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2025 COCKLE FISHERY UPDATE

At their meeting on 25 November, Members will be provided with a summary of the 2025 TECFO 24 and Permit Byelaw fisheries as well as the outcome of the Autumn surveys



Please [click here](#) for the report

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLANS

Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) are considered to be the best way to manage fisheries. They allow fisheries to be managed according to local conditions and priorities, to be adaptive and for management to develop over time. Five plans were published in December 2024 and at it's meeting in November Members will receive an update on their progress.

For more information [click here](#)



FISHING AND COASTAL GROWTH FUND IN ENGLAND



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Defra is undertaking a series of engagement activities over the coming months to inform development of the FCGF. These engagement activities, including the survey, are intended for stakeholders based in England. These include webinars where stakeholders will have opportunity to contribute feedback on potential funding priorities and how the FCGF could operate in practice. Stakeholders are invited to attend one of Defra's upcoming webinars listed below. Each session will cover the same content and will be hosted online via Microsoft Teams.

Date	Time	Sign Up Link
18 Nov 2025	2 PM – 3.30 PM	Register Here
27 Nov 2025	5 PM – 6.30 PM	Register Here
5 Dec 2025	2 PM – 3.30 PM	Register Here
10 Dec 2025	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Register Here
16 Dec 2025	10 AM – 11.30 AM	Register Here

In addition, you are invited to take part in a survey, particularly if you are unable to attend one of the webinars. Your views will help Defra shape how the FCGF is delivered. The survey will take around 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed here: [FCGF Survey](#).

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IFCA VESSELS UPDATE



Workboat Code 3 applies to commercial vessels under 24 metres in length carrying up to 12 passengers. It builds on previous editions of the Workboat Code, reflecting advances in safety

management, risk assessment, and evolving industry needs and came into force in December 2023. All our vessels will be required to transition to this Code and Members will be provided with details of the work being undertaken to ensure they comply.

For more information on this work and for an update on the build of the IFCA's new RIB, Nemo, [click here](#)



SHORESEARCH

Shoresearch surveys in Kent are run by Kent Wildlife Trust throughout the year, usually with one survey taking place a month. They are the perfect opportunity for anyone to get involved in the marine environment and start having fun identifying and recording the animals and algae communities found on our rocky shores.

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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Essex
Wildlife Trust

SAVING SEAGRASS

Seagrass are the only flowering plants able to live in seawater and pollinate while submerged. They are found in shallow waters and often grow in large groups giving the appearance of terrestrial grassland – a lush underwater meadow. In Essex, there are two types of seagrass: common eelgrass and dwarf eelgrass.

Essex Wildlife Trust are working with Project Seagrass to restore seagrass populations in the Essex area. For more information on the work they are undertaking [click here](#)

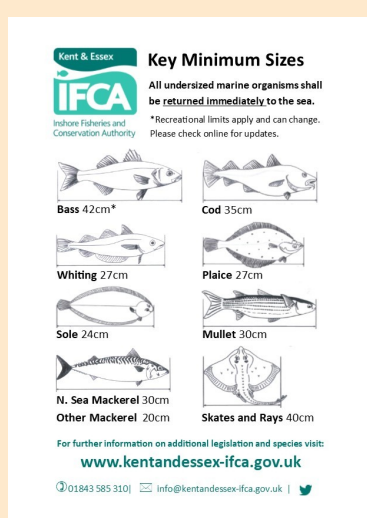


COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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:

Tuesday 25 November 2025

This meeting will be held at the Marconi room in Chelmsford council offices at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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