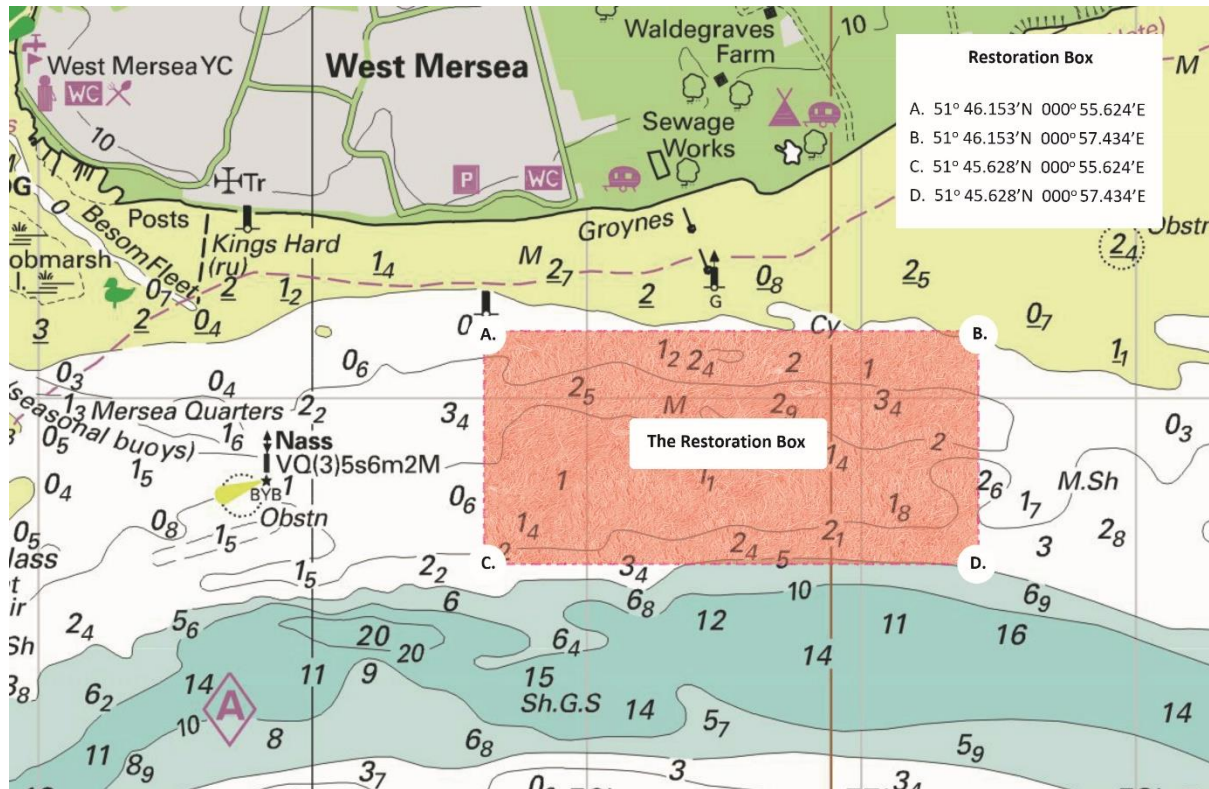


NOTICE TO MARINERS

NATIVE OYSTER RESTORATION WORKS – COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

WEST MERSEA

Starting on **29th April 2019** works will commence on the Essex native oyster restoration project within a defined restoration box, of which the north-west corner is located approximately 500m offshore to the south-east of West Mersea (hereafter referred to as the '**Restoration Box**'). The Restoration Box is approximately 2000m (west to east) by 1000m (north to south).



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The works will include the deployment of shell and stone onto the seabed in six locations (approximately 10m x 20m, and 30cm in height) in the south-west corner of the Restoration Box (approximately 500m x 700m area). The works will be carried out from the Dredger Earn (80ft x 21ft) and Tug Edgar (40ft) and are expected to be concluded before week commencing 13th May 2019 subject to satisfactory weather conditions. During the works, **mariners are requested to keep clear and avoid any unnecessary wash**. On completion of the works, the deposited shell and stone will remain permanently in place on the seabed. Mariners are therefore **requested to be mindful of the raised seabed in this location**.

Other activities to take place include deposition of spat collectors (to be the subject of a separate Notice to Mariners) and restoration management. These activities will take place in June, July and August 2019 (exact dates to be confirmed). Restoration management will take place from a dredging (fishing) vessel.

Should you have any queries about the works, please contact EssexNativeOyster@zsl.org