

## APPLICATION FORM FOR CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH HARVESTING/RELAYING AREA

APPLICANT DETAILS			DISTRICT COUNCIL DETAILS		
Name of Applicant:			Name of District Council:		
Name of Company:			Enforcement Officer:		
Address:			Address:		
Contact Information:	Tel No:		Contact Information:	Tel No:	
	Mobile Tel No:			Mobile Tel No:	
	Fax No:			Fax No:	
*Please note that the FBO email address provided will be used to communicate information and may be included in circulation lists					
Email:			Email:		

HARVESTING DETAILS		SITE DETAILS
<b>Species: (any others?)</b> <b>Pacific Oyster (<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>)</b> Native Oyster ( <i>Ostrea edulis</i> ) <b>King Scallop (<i>Pecten maximus</i>)</b> Queen Scallop ( <i>Aequipecten opercularis</i> ) <b>Common Mussel (<i>Mytilus edulis</i>)</b> Sand Gaper ( <i>Mya arenaria</i> ) <b>Common Razor Fish (<i>Ensis Ensis</i>)</b> Common Cockle ( <i>Cerastoderma edule</i> ) <b>Surf Clam (<i>Spisula solida</i>)</b> Icelandic Cyprine ( <i>Arctica islandica</i> ) Carpet Clam ( <i>Venerupis senegalensis</i> ) Venus Clam ( <i>Chamelelea gallina</i> ) Rayed Artemis ( <i>Dosinia exoleta</i> ) Horse Mussel ( <i>Modiolus modiolus</i> )	1.	<b>Site Name, Reference and Area, including co-ordinates</b>
	2.	
	3.	
<b>ANY OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)</b>		

<b>Is this site within currently classified production area?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If No, has this site previously been classified?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, please provide year</b>	<input type="text"/>	

**ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

**SANITARY SURVEY INVESTIGATION INFORMATION:**  
 Are any of the following located within the area surrounding or area within your site? (YES/NO)

- Private/municipal sewage plant(s)?
- Industrial waste source(s) (e.g. meat processing plants etc.)?
- Combined sewage overflow(s)?
- Animal feed or poultry house(s)?
- Boating Activity?
- Storm drains or street runoff?
- Rural land with domestic animals?
- Forest, marsh etc. (dominated by wild animals and birds)?
- Any other potential source of E.coli?

(WHERE APPROPRIATE PLEASE PROVIDE RELEVANT MAPS OF AREA NOTIFYING OF POINTS OF DISCHARGE ETC

<b>Signature of applicant:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Before classification of shellfish harvesting/relaying areas**

It is an offence for any person to farm shellfish in Northern Ireland without a fish culture licence granted under the provisions of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, as amended. A shellfish fishery licence is an optional licence which gives the fish culture licence holder the exclusive rights to cultivate a particular species of shellfish within a specified area (and so the exclusive right to take that shellfish from the area) and at the same time gives the licence holder recourse to criminal offences to protect his/her operations. Anyone wishing to apply for a fish culture and/or shellfish fishery licence should contact Environment, Marine & Fisheries Division, DAERA – see contact details below.

Commercial fishing anywhere by fishing boats which are registered in the United Kingdom or are British owned is prohibited unless authorised by a licence granted by a UK Department or Fisheries Administration, except for boats of 10m and under which are not powered by an engine. In addition there are various restrictions on fishing activity imposed by conservation legislation. These may include the location of fishing, daily or seasonal closures and specifications for the fishing gear that may be used. For information on these issues or any fishing activity contact DAERA, Environment, Marine & Fisheries Division.

Before shellfish can be placed on the market for human consumption, the harvesting/relaying area must be classified, in accordance with EC legislation, by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) – see contact details for FSA in NI below.

Shellfish harvesters must apply to FSA in NI for classification of a new shellfish harvesting/relaying area – using the application form. Before an application is submitted to FSA, harvesters must ensure they liaise with DAERA

Environmental colleagues for advice if the proposed fishery is within or adjacent to an ASSI, SPA/SAC or Marine Conservation Zone.

Applicants should also refer to the attached guidance regarding appropriate site selection before applying to FSA to have an area classified.

<https://www.cefas.co.uk/media/180291/20170329-selection-of-a-bivalve-shellfish-cultivation-site.pdf>

FSA in NI will process the application as soon as possible after receipt, provided all the above steps have been taken and guidance considered. Where application forms have details missing, a delay in processing may occur.

Once FSA in NI has verified and processed the application form, the applicant will be informed of the next steps;

- If the area requires a sanitary survey/Prmp assessment
- The required number of pre classification samples

### **After classification and before placing on the market of shellfish**

Before commercial harvesting of the newly classified area can take place, harvesters must ensure they are registered with the District Council where the new shellfish harvesting area is located. District Council EHOs will issue harvesters with the necessary registration documents, which are required to accompany the movement of shellfish – as outlined in EC legislation.

Registration documents must accompany shellfish from the harvesting area to the final dispatch centre.

**FSA CONTACT DETAILS:**

**Food Standards Agency**

Executive Support Unit

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