

Appendix A Examples of ‘Summary of Activities taking place on the European Marine Site and their management’.

Table 1: Bait Digging

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight Council (IWC) English Nature (EN)		
Location	Intertidal mudflats and sand flats within the SWMEMS. This activity is known to occur between Bembridge and Foreland.		
Frequency	Bait digging takes place for most of the year although can increase in intensity around various competitions, reaching a probable peak in autumn.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abrasion • Siltation • Smothering • Changes in turbidity • Selective extraction of species • Noise • Visual presence • Introduction of synthetic and non-synthetic compounds 		
Research undertaken	A report by Russle and Williams (1995), quoted in Fowler 2002 gives information on number of anglers/angling trips to the Island.		
Research required	Information on level of activity within the SWMEMS and whether there are any negative impacts as a result of this activity.		
Ongoing management	The IWC carries out no direct regulation of bait digging, although it reserves the right to prevent it from various parts of its property. Permission is required from EN for any operation likely to damage a SSSI. EN may consent, assist or advise on any operations listed as ‘an operation requiring EN’s consent (formerly Operations Likely to Damage, OLD). EN is able to prosecute anyone for damage to a SSSI under the CRoW Act 2000. EN is also able to make byelaws for the protection of a European marine site under Regulation 36 of the Conservation Regulations 1994 but this is considered a last resort in the management of this site. A voluntary code of conduct was prepared within the framework of the SWMEMS management scheme.		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
No management action required.			