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Reference: Update13/16-17

To all interested parties:

Updated Classifications of the Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England and Wales for 2016-17

The Food Standards Agency wishes to notify you of the following update to the classifications of bivalve production areas:

Upgrades

Teign – Gappa Bank (*Mytilus* spp.) B27AE

This class C has rolling one-year compliance (with the class B threshold of 4600) of 100% (11 samples) and the three-year compliance is 90.3% (31 samples). There has been recent sewerage network and treatment works improvements, which should further improve water quality, so this site is upgraded to year-round class B.

Langstone Harbour – Langstone Channel (*O. edulis*) B019L

This class C bed has a rolling one-year compliance (with the class B threshold of 4600) of 92.3% (13 samples) and the three-year compliance is 90.9% (22 samples). It is slightly below the Good Practice Guide recommendation of 24 samples in the last three years due to a period of quarterly sampling. However, there have been improvements to a number of combined sewer overflows in Langstone Harbour. This bed will therefore be upgraded to class B when it opens on 1 November 2017. It is noted that the bed is near to the 90% compliances required for upgrade, particularly for the 3 year compliance, so if any poor results are received from ongoing sampling, this could result in the bed being downgraded back to class C.

Declassification

Lune – Wyre Approaches (*Mytilus* spp.) B066Z

The local authority has requested that this class C bed (represented by monitoring at Knott Spit) be temporarily declassified due to low stocks and a lack of commercial interest. A note 7 will be added to denote that no sampling is taking place. The local authority has confirmed that they will not be resampling following the action state result (54,000 on 13/09/17).

Lune: Wyre Estuary (*Mytilus* spp.) B066Y

The local authority has requested that this class B bed (represented by monitoring at Sea Centre) be temporarily declassified due to low stocks and a lack of commercial interest. A note 7 will be added to denote that no sampling is taking place. The local authority has confirmed that they will not be resampling following the action state result (35,000 on 10/10/17).

Explanatory Note 4s to be added to marginal beds

The compliance at the following beds falls within the class B 84.5-89.5% buffer so they are being given an explanatory note 4 in the classification list. Their classification status will be assessed in the 2018 annual review.

RMP	RMP Name	Council	Classification Zone	Class	% Compliance with 4600: 1 Year	% Compliance with 4600: 3 Year
B26BH	Cockwood Harbour	Teignbridge DC	Dawlish to Starcross (<i>Mytilus</i> spp.)	B	90.9	88.2
B036Y	Zeta Berth	North Devon DC	Zeta Berth (<i>Mytilus</i> spp.)	B	83.3	88.6

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Upgrades

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Teign	Gappa Bank	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		Teignbridge DC
Langstone Harbour	Langstone Channel	<i>O. edulis</i>	B		Portsmouth PHA

Declassification

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Lune	Wyre Approaches	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified C	7	Wyre BC
Lune	Wyre Estuary	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Declassified B	7	Wyre BC

These amendments have been made under Regulation (EC) 854/2004 and take immediate effect. If you require further information or wish to discuss these amendments further please contact Catherine Miller or Emily Davis on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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