



THREE RIVERS COCKLE FISHERY 2023/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

issued pursuant to

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Byelaw 24 (Temporary Closure of Shellfish Fisheries) of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee

COCKLE FISHERY CLOSURE

THE WELSH MINISTERS GIVE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to Byelaw 24 (Temporary Closure of Shellfish Fisheries) of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee¹, the cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*) beds in the area defined below ("the Area") are **closed** to cockle gathering, with effect from **00:01 on the 1st May 2023** until **23:59 on the 30th April 2024**.

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 estuaries of the Rivers Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth, known as the Three Rivers Estuary, which consists of all tidal waters within the District of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee which are enclosed by a line drawn eastwards from Ginst Point (NG Ref. SN 332079) to Pen Tywyn Point (NG Ref. SN 357064). Tidal waters are those limits as defined by the Former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee:

1. A line drawn across the River Taf, between Laugharne Castle and Black Scar.
2. A line drawn across the River Tywi, true east from the south-easternmost corner of Llansteffan Castle to the opposite shore.
3. A line drawn across every river or stream flowing into the Gwendraeth estuary, along the seaward side of the bridges carrying the railway between Carmarthen Bay Holiday Park and RAF Pembrey Sands.

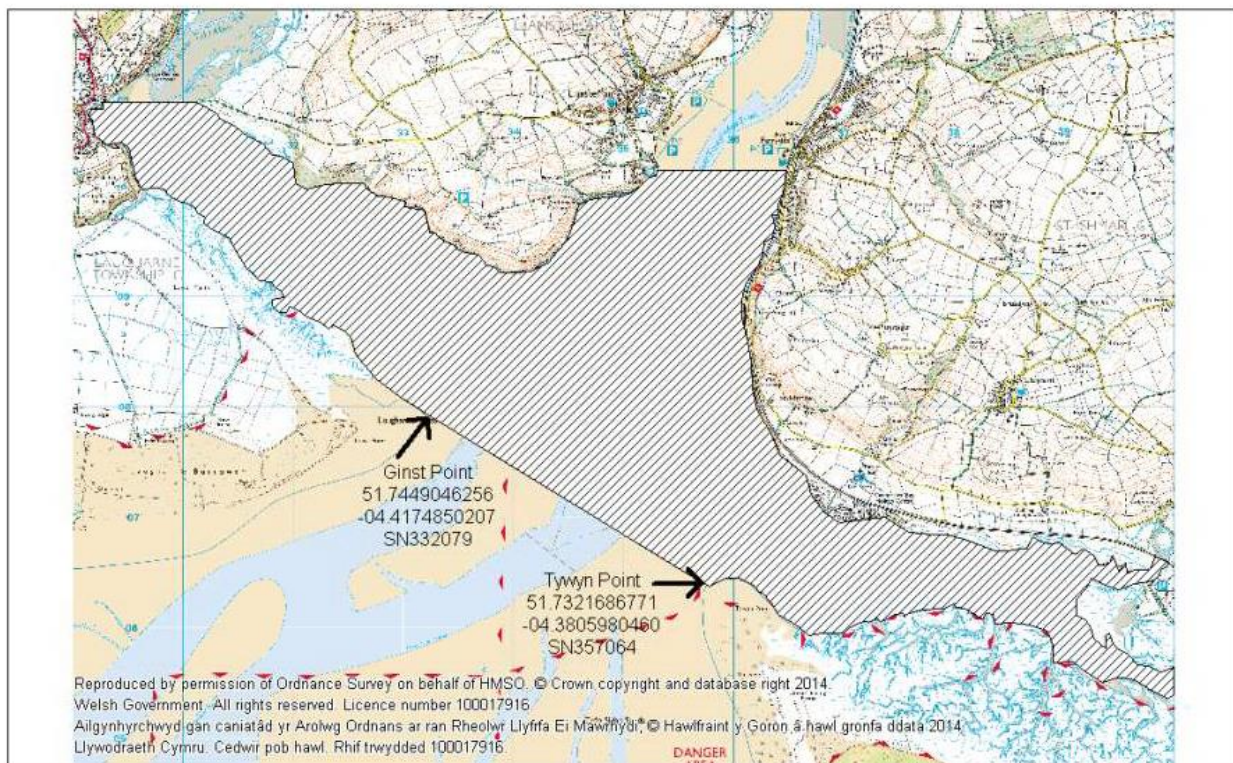
This Notice is given under authority of the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date of notice: 30th April 2023

¹ Byelaw 24 of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee now has effect, to the extent that it could have been made by the Welsh Ministers, as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument pursuant to Article 13(1) of and Schedule 3 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1, Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/630 (c.42)).

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 pursuant to Byelaw 24 of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee by the Welsh Ministers.
2. This closure has been imposed for the purpose of protecting and assisting with the development of mainly immature or undersized cockles.
3. The Area was closed to fishing for, removing, taking or disturbing cockles until 30th April 2023, pursuant to a Notice made under Byelaw 24 of the former South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee dated 30th April 2022.
4. The Area is shown, for information purposes only, hatched in black on the map below.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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