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Dear Sir/Madam,

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979**  
**HULKS AT YNYSLAS, BORTH, CEREDIGION**

The above monument has been scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. The extent of the area scheduled is marked on the attached map.

I enclose for your information a copy of the entry to the schedule relating to this monument, which gives details of the new scheduling.

Yours faithfully,

**Evelyn Raffour**  
**Designations Section**

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**NEW ENTRY TO THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS COMPILED AND MAINTAINED BY  
THE WELSH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979.**

**Name of Monument:** Hulks at Ynyslas

Ordnance Survey Map References

<b>Unitary Authority:</b>	Ceredigion	<b>1 inch/1:50,000 Sheet No:</b>	135
<b>Community:</b>	Borth	<b>6 inch/1:10,000 Sheet No:</b>	SN69SW
<b>Number of Monument:</b>	CD282	<b>25 inch/1:2,500 Sheet No:</b>	SN6193
<b>Class:</b>	Maritime	<b>N.G.Reference No:</b>	SN61579 94011

**DESCRIPTION OF MONUMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF ITS IMPORTANCE**

The monument comprises the remains of the Derwenlas fleet at Ynyslas, Ceredigion. There are three archaeological items, each representing a hulk. Collectively, these are depicted on an admiralty chart of 1893, and are thought to have been abandoned and run aground in the 1860s following the coming of the railway. The three hulks may have been deliberately positioned to mark the navigable channel of Afon Leri.

Item A lies to the South and consists of a well-preserved vessel protruding out of the steep-sided bank of the Leri. The weight of sediment and overburden has caused part of the deck structure to collapse outwards, revealing construction details and showing that all fastening are wooden treenails rather than iron. This gives a likely construction date in the early 19th century, which would accord with her abandonment in the 1860s following the typical working life of 30 - 50 years for a schooner. On the exposed part of the deck can be seen a shaped slate, indicating her final cargo, and a well-preserved wooden barrel. Part of a metal box or trunk can also be seen, indicating the excellent preservation of the site.

Item B lies to the North and comprises the remains of a wooden sailing vessel lying on her port side. The shape of the vessel is clearly marked out in timbers protruding above the sediment, and remains of carvel laid planking can be seen on the east side.

Item C is located between Items A and B and is represented only by a few timbers which protrude above the sediment.

The monument is of national importance as an important relic of the period and for its ability to enhance our knowledge of 19th century ship-building and the slate trade at Ynyslas and further afield. The only substantially intact slate-carrying vessel from this

period in Wales is the Llyn Padarn boat, which has been excavated and lifted. Consequently Ynyslas hulk 'A' may be unique, being the only in-situ vessel of this type and largely complete. Hulks 'B' and 'C' have the potential to be substantially complete, but this is not yet demonstrated. The three hulks have group value, representing a chance to examine local ship-building techniques and variations within vessels presumed to be of comparable age. The presence of artefacts on hulk 'A' raises the possibility of comparable artefacts being left on the other vessels, increasing their archaeological potential. The vessels are tangible evidence of the slate trade which was so profoundly influential in Wales.

The scheduled areas comprise the remains described above, and areas around them within which related remains might be expected to survive. Item A is a rectangle 40m x 13m centred on SN61615 93946. Item B is a rectangle 25m x 10m, centred on SN61546 94127. Item C is a square 15m x 15m, centred on SN61579 94011.

The site of the monument is shown on the attached map.

Signed by Matthew Coward under the authority of the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, one of the Welsh Ministers.

6 August 2015



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Madison Woodward

**Ceredigion**

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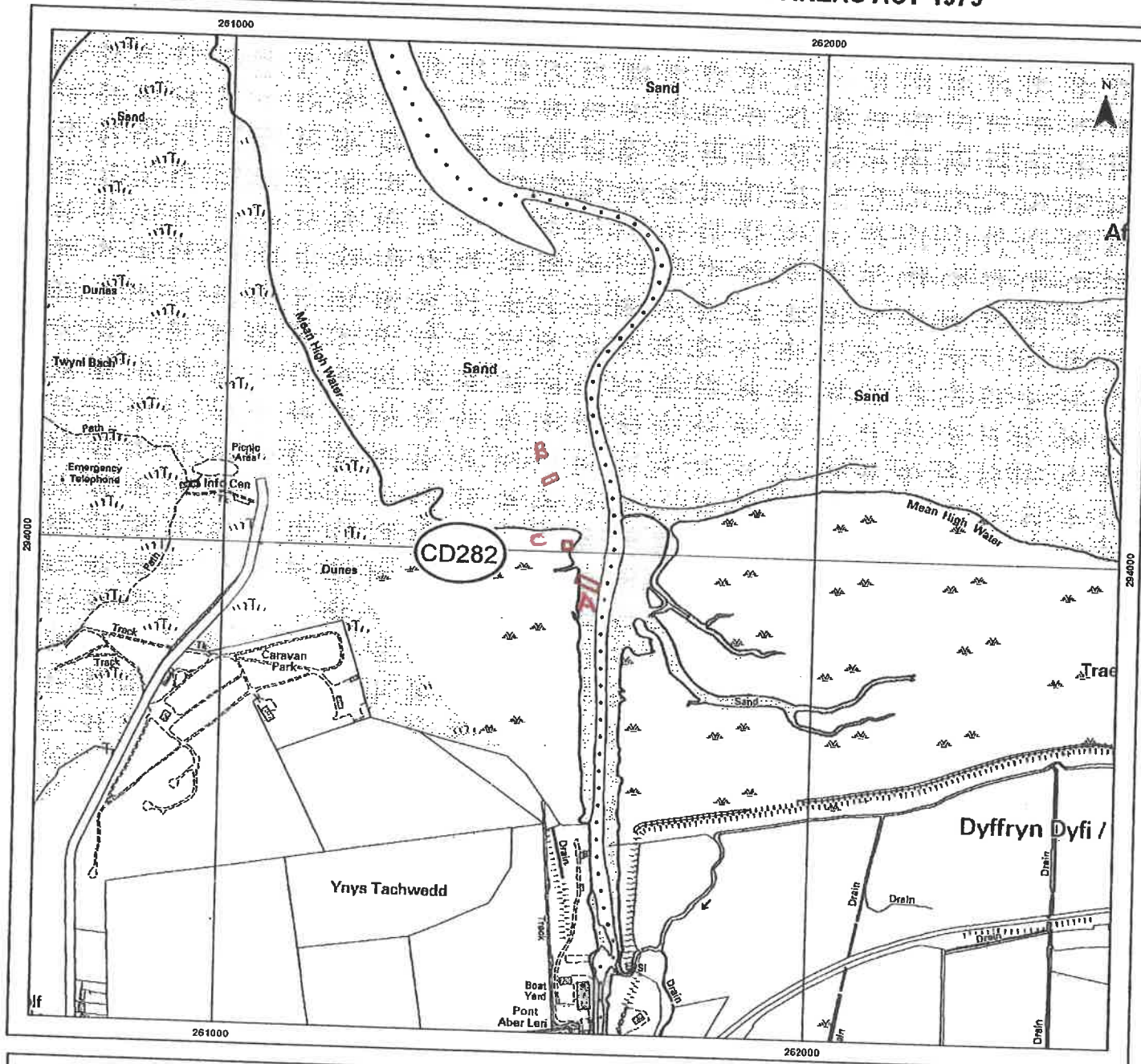
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## ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979



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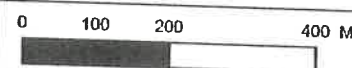
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