

**CONWY BAY AND ESTUARY  
MUSSEL FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Issued pursuant to**

**BYELAW 13A OF THE FORMER NORTH WESTERN AND  
NORTH WALES SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE (COCKLES  
AND MUSSELS – MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERY)**

**THE WELSH GOVERNMENT GIVE NOTICE THAT**, pursuant to Byelaw 13A of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee<sup>1</sup>, the mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) beds in the area defined below (“the Area”) are **closed** to mussel fishing with effect **from 00:01 on 1 September 2023 until 23:59 on 31 August 2024**.

No person may, without prior written authorisation from the Welsh Government, remove, take or disturb any mussels from a bed or part of a bed of mussels within the Area during the specified period.

**The Area**

The area closed by this Notice is the area of Conway Bay and Estuary which lies below the high water mark of spring tides and which is enclosed by lines drawn between the points A, B and C set out in the table below and the railway bridge over the Conwy River.

	Lat	Long
A	53° 20.341'N	003° 52.790'W
B	53° 17.461'N	003° 54.949'W
C	53° 16.672'N	003° 53.760'W

These positions are referred to the WGS(84) datum.

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

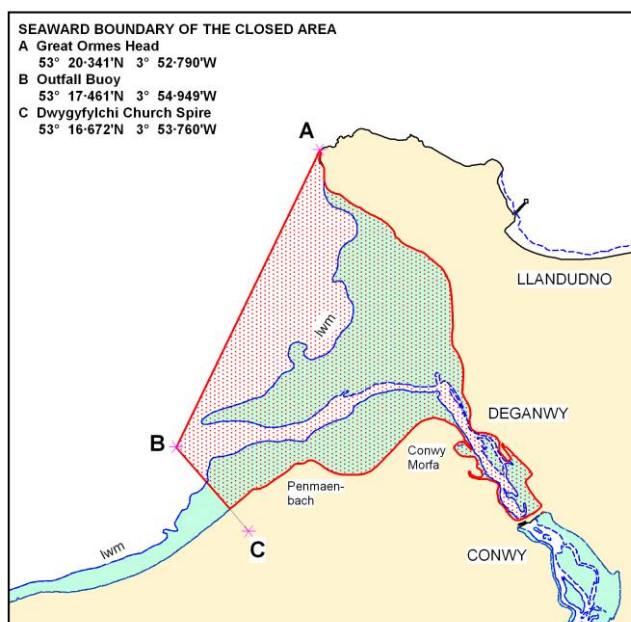
***Date of notice: 30 August 2023***

**Notes:**

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<sup>1</sup> Byelaw 13A of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee now has effect, to the extent that it could have been made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument, as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument pursuant to Article 13(3) of and Schedule 4 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)).

1. This closure applies to all fishing for mussels within the Area. All fishing for mussels, for any purpose and by any method, within the closed area is prohibited for the period specified above, unless authorised in writing by the Welsh Government in advance pursuant to Byelaw 13A(3) of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee.
2. This closure has been imposed for fishery management purposes and is intended to conserve and protect mussel stocks. The Welsh Government have received scientific advice that the Area should be closed to mussel fishing for those purposes and has undertaken a consultation exercise in accordance with the provisions of Byelaw 13A.
3. The attention of fishermen and others is drawn to the existence of other legislation (fisheries and non-fisheries, both domestic and European) which applies in the defined area.
4. The Area is shown, for information purposes only, coloured red on the map below entitled "Seaward Boundary of the Closed Area".



## FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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