

SE RIFF Meeting 28.04.2020

Action Points to be brought to the next NIFF meeting from the SE RIFF meeting of the 28th April 2020

1.1 SE Position on the West RIFF proposal for a temporary cessation in fishing to support the inshore sector.

The South East RIFF unanimously support the West RIFF proposal but wish to recommend the following points;

- a) Emphasize that the proposal (as outlined) needs to be optional for fishermen to participate in, leading to point b below
- b) Where fishermen could/can potentially fish due to a level of market demand, but the market price has dropped below levels sufficient to maintain viability of fishing activity, that the scheme be adaptive to allow for a top up payment to be made available through the buyers/processors to make up the difference.
- c) V notching to be started with additional support/funding to be made available to the overall fund to maximise the opportunity to conserve stocks
- d) Bord Bia in conjunction with BIM with industry participation be asked to increase promotion of fish (including inshore fish species) on the domestic market, for example demonstrating easy methods of preparing fish such as crab, as one of the main inhibitors to purchasing fish in Ireland has been found to be a fear of cooking/preparing it.
- e) All State and local authority charges be reviewed and stayed during the Covid-19 crisis period, such as harbour dues/charges etc.

