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KENT & ESSEX SEA FISHERIES DISTRICT

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INFORMATION SHEET

FISH STOCK CONSERVATION MEASURES - MINIMUM SIZES

ALL FISH BELOW THESE SIZES MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO THE SEA

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Centimetres</u>	<u>How Measured</u>
BASS	36	From the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin
COD	35	"
HADDOCK	30	"
HERRING	20	"
HORSE MACKEREL	15	"
MACKEREL (North Sea)	30	"
MACKEREL (Other areas)	20	"
PLAICE	27	"
SOLE	24	"
WHITING	27	"
*GREY MULLET	30	"
*SKATES & RAYS	40	Across from wing tip to wing tip.
*SKATES & RAYS	19	Detached wings
LOBSTER	8.7	From rear of the eye socket to rear of the body shell.
CRAB (<i>Cancer pag.</i>)	13	Across the back.
VELVET CRAB	6.5	"
SPIDER CRAB (male)	13	Length of carapace
SPIDER CRAB (female)	12	"
*OYSTERS	7	Ring size.
*COCKLES	1.6	Riddle size - distance between bars.
WHELKS	4.5	Shell length
RAZOR CLAM	10	Across longest part of shell
SCALLOP	10	"
SCALLOP (AREA VIID)	11	"
QUEEN SCALLOP	4	"

Minimum sizes for less common species are as follows (cm):- Anchovy 12, Bluefin Tuna 6.4kg, Blue Ling 70, Hake 27, Ling 63, Megrin 20, Octopus 0.75kg, Pollack 30, Saith 35, Sardine 11, Swordfish 25kg/125cm, Clam 4, Donax Clams 2.5, Hard Clam 5, Short necked Clam 4, Surf Clam 2.5, Carpetshell 4, Grooved Carpetshell 4, Norway Lobster 8.5/2.5/4.6, Crawfish 11

Undersized marine organisms shall not be retained on board or be transhipped, landed, transported, stored, sold, displayed or offered for sale, but shall be returned immediately into the sea.

Notes for guidance on minimum fish sizes applying within the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District