



Agenda Item C7

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
21 November 2014

Subject: **ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To report on enforcement deterrents completed between July and
September 2014

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.

The reporting period is 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

Twelve verbal rebriefs were given for cockle technical requirements and whelk pot marking, all of these rebriefs were taken on board by the skippers and rectified immediately.

3. Written Warnings

Four written warnings were issued for cockle technical requirements.

4. Formal Cautions

No formal cautions have been issued in this period.

5. Financial Administrative Penalties (FAPs)

No FAPs have been issued in this period.

6. Prosecutions

No cases have been prosecuted in the past quarter however one case is currently progressing through the courts.