

File ref:

County: Lincolnshire/Norfolk **Site name:** The Wash

District: East Lindsey, Boston, South Holland and West Norfolk

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Local Planning Authority: East Lindsey District Council/Boston Borough Council/
South Holland District Council/West Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TF 550400 **Area:** 63,135 (ha) 156,006 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 122,131, 132 **1: 25 0000** TF 45, TF 55, TF 34,
TF 44, TF 64, TF 33,
TF 43, TF 63, TF 42,
TF 52, TF 62

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1972 **Date of Last Revision:**
(but mentioned in 1968 Holland Schedule)

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1983/1884 **Date of Last Revision:** -

Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The whole area is of exceptional biological interest. The intertidal mudflats and saltmarshes represent one of Britain's most important winter feeding areas for waders and wildfowl outside of the breeding season. Enormous numbers of migrant birds, of international significance, are dependant on the rich supply of invertebrate food. The saltmarsh and shingle communities are of considerable botanical interest and the mature saltmarsh is a valuable bird breeding zone. In addition the Wash is also very important as a breeding ground for Common Seals.