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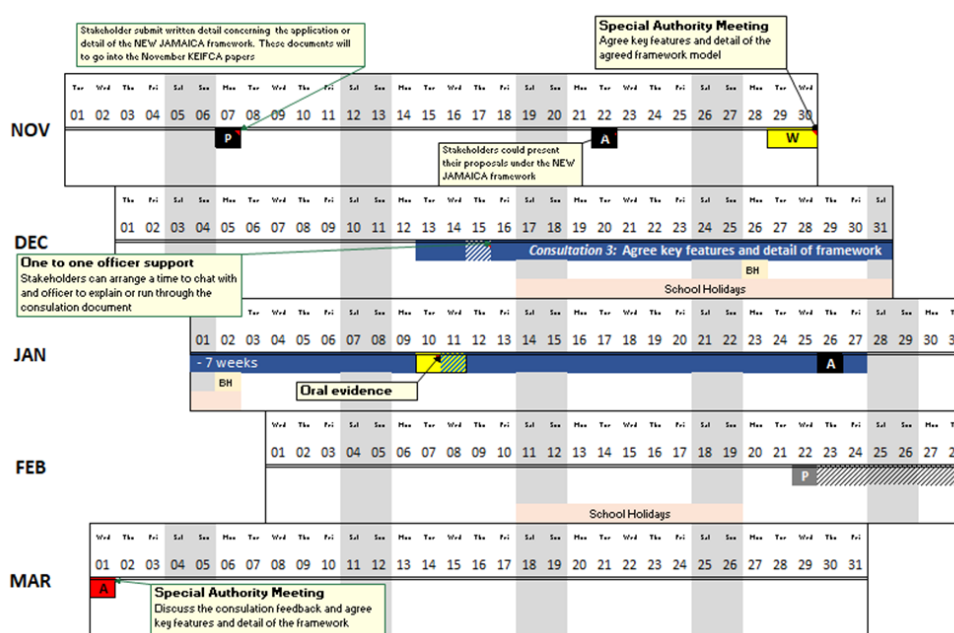
Dear Stakeholder

Review of current management and development of future management related to the cockle fisheries within the Kent and Essex IFCA District

I would like to pass on my thanks for your involvement in our process of reviewing the current cockle fishery management and developing future management. On 19 October the KEIFCA Members voted on a series of management framework options as part of Consultation 2.

Now KEIFCA have agreed the NEW JAMAICA management framework to take further, the process enters a new phase where the detail of the new regulating order will be developed and consulted upon in Consultation 3. As part of this process, I have talked to my Vice-Chairman and Chief Officer, and we have agreed to add an additional step in the Consultation 3 process whereby stakeholders can submit suggestions as to the application or detail of wording and/or processes under the NEW JAMAICA framework.

Written proposals will need to be submitted to the Authority by 7 November to be included in the November Authority meeting papers. Proposals submitted after this date will not be included. Proposals need to be in the spirit of the framework and proposals presented on behalf of a group of stakeholders or an Association will be given greater weight when the Authority discusses and reviews any proposals.



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The first agenda item of the 22 November Authority meeting will be dedicated to this issue and scope could be allowed for stakeholders to present their proposals at the Authority meeting.

If Members are in agreement at the 22 November Authority meeting, then these proposals will be taken forward to be discussed and reviewed at the Special Authority meeting on the 29 and 30 November, where Members will be able to receive legal advice on them. In addition, at this meeting, Authority Members will discuss and then agree the consultation document that will address issues such as the criteria used, the weighting of the criteria, the process of applying for a licence as well as matters concerning the ownership of licences which will be the focus of Consultation 3

I would however remind all stakeholders that the Authority has made the decision to progress with developing the NEW JAMAICA framework and the opportunity presented to stakeholders is not to review this decision but to look at proposals that add detail to this framework.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

CLlr John Lamb
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