

Table 32: Aggregate Dredging

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Crown Estate	Isle of Wight Council English Nature (EN)	
Location	There are 3 licensed areas to the south west of the isle of Wight and a further 8 to the east (west of Sesley Bill) and at east 2 areas (372(1) and 372(2) are going through the application process, these are east of the island.		
Frequency	This activity occurs intermittently within licensed areas for the period of permission.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Removal • Smothering • Introduction of synthetic and non-synthetic compounds • Visual 		
Research undertaken	English Nature Marine Natural Area Profile for the Eastern Channel provides an extract on the physical impacts aggregate dredging has on the marine environment.		
Research required	Environment Impact Assessment		
Ongoing management	<p>This activity is authorised by licenses issued by the Crown Estate supported by a Government View procedure currently administered by the Minerals and Waste Planning Division of the Office of Deputy Prime Minister. This is to be replaced by a statutory system provide for in the 'Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations' which will also encompass requirements under the Habitats Directive. Both the interim and proposed Statutory Procedures are administered by the Department of Transport. Each application will involve the undertaking of an EIA and extensive consultation with the fishing industry, relevant government bodies and the general public. Both the Interim and Statutory Procedures have provision to hold a public inquiry if necessary. Once the GV process has been completed the applicant then needs to formally apply for other appropriate consents, such as FEPA License or Coast Protection Act consent.</p> <p>The coastal Biodiversity Action Plan outlines an action (coastal -15) to review the impact of current coastal aggregate extraction licences on coastal processes and habitats. The BAP has a more specific action (shingle and sand dunes -3) to promote a presumption against the extraction of the subtidal shingle resources. A number of local plans, harbour plans and other statutory and non-statutory plans have policies that can influence aggregate dredging.</p> <p>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.</p>		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
Obtain information on dredging and feed to Management Group. For example from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM)	Secretariat	Annual	