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COCKLE FISHERY REVIEW



In September 2021 Kent & Essex IFCA began a review of the current management and the development of future management related to the cockle fisheries within the Kent and Essex IFCA District.

Over 400 stakeholders were contacted to ask if they wished to become involved by answering a questionnaire or attending an oral evidence hearing held over 2 days in October.

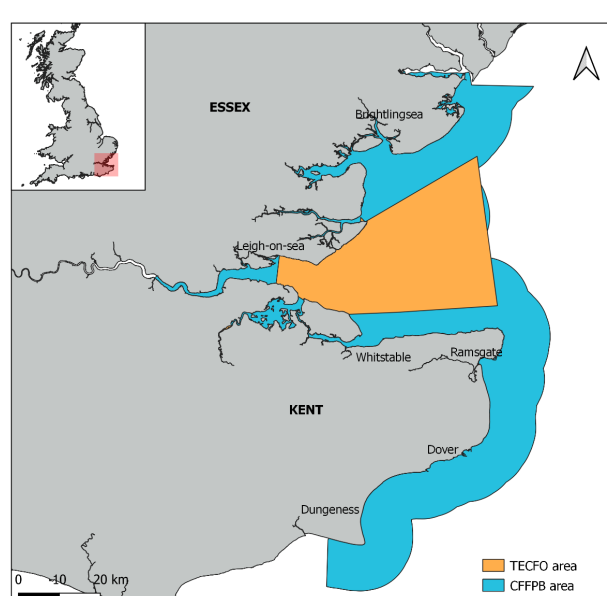


Returned questionnaires can be found [here](#) and videos of those who took part in the oral evidence hearing can be found [here](#)

At their meeting on 26 November Members will now begin the process of reviewing the information provided during this particular phase of the process, commission any work required and decide on the key issues that need to be addressed. All reports relating to this meeting can be found [here](#).

As with all IFCA meetings, members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Should any person wish to speak on a matter under discussion then they must contact the office to arrange this through email info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk or 01843 585310



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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CLIMATE STRATEGY AND GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS FOR OUR SEAS

IFCA Members will be discussing a process to help KEIFCA and the local fishing industry map out how to reach national CO2 reduction targets –click [here](#) for more information.

For news on how the MMO are addressing this issue then go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mmo-and-cop26>



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BLACKWATER, CROUCH, ROACH AND COLNE ESTUARIES MCZ NATIVE OYSTER FISHERY

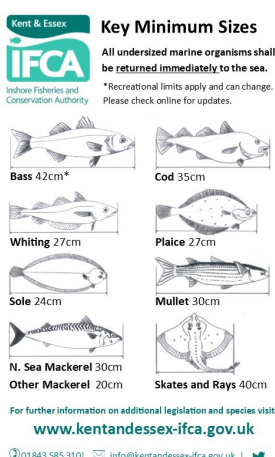
Kent & Essex IFCA introduced a byelaw in 2019 to manage the stocks of native oysters and their habitats in these Estuaries. We report once a year to Members on the recovery of this stock in the area and whether fishing of native oysters can take place. Click [here](#) for details of the work undertaken now & in the future by the IFCA



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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Living River Foundation is a local not for profit organisation set up to monitor and raise awareness to protect and improve the Thames and Medway rivers. Details of the fantastic work they undertake and how to become involved can be found at <http://living-river.org/>

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



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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-england-s-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.thamesestuariespartnership.org/>



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Friday 26 November 2021

This meeting will be held at Chelmsford Borough Council, Chelmsford at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [2021 Cockle Fishery Management](#)
- [MPA update/Sabellaria survey and management for Goodwin Sands MCZ](#)

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

Should a member of the public wish to speak to the Authority Members on any item that is being discussed at a meeting then you should email info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk or phone the office on 01843 585310 to let us know you would like to do so.

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from you.**

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