

## West Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

### External Action Points

#### Lobster stock management and V-notching program – Marine Institute

MI presented data that's collected via the lobster genetic lobster, tagging scheme, and the sentinel logbook program. The data summarised:

- The genetic program will compile the geographical movements of lobster in the long term.
- The tagging program will track the geographical movement of lobster in the short term.
- The importance of V-notching to be consistency around the coast as lobster sprat/recruitment follow local tidal currents.
- The importance of the size of lobster V-notched – Studies have demonstrated a relationship between carapace length of females and the number of eggs.

**Action:** Information pack to be sent to registered fishermen and invitation to participate in the V-notch scheme.

#### Shrimp Stock Management – Marine Institute

Marine Institute is not taking part in any research into shrimp management. It was mentioned that a local management system would be more successful.

#### Factory ships fishing away just outside the 6-mile limit

There are complaints by several fishermen that factory boats are fishing in coastal regions.

**Action:** Contact the DAFM to get wording of the law

#### Dual Licencing

For the Inshore sector to be more sustainable the possibility of the sector to take advantage of the tourism sector like other countries is worth exploring.

**Action:** Fishermen from the West RIFF set up a sub-group to investigate the possibilities. Fáilte Ireland kindly agreed to give them some guidance.



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### Application for fibre route in Galway Bay:

Presently the sector receives little or no consultation from companies applying for licencing in fishing grounds.

**Action:** It was agreed by WRIFF that a meeting should be organised with the company and an appropriate public representative to be asked to be present at the meeting.

