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

Newbiggin Cockle Fishery 2025/26

1. Fishing is permitted from the **1st September 2025 until 28th February 2026 or until the 300 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. **Fishing is permitted in the area defined as Newbiggin cockle bed in the Shellfish Classification Zone, see Annex B.** The permitted area is south of the line drawn true west from the point SD3202 7002/54.07.292N 03.02.496W.
4. **Only ATV quad bike/ 4x4 and shrimp tractor (by prior approval) access on to the fishery.**
5. **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.
6. 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/Newbiggin/Pilling Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2025/26

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Newbiggin Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides			
Date	Day	Low Water Information	
		AM Tide	PM Tide
		Time	Time
February 2026	1 st	Sun	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 – Newbiggin Cockle bed Classified Zone

