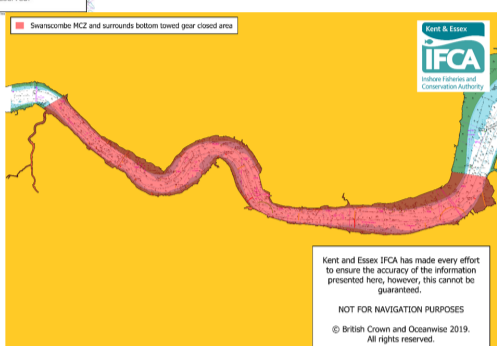
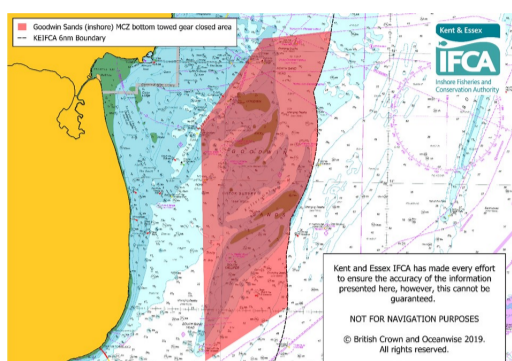
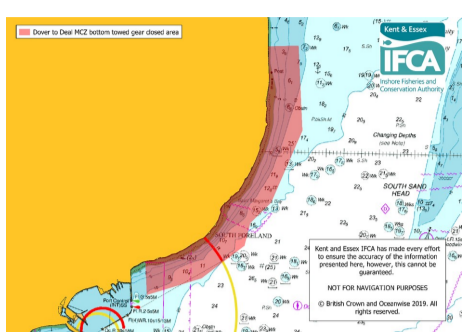


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BOTTOM TOWED FISHING GEAR BYELAW

At their meeting on 22 May, Members will be asked to make a byelaw to introduce fisheries management measures in the Dover to Deal, Goodwin Sands and Swanscombe Marine Conservation Zones



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

THAMES ESTUARY COCKLE FISHERY



Kent & Essex IFCA Members will discuss the results of the surveys undertaken by IFCA officers and decide on the 2024 management of the cockle fishery in the Thames Estuary

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



MANILA CLAMS

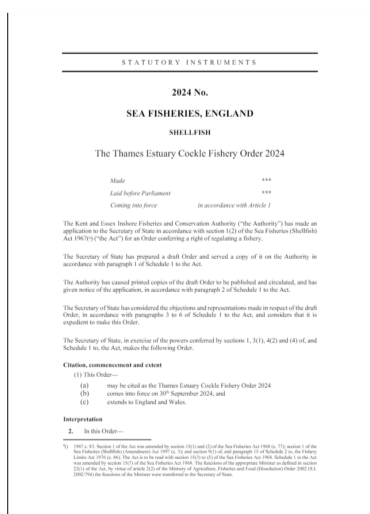
Members will outline at their meeting in May the application process for those fishermen who have expressed an interest in taking part in a manila clam trial in the Thames Estuary.

For information [click here](#)



TECFO 2024

Members will receive an update on the progress of the new regulatory order following the statutory consultation process that ended in March 2024 as well as the proposed timeline for the licence allocation procedure.



For further information, [click here](#)



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FINAL BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24

Members will received details of the financial position of the IFCA, including the revenue outturn for the year.

Please [click here](#) for the report



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.

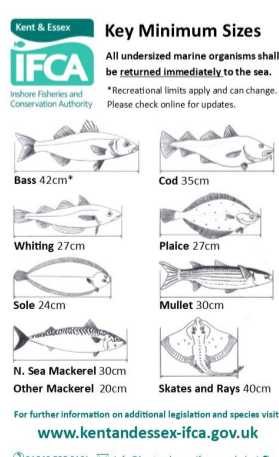
For more information on how and where to source local fish go to <https://fishlocal.org/#/>









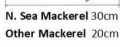


COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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.



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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Marine
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New legislation requiring all under-12 metre vessels fishing in English waters to have an operational inshore vessel monitoring system (I-VMS) device, is just months away from being in place.

The exact schedule for laying this new law is due in the coming weeks.

Fishers can contact the suppliers directly and MMO's I-VMS helpline remains available 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, on 01900 508618 - or you can email questions to ivms@marinemanagement.org.uk

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/i-vms-legislation-due-to-come-into-force-this-year>



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:

Wednesday 22 May 2024

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:

- [Permit Byelaw Cockle Fishery](#)
- [Health & Safety annual review](#)
- [Treasury management strategy 2024/25](#)

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.

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