



**AUTHORISATION TO FISH UNDERSIZED MUSSELS FROM
SOUTH AMERICA AND FALKLANDS BEDS, MORECAMBE BAY 2018**

All Current NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Permit Holders

With effect from 14/05/2018

Issue Date: 14/05/2018

Expiry Date: 19/05/2018

All current Byelaw 3 permit holders are hereby authorised, under Byelaw 3, paragraph 6 (Minimum Sizes) to fish undersized mussels from the South America and Falklands beds, ***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 issue date **14/05/18** to the expiry date **19/05/18**.
- (b) That the mussels shall only be gathered by hand or with a rake.
- (c) That fishing shall only take place within the areas specified.
- (d) That fishing shall only take place on the days and tides specified.
- (e) The authorisation is only valid for current Byelaw 3 permit holders. It does not allow any other person to take or remove undersized mussels.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Any fishing taking place under this authorisation shall be carried out in accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Intertidal Shellfisheries.
- (h) Access to the fishery shall be by tractor or ATV only. Access by boat is not authorised.

2. Definition of Authorised Area

Part of two areas within Morecambe Bay known as South America and Falklands skears as illustrated on the map attached at Annex A, and bound by the co-ordinates below:

ID	Latitude (d.d)	Longitude (d.d)	Latitude (d m.m)	Longitude (d m.m)
A	54.04637	-3.11362	54° 2.781" N	3° 6.817" W
B	54.04644	-3.10584	54° 2.786" N	3° 6.350" W
C	54.04201	-3.10572	54° 2.520" N	3° 6.343" W
D	54.04194	-3.1135	54° 2.516" N	3° 6.810" W
E	54.02824	-3.14449	54° 1.694" N	3° 8.669" W
F	54.0282	-3.12586	54° 1.691" N	3° 7.551" W
G	54.01748	-3.1256	54° 1.048" N	3° 7.536" W
H	54.01748	-3.14449	54° 1.048" N	3° 8.669" W

3. Definition of Authorised Days and Tides:

May 2018 - Liverpool (Gladstone) tides - times shown are BST					
LOW WATER					
		Morning		Afternoon	
Date	Day	Time	m	Time	m
14th	Mon	x	x	18:02	1.2
15th	Tue	06:23	1.2	18:45	1.0
16th	Wed	07:07	0.9	19:27	0.9
17th	Thur	07:50	0.8	20:08	0.9
18th	Fri	08:33	0.9	20:48	1.1
19th	Sat	09:18	1.1	x	x

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 Morecambe Bay.
- (b) Avoid driving vehicles over the mussels as far as possible to avoid unnecessary damage to the stock.

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

South America and Falklands skears – Authorised Areas for Removal of Undersize Mussel May 2018

