

BORGs list of MCZs proposed for 2013

Of the 127m MCZ sites identified by Natural England and the JNCC in the Final Report published last August, DEFRA have identified 37 which they propose to put to the Government for designation as the first MCZs in 2013.

Many of these sites are offshore and will make no difference to leisure boating. Others are located in major boating areas, and may have a considerable impact on our activities in these places.

This list should be used in conjunction with the DEFRA reports which can be downloaded here:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/12/13/marine-conservation-zones-1212/>

AT THIS STAGE, ONLY THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS ARE BEING DEFINED

NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN ANY MCZ

Once an MCZ has been created, DEFRA and the MMO will decide how the area is to be protected, and what needs to be done to achieve that.

In the following lists, Jon Reed, Founder of BORG, who has attended many MCZ planning meetings with Natural England, and the MMO, has given *his opinion* on the likely effects on each area. *THIS CARRIES NO OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT*, and is done purely to highlight those areas where there is, in Jon's opinion, a potential conflict with the boating community.

BORG will continue to work with DEFRA and the MMO to ensure that where our activities ARE likely to be affected:

1. The measures introduced are based as far as possible on solid scientific fact and data (e.g. anchoring in Eelgrass - see the BORG website)
2. The social and economic effects of designation has been properly taken into account
3. The measures are realistic, and will not impinge on safe navigation.

BORG is preparing a leaflet for Clubs, Bertholder Associations and Individuals who want to take part in the DEFRA 12 week Public Consultation, and we encourage you to use this resource to assist you in making the most of this opportunity to have your say.

DEFRA 1st Tranche recommendations for MCZ areas:

Summary of areas included for recommendation in 2013 and likely to impact boating activity:

1 Balanced Seas area:

DEFRA Document Ref: Annexe A1 pt 1

Stour and Orwell Estuary Chart p9 Impact: Low, possible localised restrictions on anchoring and new moorings

Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries: Chart p15. Impact Low, possible localised anchoring and mooring restrictions

Medway Estuary Chart p21 Impact: Low.

Thanet Coast Chart p27. Impact Nil, except fishing

Hythe Chart p30 Impact Nil except fishing

Beachy Head West (Includes Brighton marina, and Newhaven Harbour entrance only. Chart p46
Impact: Nil

Pagham Harbour CP 58. Impact: potential 'no go' zone inside harbour entrance. (Note the harbour is already subject to various orders under the Wildlife Act, and access is already disputed. An MCZ could reinforce a complete closure of the Harbour and prevent any access even below the LW mark).

2 Finding Sanctuary:

DEFRA Doc Ref: Annexe A1 Pt 2.1

Lundy Maintain existing MCZ

Padstow Bay (excluding estuary) Chart p 31 Impact: nil

DEFRA Doc Ref Annexe A1 Pt 2.2

Scilly Isles _Divided in to 11 sub zones, each with its own objectives: General chart p14

Areas of interest to boat owners:

- p.19 Higher Town
- p.21 Men a Vaur to White Island
- p.22 St Marys, East Coast
- p.26 Tean

DEFRA Doc Ref Annexe A1 Pt 3

Upper Fowey and Pont Pill Chart p10 Impact: Likely restriction of activity, esp anchoring/mooring. Strongly supported by local HM.

Whitsand and Looe Bay Chart p17 Impact: low.

Tamar Estuary Chart p23 Impact **HIGH**. Expect restrictions on anchoring and moorings, already raised by Duchy of Cornwall. **LOCALS NEED TO GET INVOLVED HERE**

Torbay Chart p38 Impact potentially **HIGH** **Eelgrass present**: Contact Torbay HM for local information up dates.

Poole Rocks Chart p 57 Impact: Nil.

3. IRISH SEA

(Note this does NOT include the Welsh Coastal HPMCZ proposed sites, which come under Welsh Assembly jurisdiction.)

DEFRA Doc ref: Annexe A1 pt 4

Cambrian Coast Chart p12 Impact Nil, except ? Ravenglass Estuary may have implications for moorings/anchoring.

Hilbre Island Group Chart p22 Impact: Low, but may be implications for anchoring in vicinity.

4. NET GAIN

DEFRA doc Ref: Annexe A1 Pt 5

Alne Estuary Chart p9 Impact Med: Possible restrictions on activity