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FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

At their meeting on 12 September, Members will be provided with details of the six proposed management plans published by DEFRA so that they can discuss and provide a response to the consultation process on behalf of KEIFCA.



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Proposed Fisheries Management Plan for Crab and Lobster in English Waters

Executive Summary

Date: July 2023

Version: public consultation



To view the report being provided to Members [click here](#). For more information on the management measures go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fisheries-management-plans/fisheries-management-plans>

2023 COCKLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Kent & Essex IFCA Members will hear details of the work undertaken by IFCA officers in the management of the Thames Estuary cockle Fishery and the proposed management of the Permit Fishery.

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



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Organisation

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has published its 2030 Strategic

Plan for healthy, productive seas and coasts

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmo2030-strategic-plan>



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MMO2030

Healthy, Productive Seas and Coasts
MMO Strategic Plan

...ambitious for our seas and coasts



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DEFRA have published their response to a consultation held on the impact of flyseining in English waters which also asked for views on

different technical measures to protect stocks from the potential risk posed by flyseine effort.

For full details of the result of the consultation and the response go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fisheries-managing-flyseine-vessel-pressure-on-demersal-non-quota-fish-stocks/outcome/summary-of-responses-and-government-response>

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seafish

Each year Seafish talk to fishing vessel owners around the UK to capture economic and employment data. They also ask about the issues affecting businesses.

For more information and to take part go to <https://www.seafish.org/insight-and-research/fishing-data-and-insight/uk-fishing-fleet-survey/>



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/#/>









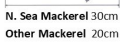


COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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	 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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Essex police marine unit polices 562 miles of waterways and coastlines from the Thames at Crayford Ness to the River Stour in Manningtree. In their latest newsletter they talk about the joint working they have been conducting with the IFCA



“... Joint patrols have seen staff from IFCA join us on our boat while we cover the North Essex coast and have allowed us to gather, develop and share intelligence as well as continue to provide a visible presence and reassurance in our marine community.

At the beginning of August we joined IFCA for shore patrols at West Mersea in response to reports of thefts of oysters. This gave us the opportunity to speak with both local fishermen as well as residents about their concerns and develop our information and understanding of the problem. “

For more information on the work they do go to <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/marine-unit/>



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. This charity is supported entirely by volunteers and would welcome anybody who wishes to help out even if it is for a small amount of time.

For more details on their work and to register as a volunteer go to <http://living-river.org/get-involved>



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Tuesday 12 September 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:

- [Revenue Budget Monitoring](#)
- [Vessel Management - new build and insurance](#)

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