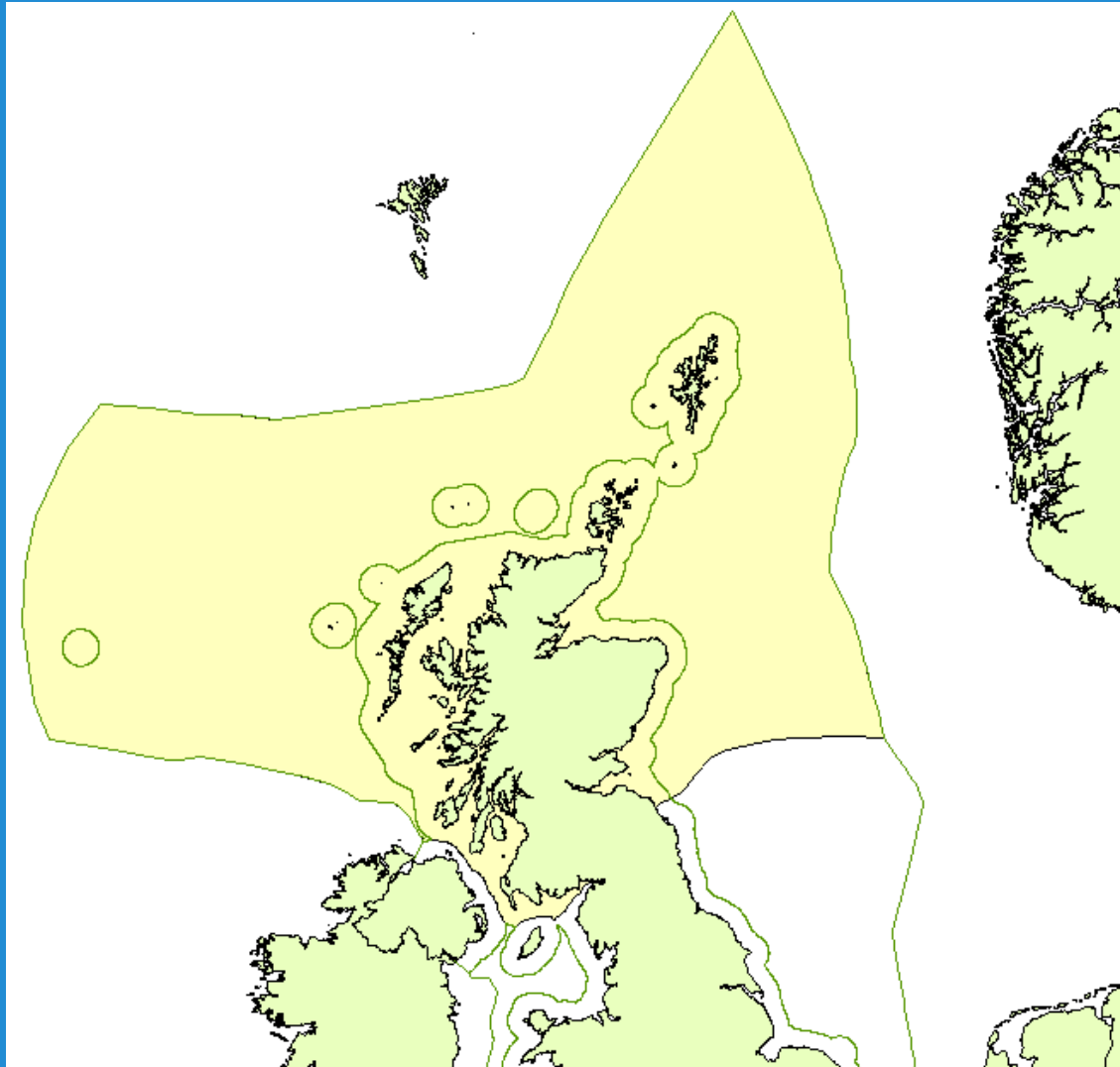


# Regionalisation – a Scottish Perspective

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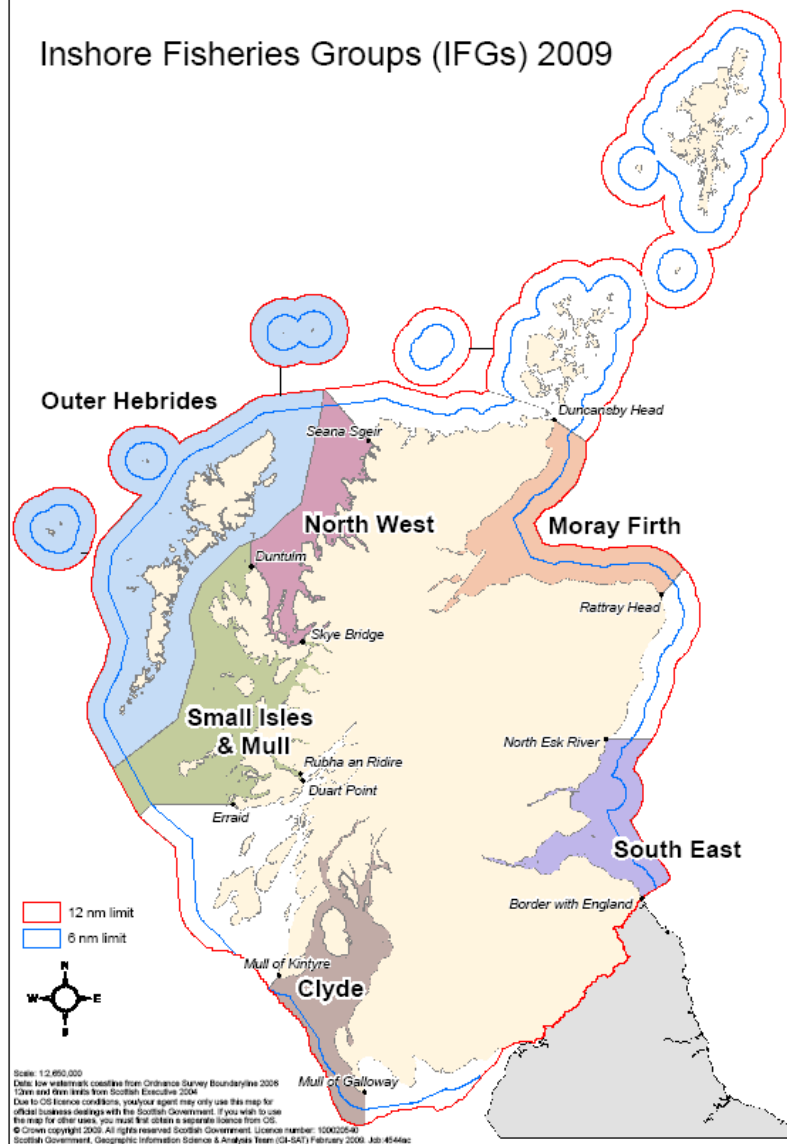


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## Inshore Fisheries Groups (IFGs) 2009



## 6 pilot Inshore Fisheries Groups

South east

Clyde

Outer Hebrides

Small Islands and Mull

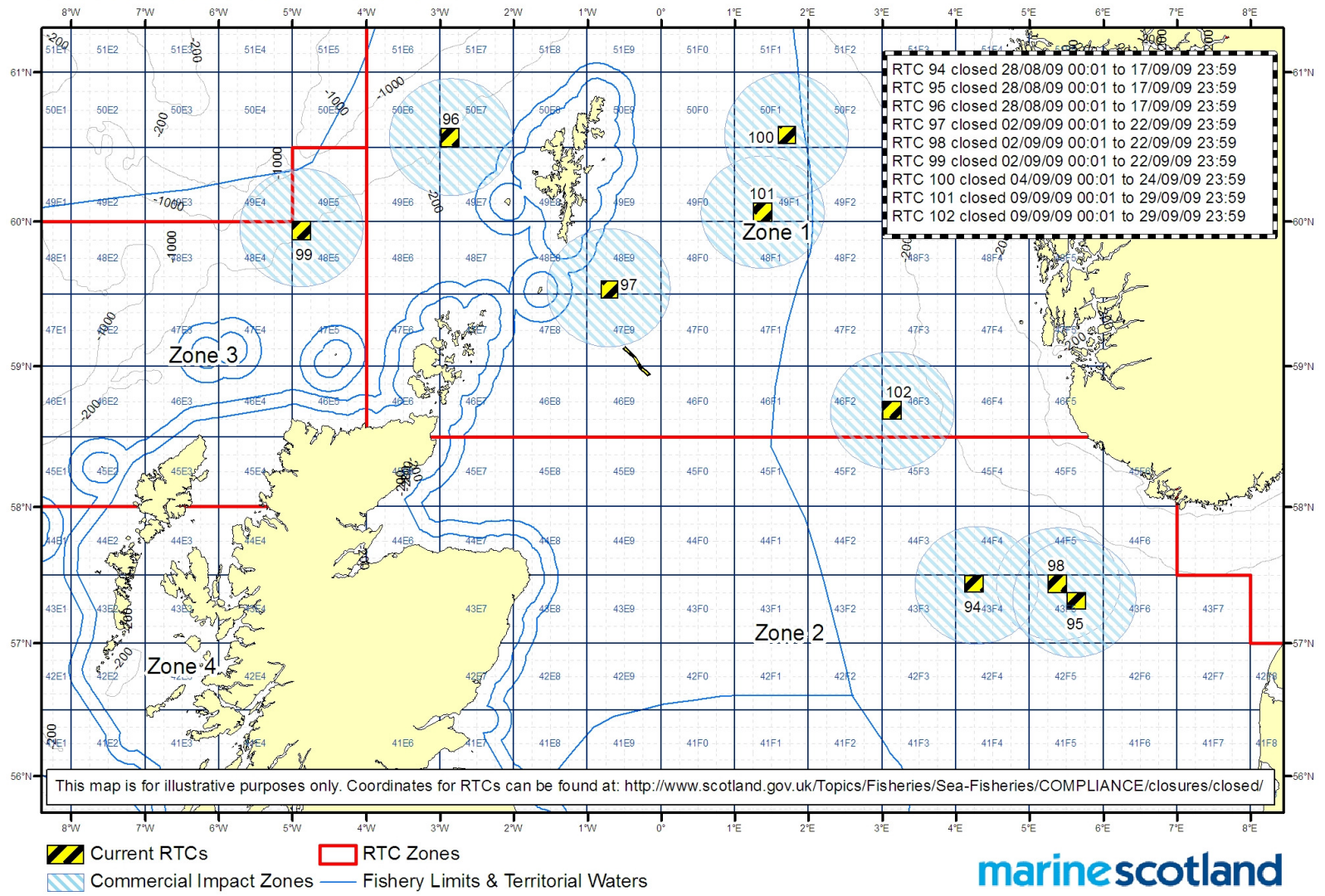
Moray Firth

North West



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# Current Real Time Closures



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# Positives

- Locally/regionally appropriate fisheries measures
- Flexibility to allow incentives
- Greater involvement and buy-in from industry
- Innovation
- Integration with local/regional marine plans



# Requirements

- High level objectives
- Outcome focused
- Longer term targets
- Time and trust



# Regional approach and CFP reform

## Drivers for regionalisation

- Regionalisation of marine policies
- Regional assessment of fish stocks
- Regional units within DG Mare
- Criticisms of the existing CFP
- Positive experience of limited regionalisation
- Inquiry into Future Fisheries Management



# Possible regional framework

- Long term strategic outcomes/targets set at EU level (Biological/ecological)
- Development of regional fisheries plans by MS within a region (including identification of social and economic targets)
- Testing (and approval) of plan against strategic targets at EU level
- Implementation of plan by MS





# Issues

- Documentation and monitoring of implementation
- Role of RACs/stakeholders
- Migratory stocks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Country negotiations (eg Norway)



# Conclusions

- Regional management most promising mechanism to deliver meaningful reform
- Scottish experience is positive:
  - Locally appropriate management measures
  - Integration with other marine policies
  - Stakeholder involvement, innovation and buy-in
  - Flexibility to incentivise good fishing practices
- Other potential benefits
  - move to longer term management arrangements
  - Separation of conflicting objectives and depoliticisation of management decisions

