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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**.

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| **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 |

1. **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.
2. 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**

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| Date  (a) | Time  (b) | Location  (c) | Activity  (d) | Remarks  (e) |
| 1/3/24 | LW 08:38 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 2/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 3/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 4/3/24 | LW 10:52 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 5/3/24 | LW 12:28 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 6/3/24 | LW 14:06 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 7/3/24 | LW 15:21 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 8/3/24 | LW 16:25 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 9/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 10/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 11/3/24 | LW 06:20 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 12/3/24 | LW 07:02 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 13/3/24 | LW 07:41 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 14/3/24 | LW 08:18 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 15/3/24 | LW 08:57 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 16/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 17/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 18/3/24 | LW 11:53 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 19/3/24 | LW 13:36 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 20/3/24 | LW 14:59 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 21/3/24 | LW 15:57 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 22/3/24 | LW 16:41 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 23/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 24/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 25/3/24 | LW 18:14 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 26/3/24 | LW 18:41 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 27/3/24 | LW 06:44 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 28/3/24 | LW 07:14 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 29/3/24 | LW 07:44 | Southport – Penfold Fishery | Op Quake |  |
| 30/3/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |
| 31/2/24 |  | Weekend |  | Fishery closed |

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

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

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