

WASH COCKLE AND MUSSEL BYELAW 2021 ELIGIBILITY POLICY NEW PERMITS

If you would like to be considered for a Wash cockle and mussel permit in the future:

Add yourself to the **Register of interests**.



Apply online - visit the Eastern IFCA website to download an application form.

The current limit on the number of permits the Authority will issue is

63

When permits become available, people on the Register of Interests will be contacted and may apply for a permit.

Available permits will be allocated via a points system.

+ Points gained

+ 2 points for each year of fishing in the Wash and North Norfolk Coast (max 10)

+ 2 points for each year of fishing as a nominated deputy for Wash cockle or mussel (max 10)

+ 10 points if you have, or in the process or acquiring, a vessel to fish within 12 months of application

— Points deducted

- 11 points for each conviction of an offence under the byelaw or other relevant offences*

- 5 points for each conviction of a fisheries offence other than the byelaw*

- 5 points for each vessel you have an interest in which is already associated with a permit

** for the full list of relevant offences please refer to section 6 of the Eligibility Policy*



Those with the most points will be eligible for any new permit(s). Where there is a tie, the Authority will consider other relevant factors or decide by ballot.