

2023 KEIFCA Cackle Permit Fishery Questionnaire

This questionnaire is based on feedback from the Listening Phase and Consultation 1 of the KEIFCA Cackle Fishery Review and Development of Management Measures. That review has led to the Authority exploring different ways of managing the permit cackle fishery, outside the area of the Thames Estuary Cackle Fishery Order 1994. In the first instance this is being considered using the existing permit byelaw, with a focus on enabling a small-scale fishery in 2023 which provides an additional fishing opportunity for the inshore fishing fleet. As a result, this questionnaire is purposely stripped back and as simple as possible to try and enable engagement with an as-wide-as-possible cross-section of the fishing industry.

This questionnaire is regarding the 2023 cackle permit fishery. However, it is linked to the overall cackle fishery review which is currently taking place. We would strongly advise that you look at the review website (<https://cacklereview.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk>) and consider the overarching process prior to completing this questionnaire.

How to respond to this questionnaire

Please email your completed questionnaire to info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk. The closing date for receipt of questionnaires is 16th September 2022.

*Name	[REDACTED]
*Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
*Email	[REDACTED]
*Phone	[REDACTED]
*Are you responding on behalf of a company/organisation? If so, please specify.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> yes I am
Company/Organisation:	[REDACTED]
*Do you have access to licenced fishing boat as an owner and/or skipper?	Owner <input type="checkbox"/> yes Skipper <input type="checkbox"/> yes No <input type="checkbox"/>
*If owner or skipper, please specify the boat name and PLN	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you intend to apply for a permit to fish for cockles outside of the TECFO in 2023? If so, which category of permit are you likely to apply for?
Category 1 <input type="checkbox"/> yes Category 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Likely to not apply <input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. Do you think TECFO-licensed vessels should fish for cockles outside of the TECFO in 2023?

Yes No no

Q3. Yields are generally better in the late summer period. We will aim to try and open the fishery when yields are at their best. As a result, the suggested start date for the fishery is in early September. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If 'No' please say why and provide your alternative suggested time for opening the fishery.

Is this just for the non TEFCO registered boats? If this is for the outside TEFCO regulated area then yes a later start would be better, if it is for both fisheries then a start date like normal of late june is better as with a larger quantity of cockles to fish they start growing faster once they have begun being fished

Q4. Given the aim is for a 'small-scale' fishery, should all vessels be restricted to the same tonnage of cockles per trip?

Yes No yes

If yes, what amount should all vessels be limited to?

6 tonnes yes 3 tonnes 1.5 tonnes Other

If 'No', what should the maximum tonnage be for each category of permit?

Category 1 6 tonnes yes 3 tonnes

Category 2 3 tonnes 1.5 tonnes yes

Q5. Should Category 1 and Category 2 vessels be given different times/periods to fish?

Yes No no

Please give the reason for your answer

Category 2 would fish the best spots before category 1

Q6. If you answered 'Yes' to Q4, do you think that Category 2 vessels should be allowed to

- (a) Start the day before category 1 vessels no
- (b) Start the week before the category 1 vessels no
- (c) Have a longer period to fish in than the category 1 vessels (i.e. start before and finish after the Category 1 vessels). no
- (d) Fish at a completely different time to the category 1 vessels no

Q7. Would you be interested in catching clams as bycatch on cockle fishery trips or do you just want to catch cockles?

Cockles only Cockles and Clams preferably cockles only

Q8. Do you have any other comments regarding the 2023 cockle permit fishery or extra details to add on any of the above?

I am curious why this questionairre is only for the permit fishery. Is that because the TEFCO fishery has already been decided?