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Cockle Fishery – Outside Area

After remaining closed for the past 3 years a decision is due to be taken on whether the outside areas will be opened for fishing

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Appointment



Kent and Essex IFCA are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Jane Heywood as lead scientific and conservation officer.

Jane completed her PhD in biological oceanography at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton and has since worked in marine research in the USA, Germany and for the British Antarctic Survey. Her principal role will be to lead the research, survey and management strategies for marine protected areas

She will be based in the Brightlingsea office

Thanet Coast SAC—Code of Practice

The UK government has obligations under the Habitats Directive to ensure that protected features of the Thanet Coast SAC and Essex Estuaries SAC are maintained at favourable conservation status.

Click [here](#) to read more about the proposals to achieve this.



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Recreational Sea Angling

On June 26th Kent and Essex IFCA invited representatives of the angling sector to a meeting at the Thurrock Hotel. The meeting was attended by charter boat skippers, angling club representatives, tackle shop owners and representatives of the Angling Trust, BASS, TEP, Defra and Eastern IFCA.



Attendees gave valuable feedback on the strategy document and priority work streams while also providing a great wealth of knowledge and experience about the sector. Delegates described the day as an encouraging step forward by the IFCA to get more involved with the recreational sea angling sector.

A summary report of the meeting is available [here](#).

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The last quarterly meeting took place at Gravesham Bourough Council, Gravesend, Kent on 14th May 2013. Matters discussed included:

- A review of UK and EU cockle mortality events ([more details](#))
- River Roach Order ([more details](#))
- European Marine Sites ([more details](#))

The next meeting will take place on

Thursday 5th September 2013 at 10am

at Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre, 11 Horsebridge Road, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1AF, Kent.

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Cockle Fishery](#)
- [European Marine Sites](#)
- [Annual Report](#)
- [Progress with renewal of River Roach Order](#)

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