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Oysters

KEIFCA conducted an extensive oyster survey during the month of August. The data gathered will be used to inform the restoration and management of Native Oysters in the Crouch, Roach, Blackwater and Colne MCZ.

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Annual Report



The Kent & Essex IFCA annual report for 2013-2014 has been published and is available to download from the website.

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Bass Management



At the forthcoming meeting, Chief Officer Dr. W. Wright will update members on the progress made on management of the Bass stock.

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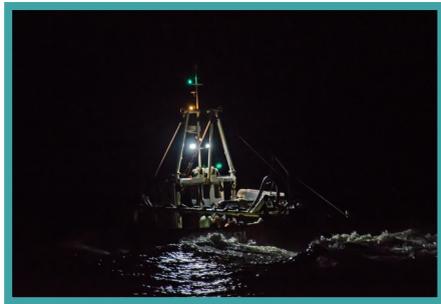
Outside Area Cockle Fishery

The week of 5th of October saw the re-opening of the outside area cockle fishery after being closed for 4 years.



Permitted vessels were subject to rigorous biosecurity checks as well as the normal technical checks prior to fishing.

39 vessels were engaged in the fishery, with 15 travelling down from Kings Lynn and Boston. A total of 699 tonnes of cockles were taken from area 7 north of Foulness over the course of the week.



QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The last quarterly meeting took place at Whitstable Castle, Whitstable, Kent on 4th September 2014. Matters discussed included:

- [Cockle Fishery byelaw](#)
- [Smoothhound stocks](#)
- [Bass management](#)
- [Marine Protected Areas](#)

The next meeting will take place on

Friday 21st November 2014 at 10am

at Chelmsford Council Offices, Civic Centre, Duke St., Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1JE

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Cockle Fishery](#) (D Bailey)
- [Native Oyster Restoration and Management, Blackwater, Crouch MCZ](#) (J Wiggins)
- [Thames Estuary Workshop](#) (W Wright)
- Presentation by Steve Colclough (Institute of Fisheries Management) on Bass nursery areas
- [Marine Protected Areas](#) – to include an update on the meeting of the MPA working group on 4 November 2014 (W Wright)
- [Annual Report](#) (D Bailey)

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