



West Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum Meeting

12th November 2025

External Action Points

1. Introduction of new WRIFF members

The chair welcomed the WRIFF members

- Ger Concannon – (Kilrush – Hags Head) re-elected by mandate
- Aodan McDonagh – (An Spideal – Litir Mellain) elected by mandate
- Cathal King – (shellfish Buyers) – Appointed by consensus of WRIFF

2. Inshore Decommissioning

The history of progression of the inshore decommissioning at NIFF was discussed as it was one of the recommendation in the Seafood Task Force report in 2021. In summary, it would be had to design a decommission scheme as there is latent and active capacity that needed to be considered. Is there still an appetite within the sector for decommissioning?

Action: Put inshore decommissioning on agenda at next NIFF meeting

3. Lobster V-notching and management

Concerns the lobster stock will be depleted as Brown Crab stocks are decreasing and more effort is now on lobster grounds. Brown Crab Working Group (BCWG) are being reestablished to manage Brown Crab stocks.

Action: Request that lobster is added as a species on the BCWG. Put on next NIFF agenda.

