**NATIONAL INSHORE FISHERIES FORUM**

***Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire.***

***21st January 2016 at 10:00am***

***Agenda***

**10:00am – 11:30am Meeting of NIFF members**

1. Welcome and apologies/Chairman’s address
2. Approval of draft meeting notes from last NIFF meeting 10th November 2015
3. Matters arising/updates from last NIFF meeting
   1. Administrative/procedural issues
   2. Updates on the following issues:
      1. Recreational potting
      2. Proposal to QMAC re: 1% by-catch allocations for inshore boats
      3. Request for position on CSHMAC
      4. VAT exemption on vessels under 15GT
      5. Selection of recommendations to be supported by NIFF from the Safety Working Group report
      6. Razor Clam Fishery update
      7. SWRIFF line caught fisheries plan
      8. Conflict between vessels of different sizes in inshore waters – development of proposal
      9. Financial support for industry in getting bi-valve fisheries classified/opened
      10. Application for additional funding under DG MARE call

**11:30am – 11:40am Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:40am – 12:40am** Meeting with officials from National Parks and Wildlife Services – Eamonn Kelly, Oliver O Cadhla an Ferdia Marnell

**12:40am – 1:30pm Meeting of NIFF members**

1. Reluctance of inshore vessels to contact the coastguard when in danger as demonstrated by recent incident in SERIFF area.
2. Proposal for discussion from NRIFF re NW Herring.
3. Inshore Fisheries Forums input into Inshore Fisheries EMFF scheme.
4. Development of catch and release Blue Fin Tuna Fishery.

**1:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch**

**2.00pm – 4:00pm Meeting with officials from DSP and IFI - DCENR**

2:00pm – 3:00pm Meeting with officials from Department of Social Protection – Christopher Mc Camley, Noel Hand and Sharon Keane

3:00pm – 4:00pm Meeting with official from Inland Fisheries Ireland, Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources – Dr Cathal Gallagher

**4:00pm – 5:00pm Meeting of the NIFF members**

1. Introduction of MLS for Velvet Crab
2. Update on Cadmium issue.
3. Brief discussion on M.S.D.F, and M.S.Y implications for the inshore sector.
4. Public Consultation on Minimum Mesh Size for Prawns.

Date for next NIFF meeting.