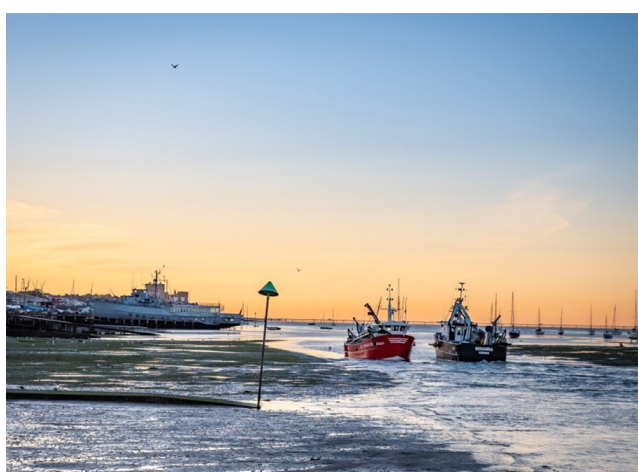


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## COCKLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT 2023

At their meeting on 25 May, Members will be provided with details of the proposed 2023 management for both the Thames Cocker Fishery (TECFO) and the Permit Cocker Fishery.

For more information on the management measures that Members will decide on for the TECFO fishery [click here](#) and for the Permit fishery [click here](#)



## WHELK MORTALITY ISSUES



Kent & Essex IFCA Members will hear details of the work undertaken by IFCA officers working together with the fishing community to address concerns raised over the continuation of low catches of whelks from the North Kent coast.

For full details of actions taken and those the IFCA propose to take [click here](#)



## FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLANS

Seafish are working with industry and government on a number of initiatives to protect fish and shellfish stocks for future generations. Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) will provide the framework to build and maintain sustainable UK fish and shellfish stocks. They set out policies for keeping stocks at sustainable levels, or restoring them to sustainable levels where needed. Their purpose is to support a vibrant, profitable, and sustainable fishing industry for current and future generations. For more information on the work Seafish is doing go to <https://www.seafish.org/responsible-sourcing/uk-fisheries-management-and-supply-chain-initiatives/>

KEIFCA is also involved in the work involved in forming these policies. [Click here](#) for a copy of the report being provided to Members at the 25 May meeting

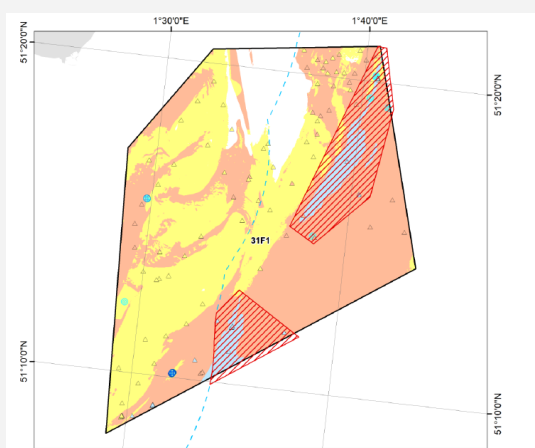


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## GOODWIN SANDS MCZ

KEIFCA are responsible for the management of part of this MCZ for which it shares responsibility with the MMO. Survey work has been undertaken over the last two years to establish where areas of *Sabellaria* are located. For information on what is going to happen next please [click here](#)



## 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/#/>









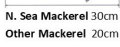


## COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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](mailto: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:  
[www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk](http://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 4 began on 3 April 2023 and will run until 26 May 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-4>



## Catchwise : The Biggest Sea Angling Site and Charter Boat Survey in Over a Decade

Catchwise is a new survey of sea angling taking place across England and Wales in 2023 and 2024 commencing in July for twelve months. The project has been co-developed with sea anglers and aims to significantly improve the recognition of the sport's value to coastal communities and inform relevant fisheries management decisions accurately. For more information on how to become involved go to [Catchwise](#)



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

**Thursday 25 May 2023**

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

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [2022/23 Final Budget Monitoring](#)
- [Health & Safety annual review](#)
- [Treasury management strategy 23/24](#)

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](mailto: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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