



HAND GATHERING PERMIT

Hand Gathering Permit Conditions and Flexible Conditions Hand Gathering (Permitting and Restrictions) Byelaw 2021

1. Conditions

Use of a permit issued by the authority is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) *A permit holder is permitted to hand gather the species specified in the permit in the quantities specified in the permit.*
- (b) *Unless otherwise specified in the permit, the holder is permitted to hand gather from the shore in accordance with the schedules to this byelaw.*
- (c) *Permit holders must be in possession of a legible copy of the permit and photographic identification documentation whilst hand gathering within the fishery.*
- (d) *A permit that permits the gathering of bivalve molluscs may only be used to hand gather species within designated shellfish beds which have been classified as A or B and suitable for human consumption.*
- (e) *A Hand Gathering permit holder must provide the Authority with any relevant fishery information (as set out at paragraph 9 of this byelaw) requested by the Authority.*

2. Flexible Permit Conditions

The Authority may introduce, remove, or vary a flexible permit condition which falls within one or more of the following categories:

- (a) *Catch restrictions;*
- (b) *Gear restrictions;*
- (c) *Spatial restrictions;*
- (d) *Time restrictions.*

3. Catch Restrictions

Hand Gathering permit bag limits for the “specified species” are set as follows:

- (a) *2 lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*);*
- (b) *5 edible crabs (*Cancer pagurus*);*
- (c) *crabs of any species other than *Cancer pagurus* set as unlimited;*
- (d) *mollusc shellfish set as unlimited;*
- (e) *prawns or shrimps set as unlimited;*
- (f) *marine worms (*Annelida*) set as unlimited; and*
- (g) *seaweeds (macro algae) except the kelp species (*Laminaria digitata* and *Sacchorina latissimi*), including all wind-blown seaweed set as unlimited*

4. Spatial Restrictions

Hand Gathering as authorised by a permit may not be used in the following Management Areas as defined within the byelaw:

- (a) *Area 2, Medmerry and Bracklesham Bay SSSI;*
- (b) *Area 3, Pagham Harbour MCZ/MPA;*
- (c) *Area 4, Adur River SSSI; and*
- (d) *Area 5, Beachy Head West MCZ and Beachy Head East MCZ west of Holywell, including part of the Cuckmere Estuary within Seaford to Beachy Head SSSI*

The Authority may introduce, remove or vary a flexible permit condition in accordance with the review procedure set out in the Hand Gathering (Permitting and Restrictions) Byelaw 2021.