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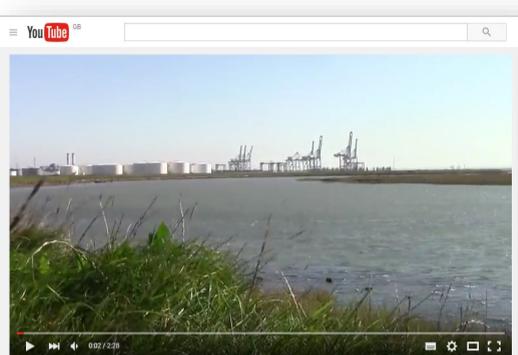
## CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR RIVER MEDWAY NURSERY AREA (PROHIBITION OF FISHING) BYELAW

The Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority intends to apply to the Minister for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation of a River Medway Nursery Area (Prohibition of Fishing)

Byelaw to protect fish populations using the River Medway as a nursery area and offer protection to the Marine Protected Area designations of the site.

[Click here](#) for a brief video introduction to the Medway

For details on the consultation visit our [website](#)



## EU BASS PROPOSALS

The European Union have issued proposals for fishing opportunities in 2016.

Article 10 proposes a prohibition on bass fishing by commercial vessels for the first 6 months of 2016. A 1% bycatch will be permitted for vessels trawling. Vessels operating in areas IVc and VIIId will be allowed 1000kg per month for July to December.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, recreational fishers will be restricted to 1 bass per day.

[click here](#) for the full text of the proposals. See Article 10 for the Sea Bass proposals



## WHELKS—3 YEAR REVIEW



In January 2013 KEIFCA introduced a whelk permit byelaw in which technical measures were applied to vessels engaged in the fishery in the KEIFCA district.

It is stated within the Byelaw that KEIFCA will consider whether it is necessary to review the permit requirements no less than every 3 years.

KEIFCA will report on the process for conducting the review at the forthcoming Authority meeting

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## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The last quarterly meeting took place at Gravesham Borough Council offices on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Matters discussed included:

- [Bass Management](#)
- [KEIFCA Strategic Evidence Plan](#)
- [Cockle Fishery](#)

The next meeting will take place on:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 10am**

at Gravesham Council offices, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 1DD

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Cockle Fishery](#)
- [Marine Protected Areas - Essex Estuaries SAC](#)
- [Whelk 3 year Review](#)
- [Oyster Update](#)

There will also be a presentation by Katie Hill of the MMO with an update on the Common Fisheries Policy

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