

2022/23

List of Classified Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in Ireland (26th July 2022)

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Production Area and Link to Map	Boundaries	Bed Name	Species	Class	Notes
Lough Foyle	Magilligan Head to Inishown Head	All Beds	Mussels Oysters	B B	
Trabreaga	Malin Head to Dunaff Head	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Lough Swilly	Fanad Head to Dunaff Head	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Mulroy Bay	Melmore Head to Ballyhoorisky Point	All Beds	Mussels	A	
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
			Native Oysters	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
			Scallops	A	
Gweedore	Carrick Point to Carrickacuskeame and Torglass Island to Dunmore Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Dungloe	Wyon Point to Burtonport Pier	Dungloe	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Sept – 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Tearman	Oysters	A	
Traweenagh	Dooey Point to Crohy Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	

Gweebarra	Gweebarra Point to Cashelgolan Point	All Beds	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal A 01 Dec to 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Loughras Beg	Loughras Point to Gull Island	All Beds	Oysters	B	
McSwynes Bay (Bruckless)	Carntullagh Head to Pound Point	Bruckless	Oysters	B	
Donegal Harbour	Doorin Point to Rossnowlagh Point.	All Beds	Oysters Mussels	B B	
Drumcliff	Raghly Point to Deadman's Point	All Beds	Mussels Oysters Cockles Clams	B B B B#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Sligo Harbour	Deadman's Point to Killaspug Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Ballysodare	Killaspug Point to Derkmore Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
Killala Bay	Ross Point to Iniscrone Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Sruwaddacon Bay	Sruwaddacon Bay and Curraunboy Bay bounded from NW 54° 17' 27.651"N 009° 49' 2.9842W to NW 54° 17' 13.167"N 009° 48' 46.2195W to SW 54° 15' 18.897"N 009° 45' 22.4134W to SW 54° 15' 27.015"N 009° 45' 10.7146W to NE 54° 17' 2.1209"N 009° 46' 40.8858W to NE 54° 17' 11.3541"N 009° 46' 33.3057W	All Beds	Oysters	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)

Blacksod Bay (Belmullet)	Blacksod Point to Kanfinalta Point	All Beds	Oysters	A	
Inishkea Islands	South East Corner Inishkea South Island to Carrickalaveen Rock to 54° 05.176'N 10° 12.09'W to 54° 07.916'N 10° 09.827'W to 54° 07.759'N 10° 10.892'W and Bounded to the West by the Inishkea Islands	All Beds	Razors	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Achill North Classified Production Areas	Kinrovar Point to Ridge Point and Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West	North Sound	Native Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 Dec to 01 April, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Bealacragher	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
		Saula	Gigas Oysters	A	
		Bunacurry	Gigas Oysters	A	
		Doriel Creek	Oysters	A	
Achill South Classified Production Areas	Achill Bridge east to Achill Bridge West and Bolinglanna to the Southernmost Point of Achill Beg	Balfarsad	Oysters	A	
		Corraun	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Sept – 01 April reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Clew Bay Classified Production Areas	Area within a one nautical mile (1,852 M) radius of Roskeen Point (53° 53.46'N, 09° 40.10' W)	Tieranaur Bay Inisquirk	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 Mar to 01 Dec, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
			Mussels	A	
	Area bounded to the west by a line from	Corrie Channel	Oysters	A	

	Mulranny Pier to Old Head and to the south east by 09° 35.37' W and to the north east by a line due north and east respectively from the point at which 09° 37' W and 53° 52.60 N intersect	Rosslaher	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 Nov to 01 July, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
			Oysters	A	
		Mynah	Oysters	A	
		Inishlaughil	Mussels	A	
		Carrowholly	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 May, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Murrisk	Oysters	A	
Killary Approaches	53°.712222N 009°.915433W to 53°.716666N 010°.135833W on Inishturk to 53°.599583N 010°.31895W on Inishboffin to knocknasheoge point at 53°.603333N 010°.048655W	All beds	Razors	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Killary Harbour	Rusheen Point to Rossroe Quay	All Beds	Mussels	B	
Ballinakill	Renvyle Point to Cleggan Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters	A	
			Razors	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
			Native Oysters	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Streamstown	Gubarusheen Point to Omey House ruins to Ardoe	All Beds	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Feb - 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Clifden Inner	Errislanan Pier to Dooghbeg Quay (ruins)	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Clams	A	

Clifden Outer	Errislanan Pt to western most point of Turbot Island to westernmost point of Ardmore Island and from Errislanan point to Dooghbeg Quay (ruins)	All Beds	Clams	A	
Mannin Bay	Errislanan Point to Knock Point	All Beds	Oysters	A	
Kilkieran Bay North	Area bounded to the North, Kylesalia Creek to Northern edge Crow Island; to the East, Garrivinnagh Quay to Leighon Island; and to the South, Kilkieran Point to the Southern Edge of Inchagaun Island.	Kilkieran North	Oysters	A	
Casheen Bay	Dinnish Point North to Green Island off IIIauneeragh	Casheen Bay	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
Galway Bay Classified Production Areas	Ardfry Point to Kilcolgan Point	Mweeloon Bay	Mussels Oysters	B* A**	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3) **Seasonal Classification 1 Jan to 01 Sept, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
	Kilcolgan Point to Deer Island to Aughinis Point Excl Kinvarra Bay.	<u>Carraduff Beds</u>	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct to 01 Mar reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Killeenaran Beds	Mussels Oysters (Gigas) Clams	A A A	

			Native Oysters	A	
		Clarenbridge	Oysters	B	
	Knockpreaghaun Pt to Goragh Island to Newtownlynch pier, and Polagh Quay to Lambs Is.	Doorús Point	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Mar to 01 Aug reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
	Polagh Quay to Lambs Is and Hags Is to Scorreemore pt.	Kinvarra Bay	Mussels Oysters	A A	
	Aughinis Point to New Quay	Aughinis	Oysters Mussels	A A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct to 01 Apr reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
	Finnivarra Point to Muckinis Point	Poul-na-clough Bay	Mussels	B	
			Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 July reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
			Clams	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 July reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
			Ballyvaughan	Oysters	A
	Shannon Estuary. Carrigaholt Classified Production Areas	Kilohér Head to Leck Point and Corlis Point to Beal Point	Carraigaholt	Oysters	A*
College Bay			Oysters	A	
Rinneville Beds			Oysters	A	
Poulnasherry	Corlis Point to Bournahard Point	Inner	Oysters	A	
		Cammogue (Outer)	Oysters	A	

Ballylongford	Beal Point to Knockfinglas Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Tralee Bay	Kerry Head to Brandon Head	Inner Maharees	Oysters Oysters	B A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 July, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Castlemaine (Cromane)	Inch Point to Rossbeigh Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters	B	
			Cockles	B	
Valentia River	Bray Head to Reencaheragh Point and Douglas Head to Fort Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Kenmare River Classified Production Areas	Lamb's Head to Cod's Head	Sneem /Tahilla	Mussels Oysters	B B	
		Templenoe	Oysters	B	
		Coosmore	Mussels	B	
		Cleandra	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 June, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Ardgroom	Mussels	A	
		Kilmakilloge	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov – 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Bantry Bay Classified Production Areas	Ardnakinna Point to Fair Head and Lonehort Point to Bank Harbour Area bounded to the North by a line from	C'townbere	Mussels Oysters Urchins	A* B A	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct – 01 May reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).

	Gortnakilla Pier to a point at 51° 37.5'N, 09° 42'W to Whiddy Point West to Relane Point. Sheep's Head to Black Ball Head	Glengarriff	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Sept – 01 May reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Seal Harbour	Mussels	A	
		Adrigole	Mussels Oysters	B B	
		Bantry North (Snave)	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Mar – 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Bantry Middle (North Chapel)	Mussels	B	
		Banty South (South chapel)	Mussels	B	
		South Shore	Urchins	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
Dunmanus Bay	Sheep's Head to Three Castle Head	All Beds	Mussels Sea Urchins	B A	
Roaringwater Bay	Cousleen Crag to Castle Island to northern shore of Hare Island to Frolic Point	All beds	Mussels	A	
Sherkin North	Licensed sites	All licensed Beds	Oysters	B	
Sherkin West (Kinnish)	Drawlaun Point to Long Point	All licensed Beds	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal A 01 Dec - 01 Mar reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)

Kinsale	Shronecan Point to Preghane Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Oysterhaven	Ballymacus Point to Kinure Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Cork Harbour Classified Production Areas	Between 8°16.4' W and 8° 15.6' W. Between 8°14.6'W and 8°13.2'W. Ahada Pier to Gold Point	North Channel West	Oysters	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
		North Channel East	Oysters	B	
		Rostellan	Oysters	B	
Youghal	Knockadoon Head to Knockaverry	All Beds	Oysters	B	
			Clams	B	
Dungarvan	Helvick Head to Ballynacourty Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Waterford Harbour Classified Production Areas	Creadan Head to Hook Head to Passage East Tower to RHE Kings Bay	All Beds	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
		Harry Lock Bay	Surf Clams <i>Spisula species</i>	A	
		Woodstown	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Aug – 01 Jan reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Bannow Bay	Ingard Point to Clammer's Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
			Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
Ballyteigue Bay	Ballymadder Point to Crossfarnoge Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	

Rosslare	Area bounded to the North by 52° 18.5'N, to the South by 52° 15.5'N, to the West by 006° 22'W and to the East by 006° 20'W.	All Beds	Razors	A	
Curraclloe	Area bounded as follows Cahore Point to 52°.5668N 006°.100W to 52°.3833N 006°.15W to Curraclloe Point	All Beds	Razors	A	
Wexford Harbour	Rosslare Point to The Raven Point to Wexford Bridge	Outer	Mussels	B	
	North of Wexford Bridge	Inner	Mussels	B	
<u>Malahide</u>	Area Bounded by a line from 53° 25.4' N 06°07'W to a point 53° 25.4' N 06°00'W to 53°32.3'N 06°00'W and Drumanagh Point Lough Shinny	All Beds	Razor Clams	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 Aug to 01 Jan, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Skerries	Area bounded by a line from Drumanagh Point Lough Shinny to a point at 53°32.3'N 06°00'W to a point at 53°37.7'N 06°00'W to Braymore Point	All Beds	Razor Clams	A	
Gormanston	Area bounded by a line from Braymore Point to a point 53° 37.7'N 06°00'W to a point 53°	All beds	Razor Clams	A	

	47.7'N 06°00W to Clogher Head				
Dundalk Bay	Area bounded by a line from Clogher Head to a point 53° 47.7'N 06°00W to a point 54° 00'N 06°00W TO Ballagan Head.	All Beds	Cockles Razor clams	B A	
Carlingford Lough (Irish Waters)	Ballagan Point to Cranfield Point and Carlingford Point to Carrigaroan.	Ballagan	Oysters	A	
		Greenore	Oysters	A	
		Carlingford Outer	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re- activating (Note 3)
	Rostreavor Quay to Greers Quay and Black Rock to Carrigaroan	Carlingford Inner	Mussels	B	

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Scallops Harvested within Classified production areas:

All Scallops harvested within classified production areas are classified as B unless harvested within classified production areas where all other mollusc shellfish are classified of being class A where such scallops may be classified as A.

Lapsed Classifications:

The classifications for the areas listed below have lapsed because they are no longer active, or because an insufficient number of samples were available for the review period, and are subsequently no longer classified.

Production Area

Species

Bruckless

Mussels

Notes:

Note 1 Seasonal classifications

Where the data shows a clear seasonal trend over a number of seasons, different classification categories apply for different seasons. Details, where applicable, are given in column VI above.

Note 2 Preliminary classifications

Classifications are described as preliminary when an area is being classified for the first time or after a period in suspension. The term may also be used where an incomplete dataset of results was to hand.

Note 3 Dormant Fisheries

Fishery has been dormant for at least 12 months, and limited monitoring data is available. Sites that remain dormant are in danger of their Classification becoming lapsed due to a lack of monitoring data. Producers should contact their local SFPA office if Re-activating in order that monthly classification monitoring sampling may resume.