



## National Inshore Fisheries Forum meeting

National Seafood Centre, Clonakilty, Co. Cork and online via Webex

6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 11:00 am

### Agenda

- 1.) Welcome and apologies/Chair's Address/Declaration of Interests.
- 2.) Does the DAFM/Minister want the Inshore Fisheries Forums to continue?
- 3.) Equal representation of the inshore sector on all National Committees such as QMAC.
- 4.) Outcome of NW Herring review and the newly formed North West Herring Advisory Committee.
- 5.) Hook and Line Mackerel
  - a. NIFF request for policy review of hook and line mackerel fishery.
  - b. Market opportunities for hook and line mackerel – final report and recommendations.
- 6.) Brown crab
  - a. Declawing concerns.
  - b. Brown crab working group – when will it be established?
  - c. Cost of living effects on brown crab markets.
  - d. Supports for the shellfish sector.
- 7.) Update on the quashing of the of the 6nm appeal.
- 8.) Inshore Decommissioning scheme as proposed by Seafood Taskforce.
- 9.) ICES advice for zero catch for Pollock in Area Vi & VII for 2024.
- 10.) Update on spurdog fishery.
- 11.) The need for better quota opportunities for inshore fishers in new and reassessed fisheries particularly now that the inshore sector represents more than 90% of the vessels on the Irish fishing fleet register.
- 12.) Offshore Renewable Energy concerns.
- 13.) Update on new control regulation, iVMS and NW RIFF app proposal.

