

North East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum

City North Hotel

Monday 28th January 2019 Action Points

1. Action Point: Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Minutes were approved

No Actions required

2. Action point: TOR, code of conduct and procedure for renewal.

No specific date was set to complete the renewal of NERIFF however, it was suggested that this be completed by the end of the summer 2019. All members were asked to review their own mandates and supply a completed mandate document .

3. Action Point: Proposal on crayfish v-notching

This proposal by the Marine Institute was discussed by the members present. Whilst there was general support for a new conservation measure, it was felt that there was not sufficient knowledge of the crayfish fishery in the NE region to make a decision to give support to this proposal. The members agreed to examine the proposal in more detail and decide on a position by the next NERIFF Meeting.

4. Action point: Proposal on scallop dredges.

Add support from NERIFF to proposal

As this proposal is in keeping with a current NERIFF proposal on limiting effort for scallop fishing, the members present support this proposal.

5. Action point: Vice Chair/ NIFF representation.

Through the chair, the forum expressed their gratitude for the commitment and effort given to the NERIFF by the outgoing vice chair. Nominations were sought from those present to fill the position, however none were forthcoming at this time. Members asked to be given time

to consider seeking the nomination and for a decision to be made by the next NERIFF meeting. In the meantime, a nomination was sought and obtained for a member to serve as interim representative to the NIFF until a vice chair is elected.

Members interested in seeking nomination to be Vice Chair to inform secretariat prior to next NERIFF meeting.

6. Action point: North RIFF 127 Proposal

Pass on NERIFF support of the proposal as written, noting the possibility of an amendment to make it a national proposal

7. Action Point: Review of Ministers letter on 6nm limit.

Discussion Topic

No actions required

8. Action Point: Quota balancing for Demersal stocks.

Discussion item

Action point: No actions required

9. Action point: Windfarms.

Any engagement by wind energy companies by the secretariat to re-iterate the importance of the NERIFF as the correct channel to engage with the inshore sector