

### **Fishermen's proposed management measures for Hythe Bay, Folkestone and Dover:**

Suggested management option as discussed with Folkestone fishermen.

In order to fish within the proposed permitted fishing area vessels would be required to obtain a permit from KEIFCA

#### **Vessel Requirements:**

In order to apply for a permit, vessels will be limited to:

- 12.5 metres in overall length
- Using otter trawl(s) only.
- Vessels will also require equipment to broadcast IVMS.

Vessels that are granted a permit under the above criteria must adhere to gear restrictions.

#### **Gear requirements**

- Ground rope maximum aggregate length of 48m (26 fathoms)
- Ground ropes must be enclosed by rubber discs
- Maximum rubber disc diameter 10 cm
- Maximum chain link thickness throughout gear 10mm
- No tickler chains
- No attachments ahead of the ground rope.
- All ground rope attachments including weights must not exceed a diameter of 10cm.

#### **Area (s):**

- Proposed permitted fishing area shown in green shaded area on chart
- Proposed closed areas shown in blue on the chart. Vessels that are granted a permit must not fish within these closed areas.

#### **Limited number of permits:**

Further discussions needed with industry as to how a limited permit can be introduced and over what time period.

