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To all interested parties:

Updated Classifications of the Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England & Wales for 2019-20

The Food Standards Agency wishes to notify you of the following update to the classifications of bivalve mollusc production areas. These amendments have been made under Regulation (EC) 854/2004 and take immediate effect.

Upgrades

West Mersea – Little Ditch (*C. gigas* and *O. edulis*) B13AH

This B-LT site has been 100% compliant with 230 *E. coli*/100g in the last year (11 samples). It is also 97.1% compliant over the last three years (35 samples) with no results >700 *E. coli*/100g.

This site is therefore upgraded to class A.

Crouch – Fambridge (*M. mercenaria*) B015U

This B-LT site has been 80% compliant with 230 *E. coli*/100g in the last year (a result of 690 *E. coli*/100g was recorded on 6 November 18 and 330 *E. coli*/100g on 26 March 19, out of a total of 10 samples). It is also 81.3% compliant over the last three years (32 samples) with no results >700 *E. coli*/100g.

There have been some discharge improvements on the Crouch which may account and help attribute to the improvement in results. One of the caravan parks at Lower Road, Hockley installed a final settlement tank which brought them back into compliance with permit conditions. Also, Anglian Water replaced a rising main running into Wickford following a burst in 2014.

This site is therefore upgraded to class A.

Declassifications

Yealm – Fox Cove (*Mytilus* spp.) B031H

This bed is currently class C. The Local Authority has advised that there will no longer be any mussels laid at this site, therefore this bed is declassified C note 7.

Fal (Upper) – Tolverne (*Mytilus* spp.) B33BP

This bed is currently class C. The Local Authority has advised that there is no longer any commercial interest here, so they will be reverting to quarterly sampling. This bed is therefore declassified C note 2.

Addition of New Species

Roach – Barlinghall Creek (*Mytilus* spp.) B73AD

Mussels are sampled at this site to represent American Hard clams, Pacific and native oysters. Whilst we are not aware of commercial interest in harvesting the mussels at the moment, the mussels are added to the classification list as B-LT as they are the species sampled here.

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Upgrades

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
West Mersea	Little Ditch	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	A		Colchester BC
Crouch	Fambridge	<i>M.</i> <i>mercenaria</i>	A		Maldon DC

Declassification

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Yealm	Fox Cove	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified C	7	Plymouth PHA
Fal (Upper)	Tolverne	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified C	2	Cornwall PHA

Addition of New Species

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Roach	Barlinghall Creek	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT		London PHA

The classification list will be updated on the FSA website in due course:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/shellfish-classification>

If you require further information or wish to discuss these amendments further, please contact the Shellfish Delivery team on the details below.

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