

Notice to Mariners

Vessels and General Safety Advice

Cage Grid Tow – 20/04/2026

1. INTRODUCTION

Mariners are advised that Bakkafrost Scotland (BFS) will be carrying out a series of cage grid tows in Loch Tuath and Loch Na Keal, Isle of Mull. The tows will take place between **20th April 2026** and the **24th April 2026**, where the towing vessel will have limited manouverability during this time. The cage grid will in sections be towed from Point A to Point B which are illustrated on the chart extracts below:



Mariners are requested to navigate with caution in this area.

2. SAFETY

Throughout operations, the vessel will be displaying the shapes and lights prescribed in the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Rule 27 and will be displaying the prescribed shapes and lights when the vessel is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre. Furthermore, it is requested that anybody having knowledge of any potential objects submerged or moored on the seabed, within the survey area, that could be damaged or form a hazard to the vessel and its equipment advises BFS of their position and nature. When operations commence a listening watch will be maintained on VHF Channel 12 and 16 when within the appropriate port authority area.

3. VESSEL

Operations will be conducted by the vessel **Maid of Ulva**. Contact can be made with the vessel using the details listed below.

Vessel Contact Details (MV Maid of Ulva)	
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4. DISTRIBUTION LIST

Contact
Crown Estate Scotland
Kingfisher
United Kingdom Hydrographic Officer
UKHO Navigation Warnings
Northern Lighthouse Board
Marine Scotland
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Ministry of Defence – HM Naval Base Clyde
RYA Scotland
RSPB
West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (RIFG)
Scottish White Fisheries Producers Association
Mull Fishermen's Association
Turus Mara
North West Mull Community Woodland Company