

COCKLE FISHERY

Members of KEIFCA will be discussing management of the two cockle fisheries in their district for 2021; the [Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery Order](#) and the [Permitted Cockle Fishery](#).



Click on the links for details of how this management will be determined at their 25 May meeting

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS TRANCHE 3 MARINE CONSERVATION ZONES

In early summer 2019 the third and final round of Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) designations occurred.

Members of KEIFCA will discuss the management process of the Goodwin Sands MCZ and what steps are being taken to undertake research into Sabellaria on this site, together with how they intend to engage with all stakeholders to achieve this at their meeting on 25 May



[Click here](#) for more information

FISHERIES AND SEAFOOD SCHEME



Marine
Management
Organisation

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has opened applications for a new grant scheme that will support the fishing and seafood sector in England.

The Fisheries and Seafood Scheme will provide £6.1 million over the next 12 months to support England's seafood sector, coastal communities and marine environment.

For more information and how to apply go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mmo-announce-first-panel-dates-for-fisheries-and-seafood-scheme-in-england>



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/>



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**SHARE
OUR
SHORES**



Essex
Wildlife Trust



giving
nature
a home

Essex Wildlife Trust and the RSPB are working together to protect our coastal wildlife by creating the ideal habitat for beach-nesting birds, monitoring the populations and working with the public to raise awareness of how they can all allow Essex's coastal bird populations to thrive.

For more information and how you can help go to <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/what-we-do/protecting-wildlife/projects/share-our-shores>



**ESSEX
POLICE**

Protecting and serving Essex

Using their launch Alert IV and RIB Sentinel, the Essex police marine unit patrols 562 miles of coastline from the Thames at Crayford Ness to the River Stour at Manningtree. For more information on the work they do and how to contact them go to <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/marine-unit/>



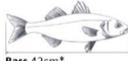
COMPLIANCE WITH KENT & ESSEX BYELAWS

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 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.

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.

 Bass 42cm*	 Cod 35cm
 Whiting 27cm	 Plaice 27cm
 Sole 24cm	 Mullet 30cm
 N. Sea Mackerel 30cm	 Skates and Rays 40cm
 Other Mackerel 20cm	

For further information on additional legislation and species visit:
www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk
01843 585 310 | info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk | 



Cleaner Thames Campaign

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



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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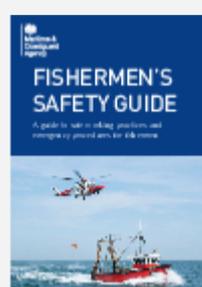


**Maritime &
Coastguard
Agency**

HOME & DRY

The MCA is responsible for implementing not only British, but also international maritime law and safety policies on all vessels coming in and out of the UK. They also execute policies which reduce the risk of loss of life on maritime ships. The Home & Dry fishing safety campaign was created with support from the fishing industry, to share vital messages about safety at sea, and help all fishermen get back to their families, home and dry.

[Home and Dry : The Commercial Fishing Safety Campaign](#) for more information



SEASEARCH & SHORESEARCH

Seasearch is a project for volunteer recreational scuba divers who have an interest in what they're seeing under water, want to learn more and want to help protect the marine environment around the coasts of Britain and Ireland.

Shoresearch is a programme of survey events throughout the year when selected intertidal sites are visited around the coast to record all the species and habitats found. The aim is to build a baseline of data on the wildlife that occurs on the shores around Kent, to help promote its conservation.

For more details and how to take part go to <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/searching-our-seas-and-shores>



The next meeting of the Authority will take place on:

Tuesday 25 May 2021

This meeting will be held at the Thurrock Hotel, Aveley at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend. To comply with Covid provisions please contact info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk to register your attendance

Among the items up for discussion are:

- [2020/21 Final Budget Monitoring Report](#)
- [Fisheries Regeneration Working Group update](#)
- [Approval of the Annual Plan 2021/22](#)

Please click [here](#) to see our website for the full

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