



**Agenda Item No C3**  
**Report on the patrol vessel 'Ken Green'**  
**Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**  
**Quarterly report for the period ending September 2014**

**Priorities of vessel for quarter**

- Check closed Cockle areas.
- Monitor 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).
- Inspect Lobster pots for compliance of byelaw, and check potting vessels
- Shore enforcement.
- Inspect oyster dredging vessels for byelaw compliance
- Check closed Herring areas.
- Check for compliance of Whelk byelaw.

**Risk based fisheries enforcement**

During this quarter the Ken Green has carried out both routine and directed patrols in all parts of the district. Within the six mile limit, patrols have enabled the crew to board vessels and inspect static and towed gear, monitor fishing vessels and their activities, and check compliance with legislation, byelaws and minimum landing sizes. Using risk based enforcement methods, IFCA officers have been successful in gathering the relevant information to plan directed patrols, focusing on certain vessels' fishing efforts within the district.

**Conservation/Survey work**

The crew have all continued to contribute to the work streams relating to both MPAs and MPZs within our district. Whilst the Tamesis was stationed in Ramsgate Harbour, it was used to conduct an underwater camera survey of the Folkestone Pomerania MCZ and using the Authorities whelk pots conducted a

survey in Hythe Bay near and in Sandwich Bay. A survey of the South Kent Coast line was arranged but due to poor weather only part of the survey was completed.

### **Statistics**

During this quarter, with both the Ken Green and Tamesis working out of Ramsgate, the combined statistics show that a total of 692 miles were patrolled. Throughout these patrols there have been 51 individual sightings of commercial fishing vessels, of which 9 were boarded. 5 angling boats were logged. The cockle areas within the district were visited on patrol on 54 separate occasions. There were 67 groups of static gear sighted, 31 of which were inspected and 3 notices of inspection issued and one string of whelk pots were seized.

Large number of seals have been sighted within the district, the Margate Sands in particular with two separate sightings of 50 and 80 seals being counted. Porpoises are regularly sighted on patrol.

### **Maintenance**

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

### **Other information**

Preparation for the October cockle season became a priority in the last weeks of September. All members of the crew checked both visiting and Thames based cockle harvesting vessels for compliance with the new Cockle Biosecurity Emergency Byelaw. The crew have also attended First Aid, Firefighting and manual handling courses throughout the quarter

### **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.

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**Skipper**