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WHELK FISHERY UPDATE



At their meeting on 28 January, Members will be provided with an overview of

whelk fisheries markets, analysis of KEIFCA whelk landings data during 2021 and an update of national whelk management.

They will review the pot limit, the riddle size and the number & size of escape holes at this time.

For a copy of the report [click here](#)



JOINT FISHERIES STATEMENT



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

The Joint Fisheries Statement sets out policies from the respective governments for achieving, or contributing to achieving, the eight objectives outlined in the Fisheries Act 2020 which will help to achieve the UK's vision for clean, healthy, safe, productive, and biologically diverse oceans and seas.

The UK Government and Devolved Governments are seeking views from stakeholders to ensure the Joint Fisheries Statement works with the needs of industry and the marine environment in an consultation process running from 18 January to 12 April 2022.

For more information go to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/sustainability-devolution-and-legislation-team/jfs/>



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VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEMS

Legislation is due to come into force which will make it a legal requirement for all vessels under 12 metres in length to have an inshore vessel monitoring system (I-VMS) installed and transmitting data to the MMO when they are at sea in English waters.

For more information go to [Inshore Vessel Monitoring \(I-VMS\) for under-12m fishing vessels registered in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/inshore-vessel-monitoring-system-i-vms-for-under-12m-fishing-vessels-registered-in-england)



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Port of London are committed to cutting their carbon emissions to zero by 2020. For more information on how they intend to achieve this go to <http://www.pla.co.uk/Environment/2040-Net-Zero-Target>



The Thames Green Scheme is an independent environmental performance indicator for UK inland waterways commercial and services operators to demonstrate their environmental performance for elements including on air quality, carbon, energy, water quality, litter, and waste. For more information go to <https://greenscheme.pla.co.uk/>



Abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear is a problem that is of increasing concern due to its numerous negative impacts. The INdIGO project (INnovative fishing Gear for Ocean) aims to develop the first fishing gear with a controlled lifespan that is biodegradable in the marine environment. It also intends to define a strategy to improve the recycling of fishing gear at the end of its life and to promote the circular economy.

Look at <http://indigo-interregproject.eu/en/> and <https://www.cefas.co.uk/impact/case-studies/promoting-a-circular-economy-in-fishing-gear/>



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 Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Key Minimum Sizes

All undersized marine organisms shall be returned immediately to the sea.
*Recreational limits apply and can change. Please check online for updates.

 Bass 42cm*	 Cod 35cm
 Whiting 27cm	 Plaice 27cm
 Sole 24cm	 Mullet 30cm
 N. Sea Mackerel 30cm	 Skates and Rays 40cm
 Other Mackerel 20cm	

For further information on additional legislation and species visit:
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The Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities

was created to assist and promote the 10 regional IFCAs to ensure that the authorities develop a leading and effective national role in fisheries and conservation management in line with the IFCA vision.

For more information on the work it undertakes go to <http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/>



Natural England has opened a new stretch of the English Coast Path in the Kent & Essex district. This incredibly varied 47 mile (76km) trail links with the existing Thames Path at Woolwich to the coast at the Isle of Grain in Kent.

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-stretch-of-the-england-coast-path-opens>



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.thamesestuarypartnership.org/>



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Friday 28 January 2022

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

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Draft Annual Plan 2022/2023](#)
- [Draft Budget 2022/2023](#)

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.

We will need at least 48 hours' notice and will ask you to tell us which agenda item you wish to speak about and what your concern/interest is. We will then ask the Chairman to confirm his approval and contact you to let you know where to go and an approximate time you will be heard.



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

Call us today on 01843 585310

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