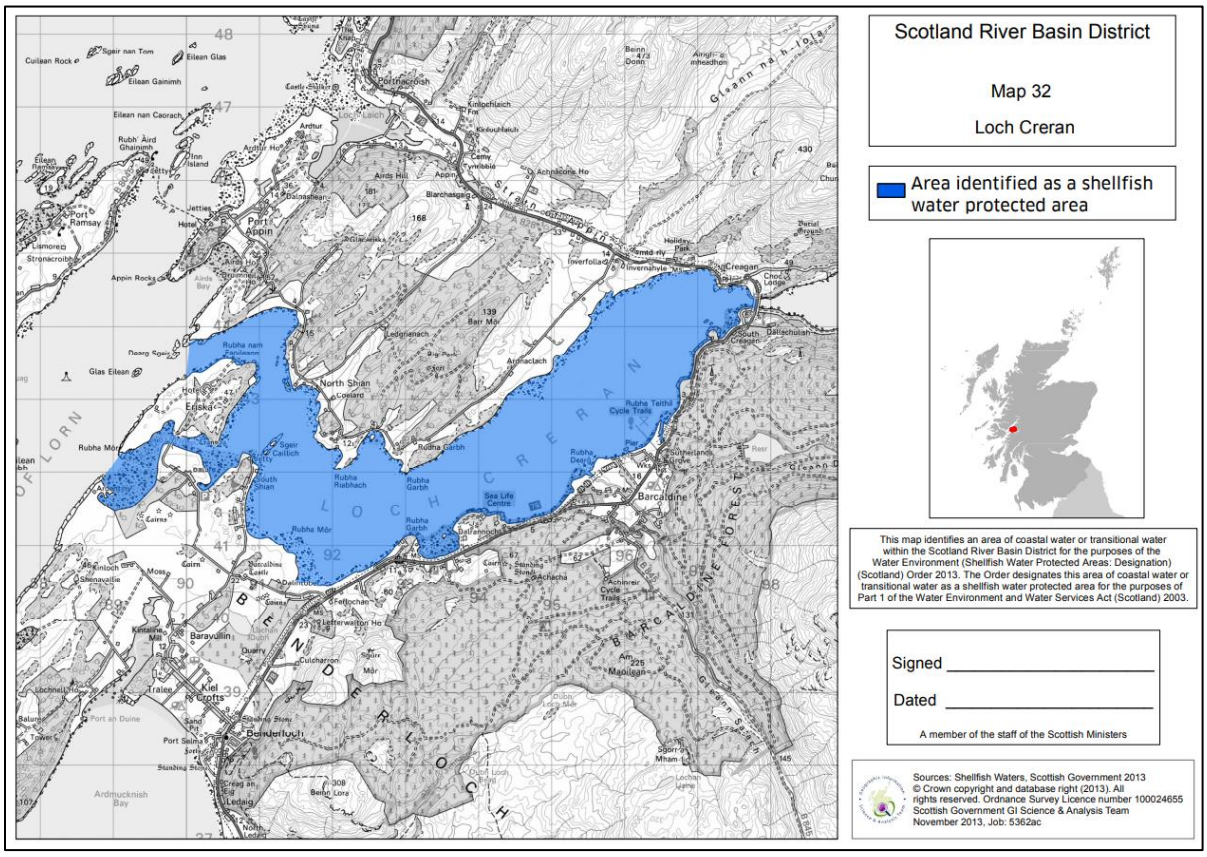
## SWPA 32: Loch Creran

### 1.Map of Designated Shellfish Water Protected Area

Shellfish water protected areas: maps - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)




### 2. SWPA Classification History

| SWPA Name | Area | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2018 | 2018 REVISED TERMINOLOGY UNDER NEW SHELLFISH FRAMEWORK |
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| Loch Creran | SWPA32 | Fair | Fair | Fair | Fair | Good |

### 3.Associated Shellfish Production Areas FSS Classification

(Showing Common Mussels, Pacific Oysters and Native Oysters only)

Latest FSS classification can be found here:

Shellfish safety and sanitation | Food Standards Scotland | Food Standards Scotland

| Production Area | Species | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020 - 2021 | 2021 - 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loch Creran Upper Mussels | Common mussels | no classification | no classification | no classification | no classification | no classification |
| Loch Creran Upper Oysters | Pacific oysters | 2017= B - April to December 2018= B - January to March | 2018= A : April to May & November to December 2018= B : June to October 2019= A : January to March | 2019= A : April to May & December 2019= B : June to November 2020= A : January to March | 2020= A - April to May & December = B – June to November 2021= A - January to March | 2021= A : April to May & December B : June to November 2022= A : January to March |
| Loch Creran: Rubha Mor | Pacific oysters | 2017= A - April to December 2018= A - January to March | 2018= A : April to December 2019= A : January to March | 2019= A : April to July & November to December B : August to October 2020= A : January to March | 2020= A : April to June & November to December B : July to October 2021= A : January to March | 2021= A : April to June & Nov to Dec B : July to October 2022= A : January to March |
| Loch Creran: Shian | Pacific oysters | DECLASSIFIED | no classification | no classification | no classification | no classification |

**Notes on Classification:**

SEPA generally uses the same data collected for FSS classification of Production Areas to classify the associated Shellfish Water Protection Area (often using data collected from multiple Production Areas).

Despite this, there can be differences between SWPA classifications and FSS Production Area classifications. This is due to the purpose for each classification and how the data is used: SWPA classification describes the general quality across multiple production areas, characterising the water quality over a greater spatial extent and longer time. By contrast, the FSS classifies the quality of a specific area to determine the seasonal risk and level of pre-market treatment required for periods as short as 3 months.

Although there may be differences due to the aggregation of data and how the data is assessed, the revision of Scottish Government Directions in 2021 helped to better align these classifications, e.g., the E. coli standard required for a “class A” Production Area classification now describes an “Excellent” SWPA classification. This change is a more accurate reflection of the quality of our shellfish waters in Scotland and allows us to target our resources to where they most needed – at industry agreed priority *production areas* failing to consistently achieve Class A.

Where there is no available data (i.e., no active production sites with FSS classification samples) then SEPA will usually not be able to classify the associated SWPA.

**4. Production Area Sanitary Surveys**

Scotland - Cefas (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science)

The sanitary survey provides an overview of pressures from human population, sewage discharges, land cover, farm animals and wildlife.