



**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 December 2014**

**Priorities of vessel for quarter**

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

**Fisheries Enforcement**

During this quarter the Ken Green has carried out both routine and directed patrols in all parts of the district. With the outside cockle fishery opening in October, the Ken Green relocated to Brightlingsea and conducted directed patrols to the cockle grounds.

The Ken Green crew have been able 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.

With the use of risk based enforcement methods, IFCA officers have been successful in gathering the relevant information to plan directed patrols which has enabled officers to focus on individual fishing vessels.

Intelligence regarding static gear and various offences was collected by IFCA Officers, which resulted in utilising the FPV Tamesis, usually based in Brightlingsea, to work out of Ramsgate harbour for a short period enabling the seizure of static gear. The crew of the Ken Green have carried out shore patrol when necessary.

### **Conservation/Survey work**

The crew have all continued to contribute to the work streams relating to both MPAs and MPZs within our district. Cockle surveys of the Maplin Sands were undertaken by officers.

### **Statistics**

The Ken Green has patrolled 400 miles and sighted sixty registered fishing vessels, most of which have been sighted on several occasions. Five vessels were inspected from the Ken Green. In the course of our patrols forty one closed areas were monitored, eleven markings of static gear sighted, of which three were inspected. Twenty two seals have been sighted. One caution was issued by officers during the course of their duties.

### **Maintenance**

All manufacturer's recommended servicing has been carried out on the Caterpillar main engines and generator. Monthly safety checks have been carried out on all the vessel equipment.

### **Other information**

All the crew attended a confined space training course in October and Miss A Purcell attended a two week Royal Navy Enforcement course in December. As required the Ken Green was valued and has been placed for sale. Interest has been shown in the vessel during the valuation process.

The Ken Green has been in service for 14 years and a new vessel is being built with expectations of entering service being just before the 2015 cockle season.

The Ken Green passed its MCA Work Boat Code survey which was carried out in November.

### **David Deverson Skipper**