

2023 KEIFCA Cockle Permit Fishery Questionnaire

This questionnaire is based on feedback from the Listening Phase and Consultation 1 of the KEIFCA Cockle Fishery Review and Development of Management Measures. That review has led to the Authority exploring different ways of managing the permit cockle fishery, outside the area of the Thames Estuary Cockle 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 cockle permit fishery. However, it is linked to the overall cockle fishery review which is currently taking place. We would strongly advise that you look at the review website (<https://cocklereview.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	
*Address	
*Email	
*Phone	
*Are you responding on behalf of a company/organisation? If so, please specify.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company/Organisation:	
*Do you have access to licenced fishing boat as an owner and/or skipper?	Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
*If owner or skipper, please specify the boat name and PLN	

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 Category 2 Likely to not apply

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

NEED TO HAVE FLEXIBILITY e.g. HAVE 2-3 DAYS^{TRIPS} IN THE MONTH

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

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

6 tonnes 3 tonnes 1.5 tonnes Other

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

Category 1 6 tonnes 3 tonnes

Category 2 3 tonnes 1.5 tonnes

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

Yes No

Please give the reason for your answer

IFCA OFFICERS WOULD BE TOO BUSY TO MANAGE BOTH

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
- (b) Start the week before the category 1 vessels
- (c) Have a longer period to fish in than the category 1 vessels (i.e. start before and finish after the Category 1 vessels).
- (d) Fish at a completely different time to the category 1 vessels

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

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

NEW JAMAICA PREFERRED OPTION

SMALLER SETUP TO WHAT TECFO USING

PREFER TO STAY ON BOAT WITH DREDGE ON SANDBANKS
HAND RAKE SHORE SIDE

CAN SETUP SUCTION DREDGE ON CURRENT VESSEL

SHOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE TO SELL THEM.