



Appendix 1. Action Points to be brought to the next NIFF meeting

1.1 North East RIFF Proposal to increase minimum landing size of razors to 125mm

It was agreed to support this proposal on the basis that the current national legal size of 100mm was too small and that the Rosslare Razor Association had already recommended this at a meeting of their group an increase. However the SE RIFF based on the advice of the Rosslare Razor Association recommend that the size be increased to 130mm, as this is the existing size in place for the south east razor beds of the Wexford coast.

1.2 Inshore scallop management proposals

The South East RIFF wish to submit to the NIFF for general discussion the attached Inshore Scallop proposals, resulting from an industry meeting of small boat owners held on the 23rd of June. The SE RIFF is now ensuring that all current small scallop boat owners are consulted on the proposal, as it was pointed out that at least one existing exclusively inshore scallop vessel owner was unaware of the meeting.

1.3 Renewal of RIFF membership

The South East RIFF believes that further time is needed to make detailed/adequate input into this important area. We have asked our board members to respond to a number of key questions. However there was general consensus that the size of the South East RIFF is big enough. One compromise proposal is for a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15

1.4 Letter from Minister Creed re Replacement Capacity 26.07.2017

Fears were expressed that this change in policy decided by the Minister will lead to a downsizing of the Irish fishing fleet. It was agreed that the SE RIFF Chair and Vice Chair would raise this at the next NIFF meeting.

1.5 2017 Irish Sea Herring Fishery

After discussion on this item it was agreed to seek support from the North East RIFF for either one of or, a combination of both of the following two proposals below as joint SE and NE RIFF proposals for unused Irish Sea herring quota;

- i) Establish a proportion of herring quota for small inshore boats in the Irish Sea, from the remaining available herring quota that exists after 'swaps' have occurred and/or
- ii) That such unused Irish Sea herring quota be swapped out for other species that could benefit the Inshore Fleet.

1.6 Island Fisheries (Heritage License) Bill 2017

Agreed to seek clarification through NIFF what is actually being sought with this proposal, as the South East RIFF are not clear on the end result of this proposal. For example;

- Is it proposed to give free licenses to fishermen who do not currently hold a fishing license?
- Or/and does the proposal give special protection by way of a permit to exclude non inhabitants of islands for fishing inside 6NM of islands?
- What species are to be covered?
- How would a scheme fit in with existing management regimes, for example mixed stock fishery objectives with regard to salmon.



Appendix 2. Non NIFF Action Points

- 1.1 Correspondence to be sent to SFPA
 - 1.1.1 To Brian Nolan SFPA Clonakilty to clarify samples required for classifying the Waterford Estuary, and if both beds (above and below Creadan Head) can be classified as one area.
 - 1.1.2 To SFPA management raising concerns about comments made by an SFPA officer concerning the sampling and classification for razors within the Waterford Estuary.

- 1.2 Consultation to take place with inshore scallop boats not invited/informed of inshore scallop industry meeting 23rd June 2017. The SE RIFF secretariat will contact and give a copy of the inshore scallop proposal to inshore scallop fishermen that did not attend the industry meeting held in Arklow on the 23rd June 2017, in order to seek their views before the proposal is fully endorsed by the RIFF to be submitted to the NIFF as a proposal. It is recognised by the SE RIFF that the wider scallop fleet (larger boats that mainly fish offshore, but at times also inside the inshore area of the proposal) should also at the appropriate time be consulted fully on this proposal before it is implemented.

- 1.3 Bluefin tuna. It was agreed that the Marine Tourism representative and other proposers would write to ICCAT to seek clarification on the jurisdiction of Ireland to allow this proposal (catch and release including tagging for scientific purposes of Bluefin tuna by charter angling boats), or if such a proposal would require EU level sanction.