

## WHELK FISHERY

Members of KEIFCA will be reviewing the management of its whelk permit fishery following the introduction of an Emergency Byelaw in January 2020.

[Click here](#) for details of the work that has been undertaken by officers since then.



## FISH LOCAL



With the onset of Covid -19 and the restrictions it has placed on people, recognising the immediate threat to the seafood industry, within 17 days KEIFCA developed the FishLocal scheme which uses web-based and social media systems to allow connections to be made between suppliers of seafood and consumers. This has allowed suppliers to have access to markets which have not existed before and allowed some of the fish supply chain to remain functional. We've been mentioned in the press, national and local news and on ITV's This Morning



Visit the website <https://www.fishlocalgb.org> for more information

## THAMES ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

The Thames Estuary Partnership is an independent charity that builds understanding and appreciation of one of the world's most famous rivers.

For information on the work they undertake visit their website at <https://www.thamesestuarypartnership.org/>



## COASTAL GUARDIANS

Kent Wildlife Trust, together with Medway Swale Estuary Partnership, are looking for volunteers to get involved with their Guardians of The Deep project along stretches of our coastline.



Coastal Guardians help with recording and reporting wildlife sightings, take part in beach cleans



and other seaside activities, as well as reporting strandings, pollution incidents and illegal activities to the relevant authorities.

If you are interested then go to <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/our-projects/guardians-deep> for more information



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## MEDWAY SWALE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

Established in 2000, the work of the Medway Swale Estuary Partnership is centred around the understanding, conservation and promotion of the estuary's natural and cultural heritage.

For more information on the important work they undertake visit their website at <https://msep.org.uk/>

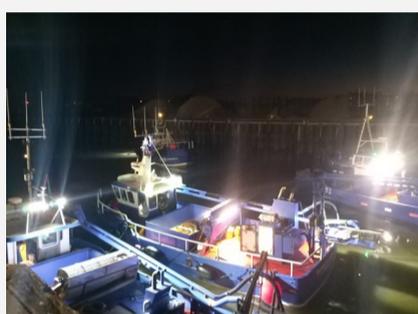


### COCKLES

Members will hear about the management of the Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery at their meeting on 16 September and discuss the measures put in place to open the

Permit Cockle Fishery in October.

For more information [click here](#).



## LIVING RIVER FOUNDATION

The Living River Foundation is a local not for profit organisation set up to monitor and raise awareness to protect and improve the Thames and Medway rivers.

The organisation's aim is to raise awareness of the impacts that our way of life has on the environment and how we can change our ways to better our environment.

Their work includes sampling and monitoring microplastics in the suspension, organising litter picks and by facilitating talks and workshops within the local community to engage and allow others understand the issues faced by their local environment.

Visit their website for more information <http://living-river.org/>



**Key Minimum Sizes**

All undersized marine organisms shall be returned immediately to the sea.  
\*Recreational limits apply and can change. Please check online for updates.

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| <br>Bass 42cm*           | <br>Cod 35cm             |
| <br>Whiting 27cm         | <br>Plaice 27cm          |
| <br>Sole 24cm            | <br>Mullet 30cm          |
| <br>N. Sea Mackerel 30cm | <br>Skates and Rays 40cm |

Other Mackerel 20cm

For further information on additional legislation and species visit:  
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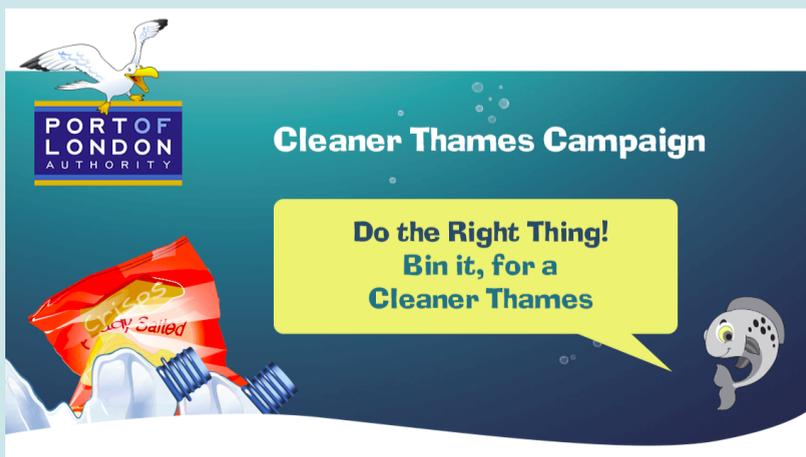
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## COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

We have developed a number of stickers and information sheets that can be used by both commercial and recreational fishermen to check they are landing

sizeable fish. If you would like one of these free stickers/information sheets then please ring us or email [info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk) and we will be pleased to send them to you.

If you see anything that concerns you regarding a fishing activity in our district then ring us on 01843 585310.



**PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY**

**Cleaner Thames Campaign**

**Do the Right Thing!  
Bin it, for a  
Cleaner Thames**

*Crucios*  
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Kent & Essex IFCA are pleased to support the Port of London Authority's Cleaner Thames Campaign. For more details on this campaign go to <http://www.pla.co.uk/cleaner-thames/>

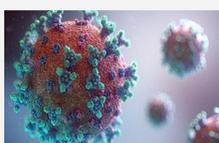
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**Maritime &  
Coastguard  
Agency**

## SAFETY AT SEA

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency have published guidance on how to operate safely at sea during the Covid-19 crisis.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seafarer-coronavirus-information>

For information on safety at sea go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/safety-of-fishing-vessels-and-crew>



## SUMARiS



The SUMARiS project aims to put together the necessary knowledge and evidence in order to implement a species specific cross-border management strategy for rays

and skates fishery in the English Channel and the North Sea, in particular by setting up common and cross-border management. At their meeting Members will be updated on the changes that have occurred with the SUMARiS project due to the Covid 19 pandemic and submits the SUMARiS management measures and recommendations for comment.

For more information [click here](#)

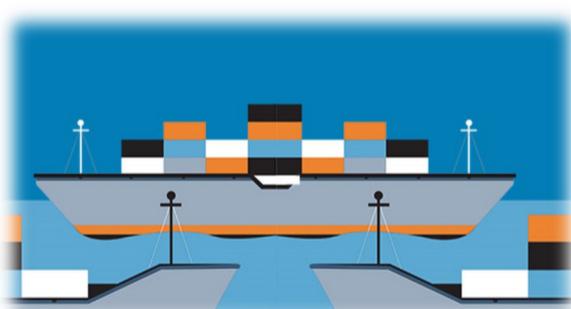
## BREXIT

For up to date advice on what to do to prepare for the UK leaving Europe go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/transition>



**Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs**



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom at 10am.

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [General update](#)
- [Health & Safety annual review](#)
- [Internal Audit report](#)

Please click [here](#) to see our website for the full agenda and reports.



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