

Managing Access Policies: Aim and Objectives

The aim and objectives for managing access to the cockle and mussel fisheries in The Wash are:

Aim:

To achieve a level of access to the fishery that is equitable, and which supports the viability of varying business models, the conservation objectives of The Wash and stock sustainability.

Objectives:

1. To limit access to the fishery to a number of persons which will meet the aim.
2. To support effective business planning and continuity.
3. To enable a range of business models to operate within the fishery.
4. To prioritise the continuity of active participants
5. To enable appropriate permit turnover to create opportunity for suitably qualified new permit holders.
6. To prevent the permit from having its own value or becoming a tradable commodity.

What are the aim and objectives?

They are a set of principles. They will shape the development of 'policy and eligibility criteria' which will be used to manage access to the cockle and mussel fisheries in The Wash after the Wash Fishery Order 1992 expires in January 2023.

The final aim and objectives are a commitment to a high standard of fisheries management. They are fair, transparent, and will support sustainable fisheries into the future.