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WHELK MORTALITY UPDATE

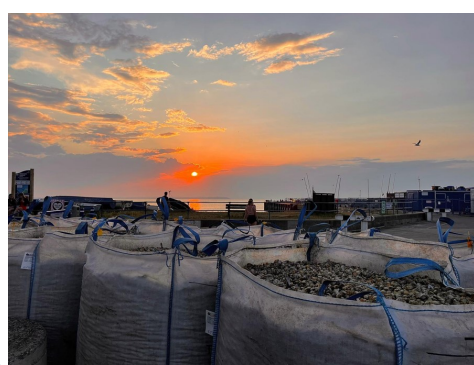
At their meeting on 21 November, Members will be updated on the work KEIFCA has undertaken with fishers to investigate the whelk mortality event that occurred in the summer of 2022.



For details of this work and our findings please [click here](#).

2023 COCKLE FISHERY MANAGEMENT

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 Permit Fishery during the 2023 season.



For full details of the actions taken [click here](#)

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLANS

Six FMPs have passed through the public consultation phase and are now being redrafted before being sent to the Minister and five new Fisheries Management Plans are in the process of development. For more information on the work KEIFCA have undertaken with their Members to represent the views of the community [click here](#)

For more detail on the plans in development go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fisheries-management-plans/fisheries-management-plans#fmps-in-development>



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120 years of science



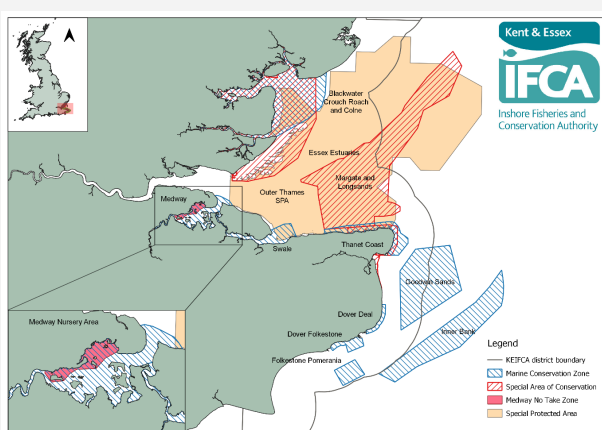
Cefas are the government's marine and freshwater science experts who study fish populations and fisheries in the UK and internationally. They use this information to provide scientific advice to help achieve national and global fisheries sustainability goals, and to minimise the impacts of fisheries on the marine ecosystem. For more information on the work they carry out go to <https://www.cefasc.co.uk/>

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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Members will discuss progress in developing fisheries management measures in the Dover to Deal, Swanscombe and Goodwin Sands Marine Conservation Zones at their meeting.

For more information on the work undertaken [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 and we will be pleased to send them to you.







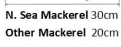


If you see anything that concerns you regarding a fishing activity in our district then ring us on 01843 585310.

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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RAMSGATE TO WHITSTABLE KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH



This stretch of coastal path includes over 25 miles of continuous walking route in north east Kent and forms part of the 2,700-mile-long

King Charles III England Coast Path.

It includes the 19-mile coastline around the Isle of Thanet, which is the longest continuous stretch of coastal chalk in Britain. It is also a site of special scientific interest (SSSI).

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ramsgate-to-whitstable-king-charles-iii-england-coast-path-opens>



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 21 November 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:

- [TECFO licences for 2024 fishery](#)
- [Procurement of a new Cabin RIB](#)
- [KEIFCA vessel management](#)

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