draft OUTER BELFAST LOUGH MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE ANCHORING BYELAW 20xx

1. The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs:

(a) in exercise of powers conferred by section 26 of the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013[1];

makes the following byelaw for the purpose of furthering the conservation objectives for Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone[2].

Citation and commencement

2. This Byelaw may be cited as the Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone Anchoring Byelaw 20xx and will come into effect one month from the date upon which it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Extent

3. This Byelaw applies to the Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone.

Interpretation

4. In this Byelaw:

"the Act" means the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013;

"anchor" means any weight, hook, grapnel or similar thing attached to a vessel with a line or a chain;

"WGS84" means the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum and co-ordinate reference system;

[1] 2013 c.10
[2] Outer Belfast Lough (Marine Conservation Zone) Designation Order 2016

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"stowed" means the anchor is in a raised position, not in the water and stored in the same manner as it is when the vessel is underway;

"vessel" includes –

(a) hovercraft,

(b) aircraft capable of landing on water, and

(c) any other craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not capable of carrying any person.

5. Co-ordinates used in this byelaw are measured from WGS84 datum.

Prohibitions

6. A person must not deploy an anchor or allow an anchor to be deployed in Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone.

7. A person must ensure that any anchor carried on a vessel is kept stowed while the vessel is within the Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone.

Exceptions

8. Paragraphs 6 and 7 do not apply to a person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, as set out in paragraph 9, if:

(a) the act was carried out in accordance with a permit issued under paragraph 10; or

(b) the act was carried out when a vessel was in distress or under *force majeure*.

Offence

9. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Byelaw constitutes an offence contrary to section 32 of the Act.

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Permits

10. The Department may issue permits, subject to such conditions as the Department may impose, authorising any person to undertake the activities described in the byelaw for any scientific, conservation or other purpose.

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THE SCHEDULE

PART 1

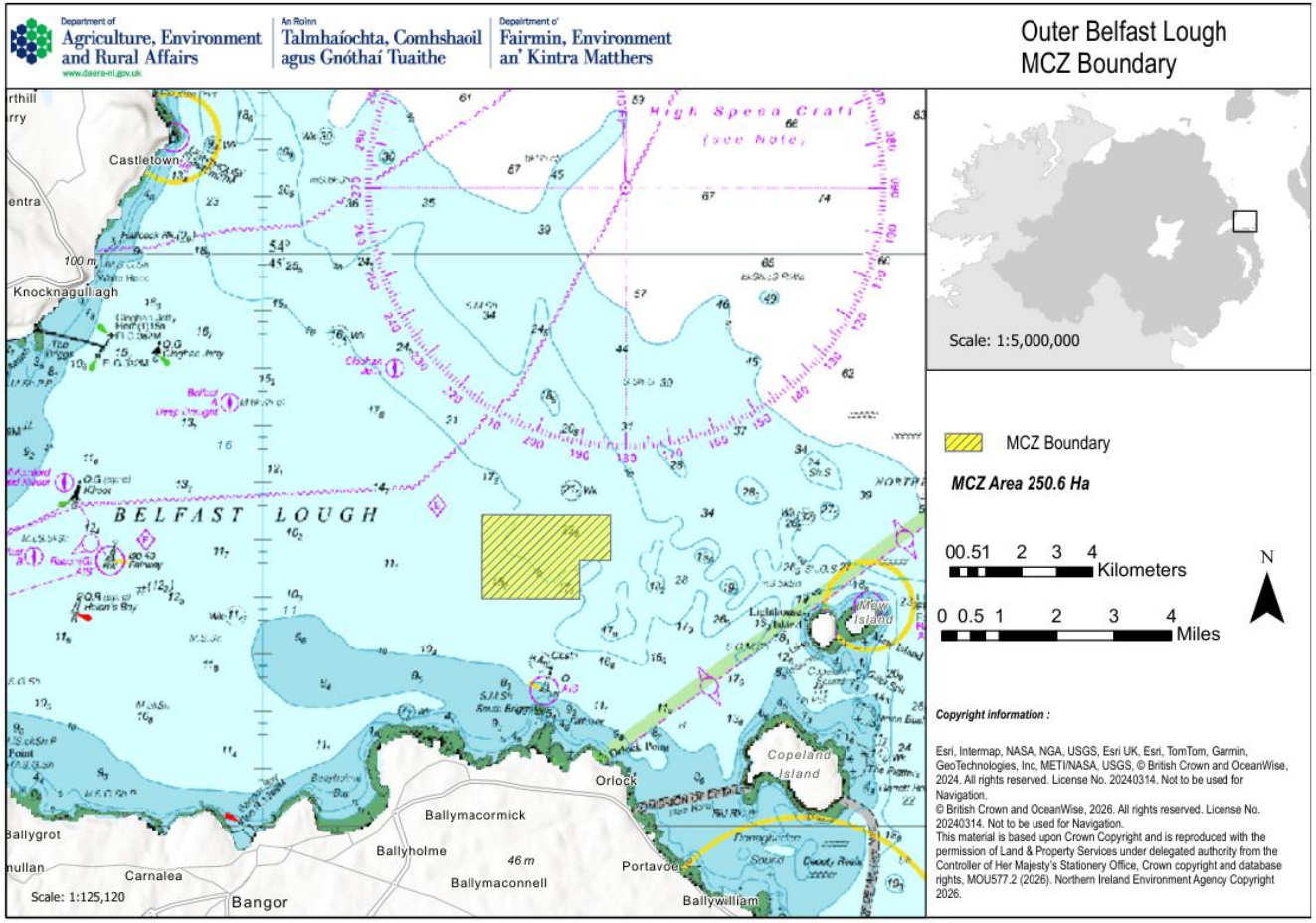
Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone

The “Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Zone” means the area enclosed by lines between the following co-ordinates:

Point	N	W
A	54° 42.711'	5° 36.670'
B	54° 42.707'	5° 34.734'
C	54° 42.315'	5° 34.733'
D	54° 42.316'	5° 35.203'
E	54° 41.978'	5° 35.203'
F	54° 41.979'	5° 36.672'

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PART 2 Outer Belfast Lough Marine Conservation Boundary



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