### **Tweed Estuary SAC Simple Assessment**

**Habitat Regulations Assessment document:** TSAC – tLSE001

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and Sea lamprey, Intertidal Coarse Sediment
Gear type(s):	
NIFCA tLSE type:	Heavy otter trawl
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 001 TSAC - 002 TSAC - 003 TSAC - 004 TSAC - 005 TSAC - 006 TSAC - 007 TSAC - 008 TSAC - 009 TSAC - 010 TSAC - 334

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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.  Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.).

Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.

The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

#### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

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European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC	
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand,	
	Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud,	
	Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment,	
	Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and	
	cobble reef, River and Sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment	
Gear type(s):	Seament	
	Light otter trawl	
NIFCA tLSE type:		
Gear/feature interaction	Simple	
reference(s):		
	TSAC - 012	
	TSAC - 013	
	TSAC - 014 TSAC - 015	
	TSAC - 015 TSAC - 016	
	TSAC - 016 TSAC - 017	
	TSAC - 017	
	TSAC - 019	
	TSAC - 020	
	TSAC - 021	
	TSAC - 335	

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	Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.	

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and Sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Anchor seine
NIFCA tLSE type:	Afficior Seille
	Simple
Gear/feature interaction	
reference(s):	TSAC - 023
	TSAC - 024
	TSAC - 025
	TSAC - 026
	TSAC - 027
	TSAC - 028
	TSAC - 029
	TSAC - 030
	TSAC - 031
	TSAC - 032
	TSAC - 336

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Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and Sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
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Gear type(s):	Coattick /fly sains
NIFCA tLSE type:	Scottish/fly seine
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 034
	TSAC - 035
	TSAC - 036
	TSAC - 037
	TSAC - 038
	TSAC - 039
	TSAC - 040
	TSAC - 041
	TSAC - 042
	TSAC - 043
	TSAC - 337

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#### Conclusion

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Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

**European Marine Site:** Tweed Estuary SAC

Generic sub-feature(s): River and Sea lamprey

Gear type(s): Mid-water trawl (single)

NIFCA tLSE type: Simple

**Gear/feature interaction** 

reference(s):

**TSAC - 054** 

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	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.).
	Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.
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Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

**European Marine Site:** Tweed Estuary SAC

Generic sub-feature(s): River and Sea lamprey

Gear type(s): Industrial trawls

NIFCA tLSE type: Simple

**Gear/feature interaction** 

reference(s):

**TSAC - 076** 

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	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.).
	Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Dredges (towed): Scallops
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	TSAC - 078 TSAC - 079 TSAC - 080 TSAC - 081 TSAC - 082 TSAC - 083 TSAC - 084 TSAC - 085 TSAC - 086 TSAC - 088

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	Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):  Gear type(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
NIFCA tLSE type:	Dredges (towed): Mussels, clams, oysters
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 089
	TSAC - 090
	TSAC - 091
	TSAC - 092
	TSAC - 093
	TSAC - 094
	TSAC - 095
	TSAC - 096
	TSAC - 097
	TSAC - 098
	TSAC - 099

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
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Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
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European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):  Gear type(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
NIFCA tLSE type:	Pump scoop (cockles, clams)
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 100
	TSAC - 101
	TSAC - 102
	TSAC - 103
	TSAC - 104
	TSAC - 105
	TSAC - 106
	TSAC - 107
	TSAC - 108
	TSAC - 109
	TSAC - 110

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Potential for Likely	No
Significant Effect?	
Justification and	Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this decision
evidence	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 formal process.
	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (no cockle/clam stocks) (Jon Green, pers. comms.).

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Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
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European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Suction (cockles)
NIFCA tLSE type:	
	Simple
Gear/feature interaction	
reference(s):	TSAC - 111
	TSAC - 112
	TSAC - 113
	TSAC - 114
	TSAC - 115
	TSAC - 116
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Potential for Likely	No
Significant Effect?	
Justification and	Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this decision
evidence	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 formal process.

Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (no cockle stocks) (Jon Green, pers. comms.).

Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.

The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

#### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes	
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	
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NIFCA tLSE type:	
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 122
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	TSAC - 128 TSAC - 129
	TSAC - 129 TSAC - 130
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Revision history		
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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.  Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.).

Activity prohibited outside the Tweed Estuary SAC: NIFCA Byelaw 7: Prohibition of the use of mobile fishing gear within the English section of the Berwickshire and North Northumberland SAC.

The Tweed Estuary SAC has pover had Regulation 33/35 advices.

The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

#### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes	
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Estuarine rock, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Handwork (access from vessel)
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction	TSAC – 135
reference(s):	TSAC - 137
	TSAC - 138
	TSAC – 139
	TSAC - 141
	TSAC - 143

Revision history		
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### **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely	No
Significant Effect?	
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

# Is the proposal likely to have a significant effect 'alone or in combination' on the Tweed SAC?

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

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Table 1 | Correlation table of Expert Judgment and Draft Conservation Advice feature.

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediments, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Pots/creels (crustacea/gastropods)
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	TSAC - 150 TSAC - 151 TSAC - 152 TSAC - 153 TSAC - 154 TSAC - 155 TSAC - 156 TSAC - 157 TSAC - 158 TSAC - 160

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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	Potting for Green crab used to occur within the estuary but hasn't taken place for about 15 years. No other species have been known to be prosecuted within the Tweed SAC using pots/creels (Jon Green, pers. comms.).  The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs

(JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and subfeatures neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures
identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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

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Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
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seawater at low tide	micriaal sana a maaay sana	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):  Gear type(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediments, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s).	
NIFCA tLSE type:	Cuttle pots
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 161
	TSAC - 162
	TSAC - 163
	TSAC - 164
	TSAC - 165
	TSAC - 166
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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (or the NIFCA district as a whole) (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs

(JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and subfeatures neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures
identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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

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Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediments, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse
Gear type(s):	sediment
NIFCA tLSE type:	Fish traps
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 172
	TSAC - 173
	TSAC - 174
	TSAC - 175
	TSAC - 176
	TSAC - 177
	TSAC - 178
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	TSAC - 180 TSAC - 181
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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.) The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs

(JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and subfeatures neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures
identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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

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Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

**European Marine Site:** Tweed Estuary SAC

Generic sub-feature(s): River and sea lamprey

Gear type(s): Drift nets (pelagic)

NIFCA tLSE type: Simple

**Gear/feature interaction** 

reference(s):

**TSAC - 225** 

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### **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely	No
Significant Effect?	
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Drift nets (demersal)
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction	
reference(s):	TSAC - 227
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	TSAC - 229
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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Synthesis of evidence and local knowledge informing this deconverse occurred between January 2014 and the date of this document creation with stakeholders (where appropriate) and other state authorities. Natural England (CS) was involved with this formation process.	
	Activity historically doesn't occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.) Effectively regulated by the Tweed Commission and the River Tweed Order 2006 which prohibits targeted fishing for salmon or

freshwater fish using any means other than a rod and line or net and coble).
The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes

Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediments, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	
NIFCA tLSE type:	Longlines (demersal)
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 238
	TSAC - 239
	TSAC - 240
	TSAC - 241
	TSAC - 242
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	TSAC - 247
	TSAC - 248

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Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No	
Justification and evidence		
	No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.) The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs	

(JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and subfeatures neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures
identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes

Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

**European Marine Site:** Tweed Estuary SAC

**Generic sub-feature(s):** River and sea lamprey

Gear type(s): Longlines (pelagic)

NIFCA tLSE type: Simple

**Gear/feature interaction** 

reference(s):

**TSAC - 258** 

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## **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

**European Marine Site:** Tweed Estuary SAC

Generic sub-feature(s): River and sea lamprey

Gear type(s): Handlines (rod/gurdy etc.)

NIFCA tLSE type: Simple

**Gear/feature interaction** 

reference(s):

**TSAC - 269** 

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## **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No current activity within Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.).
	Recreational prosecution of migratory fish species e.g. Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown trout (which are not designated features of the SAC) using rod and line does occur on the Tweed. However, this activity is regulated by the Tweed Commission and the Environment Agency.
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mad  Intertidal sand & muddy sand	Intertidal filida
seawater at low tide	micridal Sand & modely Sand	Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	Intertidal mixed and ment
seawater at low tide	Intentialal accusa andiment	Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:

Generic sub-feature(s):

Gear type(s):

NIFCA tLSE type:

Gear/feature interaction reference(s):

Tweed Estuary SAC

River and sea lamprey

Jigging/trolling

Simple

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# **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they agree)?	Yes
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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rocks, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, Intertidal coarse sediment
Gear type(s):	Commercial diving
NIFCA tLSE type:	Simple
Gear/feature interaction reference(s):	TSAC - 304 TSAC - 305 TSAC - 306 TSAC - 307 TSAC - 308 TSAC - 309 TSAC - 310 TSAC - 311 TSAC - 312 TSAC - 313 TSAC - 314

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# **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	Activity historically does not occur within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.) The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1)

at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-
features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

No

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:

Generic sub-feature(s):

Gear type(s):

NIFCA tLSE type:

Gear/feature interaction reference(s):

Tweed Estuary SAC

Estuarine rocks, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef

Digging with forks

Simple

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# **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.
	No interaction of activity with features listed within the Tweed Estuary SAC.
	Bait digging does not occur on estuarine rock, intertidal boulder or cobble reef.
	The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

Has Natural England been formally consulted on this tLSE (and do they	Yes
agree)?	

Date of document completion/'sign-off':	05/02/2016

Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
Annex II species	Sea lamprey (Petromyzon marinus)	River & Sea lamprey

European Marine Site:	Tweed Estuary SAC
Generic sub-feature(s):  Gear type(s):	Subtidal gravel and sand, Subtidal muddy sand, Estuarine rock, Subtidal mud, Intertidal mud, Intertidal mud and sand, Intertidal mixed sediment, Subtidal mixed sediment, Intertidal boulder and cobble reef, River and sea lamprey, Intertidal coarse sediment
dear type(3).	Beach seine/ring nets
NIFCA tLSE type:	beach seme/fing nets
Gear/feature interaction	Simple
reference(s):	TSAC - 282
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# **Test for Likely Significant Effect (LSE)**

Potential for Likely Significant Effect?	No
Justification and evidence	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 formal process.  No current activity within the Tweed Estuary SAC (Jon Green, pers. comms.)
	One berth remains on the Tweed SAC however it is not currently fished and is effectively regulated by the Tweed Commission and the River Tweed Order 2006 which prohibits targeted fishing for

salmon or freshwater fish using any means other than a rod and line or net and coble).
The Tweed Estuary SAC has never had Regulation 33/35 advice since designation in 2000. The working group of NIFCA eIFCOs (JG, JR, SA) and Natural England lead adviser (CS) assigned features and sub-features based on expert judgement (see table 1) at the beginning of the project. As of January 2016 draft Conservation Advice was made available, the features and sub-features neatly correlate with the features and subfeatures identified previously, as shown in Table 1.

### Conclusion

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

No

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Feature	Conservation Advice Sub feature	NIFCA/NE sub-feature (expert judgement)
Estuaries	Subtidal coarse sediments	Subtidal gravel and sand
Estuaries	Subtidal sand	Subtidal muddy sand
Estuaries	Infralittorial rock	Estuarine rock
Estuaries	Subtidal mixed sediments	Subtidal mixed sediment
Estuaries		Subtidal mud
Estuaries	Intertidal rock	Intertidal boulder and cobble reef
Estuaries	Intertidal coarse sediment	
Estuaries	Intertidal mixed sediments	
Estuaries	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by		
seawater at low tide	Intertidal mud	Intertidal mud
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal sand & muddy sand	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mud and sand
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal mixed sediments	
seawater at low tide		Intertidal mixed sediment
Mudflats & sandflats not covered by	Intertidal coarse sediment	
seawater at low tide		
Annex II species	River lamprey (Lampetra fluviatilis)	River & Sea lamprey
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