



Agenda Item C8

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –  
4 September 2014

Subject: **ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: To report on enforcement deterrents completed between April and  
June 2014

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## **1. Introduction**

In undertaking its regulatory responsibilities, KEIFCA starts from the position that the vast majority of the community of people, organisations and industries using the marine area are compliant with the regulation and control that affects them. KEIFCA works to try to ensure that all parties understand both what rules apply to their particular industry and the rationale for the regulation being necessary.

Where people, organisations and industry are not aware of the rules that apply to them, or require further guidance to ensure they are compliant, KEIFCA aim to assist by providing guidance and/or assistance and will raise awareness, where possible, as a first step to achieving compliance.

Full compliance with EU, UK and in particular local fisheries and environmental legislation is the overall aim of the Authority. This aim is best achieved through the adoption of an adaptive co-management approach to fisheries management.

This report will be presented to the Authority each quarter to inform the Authority as to major enforcement activities which have been undertaken as well as the results of enforcement action where offences have been detected. The reporting period will be for the outcomes of enforcement action not when the actual offence occurred. Where a successful prosecution has taken place, details including the person committing the offence, the specific offence committed and the penalty handed down by the court will be reported. However for all other deterrents, the specific details of the offence will not be made public.

## **2. Verbal Rebriefs**

Eight verbal rebriefs were given for retention of undersized fish, cockle technical requirements and net marking, all of these rebriefs were taken on board by the skippers and rectified immediately.

## **3. Written Warnings**

No written warnings were issued in the past quarter.

## **4. Formal Cautions**

Three formal cautions have been issued and accepted in the past quarter for offences including; scallop dredging in a closed area and cockle dredging in a closed area. If these offences are repeated by the same person then the new offence and the offence which a formal caution has been accepted for can be prosecuted.

## **5. Financial Administrative Penalties (FAPs)**

Two FAPs have been issued, accepted and paid in the past quarter for cockle dredging in a closed area.

## **6. Prosecutions**

No cases have been prosecuted in the past quarter.