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NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Cockle and Mussel Hand Fishing Permit 2019 - Flexible Permit Conditions (2)

Penfold Cockle Fishery 2023/24

1. Fishing is permitted from the **30th of October 2023 until 30th April 2024, or until the total allowable catch of 230 tonnes is reached.**
2. **Fishing is permitted one tide per day, between Monday and Friday.** As specified in Annex A. Further tides will be updated by 27th November.
3. **Access to the Fishery is only permitted along the demarcated route on Haul Road, Marshside, Southport (Annex B).** No other routes are to be used to access the fishery. Vehicle access permits must be obtained from Sefton Council.
4. **Only ATV quad bike 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 Haul Rd or the beach (inclusive of the SSSI and SPA area).**
6. The **permitted fishing area** is the area enclosed by a straight-line connecting points A, B, C, D & E, in order, and returning to point A, and illustrated below in **Annex C**.

Point	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (degrees, decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees, decimal minutes)
A	53.71474	-3.03589	53° 42.884" N	3° 2.153" W
B	53.72022	-2.99419	53° 43.213" N	2° 59.651" W
C	53.70443	-2.98192	53° 42.265" N	2° 58.915" W
D	53.67011	-3.00677	53° 40.206" N	3° 0.406" W
E	53.66984	-3.05885	53° 40.190" N	3° 3.531" W

7. **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.
8. The fisheries 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 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Tides 2023/24

NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Days and Tides				
Jan	Date	Day	Low Water Information	
			AM Tide	PM Tide
			Time	Time
	1 st	Mon	LW 08:22	Fishery Closed
	2 nd	Tues	LW 08:59	
	3 rd	Wed	LW 09:41	
	4 th	Thurs	LW 10:30	
	5 th	Fri	LW 11:32	
	6 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	7 th	Sun		
	8 th	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 15:03
	9 th	Tues		LW 15:59
	10 th	Wed		LW 16:52
	11 th	Thurs		LW 17:43
	12 th	Fri		LW 18:33
	13 th	Sat	Fishery Closed	
	14 th	Sun		
	15 th	Mon	LW 08:19	Fishery Closed
	16 th	Tues	LW 09:03	
	17 th	Wed	LW 09:49	
18 th	Thurs	LW 10:39		
19 th	Fri	LW 11:39		
20 th	Sat	Fishery Closed		
21 st	Sun			
22 nd	Mon	Fishery Closed	LW 15:21	
23 rd	Tues		LW 16:24	
24 th	Wed		LW 17:15	
25 th	Thurs		LW 17:59	
26 th	Fri		LW 18:37	
27 th	Sat	Fishery Closed		
28 th	Sun			
29 th	Mon	LW 07:31	Fishery Closed	
30 th	Tues	LW 08:01		
31 st	Wed	LW 08:33		

Annex B – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Access Route 2023/24



Annex C – NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Penfold Cockle Fishery Permitted Fishing Area 2023/24

