

ANNEX C

Byelaw 3. Permit to Fish for Cockles (*Cerastoderma edule*) and Mussels (*Mytilus edulis*).

(This Byelaw replaces Cumbria Byelaws 21 and 23 and NWSFC Byelaw 5).

1. No person shall remove from the fishery, take possession of or otherwise disturb any cockle or mussel within a fishery unless they are in possession of and are working within the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
2. A permit will not be required by :-
 - A. a person who is part of the crew of Registered and Licensed British Fishing Vessel when operating under the authority of the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
 - B. A person authorised to gather shellfish under the terms of a Licensing or Regulating Order that falls within the boundaries of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
 - C. Persons gathering 2 kilograms or less of cockles or mussels for personal use.
3. Permits will be issued to applicants on production of:-
 - a. evidence of the applicant's identity, containing photograph and signature, such as a valid passport; or a driving licence with photo, and
 - b. evidence of the applicant's address, such as a utility bill issued in the preceding four months of application, or a current tenancy agreement, and
 - c. evidence of the applicant's National Insurance Number, and
 - d. 2 recent passport style photographs of the applicant signed and dated on the back by the applicant.
4. Failure to produce on reasonable demand of a Fisheries Officer, a valid permit during any period of fishing for cockles or mussels constitutes a breach of this byelaw.
5. Failure to notify the Authority of any change of name or address during the life of a permit constitutes a breach of this byelaw.
6. The Authority may require the holders of permits to submit monthly landing returns.

Explanatory Note:- Any person gathering cockles or mussels requires a permit unless specifically exempt under section 2 of this Byelaw. Permits will be issued to individuals under the terms of section 3 of this Byelaw.

The purpose of the Byelaw is to enable the Inshore Fishery and Conservation Authority to improve the management of the cockle and mussel fisheries by the ability to identify persons involved in the fishery for access, management and enforcement purposes. An administrative charge may be levied for the issue of a permit.