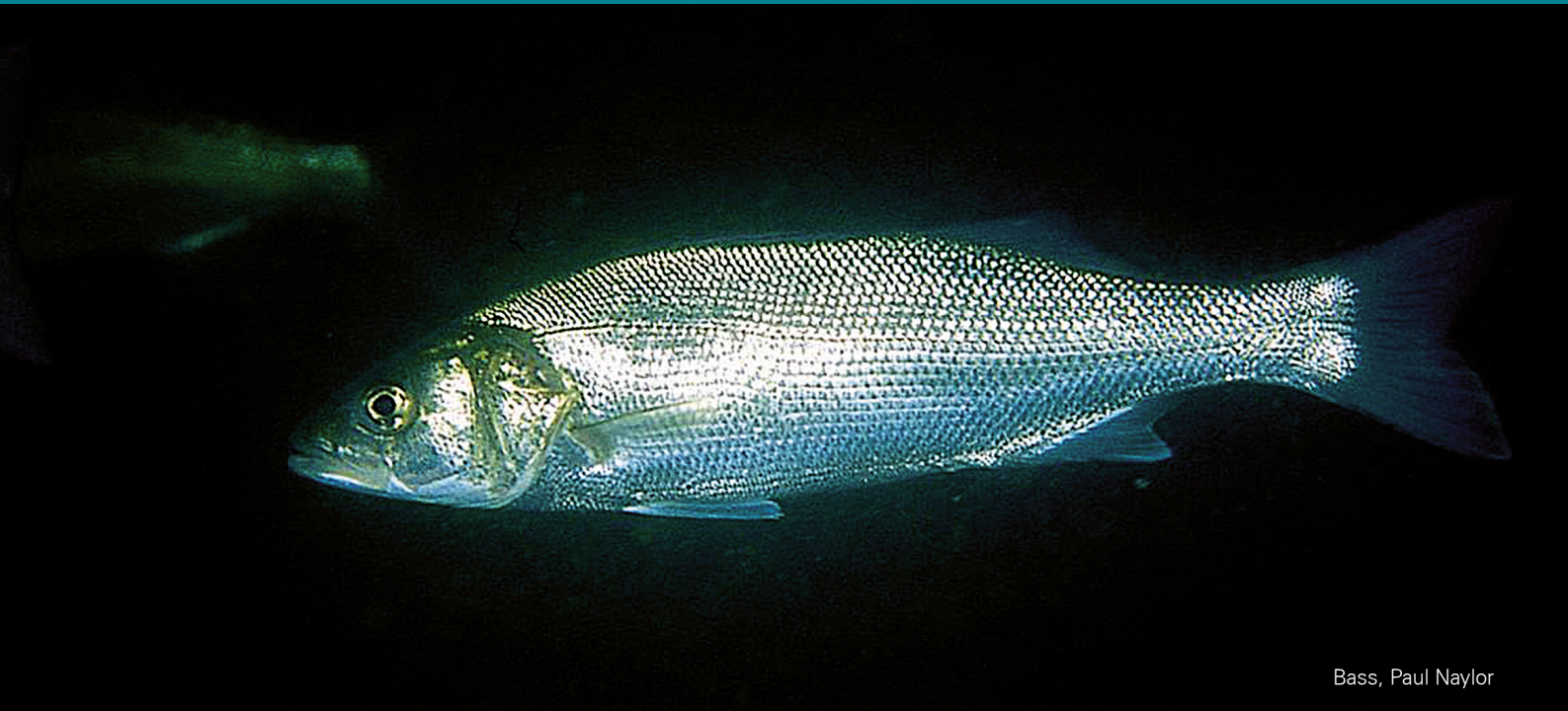


Solway Firth

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)



Bass, Paul Naylor

Fact file

The Solway is a shallow, wide estuary that provides a corridor between England and Scotland. The sand banks provide resting places for seals and the fast flowing waters are home to many species of fish that are not only of importance to us, but also create a rich feeding ground for seabirds.

This site was designated to protect smelt, a fish species of conservation importance. It is also an important nursery ground for bass, pollock and some flatfish species.

The Solway Firth is an important area for conservation and is also a Special Area of Conservation and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Each type of designation protects different features of the area. These different designations complement each other to provide maximum protection for the habitat and the species that live there.

Location



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Solway Firth

45.72km²

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"The designation of the third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones has given us an amazing opportunity to protect our marine wildlife and habitats for future generations. We now have 91 MCZs which is great news, but to help our seas recover we also need the Government to implement proper management and monitoring of these sites."

Joan Edwards
Director of Living Seas
& Public Affairs
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