



Wells Shellfish Handling Facility



Key Species depicted are not to scale

Shaded areas denote main fishing grounds

- Brown crabs
- Brown crabs and lobsters
- Brown shrimps
- Pink and brown shrimps
- Mussels and crabs
- Tope found near wrecks
- Velvet crab
- Distance from Wells Leading Buoy in nautical miles

Cardinal buoys

- Safe water to north
- Safe water to west
- Safe water to south
- Safe water to east
- Navigation channel buoys

This building is the Wells Shellfish Handling Facility, also known as 'the fishing shed'. In fact most of the 'fish' now landed in Wells are shellfish - crabs, lobsters and mussels. The chart to the left shows some of the local fishing grounds, and the distances travelled. The Facility has been built to provide a clean and safe place for fishermen to sort and hold their catch before it is transported to market. Live shellfish need to be kept cool in running seawater, and this is taken from and returned to the Harbour - so please help keep the harbour clean.

In years gone by whelks were a major catch but now the main species landed are brown ('edible') crabs, velvet crabs, pink and brown shrimps, lobsters and mussels. All these types of fishing are closely regulated, and are important to sustaining the community of Wells and other places in North Norfolk, whose fishermen can also use the facility. Sea angling boats visit some of the many wrecks in this area, and catch fish such as tope, a type of small shark. Divers find many sea anemones, sponges, fan worms and fish living around the wrecks.



The Wells Shellfish Handling Facility is run by the Wells and District Inshore Fishermen's Association and owned by Wells Harbour Commissioners. The Facility was planned, funded and constructed with help from the organisations below.

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