

COCKLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT 2022

At their meeting on 26 May, Members will discuss the 2022 management of the cockle fishery within the Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery Order (TECFO) and the result of the surveys carried out within the Cockle Permit Fishery.

For a copy of the TECFO report [click here](#) and for the Cockle Permit Fishery report [click here](#)



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Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS)

FaSS was relaunched in April to help support the long-term sustainability, resilience, and prosperity of the seafood sector across England.

At least £6 million in funding has been secured every year until April 2025 to provide long term investment to the sector to fund projects that boost business resilience and increase sustainability across the fishing industry.

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fisheries-and-seafood-scheme-re-launches>



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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.

The deadline for Tranche 1 installation has been extended to w/c 17 June 2022

For more information go to [Inshore Vessel Monitoring \(I-VMS\) for under-12m fishing vessels registered in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



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Port of London Authority are committed to cutting their carbon emissions to zero by 2040. 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/>



FISH LOCAL

Fish local has been developed to support the Kent and Essex fishing industry, working together to deliver its world-class seafood to the public and trade.

Buying locally caught seafood from a fishmonger, fish stall, restaurant or even direct from the fisher is more sustainable and supports an industry we can be proud to have on our doorstep.

For more information on how and where to source local fish go to <https://fishlocal.org/#/>



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 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: www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk
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The Association of
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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/>



MOTION FOR THE OCEAN

Cllr Dr Buchan will be presenting to Members on 26 May on the campaign she has created with the Ocean Conservation Trust and the LGA Coastal Special Interest Group encouraging people to contact their local Councillors and ask them to declare an urgent need for ocean recovery.

For more information on this initiative go to <https://oceanconservationtrust.org/project/the-motion-for-the-ocean/#:~:text=A%20model%20'Ocean%20Recovery%20Declaration,they%20are%20coastal%20or%20inland.>

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:

Thursday 26 May 2022

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

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [2021/22 Final Budget Monitoring](#)
- [Health & Safety Annual Review](#)
- [Goodwin Sands MCZ Sabellaria reef survey](#)

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.

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