
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 302

The Wester Ross Marine Conservation Order 2015

Prohibited and regulated activities

4.—(1) Paragraphs (2) and (3) apply in order to further the stated conservation objectives of the Wester Ross MPA in relation to burrowed mud, circalittoral muddy sand communities, flame shell beds, kelp and seaweed communities on sublittoral sediment, maerl beds, maerl or coarse shell gravel with burrowing sea cucumbers and northern feather star aggregations on mixed substrata.

(2) A person must not deploy (by any means) or use any dredge within the protected area.

(3) While a fishing vessel is within the protected area the master of the vessel must ensure that any dredge carried on board the vessel is properly lashed and stowed in such a way that it may not be readily used.

(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply where a dredge is deployed or used within the protected area for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure.