



SW Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

Riverside Park Hotel Macroom Co Cork

24th November 2017 10:00 hrs -16.00hrs

Action points

Internal to SW RIFF in blue For External action at NIFF in Black

1. Action point. Circulate all consultations, asking whether a response is deemed necessary or not.
2. Request from P Fogarty through Kevin Flannery that eNGOs to meet with the NIFF to introduce themselves and the work they do. **Action Point SW RIFF recommends that NIFF extends an invitation to the Environmental Pillar to give an introductory presentation on their objectives.**
3. Request from Berehaven Harbour Fisherman's Association for representation at the SW RIFF.

Action Point Extend an invitation for Berehaven Harbour Association to take a seat on the SWRIFF with the following provisions.

- There will be a renewal process which all RIFF members will be subject to in early 2018
 - The South West RIFF conducts its business via email. The nominated candidate should make provision for this.
 - Please find attached the TOR of the Inshore Forums
 - Please find attached the Code of Conduct that members are subject to.
 - All agendas and action points can be found at <http://inshoreforums.ie/>
 - We assume Berehaven Harbour Association is open to all operators in the harbour.
4. Recent pot losses due to hurricane Ophelia and storm Brian **Action Point:** The SW RIFF have received report of the serious effects of the Hurricane Ophelia on pot fisherman in a specific area of the SW RIFF region from Dursey Island to Youghal.

The reports indicate a severe economic impact which put fisherman's viability at risk due to capital losses and loss of earnings as a result, at a critical time of the year.

Notwithstanding the provision for Mutual Funds in Seafood OP under Article 35 of the EMFF unfortunately these small scale operators are not in a position to avail of this mechanism for damage incurred during Hurricane Ophelia. The SW RIFF through the NIFF is asking that Minister Creed examine this situation as a priority.

5. Request for Observations on Trawling inside 6nm on SFLG discussion. It was requested that in light of the severe gear losses by inshore vessels in Ballycotton every effort is made to retain paragraph five of the observation form the SW RIFF in relation to trawling by over 18m vessel inside 6 NM. **Action Point: Request NIFF to retain paragraph in their final observation on trawling inside 18nm.**
6. Inshore strategy **Action point: Disseminate presentation via email to RIFF.**
7. Presentation of V notching by Oliver Tully MI. **Action Point: Disseminate hardcopies of presentation to all members who are absent. Invite Oliver Tully to January meeting.**