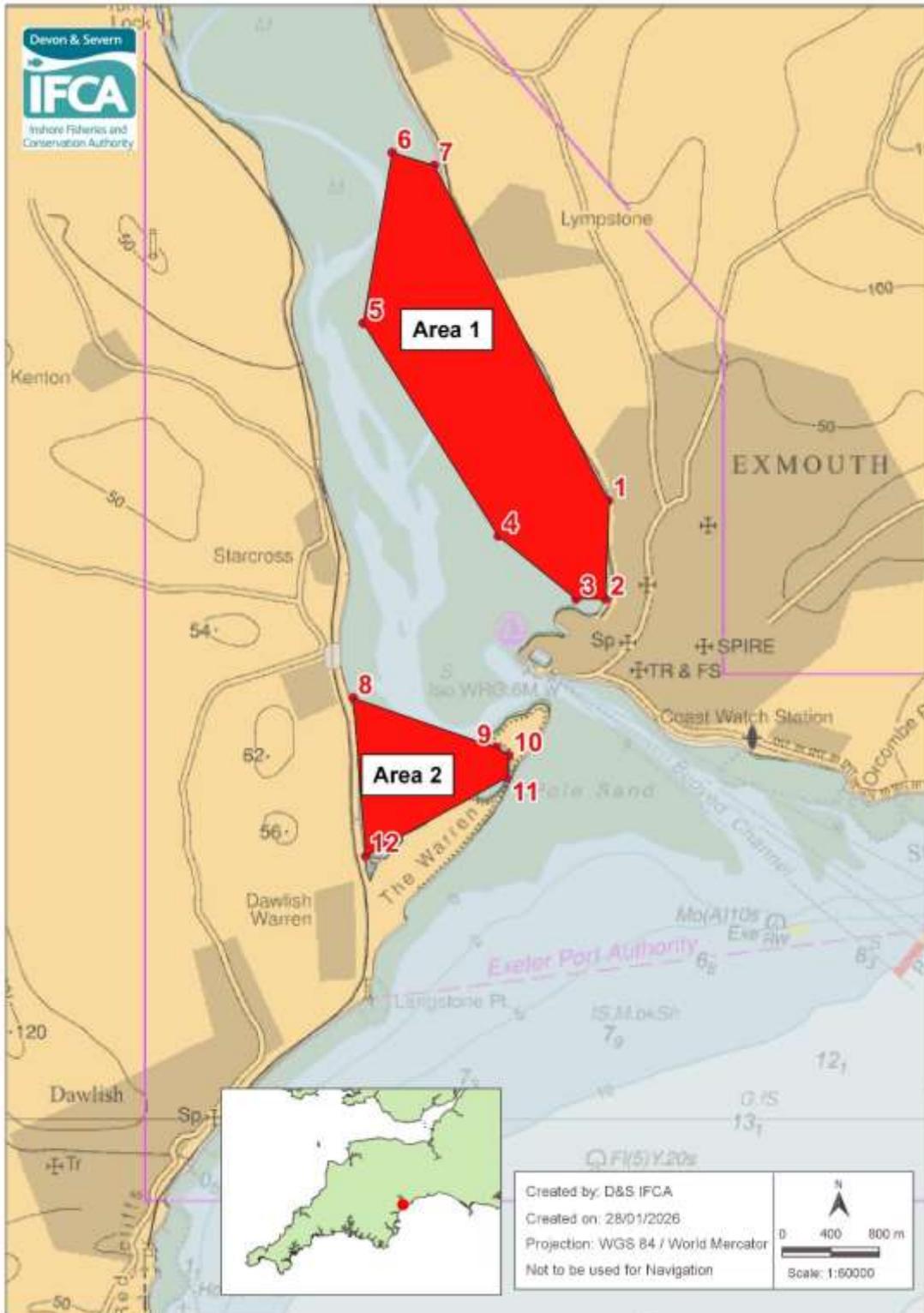
- All vessels used for sand eel trawling must not exceed 6.99 metres in overall length.
- A catch limit of 15 kilogrammes applies for any person sand eel trawling using a vessel without a Certificate of Registry and a valid Fishing Licence.
- The maximum mesh size of the cod end in the sand eel trawl must be 16 millimetres.
- Any person using a vessel that has no Certificate of Registry and a valid Fishing Licence must fish independently and not in combination with any other vessel.
- Any person using a vessel that has no Certificate of Registry and a valid Fishing Licence must not use any device to store sand eel in the water unless it is attached to the vessel being used to fish at that time.
- Any person using a vessel that has no Certificate of Registry and a valid Fishing Licence must not use any mechanical assistance for the hauling of the trawl.
- Any person trawling for sand eel must not fish between sunset and sunrise.
- Any person that fishes or has fished for sand eel in the District must provide (if requested) any relevant fisheries information of document required by the Authority for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

Schedule 2 of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 also states that **fishing for sand eel is prohibited in designated areas of seagrass** as displayed on the Authority's website and this booklet is available to read on the Authority's website and can be provided on request in other formats.

- The following charts set out the designated areas of seagrass which **must** be avoided when sand eel trawling.

# Designated Seagrass Beds - South Coast of District

## Schedule 2 - Exe Estuary



## Exe Estuary Area 1

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 1 to Point 7 then returning to Point 1:

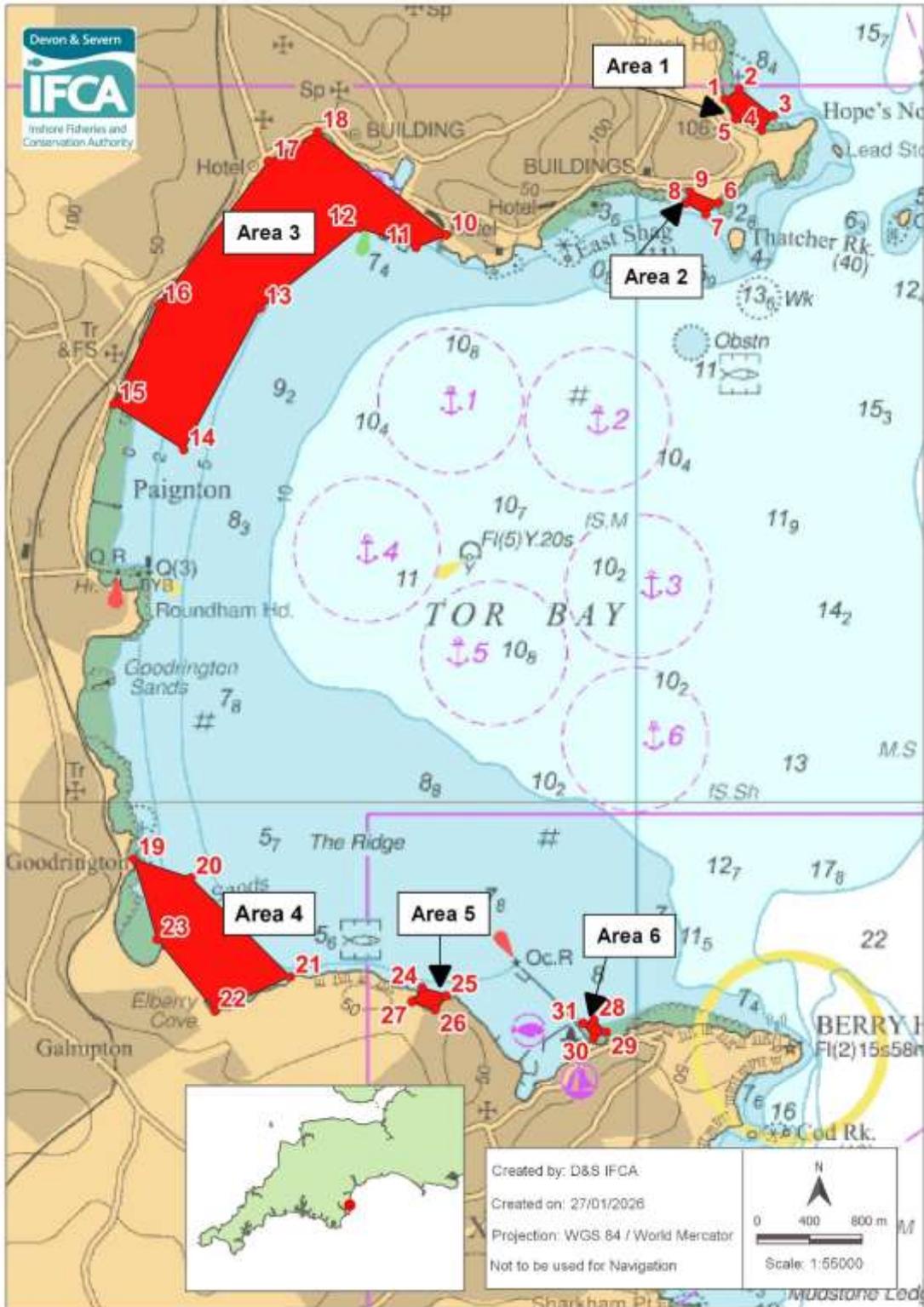
Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	50° 37.765 N	003° 24.950 W
2	50° 37.323 N	003° 24.970 W
3	50° 37.323 N	003° 25.176 W
4	50° 37.606 N	003° 25.720 W
5	50° 38.561 N	003° 26.666 W
6	50° 39.327 N	003° 26.463 W
7	50° 39.269 N	003° 26.170 W

## Exe Estuary Area 2

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 8 to Point 12 then returning to Point 8:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
8	50° 38.879 N	003° 26.734 W
9	50° 36.656 N	003° 25.734 W
10	50° 36.622 N	003° 25.648 W
11	50° 36.520 N	003° 25.661 W
12	50° 36.168 N	003° 26.652 W

## Schedule 2 - Tor Bay



## Torbay Area 1

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 1 to Point 5 then returning to Point 1:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	50° 27.908 N	003° 29.434 W
2	50° 27.952 N	003° 29.342 W
3	50° 27.839 N	003° 29.122 W
4	50° 27.778 N	003° 29.198 W
5	50° 27.827 N	003° 29.366 W

## Torbay Area 2

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 6 to Point 9 then returning to Point 6:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
6	50° 27.479 N	003° 29.474 W
7	50° 27.430 N	003° 29.558 W
8	50° 27.476 N	003° 29.686 W
9	50° 27.524 N	003° 29.659 W

## Torbay Area 3

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 10 to Point 18 then returning to Point 10:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
10	50° 27.344 N	003° 31.231 W
11	50° 27.292 N	003° 31.427 W
12	50° 27.373 N	003° 31.790 W
13	50° 27.041 N	003° 32.430 W
14	50° 26.452 N	003° 32.924 W
15	50° 26.640 N	003° 33.376 W
16	50° 27.053 N	003° 33.083 W
17	50° 27.651 N	003° 32.380 W
18	50° 27.773 N	003° 32.062 W

## Torbay Area 4

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 19 to Point 23 then returning to Point 19:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
19	50° 24.750 N	003° 33.247 W
20	50° 24.672 N	003° 32.879 W
21	50° 24.257 N	003° 32.266 W
22	50° 24.118 N	003° 32.725 W
23	50° 24.416 N	003° 33.097 W

## Torbay Area 5

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 24 to Point 27 then returning to Point 24:

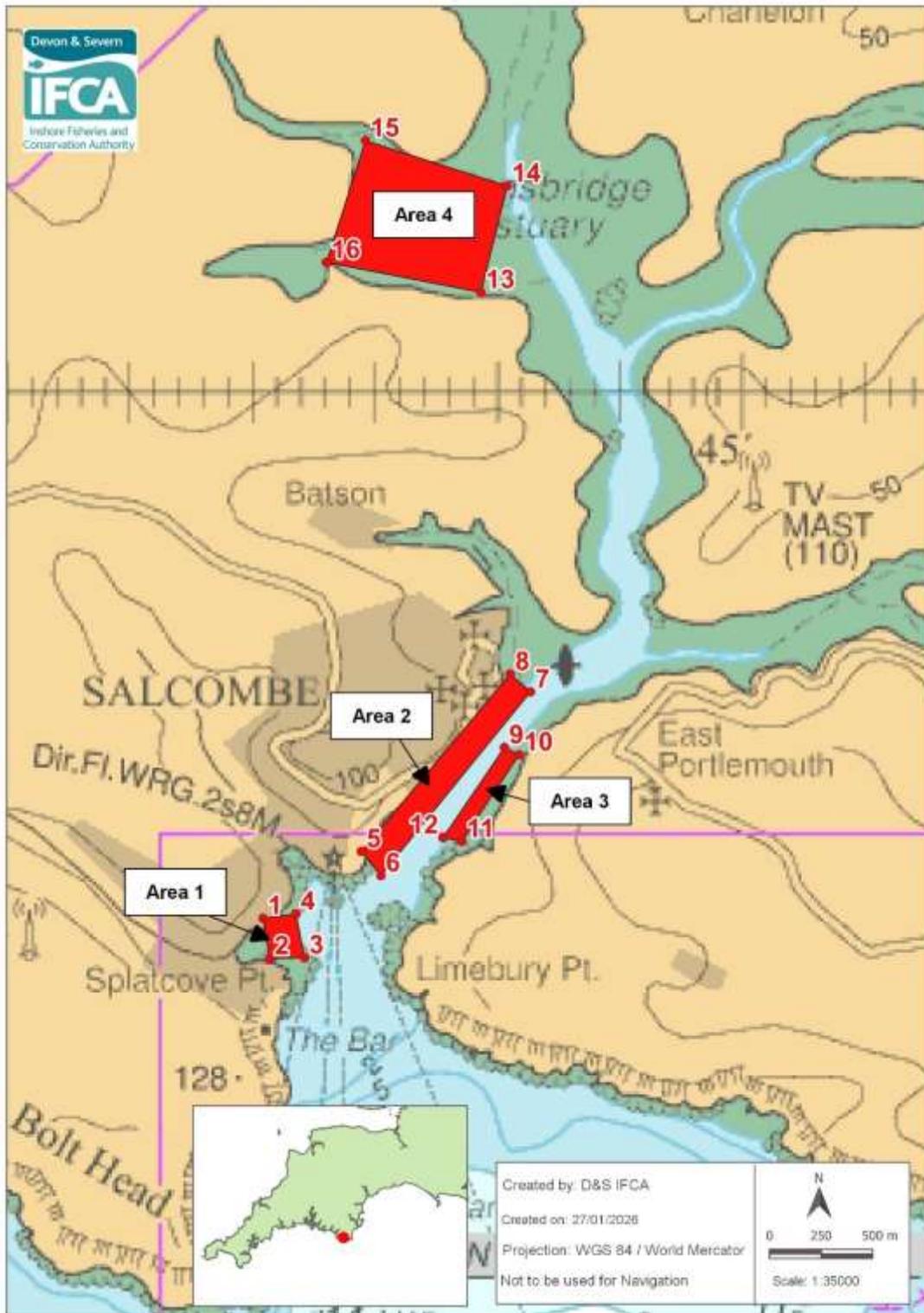
Point	Latitude	Longitude
24	50° 24.215 N	003° 31.388 W
25	50° 24.181 N	003° 31.233 W
26	50° 24.123 N	003° 31.306 W
27	50° 24.156 N	003° 31.453 W

## Torbay Area 6

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 28 to Point 31 then returning to Point 28:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
28	50° 24.081 N	003° 30.280 W
29	50° 24.029 N	003° 30.202 W
30	50° 24.005 N	003° 30.281 W
31	50° 24.067 N	003° 30.351 W

## Schedule 2 - Salcombe Harbour



## Salcombe Harbour Area 1

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 1 to Point 4 then returning to Point 1:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	50° 13.601 N	003° 46.951 W
2	50° 13.494 N	003° 46.924 W
3	50° 13.496 N	003° 46.781 W
4	50° 13.612 N	003° 46.816 W

## Salcombe Harbour Area 2

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 5 to Point 8 then returning to Point 5:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
5	50° 13.777 N	003° 46.549 W
6	50° 13.714 N	003° 46.469 W
7	50° 14.199 N	003° 45.859 W
8	50° 14.246 N	003° 45.941 W

## Salcombe Harbour Area 3

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 9 to Point 12 then returning to Point 9:

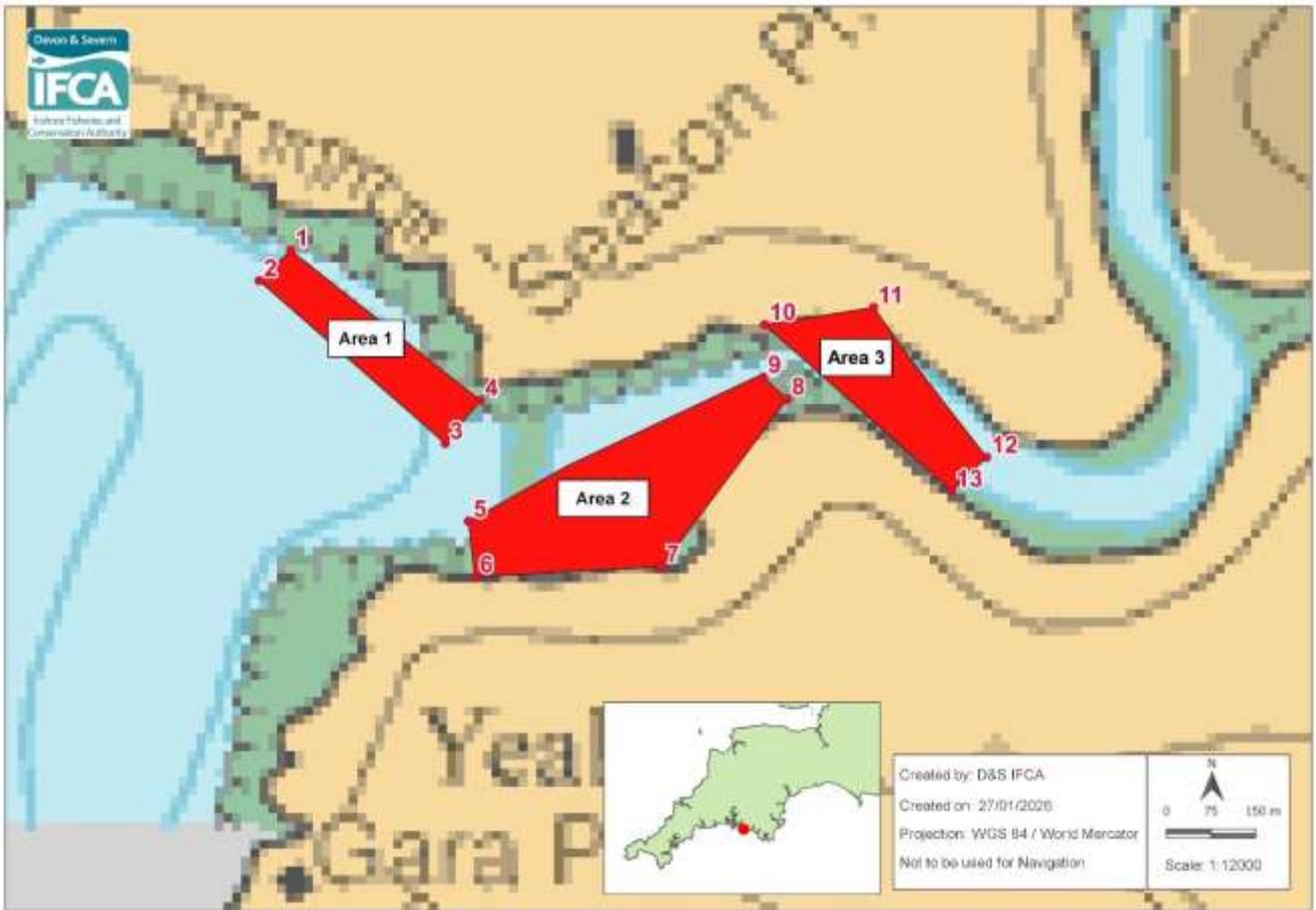
Point	Latitude	Longitude
9	50° 14.052 N	003° 45.965 W
10	50° 14.033 N	003° 45.905 W
11	50° 13.804 N	003° 46.139 W
12	50° 13.814 N	003° 46.216 W

## Salcombe Harbour Area 4

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 13 to Point 16 then returning to Point 13:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
13	50° 15.254 N	003° 46.061 W
14	50° 15.535 N	003° 45.953 W
15	50° 15.655 N	003° 46.532 W
16	50° 15.330 N	003° 46.692 W

## Schedule 2 - Yealm Estuary



### Yealm Estuary Area 1

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 1 to Point 4 then returning to Point 1:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	50° 18.846 N	004° 04.445 W
2	50° 18.818 N	004° 04.490 W
3	50° 18.670 N	004° 04.226 W
4	50° 18.709 N	004° 04.177 W

## Yealm Estuary Area 2

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 5 to Point 9 then returning to Point 5:

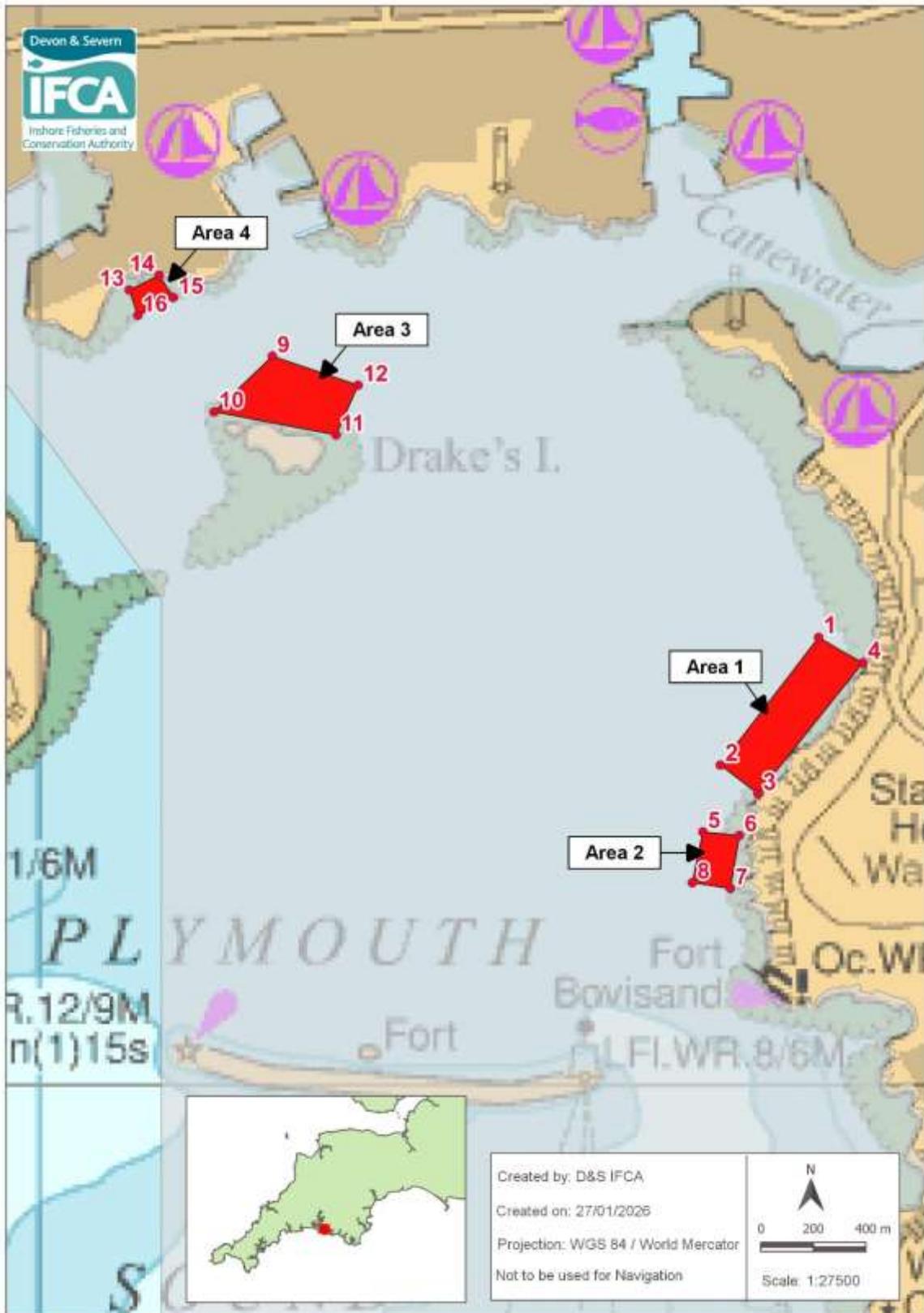
Point	Latitude	Longitude
5	50° 18.598 N	004° 04.193 W
6	50° 18.547 N	004° 04.184 W
7	50° 18.557 N	004° 03.919 W
8	50° 18.710 N	004° 03.741 W
9	50° 18.730 N	004° 03.775 W

## Yealm Estuary Area 3

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 10 to Point 13 then returning to Point 10:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
10	50° 18.778 N	004° 03.773 W
11	50° 18.794 N	004° 03.619 W
12	50° 18.657 N	004° 03.458 W
13	50° 18.626 N	004° 03.508 W

## Schedule 2 - Plymouth Sound



## Plymouth Sound Area 1

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 1 to Point 4 then returning to Point 1:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	50° 20.920 N	004° 07.488 W
2	50° 20.655 N	004° 07.804 W
3	50° 20.596 N	004° 07.683 W
4	50° 20.867 N	004° 07.346 W

## Plymouth Sound Area 2

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 5 to Point 8 then returning to Point 5:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
5	50° 20.516 N	004° 07.860 W
6	50° 20.509 N	004° 07.742 W
7	50° 20.399 N	004° 07.772 W
8	50° 20.411 N	004° 07.894 W

## Plymouth Sound Area 3

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 9 to Point 12 then returning to Point 9:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
9	50° 21.502 N	004° 09.244 W
10	50° 21.387 N	004° 09.431 W
11	50° 21.339 N	004° 09.039 W
12	50° 21.442 N	004° 08.968 W

## Plymouth Sound Area 4

No access for sand eel trawling in the areas defined by the following points plotted sequentially and joined using straight lines (unless otherwise indicated) from Point 13 to Point 16 then returning to Point 13:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
13	50° 21.639 N	004° 09.704 W
14	50° 21.670 N	004° 09.608 W
15	50° 21.623 N	004° 09.562 W
16	50° 21.587 N	004° 09.677 W