

# Birth of a Fishery

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# The Present & the Past

- Long-term aim to implement a sustainable cockle fishery in a manner which is sympathetic to the area.
- Historically, the Solway Cockle Fishery has been unregulated, leading to overfishing and subsequent stock depletion.
- Culmination of a 7 year process for the SSMA, the Association formed to facilitate the legislative process & subsequent management of the fishery.

# The Legislation

- Regulating Orders (RO's) are a legislative tool to allow for the regulation of local shellfisheries.
- Solway Firth Order has been granted to the SSMA for a five year period.

# The Current State of Play

- First season of the Solway Firth Regulated Cockle Fishery ended on 28<sup>th</sup> April this year.
- Management Techniques introduced under the Order have proved generally effective within this first season.
- Amendments/Improvements are planned for next season.

# Management Techniques

- Restricted number of licences
- Minimum Landing Size
- Total Allowable Catch
- Inspections on all fishing methods and catches
- Reporting of breaches to Procurator Fiscal
- Vessel monitoring System

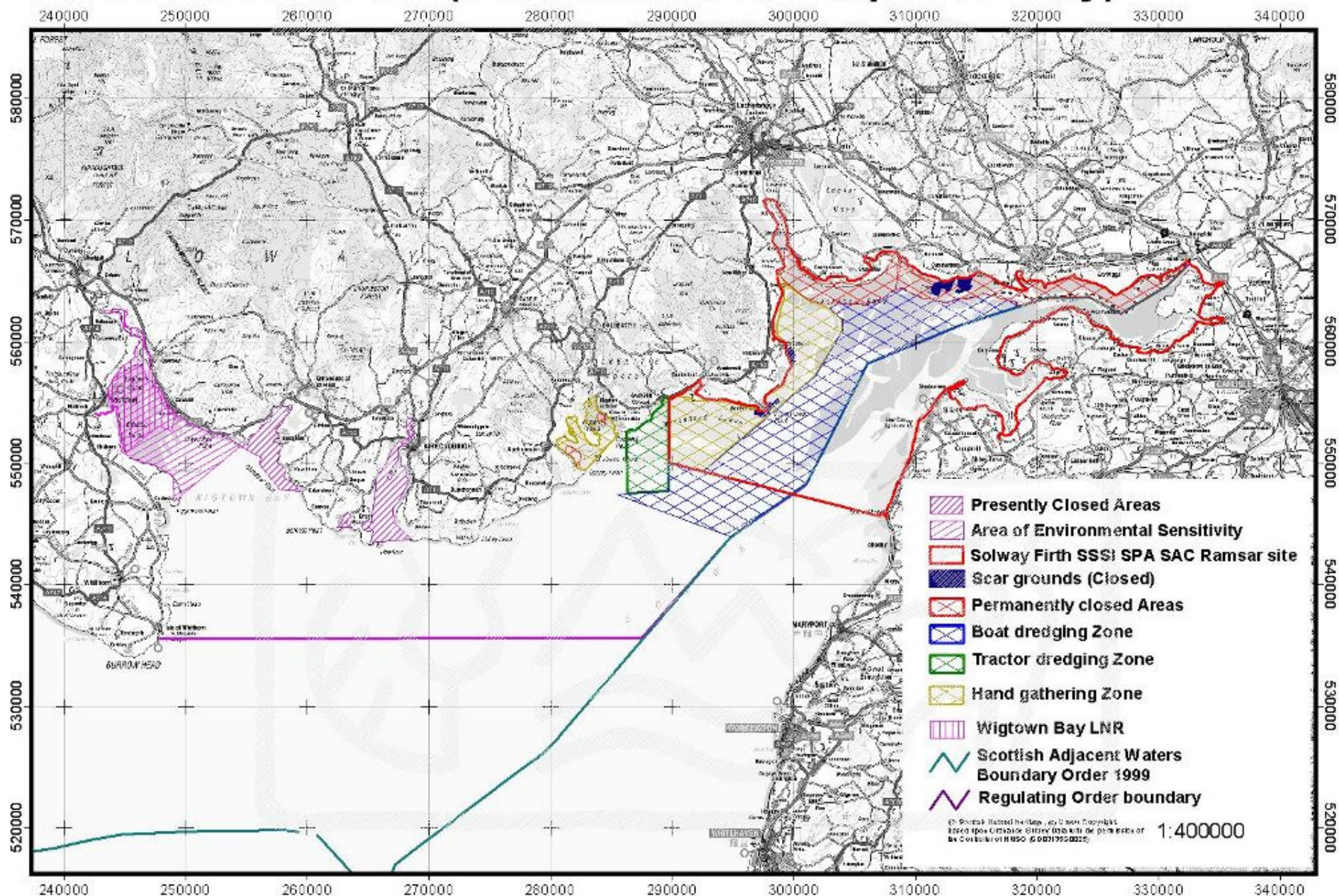
# Restrictions and Regulations (licence conditions)

- Licensees all governed by Restrictions.
- Linkage with other enforcement bodies is imperative.
- Penalties for breaches of Restrictions and Regulations for Licensed fishermen.
- Penalties for non-licensees.

# Monitoring Systems

- Implement Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
- Introduction of mailbox system and landing declarations
- Database for correct recording of Landings.

# Part Season 05-06 (For illustration Purposes only)



# End Product

- Sustainable long term fishery for all stakeholders