

# Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England and Wales: Sampling Plan

**Production Area:** West Mersea

**Local Authority:** Colchester BC and Maldon DC

## Classification

Classification zone	RMP	RMP name	NGR	Latitude & Longitude (WGS84)	Species	Growing method	Harvesting technique	Sampling method	Tolerance	Frequency
Tollesbury North	<a href="#">B013V</a>	Tollesbury North	TL 9775 1145	51°46.008'N 00°51.867'E	Pacific oysters	Wild/ culture	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Salcott Channel	<a href="#">B13AG</a>	Salcott Pacifics	TL 9744 1340	51°47.065'N 0°51.665'E	Pacific oysters	Wild/ culture	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Little Ditch	<a href="#">B13AH</a>	Little Ditch	TL 9863 1319	51°46.926'N 0°52.691'E	Pacific oysters	Wild/ culture	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Ray Creek	<a href="#">B013Y</a>	Ray Creek	TL 9995 1390	51°47.281'N 00°53.862'E	Pacific oysters	Wild/ culture	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Strood Channel	<a href="#">B013Z</a>	The Hard	TM 0000 1301	51°46.800'N 00°53.875'E	Pacific oysters	Wild/ culture	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Mersea Flats West	<a href="#">B13AA</a>	West Mersea Outfall	TM 0310 1211	51°46.248'N 00°56.536'E	Pacific oysters	Wild	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Mersea Flats East	<a href="#">B13AC</a>	Coopers Beach	TM 0518 1345	51°46.925'N 00°58.390'E	Pacific oysters	Wild	Hand/ dredge	hand picked	100m	Monthly
Tollesbury – Old Hall Creek	<a href="#">B13AE</a>	Old Hall Creek - Relay	TL 9680 1178	51°46.205'N 00°51.054'E	Pacific oysters	Culture (relay)	Hand	Hand picked	10m	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
Salcott Channel	B13AG	Salcott Pacifics	TL 9744 1340	51°47.065'N 0°51.665'E	Pacific oysters	Four weekly	See below
Strood Channel	B013Z	The Hard	TM 0000 1301	51°46.800'N 00°53.875'E	Water samples only	See above	1 <sup>st</sup> April to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Fortnightly 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct to 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar – Four weekly
Mersea Flats West	B13AA	West Mersea Outfall	TM 0310 1211	51°46.248'N 00°56.536'E	Pacific oysters	Four weekly	See below

## 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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