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**16.10.2022**

FAO Kent & Essex IFCA , Chairman and all Committee Members

I have recently completed a cockle permit questionnaire for my vessel the [REDACTED]. All through the process my intention was to supplement my shrinking income with another method of fishing. But at no time encroaching on another Fishermans living .I have fished the Thames estuary for 50 years and feel very strongly on this subject.

The lengthy application form in my opinion was difficult to understand and quite misleading .

It has come to my attention that present permit holders will have their current areas of fishing curtailed to accommodate the small boat fishery.

This is totally unacceptable to my way of thinking and I will withdraw my application if this is the case.

Yours Sincerely

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