



SW Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

26th June 2017

Action Points

Internal Action Points

- NIFF Update Action Point Circulate the link to the live recording of the Joint Oireachtas Committee at which RIFFs via an invitation to NIFF were represented by Alex Crowley, Trudy McIntyre and Richard Guildea
- Elasmobranch research and proposals In relation to the RENSKA Project summary Action Point Seek clarity as to what geographical area exactly Tralee Bay refers to?
- In relation to Spurdogs what geographic area does Tralee Bay refer to? In referring to dense aggregations in Tralee Bay what data is this supported by?
- Request from Padraig Fogarty of the Irish Wildlife Trust to meet. **Action Point** Given that the next SW RIFF meeting is likely to be in Autumn and in order to expedite the request, extend an invitation to Padraic to meet a smaller component of the group who can make themselves available locally in Kerry.

External Action Points

- Crab illegal declawing joint proposal **Action Point** the Joint proposal draft document Unanimous agreement with the document as proposed.
- Update from Bivalve Management Sub group & action point New areas for survey by the Marine Institute are Outer Bantry Bay. If the stock levels indicate sufficient stock this area also to be included for classification. Area has sanitary survey.
- Also the areas of Berehaven and Adrigole to be re-surveyed for stock assessment with a view to fishery opening in Q1 of 2018. Sampling for classification to start in next fortnight or so. Donagh O Connor MFV CAROL ANNE WD270

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- Bivalve management Plan re-submitted by Brian Polly. Action Point proposed management plan to be referred to the National Subgroup for Razors, Clams & Cockles for discussion and review at their next meeting.
- Proposal from Marine Tourism providers: Open a catch and release Blue Fin Tuna sports fishery so that this great opportunity to market and develop a world class angling product is not lost to Ireland. Action point Agree in principle to a catch and release blue fin tuna angling proposal subject to seeing the proposal, proper regulation and there being no quota implications.
- Atypical working scheme: Non-EEA crew in Fishing Fleet. Action Point to request that the length limit of more than 15 meters be removed as a condition of the scheme.