



Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Emergency Wash Byelaw 2018

Flexible Permit Conditions

These flexible permit conditions relate to Wash restricted area permit issued under the Emergency Wash Byelaw 2018 and should be read in conjunction with that byelaw.

Permit conditions

Permit Condition 1: Fishing Method

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery cockles using any method other than hand-working which can be augmented by prop-washing so far as it is permitted by Permit Condition 9: use of anchors for prop-washing (below).

Permit Condition 2: Open/Closed areas

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery cockles from any area marked out as closed in the charts publicised by Eastern IFCA.

Permit Condition 3: Days of Operation

It is prohibited to fish for, take or remove from the fishery cockles other than during publicised opening times.

Permit Condition 4: Catch Returns Data

An accurately completed weekly catch return form, as supplied by Eastern IFCA, must be returned for each week of fishing, to Eastern IFCA's offices by no later than the Wednesday of the week following any such fishing activity.

Permit condition 5: Transhipping Prohibition

It is prohibited for any person fishing for, taking or removing cockles from the fishery to tranship or otherwise relocate any cockles or containers of any description containing cockles, from one vessel to another.

Permit condition 6: Requirement to Land

All cockles fished for, taken or removed from the fishery must be taken straight to port and landed and must not be left on the sand or deposited in the water in bags or other containers for later collection. Only one landing per calendar day is permitted.

Permit condition 7: Dual Fishing Prohibition

It is prohibited for any person/vessel to fish for, take or remove from the fishery any cockles:

- a. on the same calendar day as fishing for, taking or removing cockles from outside the Wash restricted area; or
- b. on the same calendar day from taking any other of the prescribed species from any Wash Fishery Order 1992 fishery.

Permit condition 8: Standard Bags

No person shall land cockles or mussels fished for, taken or removed from the regulated fishery in any container other than a bag which must;

(1) be of the following dimensions:

- a. 120 centimetres or 60 centimetres in height
- b. 97 centimetres in depth
- c. 97 centimetres in width

(2) have the words 'Wash Fishery Order' written on at least two sides with lettering which is at least 4 inches tall.

Permit condition 9: use of anchors for prop-washing

It is prohibited for any person to use any anchor which affixes a vessel to the seabed during the practice of 'prop-washing' in order to fish for, take or remove from the regulated fishery any cockles. A sea anchor may be used for 'prop-washing' if it consists solely of an empty bag suspended in the water column in order to provide greater control of the vessel whilst turning.

For the purposes of this permit condition, 'prop-washing' refers to the practice of turning a vessel in tight circles to aid the fishing of cockles. This must be conducted in such a way as to avoid causing excessive damage to the seabed.

Permit condition 10: use of tenders

A person must not use a tender to a vessel unless:

- fishing for, taking or removing from the fishery mussels or cockles;

- all catch placed on the tender is placed on the permitted vessel to which it is associated at the earliest opportunity and before the vessel leaves the sand being fished;
- the tender is six metres in overall length or less.

Commencement date: 10th July 2019

I hereby certify that the above eligibility criteria were made by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority in accordance with the scheme of delegations under the Constitution and Standing Orders for the Authority, on the 10th June 2019.

The above flexible permit conditions come into effect on 10th July 2019.

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