

2026 No.000

SEA FISHERIES

**The Shellfish Gathering (Conservation) (No.2) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2026**

Made - - - -

00th Month 2026

Coming into operation

00th Month 2027

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 124(1) and (2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and now vested in it.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Shellfish Gathering (Conservation) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and come into operation on 1st January 2027.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“Strangford Lough” means the sea area to the north west of an imaginary straight line drawn from Killard Point to Ballyquintin Point, Co Down;

“periwinkles” means the species *Littorina littorea*;

Prohibition on the taking of periwinkles

3. Subject to regulation 4, a person must not take periwinkles by any means from Strangford Lough during the period 1st January to 30th April, both dates inclusive, in any year.

Exemptions

4. The prohibition imposed by regulation 3 does not apply to any person operating under the authority of, and in accordance with a permit granted under section 14 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 00th Month 2026.



Name

A senior officer of the
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(a) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1), Article 3(4); and 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), Article 1(2).

(b) 1966 c.17 (N.I.), relevant amendments are 1981 No. 227 (N.I. 7); 2001 c. 4 (N.I.); S.I. 2002/790; and 2007 No. 915 (N.I. 9)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prohibit the taking of periwinkles from the area defined as Strangford Lough during the period 1 January to 30 April both dates inclusive, in any year.

An exemption to this prohibition applies where a person has been granted a permit by the Department under section 14 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 for artificial propagation and scientific purposes.

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