

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

Leven/Newbiggin Cockle Fishery 2026/27

1. Fishing is permitted from the **2nd November 2026 until 30th April 2027 or until the 1867 tonnes Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is reached, whichever occurs first.**
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, 7 days per week.** As specified in Annex A.
3. **Cockle Fishing is only permitted in the area marked in green on the attached chart, as specified in Annex B**
4. **No fishing is permitted in the Ulverston Sands Shellfish Classification Area, which is currently classed as Prohibited.** This area is North of the line from N54.12095 W-3.10405 to N54.12153 W-3.04163, and West of the line drawn from N54.12153 W-3.04163 to N54.16205 W-3.04652. This line will be marked with a substantial buoy (at point J on Annex B) to assist permit holders and Officers. **(See Annex B)** (Discussions regarding the classification of Ulverston Sands area are ongoing between Westmorland & Furness Council Environmental Health Officers and Food Standards Agency/CEFAS)
5. **Access to the Leven area of the Fishery (East of the River Leven Channel) is only permitted using the track at West Plain, Flookburgh (Annex C).** No other routes are to be used to access the Leven Area fishery.
6. **Access to the Newbiggin cockle bed (West of the River Leven Channel) is permitted from any of the access points between White Hall access ramp at Roosebeck and Aldingham Car park. (Annex D)**
7. **Only ATV quad bike/ 4x4 and shrimp tractor (by prior approval) access on to the fishery.**
8. **No parking of vehicles, or any ancillary activities of the fishery can take place along West Plain track, saltmarsh or the beach (including the SSSI and SPA area).**
9. **Byelaw 3 permit holders must be in possession of a cockle riddle with no more than two fishers to one riddle.**
10. **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.
11. The fishery is within a Marine Protected Area, and as such requires 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 compliancy with the HRA.

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 conditions constitutes a breach of the byelaw.
6. Please note that under NWIFCA's cold weather the fishery could be subject to closure during periods of cold weather. The cold weather protocol is available on the Authority's website.

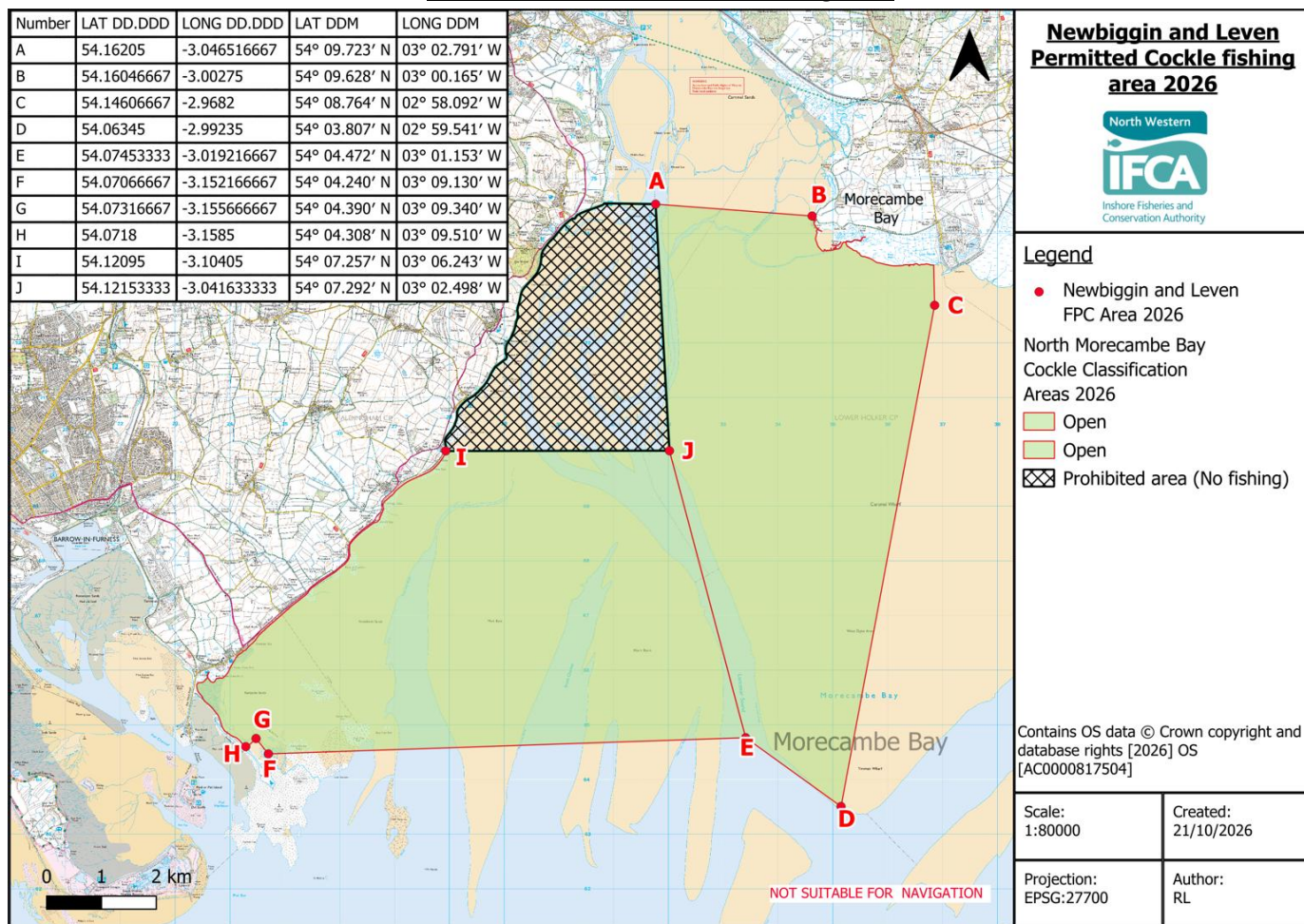
By Order of the Authority

Mark Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

Annex A – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh/Leven Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2026/27

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Newbiggin/Leven Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides				
	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
November 2026	1 st	Sun	Fishery Closed	Fishery Closed
	2 nd	Mon	LW 10:52	Fishery Closed
	3 rd	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 12:20
	4 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 13:36
	5 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 14:39
	6 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	LW 15:32
	7 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	LW 16:17
	8 th	Sun	Fishery Closed	LW 16:57
	9 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 17:32
	10 th	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 18:06
	11 th	Wed	LW 06:21	Fishery Closed
	12 th	Thurs	LW 06:51	Fishery Closed
	13 th	Fri	LW 07:20	Fishery Closed
	14 th	Sat	LW 07:51	Fishery Closed
	15 th	Sun	LW 08:26	Fishery Closed
	16 th	Mon	LW 09:09	Fishery Closed
	17 th	Tues	LW 10:06	Fishery Closed
	18 th	Wed	LW 11:21	Fishery Closed
	19 th	Thurs	Fishery Closed	LW 12:41
	20 th	Fri	Fishery Closed	LW 13:48
	21 st	Sat	Fishery Closed	LW 14:45
	22 nd	Sun	Fishery Closed	LW 15:37
	23 rd	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 16:27
	24 th	Tues	Fishery Closed	LW 17:15
	25 th	Wed	Fishery Closed	LW 18:02
	26 th	Thurs	LW 06:20	Fishery Closed
	27 th	Fri	LW 07:05	Fishery Closed
	28 th	Sat	LW 07:51	Fishery Closed
	29 th	Sun	LW 08:39	Fishery Closed
	30 th	Mon	LW 09:35	Fishery Closed

Annex B – Permitted Cockle Fishing Area



Annex C – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Flookburgh Cockle Fishery Permitted Access Route 2026/27



Annex D - Newbiggin Cockle Fishery Access Points

