

Category	Criteria	Weighted Points awarded*	Rationale
Experience	Relevant experience of cockle fishing in the Thames (TECFO - track record)		<p>Local, experienced TECFO skippers/family owner skipper/skipper running family boat.</p> <p>Family invested boats will fish more responsibly and have greater experience which has been passed down from generation to generation. They would also have fished in the permit fishery. (more weighted 3 points)</p> <p>Company Skippers will not be emotionally and financially invested as its just a job to them. (less weighted 1 point)</p>
	Relevant experience of cockle fishing in the Thames (Permit fishery - track record)		Permit fishery skippers will not have the experience and tend to be from outside the area (not local) (less weighted 1 point)
	Relevant experience of fishing in the Thames. (General fisheries track record)		No experience of cockle fishing in the Thames (least weighted 0 points)
	Relevant experience cockle fishing outside the KEIFCA district but with the UK		<p>Limited experience of cockle fishing outside of the Thames but local (less weighted 1 point)</p> <p>Not local. (least weighted 0 points)</p>
	Compliance track record		Compliant with TEFA recommendations for in season fishing. Compliant with IFCA rules during fishing season. (? points)

Socio-economics	Evidence of cooking/processing cockles caught in the Thames in factories with the KEIFCA district		Vessels landing into local area processing factories (greatest weighted 3 points)
	Evidence showing company supporting skilled local employment, apprenticeships or equivalent		Vessels training/developing & employing and landing into local processing factories. (weighted to how many employees employed)
	Evidence showing company supporting local supply chains		(weighted to how many i.e. vessel owner 1 point, vessel and processing factory 3 points)
	Examples of the steps the company adding value to landings		Supplying raw product (least weighted 1 point) Cook to supply one customer. (weighted 2 points) Cook/process for multiple customers i.e. by Canning or IQF (greatest weight 3 points)
	Examples of company taking steps to support the wider community		Attracting tourists to the local area supporting various retail businesses therefore bringing in money to local area as well as employing local staff. Sponsor various local activities within the community. Attend various projects to promote the local economy and community

Environmental Impact	Examples of company taking steps to reducing impact of gear on both the cockle stocks and on the seabed		The more experienced the skipper (also family owned business skipper) the better the understanding of the environment and how the fishing gear works. Knowing which areas to fish at which times only comes from said experience.
	Examples of company taking steps to reduce CO2 emissions		Investment into carbon neutral refrigeration gasses, solar panels. By landing into local processors reducing lorry movement and miles therefore reducing the carbon footprint. Investment would be made into the vessels once a licence has been issued.

*Weighted points system awarded 1-3. 1 being the least weighted to 3 being the greatest weighted.