Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England and Wales: Sampling Plan

Production Area: Dee

Local Authority: Flintshire CC & Wirral BC

Classification

Classification zone	RMP	RMP name	NGR	Latitude & Longitude (WGS84)	Species	Growing method	Harvesting technique	Sampling method	Tolerance	Frequency
The Marsh (cockles)	B45AA	Marsh	SJ 1951 7886	53°18.03'N 3°12.55'W	Cockles	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Quarterly
Salisbury (cockles and mussels)	B45AB	Salisbury cockles	SJ 1756 8056	53°18.93'N 3°14.34''W	Cockles	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Monthly
Mostyn/Talacre (cockles)	B45AC	Talacre	SJ 1382 8306	53°20.24'N 3°17.74'W	Cockles	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Monthly
Thurstaston and Caldy Blacks (cockles)	B45AD	Thurstaston	SJ 2227 8248	53°20.01'N 3°10.12'W	Cockles	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Monthly
West Kirby (cockles and mussels)	B45AE	West Kirby cockles	SJ 2106 8470	53º21.20'N 3º11.25'W	Cockles	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Monthly
Mostyn Deep (mussels)	B045X	Mostyn Deep	SJ 1277 8573	53°21.67'N 3°18.73'W	Mussels	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Quarterly
Heswall channel (mussels)	B045O	Caldy Blacks mussels	SJ 2255 8378	53°20.71'N 3°9.89'W	Mussels	Wild	Hand	Hand	100m	Monthly

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Biotoxin monitoring

Classification zone	RMP	RMP name	NGR	Latitude & Longitude (WGS84)	Species	Frequency of flesh sampling	Frequency of water sampling
Salisbury (cockles and mussels)	B45AB	Salisbury cockles	SJ 1756 8056	53°18.93'N 3°14.34''W	Cockles	(During cockle season only) Four weekly	1st April to 30th Sept – Fortnightly 1st Oct to 31st Mar – Four weekly
West Kirby (cockles and mussels)	B045Q	West Kirby	SJ 2106 8470	53º21.20'N 3º11.25'W	Mussels	(During cockle closed season if mussels harvesting) Four weekly	1st April to 30th Sept – Fortnightly 1st Oct to 31st Mar – Four weekly

Additional sampling requirements:

Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to request additional samples for the purposes of either classification or biotoxin monitoring. The criteria for requesting additional samples can be found within the relevant protocols at the links below:

- **Classification**

https://www.cefas.co.uk/cefas-data-hub/food-safety/classification-and-microbiological-monitoring/england-and-wales-classification-and-monitoring/
("Classification Protocol for England and Wales")

- **Biotoxin Monitoring**

https://www.cefas.co.uk/cefas-data-hub/food-safety/the-shellfish-partnership/
(under Harmonised protocols – collection protocols, **Shellfish** "From classified areas (England, Wales and Scotland)"
Water "From classified areas (England & Wales)

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