

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Miscellaneous
Report Title	Ministerial Direction: Reduction in size of maritime exclusion zone under Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962
Minister	Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Economy
Lead Directorate	Local and Digital Economy (Economy)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Date decision made if different to date 'Ministerial Decision Summary' signed.	06/01/2023
Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Sector Lead, Local Economy
Date of Report	06/01/2023
Ministerial Decision Report: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

Report

The Minister, with reference to his previous decision MD-ETS-2022-781, issued a Direction in accordance with Regulation 1(2)(a) of the Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962 to vary, in the following terms, the maritime exclusion zone in Jersey territorial waters at 49° 13.105'N 002°20.024'W in the immediate vicinity of the wrecked fishing vessel L'Ecume II –

- a) that the maritime exclusion zone should be reduced to 250 metres in all directions from the location described above;
- b) that the variation should commence with effect from 6th January and be communicated promptly to the public by way of a Harbour Master's Notice to Mariners

The Minister confirmed that the prohibition should continue to prohibit the passage of any vessels, diving, fishing laying of static gear and trawling activity within the reduced exclusion zone.

In addition, the Minister confirmed that the Harbour Master was authorised to issue a further Notice to Mariners to:

- i) vary the radius of the exclusion zone so as to facilitate any legitimate salvage operation that might conceivably be authorised in accordance with the terms of the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002, or
- ii) extinguish the above maritime exclusion zone once the Harbour Master was satisfied that an exclusion zone was no longer required and having given the Minister prior written notice of his intention to extinguish the exclusion zone.

Recommendation

Approve Ports of Jersey to take the necessary actions