

Debbie O'Shea

From: Susan Collicutt
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:20
To: Debbie O'Shea
Subject: Black water crouch roach and colne estuaries. Permit bye law

In reply to your letter 4th July I would reply as follows. I have been fishing the River Crouch and Roach for over 50 years, and in your wisdom you have decided to cease us trawling in these rivers. As I have retired now, it does not affect me, but to impose a licence on the oyster fishery does not make sense, as new rules and regulations will be another nail in the coffin for the fishing industry. This will also put fishermans livelihoods at risk.

Regards

Bryan Collicutt

Sent from my iPad

Debbie O'Shea

From: Rob Smith
Sent: 11 June 2018 17:39
To: ifcabylaws@marinemangement.org.uk; Info
Subject: Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries Marine conservation zone

Dear Sir Madam

With regard to the two recent Notices concerning the stopping of bottom trawling and the issue of licencing the oyster industry in the Roach and Crouch rivers i would like to make the following points.

In 1965 I left school and was employed as an oyster dredgerman working for Essex Oyster Fisheries owned by the late Mr H Leslie. During my time employed we were importing Portuguese oysters in the April, laying these on beds in the river Roach and exporting to France in the winter months. Throughout the year we were also supplying other business - Leslies Corner, Southend seafront and Wheelers Oyster Bars located at various sites in London and Manchester with both Portuguese and Native oysters.

I had the privilege to work with some of the old oystermen of bygone years who all insisted that the seabed should be worked just like an farmer's field albeit underwater, you had to work it and keep it clean to enjoy the benefits of any spat fall of native oysters and this included taking the shucked Portuguese oyster shells and putting them back on the oyster layings after they had bleached in the summer sun as this attracted the spat of the native oysters.

So with regard to your previous order stopping the use of trawl nets in the rivers Roach and Crouch is not of benefit on one hand as this stops the sea bed being cleaned but on the other hand, the area is also a hatchery for young fish.

Two weeks ago I was shore fishing on the Kent coast near Birchington on Sea when I was faced with a work party of local volunteers, going along the break waters and outfall structures destroying the Japanese oysters growing on them. When I spoke to a team member about this she informed me that these oysters were destroying the habitat of the Native oysters which, in fact, is untrue as Native oysters will only spat fall onto clean shell below low water mark. I can only conclude that this is a financial exercise to protect the sale of Native oysters as opposed to the readily available Japanese oysters found on the beach. These Japanese oysters were in fact, introduced some years ago by then current Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries based at Burnham on Crouch as well as those arriving on these shores from ships hulls .

I look forward to your earliest response,

Best regards

Rob Smith

Debbie O'Shea

From: Brian Kirk
Sent: 12 July 2018 10:51
To: Debbie O'Shea
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Byelaw

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From: Karen Russell _____
Date: 12 July 2018 at 10:48:57 BST
To: Brian Kirk
Subject: Proposed Byelaw

Dear Ms o'Shea,

RE: Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries MCZ Native Oyster Fishery Permit Byelaw

Thank you for your letter dated 4 July.

I object to the proposed bylaw as I believe it to be over complicated and economically unviable. It is also felt that in parts it is totally unjust and contrary to common law.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Kirk



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6th July 2018

Dear Dr Wright,

Ref: Letter of Response for Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne MCZ Native Oyster Fishery Flexible Permit Byelaw

Since being founded in 1826, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) has been conducting groundbreaking science and engaging in active conservation projects around the world including in the UK.

One key conservation focus at ZSL is the Thames Conservation Programme, which was founded 12 years ago in an effort to restore the biological health of the Greater Thames and secure its future as a rich estuarine ecosystem for both wildlife and people. An essential component of this programme is our work on recovering vital wildlife habitats, such as native oyster beds. We have therefore been actively working in collaboration with industry, conservation groups and statutory bodies as part of the Essex Native Oyster Restoration Initiative (ENORI) to restore self-sustaining populations of native oysters in the Greater Thames.

ZSL welcomes the consultation of the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Marine Conservation Zone (BCRC MCZ) native oyster fishery flexible permit byelaw and we would like to extend our thanks to the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries Association (KEIFCA) for their preparation and consultative approach to the proposal of this byelaw.

ZSL particularly welcomes the adaptive management approach taken, as it addresses the dynamic nature of the project and fully encompasses the evolving needs of species recovery, whilst also achieving the objectives of MCZ. We are also pleased to see the no-take restoration zone to recover the



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habitat. We support the use of a permit system and are committed to contributing our expertise to the application of this byelaw. At ZSL we believe that the BCRC MCZ Flexible Permit Byelaw is ready for implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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Alison Debney
Programme Manager, Estuaries and Wetlands Conservation Programme

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MR C FORBES

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Dear Debbie O'Shea

I object to the Licence!

My objection is that I often use a oyster dredge in the Roach & Crouch, mainly for stopper limpets which I use for bait. I am a retired fisherman / motor fitter so I do this for pleasure not profit.

I am fed up with being stopped and told I can't keep Bass, Eels etc, soon people will not be allowed to do anything.

I am a hunter gatherer like a lot of people in this area trying to have fun and provide a meal. You are taking away our natural rights.

Yours sincerely

C. Forbes

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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter regarding your proposed Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Estuaries MCZ Native Oyster Fishery Permit Byelaw.

You asked me in your letter which part of the proposed byelaw I object to. I would like to make it clear to you that I object to the introduction of a licence for native oysters, my reason being that in my opinion it would be of no benefit to the fishery itself and the people involved. The rules of the proposed licence are over complicated, unworkable and unnecessary.

I would also like to point out to you that I cannot answer for the other ten individuals that have signed my open letter to you as they have their own opinion on the matter. You would have to contact them individually to find out their reasons for their objection.

Please find enclosed a copy of my original letter of objection.

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Elbra', written in black ink.

Mr John Elbra

22nd June 2018

Re. BLACKWATER, CROUCH, ROACH AND COLNE ESTUARIES MARINE
CONSERVATION ZONE NATIVE OYSTER FISHERY FLEXIBLE PERMIT BYELAW

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today to make an objection to the above planned byelaw.

I am an active oyster fisherman and I have attended many of the meetings held to develop this byelaw. I have expressed concerns previously to the byelaws complex management plan and the criteria it requires us to work to as well as the trigger points that would be needed to open the fishery. I find these conditions over complicated, unworkable and not justified given that fishing effort now within the district is at an all time low.

Another issue I am objecting to is Prohibitions numbers 5 and 6 within the byelaw.

I regularly fish for Native oysters outside of the MCZ on private and public ground and working from the river Crouch I must steam through the MCZ to get home. It is unfair to assume that a boat carrying native oysters and commuting through the fishery whilst not engaged in any fishing activity, would have caught those oysters in the fishery. It is also not fair to require a fishing boat to report to the IFCA by phone an intention to pass through a fishery. These measures were never made clear in the making of the byelaw.

Yours sincerely,



James Elbra

5th July 2018

Letter of response for Blackwater Crouch Roach and Colne MCZ Native Oyster Fishery Flexible Permit Byelaw

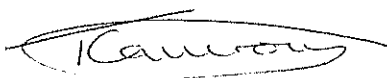
Hi Debbie

I am writing to support the proposal as presented at your last committee meeting for the Flexible Permit Byelaw to be enacted.

As Kent and Essex IFCA officers will know I have been involved in the development of the byelaw and in gathering the evidence to support it over the last three years, in collaboration with IFCA and ENORI. While there were some outstanding questions at the last committee meeting it was clear that mechanisms are in place within the flexible byelaw for these to be addressed – in the spirit in which the byelaw was written – to be adaptive to changing needs and conditions as the project for recovery of the species and therefore the fishery potential evolves in forthcoming years.

Given this – and given the assurances by statutory agencies that they are supportive of the byelaw and the close linkage to the management plan – I believe that we are ready to see this byelaw enacted.

Best wishes



Dr Tom C Cameron



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Dear Dr Wright,

Ref: Letter of Response for Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne MCZ Native Oyster Fishery Flexible Permit Byelaw

The Essex Native Oyster Restoration Initiative (ENORI) is a stakeholder working group formed in 2013 with the aim of supporting the restoration of native oysters in the region. We are a collaboration of industry, conservation groups, academics and statutory bodies, including the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (KEIFCA).

For the past five years, ENORI has been working to further the statutory aims of recovering native oyster stocks within the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne Marine Conservation Zone (BCRC MCZ) by developing recovery projects and measures to ensure best practice in marine conservation and fisheries management.

The proposal of the BCRC MCZ Flexible Permit Byelaw shows an adaptive management approach to achieving the objectives of MCZ management plan – this is something ENORI strongly supports. This enables the native oyster restoration project to evolve with changing requirements and conditions and thus assure positive progress towards species recovery. We are greatly appreciative of the consultative approach taken by KEIFCA and welcome the opportunity to contribute our combined knowledge and experience in further development and application of the byelaw.

ENORI is fully supportive of the BCRC MCZ Flexible Permit Byelaw and we are ready to see this enacted.

Yours sincerely,

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Alison Debney

Chair, Essex Native Oyster Restoration Initiative