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This response to keifca native oyster permit bylaw consultation

Question

- 1 not for south Thames no restrictions needed or out side your suggested area
- 2 disagree this one of one permit per vessel or operator skipper kills of family fishing community's
And the training of young skippers and fisherman as ifca restrictions have done before please note the fishery minister will be consulted on this .
- 3 only in your selected area as on chart not privet grounds or privet rivers .
- 4 only your chosen north Thames grounds
- 5 agree each vessel given that same amount of quota regardless of how many skipper s or permit holders.
- 6 agree if there is more than one skipper per vessel the more the vessel will pay .
- 7 ring size of oyster laid flat this will stop confusion with the fisherman and officers .
- 8 vessels under 14 meter a dredge of your recommendation of less than 100 kg would not work in other grounds out of your box were ground is harder also recommend 4 dredges at 1 meter or 2 at 2 meter no weight restrictions , the ground will not prosper if not cultivated and work and allows settlement of limpets which have destroyed the beds ,this invasive species from abroad has been proven time and time again if you clear them native oyster will settle .
- 9 log books would be recommended.
- 10 tracking devices ok but this still doesn't stop the problem of illegal fishers not registered
A simple bylaw of any vessel not registered can not carried on board more than 5 types of any shellfish or individual amounts totalling to 5 per person on vessel for there own consumption having to register with ifca as well same as other ifca areas reequier as a novelist fisherman with charge , registered vessels 2 hour phone before landing to ifca
- 11 not with out full extended consultation and land owners agree that we know no were west of the roach in the river crouch should be included in your fisheries its privet shellfish farms ,moorings ,marinas shipping wharfs

12 /The restoration box will not work as if the ground is not cultivated limpets in vases species will settle an you will not get any native oysters at all . The best native oyster ground in the Thames only exist through regular trawling cleaning ground and cultivation by fisherman which has happened for century's and still produce well unlike closed areas just die of don't really increase and are normally taken over by unwanted invasive species which does not support our wild life ,birds and fish .

The way the seas work needs advice of full time users and fisherman that are there daily, most fisherman around my age have completed over 4500 trips at sea with over 36 years of experience that's why we still have fisheries in the Thames because we do care for the years to come and the wild life .working with our local ifca and ifca working with as the Thames will prosper naturally and commercially .

13/ no need for set-aside this does not work and decreases food for wild life .

14 disagree with any set side these are damaging to all our native species

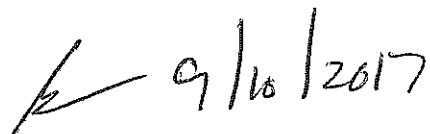
Manilla clams American limpets and razor fish use type are invasive species are killing of natural

Oyster beds cockle beds and mussel beds in the Thames because ground are under cultivated and under fished .

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of myself fishing family and fisherman 9 and 3 boats

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