



SW Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

Riverside Park Hotel Macroom Co Cork

14th September 2017 10:00 hrs -14.00hrs

Action points

Internal to SW RIFF in blue External for action at NIFF in Black

- 1) Update from Bivalve Management Sub group
 - a) **Action Point RM to address any corrections to the Bivalve Subgroup minutes that are required.**
 - b) **Action Point: Given the complexity of the issues under debate at the Bivalve Subgroup and the voluntary investment of time and travel it is imperative that MI & SFPA are available to attend the full Bivalve Subgroup meetings and that they are scheduled accordingly.**
 - c) **Action point: The proposal was accepted with the following amendments after extensive discussion.**

Point 1 Rules to apply to all razor clams, clam and cockle fisheries in the geographical area outside the established East Coast Fisheries that are under formal management regimes.

Points 2 to 8 as is.

Point 9 Local agreement also has to be taken into consideration. Given the responsibilities of Regional Inshore Fisheries Forums to represent all fishing stakeholder, priority must be given to preventing negative impact on existing fisheries inter alia Shrimp, scallop, crab species. Given the responsibilities of Regional Inshore Fisheries Forums to represent all fishing stakeholder, priority must be given to preventing negative impact on existing fisheries inter alia Shrimp, scallop, crab species.

- 2) Northeast RIFF Proposal to Increase Minimum landing size of Razor Clams (*Ensis siliqua*) from 100mm to 125mm
Action Point: Given the clear mandate from local industry to employ this TCM the SW RIFF can only unanimously support this proposal as part of a greater process.
- 3) SERIFF proposal to increase the Minimum Landing Size for Brown crab from 130mm to 140mm nationally. **Action Point:** The SW RIFF Supports the increase in minimum landing size from 130mm to 140mm nationally but notes that unless the problem of illegal declawing of brown crab is tackled through enforcement the benefit to the stock of increasing the MLS will not accrue.
- 4) Renewal of Environmental Rep in event of resignation before full term. **Action Point:** VOD to inform the people who made the enquiries regarding the environmental seat on SW RIFF about the protocol and direct them to the Environmental Pillar in the first instance.
- 5) Renewal of the RIFF membership draft document. **Action point:** The RIFF Terms of Reference require amendment before any renewal mechanism can be implemented as currently the responsibility for the renewal of the RIFFS lies with the Fisheries Local Action Groups. There may also be other implications for TOR in terms of the membership section.
- 6) Consultation by DAFM on the Proposal to introduce Financial Instruments under the RDP 2014-2020 and the EMFF operational Programme 2014-2020. **Action Point** Clarify from DAFM whether the introduction of a FI would impact negatively on the grant aid rate available to SSCF?
- 7) **Action point:** Retirement Scheme for Fishermen to be put on the agenda for the next SW RIFF meeting