

2019 No. 34

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MARINE MANAGEMENT

WILDLIFE

**The Ribble Estuary Marine Conservation Zone Designation
Order 2019**

Made - - - - *20th May 2019*

Coming into force - - *31st May 2019*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 116(1), and in accordance with 117(1), (2) and (7), 118(1) and (6), and 123(1), of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009(a).

The Secretary of State thinks it desirable to make this Order for the purpose of conserving the species of marine fauna specified in article 4 of this Order.

The Secretary of State has had regard to any obligations under EU or international law that relate to the conservation or improvement of the marine environment in accordance with section 123(5) of that Act.

The Secretary of State has—

- (a) published notice of the proposal to make this Order in accordance with section 119(2) and (3) of that Act, and
- (b) consulted persons who the Secretary of State thinks are likely to be interested in, or affected by, the making of this Order in accordance with section 119(4) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Ribble Estuary Marine Conservation Zone Designation Order 2019 and comes into force on 31st May 2019.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“protected feature”, in relation to the Zone, has the meaning given by article 4;

(a) 2009 c. 23. See section 116(5) for the definition of “appropriate authority”.