



AUTHORISATION TO FISH COCKLE (SIZE AND UNDERSIZE) IN THE CLOSE SEASON FROM NORTH PENFOLD, RIBBLE ESTUARY 2018

All Current NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Permit Holders

With effect from: 30th July 2018

Issue Date: 10th July 2018

Expiry Date: 31st August 2018

All current Byelaw 3 permit holders are hereby authorised, under Byelaw 3, paragraph 6 (Minimum Sizes) and paragraph 12 (Fisheries Closure) to fish for cockle (Size and Undersize) from the North Penfold cockle bed located on the South side of the Ribble, ***within the areas as defined in paragraph 2, and during the times defined in paragraph 3***, and are responsible for complying with the conditions given below at ***paragraph 1***.

1. Conditions of Authorisation

This authorisation is issued subject to the following conditions.

- (a) It is only valid for the period from the **30/07/18** to the expiry date **31/08/18**, **excluding Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 2018**.
- (b) The authorisation is only valid for current Byelaw 3 permit holders. It does not allow any other person to take or remove cockle.
- (c) That fishing shall only take place within the areas specified. Annex A
- (d) That fishing shall only take place on the days and tides specified.
- (e) That the cockles shall only be gathered by hand or with a rake.
- (f) Access to the fishery shall be by tractor or ATV only. Access by boat is not authorised.
- (g) Access to the fishery must be via the Haul Road track at Marshside. All other access routes from the Fylde and Sefton coast will be closed to cockle fishers. Annex B
- (h) All vehicles must be parked on Haul Road, no parking within the RSPB Marshside Carpark. Annex B. Vehicles **MUST** be removed between tides and no equipment left.
- (i) All cockles must be tonned up on the Haul Road. Annex B
- (j) There shall be no access over or activity of any kind on the saltmarsh. Any damage may lead to prosecution and the closure of the fishery (see 4b below).
- (k) Any fishing taking place under this authorisation shall be carried out in accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Intertidal Shellfisheries, including responsibility for littering.
- (l) This authorisation does not exonerate the holder from other sea fisheries legislation, nor does it prejudice any other consents the holder may need to obtain, nor does it override or provide permission to go over private land.

2. Definition of Authorised Area

Part of the area in the Ribble Estuary known as North Penfold cockle bed as illustrated on the map attached at Annex A, and bound by the co-ordinates below:

Point	Latitude (d.d)	Longitude (d.d)	Latitude (d m.m)	Longitude (d m.m)
A	53.722431	-3.018792	53° 43.345" N	3° 01.127" W
B	53.722626	-2.995641	53° 43.357" N	2° 59.738" W
C	53.699983	-2.995107	53° 41.998" N	2° 59.706" W
D	53.699788	-3.018245	53° 41.987" N	3° 01.094" W

3. Definition of Authorised Days and Tides:

NWIFCA North Penfold Cockle Fishery 2018 Authorised Days and Tides								
Month	Date	Day	Low Water Information					
			AM Tide		PM Tide			
			Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)		
July	30 th	Mon	08:03	1.7	No Fishing PM Tides			
	31 st	Tue	08:37	1.7				
August	1 st	Wed	09:12	1.8			No Fishing AM Tides	
	2 nd	Thu	09:47	1.9				
	3 rd	Fri	10:24	2.2				
	4 th	Sat	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	5 th	Sun	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	6 th	Mon	No Fishing AM Tides		13:06	2.8		
	7 th	Tue			14:28	2.6		
	8 th	Wed			15:42	2.3		
	9 th	Thu			16:46	1.8		
	10 th	Fri			17:45	1.4		
	11 th	Sat	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	12 th	Sun	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	13 th	Mon	8:04	0.3	20:15	0.8		
	14 th	Tue	8:50	0.3	20:58	0.9		
	15 th	Wed	9:33	0.6	21:39	1.3		
	16 th	Thu	10:13	1.1	22:20	1.8		
	17 th	Fri	10:54	1.7	23:03	2.3		
	18 th	Sat	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	19 th	Sun	No Fishing Weekend Tides					
	20 th	Mon	No Fishing AM Tides		13:42	3.3		
21 st	Tue			14:57	3.2			
22 nd	Wed			16:00	3.0			
23 rd	Thu			16:52	2.7			
24 th	Fri			17:34	2.3			
25 th	Sat	No Fishing Weekend Tides						
26 th	Sun	No Fishing Weekend Tides						
28 th	Tue	07:43	1.5	No Fishing PM Tides				
29 th	Wed	08:16	1.4					
30 th	Thu	08:49	1.5					
31 st	Fri	09:22	1.7					

4. Advisory Notes

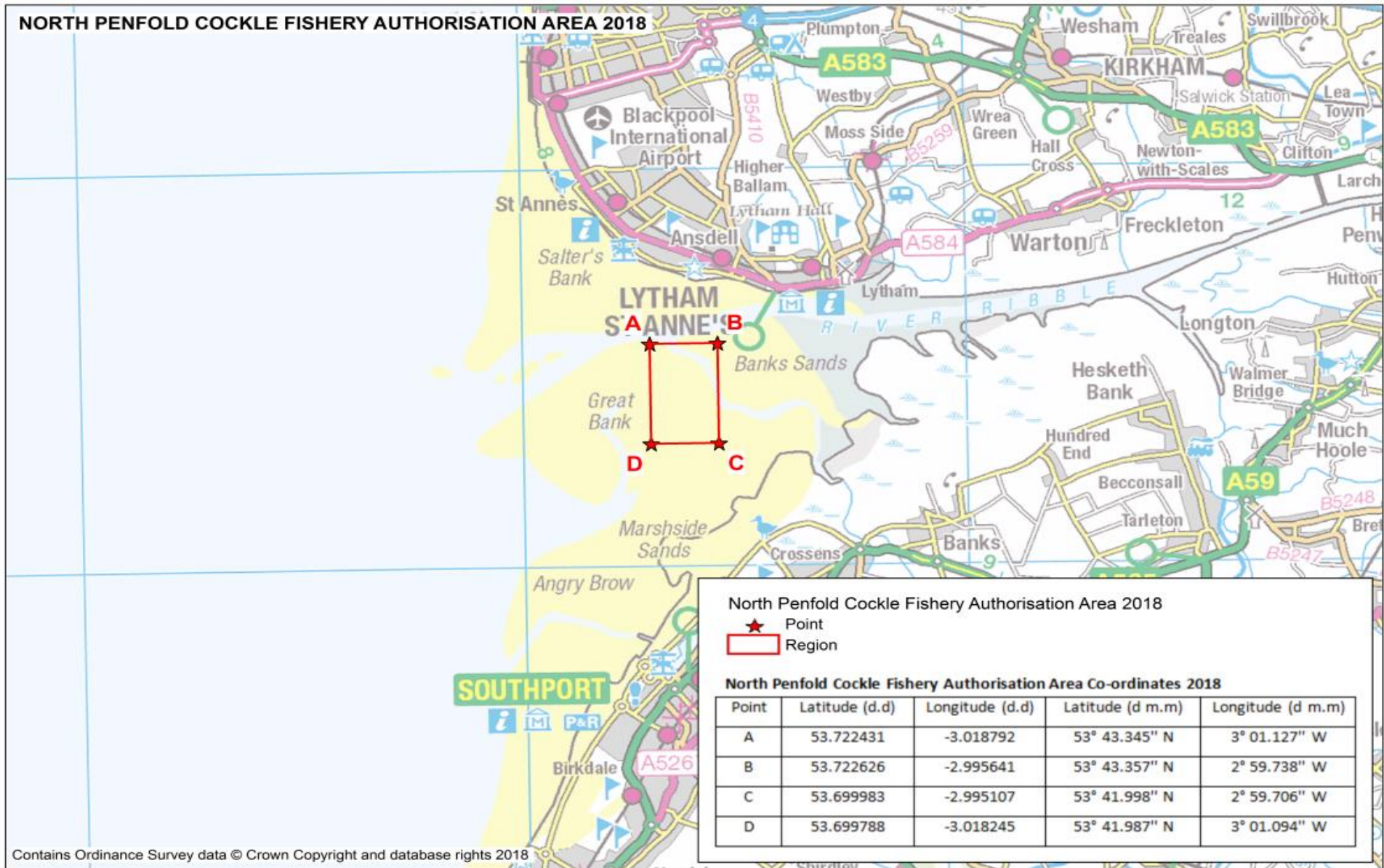
- (a) NWIFCA officers have the power to withdraw authorisations at any point should the need arise, and will consult with Natural England throughout the duration of the fishery to ensure no risk to any of the conservation features in the Ribble Estuary.
- (b) Saltmarsh is a protected feature and causing any damage could lead to a fine of up to £20,000, revoking of authorisations and **closure of the fishery**.
- (c) All vehicles accessing the beach will require a Beach Access Permit from Sefton Borough Council.
- (d) Registration (movement) documents must be obtained from West Lancashire Borough Council Environmental Health Department prior to the opening of the fishery. Do not leave this to the last minute.

This authorisation may be revoked by the NWIFCA at any time and any breach of the terms or conditions of this authorisation shall make it null and void.

By Order of the Authority

STEPHEN ATKINS
Chief Executive

Annex A
North Penfold Cockle Fishery Authorisation Area 2018




Annex B
North Penfold Cockle Fishery Access Point

Access Route For NWIFCA North Penfold Cockle Fishery 2018

Haul Road End
Lat 53.678592
Lon -2.999283

Haul Road Start
Postcode PR9 9PJ
Lat 53.677239
Lon -2.981707

 Haul Road - Only Permitted Access