



NORTH WESTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

www.nw-ifca.gov.uk

office@nw-ifca.gov.uk

1 PRESTON STREET
CARNFORTH
LANCASHIRE, LA5 9BY
Tel: (01524) 727970

6 DUNCAN SQUARE
WHITEHAVEN
CUMBRIA, CA28 7LN

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Cockle and Mussel Hand Fishing Permit 2019 - Flexible Permit Conditions (2)

Flookburgh & Leven Cockle Fishery 2024/25

1. Fishing is permitted from the **2nd September 2024 until 30th April 2025**.
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, operating on a 5 days open, followed by 2 days closed pattern** As specified in Annex A. Further tides will be updated by the last week of October.
3. **Access to the Fishery is only permitted using West Plain track, Flookburgh (Annex B)**. No other routes are to be used to access the fishery.
4. **Only ATV quad bike/ 4x4 and shrimp tractor (by prior approval) access on to the fishery.**
5. **No parking of vehicles, or any ancillary activities of the fishery can take place along West Plain track, saltmarsh or the beach (inclusive of the SSSI and SPA area).**
6. **Cockles must be riddled on the cockle bed** with undersize cockles distributed evenly back in the area they were gathered as soon as reasonably practical.
7. The fishery is within a Marine Protected Area, as such required a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). Should the fishery no longer be within the scope of information used to assess the fishery and there is potential for damage to protected features. The fishery will be suspended until further assessment has been carried out to ensure any fisheries remains HRA compliant.

Advisory Notes

1. This permit does not exonerate the holder from any other sea fisheries legislation.
2. Operate vehicles in a safe manner on the access road and when transiting to the fishery.
3. Byelaw 3 permit holders should adhere to the Code of Conduct for Intertidal Shellfisheries.
4. NWIFCA has the power to withdraw flexible permit conditions at any point should the need arise, subject to the review procedure.
5. Any breach of the conditions constitutes a breach of the byelaw.
6. Please note under NWIFCA's cold weather the fishery could be subject to closure during periods of cold weather. <https://www.nw-ifca.gov.uk/app/uploads/NORTH-WEST-IFCA-INTERTIDAL-FISHERY-COLD-WEATHER-PROTOCOL-WEBSITE-VERSION-1.pdf>

By Order of the Authority

Mark Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh/Leven Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides

	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
March 2025	1 st	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	2 nd	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	3 rd	Mon	LW 07:51	Fishery Closed
	4 th	Tues	LW 08:28	Fishery Closed
	5 th	Wed	LW 09:06	Fishery Closed
	6 th	Thurs	LW 09:51	Fishery Closed
	7 th	Fri	LW 10:52	Fishery Closed
	8 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	9 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	10 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 15:29
	11 th	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 16:27
	12 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 17:12
	13 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 17:49
	14 th	Fri	LW 05:53	Fishery Closed
	15 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	16 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	17 th	Mon	LW 07:14	Fishery Closed
	18 th	Tues	LW 07:40	Fishery Closed
	19 th	Wed	LW 08:09	Fishery Closed
	20 th	Thurs	LW 08:40	Fishery Closed
	21 st	Fri	LW 09:15	Fishery Closed
	22 nd	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	23 rd	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	24 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 13:03
	25 th	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 14:25
	26 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 15:30
	27 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 16:24
	28 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	LW 17:12
	29 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	30 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	31 st	Mon	LW 07:51	Fishery Closed

Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh/Leven Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2024/25

Annex B – NWIFCA Byelaw 3, Permitted access route to/from Flookburgh/Leven cockle fishery.



