

## Questionnaire

Collecting information about you and your background is important to us as it helps us better understand your point of view. Items with an asterisk \* are mandatory questions as they help us validate all of the responses that we get.

### Personal Information

*Name	[REDACTED]			
*Address	[REDACTED]			
*Email	[REDACTED]			
*Phone	[REDACTED]			
*Age range	66 and older			
*Area of interest	fishing			
*Are you responding on behalf of a company/organisation? If so, please specify.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Company/Organisation:	[REDACTED]			
*Do you currently work, or have you previously worked, in the cockle industry?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes for how long and in what role(s)?				
Role/Job	Owner	Skipper	Crew	Processor
Length of time (years)	20 years	8 Years	12 years	38 years
Would you apply for a permit/ licence if a new application process was available?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
*Do you have access to licenced fishing boat as an owner and/or skipper?	Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
*If owner or skipper, please specify the boat name and PLN	[REDACTED]			
Can the licenced fishing boat you have specified be rigged up with fishing gear suitable for cockle harvesting?	Yes			

*Which of the following categories best describes you? Please tick all that apply.							
TECFO		CFFPB (Permit Fishery)		Other catching sector		Other sector	
TECFO Company Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder - KEIFCA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<10 KEIFCA fisherman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Processor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TECFO Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Crew - KEIFCA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	>10 KEIFCA fisherman	<input type="checkbox"/>		
TECFO Deputy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder - other area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<10 Other area fisherman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
TECFO Crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Crew - other area	<input type="checkbox"/>	>10 Other area fisherman	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Preferred option

<b>1. Tick your preferred option</b>	NEW JAMAICA <input type="checkbox"/> NEW HAITI <input type="checkbox"/> NEW BERMUDA 7-year review <input type="checkbox"/> NEW BERMUDA 28-year entitlement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**2. Briefly outline why this is your preferred option**

New Bermuda 28 would give us the safety and confidence to make the heavy investment that is currently needed to upgrade and modernise both our boat and processing plant. 7 years is just not long enough. Which is why both Jamaica and Haiti in my view, are also non starters.

Comparing the options

**3. Please rank the options 1-4 (1 = best option, 4 = worst option)**

NEW JAMAICA

NEW HAITI

NEW BERMUDA 7-year review 2

NEW BERMUDA 28-year entitlement 1

**4. Briefly outline your reasons or rationale for your ranking order**

Reasons given at 2. above

Advantages and disadvantages of each option

5. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of each option with regards to “creating a well-managed fishery”? Use the evaluation questions below as a guide.		
(a) Does the option provide a simple framework that is easy for fishers, Authority members and other stakeholders to understand and work within? (b) Will the option be easy and cost-efficient to administer, and not create too much paperwork for applicants to fill in? (c) Will the option help create clear rules and regulations and be straightforward for KEIFCA officers to enforce and fishers to comply with?		
	Advantages	Disadvantage
<b>NEW JAMAICA</b>	None	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW HAITI</b>	None	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 7</b>	More in keeping with the present regulating order but again, too short a timescale to encourage investment	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 28</b>	Keeping the current, highly successful, highly sustainable fishery.	Click or tap here to enter text.

6. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of each option with regards to “creating an environmentally responsible fishery”? Use the evaluation questions below as a guide.		
(a) Does the option help ensure the cockle stock population is fished within clear limits that consider stock assessments and breeding stock? (b) Does the option help assess and monitor the impact of the fishery on the seabed, and strive to make the impact as small as possible? (c) Does the option help consider the impact of the cockle fishery management on the wider ecosystem (including carbon footprint) and support internationally recognised accreditation systems (e.g. Marine Stewardship Council)?		
	Advantages	Disadvantage
<b>NEW JAMAICA</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW HAITI</b>	Both Jamaica and Haiti would involve more boats working the ground which has a proven detrimental effect on the ecosystem	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 7</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 28</b>	Both Bermuda’s are as environmentally responsible, and sustainable as possible. This is backed up by both Natural England and the MSC	Click or tap here to enter text.

<b>7. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of each option with regards to “helping to support a successful and resilient local coastal economy”? Use the evaluation questions below as a guide.</b>		
(a) Does the option provide a framework that will help sustain a viable long-term cockle industry in the KEIFCA district? (b) Will the option help support local skilled employment? (c) Will the option help assist long-term investment and growth in the local economy, supporting local shore side infrastructure and supply chains? (d) Will the option help to ‘add value’ to the cockles that are caught in the cockle fishery?		
	<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantage</b>
<b>NEW JAMAICA</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW HAITI</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 7</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 28</b>	This is the only option that positively meets all four of the evaluation questions above,	Click or tap here to enter text.

<b>8. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of each option with regards to “strengthening and supporting our dynamic local coastal community”? Use the evaluation questions below as a guide.</b>		
(a) Does the option provide fair opportunities for individuals and businesses, and help support young or new fishers? (b) Does the option help encourage businesses to invest in a safe and skilled workforce? (c) Does the option help support the heritage and culture of the cockle fishery, including supporting local tourism associated with the Thames cockle fishery?		
	<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantage</b>
<b>NEW JAMAICA</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW HAITI</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 7</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>NEW BERMUDA 28</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Feedback on detail of application systems

7- year review (New Jamaica, New Haiti and New Bermuda 7)

**9. Do you have any comments regarding the length of time of each licence cycle? Do you think they should be longer or shorter? If so why?**

As stated above, the only viable option for me would be a 28 years cycle

<b>10. Do you have any comments regarding the criteria used to evaluate licence applications?</b>	
Relevant experience of cockle fishing in the Thames (TECFO - track record)	Essential
Relevant experience of cockle fishing in the Thames (Permit fishery - track record)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Relevant experience of fishing in the Thames. (General fisheries)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Relevant experience cockle fishing outside the KEIFCA district but with the UK	Click or tap here to enter text.
Evidence of cooking cockles caught in the Thames in factories with the KEIFCA district	I think that more cockles caught and landed locally should be processed locally using local labour.
Evidence showing company supporting skilled local employment, apprenticeships or equivalent	Essential. Our staff receive both onsite training and accredited training in Health and Safety and Hygiene best practices.
Evidence showing company supporting local supply chains	Yes
Examples of the steps the company adding value to landings	Click or tap here to enter text.
Examples of company taking steps to reducing impact of gear on both the cockle stocks and on the seabed	Yes
Examples of company taking steps to reduce CO2 emissions	Yes
Examples of company taking steps to support the wider community	Yes
Compliance track record	Yes

**11. Are there criteria you think we should add or remove?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**12. Would there be criteria would you weight higher or lower than others? Please explain why?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**13. Do you have any comments regarding the overall 7-year process?**

As stated, too short

28-year licence (New Bermuda 28)

**14. Do you have any comments regarding the issuing of a 28-year licence? Do you think it should be longer or shorter? If so, why?**

I am happy with 28 years

**15. Do you have any comments regarding the criteria used to issue a licence?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**16. Do you have any comments regarding the overall process of issuing licences?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Number of licences issued

<b>17. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed number of 15 licences to be issued for the first 7-year cycle as outlined in the NEW JAMAICA option?</b>
Please read above
<b>18. Do you have any comments regarding the proposed number of 15 licences to be issued for the first 7-year cycle as outlined in the NEW HAITI option?</b>
Please read above
<b>19. Do you have any comments regarding the fixed number of 14 licences to be issued for the duration of the 28-year regulating order as outlined in the NEW BERMUDA 7 option?</b>
Please read above
<b>20. Do you have any comments regarding the fixed number of 14 licences to be issued for the duration of the 28-year regulating order as outlined in the NEW BERMUDA 28 option?</b>
Please read above

Final comments

<b>21. Do you have anything else you would like to comment on or say?</b>
<p>I do not know how many of the Authority members are actually business owners, but if there are any, they would surely know that a 7 year business plan would not, does not work. If say four years into the seven I need to spend upwards of half a million pounds on new freezing equipment to enable the company to continue, to keep employing nine staff. That would be a hard call knowing that three years down the road I am not quarenteed to even have a licence, or if I have a licence would it come with a reduced TAC.</p> <p>We are at present working under a system that has been extremely successful for 28 years. We have been awarded MSC status because it is a well run, highly sustainable fishery. I don't understand the desire to 'fix' something that clearly is not broken.</p>