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

#### Flookburgh Cockle Fishery 2025/26

1. Fishing is permitted from the **1st September 2025 until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 or until the 800 tonnes Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is reached, whichever occurs first.**
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, Monday to Friday, weekends are closed to cockle gathering.** As specified in Annex A.
3. **Access to the Fishery is only permitted using West Plain track, Flookburgh (Annex B).** No other routes are to be used to access the fishery.
4. **Only ATV quad bike/ 4x4 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 West Plain track, saltmarsh or the beach (inclusive of the SSSI and SPA area).**
6. **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.
7. 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

**Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh/Leven Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2025/26**

| NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides |                  |       |                       |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                                                            | Date             | Day   | Low Water Information |                |
|                                                                            |                  |       | AM Tide               | PM Tide        |
|                                                                            |                  |       | Time                  | Time           |
|                                                                            |                  |       |                       |                |
| December<br>2025                                                           | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Mon   | Fishery Closed        | LW 14:03       |
|                                                                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Tues  | Fishery Closed        | LW 15:04       |
|                                                                            | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Wed   | Fishery Closed        | LW 16:00       |
|                                                                            | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Thurs | Fishery Closed        | LW 16:54       |
|                                                                            | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri   | Fishery Closed        | LW 17:47       |
|                                                                            | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Sat   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Mon   | LW 07:39              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Tues  | LW 08:27              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Wed   | LW 09:16              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | LW 10:10              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | LW 11:10              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sun   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | Fishery Closed        | LW 14:17       |
|                                                                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | Fishery Closed        | LW 15:08       |
|                                                                            | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Wed   | Fishery Closed        | LW 15:53       |
|                                                                            | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | Fishery Closed        | LW 16:33       |
|                                                                            | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | Fishery Closed        | LW 17:12       |
|                                                                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Sun   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Mon   | LW 06:37              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Tues  | LW 07:14              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Wed   | LW 07:51              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | LW 08:31              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | LW 09:13              | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sun   | Fishery Closed        | Fishery Closed |
|                                                                            | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | Fishery Closed        | LW 12:03       |
|                                                                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | Fishery Closed        | LW 13:18       |
|                                                                            | 31 <sup>st</sup> | Wed   | Fishery Closed        | LW 14:33       |

**Annex B – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh Cockle Fishery Permitted Access Route 2025/26**

