

Annex A

CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH PRODUCTION AREAS

IN ENGLAND AND WALES 2019/20

In 2015/16, a rolling compliance review system was introduced to the classification monitoring programme, therefore actions regarding compliance (either upgrades or downgrades) can be addressed as necessary throughout the year. The annual review primarily focuses on sites which have marginal compliance with the class B criteria.

At this annual review update (effective from 1st September 2019), there are 334 classified production areas (beds) and 6 relaying areas.

Classification	Production areas	Relaying areas
A	26	2
Seasonal A/B	2	0
B	41	1
B-LT	206	3
Seasonal B/C	12	0
C	34	0
Prohibited	13	0

Since 1st of September 2018, 48 production areas have been upgraded and 11 downgraded. (This includes changes from B to long-term B (B-LT) and B-LT to B and also seasonal classification adjustments). Details are in the tables below.

Upgrades from 2017/18 classification

*Change made in year via interim update

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	2017	2017 Note	2018	2018	Change
			Class		Class	Note	
Colne	Brightlingsea Creek Inner	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>M. mercenaria</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status
Colne	Brightlingsea Creek Outer	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>M. mercenaria</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status
West Mersea	Strood Channel	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade
West Mersea	Tollesbury – Old Hall Creek Relay Area	<i>C. gigas</i> , <i>O. edulis</i> & <i>M. mercenaria</i>	B	-	B – LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Blackwater	St Peters & Batchelor	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B – LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Blackwater	Osea South	<i>O. edulis</i> &	B	-	B – LT	-	Given B-LT status*

		<i>C. gigas</i>					
Blackwater	Ray Channel	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Crouch	Fambridge	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Roach	Middleway	<i>Mytilus</i> spp., <i>M. mercenaria</i> , <i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Roach	Paglesham Pool	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Thames Estuary	Maplin Central	<i>C. edule</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Thames Estuary	Maplin East	<i>C. edule</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Thames Estuary	Maplin West	<i>C. edule</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Thames Estuary	Leigh Foreshore	<i>C. edule</i> & <i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C	-	B	-	Upgrade
North Kent Coast	Swalecliffe	<i>Mytilus</i> spp. & <i>C. gigas</i>	Prohibited	-	C	-	Upgrade
Swale	Swale Inner North	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Swale	Swale Inner South	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Chichester Harbour	Thorney	<i>O. edulis</i>	Prohibited	-	C	-	Upgrade
Langstone Harbour	South East Langstone Harbour	<i>M. mercenaria</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Upgrade
Exe	Dawlish to Starcross	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status
Exe	Dawlish to Starcross	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Teign	Gas Works	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Start Bay	Strete	<i>S. solida</i>	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade
St Austell Bay	Ropehaven	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Fal (Upper)	Grimes Bar	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	4	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Fal (Upper)	Ruan Pontoon/ Tregothnan	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Fal (Upper)	King Harry Reach Mussel lines	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C	-	B	-	Upgrade*
Fal (Upper)	King Harry reach	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	C	-	B	-	Upgrade*
Fal (Lower)	St Just	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Fal (Lower)	Restronguet Creek	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status
Percuil	Percuil Relay	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*

Fal (Upper)	King Harry Reach Mussel Lines	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C	-	B	-	Upgrade*
Fal (Upper)	King Harry Reach	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	C	-	B	-	Upgrade*
Taw/Torridge	Outer Estuary (Main Beds)	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Taw/Torridge	Zeta Berth	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Taw/Torridge	Westleigh	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Burry Inlet	Whiteford Point	<i>C. edule</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Burry Inlet	Pwll	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Burry Inlet	Whiteford Point	<i>C. edule</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Menai Straits - East	Area A	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Menai Straits - East	Area 6	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade*
Menai Straits - East	Areas 3 and 4	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT	-	A	-	Upgrade
Conwy	Conwy Bridge	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Liverpool Bay	Leasowe and New Brighton	<i>C. edule</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Liverpool Bay	Leasowe and New Brighton	<i>C. edule</i>	C	-	B	-	Upgrade*
Morecambe Bay - Roosebeck	Roosebeck Bed 1	<i>C. gigas</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Morecambe Bay - Roosebeck	Central West	<i>C. edule</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*
Morecambe Bay - Roosebeck	Central East	<i>C. edule</i>	B	-	B-LT	-	Given B-LT status*

Downgrades from 2018/19 classification

*Change made in year via interim update

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	2017 Class	2017 Note	2018 Class	2018 Note	Change
Blackwater	Ray Channel	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	A	-	B	-	Downgrade*
North Kent Coast	Hampton Pier	<i>Mytilus</i> spp., <i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	4	Seasonal B	-	Downgrade*
Thames Estuary	Barrow Deep	<i>O. edulis</i>	A		B	-	Downgrade*
Langstone Harbour	Langstone Channel	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	4	C	-	Downgrade
Portsmouth Harbour	Fareham Lake	<i>M. mercenaria</i>	Preliminary B		C	-	Downgrade

Yealm	Fox Cove	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT	4	B	4	Lose B-LT status
St Austell Bay	Ropehaven	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	A	-	B-LT	-	Downgrade*
Lyme Bay	Site 2	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Seasonal B	-	Seasonal A	-	Downgrade (season reduced)*
Lyme Bay	Site 1	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Seasonal B	-	Seasonal A	-	Downgrade (season reduced)* x 2
Burry Inlet	Whiteford Point	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT	-	B	4	Downgrade*
Lune	Pilling Sands	<i>C. edule</i>	C	1	Seasonal B	-	Downgrade*

Declassified areas are included in classification listing, after the list of classified areas. (i.e. those for which an insufficient number of samples were received over the review year or that are inactive with a reduced rate of monitoring agreed with the Local Authority).

The following beds are recommended to be added to the declassified list

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	Current Classification	2018 Classification
Beaulieu	Landing Stage	<i>Tapes</i> spp.	B 1 & 4	Declassified B Note 7
Taw/Torridge	Zeta Berth	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B note 4	Declassified B Note 7
Taw/Torridge	Westleigh	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT	Declassified B-LT Note 7

Areas to be removed from the classification listing are removed as there is no commercial interest current or intended and the period of no monitoring or reduced monitoring exceeds 2 years.

The following beds are recommended to be removed from the listing altogether.

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Species	Current Classification	2017 Explanatory Note
Humber	Horseshoe Point	<i>C. edule</i>	Declassified A	7
Helford	Bosahan	<i>C. gigas</i>	Declassified B	7
Helford	Helford Creek	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B	7
Helford	Porth Navas Quay	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B-LT	7
Helford	East of Groyne Point	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B-LT	7
Helford	South of Porth Navas Bar	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B	7
Dee	The Marshes	<i>C. edule</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Morecambe Bay – Barrow	North Walney	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B-LT	7
Morecambe Bay – Barrow	Roa Island	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B-LT	7

Notes:

a. All the areas listed are designated for species that may be harvested as well as the classification of the shellfish waters. If other species than those listed are present then advice should be sought from the contact point issuing this Annex prior to any harvesting. The various species designated in the listing are as follows:

Cerastoderma edule = Common edible cockle

Mytilus spp. = *Mytilus edulis* (blue mussel), *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (Mediterranean mussel) and hybrids

Ostrea edulis = Native or Flat Oyster

Crassostrea gigas = Pacific Oyster

Mercenaria mercenaria = Hard clam

Spisula solida = Thick trough shell

Tapes philippinarum = Manila clam

Ensis spp. = Razor clams

Pecten maximus = Great or King scallop

Mya spp. = Gapers

Tapes decussatus = Palourde, native clam or carpet shell clam