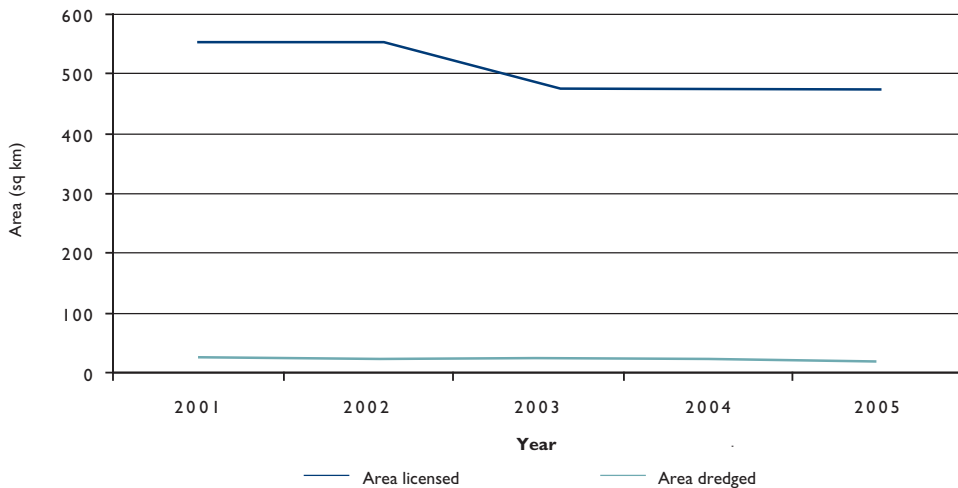


Background

- the Humber region has 8 licence areas, operated by British Dredging Ltd, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, CEMEX UK Marine Ltd, United Marine Dredging Ltd and Westminster Gravels Ltd for both sand and gravel, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005, 4.58 million tonnes of aggregates were dredged from a permitted licensed tonnage of 4.6 million
- of the total marine aggregate dredged from the Humber region, 1.35 million tonnes were landed at wharves in the north east, located on the Tyne, Tees and Humber rivers. 0.22 million tonnes were landed elsewhere in England. 1.82 million tonnes were landed at wharves in mainland Europe, and 1.19 million tonnes was specifically dredged for beach nourishment schemes

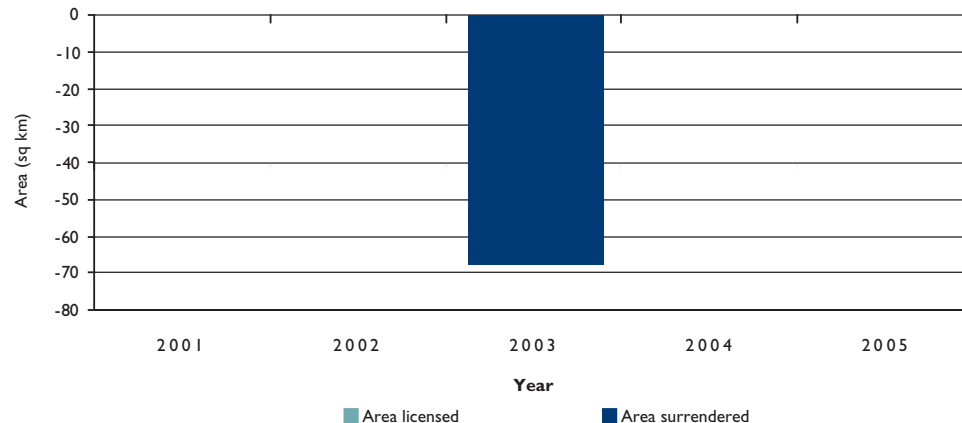
Area of seabed licensed and dredged

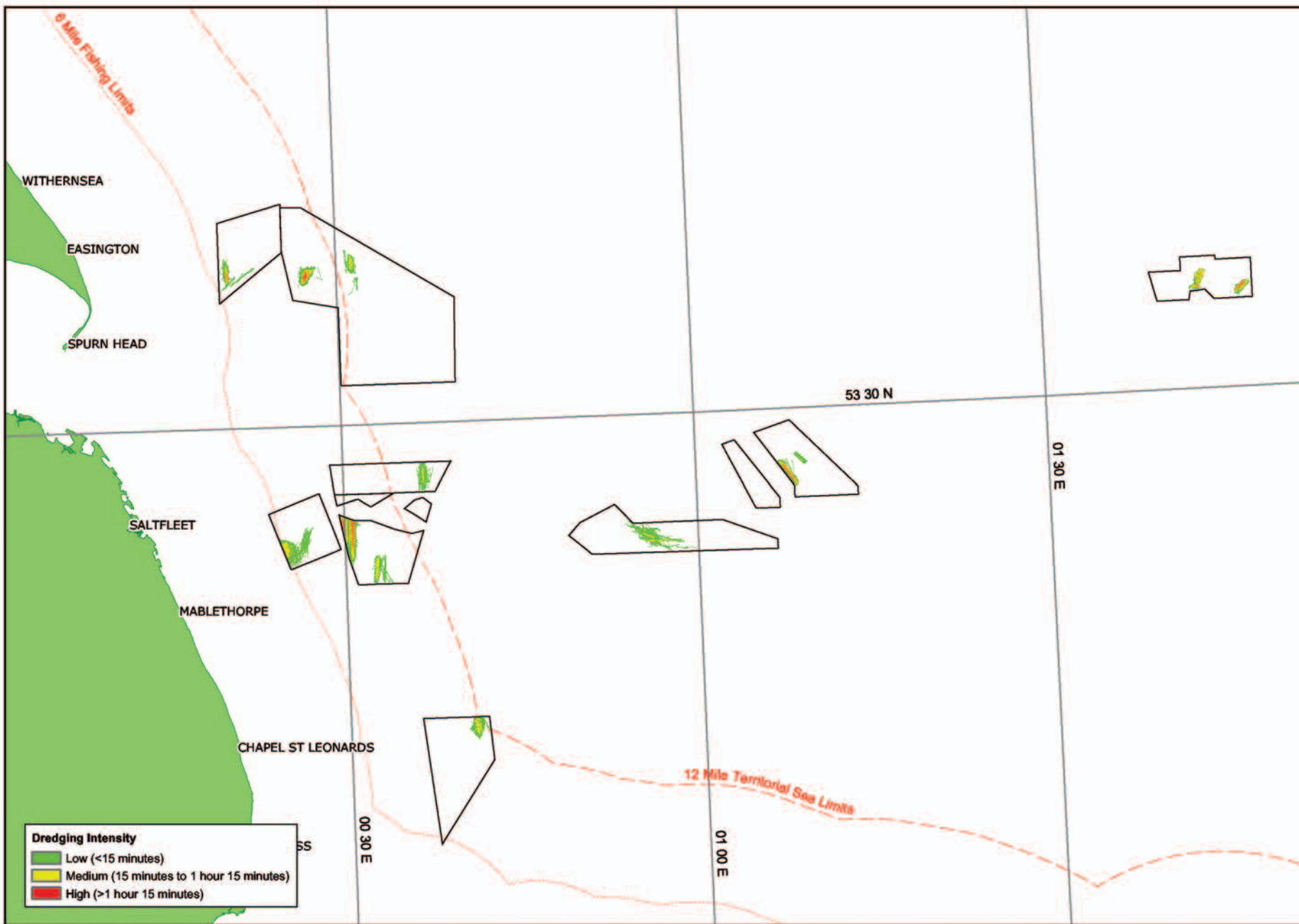


Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the Humber region was 483.68 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the Humber region was 146.70 km²
- dredging took place within 31.2 km², 6.44% of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 1.64 km², representing 38.26% of regional dredging activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place from 11.72 km²
- during the period 2005 the area licensed for marine aggregate extraction remained unchanged

Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





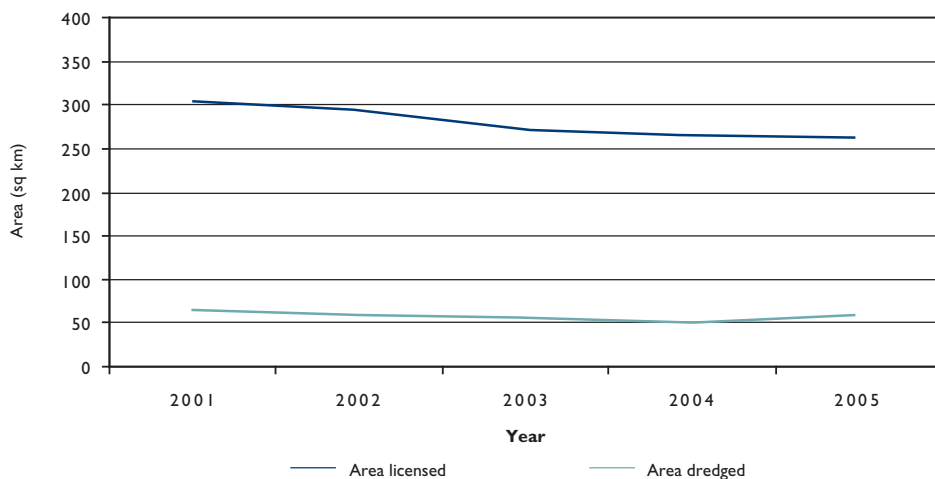
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Background

- the East Coast region has 15 licence areas, operated by British Dredging Ltd, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, CEMEX UK Marine Ltd, United Marine Dredging Ltd and Volker Dredging Ltd for both sand and gravel, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005, 7.88 million tonnes of aggregate were dredged from a permitted licensed tonnage of 12.70 million
- of the total marine aggregate dredged from the East Coast region, 4.05 million tonnes were landed at wharves along the Thames and Medway rivers. 0.21 million tonnes were landed at wharves elsewhere in England. A further 3.62 million tonnes were landed at wharves in mainland Europe

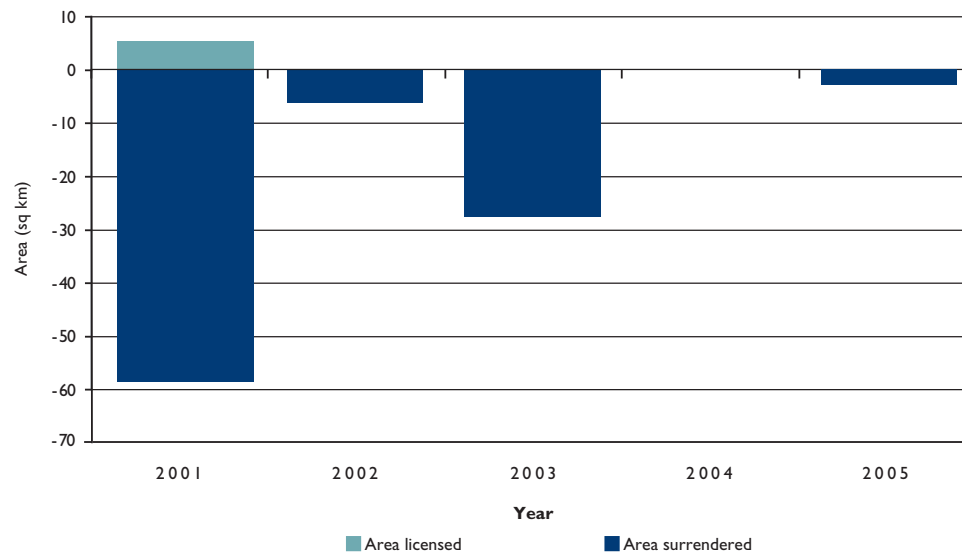
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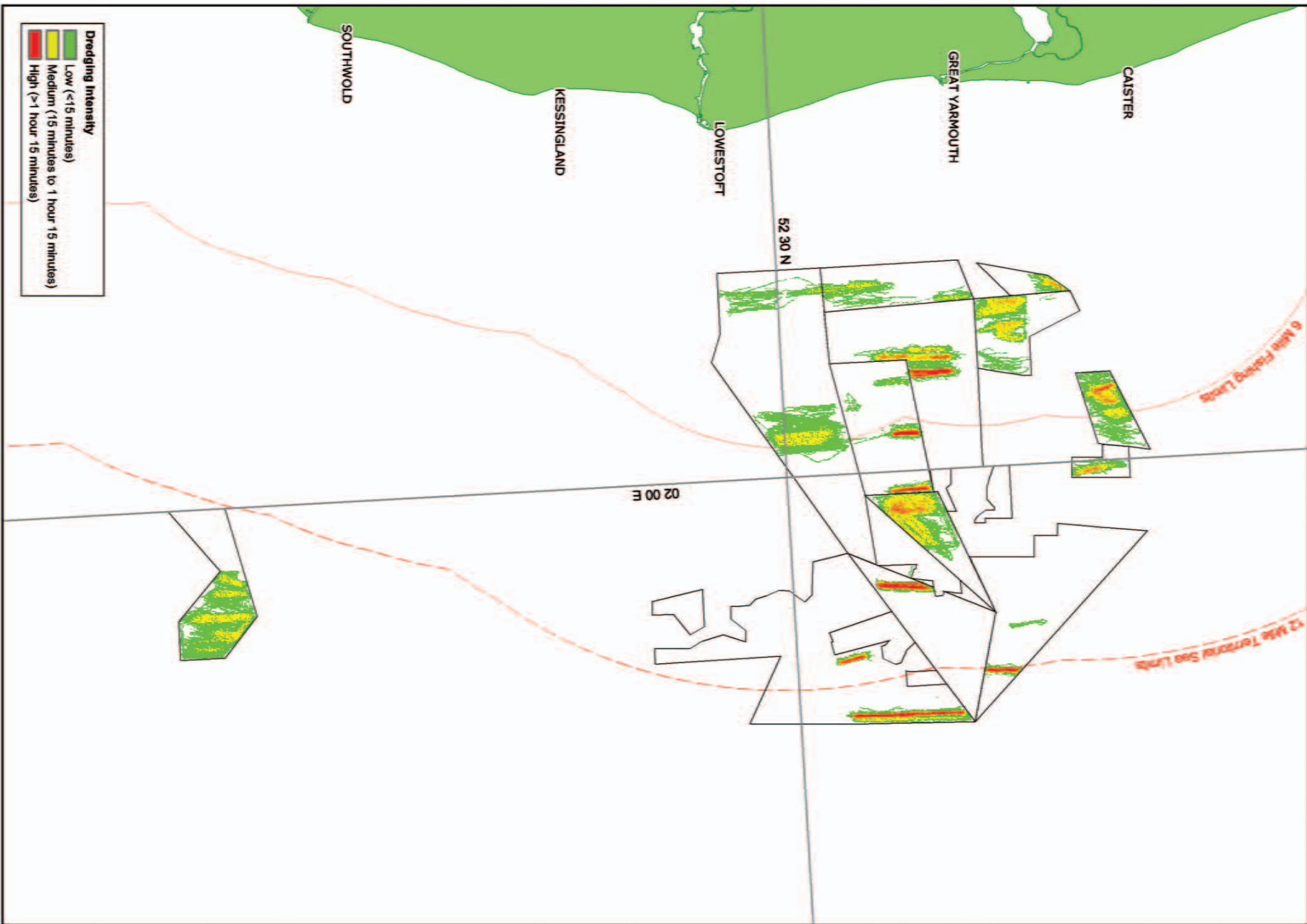


Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the East Coast region was 268.01 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the East Coast region was 182.96 km²
- dredging took place within 59.59 km², 19.58% of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 3.56 km², representing 59.6% of regional dredging activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place from 17.09 km²
- during the period 2005 the area licensed for marine aggregate extraction within the East Coast region decreased by 2.13 km²

Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





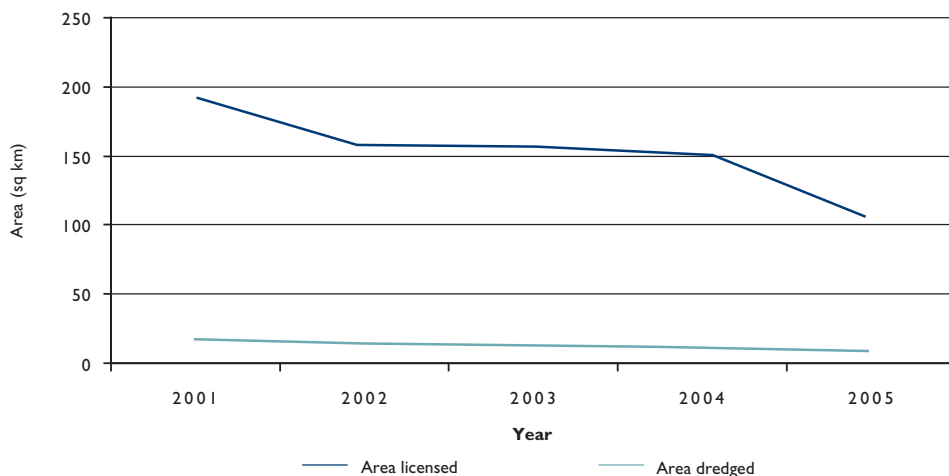
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Background

- the Thames region has 8 licence areas, operated by Britannia Aggregates Ltd, British Dredging Ltd, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, CEMEX UK Marine Ltd and United Marine Dredging Ltd for both sand and gravel, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005 0.70 million tonnes of aggregate were dredged from a permitted licensed tonnage of 3.45 million
- of the total marine aggregate dredged from the Thames region, 0.59 million tonnes were landed at wharves along the Thames and Medway rivers. A further 0.1 million tonnes were landed at wharves in mainland Europe. The balance was delivered to wharves on the South Coast of England

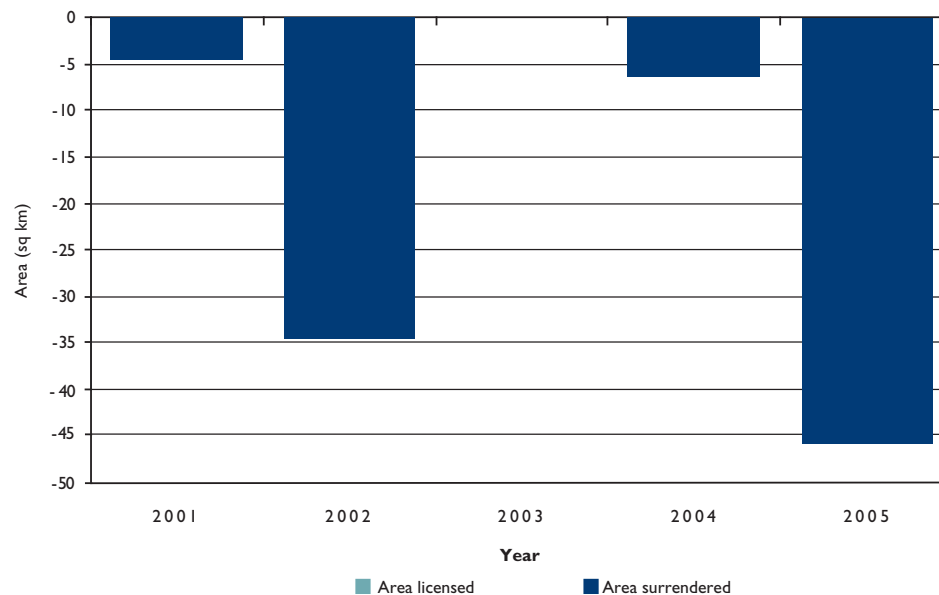
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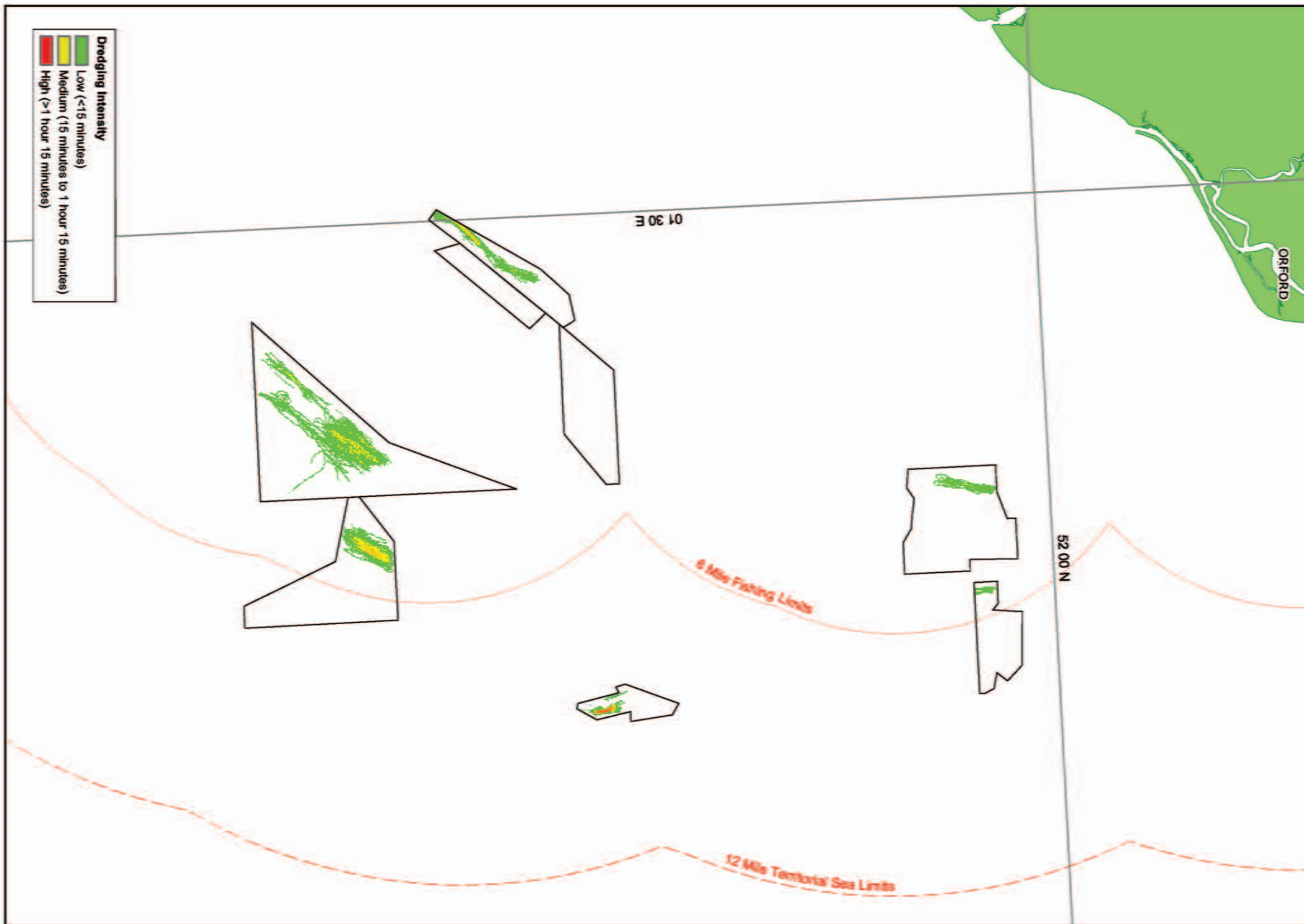


Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the Thames region was 102.87 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the Thames region during 2005 was 96.36 km²
- dredging took place within 12.30 km², 12.0% of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 0.11 km², representing 13.71% of regional activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place from 6.20 km²
- during the period 2005 the area licensed for marine aggregate extraction within the Thames region decreased by 46.96 km²

Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





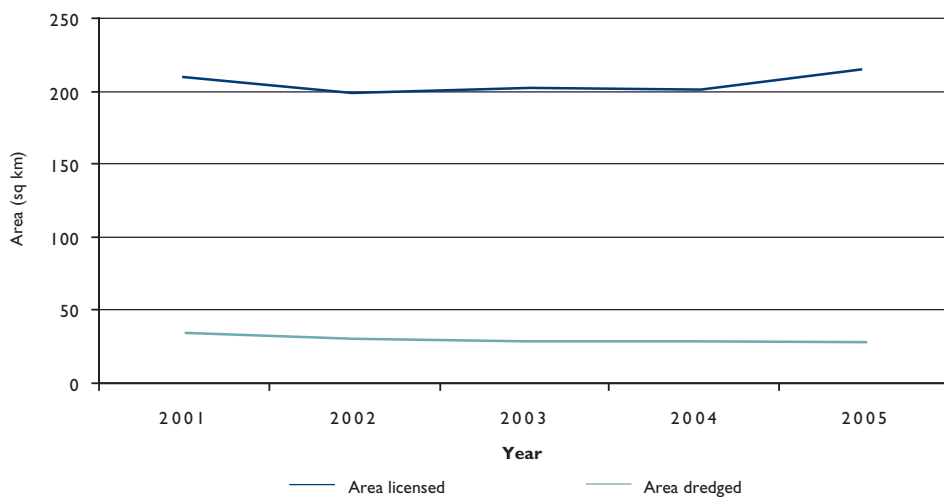
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Background

- the South Coast region has 23 licence areas, operated by British Dredging Ltd, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, Kendall Bros (Portsmouth) Ltd, Northwood (Fareham) Ltd, CEMEX UK Marine Ltd, United Marine Dredging Ltd and Volker Dredging Ltd for sand and gravel, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005 5.73 million tonnes of aggregate were dredged from a permitted licensed tonnage of 14.13 million
- of the total marine aggregate dredged from the South Coast region, 2.72 million tonnes were landed at wharves along the South Coast, and 1.74 million tonnes were landed elsewhere in England. 0.93 million tonnes were landed at wharves in mainland Europe. 0.34 million tonnes was specifically dredged for beach nourishment schemes

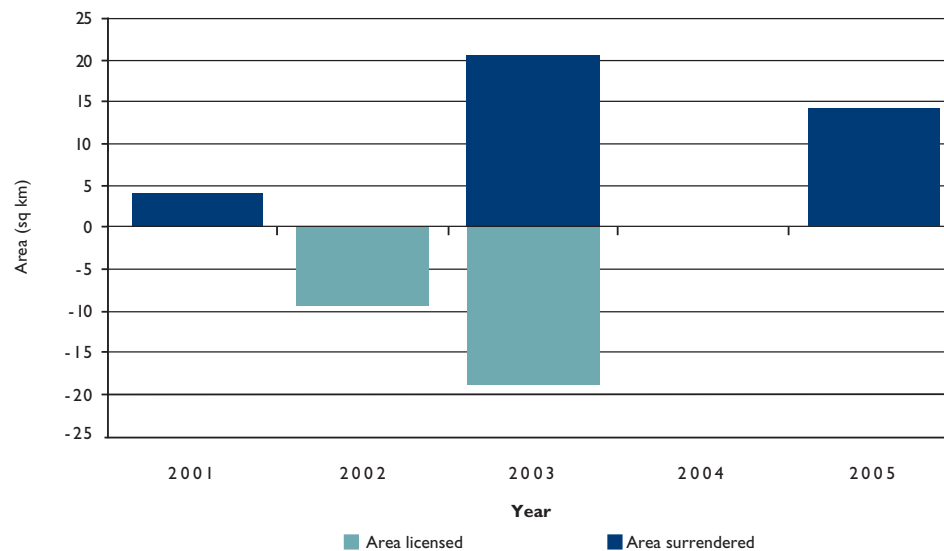
Area of seabed licensed and dredged

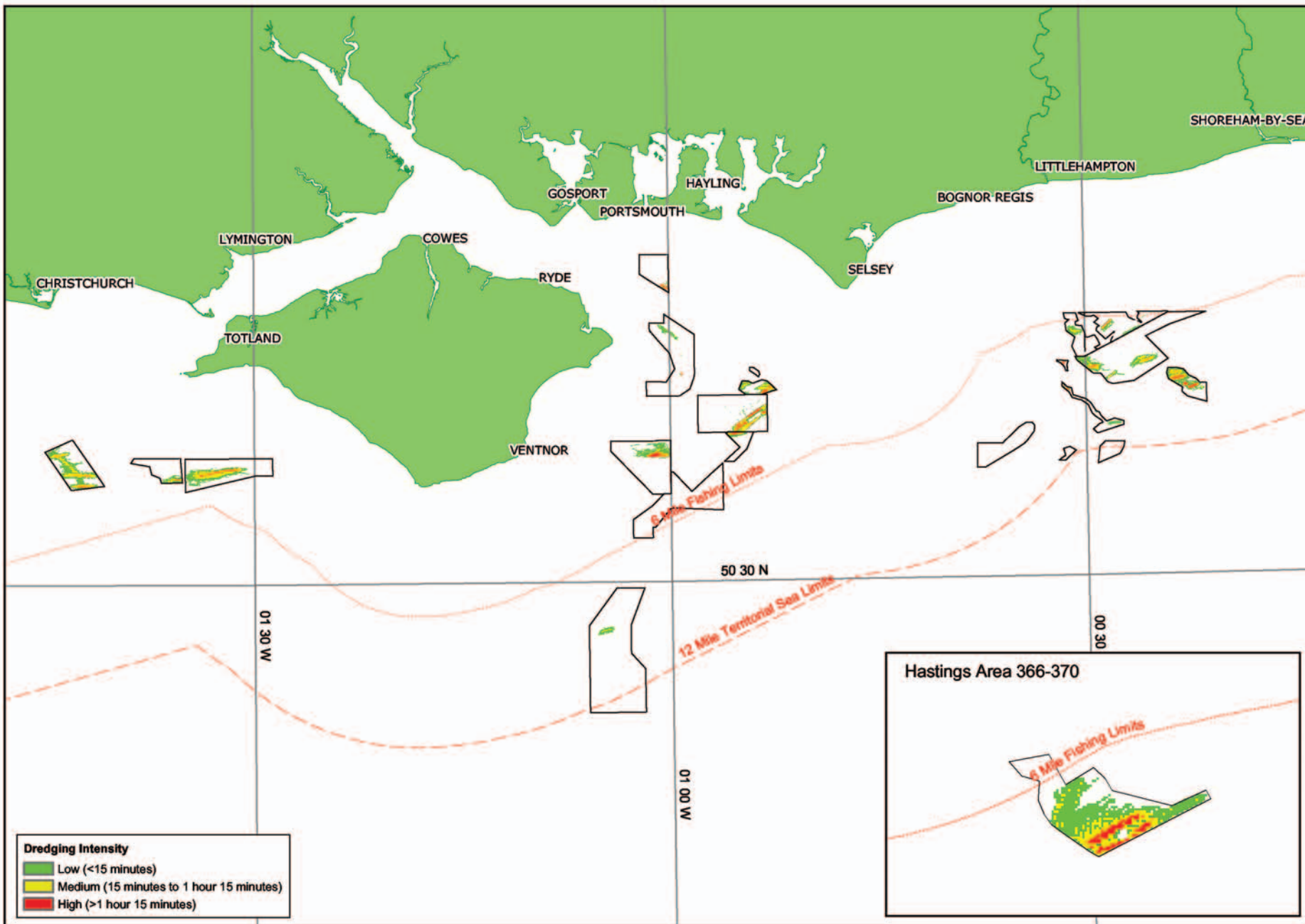


Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the South Coast region was 215.45 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the South Coast region was 100.37 km²
- dredging took place from within 29.35 km², 13.6% of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 2.88 km², representing 58.57% of regional dredging activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place from 10.42 km²
- during the period 2005 the area licensed for marine aggregate extraction within the South Coast region increased by 13.67 km²

Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





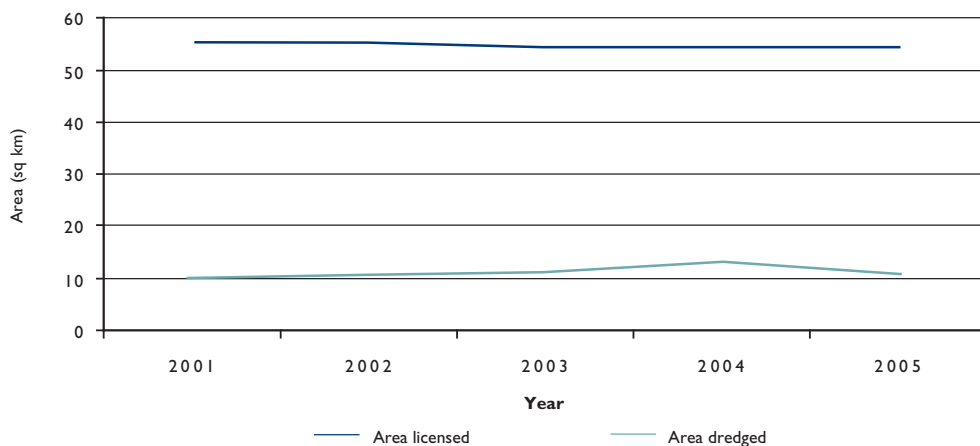
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Background

- the South West region has 10 licence areas, operated by British Dredging Ltd, Hanson Aggregates Marine Ltd, Llanelli Sand Dredging Ltd and United Marine Dredging Ltd for sand, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005, 1.59 million tonnes of aggregate were dredged from a permitted licensed tonnage of 2.57 million
- all of the aggregates dredged from the South West region were landed at wharves located along both sides of the Bristol Channel

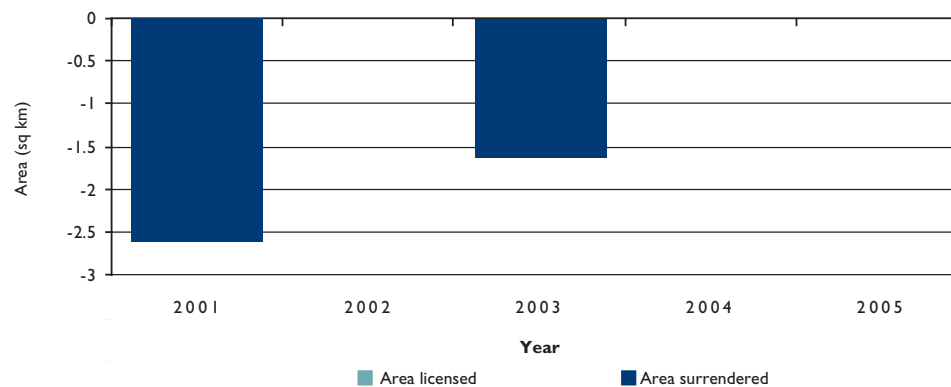
Area of seabed licensed and dredged

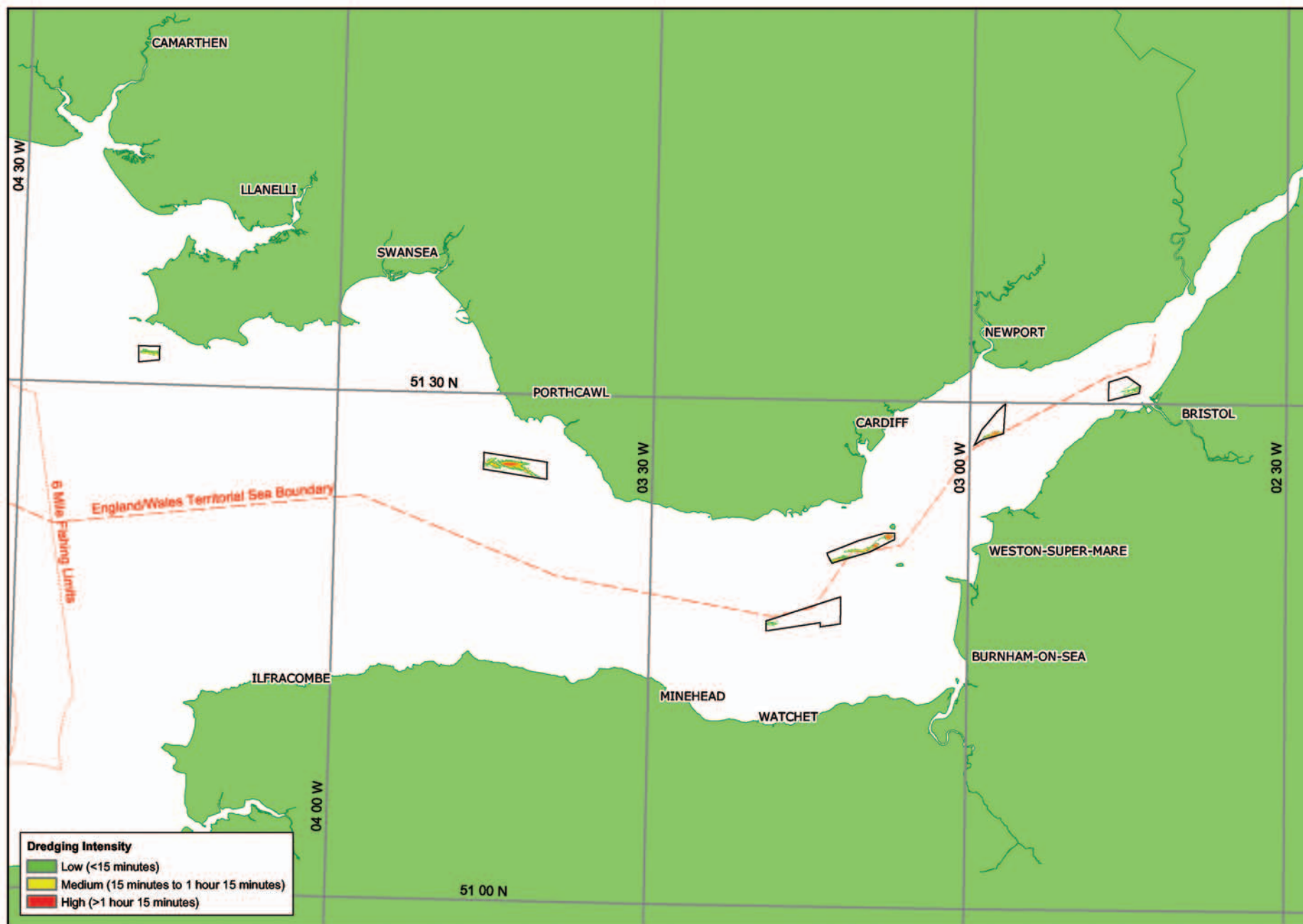


Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the South West region was 54.41 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the South West region was 49.55 km²
- dredging took place within 10.20 km², 18.8 % of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 1.11 km², representing 65.36% of regional dredging activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place from 3.26 km²
- during 2004, the area licensed for marine aggregate extraction in the South West remained unchanged

Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





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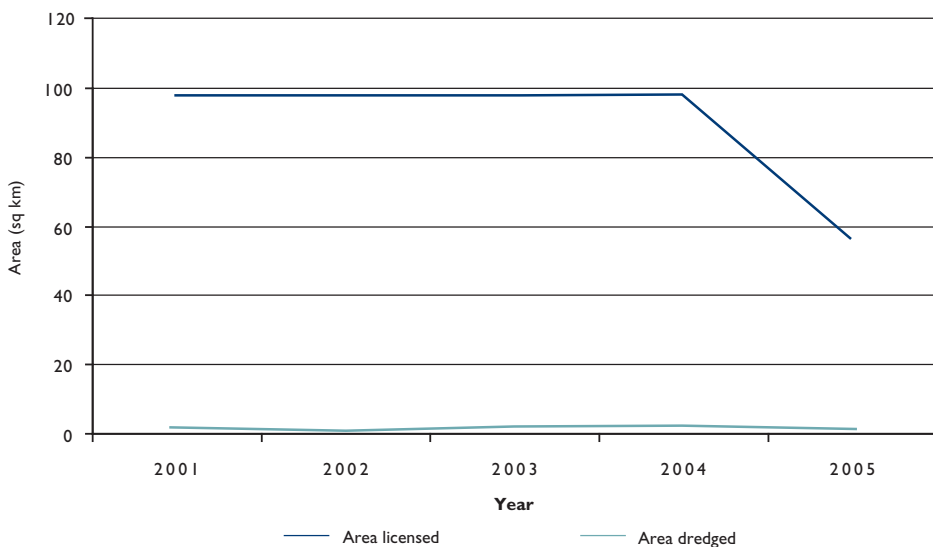
Background

- the North West region has 7 licence areas, operated by Norwest Sand and Ballast Company, CEMEX UK Materials Ltd, and United Marine Dredging Ltd for sand and gravel, principally for use in the construction industry
- during 2005, 0.61 million tonnes of aggregate were dredged from a permitted tonnage of 1.38 million
- of the aggregate dredged in the North West region only 0.02 million tonnes were landed in wharves outside of the region (in the South West)

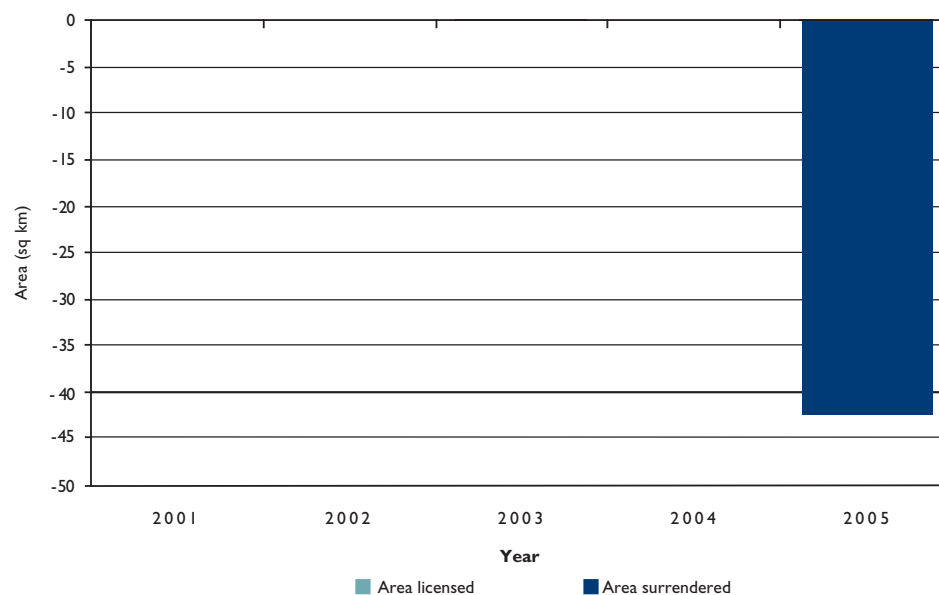
Regional statistics

- the licensed area in the North West was 54.95 km²
- the total area actually available to be dredged within the North West region was 19.96 km²
- dredging took place within 2.01 km², 3.7% of the licensed area
- high intensity dredging (greater than 1 hour 15 minutes) is equal to 0.22 km², representing 64.46% of regional dredging activity
- 90% of regional dredging effort took place within 0.58 km²
- during 2005 the area licensed for marine extraction within the North West region decreased by 42.97 km²

Area of seabed licensed and dredged



Area of seabed surrendered and licensed





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