



October 16th 2022

For the attention of the chairman and committee of KEIFCA

Could I please ask that this letter is circulated to the committee members before the vote on 19th October 2022.

In the recent cockle questionnaire it was explained to me by IFCA officers that the New Jamaica option was the only option available to me if I wanted to fish for clams on the south side of the river.

I have no interest in fishing for cockles, only clams.

When I voted for New Jamaica I assumed that I would be able to fish for clams all year round.

I now realize this is not the case.

It doesn't seem right that I cannot fish for clams without voting for a 7 year license period for the TECFO fleet, of which I am not involved in any way.

It was not clear that the New Jamaica option would automatically dictate the 7 year license review to the current cockle fleet.

I was under the impression that small scale fishing and the cockle fleet could work together in the Jamaica option, not ban them from grounds they might need in the future.

Having spoken to other fishermen in the Thames it is clear that many of us have filled in the forms not realizing the impact it will have on our friends in the cockle fleet.

All fishermen in the Thames have a common goal to protect our individual fisheries and united we will do our best to protect the cockle fleet.

Please ignore my support for the New Jamaica option, the cockle fleet should stay as it is and has been for many years.

Your sincerely,