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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**The Serene Sea Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order
2013**

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Coming into force - - - - - ***

The Secretary of State thinks it desirable to designate the area specified in this Order, and the water covering it, as a marine conservation zone for the purpose of conserving the marine habitats and the feature of geological interest specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

The Secretary of State has—

- (a) published notice of his proposal to make this Order in accordance with section 119(2) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009(a); and
- (b) consulted persons who he thinks are likely to be interested in, or affected by, the making of this Order in accordance with section 119(4) of that Act.

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 116(1), 117(1) and (2), and 118(1) and (6) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Serene Sea Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2013 and comes into force on *** 2013.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“co-ordinate” means a co-ordinate on the World Geodetic System 1984(b); and

“line”, in relation to any set of co-ordinates set out in Schedule 1, means a geodesic line joining that set of co-ordinates.

(a) 2009 c.23. For the definition of the “appropriate authority” see sections 116(5) and 147(1) to that Act.

(b) For the definition of “World Geodetic System 1984” see the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Technical Report TR8350.2, “Department of Defense World Geodetic System 1984, Its Definition and Relationships With Local Geodetic Systems”, Third Edition, 4 July 1997.

Area designated

3.—(1) The area of seabed described in paragraph (2) and all of the water covering it is designated as a marine conservation zone.

(2) The area is the area bounded by four lines defined by reference to the co-ordinates set out in Schedule 1.

Protected features and conservation objectives

4. The protected features of the area designated and their respective conservation objectives are set out in Schedule 2.

Signatory text

[] 2013 Name
[Parliamentary Under Secretary of State]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Area designated – boundary lines

<i>Line</i>	<i>Set of co-ordinates</i>
1.	A, B
2.	B, C
3.	C, D
4.	D, A

where—

“A” is 55° 59' 56.58" N and 0° 01' 12.00" W;

“B” is 56° 00' 02.77" N and 01° 20' 27.85" W;

“C” is 55° 29' 59.64" N and 01° 20' 30.16" W; and

“D” is 55° 29' 58.60" N and 00° 00' 56.88" W.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Protected features and conservation objectives

<i>Protected feature</i>	<i>Type of feature</i>	<i>Conservation Objective</i>
Subtidal coarse sediment	Habitat	Subject to natural change, to maintain this feature in favourable condition
Subtidal sand	Habitat FOCI	Subject to natural change, to maintain this feature in favourable condition
Subtidal sands and gravels	Habitat	Subject to natural change, to maintain this feature in favourable condition
Swallow Hole Glacial Tunnel Valley	Geological feature	Subject to natural change, to maintain this feature in favourable condition

where—

“favourable condition” means—

- (a) in relation to a geological or geomorphological feature within the area designated—
 - (i) its extent, component elements and integrity are maintained, subject to being able to evolve through changes brought about entirely by natural processes; and, when
 - (ii) its structure, integrity and functioning are unimpaired and it remains unobscured other than through natural processes; and, when
- (b) in relation to a habitat or habitat FOCI within the area designated—
 - (i) its extent and area are stable or increasing;
 - (ii) its structures and functions are such that it can maintain itself over the long term; and
 - (iii) the biological diversity of its characteristic communities is maintained such that the quality and occurrence of habitats and the composition and abundance of species in those communities are at least as favourable as those characteristically found in the prevailing physiographical, geographical and climatic conditions;

“FOCI” means a feature of conservation importance that is rare, threatened or declining in the UK marine area.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order describes an area designated as a marine conservation zone. The area designated is described in article 3 and Schedule 1. The protected features of the area designated and their respective conservation objectives are set out in article 4 and Schedule 2.