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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 28th 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				
February 2026	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
	1 st	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	2 nd	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 18:28
	3 rd	Tues	LW 06:36	Fishery Closed
	4 th	Wed	LW 07:15	Fishery Closed
	5 th	Thurs	LW 07:51	Fishery Closed
	6 th	Fri	LW 08:24	Fishery Closed
	7 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	8 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	9 th	Mon	LW 09:57	Fishery Closed
	10 th	Tues	LW 10:47	Fishery Closed
	11 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 12:05
	12 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 13:42
	13 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	LW 14:57
	14 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	15 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	16 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 17:25
	17 th	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 18:04
	18 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 18:41
	19 th	Thurs	LW 06:50	Fishery Closed
	20 th	Fri	LW 07:25	Fishery Closed
	21 st	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	22 nd	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	23 rd	Mon	LW 09:05	Fishery Closed
	24 th	Tues	LW 09:54	Fishery Closed
	25 th	Wed	LW 10:57	Fishery Closed
	26 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 12:33
	27 th	Fri	LW 11:21	LW 14:15
	28 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed

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

