

NWSFC BYELAW 12 - RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING FOR BIVALVE MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH.

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This byelaw applies to that part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purposes of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25th January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).

1. No person shall fish for bivalve molluscan shellfish, except
  - a) by hand; or
  - b) in the case of cockles with a craam, rake, spade or jumbo; or
  - c) in the case of mussels with a rake or in that part of the District which is inshore of a line drawn North true from Penmaen-Bach Point (Latitude 53<sup>0</sup> 17.3' North, Longitude 03<sup>0</sup> 52.8' West) to the high water mark at Gt. Ormes Head with a rake, provided that the rake is no more than 1 metre in width and that it is only used from a boat when the mussel bed has at least 1 metre of water over it; or (*applies only to Wales*)
  - d) when using a dredge or other appliance where:
    - (i) such dredge or appliance is of a pattern approved in writing by the Committee, the Committee having been advised by scientists who in the opinion of the Committee appear to be suitably qualified to comment on the conservation and environmental implications;
    - (ii) such use is in accordance with a written authorisation issued by the Committee and with any conditions subject to which that authorisation was issued, including prohibitions on use at particular times, or in particular areas and definitions of the fishing instrument. The Committee may also require as a condition that returns be made on the species and quantities of bivalve molluscan shellfish taken.
2. no person shall take or use on any mussel bed, any sledge or other contrivance which in the opinion of the Committee is likely to crush or loosen the mussels or loosen the foundations of the bed, without a written authorisation issued by the Committee.
3. no person shall dig in any mussel bed for any purpose without a written authorisation issued by the Committee.

*Explanatory Note* *This note does not form part of the Byelaw*

This byelaw applies to the North Western part of the District. Please see Emergency Byelaw on page 19 for a similar prohibition in the remainder of the District.