



Wales Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 4

PART 2

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMPETENCE: FURTHER PROVISION

Marine licensing and conservation

47 Marine conservation zones

- (1) Part 5 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 116 (marine conservation zones)—
 - (a) in subsection (5)(a), after “Wales” insert “or the Welsh offshore region”;
 - (b) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) The Welsh Ministers may not designate an area as an MCZ without the agreement of the Secretary of State if any part of the proposed MCZ lies in the Welsh offshore region.”
- (3) In section 119 (consultation before designation)—
 - (a) in subsection (6), after “Wales” insert “or the Welsh offshore region”;
 - (b) omit subsection (9)(a).
- (4) In section 125 (general duties of public authorities in relation to MCZs), in subsection (11)(a), after “Wales” insert “or the Welsh offshore region”.