

### **Agenda Item C3**

#### **Report on the patrol vessel 'Ken Green'**

#### **Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority** **Quarterly report for the period ending September 2015**

#### **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 checking 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**

Working towards the potential sale of the vessel has meant that it has undertaken less sea time than usual. During the quarter crew have also joined the Tamesis on enforcement patrols.

Using the risk based enforcement data base, officers' knowledge and information gathered, directed patrols have taken place at sea and ashore. The six mile limit has been patrolled for incursions by large/foreign vessels into our district. Closed areas have also been monitored.

Fishing activity has been monitored throughout the district with the Ken Green carrying out patrols in the Thames Estuary, up to the Essex coast and along the South Kent coast.

## **Conservation/Survey work**

The crew have all continued to contribute to the work relating to both MPAs, MPZs and both land and sea based cockle surveys.

## **Statistics**

The Ken Green has patrolled 1010 miles, boarded 18 vessels and identified 65 fishing vessels, most of which have been sighted on several occasions with 11 of these being charter or private angling vessels. In the course of our patrols 14 closed areas were monitored. Eighty two log records were made for sightings of collections of static gear, 8 were inspected with notices attached and 1 offence was recorded. Unmarked gear was put forward for further inspection with Tamesis. Over the quarter approximately 100 seals have been sighted, mainly on drying sands and some additional porpoise sightings.

## **Maintenance**

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

## **Other information**

The patrol vessel is still for sale with Century Marine Services and is now also offered for sale with Lochin Marine International. Interest has been shown and sea trials have taken place with a potential buyer from which we are awaiting feedback.

## **An Invitation to the Authority Members**

Authority members are welcome to contact the office regarding 'A day on patrol' out on the Ken Green.

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**Skipper FPV Ken Green**