

## MSFOMA Quarterly Meeting, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Derek Lumb <derek@cawarra3.plus.com>  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 16:51  
**To:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** Re: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Many thanks - no need for hard copies.

Best regards

Derek Lumb

3 Bulkeley Terrace  
Beaumaris  
Anglesey  
LL58 8AU

On 12/04/2021 15:29, Jim Andrews (MSFOMA) wrote:

Dear Derek

Many thanks indeed for getting in touch.

You are quite right - the proposed Order is a drafted in different terms to the 1962 Order, and takes account of changes in legislation over the past 59 years. The key features of the two Orders (the original Order (as amended) and the proposed new one) are the same: they apply to the same geographic area and assign the same rights to the Grantee.

I attach for your information a copy of the 1962 Order and the 1964 amending order as PDFs. I can send hard copies of these if it would be helpful. Both documents can be downloaded from the MSFOMA "Legislation & Background" website page [here](#).

Please drop me a line if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Derek Lumb <[celtic@theca.org.uk](mailto:celtic@theca.org.uk)>  
Sent: 12 April 2021 11:26  
To: [info@msfoma.org](mailto:info@msfoma.org)  
Cc: [MarineAndFisheries@gov.Wales](mailto:MarineAndFisheries@gov.Wales)  
Subject: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Dear Jim,

I note that the proposed 2022 order is a like for like renewal of the 1962 order but I assume that the drafting has been updated to reflect at least changes in other legislation which may interact with the order.  
The 1962 order is not available electronically so could you provide me with a copy of the 1962 order in whatever format is convenient.

Best regards

Derek Lumb

3 Bulkeley Terrace  
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Anglesey LL58 8AU

## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Dave Owens <Dave\_Owens@rnli.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 10:26  
**To:** Info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** Consultation Eastern Menai Strait

Good morning,

You have kindly included Holyhead Lifeboat Station in your consultation correspondence.

Can I advise that this has little effect on our Holyhead operations. May I suggest that the RNLI lifeboat station at Moelfre is advised as this is more likely to be a matter for them.

Their postal address is;

Lifeboat House, Moelfre LL72 8LG

Kind regards,

Dave

Lifeboat Operations Manager – Holyhead

Holyhead Lifeboat Station

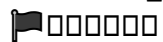
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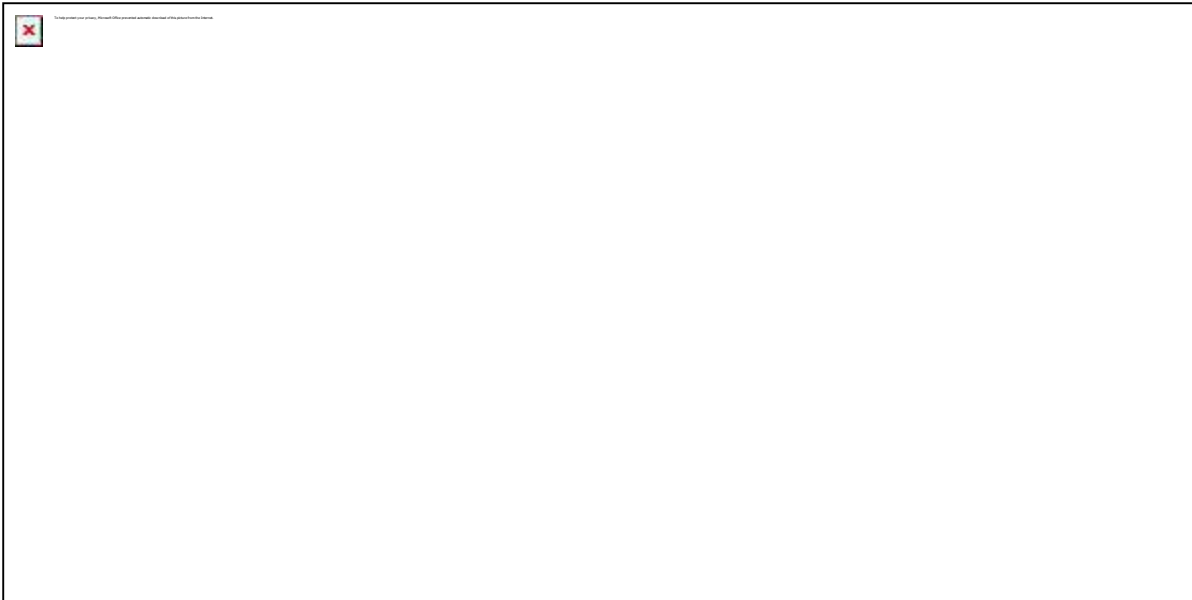
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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Michelle.Billing@gov.wales  
**Sent:** 16 April 2021 08:58  
**To:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** FW: Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order

Please see below enquiry received from Nigel Robinson.

### Michelle Billing

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**From:** Durns, Louise (ESNR - ERA - Marine & Fisheries) <Louise.Durns@gov.wales> **On Behalf Of** Marine And Fisheries  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 11:55  
**To:** Billing, Michelle (ESNR - ERA - Marine & Fisheries) <Michelle.Billing@gov.wales>  
**Subject:** FW: Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order

## Louise Durns

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**From:** Nigel Robinson <[pnjr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pnjr@hotmail.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 April 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** Marine And Fisheries <[MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales](mailto:MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales)>; 'Derek Lumb' <[derek@nightsong.wales](mailto:derek@nightsong.wales)>  
**Subject:** Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order

Dear Sirs

I cannot find any reference to an Environmental Risk Assessment for the proposed renewal of this Order. Surely there must be one where every development of any kind has one.

Can you please either send a copy or explain why it does not have one.  
Thank you for your assistance

Kind Regards  
Nigel Robinson

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Tim Booth <tim@bagpeople.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2021 16:22  
**To:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** Re: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Jim  
Thank you for the prompt and clear response  
Best wishes,

Tim Booth  
07843 328 917  
01248 811 545

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**From:** Jim Andrews (MSFOMA) <info@msfoma.org>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2021 15:30  
**To:** Tim Booth  
**Subject:** RE: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Dear Tim

Many thanks indeed for getting in touch.

You raise a good question – and one that over the years there has been both a lot of concern and misunderstanding about.

The proposed new Fishery Order will not affect the moorings in Beaumaris Bay at all. Concerns have been raised by boat owners in the past that the Fishery Order makes the moorings illegal. This is not the case. We have met with both Beaumaris Town Council and Ynys Môn County Council to discuss the new Fishery Order and this issue was raised at both meetings – in each case we were able to reassure the Councils that the moorings in Beaumaris Bay will be unaffected.

I hope that this addresses your query – if you have any other questions or require any further information please drop me a line.

Kind regards

Jim

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**From:** Tim Booth <tim@bagpeople.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2021 08:06  
**To:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Could you please tell me if there will be any change to the moorings in Beaumaris Bay?  
Thank you,

Tim Booth  
07843 328 917  
01248 811 545



## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Michelle.Billing@gov.wales  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 09:41  
**To:** Chris.Walton@UKHO.gov.uk  
**Cc:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** FW: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your email of 21 April, regarding the proposed Menai Strait (East) Fishery Order.

I can confirm you will be notified of the outcome of the consultation.

Regards,  
Michelle

**Michelle Billing**  
Is-adran Môr a Physgodfeydd/Marine and Fisheries Division

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**From:** Chris Walton <[Chris.Walton@UKHO.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Walton@UKHO.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 08:52  
**To:** Marine And Fisheries <[MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales](mailto:MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales)>; [info@msfoma.org](mailto:info@msfoma.org)  
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**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Good morning,

Our Customer Services Team received your letter regarding the formal consultation for the Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order and forwarded it to me for response.

We include the existing shellfish beds on Admiralty Chart 1464 (the limits were amended on the latest New Edition, published August 2020).

The proposal is to make a new Fishery Order with the same extents when the existing one expires next year. We therefore require to be informed of the outcome of the consultation in order that we can take appropriate action (retain or remove the shellfish beds) on Admiralty charts and in Admiralty publications.

We suggest that in the Statutory Instrument 'Description of the Order area', the Coordinate Reference System used to define positions is explicitly stated.

We also suggest that you should consult the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (Technical Services Navigation Branch) if you have not already done so.

Best regards,

**Christine Walton**  
Geographic Technical Lead, North & West UK/Ireland

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**Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)**

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**From:** sutting003 <sutting003@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 10:39  
**To:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order  
**Attachments:** Menai Strait (East) ProposedFishery Order .pdf

My response to the consultation on the "Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order" is attached.

Dr Sue Utting

## **Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order**

Response from Dr Sue Utting (retired shellfish scientist/aquaculture advisor and previous independent Chair of MSFOMA from October 2010 to October 2017)

When I finished my term as Chair of MSFOMA, negotiations for the renewal of this Fishery Order had just begun so I was delighted to see that the draft Order has been published for wider consultation. The proposed Fishery Order is fundamental for the protection of what has become an extremely successful shellfish production area for mussels in Wales, recognised nationally and internationally for its productivity and importance to the coastal economy. Leaseholders within the proposed Several Order area must have the legal protection and security of their stock, from the relaying of seed through to harvest, that the Fishery Order will continue to provide.

It is essential that this Fishery Order is renewed in 2022 to protect the considerable amount of finance and time that has been invested by the producers (leaseholders and licence holders) in making this the highly efficient industry that it has become. Although it will be for a period of 35 years only, as opposed to 60 years in the current Fishery Order, anything less would not guarantee the continued investment that will be needed for individual businesses to operate efficiently into the future and provide them with the stability they need.

*My response takes into account the following:*

1. The Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (MSFOMA), the Grantee of the proposed Fishery Order has established a track record, over the last 11 years from when it was set up in 2010 to the present, to manage effectively the current Fishery Order that will end in 2022. Therefore, I have every confidence that this good management will continue under the proposed Fishery Order. MSFOMA has Directors, Members and Observers at its meetings that represent a diverse range of local stakeholders with the extent and level of expertise and knowledge that is needed to effectively manage mussel production in the area. MSFOMA has a website, giving timely information on its management practices and decisions, which is open to public scrutiny.
2. The proposed Fishery Order contains many checks and balances within it to ensure that the cultivation of mussels can continue economically and efficiently while complying with the legislation that is in place to protect the environment and conservation interests of the area. For example, within the Several Order areas, the Welsh Government or anyone authorised by them will have access to monitor the leaseholders' compliance with the lease requirements, catch returns will have to be provided to Welsh Government on an annual basis, leases will have to be renewed by leaseholders every 7 years. Similarly, with licence applicants under the Regulated Order areas there will be regular monitoring.
3. For many years, the mussel industry has been involved in research (financially and 'in kind') into good working practices that not only make production more efficient but that ensure requirements for environmental and conservation legislation are met. This will continue.

4. The proposed Fishery Order will not bring in any changes to the rights of landowners, stakeholders and other users of the designated area.
5. Finally, there are three other important points that should be taken into account. The cultivation of mussels is one of the most efficient methods of producing protein. We have a flagship industry in the Menai Strait we can be proud of that will go a long way in helping to produce affordable food for the future, for the people of Wales, the UK and for export. Also, mussels are a sink for excess carbon dioxide, which something of relevance to us all, and they help to improve water quality. Therefore, it is very important that this proposed Fishery Order be renewed.

## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Jim <jim@wfa-cpc.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 11:39  
**To:** Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales; Info@MSFOMA.org  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order  
**Attachments:** Menai Strait Fishery Order Consultation Response.docx

Please find attached the Consultation response from WFA-CPC for your consideration

Kind regards

Review response, draft letters to EIFCA,

MMO, Minister.



Welsh Fisherman's Association Ltd  
Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru Cyf

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Email to: [Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales](mailto:Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales)  
[Info@MSFOMA.org](mailto:Info@MSFOMA.org)

Subject: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

To Whom it May Concern

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed 'Menai Strait (East) Oyster & Mussel Fishery Order 2022.

On behalf of the Welsh Fisherman's Association – Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru Cyf (WFA-CPC), having had sight of the draft Welsh Statutory Instrument relating to the said Fishery Order 2022, we note that existing permitted/ licenced fishing activities and vessel transit remain unaffected within the Order area for the duration of the Several Fishery Lease or any Sub-lease within the Order area.

Based on our understanding of the proposed Fishery Order the WFA-CPC are pleased to confirm our support and best wishes for the future

Best Regards

Jim Evans

For and on behalf of  
Welsh Fisherman's Association – Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru Cyf

## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Jim <jim@wfa-cpc.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 15:28  
**To:** info@msfoma.org; Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales  
**Subject:** RE: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Afternoon Jim,

Just to be clear the support for the new Fishery Order was unanimously agreed by WFA Directors at our meeting on the evening of the 15/4/21.

Best.

Jim

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**From:** Jim Andrews (MSFOMA) <info@msfoma.org>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 13:34  
**To:** Jim <jim@wfa-cpc.co.uk>; Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales  
**Subject:** RE: Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Hi Jim

Many thanks indeed for your response and your support for the new Fishery Order, much appreciated.

Kind regards

Jim

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**From:** Jim <jim@wfa-cpc.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 11:39  
**To:** [Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales](mailto:Marine&Fisheries@gov.wales); [Info@MSFOMA.org](mailto:Info@MSFOMA.org)  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Please find attached the Consultation response from WFA-CPC for your consideration

Kind regards



## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Nick Salter <Nick.Salter@mcga.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 14:25  
**To:** 'info@msfoma.org'  
**Cc:** Helen Croxson  
**Subject:** RE: Eastern Menai Strait - Formal Consultation on new Fishery Order Begins, 8th April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the below email requesting our comments on the proposed fishing Order in the Menai Strait. On the understanding that the new Order will not impose any new restrictions or controls on existing day-to-day activities in the area, we have no objections.

Best regards,

Nick

**Nick Salter**  
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**From:** navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 09 April 2021 13:30  
**To:** Nick Salter <Nick.Salter@mcga.gov.uk>; Helen Croxson <Helen.Croxson@mcga.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Eastern Menai Strait - Formal Consultation on new Fishery Order Begins, 8th April 2021

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**From:** MSFOMA <[info@msfoma.org](mailto:info@msfoma.org)>  
**Sent:** 08 April 2021 16:54  
**To:** navigation safety <[navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk)>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 – Formal Consultation Under Schedule 1**  
**Eastern Menai Strait: New Fishery Order for Shellfish Farming**

I am writing to consult you on a proposal to make a new “Fishery Order” in the eastern Menai Strait. The purpose of this new Fishery Order is to enable shellfish farming to continue in the Menai Strait just as it does today when the existing Fishery Order expires next year.

The new Fishery Order has been drafted by the Welsh Ministers in response to a formal application submitted by the Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (“MSFOMA”) under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. The Welsh Ministers have instructed MSFOMA to carry out this consultation on the Draft Order.

The purpose of the new Fishery Order is to allow existing shellfish farming to continue in the eastern end of the Strait. The new Order will not impose any new restrictions or controls on existing day-to-day activities in the area. For shellfish farmers this new Fishery Order is vital for their future. For everyone else in the area it will be very much “business as usual”.

In accordance with the Ministers’ instructions, we are writing to consult with you and other interested parties. We have also issued Public Notices in the Fishing News, Western Mail and Daily Post, and have posted notices at locations around the eastern Menai Strait.

I attach a copy of the Public Notice for your information. Additional information, including an electronic copy of the [Draft Order](#) and map of the area concerned, is also available on the MSFOMA website ([www.msfoma.org](http://www.msfoma.org)). If you would like a paper copy of any of these documents please contact us and we will send them to you free of charge.

The consultation period for this Fishery Order will extend from **8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. If you have any comments that you would like the Minister to consider before making this Order, please can you send them to both Welsh Government and MSFOMA at the following addresses:-

- Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order, Marine and Fisheries Division, Welsh Government Office, Rhodfa Padarn, Aberystwyth, SY23 3UR (or by e-mail to [MarineAndFisheries@gov.Wales](mailto:MarineAndFisheries@gov.Wales) including the phrase “Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order” in the subject box).
- Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association, Port Penrhyn, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4HN (or by e-mail to [info@msfoma.org](mailto:info@msfoma.org) including the phrase “Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order” in the subject box).

We are very keen that this consultation should engage all people and organisations with an interest in the area. We attach a list of the organisations that we have written to today. If you are aware of any organisations missing from this list please do not hesitate to let us know and / or alert them directly to this consultation.

We very much look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries before responding please contact me.

If you have any queries, please contact me using the details below or by [e-mail](#).

Kind regards

Jim Andrews

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Annwyl Sir/Madam

**Deddf Pysgodfeydd Môr (Pysgod Cregyn) 1967 – Ymgynghoriad Ffurfiol o dan Atodlen 1**  
**Dwyrain Afon Menai: Gorchymyn Pysgodfa Newydd ar gyfer Ffermio Pysgod Cregyn**

Ysgrifennaf atoch i ymgynghori â chi ar argymhelliad i wneud “Gorchymyn Pysgodfa” newydd yn nwyrain Afon Menai. Diben y Gorchymyn Pysgodfa newydd hwn yw galluogi ffermio pysgod cregyn i barhau yn Afon Menai yn union fel y mae heddiw pan ddaw’r Gorchymyn Pysgodfeydd i ben y flwyddyn nesaf.

Drafftwyd y Gorchymyn Pysgodfa newydd gan Weinidogion Cymru mewn ymateb i gais ffurfiol a gyflwynwyd gan Gymdeithas Rheoli Gorchymyn Pysgodfa Afon Menai (“MSFOMA”) o dan Ddeddf Pysgodfeydd Môr (Pysgod Cregyn) 1967. Mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi rhoi cyfarwyddo MSFOMA i gynnal yr ymgynghoriad hwn ar y Gorchymyn Drafft.

Diben y Gorchymyn Pysgodfa newydd yw caniatáu i’r ffermio pysgod cregyn presennol barhau ar ben dwyreiniol Afon Menai. Ni fydd y Gorchymyn newydd yn gosod unrhyw gyfyngiadau na rheolaethau newydd ar weithgareddau dydd i ddydd sy’n bodoli yn yr ardal yn barod. Mae’r Gorchymyn Pysgodfa newydd hwn yn hanfodol i ddyfodol ffermwyr pysgod cregyn. I bawb arall yn yr ardal, “busnes fel arfer” ydyw.

Yn unol â chyfarwyddiadau’r Gweinidogion, rydym yn ysgrifennu atoch i ymgynghori â chi a phartïon eraill sydd â diddordeb. Rydym hefyd wedi cyhoeddi Hysbysiadau Cyhoeddus yn y Fishing News, Western Mail a’r Daily Post, ac wedi postio hysbysiadau mewn lleoliadau o amgylch dwyrain Afon Menai. Amgaeaf gopi o’r hysbysiad hwn, er gwybodaeth i chi. Mae gwybodaeth ychwanegol, gan gynnwys copi electoring o’r [Gorchymyn Drafft](#) a map o’r ardal dan sylw hefyd ar gael ar wefan MSFOMA ([www.msfoma.org](http://www.msfoma.org)). Os hoffech gael copi papur o unrhyw un o’r dogfennau hyn, cysylltwch â ni a byddwn yn eu hanfon atoch yn rhad ac am ddim.

Bydd y cyfnod ymgynghori ar gyfer y Gorchymyn Pysgodfa yn ymestyn o **8 Ebrill 2021 – 8 Mai 2021**. Os oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau yr hoffech i’r Gweinidog ei ystyried cyn gwneud y Gorchymyn hwn, a fydddech cystal â’u hanfon at Lywodraeth Cymru ac MSFOMA i’r cyfeiriadau post canlynol:-

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- Cymdeithas Rheoli Gorchymyn Pysgodfa Afon Menai. Porth Penrhyn, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 4HN (neu drwy e-bost [iinfo@msfoma.org](mailto:iinfo@msfoma.org) a chynnwys y frawddeg “Afon Menai (Dwyrain) Gorchymyn Pysgodfa Arfaethedig yn y blwch testun).

Rydym yn hynod awyddus i’r ymgynghoriad hwn ymgysylltu â phawb, yn bobl a sefydliadau sydd â diddordeb yn y maes. Atodwn restr o’r sefydliadau yr ydym wedi ysgrifennu atynt heddiw. Os ydych yn ymwybodol o unrhyw sefydliad sydd heb ei chynnwys ar y rhestr, yna byddem yn ddiolchgar pe bydddech yn rhoi gwybod i ni a/neu gadael iddynt wybod yn uniongyrchol am yr ymgynghoriad hwn.

Edrychwn ymlaen yn fawr iawn at glywed gennych. Os oes gennych chi unrhyw gwestiynau neu ymholiadau, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi.

Cofion cynnes

Jim Andrews

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**Attachments:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order\_NWWT.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached North Wales Wildlife Trust's representation to consultation:

### **Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 – Formal Consultation Under Schedule 1 Eastern Menai Strait: New Fishery Order for Shellfish Farming**

In summary:

**NWWT supports the careful use of the Menai Strait for shellfish cultivation and support MSFOMA's application for renewal of the Fishery Order.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish further information.

Kind Regards

Nia

Nia Haf Jones  
Living Seas Manager, North Wales Wildlife Trust

CC: Gina Mills, Chair (NWWT Marine Advisory Group)

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## Response via e-mail:

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30/04/2021

To Whom it May Concern,

### **Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 – Formal Consultation Under Schedule 1 Eastern Menai Strait: New Fishery Order for Shellfish Farming submitted by the Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (“MSFOMA”).**

North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT) are the only local organisation dedicated to conserving all habitats and species across North Wales for the enjoyment of people and the benefit of wildlife. We work with 45 other Wildlife Trusts, and are part of the largest voluntary organisation dedicated to conserving all of the UK's habitats and species, whether in the countryside, towns or at sea. We improve places for wildlife, and strengthen the relationship between people and the natural environment of North Wales by promoting its value to local people. Our aim is to protect and create resilient ecosystems on land and in the sea. The following representation is collated and presented on behalf of NWWT's Marine Advisory Group (MAG).

The Menai Strait has long been known for its rich variety of marine life, recognised by the fact that in 2004 it was designated as a marine Special Area of Conservation (SAC), confirming it as one of the most important sites for marine wildlife in Europe. The area also has a number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which reflect the national importance of the area for marine wildlife. Two Special Protection Areas (SPA) also occur within the Menai Strait, at Traeth Lafan and Puffin Island, recognising the importance of the area for a variety of bird species.

Due to its sheltered environment and strong currents the eastern Menai Strait offers a suitable site for shellfish growing. Historically, the Menai Strait would have supported a large number of shellfish and there are natural beds nearby. The re-laying of mussels has increased the overall area dominated by mussels in the low shore and subtidal. Studies have shown that the mussel dominated ground is slightly more biodiverse than the "natural" seabed and also supports other wildlife as a food source. During filter feeding they extract particulate matter from the sea water and produce faecal and pseudofaecal pellets which generally accumulate as mussel mud on the seabed. In the process they have a major role in controlling the level of suspended sediment in the Strait and may actually be beneficial to water clarity. It has been estimated that the mussels in the recent past filtered approximately a third of the residual flow (net flow of water which exits at the Southern end) of the Menai Strait.

### **NWWT supports the careful use of the Menai Strait for shellfish cultivation and support MSFOMA's application for renewal of the Fishery Order.**

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the need for the enhancement of water quality in the Menai Strait.



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NWWT considers that current water quality of the Menai Strait is unsatisfactory. This is particularly relevant to the shellfish industry as their exports to Europe are now intimately linked to water quality.

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and European Commission have confirmed that live bivalve molluscs can continue to be exported if they are harvested from Class A waters. Currently, water quality in the Menai Strait is classified as B. In addition, the Menai Strait and rivers flowing into it are subjected to a significant number of storm water overflow events which can impact water quality.

It is very likely that additional measures to prevent at least some of these overflows would be required to improve water quality sufficiently to reach an A grade water quality which would also have an overall benefit for the Strait. However, additional measures relating to agricultural pollution would almost certainly be required particularly due to agriculture being a significant source of e-coli and other pollutants.

NWWT believes that the nature conservation status of the Menai Strait would benefit significantly from the same improvements in water quality needed by the shellfish industry.

We'd like to thank you for taking our views into consideration and should you wish any further information or clarification please feel free to contact me.

Your faithfully



Nia Hâf Jones

Living Seas Manager  
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Dear Sirs

Please find attached NRW's formal response to the recent consultation regarding the Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order. We trust you will find it helpful and we look forward to continuing to work with you regarding the proposal. If you have any specific queries regarding the response, please do get in touch with Colin Charman in the first instance. Colin has been copied into this email.

Yours faithfully

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In light of recent events, I am currently working from home and as such not contactable on the phone. If you need to get in touch, please email me and I will respond as quickly as possible.

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Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order  
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## BY EMAIL

04 May 2021

Dear Welsh Government,

### Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

1. The Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (the Grantee) have applied to the Welsh Government for a new Regulating and Several Order, under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 (as amended). This order would confer on them both the right of regulating a fishery and of a several fishery for blue mussel and oyster in the eastern Menai Strait.
2. Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the draft text of the Menai Strait (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order 2022 (2022 Order).
3. The following comments are made in the context of NRW's role as the Appropriate Nature Conservation Body under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended (2017 Regulations) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
4. Explanatory note, Paragraph 1 states 'the prescribed species are mussels and oysters'. For the avoidance of doubt could the full scientific names of the species be included here.
5. *Mytilus edulis* (or blue mussel) is defined at 'species' level within Article 2, Interpretation. However, oyster is defined at 'family' level, 'ostreidae', which includes

over 100 species of oysters. It would be preferable to identify the species of oyster to be farmed in the 2022 Order, even if more than one.

6. NRW support the inclusion of processes within the 2022 Order which require Welsh Ministers to have regards to the impacts on both the 'special area of conservation' and the 'marine environment' before they consent to the:
  - Designation of an area (Article 5(4) b and c);
  - Cancellation of a designation (Article 7(3) b and c);
  - Granting of a lease (Article 9(3) b and c); and
  - Regulations made by the Grantee under Article 20 (Article 21(3) b and c).
7. Before consenting to any of the above, the Welsh Ministers as Competent Authority under Article 7 of the 2017 Regulations are required to complete a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) under Article 63 of the 2017 Regulations.
8. NRW advise the interpretation of 'special area of conservation' as the Menai Strait and Conwy Bay Special Area of Conservation is too narrow in scope with respect to the HRA process.
9. While it is acknowledged that the proposed boundaries of the Fishery Order are wholly within the Menai Strait and Conwy Bay Special Area of Conservation, the potential impacts from proposed fishery activities could affect a range of mobile species protected under other national site network designations. These mobile species will need to be considered within any HRA. Other sites in the national site network that would need to be considered could include but are not limited to:
  - Traeth Lafan Special Protection Area (oystercatcher)
  - Liverpool Bay Special Protection Area (red-throated diver, common scoter etc.)
  - North Anglesey Marine Special Area of Conservation (harbour porpoise)
  - Pen Llŷn ar Sarnau Special Area of Conservation (bottlenose dolphin)
10. Further, if any of the activities associated with the 2022 Order potentially affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) then Welsh Ministers should notify NRW and request advice under Section 28I of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
11. To address points 8 to 10 above, NRW advise the relevant parts of the 2022 Order referenced in point 6 above that relate to Welsh Ministers roles are amended to include a consideration of impacts on the wider national site network and SSSIs.
12. The 2022 Order needs to explain what the intent of the consideration of impacts on the 'marine environment' means in practice. For example, does it include impacts on landscape, seascape, navigation etc. and if so, under what statutory processes?

13. The reference in Article 2, Interpretation, of the 2022 Order to 'regulation 11 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010' needs updating to regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations.
14. When the Grantee is exercising their licensing functions under Articles 16 and 20 of the 2022 Order, they must have regard to the impact the licensed activities they authorise on the 'special area of conservation' and the 'marine environment'. Does this mean the Grantee is also a Competent Authority under Article 7 of the 2017 Regulations?
15. Additionally, NRW also advise that reference to 'special area of conservation' in Article 16 is updated to include a consideration of impacts on the wider national site network and SSSIs.
16. NRW, in line with Welsh Government's position on INNS, discourage the farming of invasive non-native species (INNS) such as Pacific oyster. Welsh Government support a strong emphasis on the prevention of introduction of INNS in the marine environment. Any proposed shellfish development in Wales, in addition to complying with current regulations<sup>1</sup>, needs to satisfy the conservation objectives of all features within that particular area, as specified in the 2017 Regulations. The adoption of an INNS management strategy containing preventative monitoring and eradicating measures should also be required as a condition of granting a lease or approving regulations made by the Grantee.
17. The farming of Pacific oyster would need to be fully considered in the relevant HRA process. Our initial advice here is without prejudice to later advice we may provide on those considerations.
18. Finally, there are a few minor typographical errors:
- Mytilus edulis is spelt incorrectly in Article 2, Interpretation.
  - Lease is spelt incorrectly in Article 11
  - Licensee is spelt incorrectly in Articles 17 and 18.
  - Publicly is spelt incorrectly in Article 22.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> [The Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2011](#)

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To whom it may concern

I refer to your recent "Notice for the Eastern Menai Strait – Formal Consultation on the new Fishery Order" and a request for responses by the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

As you note the purpose of the new Fishery Order is to allow existing shellfish farming to continue in the eastern end of the Strait. The new Order will not impose any new restrictions or controls on existing day-to-day activities in the area. For shellfish farmers this new Fishery Order is vital for their future. For everyone else in the area it will be very much "business as usual".

The County Council has no objections to this Order.

If you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards  
Gwenllian

**Gwenllian D Owen**

***Rheolwr Economi Ymwelwyr ac Ardal Arfordirol***

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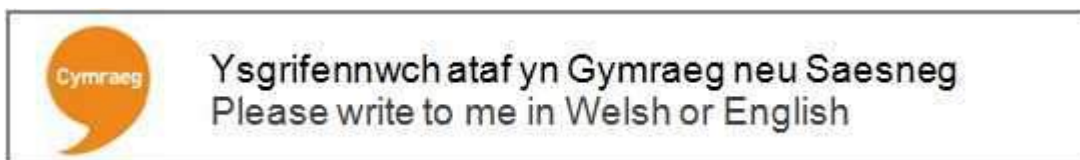
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Dear Sir,

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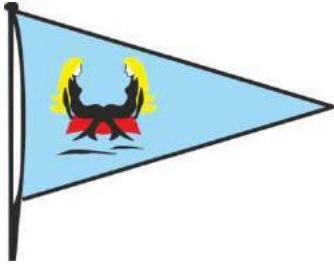
Please find attached the response of the North West Venturers Yacht Club to the above consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Hopkinson,

Secretary,  
North West Venturers Yacht Club





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Dear Sirs,

**Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 – Formal Consultation Under Schedule 1  
Eastern Menai Strait: New Fishery Order for Shellfish Farming**

I am writing on behalf of the North West Venturers Yacht Club Ltd. (NWVYC) in response to the above consultation.

The NWVYC is situated at the Eastern end of the Menai Strait, South West of Beaumaris. The aims of the club are to encourage cruising in sailing boats and the study of the principles of Navigation and Seamanship. We have 140 members, sailing 71 cruising yachts, many of which are based in the Menai Strait.

Our concern relates to the moorings in the Straits which are situated within the Fishery. The lessor of the moorings is Ynys Mon County Council. We request that the Minister consider the points below before renewing the Fishery Order as it stands. The NWVYC propose that areas leased to moorings are removed from the designation of the above order before it is renewed. The future of our club in Beaumaris depends upon the provision of moorings in the Strait.

1. The NWVYC have no wish to damage the business of the mussel/oyster fishermen who farm the Eastern End of the Strait. We appreciate that the fishery is important to the economic well-being of the area.
2. Many NWVYC members lease moorings, both drying and deep-water, within the Eastern end of the Menai Strait. All the deep water moorings and some of the drying moorings are within the boundary of the Fishery. The availability of deep water moorings is essential to members with fin keeled boats.
3. In order to ensure the sustainability of our club into the future, it is essential that we are able to recruit new members. The continuing availability of moorings, both deep water and drying, in the Eastern Strait encourages the recruitment of new members.

In addition, our member's moorings are used by visitors to the area when they are vacant.

4. Uncertainty over the area within the fishery order that is leased to moorings could inhibit investment, both by our club, related businesses and more widely.
5. Whilst, in the short term, we welcome the promise of the mussel fishermen not to lift the moorings within the Fishery, having certainty of the long term position would enable the NWVYC to make better decisions for the future. In different circumstances, or if a new business were to take over the mussel fishery, this promise may not be upheld. Following Brexit, the business which currently operates the mussel fishery is stating that they cannot continue within the new regulations.
6. The mussel fishermen are not currently cultivating, and never have cultivated the ground within the Fishery leased to moorings, nor do they maintain it in any way. This begs the question - Why does the fishery wish to retain control of an area they have no intention of farming?

Whilst the above points relate specifically to the NWVYC, it also needs to be understood that many of the moorings are leased to other businesses and individuals. The boating and tourist community collectively contribute much to the economic viability of the area, and this would be lost, should the moorings be lifted.

Yours sincerely,

*Margaret Hopkinson*

Margaret Hopkinson,  
Secretary ,  
North West Venturers Yacht Club Ltd..

## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Sir Richard Bulkeley <bulkeley@btconnect.com>  
**Sent:** 05 May 2021 11:27  
**To:** info@msfoma.org; Richard Williams-Bulkeley  
**Subject:** Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 – Formal Consultation Under Schedule 1,,Eastern Menai Strait: New Fishery Order for Shellfish Farming  
**Attachments:** Scan\_20210505.pdf

Dear Mr Winstone

Thank you for writing to me about the consultation.

Now that the proposed Marina at Gallows Point has been kyboshed, my only concern is that foreshore belonging to the Baron Hill Estate by virtue of a conveyance from the Board of Trade in 1928 is not included within the boundary of the proposed Fishery Order.

It was originally included circa 1967 and there was a palaver to get it removed. Thus, I don't want to have further expense in sorting things out.

Please could you also ask the various mussel fishery fishermen, with rights adjacent to our foreshore, to stop trespassing on it.

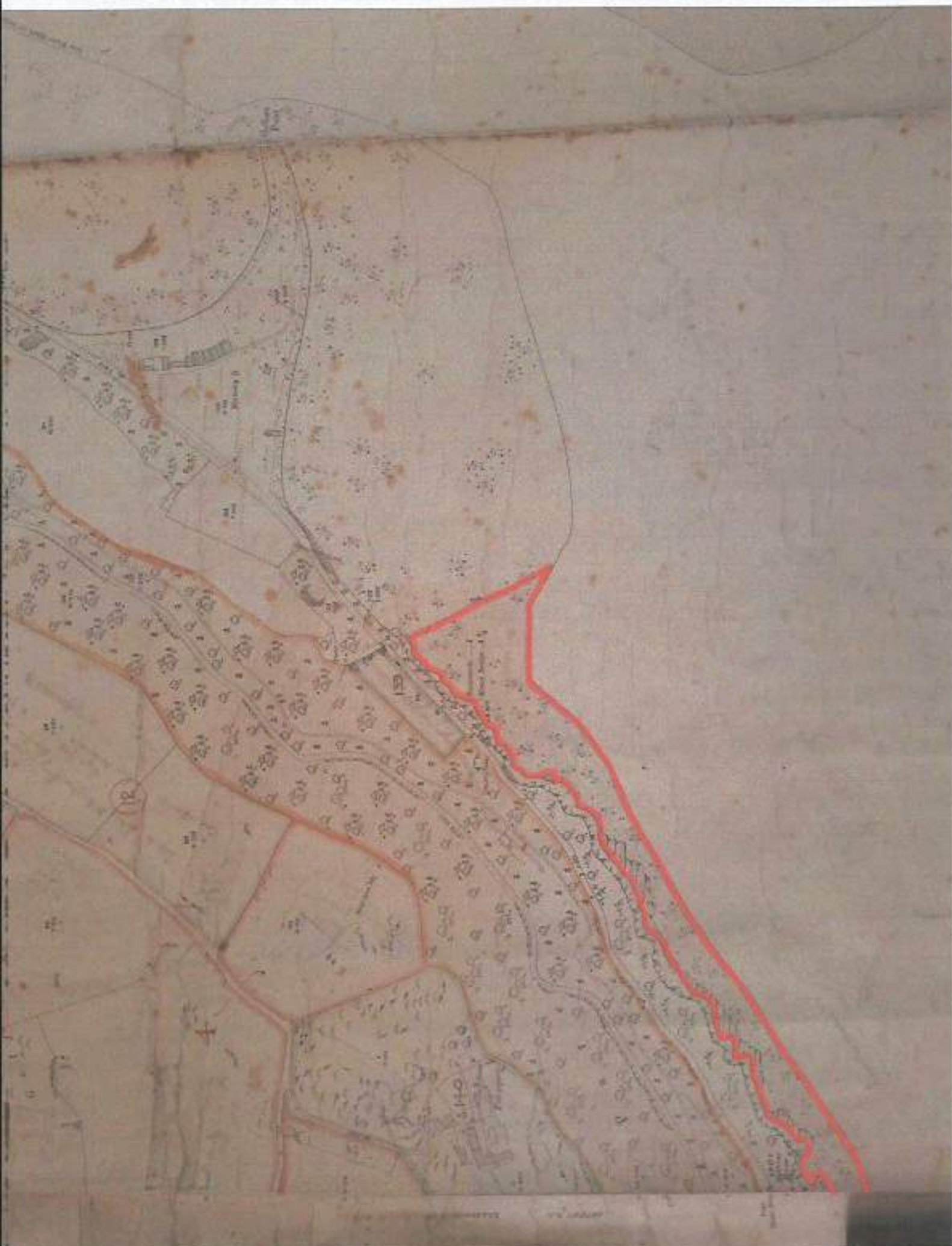
The area of the Baron Hill foreshore is marked ORANGE on the attached plan.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley Bt.

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Mike Butterfield <pmbutterfield@msn.com>  
**Sent:** 05 May 2021 10:49  
**To:** marineandfisheries@gov.wales; Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order.

As Commodore of The Conway Club Cruising Association I write to object to the proposed fishery, as designated.

1. I wonder if at the appropriate time with environmental legislation and protected marine areas nearby if it is still satisfactory to dredge the seabed, causing damage. Long strips of discoloured water can be seen in the sea following dredging.
2. There have been damage to the sandbanks in the area, in that the mouth of the River Ogwen has been diverted and the profile of the sandbanks off Beaumaris have changed with consequences that have not been established.
3. I wonder what effect the fishery has on the cockles and if the two are not compatible and there should be no order over the cockle beds.
4. Clearly there cannot be a fishery in the navigable channel and this area should be removed from the Fishery. I believe the current navigation marks are not permitted in a Fishery.
5. Beaumaris Pier has been extended and this area needs to be removed from any fishery.
6. In the bay opposite Beaumaris, it is shown on the Admiralty chart as an area you can anchor, this is not possible in a Fishery and the area should be removed.
7. RAYC have racing buoys (6) in the area and these cannot be laid in a fishery so areas to accommodate this should be removed from the fishery.
8. All the Moorings in Beaumaris Bay leased from the Council lie in the Fishery. This area has never been cultivated and the area to the North of the Channel in Beaumaris should be removed from the Fishery to Gallows point.
9. There are currently moorings by Glyn Garth and these need to be protected by removing them from the Fishery.
10. There are mooring to the South of Bangor Pier (mainland side) and this area should be removed from the fishery.

Basically the Fishery if it were to be granted, at all, should be of a reduced area taking all the above into account, accommodating the other users as is required under the Welsh Marine Plan.

Mike Butterfield  
Beaumaris.

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## Jim Andrews

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**From:** Michelle.Billing@gov.wales  
**Sent:** 11 May 2021 08:08  
**To:** jim@awjmarine.co.uk  
**Subject:** FW: Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order Consultation  
**Attachments:** 05 05 2021 Response Letter Menai East .doc

Morning Jim,

Formal response from Nigel Robinson, The Cruising Association. Forwarded with permission from Nigel. As discussed yesterday, I have 2 letters received via the office and have a reply to send to one other who objected to their email being forwarded to you.

I have asked Claire's view on this because if the Order goes to public inquiry the details would likely be made available during the process. I'll get back to you as soon as I hear from Claire, hopefully later today. I'm not available 10 – 2 today as I am brushing up on my subordinate legislation making skills, but will be around after until 3:15 if there is anything from your meeting with MSFOMA yesterday I need to know.

Regards,  
'Chelle

**Michelle Billing**  
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**From:** Durns, Louise (ESNR - ERA - Marine & Fisheries) <Louise.Durns@gov.wales> **On Behalf Of** Marine And Fisheries  
**Sent:** 07 May 2021 09:18  
**To:** Billing, Michelle (ESNR - ERA - Marine & Fisheries) <Michelle.Billing@gov.wales>  
**Subject:** FW: Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order Consultation

## Louise Durns

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**From:** Nigel Robinson <[pnjr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pnjr@hotmail.co.uk)>  
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**Subject:** Menai Straits (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order Consultation

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your detailed response to requests regarding the EIA and HRA.  
Please find attached our response to the Consultation. We are happy for you to forward a copy to MSFOMA.

In summary we object to the renewal of the Fishery Order with its present boundary but would have no objection to a renewal if the boundaries were moved to exclude the present licenced moorings.

Yours Faithfully  
Nigel Robinson  
for the Regulation and Technical Services Committee  
of the Cruising Association

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### Menai Strait (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order 2022

I refer to the consultation on the renewal of the existing Fishery Order for a further 35 years.

The existing Fishery Order has long been a cause for contention between the users of many moorings in the North Eastern Menai Strait and the Mussel fishery.

The satellite image overleaf shows the many moorings which currently lie within the boundary of the fishery (which looks like it was taken early in the season and so significantly underestimates the number of moorings affected). These moorings are on the northern side of the deep water channel and are in an area which has never been used for mussel cultivation and where moorings were located prior to the 1962 order.

As things stand the grantee could apply to include the area of the moorings within the several fishery area and it would be open to the minister to determine this without formal consultation. This effectively leaves a sword of Damocles hanging over the future use of the moorings and sailing based in Beaumaris.

Clearly the most satisfactory solution to the problem would be to redefine the northern boundary of the fishery to the southern side of the area containing all currently licensed moorings off the Anglesey shoreline..

In Beaumaris Bay this would logically be to move the boundary from the northern side of the navigable channel to the southern side. This would have an additional benefit of allowing the Port Hand Markers of the channel to act as markers for the northern boundary of the fishery in this area.

Over the years the grantees have provided assurances that the areas in question are not used and will not be used for mussel cultivation. While such assurances are welcome we must be mindful of the fact that the new order is to last for 35 years, during which time much will change, including very possibly the ownership of the fisheries.





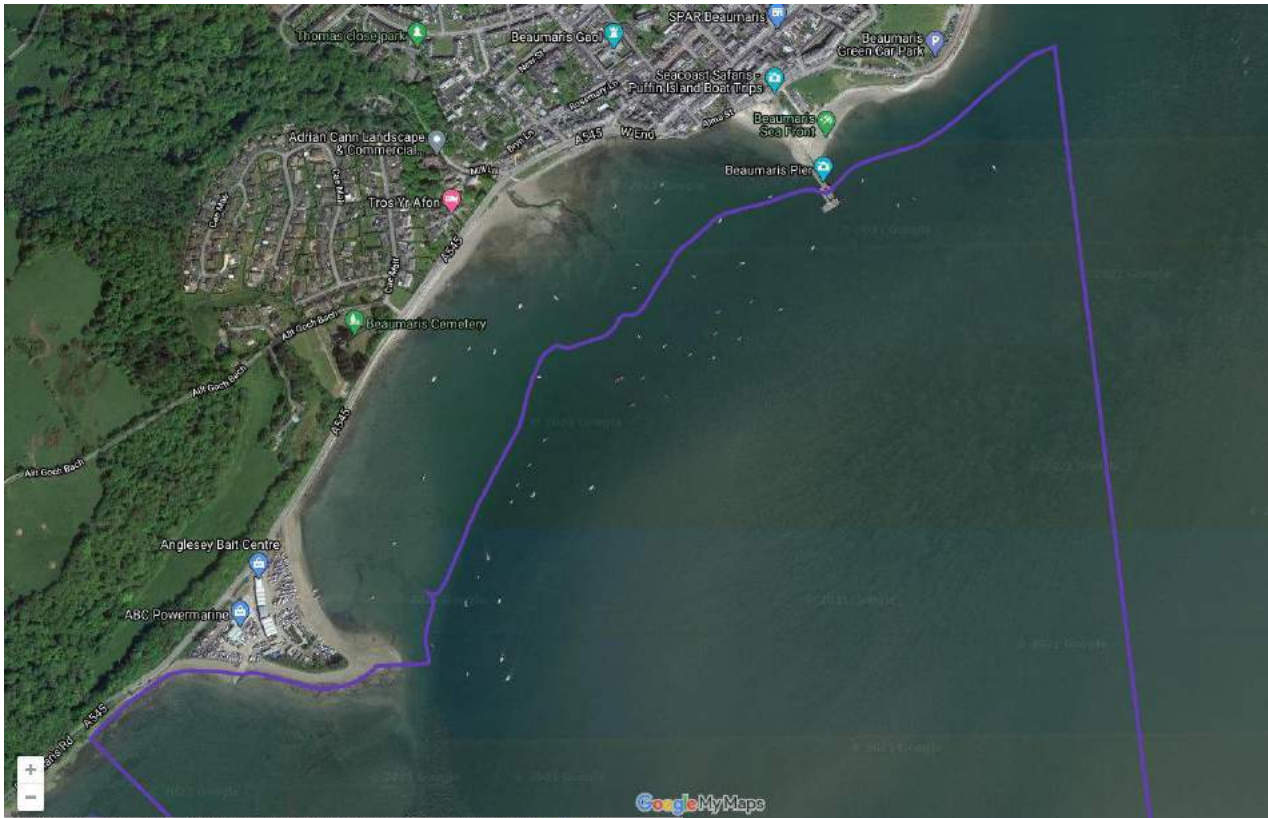
So to change the boundaries as proposed would cause no detriment to the mussel fishing industry but it would resolve a longstanding issue.

In summary we object to the renewal of the fishery with its present boundary but would not object to a renewal if the boundaries were moved to exclude licensed moorings.

Yours faithfully

Nigel Robinson

For the Regulation and Technical Services Committee of the CA



## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Michelle.Billing@gov.wales  
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### Michelle Billing

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**To:** Billing, Michelle (ESNR - ERA - Marine & Fisheries) <Michelle.Billing@gov.wales>  
**Subject:** FW: Menai straits (east) proposed fishery order.

## Louise Durns

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**To:** Marine And Fisheries <[MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales](mailto:MarineAndFisheries@gov.wales)>  
**Subject:** Menai straits (east) proposed fishery order.

As a resident of the Garth area I'd like to register my objection to any expansion to the existing mussel beds and including what is known as drying seeding beds, as these beds did not exist until the expansion of the mussel business in the Menai Straits. These seeding beds have been reseeded season on season and an unnatural bed has formed which has altered the drainage of the Hreal bay and garth point mud flat's. In my opinion, this has altered the mud flat's to a wet slimy sticky mess instead of the firm compacted mud flat's off the past. I have also noticed a decline, if not vanishing, wild life in this area as I have seen no more flounder , plaice , eels , worm casts and wading birds.

Not to mention the fact that the beds are way too close to the beautiful Victorian pier and are proposing new beds in the Siliwen area which has small craft moorings . Furthermore, the beautiful golden Lafan sands are slowly being swallowed by the mismanagement and expansion of the mussel beds.

The mussel industry in the East Menai straits must be managed to prevent the further loss of natural sands, mudflats and the biodiversity of the Menai Strait.

Yours sincerely,  
R. E. Williams

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** WILLIAMS, Hywel <hywel.williams.mp@parliament.uk>  
**Sent:** 06 May 2021 16:25  
**To:** MSFOMA  
**Subject:** RE: Eastern Menai Strait - Consultation on new Fishery Order after Easter

Dear Jim

As you will know Sian is not an elected member at present and she has asked me to reply on her behalf.

I am glad of your reassurance that this order is a continuation of the current arrangements to allow shellfish farming. I have read the order (as a complete layman in this matter) and have no specific comments to make. I will respond to the Welsh government as well to press the need for continuity and stability for the shellfish industry at this crucially difficult time.

Both Sian and myself are greatly concerned though by the unforced troubles foisted on the industry this year. For your information I have done a good deal of work on Brexit over the last three years as a one time member of the Brexit Select Committee and my party's Westminster speaker on the matter. I cannot recall a single mention of the potential blow to shellfish farming during that period. To the contrary the narrative was all about the huge opportunities that would open up.

I sincerely hope that these troubles can be resolved soon and will continue to press the government in Westminster for early action.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Hywel

Hywel Williams AS MP  
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**From:** MSFOMA <info@msfoma.org>  
**Sent:** 01 April 2021 13:48  
**To:** WILLIAMS, Hywel <hywel.williams.mp@parliament.uk>  
**Subject:** Eastern Menai Strait - Consultation on new Fishery Order after Easter

Dear Hywel

I am writing on behalf of the Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (MSFOMA) to let you know about a formal consultation that we are due to start next week that may be of interest to you.

Just after Easter we will be publishing a new "Draft Fishery Order" for the eastern Menai Strait. The proposed new Order will allow shellfish farming to continue in the eastern Menai Strait. It will replace the existing Order that was made in 1962 and which is due to expire at the end of March 2022.

The proposed new Order has been drafted by Welsh Government. Its only purpose is to allow existing shellfish farming to continue in the eastern end of the Strait. The new Order will not impose any new restrictions or controls

on existing day-to-day activities in the area. For shellfish farmers this new Fishery Order is vital for their future. For everyone else in the area it will be very much "business as usual".

We have put some background information about the proposal to renew this Fishery Order on our website already, which you can access [here](#).

The public consultation on the new Fishery Order will run for a month, ending in early May. Right now we are working to put all of the arrangements in place for the consultation. Next week we will be publishing notices in the Daily Post, Western Mail, and Fishing News and also sending out information by e-mail and post.

We are very keen to ensure that everyone with an interest in the area gets a chance to find out about the proposed new Fishery Order and to participate in the consultation, which is why we are writing to you now.

- If you are happy for us to consult you, there is no need to do a thing - we will send you an e-mail next week to explain the proposal in more detail and to let you know how you can register your response.
- If you don't want us to contact you, please just click on this link to [unsubscribe](#) from our mailing list (if you change your mind you can add your details again later [here](#)).
- If you have friends or colleagues in the area who you think might be interested in this consultation, please do not hesitate to forward this message to them or to put us in touch with them.

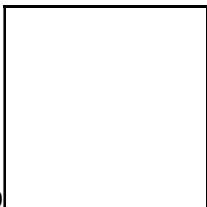
If you have any queries, please contact me using the details below or by [e-mail](#).

Kind regards

Jim Andrews

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** James Wilson <jamesmussels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 06 May 2021 17:43  
**To:** MSFOMA; MarineandFisheries@gov.wales  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Dear Sir / Madam

I am one of the existing mussel farmers within the boundaries of the existing fishery order. This order, granted for a period of sixty year in 1962 (as amended in 1964), experienced periods of great activity interspersed by periods of little. Such is the way when working with the natural flows and cycles of the environment.

The cultivation of bivalve molluscs such as mussels is widely acknowledged as one the more environmentally benign ways of producing animal based protein - it falls within the description of activities described as extensive cultivation - that is, it is reliant on nature to provide the seed mussels settlements on which the activity depends, the food for mussels to consume as they grow and the substrate for the mussel to attach to, as they hunker down from some of the ravages of the weather and predation. Our intervention mostly consists of the application of informed husbandry practice and the regular introduction of the juvenile seed mussel to the growing plots. The rest is left to nature.

That this organic and sustainable activity has been able to employ the many people it has over the period of the current order, has been a part of the production of an enviable and detailed research evidence base and has produced many tens of thousands of tonnes of substantia of highly nutritious food is pretty much entirely down to the existence of the legal mechanism provides for through the application of a Fishery order. This has allowed for the natural periodic cycles of the environment to be accommodated within the operational planning of the undertakings who have been engaged in cultivation, allowing decisions to be made on the basis of balance between the long term good and any pressing short term need.

The Menai Strait is an area long known for its bewildering beauty, of precious natural jewels. IT is however also an area that has demonstrated the much more modern concept of spatial mutli use over many decades, with mussel cultivation co-existing alongside all the other users of the area, both leisure and commercial, all without adversely impacting on the overall amenity values associated with this special place. None of which occur with a compromise to the natural environment on which they all depend.

The provision of a new order will allow for the next generation of shellfish cultivators to come and apply their practices, develop new approaches and technologies and maybe even continue to enhance the wider research base and understanding, whilst knowing that they too will not be forced into a corner of making hasty decisions associated with any tenure utilization of the ground.

Of course I wholeheartedly support the application to provide for the new fishery order.

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Yours sincerely

James Wilson

## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**Sent:** 07 May 2021 10:56  
**To:** info@msfoma.org; MarineandFisheries@gov.Wales  
**Subject:** Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Dear Sir / Madam

I have leases from MSFOMA which entitle me to grow mussels in the eastern Menai Strait, these leases are granted under the 1962 order which is due to expire next March. This order was created after the experimental station established by MAFF in Conwy identified the potential to significantly increase shellfish production in the Strait. They were not wrong and the Menai had been a significant producer of seafood for the last 60 years. The benefits of shellfish farming are many. There are proven ecological and economic advantages. Collaboration with the university on several projects has paid dividends and the “enhanced” fishery in the Menai was the first in the world to achieve MSC status. I hear a lot of chit chat from certain factions in the yachting fraternity, it is all based on misunderstanding of what a fishery order actually is. We had to defend the order from a developer some time ago. The case went all the way through the courts and ended up in the House of Lords. The order was upheld! It is imperative that a new order is granted so that we can continue business as usual. Kim Mould, Myti Mussels Ltd. Bangor.

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## Jim Andrews (MSFOMA)

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**From:** Richard Hill <Richard.Hill@rya.org.uk>  
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**To:** MarineAndFisheries@gov.Wales  
**Cc:** info@msfoma.org  
**Subject:** MENAI STRAIT (EAST) PROPOSED FISHERY ORDER  
**Attachments:** RYA Menai-East- Fisheries Order.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir,

Please find attached our representation to the Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order

Best regards

Richard

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14 May 2021

Dear Sir,

### **Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 (as amended) Menai Strait (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order 2022**

The following is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) response to the *Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 (as amended) Menai Strait (East) Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order 2022* consultation.

The Menai Strait is an important recreational waterway both in terms of providing a shorter passage between Conwy, Bardsey Island and Ceredigion Bay; but also in its own right. The existing and proposed Order area lies within a moderate to high-moderate intensity recreation use region for craft using the North Wales coastal route.

It should be noted that the RYA bases recreational intensity on Automatic Identification System (AIS) returns for the area (over multiple years). In addition, we have reviewed the 2017 AIS tracks as an indication of routes taken by recreational craft. This is the most recent year of full AIS data for the area, provided by the MMO, and broadly accords with the RYA AIS intensity data (Figure 1). The 2017 data indicates that approximately 15% of vessels, equipped with AIS, that pass through the Order area are recreational craft.

It is likely that in this area less than 10-15% of recreational craft carry AIS<sup>1</sup>, so it is probable that recreational activity will be higher and more extensive than the AIS indicates. This is denoted by the identification of the Menai Strait as a General Boating Area by local clubs for craft not equipped with AIS (Figure 2).

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<sup>1</sup> Based upon a RYA survey of North Wales clubs and cruising clubs in the Liverpool area for the Morlais Marine Licence and Transport and Works Act Order application.



FIGURE 1: MENAI STRAITS (EAST)  
RYA RECREATIONAL INTENSITY

RECREATIONAL AIS  
INTENSITY

LOW

Low-Medium

Medium-Low

Medium

Medium-High

High

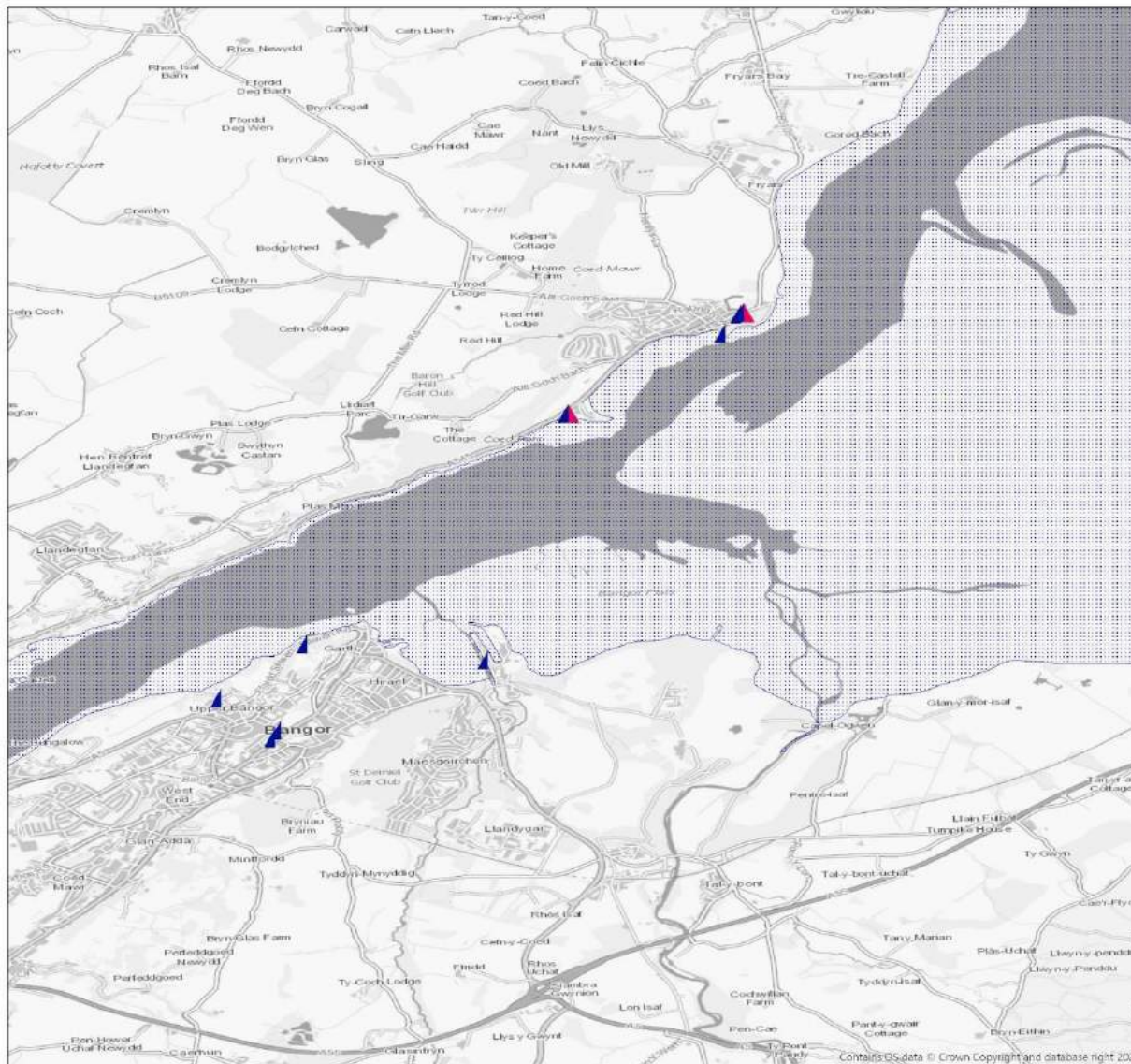


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**FIGURE 2: MENAI STRAITS (EAST)**  
**RYA GENERAL BOATING AREA**

- GENERAL BOATING AREA
- RYA CLUB
- RYA TRAINING CENTRE



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Clubs in the area include: the Royal Anglesey Yacht Club, North West Ventures Yacht Club, University College of Wales Bangor Sailing Club and Menai Bridge Boat Club. It is likely that clubs and training establishments in the western half of the Straits also use the Order area (e.g. Plas Menai). Smaller recreational craft (<25 metres) are likely to range more widely within the area, particularly at high tide across Bangor Flats/ Traeth Lafan.

Combined, the General Boating Area and AIS data indicates that fisheries activity and recreational traffic may pose a navigational hazard to each other. The RYA notes that Article 16 requires the Grantee to have regard to matters when exercising their licensing functions. Given the recreational use of the area, the RYA recommend that Article 16 include:

(c) Safety of Navigation.

The RYA note that Article 22 places a duty to keep a publicly available illustrative map of the Order area. To minimise potential inadvertent conflicts between uses, particularly fundus/ seabed/ landowners and lease holders, the RYA recommends that the map should include leases within the area (e.g. moorings). Similarly, we recommend that Article 16 include:

(d) Other fundus/ leaseholders.

We recommend that Article 16 support Article 26 on this issue. However, it should be noted that one of our affiliated clubs, North West Ventures, has indicated that their area of moorings in Beaumaris Bay should be excluded from the Fishery Order Area. The Club will be responding on their own behalf.

Please do not hesitate to contact the RYA if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours Faithfully,



Richard Hill

**Planning and Environment Officer**

CC:

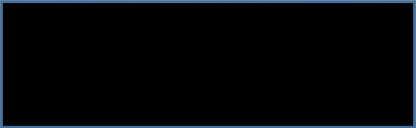
Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association  
Port Penrhyn  
Bangor  
Gwynedd  
LL57 4HN



Dear Sir.

I wish to object to the  
marine strait (East) proposal.  
The area they fish now is  
big enough without spoiling  
another area of the sea

Yours faithfully

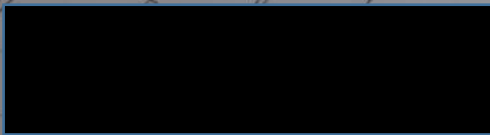




Dear Sir

Re the Marine Strait (East) proposal  
fishing order. My husband and I wish  
to object strongly. We have lived in  
Garth for fifty years. Our house overlooks  
Herael Bay, Penryn Port, and the Strait.  
When we first came to Bangor we took  
the children by boat to Lavar Sands  
for the day. The sands have gone and  
what is left is like the surface of  
the moon. There is also a nasty  
scum on the sea, due to the mussels  
I am told.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]

11<sup>th</sup> May

Menai Strait (East) Proposed Fishery Order  
Marine and Fisheries Division  
Welsh Government Office  
Rhodfa Padarn  
Aberystwyth SY23 3UR

Sir,

I write to you because I believe this to be a major matter for the Welsh Assembly and ask you not to extend temporal life of the Menai Strait East Fishery which should not be allowed in an SSI an SPA and SAC.

The Fishery is unsatisfactory in it's Commerce, Contribution to the Green policy, Ecology, Effect on local trade, and Governance

Commerce The waters of the East Menai Strait are not pure. Mussel fishermen used to run purification tanks at Bangor, but changed to using Dutch waters for cleansing. There are reports of Dutch objections to this in the past and, post-Brexit, the fishermen can no longer do this.

There would be no point in authorising a Fishery from which the products could not be offered for sale

UK's green policy The "Marine Conservation Society" and "Rewilding Britain" seek the ending of bottom trawling or dredging which, if banned from existing conservation areas, would safeguard an estimated 55 million tonnes of carbon and allow the seabed to recover. [Times 4/5/21]

Ecology To end the East Menai Fishery would solve many problem and be in accordance with the scientific study by Smith and Shackly that concluded that industrial mussel farming is injurious to the natural habitat.

Before mussel farming, the Traeth Lafan, the main part of the Fishery, was a golden sandbank where cockles were harvested for shipment to Liverpool. Indeed the local nickname for Beaumaris is "Cockletown". Traeth Lafan is now one vast mud bank of mussel faeces and pseudo-faeces.

This mud spreads thousands of metres beyond the boundary of the Fishery – as can be seen in the black and white aerial photographs held by the Senedd.

The licences issued to mussel fishermen forbid the introduction into the Fishery of material from elsewhere, without the specific permission of the Welsh Assembly. Yet it has been normal for them to import young mussels, often from Morecambe Bay.

The introduction of foreign species has led to the unwanted importation of undesirables such as s Slipper Limpets.

The outspoken intentions and actions of the fishermen to remove all crabs from the Fishery has changed the native environment where, now, only juvenile crabs are seen.

A result of their actions has been a very significant reduction in the birdlife. WeBS reported in 2056;

Great Crested Grebe	520 – 45
Oystercatcher	4,000 – 540
Curlew	1,400 – 750
Wintering Duck	1,500 – 600

Beaumaris Town Councillors reported the disappearance of Bass fish from the “Swash”, an inlet on Traeth Lafan.

In addition to the attempted extermination of crabs, the mussel men dislike the starfish “Stichastrella Rosea”, which is a nationally scarce species.

#### **Effect on local trade**

The mussel fishermen have little effect on local trade as they employ few people, their product is sold abroad, very profitably, and their boats are not built here.

Because the law does not allow the laying of moorings in a Fishery – and this is acknowledged by Ynys Mon County Council, which leases the moorings, - Beaumaris is unable to develop it's commercial potential.

This matter can be resolved very simply, by not renewing the Fishery or by changing it's boundaries.

The latter could be done at no cost. A new northern boundary to the Fishery could be aligned with the southern edge of the international navigation channel from south of Gallows Point, thereby removing the area of Beaumaris' moorings from the Fishery.

This change would not inconvenience the mussel fishermen as they have never used this area, have told Beaumaris Town Council that they do not intend to and, further, have been instructed by the High Court that they may not do so as the area was used for moorings before the Fishery was created.

**Governance** The oversight and control of the Fishery has not been good.

It was established under a Sea Fisheries Act that required all concerned parties to be consulted..

The minutes of the Harbour Board of the Borough of Beaumaris show that it was not consulted, though Queen Elizabeth I had given control of these waters to Beaumaris.

These waters are now controlled by MSFOMA on which the mussel fishermen lessees play a major part.



Mr Wilson, Director of MSFOMA told Albert Owen MP, the Development Director of the Royal Anglesey Yacht Club and myself that they "could rip out the Beaumaris moorings at any time they liked", Under the law he was correct – alas - but his outburst indicates the need for change.

MSFOMA described the application for renewal as "business as usual", disregarding the present shortcomings, it's failure to communicate with all interested parties or the previous years' objections to it's actions.

I am aware of the qualifications of the lease holders - Member North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee; Welsh Assembly Government Appointee; Marine Stewardship Award for Responsible Fishing, etc, but still think that the local needs of Beaumaris and of the local ecology must be considered and the adverse effect of the present farming process removed, not left to lessee to determine

I note that the mussel fishermen have powerful friends who have permitted the enlargement of their boats to twice the length originally approved by CCW, with consequential greater disturbance of the sea bed, particularly when some half of the dredged material is unwanted and thrown back.

I recommend that the licence for the East Menai Fishery should not be renewed, or if renewed should be altered significantly.

The minimum alterations must be;

- a. A thorough scientific appraisal of the effect of such industrial action in protected areas and of how the product from these waters can be made saleable
- b. A reduction in the size of the Fishery to exclude Beaumaris' moorings.

