

Appendix G – Fishing Activities at Rosslare Europort

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Rosslare Europort – Maintenance Dredging and Beach Nourishment Campaign

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The proposed dredging of the sand bank which has accreted during the recent winter storms may cause a temporary disruption of local fishing operations by the physical presence of the dredging vessel and by the short-term increase in turbidity in the water during the dredging works. However, the dredging operation would have no significant impact on the marine ecology outside the immediate area to be dredged as a result of a sediment plume arising from the dredging activity or from re-settlement of material brought into suspension.

Figure 1 shows the main fishing methods within the study area. The predominant fishing activities include trawling for *Nephrops* (prawns), potting for crustaceans and bottom set gill netting for gadoids. Figure 2 shows the predominant fishing activity between Rosslare and Wexford Harbour being for razor clams, whelk and shellfish.

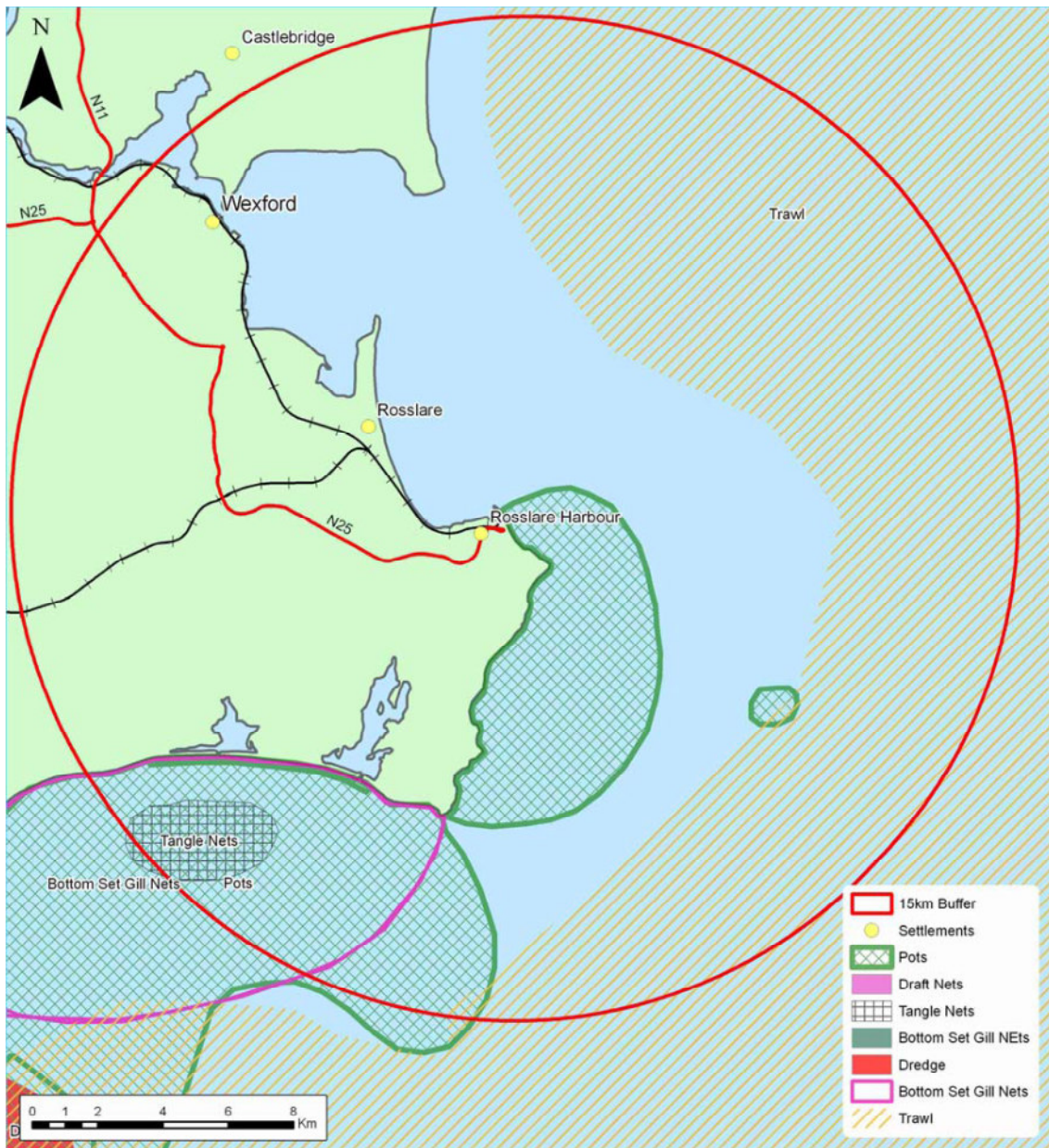


Figure 1: Fishing methods in the Rosslare / Wexford Harbour Area

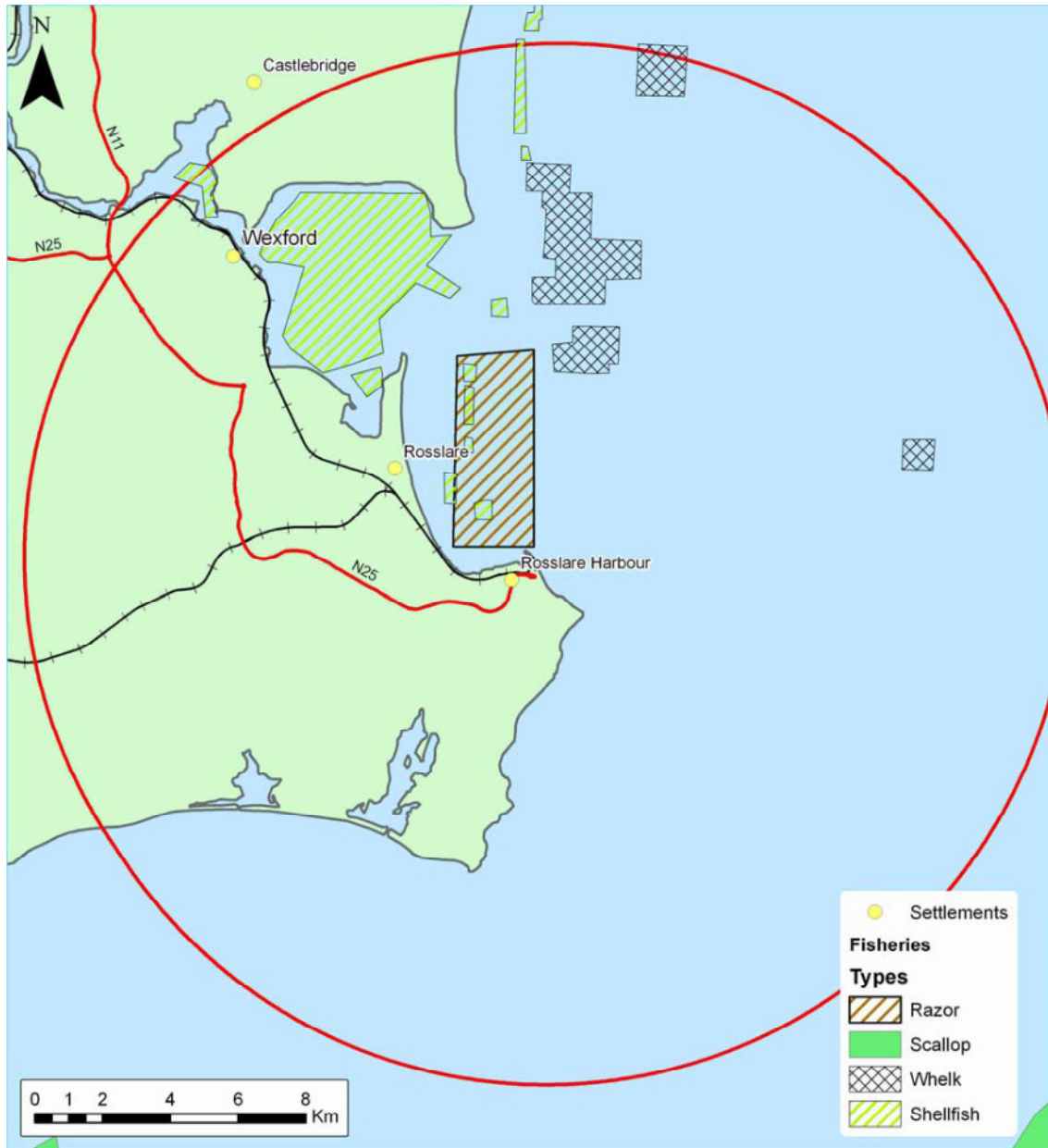


Figure 2: Fisheries in the Rosslare / Wexford Harbour Area