

WHELK PERMIT BYELAW

At their meeting on 26 January, Members will be provided with an overview of whelk fisheries markets, analysis of KEIFCA whelk landings data over the year 2022 and an update of national whelk management.

For further details please [click here](#).



FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLANS

Kent & Essex IFCA Members will hear a report on the background of the Government's approach to fisheries management post Common Fisheries Policy and will be updated on the progress of DEFRA's Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) project. They will also be informed of the engagement and actions the Association of IFCAs and KEIFCA have taken in the development of FMPs to date.

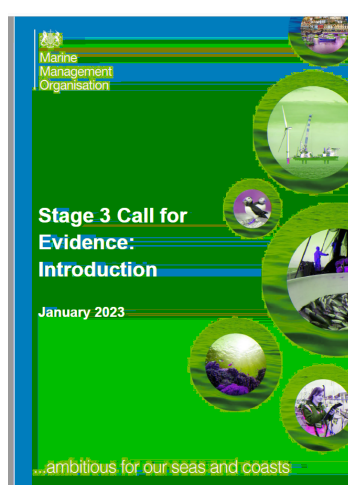
For further details of the paper to be discussed [click here](#) or for more information on FMPs in general go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fisheries-management-plans/fisheries-management-plans>



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The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is launching a call for evidence seeking additional evidence and views on the impact of fishing gear with offshore MPAs. This is stage 3 of the call for evidence and covers all remaining interactions between fishing gears and designated seabed features within offshore MPAs not already assessed in Stages 1 and 2.

For more details go to [Call for evidence – gear-feature interactions in marine protected areas - Stage 3 - Defra - Citizen Space](#)



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BECOME A GENERAL MEMBER OF THE KENT & ESSEX IFCA

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has two current general member vacancies in the Kent & Essex IFCA.

For more information on these voluntary roles and how to apply go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/exciting-opportunity-to-participate-in-the-management-of-inshore-fisheries-and-marine-conservation>

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
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 Other Mackerel 20cm	 Skates and Rays 40cm

For further information on additional legislation and species visit:
www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk

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COCKLE FISHERIES REVIEW

As part of the process of reviewing and developing new cockle management KEIFCA has been consulting with all its stakeholders over all aspects of the management of the cockle fishery in its district. Consultation 3 began on 12 December 2022 and will run until 27 January 2023. Links to the consultation document and all the information you need to understand the review process and what has been decided so far can be found at <https://cocklereview.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk/consultation-3>



EUROPEAN
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The INDIGO European project is working to reduce plastic from the fishing industry which might end up in the sea.

The project has recently launched its Good Practice Guide aimed at assisting the public, beach clean organisations and volunteer groups in good recycling habits.

The Good Practice Guide has been designed as an informative, illustrative and easy-to-read leaflet for children, volunteers and beach clean organisations to learn about the effects of waste plastic in the oceans, the collection facilities available to take fishing gear waste, the different stages of recycling of fishing equipment and the ability to make new products from recycled plastics.

For more information go to <https://indigo-interregproject.eu/en/good-practice-guide/>

The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Thursday 26 January 2023

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

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Draft budget 2023/2024](#)
- [Draft annual plan 2023/2024](#)
- [Strategic evidence plan review](#)

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

If you experience any problems with the links you will find all the material on our website www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk