

Notes to accompany an Application for a Permit to fish for Cockles and Mussels (for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024) in the North Wales area (from the Point of Ayr to Cemaes Head) pursuant to the Cockles and Mussels (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1988)

Permits issued during 2022 expire on 31st August 2023.

I. If you hold a valid 2022/23 permit and wish to renew this for 2023/24:

- 1) You should fill out the **permit application form** and post it to our Milford Haven office.
- 2) Include a copy of your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate.
- 3) You must also provide proof of address such as a **copy** of a recent household bill.
- 4) You must provide **two** recent passport type photographs signed on the reverse
- 5) You must provide a **Stamped Addressed Envelope**.

II. If you did not hold a permit for the 2022/2023 season and are renewing an application OR are applying for the first time:

- 1) You should fill out the **permit application form** and post it to our Milford Haven office.
- 2) Please note that you will not automatically receive a permit but may be placed on a waiting list. In that event we will advise you of your position on the waiting list.
- 3) Include a copy of your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate. (You will not receive your new permit without evidence that you have completed a Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training course.)
- 4) Please keep your Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate secure.
- 5) You must also provide proof of address such as a **copy** of a recent household bill.
- 6) You must provide **two** recent passport type photographs signed on the reverse
- 7) You must provide a **Stamped Addressed Envelope**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Gatherers who held permits in 2022/23 may renew them for the forthcoming year.

In addition to the existing permit holders who wish to renew their permits, an additional 40 permits may be issued from the waiting list. Every qualifying application for a new permit (rather than a renewal) will be added, in chronological order of receipt, to the list that exists from 2022. The 40 new permits will be issued to the next 40 listed applicants on the waiting list.

Permits issued under the Cockles and Mussels (Specified Area) (Wales) Order 2011 will only apply to **specific areas** defined in each permit. This is to ensure that the cockle and mussel gathering permitted under that legislation complies with European and domestic legislation designed to protect the marine environment.

Due regard should be given to other relevant saved byelaws of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee, which now have effect as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument.