

## Action Points to be brought to the next NIFF meeting from the SE RIFF meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### 1.1 Brown crab following presentation by MI

The SE RIFF having seen the presentation also consider that there is an issue with the brown crab stocks in the southeast, and therefore request the following;

- IMG to recognize the serious state of brown crab stocks and to state through the Inshore Forums an overall national review process to include research into the national crab fishery (at a regional level) with participation of crab fishermen, leading to/in parallel to a debate on appropriate measures with overall industry support to address the decline. The review should consider the knock-on impact on other inshore fisheries.
- A discussion to take place immediately at NIFF level and then to go each RIFF area on increasing the brown crab minimum size to 150mm as a first step while more research/discussion is being carried out.

### 1.2 Mackerel Hook and Line

There was general agreement to support this proposal. However, this needs to include agreement at a national level on a combination of a regional/seasonal/breakdown of the allocation to avoid the increased allocation being taken early in the season in one geographical area as happened in 2021. Proposals on this were submitted previously by the SE RIFF. It was further agreed that the review should consider all pelagic fisheries relevant to inshore fishermen including herring.

### 1.3 NIFA proposal supported by the SW RIFF to review S.I. No 31/2016 Non-Commercial Pot Fishing (Lobster and Crab) Regulations 2016

The SE RIFF a review of this regulation with a strong emphasis on the enforceability of any of the regulation and any new amendments.

It was agreed that any review should examine the need to have a system of registration of recreational fishers, which would aid enforcement (a system of mandatory online self-registration has been proposed by the SE RIFF before).

### 1.4 Update required on the consultative structure established by the DPHLG on ORE

The SE RIFF wish to remind/update the NIFF of the growing disquiet/concern of fishers in the SE RIFF area that are being impacted by ORE developments. The SE RIFF request an update on the consultative structure and its plans to address many of the key issues of fishers, as it has only met once and there has been no update since then.

## Action points from the SE RIFF meeting for communication/follow up outside of the NIFF

### 2.1 Change to landing of sprat to Dunmore East only

It has been agreed to write to the SFPA regional port manager in Dunmore East to seek clarification on the requirements for landing sprat only at Dunmore East and to see if it would be possible for fishermen to have their own certified/approved scales to weigh at other locations.