



**AUTHORISATION TO FISH UNDERSIZED MUSSELS FROM
SOUTH AMERICA 2021**

All Current NWIFCA Byelaw 3 Permit Holders

DATE 29th July 2021

With effect from: 30/07/2021

Expiry Date: 31/12/2021

All current Byelaw 3 permit holders are hereby authorised, under Byelaw 3, paragraph 6 (Minimum Sizes) to fish undersized mussels from South America, in the **permitted fishing area as defined in paragraph 2 and illustrated in Annex A**, 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 **30/07/2021** to **31/12/2021**.
- (c) That the mussels shall only be gathered by hand or with a rake.
- (d) The NWIFCA will close the fishery during periods of prolonged cold weather.
- (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.

2. Definition of Permitted Fishing Area

The **permitted fishing area** is the area enclosed by a straight line connecting points A, B, C, D in order, and returning to point A

Point	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (degrees, decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees, decimal minutes)
A	54.042388	-3.109495	54° 2.543'N	003° 6.570' W
B	54.045913	-3.120218	54° 2.755'N	003° 7.213' W
C	54.059616	-3.105205	54° 3.577'N	003° 6.312' W
D	54.056091	-3.094479	54° 3.365'N	003° 5.669' W

3. 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. Should there be concerns that losses of mussel around Morecambe Bay is occurring which will impact on the available bird feeding resource, the NWIFCA will withdraw authorisations and close the fishery.
- (b) Avoid driving vehicles over the seed mussels as far as possible. Using a single access route will avoid unnecessary damage to the mussel 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 Seed Mussel 2021 - authorised permitted fishing area for hand-gathering

