

2024/25 - List of Classified Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in Ireland (30th July 2024)

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Production Area and Link to Map	Boundaries	Bed Name	Species	Class	Notes
Lough Foyle	Magilligan Head to Inishown Head	M1 (West)	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery contact SFPA if re activating (Note 3)
		M2 (East)	Mussels	B	
		Muff	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		O1	Oysters (Native)	B	New Classification
		O2	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 (Gigas)	B	
		Fahon Creek	Oysters (Native)	B	
Mulroy Bay	Melmore Head to Ballyhoorisky Point	All Beds	Mussels	A	
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
			Oysters (Native)	A	
			Scallops	A	
Gweedore/ Carrickfin	Carrick Point to Carrickacuskame and Torglass Island to Dunmore Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Dungloe	Wyon Point to Burtonport Pier	Mahery	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Tearman	Oysters (Gigas)	A	

Traweenagh	Dooley Point to Crohy Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
Gweebarra	Gweebarra Point to Cashelgolan Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec - 01 June reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Loughras Beg	Loughras Point to Gull Island	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
McSwynes Bay (Bruckless)	Carntullagh Head to Pound Point	Bruckless	Oysters (Gigas)	B*	*Dormant Fishery contact SFPA if re activating (Note 3)
Inver Bay	Doorin Point to Black Rock	All Beds	Mussels	B#	# Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Donegal Harbour	Doorin Point to Rosnomlugh Point	Holmes & Laghey Channel	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		Mountcharles	Mussels	B	
Drumcliff	Raghly Point to Deadman's Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
			Cockles	B	
			Clams	B	
Sligo Harbour	Deadman's Point to Killaspug Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Ballysodare	Killaspug Point to Derkmore Point	Kellystown	Mussels	B	
Killala Bay	Ross Point to Iniscrone 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° 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	Sruwaddacon Bay	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Jan to 01 July Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Blacksod Bay (Belmullet)	Blacksod Point to Kanfinalta Point	Elly Bay	Oysters (Native)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Aug to 01 May Reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
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#	#Short Term Classification (Note 4)
Achill North Classified Production	Kinrovar Point to Ridge Point and Achill Bridge East	North Sound	Oysters (Native)	A#	#Short Term Classification (Note 4)
		Bealacragher	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
		Saula	Oysters (Gigas)	A	

Production Areas	to Achill Bridge West	Bunacurry	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Doriel Creek	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov - 01 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 Southern most 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	
		Corrie Channel	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 Aug, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
	Oysters (Gigas)		A		
	Area Bounded to the West by a line from 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 01 Nov to 01 Aug, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Mynah	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		Inishlaughil	Mussels	A	
		Carrowholly/ Rosmalley Point	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
		North	Oysters (Native)	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, Middle and Outer	Mussels	B	
Ballinakill	Renvyle Point to Cleggan Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
			Razors	A#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
			Oysters (Native)	A	
Streamstown	Gubarusheen Point to Omev House ruins to Ardoe	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Sept to 01 June, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Clifden Inner	Errislanan Pier to Dooghbeg Quay (ruins)	Ardbear	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 Pier to western most point of Turbot Island to western most point of Ardmore Island and from Errislanan Point to Dooghbeg Quay (ruins)	All Beds	Razor Clams	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 July to 01 April reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		All Beds	Clams	B*	*Dormant Fishery contact SFPA if re activating (Note 3)
Mannin Bay	Errislanan Point to Knock Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	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 Classification 01 April to 01 Jan, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Casheen Bay	Dinnish Point North to Green Island off Illauneeragh	Casheen Bay	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
	Ardfry Point to Kilcolgan Point	Mweeloon Bay	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
	Kilcolgan Point to Deer Island to Aughinis Point Excl Kinvarra Bay	Carrduff Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	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)
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
			Clams	B	
			Oysters (Native)	A	
	Clarenbridge	Oysters (Gigas)	B		

Galway Bay Classified Production Areas	Knockpreaghun Point to Goragh Island to Newtownlynch Pier, and Polagh Quay to Lambs Island	Doorus Point	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
	Polagh Quay to Lambs Island and Hags Island to Scorreemore Point	Kinvarra Bay	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
	Aughinish Point to New Quay	Aughinish	Oysters (Gigas)	A	
			Mussels	A	
	Finnivarra Point to Muckinish Point	Poulnaclough Bay	Mussels	A	
			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
			Clams	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 July, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Ballyvaughan	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Nov to 01 Aug, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
	Shannon Estuary. Carrigaholt Classified Production Areas	Kiloher Head to Leck Point and Corlis Point to Beal Point	Carraigaholt	Oysters (Gigas)	A*
College Bay			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
Rinneville Beds			Oysters (Gigas)	A	
Poulnasherry	Corlis Point to Baurahard Point	Inner/ Carnacalla	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Aug to 01 Dec, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Cammogue (Outer)	Oysters (Gigas)	A	

Ballylongford	Beal Point to Knockinglas Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Tralee Bay	Kerry Head to Brandon Head	Inner/ Fenit	Oysters (Native)	B	
		Maharees	Oysters (Native)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 June, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Castlemaine (Cromane)	Inch Point to Rossbeigh Point	All Beds	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
			Cockles	B	
Valentia River	Bray Head to Reencaheragh Point and Douglas Head to Fort Point	Caherciveen	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Kenmare River Classified Production Areas	Lamb's Head to Cod's Head	Sneem / Tahilla	Mussels	B	
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		Templenoë	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		Coosmore / Goleenacoush	Mussels	A	
		Cleandra	Mussels	A	
		Ardgroom - Inner & Outer	Mussels	A	
		Kilmakilloge	Oysters (Gigas)	B#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
		Kilmakilloge - Direen & Collorus	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 Aug, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Castletownbere	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 May, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	

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	Glengarriff	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Jan to 01 Apr, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Seal Harbour	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 Sept, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Adrigole	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 July, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
			Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		Bantry North (Snave)	Mussels	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Dec to 01 May, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
		Bantry Middle (North Chapel)	Mussels	B	
		Bantry South (South Chapel)	Mussels	B	
		Bantry Gerahies (South & East)	Mussels	B#	#Preliminary Classification (Note 2)
Dunmanus Bay	Sheep's Head to Three Castle Head	All Beds	Mussels	B	
Roaringwater Bay	Cousnaganniv Point to Frolic Point	RMP 1 & RMP 2	Mussels	A	
Sherkin North	Licensed Sites	All Licensed Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Sherkin West (Kinnish)	Drawlaun Point to Long Point	All Licensed Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Kinsale	Shronecan Point to Preghane Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Oysterhaven	Ballymacus Point to Kinure Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Cork Harbour	Between 8° 16.4'W and 8°	North Channel East	Oysters (Native)	B	

Classified Production Areas	15.6'W. Between 8° 14.6'W and 8° 13.2'W. Ahada Pier to Gold Point	North Channel East	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
		Rostellan	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Youghal	Knockadoon Head to Knockaverry	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
			Clams	B	
Dungarvan	Helvick Head to Ballynacourty Point	North & South	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Waterford Harbour	Creadan head to Hook Head to Passage East Tower to RHE Kings Bay	Harrylock Bay	Surf Clams Spisula Species	A	
		Woodstown	Oysters (Gigas)	A*	*Seasonal Classification 01 Oct to 01 Feb, reverts to Class B at other times (Note 1)
Bannow Bay	Ingard Point to Clammer's Point	East B2	Oysters (Gigas)	B	
Ballyteigue Bay	Ballymadder Point to Crossfarnoge Point	B1	Oysters (Gigas)	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 - B13 & B22	Mussels	B	
	North of Wexford Bridge	Inner - B1	Mussels	B	

Malahide	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	
Sherries	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° 47.7'N 06° 00'W 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	B	
			Razor Clams	A	
Carlingford Lough (Irish Waters)	Ballagan Point to Cranfield Point and Carlingford Point to Carrigaroan	Ballagan	Oysters	A	
		Greenore - O5	Oysters	A	
		Carlingford Outer- M5	Mussels	B*	*Dormant Fishery. Contact SFPA if Re-activating (Note 3)
	Rostreavor Quay to Greens 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.

Production Area

Species

Bannow Bay	Mussels
Waterford Estuary	Mussels
Cork Harbour North Channel East	Oysters (Gigas)
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.

Production Area

Species

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 one 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.

