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NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Cockle and Mussel Hand Fishing Permit 2019 - Flexible Permit Conditions 2024

Leasowe Cockle Fishery 2024/25

1. Fishing is permitted from **Monday 18th November 2024 until Wednesday 30th April 2025, or until the total allowable catch of 570 tonnes is reached.**
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, between Monday and Friday.** As specified in **Annex A.** Further tides will be updated by Friday 20th December 2024.
3. Access and egress to the Fishery is **only** permitted from slipway No 7, Leasowe slipway (**Annex B**). No other routes are to be used to access the fishery. ATV access permits must be obtained from Wirral Council.
4. Only ATV quad bike access on to the fishery.
5. Parking of vehicles, or any ancillary activities of the fishery can only take place within the two designated car parks adjacent to slipway No 7. (**Annex B**).
6. The **permitted fishing area** is the area enclosed by a straight-line connecting points A, B, C, D & E, in order, and returning to point A along the line of the Highest Astronomic Tide, as illustrated below in **Annex C**.

Point	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (degrees, decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees, decimal minutes)
A	53.41150	-3.14233	53° 24.690" N	03° 08.540" N
B	53.43283	-3.14283	53° 25.970" N	03° 08.570" N
C	53.44750	-3.11567	53° 26.850" N	03° 06.940" N
D	53.44800	-3.05933	53° 26.880" N	03° 03.560" N
E	53.43967	-3.05917	53° 26.380" N	03° 03.550" N

7. **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.
8. The fishery is within a Marine Protected Area, and as such, a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) will be carried out. 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 this fishery 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
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Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Leasowe Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2024/25

<u>NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Leasowe Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides</u>				
	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
November 24	16 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	17 th	Sun		
	18 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	19:18
	19 th	Tues		20:05
	20 th	Wed	08:11	Fishery Closed
	21 st	Thurs	08:54	
	22 nd	Fri	09:45	
	23 rd	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	24 th	Sun		
	25 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	13:21
	26 th	Tues		14:16
	27 th	Wed		15:03
	28 th	Thurs		15:43
	29 th	Fri		16:21
	30 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	

<u>NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Leasowe Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides</u>				
	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
December 24	1 st	Sun	Fishery Closed	
	2 nd	Mon	Fishery Closed	18:15
	3 rd	Tues		18:54
	4 th	Wed		19:33
	5 th	Thurs	07:45	Fishery Closed
	6 th	Fri	08:27	
	7 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	8 th	Sun		
	9 th	Mon	11:20	Fishery Closed
	10 th	Tues	12:30	
	11 th	Wed	13:39	
	12 th	Thurs	14:45	
	13 th	Fri	15:45	
	14 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	

	15th	Sun		
	16th	Mon	Fishery Closed	18:24
	17th	Tues		19:12
	18th	Wed		19:57
	19th	Thurs	07:57	Fishery Closed
	20th	Fri	08:36	
	21st	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	22nd	Sun	Fishery Closed	
	23rd	Mon	10:51	Fishery Closed
	24th	Tues	11:55	
	25th	Wed	Fishery Closed	13:04
	26th	Thurs		14:07
	27th	Fri		15:02
	28th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	29th	Sun	Fishery Closed	
	30th	Mon	Fishery Closed	17:21
	31st	Tues		18:04

Annex B – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Leasowe Cockle Fishery Permitted Access Route 2024/25



Annex C – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Leasowe Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Area 2024/25

