

Meeting of Angling Consultative Council Ireland (ACCI)

Minutes of Meeting – 27 April 2021 (Remotely)

Attendees:

Philip Nugent (DECC, Co-Chair), Martin McEnroe (ACI, Co-Chair), Denis Maher (DECC), Karen Egan (DECC), Francis O Donnell (IFI), Suzanne Campion (IFI), Joe Birney (IFSA), Jonathan Rice Recorder (ACCI), Bob Seward (SSTRAI), John Chambers (IFPAC), Padraig O Riordan (IADA), Paul Byrne (IPS), Warren Doyle (EFSA), Noel Carr (FISSTA), Donal Kennedy (ICSA).

Meeting opened with welcome to all followed by brief introductions.

Agenda Item 1 - Work Programme for ACCI

Chairs invited members to identify priority issues for inclusion in the ACCI work plan for the rest of 2021. All members put forward suggestions and were asked by the Chairs to set these out further in writing ahead of the next meeting.

Indicative priorities identified included the following:

- Impacts of salmon aquaculture and wild fish sensitive development
- Promote cessation of commercial salmon fishing (hardship scheme)
- Habitat rehabilitation works and review of Salmon and Sea Trout Rehabilitation and Protection Fund
- Decreases in sea angling fish stock and sizes/Inshore Habitat and protecting stocks
- Coastal erosion and pollution from plastics is a concern
- Access
- Support for Sea Angling charter boats– International events/Tourism
- Chartered Skippers happy to assist with data collection in catch and release fisheries
- Completion of Pike review / Pike management
- Blueways and Greenways restricting angling - Liaising with city and county
- Club Private Water keepers
- Leases and Fishing Lease License
- National Indemnity Scheme (access)
- Comhairle na Tuaithe funding

Agenda Item 2 - Roadmap for Inland Fisheries

DECC gave a presentation of the roadmap for Inland Fisheries. It outlined opportunities to get involved in developing the framework with Impact on climate change and water quality the first areas being dealt with.

ACCI is expected to play an important role in the consultation and contribution to the policy documents.

Date of next ACCI meeting (remotely) Thursday 27 May –

16:30. Chairs thanked those in attendance for their time and contributions.