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To whom it may concern

BIM are working with DG MARE & DG ENV of the EC, who are developing the implementing acts associated with the Single Use plastics and the PRF Directive in relation to the monitoring and reporting of: Fishing gear placed on the market

Waste fishing gear collected

Passively fished waste collected(marine litter)

The monitoring is expected to inform an Extended Producer Responsibility scheme to be set up by each Member State.

There are key policy barriers to effectively implement these directives. BIM would like an opportunity to meet to discuss further the challenges such as licensing and waste characterization. For eg the circular economy look to encourage recycling of end of fishing gear but what it the official characterization of this material as it will need to transported both in Ireland and / or to other member states that for treatment? Will there be licensing review to support these new directives?

There is also an SI that looks for galley waste generated from Irish vessels is sent for deep burial. Our analysis indicates that up to 37% of the galley waste is organic material, 17% is rigid plastics and other recoverable materials such as tins. This too is against new thinking on waste in a circular economy and we would sincerely appreciate to discuss this further

Regards

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