

## Appendix I

### Actions points from the meeting of the 18.04.2016

#### RIFF RELATED ACTION POINTS-

##### Fishery Improvement Plan

**Action point** Put the Fishery Improvement Plan on the agenda for SW RIFF next meeting.

##### Line caught Pollack project

**Action Point** Efforts to be made to put the costings and realistically look at the infrastructure required for Line- caught Pollack project

##### South West and South FLAG

**Action Point** the SW RIFF will form two working groups, one for Cork and one for Kerry to draw together respective Expressions of Interest for Cork and Kerry. The SW RIFF request the secretariat to convene the subgroups to progress this work as the timeframe is short.

##### Are there more SACs and SPAs proposed

**Action point** to IMG. Can DAFM advise on the candidate marine SAC's SPAs, full SAC's and SPAs and proposed SACs/ SPAs and furnish a list thereof?

##### Bivalve Classification for Razor Clams

**Action Point** Can MI confirm when they are doing a stock assessment on razor clams in Outer Bantry Bay and Castletownbere? The SW RIFF will make recommendations on the management plan when the stock survey is available.

##### Lobster Management

**Action Point** Ask SFPA for landing figure for lobster in the SW broken down by port.

**Action point:** What is the protocol for the review of the maximum landing size at the end of 2016?

#### FOR ACTION AT NIFF

##### Penalty Points legislation -DAFM

**Action Point** The SW RIFF is disappointed at the lack of consultation on the introduction of the new penalty Points legislation. Given the profile of our vessels and the nature of our fishing we feel that in terms of the CFP and quota species the impact of infringements represents a completely different category of risk which is not recognised in the new penalty point system. We request clarifications of the risk categories and proportionality between the impact on the CFP /quota species and the penalties incurred.

##### Technical Conservation Measures -BIM

**Action Point** The introduction of Technical Conservation Measures under FMN 741 of 2014 has effectively removed a pre-existing derogation for vessels under 110KW without any scientific advice. Given the lack of scientific evidence of the effect of a 110mm Square mesh panel on trawls towed by smaller vessels (less than 200HP engine power) the measure should be reversed for vessels of this

size due to the disproportionate effect on these vessels. Any further or future technical conservation measures should not be introduced without including vessels of less than 200 hp in the scientific investigations. In light of this under 15 M vessels should be included in any current or future BIM MI work informing technical conservation measures/ work plans.

#### Lobster Management

**Action point:** Given that the maximum landing size is up for review at the end of 2016 What is the protocol for the review of the maximum landing size? Will the impact of the maximum size be assessed from an economic point of view as well as a biological one? Will other proposals for alternative conservation measures be assessed to provide options for achieving the level of egg production necessary to support current levels of fishing effort?

#### Bivalve Classification for Razor Clams

**Action point** Outer Bantry Bay and Castletownbere including Adrigole are a priority for the SW RIFF in line with IMG recommendation.

#### Live crab markets in China

**Action Point** In order to better understand the effect of this detrimental closure of markets to Irish live crab in China can the SFPA provide a copy of the national sampling plan for cadmium testing on brown crab in Ireland? In terms of working with the authorities on a technical solution is there a summary of the data from any investigations (on *inter alia* chelation, starvation, extended holding in low cadmium environments)? SW RIFF offer practical support for any sampling or scientific trials to solve the problem. Could the DAFM / SFPA/ BIM/MI provide information on any scientific investigations?