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Stakeholder engagement/Renewable Energy

The Irish Fish Producers Organisation has serious concerns that there is a deliberate attempt to relegate the stakeholder engagement with commercial Irish Fishermen to "information only" in category in Table 2. This will not wash with the fishing industry as all these proposed developments are taking place on the grounds where we earn our living. We recently met with the ESB and other proposers who gave presentations on their proposed developments and they are averaging in excess of 300 square kilometers in size and they are all on areas that our vessels fish. They are all very willing to advise us of their plans but there is no engagement at any level of the effect on our operations. We are no doubt these developments will result in the exclusion of our vessels in these areas if the Wind farms are approved at planning stage.

It is essential that there is engagement with our industry from the outset as otherwise we will have disputes and conflict. We are all mindful of the disputes over the Corrib Gas field and if we continue to be ignored, then that dispute will be a microcosm of what lays ahead.

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