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## 2024/25 WHELK MANAGEMENT

At their meeting on 30 January, Members will discuss the management of the whelk fishery in Kent & Essex under the Whelk Permit Byelaw in 2023/24 and decide on management measures for the 2024/25 fishery.

Members will also consider the potential effect of the Whelk Fisheries Management Plan on KEIFCA's local management of the fishery



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

## BLACKWATER, CROUCH, ROACH AND COLNE OYSTER FISHERY



Kent & Essex IFCA Members will discuss the results of the surveys undertaken by IFCA officers and decide on the management of the oyster fishery in these Estuaries in 2024/25

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



## BECOME A GENERAL MEMBER OF THE KENT & ESSEX IFCA

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has 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/opportunity-to-manage-inshore-fisheries-and-conservation--2>



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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.cefas.co.uk/science/sustainable-fisheries/>

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## DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25

KEIFCA is required to publish an annual plan which sets out its main objectives and priorities for the year. Members will discuss and comment on this plan at their meeting on 30 January.



For a copy of the draft annual plan [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.

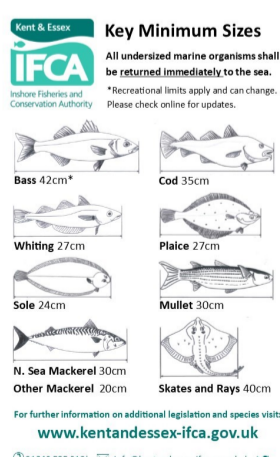
For more information on how and where to source local fish go to <https://fishlocal.org/#/>



## 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.



**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](http://www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk)

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## NATIONAL ANGLING STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

This report has just been published and highlights the work of the fishing community to maintain and grow this sport through a number of aims and objectives.

To download a copy of the report go to <https://anglingtrust.net/2024/01/18/national-angling-strategy-annual-report-2022-23-features-5449-opportunities-to-get-into-fishing/>



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 30 January 2024**

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:

- [Draft Budget 2024/2025](#)
- [Update on procurement process for new Cabin RIB](#)

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**

If you experience any problems with the links you will find all the material on our website [www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk)