

2024/25

List of Classified Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in Ireland (9th July 2024)

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Production Area and Link to Map	Boundaries	Location	Bed Name	Species	Classes	Notes
Lough Foyle	Magilligan Head to Inishown Head	-7.1893 55.0814 -7.1186 55.1413	M1 (West)	Mussels	B*	Dormant M1
			M2 (East)	Mussels	B	
			Muff	Oysters (gigas)	B	
			(01) } (02) }	Oysters (Native)	B	New Classification
Trabreaga	Malin Head to Dunaff Head		All Beds	Oysters (gigas)	B	
Lough Swilly	Fanad Head to Dunaff Head		Fahon Creek	Oysters	B	
Mulroy Bay	Melmore Head to Ballyhoorisky Point		All Beds	Mussels	A	
				Oysters (Gigas)	B	
				Native Oysters	A	
				Scallops	A	
Gweedore/Carrickfin	Carrick Point to Carrickacuskeame and Torglass Island to Dunmore Point		All Beds	Oysters	B	

Dungloe	Wyon Point to Burtonport Pier	Mahery	Oysters	A	
		Tearman	Oysters	A	
Traweenagh	Dooley Point to Crohy Point	All Beds	Oysters	A	

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#	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
Inver Bay	Doorin Pt to Black Rock	All Beds	Mussels	B #	#Preliminary Classification (note 2)
Donegal Harbour	Doorin Point to Rossnowlagh Point.	Mountcharles Lagney channel & Holmes	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (gigas)	B	
Drumcliff	Raghly Point to Deadman's Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters	B	
			Cockles	B	
			Clams	B	
Sligo Bay	Deadman's Point to Killaspug Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Ballysodare	Killaspug Point to Derkmore Point	Kellystown	Mussels	B	
Killala Bay	Ross Point to Inis crone Point	All Beds	Oysters (gigas)	B	
Broadhaven-	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°	Sruwaddacon Bay	Oysters (gigas)	A*	*Seasonal A (01 Jan to 01 July) reverts to B at all other times. (Note 1).

	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				
Production Area	Boundary	Beds	Species	Class	Notes
Blacksod Bay (Belmullet)	Blacksod Point to Kanfinalta Point	All Beds	Oysters (Native)	A*	*Seasonal A 01 Aug to 01 May reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Inishkea Islands	South East Corner Iniskea 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 Iniskea Islands	All Beds	Razors	A#	Short term Classification (Note 4)
Achill North Classified Production Areas	Kinrovar Point to Ridge Point and Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West	North Sound	Native Oysters	A	Short term Classification (Note 4)
		Bealacragher	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re- activating (Note 3)
		Saula	(Gigas) Oysters	A	
		Bunacurry	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Doriel Creek	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 st Nov to the 1 st of Apr reverts to Class B at other times (note 1).

Achill South Classified Production Areas	Achill Bridge east to Achill Bridge West and Bolinglanna to the Southernmost Point of Achill Beg	Balfarsad	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Corraun	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
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 (Gigas)	A	
		Clew Bay North	Native Oysters	A	
	Area bounded to the west by a line from Mulranny Pier to Old Head and to the south east	Corrie Channel	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 Aug, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
	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	Corrie Channel	Oysters (gigas)	A	
		Rosslaher	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 1 Nov to 01 Aug, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
			Oysters	A	

		(gigas)		
	Mynah	Oysters (gigas)	A	

		Inishlaughil	Mussels	A	
		Carrowholly/ Ros Malley pt	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Murrisk	Oysters (Gigas)	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	Inner	Mussels	B	
		Middle	Mussels	B	
		Outer	Mussels	B	
Ballinakill	Renvyle Point to Cleggan Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
			Razors	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
			Native Oysters	A	
Streamstown	Gubarusheen Point to Omey House ruins to Ardoe	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Sept - 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Clifden Inner (Ardbear)	Errislanan Pier to Dooghbeg Quay (ruins)	All Beds	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re- activating (Note 3)
			Clams	B**	** Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re- activating (Note 3)

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	Razor Clams Clams	A* B**	*Seasonal A (01 July to 01 April) reverts to B at all other times (Note 1). ** Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
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 (Native)	A*	*Seasonal A (01 April to 01 Jan) reverts to B at all other times (Note 1).
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)
	Kilcolgan Point to Deer Island to Aughinis Point Excl Kinvarra Bay.	<u>Carraduff Beds</u>	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct to 01 July reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).

	Killeenaran Beds	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 May to 01 Aug reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
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		Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Clams	B	
		(Native) Oysters	A	
	Clarenbridge	Oysters	B	
Knockpreaghaun Pt to Goragh Island to Newtownlynch pier, and Polagh Quay to Lambs Is.	Doorus Point	Oysters	A	
Polagh Quay to Lambs Is and Hags Is to Scorreemore pt.	Kinvarra Bay	Mussels Oysters	B A	
Aughinis Point to New Quay	Aughinis	Oysters Mussels	A A	
Finnivarra Point to Muckinis Point	Poulnaclough Bay	Mussels	A	
		Oysters	A	
		Clams	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 July reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).

		Ballyvaughan	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 Aug reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
Shannon Estuary.	Kilohar Head to Leck Point and	Carraigaholt	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal A Classification 01 Dec to 01 April Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)

		College Bay	Oysters	A	
		Rinnevilla Beds	Oysters	A	
Poulnasherry	Corlis Point to Bournahard Point	Inner / Carnacalla	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Aug to 01 Dec reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Cammogue (Outer)	Oysters	A	
Ballylongford	Beal Point to Knockinglas Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
Tralee Bay	Kerry Head to Brandon Head	Inner	Oysters	B	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 June, Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Maharees	Oysters	A*	
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	B	
			Oysters	B	
		Templenoe	Oysters	B	
		Goleenacoush / Coosmore	Mussels	A	
		Cleandra	Mussels	A	
	Ardgroom	Mussels	A		
		Kilmakilloge	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec – 01 Aug reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Killmakilloge	Oysters	B#	Preliminary B (see note 2)
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 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	C'townbere	Mussels	A	
			Oysters	B	
		Glengarriff	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Jan – 01 April reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
	Seal Harbour	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec – 01 Sept reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).	

		Adrigole	Mussels	B	
			Oysters	B	
		Bantry North (Snave)	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec – 01 May reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1).
		Bantry Middle (North Chapel)	Mussels	B	
		Banty South (South chapel)	Mussels	B	
Dunmanus Bay	Sheep's Head to Three Castle Head	All Beds	Mussels	B	
Roaringwater Bay	Cousleen Crag to Castle Island to	All beds	Mussels	A	

	northern shore of Hare Island to Frolic Point				
Sherkin North	Licensed sites	All licensed Beds	Oysters	B	
Sherkin West (Kinnish)	Drawlaun Point to Long Point	All licensed Beds	Oysters	B	
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 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				
		Harry Lock Bay	Surf Clams <i>Spisula species</i>	A	
		Woodstown	Oysters	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct – 01 Feb reverts to

					Class B at other times (Note 1).
Bannow Bay	Ingard Point to Clammer's Point	All Beds	Oysters	B	
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°00W and Drumanagh Point Lough Shinny	All Beds	Razor Clams	A	
Skerries	Area bounded by a line from Drumanagh Point Lough Shinny to	All Beds	Razor Clams	A	
	a point at 53°32.3'N 06°00W to a point at 53°37.7'N 06°00W to Braymore Point				
Gormanston	Area bounded by a line from Braymore Point to a point 53° 37.7'N 06°00W to a point 53° 47.7'N 06°00W to Clogher Head	All beds	Razor Clams	A	

Dundalk Bay	Area bounded by a line from Clogher Head to a point 53° 47.7'N 06°00'W to a point 54° 00'N 06°00'W 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 (O7)	Oysters	A	
		Greenore (O5)	Oysters	A	
		Carlingford Outer (M5)	Mussels	B*	* Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
	Rostreavor Quay to Greers Quay and Black Rock to Carrigaroan	Carlingford Inner (M3)	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.

<u>Production Area</u>	<u>Species</u>
Bannow Bay	Mussels
Waterford Estuary	Mussels
Cork North Channel West	Oysters
Dunmanus Bay	Urchins *see note 5
Castletownbere	Urchins *see note 5

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.

<u>Production Area</u>	<u>Species</u>
Carlingford Outer	Mussels
Clifden outer	Clams
Achill North Bealacragher	Mussels
Foyle M1	Mussels

Note 4 Short Term Classification

Where there are clear seasonal patterns to commercial activity in class A or B areas, in consultation with and enforced by local fishery regulations, monitoring may be considered for a reduced period of the year. This should start at least 1 month prior

to the harvesting season for class A areas and two months prior to the season for class B areas and then continue throughout the season in prior agreement with the SFPA.

Production Area

Species

Inishkea Island

Razor Clams

Achill North Sound

Native Oyster

Note 5 Classification of echinoderms

It is No longer a requirement to classify harvest sites of echinoderms.