



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

WHITEFORD COCKLE FISHERY 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

issued pursuant to

The Cockle Fishing Management and Permitting (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2024

WHITEFORD SANDS COCKLE FISHERY CLOSURE

THE WELSH MINISTERS GIVE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to, The Cockle Fishing Management and Permitting (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2024, cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*) beds in the area defined below (“the Area”) are closed to cockle gathering, with effect from 00:01 on the 10 July 2024 until the foreseeable future.

No person may, without the prior written authority of the Welsh Ministers, fish for, remove, take or disturb any cockles from any fishery closed by this Notice.

The Area

The Area closed by this notice is an area within the Loughor estuary, which is enclosed by a line drawn eastwards from Loughor Estuary (NG Ref. SS 4420 9826) to Hills Tor Point (NG Ref. SS 4280 9422) to Whiteford Point (NG Ref. SS4472 9670). Tidal waters are those limits as defined by The Cockle Fishing Management and Permitting (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2024:

A). SS 4420 9826; 51° 39'.683 North, 004° 15'.233 West.

Thence in a straight line to position:

B). SS 4280 9422; 51° 37'.483 North, 004° 16'.35 West

Thence in a straight line to position:

C). SS 4472 9670; 51° 38'.85° North, 004° 14'.75 West

This Notice is given under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date of notice: 10 July 2024

Notes:

1. All fishing for cockles, for any purpose and by any method, within the Area is prohibited, for the period specified above, unless authorised by the Welsh Ministers.
2. This closure has been imposed for the purpose of carrying out a scientific survey to assess the stocks and to complete a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

3. The Area is closed to fishing for, removing, taking or disturbing cockles until the foreseeable future.
4. The Area is shown, for information purposes only, hatched in red on the map below.

Map showing Whiteford cockle bed between the points Loughor Estuary, Hills Tor and Whiteford Point.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Further notifications and additional information relating to this closure can be obtained by contacting:

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