

### **Agenda Item C3**

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

#### **Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority** **Quarterly report for the period ending December 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 with byelaw, and checking potting vessels
- Shore enforcement.
- Inspect oyster dredging vessels for byelaw compliance
- Check closed herring areas.
- Check for compliance with the 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. Crew have been undertaking enforcement duties ashore.

Using the risk based enforcement database, 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 with the Ken Green carrying out patrols in the Thames Estuary and along the North and South Kent coast out to the 6 mile limit.

## **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 116 miles and identified 11 fishing vessels with three of these being known charter angling vessels. In the course of our patrols three closed areas were monitored. Eighteen log records were made for sightings of collections of static gear, two were inspected with notices attached and one offence recorded with gear seized. Unmarked gear was put forward for further inspection with Tamesis. Within these trips just one Seal was sighted and four Porpoises, three in a pod together.

The vessel has had some time out this quarter awaiting the renewal of the MCA survey and the out of water preparations for survey. It has also been necessary to spend time preparing the vessel for sale, preparing documents and certificates, removing items not included in the sale and putting equipment on board that is to go with the vessel.

The crew have been involved in the new vessel trials on Nerissa as well as exploring options of a short term vessel solution and operational plans.

## **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 vessel's equipment.

The vessel has been lifted out of the water for its annual survey by the MCA when the shafts were checked for wear, the stern tube packing removed and replaced with new, the underside of the vessel was cleaned off and the water line refreshed.

## **Other information**

The patrol vessel is still for sale with Century Marine Services and Lochin Marine International.

Lochin Marine International have found a prospective buyer who has visited the vessel and taken a sea trial and found it to be suitable for their requirements. Further details and copies of certification have been requested and draft contracts prepared, we are awaiting further instruction.

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