

FIRTH OF FORTH SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

OPERATIONS REQUIRING CONSENT FROM SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE

If you propose to carry out, or permit to be carried out, any of the operations listed below, you must first obtain consent from SNH unless a local authority has granted you planning permission (under Part III of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997) or a designated regulatory authority has given you written permission (under s.15 of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004). If you have such a permission you may proceed without obtaining consent from SNH for the same operation.

<i>Standard Ref. No.</i>	<i>Type of Operation</i>
1	Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding of grassland, sand dune and saltmarsh.
2	Changes in the grazing regime (including type of stock or intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing and cessation of grazing).
3	The introduction of stock feeding and changes to stock feeding practices.
4	Changes in the mowing or cutting regime.
5	Application of manure, fertilisers and lime.
6	Application of pesticides, including herbicides (weedkillers).
7	Dumping, spreading or discharge of any materials.
9	Introduction of any plant ¹ or seed.
11	The destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant ¹ or plant ¹ remains.
13a	Drainage (including the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains).
13b	Modification of the structure of water courses (e.g. burns, springs, ditches, drains), including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, regrading and dredging.
14	The changing of water levels and tables and water utilisation (including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes).
15	Infilling of ditches, drains, ponds or marshes.

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- 16b** Changes in coastal fishing practice or fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection, including the use of traps or fish cages
- 17** Reclamation of land from sea, estuary or marsh.
- 18** Commercial bait digging in intertidal areas.
- 19** Erection of sea defences or coast protection works, including cliff or landslip drainage or stabilisation measures.
- 20** Extraction of minerals, including shingles, sand and gravel.
- 21** Construction of tracks, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or the maintenance of pipelines and cables.
- 23** Erection of permanent or temporary structures, or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling.
- 24** Battering or grading of landforms.
- 25** Removal of geological specimens, including rock samples, minerals and fossils.
- 26** Use of vehicles or craft which would damage or disturb the flora, fauna or landform.
- 27** Recreational, research, educational or other activities, other than those carried out responsibly in keeping with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Notes

- 1 "plant" includes any flowering plant, shrub, herb, seaweed, alga, fungus, lichen or moss.