

### **Agenda Item C3**

#### **Report on the patrol vessel 'Ken Green'**

#### **Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority** **Quarterly report for the period ending March 2014**

#### **Priorities of vessel for quarter**

- Check closed Cockle areas.
- Monitoring Cockle harvesting areas.
- Patrol District for any large vessel infringement of byelaws.
- Inspect gill and trammel netting vessels for compliance with EU gear legislation.
- Inspect trawling vessels for EU gear legislation and catch composition.
- Record data of all vessel sightings.
- Record data of all fishing fixed nets and pots.
- Input key enforcement information into national fisheries enforcement database (MCSS).
- Inspecting Lobster pots for compliance of byelaw, and checking potting vessels
- Shore enforcement.
- Inspect oyster dredging vessels for byelaw compliance
- Check closed Herring areas.
- Checking for compliance of Whelk byelaw.

#### **Risk based fisheries enforcement**

Once again strong winds have dominated much of this quarter, limiting fishing effort and disrupting patrol patterns. As March drew to a close the winds eased allowing fishing effort to return to normal.

Using the risk based enforcement data base, officers' knowledge and information gathered through various means, both routine and directed patrols have taken place, at sea and ashore. The six mile limit has been patrolled for incursions by large/foreign vessels into our district. Closed areas have been monitored.

Fishing activity has been monitored throughout the district with the Ken Green carrying out patrols in the Thames Estuary, along the Essex coast and the South Kent coast

## **Conservation/Survey work**

The crew have all continued to contribute to the work relating to both MPAs and MPZs

## **Statistics**

The Ken Green has patrolled 591 miles and identified 62 registered fishing vessels, most of which have been sighted on several occasions. Twenty one angling vessels have also been logged. In the course of our patrols 43 closed areas were monitored, 26 markings of static gear sighted of which 6 were inspected. Nine seals and 7 porpoises have been sighted.

## **Maintenance**

All manufacturers recommended servicing has been carried out on the Caterpillar main engines and generator. Monthly safety checks have been carried out on all the vessels equipment.

## **Other information**

Mr Ben Hermitage took up the position of First Mate on the Ken Green at the beginning of January 2014 with interviews held to fill the vacant Fourth Hand position during February 2014. The successful candidate, Miss Angharad Purcell will be joining the crew in April 2014.

## **An Invitation to the Authority Members**

Authority members are welcome to contact the office or myself regarding 'A day on patrol' out on the Ken Green.

**David Deverson**  
**Skipper**