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KENT & ESSEX IFCA CHANGING SEAS CONFERENCE

Fishing Industry and experts will join together to discuss concerns over significant reductions in key species within the K&EIFCA district at a conference that will be held after the main IFCA meeting on 26 November. We will hear from the following speakers:

1. Changing Seas Fisher survey results from Kent and Essex (Will Wright—KEIFCA)
2. Thames Lower WFD waterbody (The last ten years-ish!) (Mark Davis – Environment Agency)
3. "You are what you eat?" Changing nutrients and plankton in the Thames and Thames embayment (Mike Best – Environment Agency)
4. Highlights from the Shore Search survey results in the Thames over the last decade (Max Renton – Kent Wildlife Trust – Adonis Blue)
5. Fish distribution changes in the North Sea – past observations and future projections. (John Pinnegar – CEFAS)
6. The Increase of Seals in the Thames Estuary over the last decade (Hannah McCormick – ZSL)

For more details and to register attendance go to [KEIFCA Changing Seas Conference Tickets, Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATIONS

Members will receive details of the key sections and actions from the current round of FMP consultations, looking at the Cockle FMP, North Sea and Channel skates and rays FMP and the Southern North Sea demersal non quota species FMP.

Please [click here](#) for the report.

MANILA CLAM TRIAL



At the November 2024 meeting, Members will receive an overview and feedback on the 4 week manila clam trial that took place in October 2024. This

follows the IFCA's decision to appoint 8 fishers to trial gear in order to understand the impact and economic potential of this fishery and to work with KEIFCA Officers to prepare for collecting data during the trial to be presented to Natural England for HRA approval.

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COCKLE FISHERIES UPDATE



Both cockle fisheries within the Thames Estuary have now closed. At their meeting on 26 November, Members will be provided with

information and data on these fisheries and the predicted stocks for the 2025 fisheries as well as the progress of the new regulating order for the 2025 cockle fishery.

For more detail on the number of boats that took part and the quantity of cockles landed [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/#/>



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Marine
Management
Organisation

On 11th November the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) launched the latest [Marine Plan Monitoring Survey](#) for all marine plan areas in England, providing an opportunity for stakeholders to feedback on marine plans.

- How marine plans are guiding the development of terrestrial local plans
- How marine plans are being applied in development management
- How marine plans are used in developing or submitting a marine licence proposal
- Any policy effects or changes to the marine environment

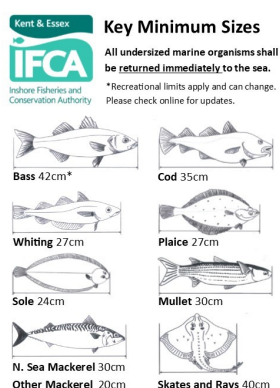


COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

We have developed a number of stickers and business card sized information sheets that can be used by both commercial and recreational fishers to check they are landing sizeable fish.

If you would like one of these free vinyl stickers and/or business card sized information sheets, please 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.



For further information on additional legislation and species visit:
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The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Tuesday 26 November 2024

This meeting will be held at Chelmsford Council offices, Chelmsford CM1 1JE at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Annual Report 2023/24](#)
- [Construction of new Cabin RIB](#)
- [Budget Monitoring 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.

Call us today on 01843 585310

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