

SW Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

3rd October 2016

ACTION POINTS FOR RIFF

Internal approval of SW action Points for NIFF meetings

Action Point: SW RIFF action points from meeting of 03.10.2016 to be drafted and circulated to SW RIFF members by 05.10.2016. Amendment and approvals of SW RIFF actions points required from each SW RIFF member by 12pm 10th of October 2016.

Lobster Management

Irish Support of Swedish proposal to add American Lobster to the invasive Species list leading to a ban on the importation of live *Homarus americanus*

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- Fishery Improvement Plan-Brown Crab, Update and discussion on the role of SW RIFF 15 minutes

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Action Point: Lobster management and landings to be put on agenda for next SW RIFF Meeting to facilitate further discussion.

SW Component of National Brown Crab Fishery Improvement Plan

Action Point: Request report from Frank Fleming / BIM on progress with SW component of brown crab FIP including plans, actions and funding mechanism. Email for quick dissemination if possible.



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Action Point: Defer discussions on role of SW RIFF in SW Component of national brown crab FIP until next meeting of SW RIFF at which Frank Fleming is present.

Consultation on Review of replacement capacity requirements under sea-fishing boat licensing policy

Action Point: SW RIFF supports Option A: supporting the Status Quo at this point. Submission to be made by SW RIFF before closing date of 30th Nov 2016.

Fisheries Local Action Group Consultation SW RIFF input

Action Point: Submit Feedback from SW RIFF on SWOT analysis and the ranking of themes and possible project ideas to PACEC for inclusion in the S AND SW FLAG consultation for their respective LDSs.

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Draft Business Code of Conduct

Despite the language and format of the document being off putting and aspirational the following action point was arrived at. **Action Point:** The business code of conduct for forums is approved by the SW RIFF as long the document is amended to reflect the changes proposed. Please see attached document with proposed changes tracked.

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W RIFF proposal on Bivalve Working Group

Action Point: The SW RIFF supports the proposal to form a Bivalve Working Group set up as per the proposal to deal with

- Deal with upcoming and future classifications and methods of achieving and maintaining such classifications.
- Consider the possible separation of wild fisheries methods of classification from aquaculture methods of classification.
- Consider flexibility in classification of areas that are classified for other bivalve species
- The aim of the working group would be to report back to NIFF and relevant RIFFs within a short period of time (3-4 months) on how to progress the classification process.

And Nominates Richard Murphy and Seamus O’ Grady to the group.

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Action Point: SW RIFF supports Option A Status Quo

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Proposal from the SW RIFF on the maximum landing size for lobster management

Action Point:

- a. The 127mm maximum Size no longer apply to males from Jan 2017.
- b. The minimum landing size of 87 mm remains as is.
- c. Extend V notching funding for females over the 127mm Max landing size for a further year.

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Maritime Spatial Planning

Action point: What supports and or funding are available to help the Inshore sector to prepare for the our role in Maritime Spatial Planning? **This action point needs to be flagged to DAFM MI SFPA**

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Action Point from 19.07.2016 meeting for attention at NIFF

FOR ACTION AT NIFF

Velvet Crab Proposal

Action Point: General agreement with the Minimum Landing Size but there are alternative measures which should be considered and will be put forward before the next SW RIFF meeting for consideration. Any introduction of a minimum landing size should allow a % tolerance to facilitate practical common sense enforcement. Any additional measures to be formulated and submitted before the end of August so they can be circulated prior to meeting.