

Angling Consultative Council of Ireland (ACCI)

Code of Conduct

In terms of communication amongst Consultative Group members and with Department and IFI officials, the agreed Terms of Reference set out the structure, role and functions of the Group.

In addition the following are agreed principles, supplementary to the agreed Terms of Reference, by which the Consultative Group should conduct all aspects of its business:

- Transparency and openness – all documents will be made available to the Members and meeting reports will be promptly circulated;
- Equality and respect – all Members will be afforded equal opportunity – by the Chair and by other Members – to voice their opinion and contribute to the work of the Group. While the Group is comprised of representatives from a range of angling interests, there is an overriding obligation on Members (and officials) to treat each other with respect and dignity at all times;
- Efficiency – it is recognised that time and resources will be limited particularly in the context of Members other responsibilities. Therefore the work and meetings of the will be managed in as efficient a manner as possible and Members are requested to respect and value the time investment by other Members.
- Collegiality and tolerance – the Members of the Group will work together in the spirit of collegiality and tolerance.
- Common goal – the Members of the Group will work together towards a common goal of a shared communication platform with the Department and IFI to assist in the development of Ireland's Inland Fisheries and Sea Angling resources.

Members and officials are expected to operate on the basis of a collective approach to the Groups functions and, whilst appointment to the Group is on the basis of knowledge, interest and representation of a sectoral discipline, and this may shape inputs, individual interests shall not supersede the role of the Group.

It is suggested that the Group might develop a protocol for the sharing of information and communication between Group members and with the Department and IFI. The sharing of relevant reports and documents could, for instance, be undertaken via the Group Secretary under the auspices of the Chair.