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COCKLE FISHERY

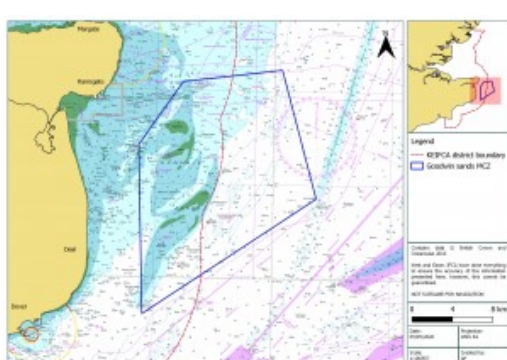


In September 2024 the Thames Estuary Cocker Fishery Order (TECFO) will end. At their meeting on 17 September the Members of KEIFCA will be discussing proposals for the review of current, and the development of future, cockle fishery management not only within the TECFO but across the whole District.

Click [here](#) for more information on how the review and development process is being proposed to be undertaken.



GOODWIN SANDS MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE



KEIFCA is required to develop management to protect *Sabellaria* reefs and circalittoral reefs at this site.

Our patrol vessel Nerrisa has spent time this summer carrying out side-scan sonar surveys to look at species distribution in the area to allow proportionate management to be developed.



Click [here](#) for further information on the work carried out



Do you sail or work in maritime industries, or near a harbour? If you see anything unusual about the location, time and how a vessel and crew are operating, call 101 and quote 'Operation Kraken'.

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New to recreational angling? Kent and Essex have many excellent areas to fish from; whether off piers, from a beach or on charter vessels. The Angling Trust is a not for profit organisation, representing anglers,

fighting for fish, fishing and the environment.

Their website gives lots of information on how to get started, from the right equipment to how to keep yourself safe. Go to <https://anglingtrust.net/sea/getting-started-sea/> for more information

Cefas are an agency of Defra (the Government's Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and world leading experts in

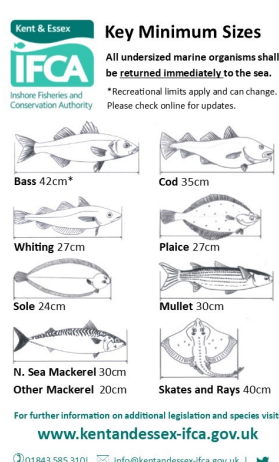


marine and freshwater science. They study fish populations and fisheries in the UK and internationally, using this information to provide scientific advice to help achieve national and global fisheries sustainability goals, and to minimise the impacts of fisheries on the marine ecosystem. Their website <https://www.cefas.co.uk/about-us/what-does-cefas-do/> gives information on how the important work they do

COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

We have developed a number of stickers and information sheets that can be used by both commercial and recreational fishermen to check they are landing sizeable fish. If you would like one of these free stickers/information sheets then please ring us or email info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk and we will be pleased to send them to you.

If you see anything that concerns you regarding a fishing activity in our district then ring us on 01843 585310.



Kent & Essex IFCA are pleased to support the Port of London Authority's Cleaner Thames Campaign. For more details on this campaign go to <http://www.pla.co.uk/cleaner-thames/>

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Maritime & Coastguard Agency

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency Code of Practice for Small Fishing Vessels now includes a requirement for fishing boats to be inspected both in and out of the water every five years. For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/small-fishing-vessel-code-enters-into-force>



I-VMS for England's under-12m fishing



Marine Management Organisation

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has launched its programme to identify tracking devices that meet its technical specifications for monitoring location, speed and heading of under-12m fishing vessels. For more details go to [I-VMS for England's under-12m fishing vessels takes a step forward - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/i-vms-for-englands-under-12m-fishing-vessels-takes-a-step-forward)



THAMES ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

The Thames Estuary Partnership is an independent charity that builds understanding and appreciation of one of the world's most famous rivers.

For information on the work they undertake visit their website at <https://www.thames-estuary-partnership.org.uk/>



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Friday 17 September 2021

This meeting will be held at the Thurrock Hotel, Aveley at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Among the items up for discussion are:

- Draft Annual Report 2020/2021
- Cockle Fishery Management 2021

Please click [here](#) to see our website for the full agenda and reports.

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If you have any concerns about fishing activities in your area we want to hear from you.

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