



Agenda Item C7

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
22nd January 2016

Subject: **ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To report on enforcement deterrents completed Oct-Dec 2015

1. Introduction

In undertaking its regulatory responsibilities, KEIFCA starts from the position that the vast majority of the community of people, organisations and industries using the marine area are compliant with the regulation and control that affects them. KEIFCA works to try to ensure that all parties understand both what rules apply to their particular industry and the rationale for the regulation being necessary.

Where people, organisations and industry are not aware of the rules that apply to them, or require further guidance to ensure they are compliant, KEIFCA aim to assist by providing guidance and/or assistance and will raise awareness, where possible, as a first step to achieving compliance.

Full compliance with EU, UK and in particular local fisheries and environmental legislation is the overall aim of the Authority. This aim is best achieved through the adoption of an adaptive co-management approach to fisheries management.

The reporting period is for the outcomes of enforcement action not when the actual offence occurred. Where a successful prosecution has taken place, details including the person committing the offence, the specific offence committed and the penalty handed down by the court will be reported. However for all other deterrents, the specific details of the offence will not be made public.

2. Verbal Rebriefs

Eight verbal rebriefs were issued during this period:

- two for whelk permit offences
- four for undersized fish
- two for overloading of cockles

3. Written Warnings

No written warnings were issued during this period.

4. Formal Cautions

No formal cautions were issued in this period.

5. Financial Administrative Penalties (FAPs)

No FAPs have been issued in this period.

6. Prosecutions

The appeal being brought by Mr Terry Stimpson against the guilty verdict issued by the Magistrates Court in respect of using towed gear from a vessel in contravention of the engine power byelaw is still ongoing.