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TECFO 2024 licence allocation process

The Authority will consider the ranked list of applications produced by the Applications Panel, together with subsequent correspondence and representations in order to make a decision on the 15 licences to be allocated for the period 2025-2032.

Please [click here](#) and [here](#) for the reports



MANILA CLAM TRIAL UPDATE



Applications have been received from fishermen to take part in the trial fishery for 2025 and 2026. Members will be updated on the results of the applications and the updated 2-year trial outline including the proposed trial fishery areas and catch and trip limits.

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



SHELLFISH TEMPERATURE STUDY WITH ESSEX UNIVERSITY



KEIFCA will be aiming to receive approval for the establishment of a new research partnership between

the University of Essex, the Fishmongers' Company, and KEIFCA to co-fund a PhD project.

The study will investigate the temperature tolerance and climate-related responses of key shellfish species in the Thames Estuary, providing evidence to support future sustainable fisheries management.



For more information [click here](#)

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Whitstable Lobster Hatchery is a non-profit, self-funded registered aquaculture production business, based at Whitstable harbour. An environmentally responsible organisation, they are passionate about protecting and ensuring the future sustainability of the local lobster population and are committed to driving positive change that benefits the marine environment and the coastal community in the long term. For more information [click here](#)



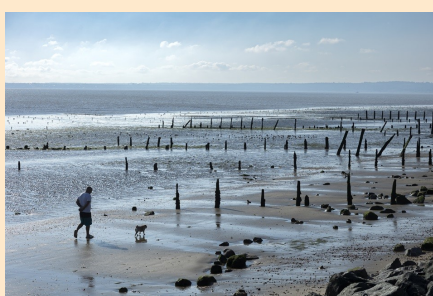
A new 28-mile (45km) stretch of the King Charles III England Coast Path on the Isle of Sheppey, in north Kent has been opened



The route, more than 80 per cent of the island's total coast path, was opened by Natural England recently. This section becomes part of what will be the world's longest managed trail when all 2,700 miles are joined up.

The easy-to-follow path, which has stunning views across the Swale and Medway estuaries, takes you through grazing land, the picturesque historic harbour of Queenborough and 2 National Nature Reserves.

For more information 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/#/>

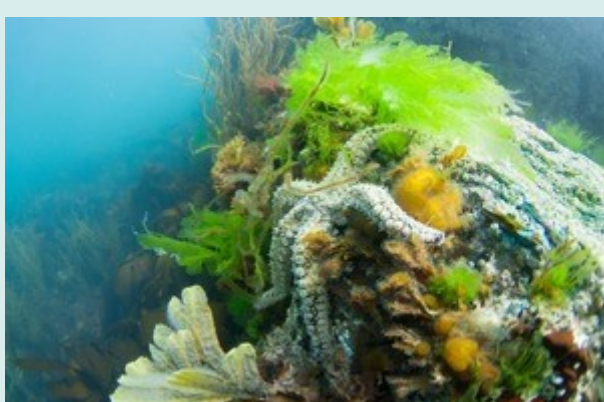


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The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is consulting on proposed fisheries management measures to protect some of England's most sensitive marine ecosystems, habitats and species. This consultation has now been extended and will close on 29 September 2025. Stakeholders are encouraged to view proposals by region and comment on areas relevant to them.

To take part and view the draft byelaws, impact assessments, de minimis assessment, maps and coordinates of the areas included in this consultation, please [click here](#)

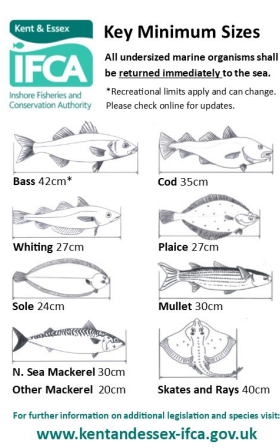


COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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.



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Wednesday 6 August 2025

This meeting will be held at the Council Chamber, Gravesham Council offices at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Please note that the first part of the meeting is expected to last for 1 hour and will not be open to the public.

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

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