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

Penfold Cockle Fishery 2023/24

1. Fishing is permitted from the **30th of October 2023 until 30th April 2024, or until the total allowable catch of 230 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 27th November.
3. **Access to the Fishery is only permitted along the demarcated route on Haul Road, Marshside, Southport (Annex B).** No other routes are to be used to access the fishery. Vehicle access permits must be obtained from Sefton Council.
4. **Only ATV quad bike 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 Haul Rd or the beach (inclusive of the SSSI and SPA area).**
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, and illustrated below in **Annex C**.

Point	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (degrees, decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees, decimal minutes)
A	53.71474	-3.03589	53° 42.884" N	3° 2.153" W
B	53.72022	-2.99419	53° 43.213" N	2° 59.651" W
C	53.70443	-2.98192	53° 42.265" N	2° 58.915" W
D	53.67011	-3.00677	53° 40.206" N	3° 0.406" W
E	53.66984	-3.05885	53° 40.190" N	3° 3.531" W

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 fisheries 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

Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2023/24

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides					
	Date	Day	Low Water Information		
			AM Tide	PM Tide	
			Time	Time	
Dec	1 st	Fri	LW 07:27	Fishery Closed	
	2 nd	Sat	Fishery Closed		
	3 rd	Sun			
	4 th	Mon	LW 09:27	Fishery Closed	
	5 th	Tues	LW 10:24		
	6 th	Wed	LW 11:39		
	7 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 12:55	
	8 th	Fri		LW 13:57	
	9 th	Sat	Fishery Closed		
	10 th	Sun			
	11 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 16:24	
	12 th	Tues		LW 17:09	
	13 th	Wed		LW 17:53	
	14 th	Thurs		LW 18:38	
	15 th	Fri	LW 06:54		
	16 th	Sat	Fishery Closed		
	17 th	Sun			
	18 th	Mon	LW 09:13	Fishery Closed	
	19 th	Tues	LW 10:10		
	20 th	Wed	LW 11:14		
	21 st	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 12:21	
	22 nd	Fri		LW 13:30	
	23 rd	Sat	Fishery Closed		
	24 th	Sun			
	25 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 16:29	
	26 th	Tues		LW 17:18	
	27 th	Wed		LW 17:31	
	28 th	Thurs		LW 18:45	
	29 th	Fri	LW 06:45	Fishery Closed	
	30 th	Sat	Fishery Closed		
	31 st	Sun			

Annex B – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Access Route 2023/24



Annex C – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Area 2023/24

