

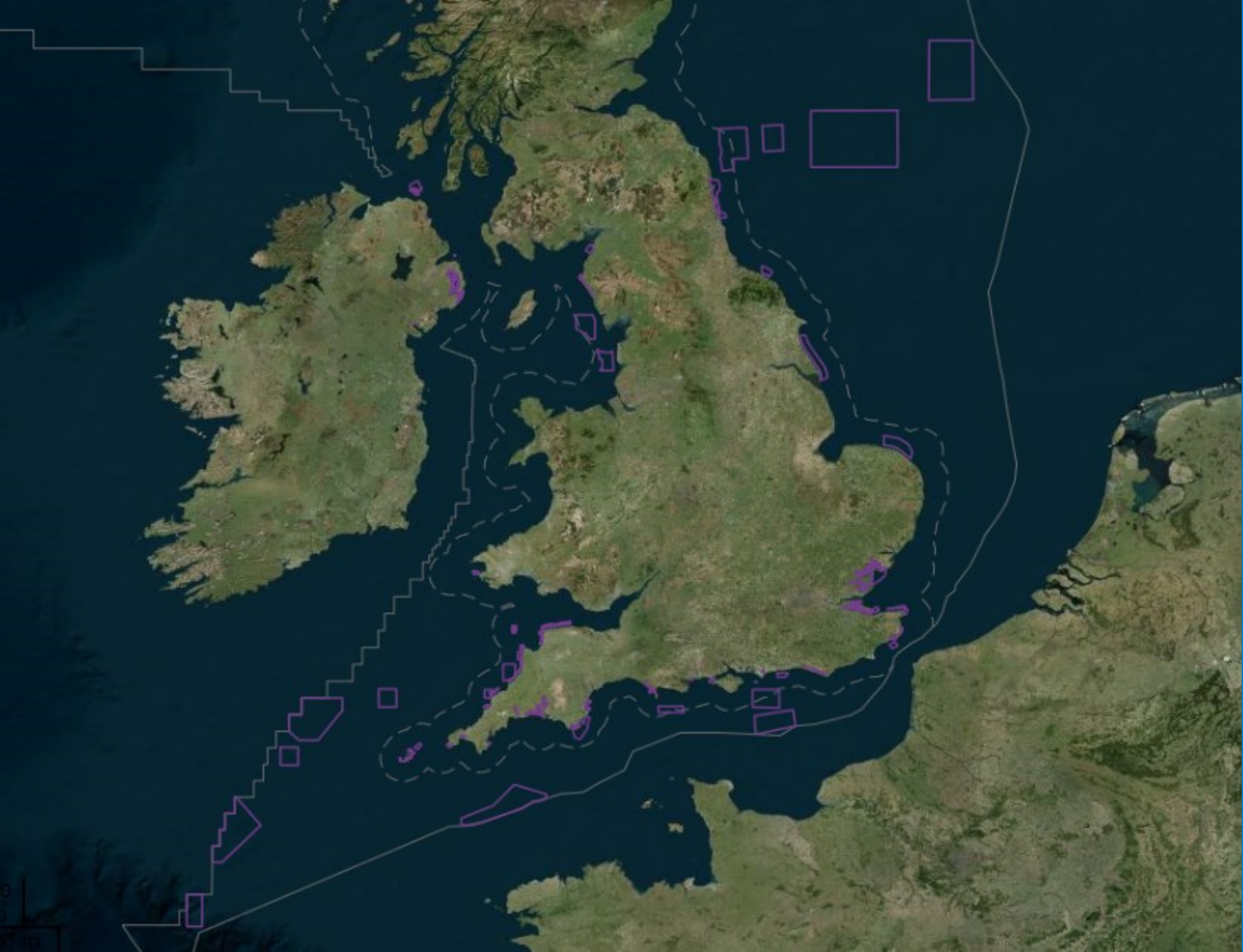


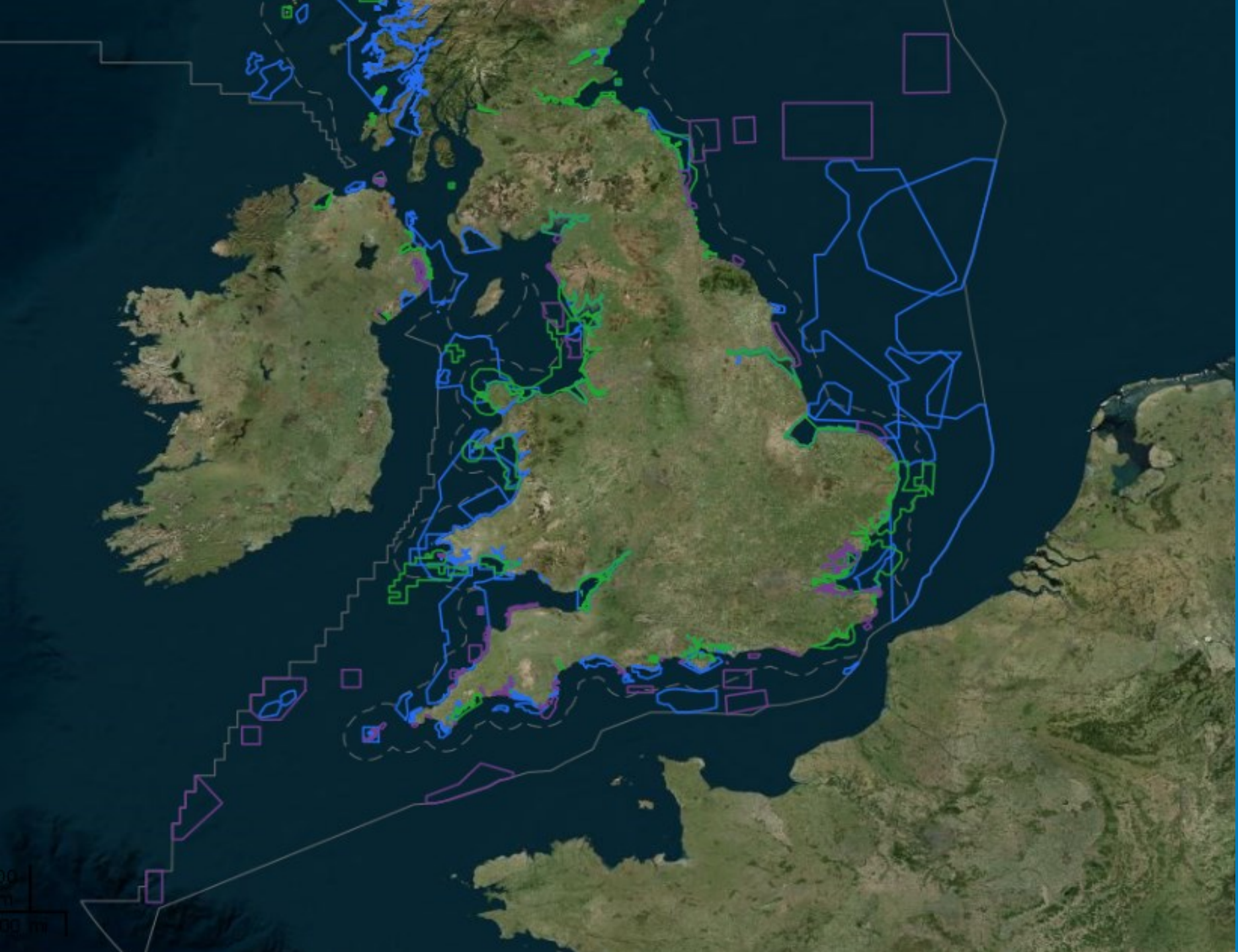
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**West of
Walney MCZ**
Proposed
Fisheries
Management

MCZs – a brief summary...

- UK marine protected area designations – links to MSFD
- Based on 2011 recommendations from 4 regional projects – eg Irish Sea Conservation Zones
- Currently 50 MCZs designated from tranches 1 and 2, covering 20,425 km²



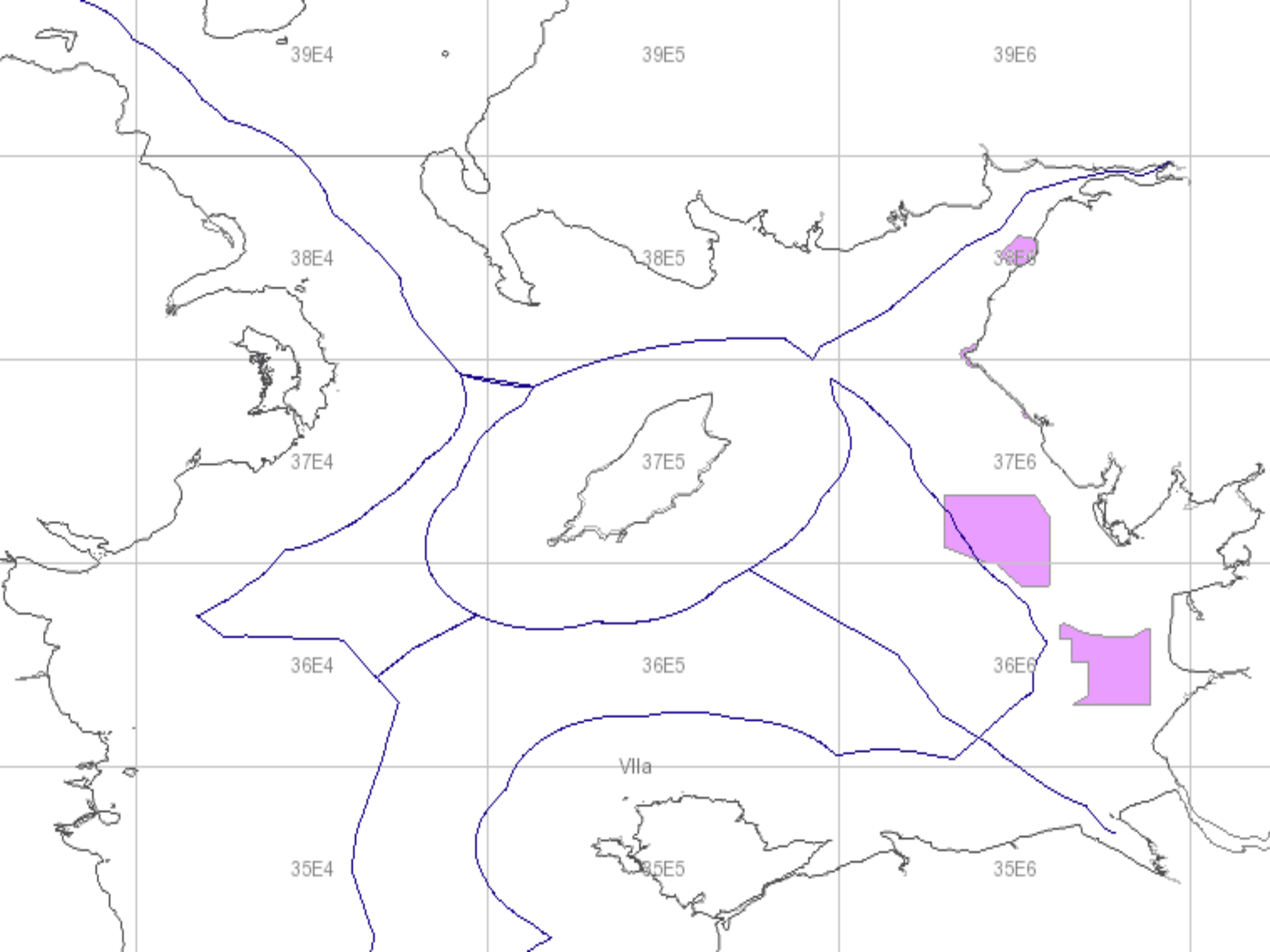


- UK public authorities must best further/least hinder conservation objectives of MCZs
- Fisheries managed by IFCA (0-6nm), MMO (6-12nm) and via CFP article 11 (12-200nm)
- Socio-economic impacts considered during the **designation** stage

Consultation on third tranche of
MCZs (41 sites) closes **20 July 2018**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/>

**West of Walney
MCZ...**



- Covers 388 km² of muddy and sandy seabed
- Regional project site, designated in 2016
- Co-located with windfarm development

**What does it
protect?**

Subtidal mud

Recover to favourable condition

Subtidal sand

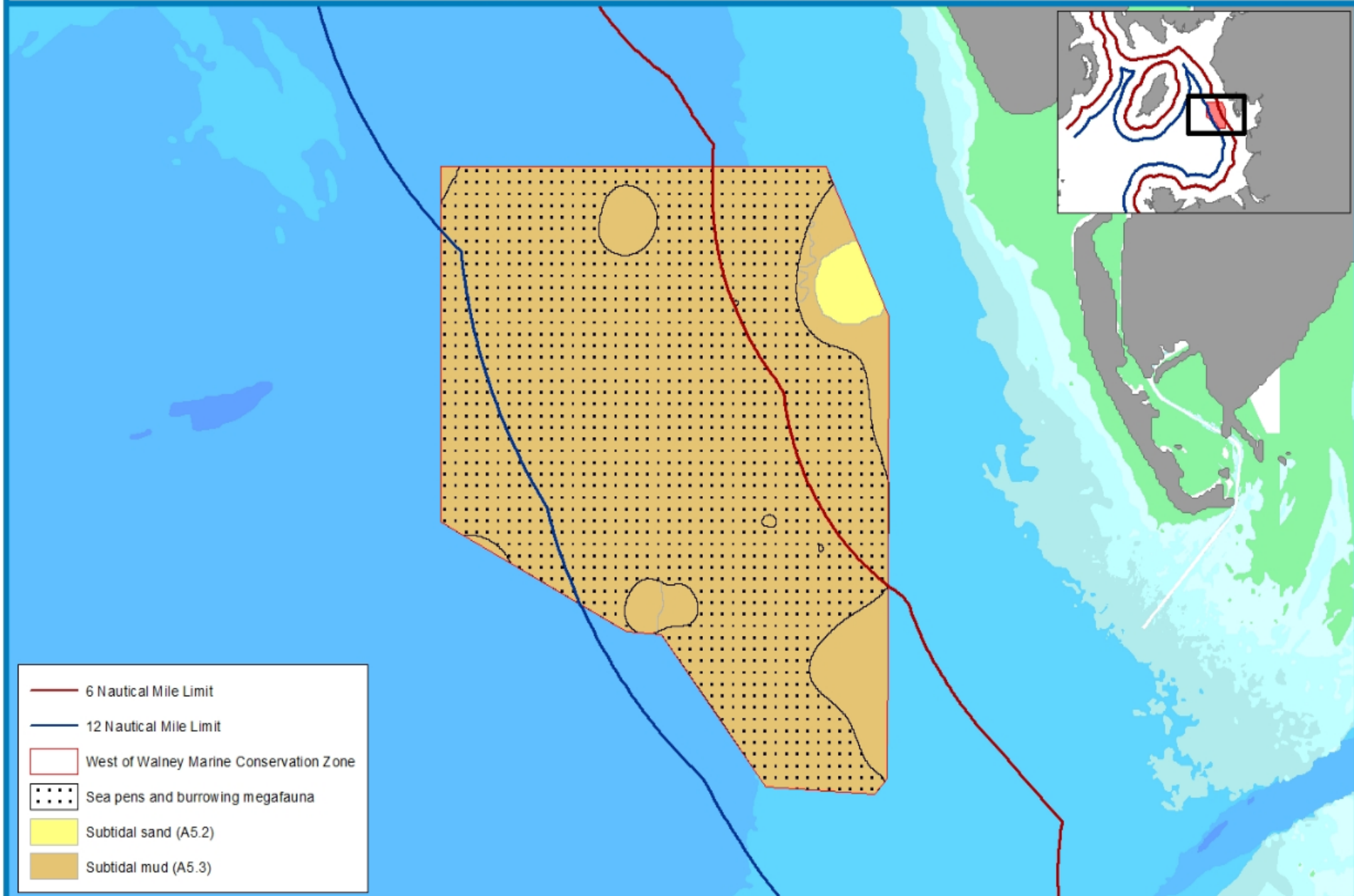
Recover to favourable condition

Sea-pen and burrowing megafauna communities

Recover to favourable condition

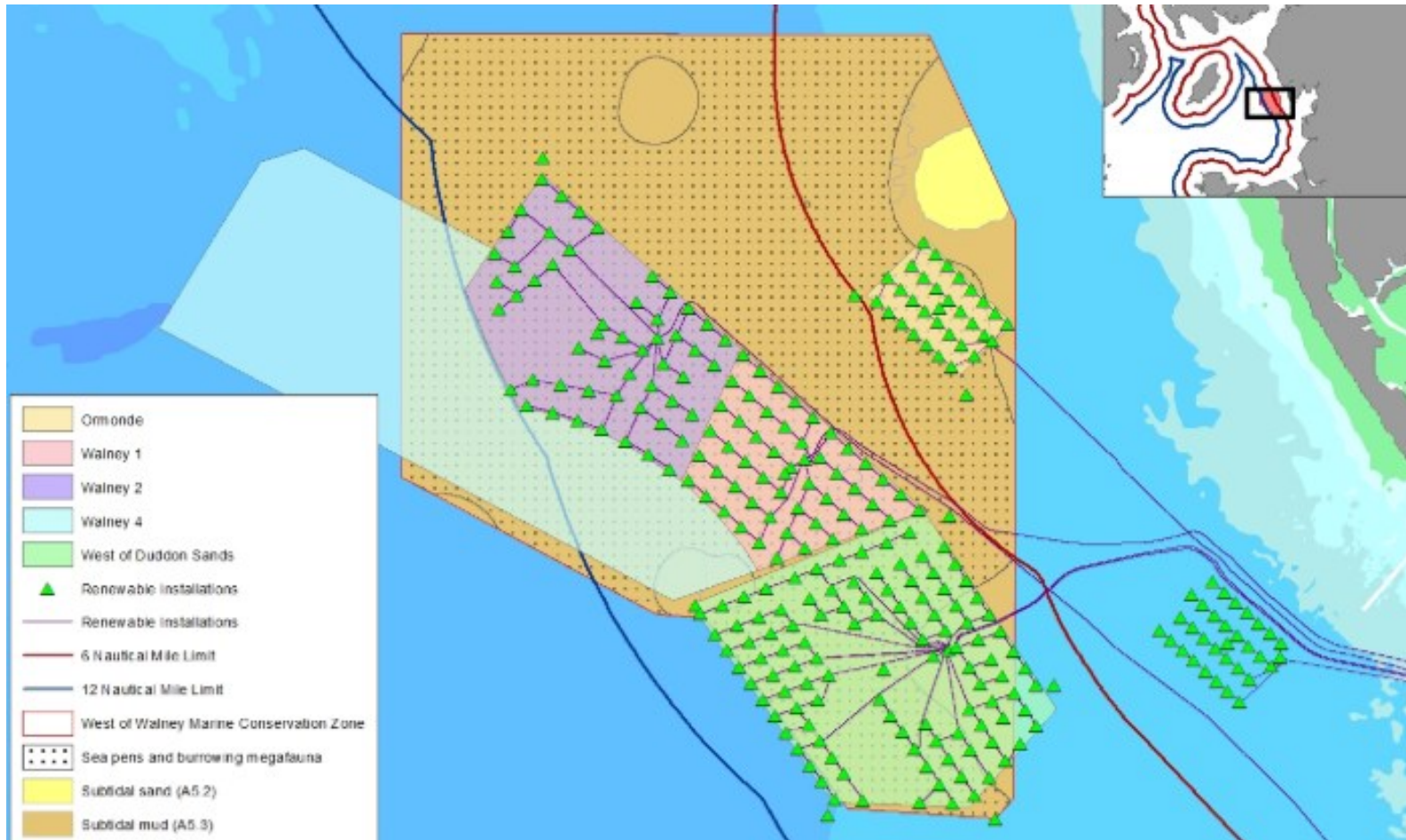
West of Walney MCZ feature locations

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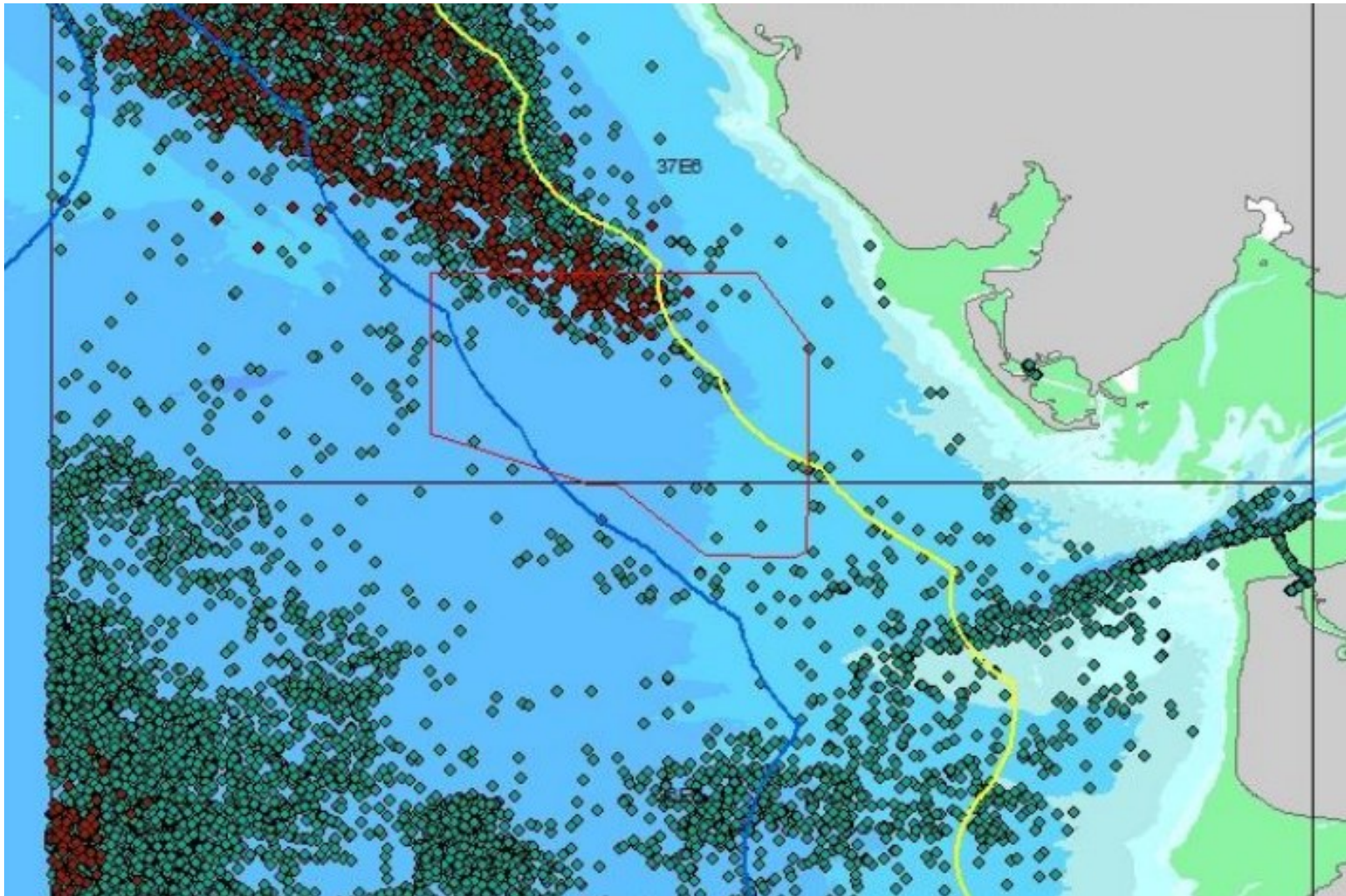


**What activities
are taking
place?**

Offshore windfarms (co-located)



Fishing (2015 VMS)

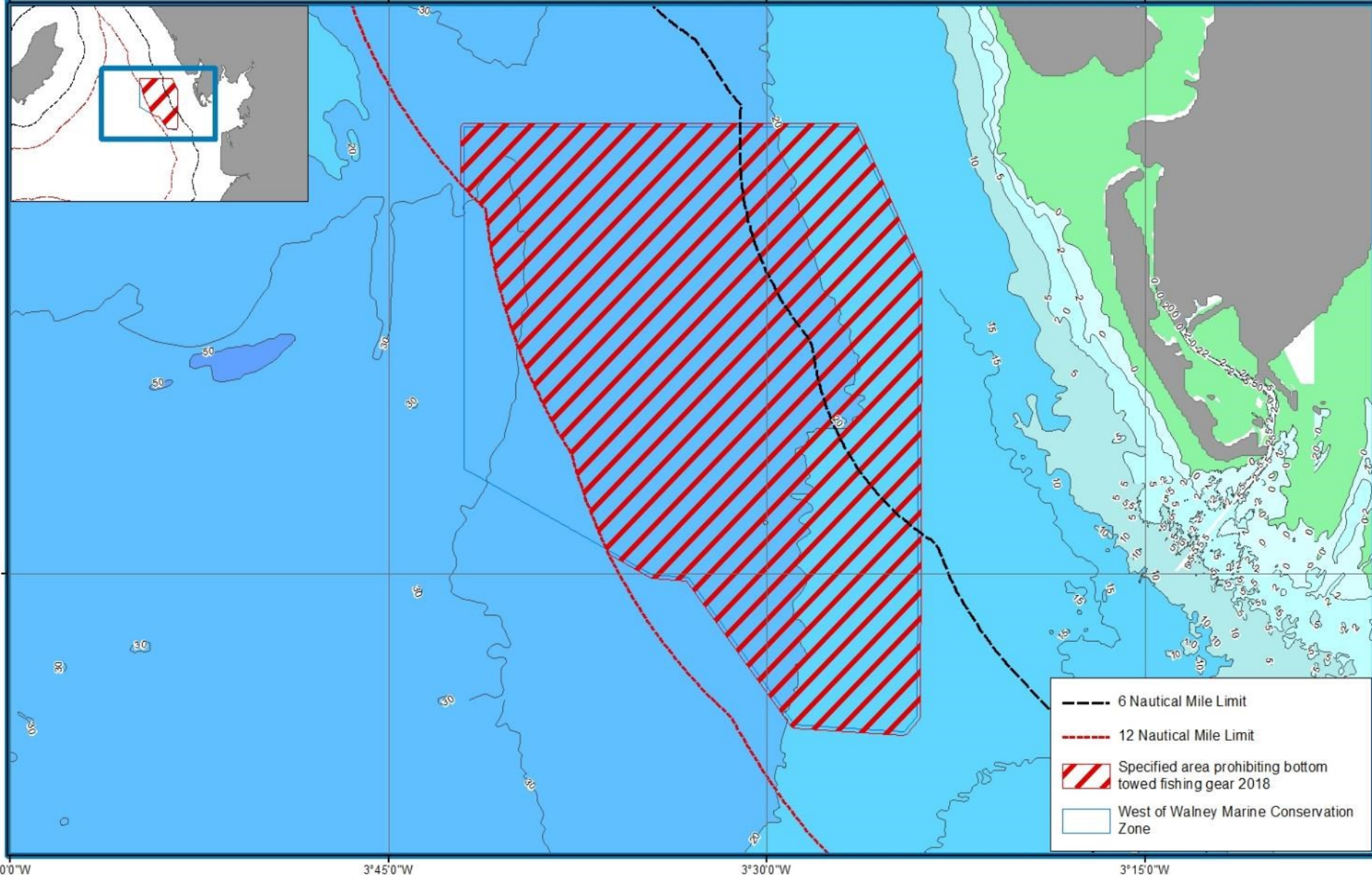


**What is MMO
proposing?**

The West of Walney Marine Conservation Zone

Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw 2018

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- To best further the conservation objectives of the West of Walney MCZ
- Following an assessment of ecological data, fishing activity data, expert opinion and academic literature
- Taking into account the conservation objectives and statutory conservation body advice

Supporting information includes:

- Draft byelaw & map

- Impact Assessment

- Estimated annual cost to UK businesses - **£99,872**

- Estimated annual cost to ROI businesses - **£5,884**

- MCZ Fisheries Assessment

- Scientific assessment of the impact of fishing on the MCZ and its conservation objectives

**How can you
respond to the
consultation?**

- Formal consultation closes 13 July
- www.gov.uk/government/consultations/west-of-walney-marine-conservation-zone-mcz

or

- conservation@marinemanagement.org.uk

Next steps...

- Review consultation representations
- Make final decision, respond to representations
- If appropriate - MMO makes byelaw
- Submit to UK Secretary of State for confirmation
- Byelaw comes into force

Thank you.

Any questions?