



West Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum Meeting

09th October 2024

External Action Points

Brown Crab Working Group: WRIIF agreed that the Brown Crab has declined since 2015. The following measures were agreed on

Technical measures

1. Increase MLS from 140mm to 150mm
2. Ban on berried, but how do you define berried crab
3. Ban on landing on soft crab but how to define soft crab
4. Enforce existing legislation on clawing undersize crab
5. Introduce Escape gaps – possible to be done at sea

Management plan measure:

WRIIF is supportive of input measure i.e pot limits inside and outside 3 nm

WRIIF renewal: The process has begun to fill the following vacant seats

1. Fishermen/ Island representative
2. Shellfish Buyer
3. Fisheries

Bluefin Tuna: WRIIF Bluefin Proposal was accepted by the other RIFF's. Action: Put on the agenda for next NIFF meeting

