



KENT AND ESSEX INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer

Grade KR7/8 £21,298 to £27,769 per annum

Location: Brightlingsea, Essex

Permanent Full-time Position

Could you protect the waters around the Kent & Essex coast – including marine habitats and fish stocks - by enforcing key legislation?

About the role

In this varied role, you'll tackle a range of work centred on marine enforcement at sea and on land. Day-to-day, you could be doing anything from inspecting boats at sea to carrying out surveys of fish stocks and habitats. You will be trained in carrying out enforcement of fisheries and MPA legislation and you'll ensure that anyone fishing in the Kent & Essex IFCA district, either commercially or recreationally, complies with the Marine & Coastal Access Act and other marine, environmental and sea fisheries legislation. You will work closely with a range of contacts and stakeholders, carrying out inspections; collecting and recording data; and giving advice and guidance using your knowledge and understanding of the different fisheries and fishing methods in our district and the issues they face. You will be trained in the use of small RIBs and other vessels and be keen to develop the Authority's underwater survey skills.

About you

To join us, you must have enthusiasm for the marine environment and a knowledge of marine issues and the fishing industry together with a strong drive to enforce rules protecting fish stocks, marine habitats and marine wildlife. You'll combine this with good communication skills, an organised approach and a gift for teamwork and collaboration. Crucially, you must be ready to work some unsocial hours (e.g. weekends and at night) and tackle physically demanding duties in a challenging marine environment. In fact, we'll expect you to meet the standard required to obtain a Seafarers Medical Certificate (ENG1 to be able to inspect fishing vessels both when in port and when working at sea.

The first round interviews for this post will be held week commencing 4 December 2017 in Brightlingsea, Essex. If you are selected for an interview you will be expected to provide a ten minute presentation to the interview panel.

For further information and to download an application form please visit our website: www.kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications: **9 November 2017**