



Solway Firth MCZ was designated in May 2019. It is an inshore site covering an area of approximately 45km². The site is located in the Solway Firth, Cumbria, on a large estuary in the far north-eastern Irish Sea.

Designated features: Smelt. The main threats to smelt are considered to be barriers to migration and degraded habitat, rather than fishing activities. Therefore, no management has been put in place by NWIFCA.

NE site view – Designated Sites View (naturalengland.org.uk) NEs advice – Marine site detail (naturalengland.org.uk) Defra factsheet – Solway Firth Marine Conservation Zone factsheet (publishing.service.gov.uk) Magic map – Magic Map Application (defra.gov.uk)