

Kent & Essex - Mr Rob Dyer (04-OCT-2017 14:22:36)

Having reviewed the previous response from Robert Watson of KEIFCA, and the feedback from previous consultations, I would like to submit a few further comments.

Firstly, while I am pleased to see that dredging is planned to avoid the optimum spawning times for herring in the Southern North Sea, I would like to see some assurance that dredging will not extend beyond September during the second dredge cycle. If delays to dredging do occur, I would like to see an autumn spawning period free of activity in the area.

Secondly, I would like to reemphasise the importance of continued liaison with the fishing industry. I appreciate that it can be difficult to get a consensus of opinion from such a disparate group of individuals and fisherman's associations. But I feel that they should be actively encouraged to voice their concerns.