

## SW Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum



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Video Conferencing

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Supports for Inshore sector to offset hardship caused by pandemic.
3. Draft proposal “Supporting responsible Brown Crab fishing” (pre read docs documents Proposal explanation and full draft of latest version 1.2 of proposal)
4. Proposal re the maximum size of lobster and V notching from SW Cork Lobster co-op
5. Celtic Sea herring 2020 management arrangements.

To the best of our knowledge this years management arrangements have not yet been decided on by the minister. We understand that this year there is only a small scientific quota available of around 700 tons for the entire fishery. Unfortunately there was some confusion within our membership as to how this was going to be distributed, many seemed under the impression that that would in its entirety be allocated to the sentinel fishery, probably because the last time the stock collapsed the only fishery that took place was the sentinel fishery. Others sources say that the quota will have to be allocated under the existing policy of which the sentinel fishery gets 11% of the quota. Members have serious concerns that 11% will not be viable for a sentinel fishery and have pointed out that the sentinel fishery was instrumental in the last stock recovery and feel that the subsequent and existing policy was instrumental in bringing about the current stock collapse, and therefore is preventative to any future stock recovery or re building

6. Sprat fishery in Dunmore box
7. NW Herring proposal
8. SE Recreational potting proposal
9. SE RIFF Proposal for the establishment of a Subgroup of NIFF to advise on the protection of the inshore fisheries sector with regard to offshore marine developments such as offshore energy (windfarms etc.).
10. Removal of 8% tariffs on US lobster bringing it in line with Canadian lobster imports to EU