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

Pilling Sands Cockle Fishery 2024/25

1. Fishing is permitted from **Monday 7th October 2024 until Wednesday 30th April 2025.**
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, between Monday and Friday.** As specified in **Annex A.** Further tide times will be published by Friday 29th November 2024.
3. Access and egress to the Fishery is **only** permitted from Pilling Embankment slipway. (**Annex B**). No other routes are to be used to access the fishery.
4. Access to the fishery will be by ATV quad bike, 4x4 vehicle and shrimp tractor only.
5. Parking of vehicles, or any ancillary activities of the fishery can only take place within the designated car parks adjacent to the slipway. (**Annex B**).
6. The **permitted fishing area** is the enclosed area east of Pilling Embankment slipway to Plover Scar lighthouse as indicated by way of a closure boundary line connecting points A & B, as illustrated below in **Annex C.**

Point	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (degrees, decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees, decimal minutes)
A	53.94270	-2.93206	53° 56.562" N	02° 55.924" N
B	53.98139	-2.88266	53° 58.883" N	02° 52.960" 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, 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
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Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Pilling Sands Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2024/25

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Pilling Sands Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides				
	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
October 24	1 st	Tues	Fishery Closed	18:03
	2 nd	Wed		18:31
	3 rd	Thurs		18:58
	4 th	Fri	07:23	Fishery Closed
	5 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	6 th	Sun		
	7 th	Mon	08:45	Fishery Closed
	8 th	Tues	09:15	
	9 th	Wed	09:48	
	10 th	Thurs	10:31	
	11 th	Fri	11:42	
	12 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	13 th	Sun		
	14 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	15:55
	15 th	Tues		16:50
	16 th	Wed		17:39
	17 th	Thurs		18:26
	18 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	19:09
	19 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	20 th	Sun		
	21 st	Mon	08:51	Fishery Closed
	22 nd	Tues	09:30	
	23 rd	Wed	10:12	
	24 th	Thurs	11:09	
	25 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	12:38
	26 th	Sat	Fishery Closed (BST ends)	
	27 th	Sun		
	28 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	15:11
	29 th	Tues		15:41
	30 th	Wed		16:24
	31 st	Thurs		16:56

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November 24	1 st	Fri	Fishery Closed	17:27
	2 nd	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	3 rd	Sun		
	4 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	19:06
	5 th	Tues	07:21	Fishery Closed
	6 th	Wed	07:54	
	7 th	Thurs	08:32	
	8 th	Fri	09:20	
	9 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	10 th	Sun		
	11 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	13:14
	12 th	Tues		14:20
	13 th	Wed		15:17
	14 th	Thurs		16:10
	15 th	Fri		17:00
	16 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	17 th	Sun		
	18 th	Mon	06:50	Fishery Closed
	19 th	Tues	07:30	
	20 th	Wed	08:11	
	21 st	Thurs	08:54	
	22 nd	Fri	09:45	
	23 rd	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	24 th	Sun		
	25 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	13:24
	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	

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



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

