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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

To bring fisheries in line with other activities, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) announced on 14 August 2012 a new approach to manage licenced commercial fishing activities within European Marine Sites (EMS). This approach tasked IFCAs with assessing the impact of fishing activities on the features of EMS using a Habitat Regulations Assessment style process. The deadline for introducing management for high risk fishing activity and feature interactions was the end of 2013. The deadline for assessing the impact and, where necessary, introducing management for medium and lower risk interactions is the end of 2016.

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Marine Conservation Zones

The 2nd tranche of MCZs to be designated were announced yesterday by Defra. We have three new MCZs in our district; Dover to Deal, Dover to Folkestone and The Swale Estuary. Details on the new sites can be found [here](#)

Annual Plan

Kent & Essex IFCA are required to publish an annual plan that meets minimum standards as set out in Defra guidance, setting out the Authority's main objectives and priorities for the year.

The [draft annual plan](#) for 2016-2017 will be presented at the forthcoming meeting.



WHELKS—3 YEAR REVIEW



A technical panel of the Kent and Essex IFCA (KEIFCA) met on 7th January 2016 to review the technical specifications of the KEIFCA whelk permit byelaw that was introduced in 2013 with the following objective:

To review the technical specifications of the whelk permit byelaw and make recommendations to the full KEIFCA for future whelk permit byelaw technical specifications.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The last quarterly meeting took place at Gravesham Borough Council offices on 24 November 2015. Matters discussed included:

- [Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne MCZ](#)
- [Marine Protected Areas update](#)
- [Revised IFCA Performance Framework](#)

The next meeting will take place on:

Friday 22 January 2016 at 10am

at Marconi Room, Chelmsford Borough Council, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 1JE

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [Marine Protected Areas - Essex Estuaries SAC](#)
- [Bass legislation for 2016](#)
- [Draft budget 2016-17](#)
- [KEIFCA Strategic Evidence Plan](#)

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