



Newbiggin Sands: Authorisation for Cockle Fishing using a craam

21 January to 30 April 2019.

1. The Newbiggin Sands cockle fishery was closed on 1 September 2018 until further notice to protect stocks.
2. This notice constitutes written authorisation under NWSFC Byelaw 13A for NWIFCA Byelaw 3 permit holders to fish for cockles using a craam only from 12.00, 21 January to 2359, 30 April 2019.
3. The open area at Newbiggin Sands is defined by the following coordinates and shown in the map below.

ID	Lat DEGREES AND DEC		Long DEGREES AND DEC MINS	Lat DEC DEGREES		Long DEC DEGREES
	MINS			DEGREES		
A	54 07.288N		03 06.240W	54.121467		-3.104
B	54 07.292N		03 02.496W	54.121533		-3.0416
C	54 04.472N		03 01.150W	54.074533		-3.019167
D	54 04.238N		03 09.131W	54.070633		-3.152183
E	54 04.387N		03 09.337W	54.073117		-3.155617
F	54 04.310N		03 09.509W	54.071833		-3.158483

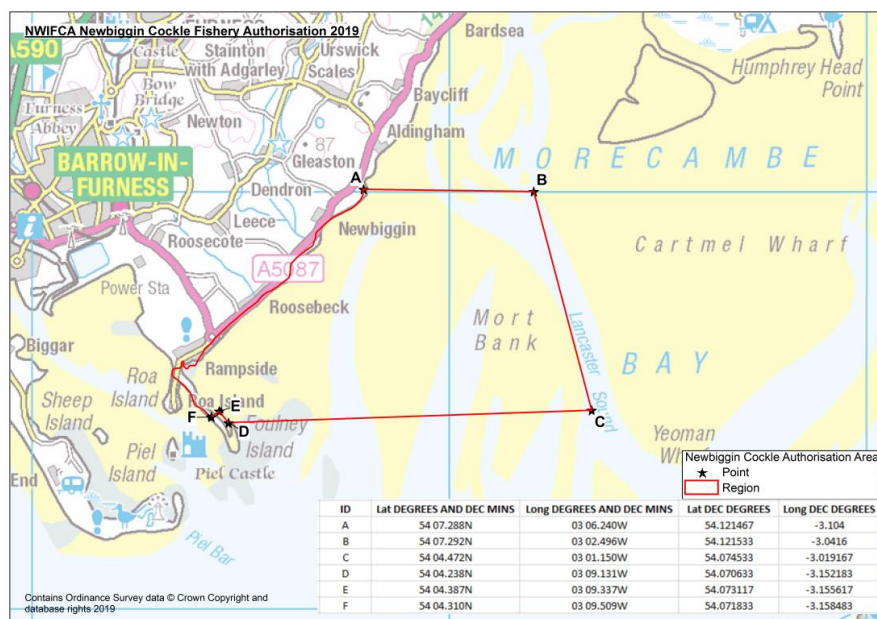
Conditions

4. Byelaw 3 applies. Byelaw 3 paragraph 7a and b do not apply to this fishery.
5. In this fishery no person shall gather cockles except by hand using a 'jumbo' (tamp) and/or craam. Use, carriage or possession of any rake within the fishery is prohibited, including rakes which have been cut down to 3 prongs.
6. The seasonal closure will commence on 1 May. Returns must be filed.
7. A person must not obstruct an IFCO pursuant to MACAA s292(4) carrying out a relevant function pursuant to MACAA s287.
8. A craam (example shown below) made up of no more than 3 fine or thin curved prongs may be used.
9. A 'jumbo' or tamp must be no more than 182cm (6 foot) length and 35cm (14 inches) width as measured from its extremities including any extensions.
10. Vehicles used to access the fishery must be ATV or Tractors. There shall be no parking of any other vehicle or tonning up in the intertidal or saltmarsh areas.
11. Fishing or vehicle movement must not damage shellfish beds or saltmarsh or cause excessive bird disturbance.

12. The NWIFCA may close the fishery or take other appropriate management action if in the opinion of NWIFCA Officers or Scientists there is a failure to comply with these conditions. Such closure or management action may take place with immediate effect.
13. Damage to conservation features could lead to prosecution;
14. NWIFCA may close the fishery during periods of cold weather (predicted below zero temperatures for more than 12 hours a day for 5 consecutive days) or advice from Natural England.
15. The area open to fishing is also the area classified by environmental health services under the shellfish hygiene regulations. Selling cockles taken from outside the classified area could lead to prosecution by EHS services.
16. Definition of a craam: A short handled three pronged fork, as illustrated in the photograph below. A craam should be used to select and flick large cockles individually into a net or basket. Used correctly a craam has minimal impact on a cockle bed. Using a craam as a rake may damage juvenile cockles and other features of the habitat.



17. Map showing authorised Area



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