

Farne Islands SPA Simple Assessment

Habitats Regulations Assessment document: **FARNE-tLSE 001**

<p>European Marine Site:</p> <p>Generic sub-feature(s):</p> <p>Gear type(s):</p> <p>NIFCA tLSE type:</p> <p>Gear/feature interaction reference(s):</p>	<p>Farnes SPA</p> <p>Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Benthic feeding seabirds, Saltmarsh</p> <p>Intertidal handwork (access from vessel)</p> <p>Simple</p> <p>FARNE-073</p> <p>FARNE-074</p> <p>FARNE-075</p> <p>FARNE-076</p> <p>FARNE-077</p> <p>FARNE-080</p> <p>FARNE-250</p>
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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	<p>Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this decision occurred between January 2014 and the date of this document's creation with stakeholders (where appropriate) and other statutory authorities. Natural England (CS) was involved with this informal process.</p> <p>No current activity within the Farnes SPA.</p> <p>"No hand collecting permitted on the Farnes..visitors are only allowed to land on 2 islands which are always manned by [National</p>

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Conclusion

Is the proposal likely to have a significant effect 'alone or in combination' on the Farnes SPA?

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy)
Gear type(s):	Pots/creels
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-086 FARNE-087

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Conclusion

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Water column
Gear type(s):	Cuttle pots
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-091 FARNE-092 FARNE-093 FARNE-094 FARNE-095 FARNE-258

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Conclusion

Is the proposal likely to have a significant effect 'alone or in combination' on the Farnes SPA?

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Pursuit and plunge diving birds, Surface feeding birds, Benthic feeding seabirds, Water column, Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Gear type(s):	Fish traps
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-099 FARNE-100 FARNE-101 FARNE-102 FARNE-103 FARNE-261 FARNE-302 FARNE-303 FARNE-304

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Conclusion

Is the proposal likely to have a significant effect 'alone or in combination' on the Farnes SPA?

No

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Gear type(s):	
NIFCA tLSE type:	Gill nets
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	Simple
	FARNE-104
	FARNE-105
	FARNE-106
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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Surface feeding birds,
Gear type(s):	Trammel nets
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-110 FARNE-111 FARNE-112 FARNE-113 FARNE-114 FARNE-116

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Surface feeding birds
Gear type(s):	Entangling nets
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-118 FARNE-119 FARNE-120 FARNE-121 FARNE-122 FARNE-124

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
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Gear type(s):	Drift nets (demersal)
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-131 FARNE-132 FARNE-133 FARNE-134 FARNE-135 FARNE-136 FARNE-137 FARNE-139 FARNE-297 FARNE-273

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Gear type(s):	Longlines (demersal)
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-140 FARNE-141 FARNE-142 FARNE-143 FARNE-144 FARNE-145 FARNE-146 FARNE-147 FARNE-276

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Pursuit and plunge diving birds, Surface feeding birds, Benthic feeding seabirds, Water column
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Longline (pelagic)
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-153 FARNE-154 FARNE-155 FARNE-279

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Water column
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Commercial diving
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-180 FARNE-181 FARNE-182 FARNE-183 FARNE-184 FARNE-285

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Benthic feeding seabirds
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Bait dragging
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-188 FARNE-189 FARNE-190 FARNE-191 FARNE-192 FARNE-195

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Benthic feeding seabirds, Annual vegetation of drift lines, Saltmarsh
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Crab tiling
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-196 FARNE-197 FARNE-198 FARNE-199 FARNE-200 FARNE-203 FARNE-290 FARNE-292

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Benthic feeding seabirds, Annual vegetation of drift lines, Saltmarsh
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Digging with forks
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-204 FARNE-205 FARNE-206 FARNE-207 FARNE-208 FARNE-211 FARNE-293 FARNE-295

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Water column
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Handlines (rod/gurdy etc.)
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-213

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Justification and evidence	<p>Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this decision occurred between January 2014 and the date of this document's creation with stakeholders (where appropriate) and other statutory authorities. Natural England (CS) was involved with this informal process.</p> <p>Commercial activity occurs at a low level within the district, and is highly seasonal, targeting mackerel in the summer months. At these levels it is not deemed to have a significant impact on the water column within the Farne Islands SPA (Jon Green, pers. comms.)</p>

Conclusion

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Water column
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Jigging/trolling
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-216

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Water column, Pursuit & Plunge diving seabirds, Benthic feeding birds, Surface feeding seabirds
Gear type(s):	Simple
NIFCA tLSE type:	Drift nets (pelagic)
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-219 FARNE-305 FARNE-306 FARNE-307

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Conclusion

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European Marine Site:	Farnes SPA
Generic sub-feature(s):	Intertidal Gravel and sand, Intertidal sand (high energy), Tideswept communities, Intertidal bedrock reef, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Pursuit and plunge diving birds, Benthic feeding seabirds, Water column
Gear type(s):	Fyke and stake nets
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-352 FARNE-353 FARNE-354 FARNE-355 FARNE-356 FARNE-357 FARNE-359 FARNE-361

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Justification and evidence	<p>Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this decision occurred between January 2014 and the date of this document's creation with stakeholders (where appropriate) and other statutory authorities. Natural England (CS) was involved with this informal process.</p> <p>The only remaining licensed berths for fyke and stake nets in the district are located at Goswick sands (north side of Holy Island). These target migratory fish species and are therefore regulated by the Environment Agency (Jon Green, pers. comms.)</p>

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Gear type(s):	Beach seine/ring nets
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	FARNE-172 FARNE-173 FARNE-174 FARNE-175 FARNE-176 FARNE-177 FARNE-178 FARNE-179 FARNE-282

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	times and access to the shore is restricted with the exception of a small beach on inner farne. No fishing or collecting is allowed” (Rebecca Hetherington, National Trust, pers. comms.)
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