

## **Memorandum of Understanding between the National Inshore Fisheries Forum (NIFF) and the National Inshore Fishermen's Association Company Limited by Guarantee (NIFA CLG)**

The National Inshore Fishermen's Association Company Limited by Guarantee (NIFA CLG) will work with the National and Regional Inshore Fisheries Forums on issues of mutual interest and importance. Upon request from the National Inshore Fisheries Forum (NIFF) the NIFA will consider furthering these issues and apply for funding to do the same, giving consideration to the resources of the NIFA.

The NIFA will only seek to progress policy issues, pertaining to the remit of the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, on behalf of its members through the Inshore Fisheries Forums and not unilaterally with or directly to the Minister of Agriculture Food and the Marine, his or her Department (DAFM) or State Agencies (BIM, MI and the SFPA). The NIFA will adhere to this as long as this Memorandum is in place and as long as the NIFA sees the NIFF fit for the progression of these policy issues.

The NIFA reserves the right to participate in public consultations on behalf of its members as do its individual members.

The NIFA reserves the right to engage with unilaterally all elected representatives on behalf of its members with the exception of the Minister of Agriculture Food and Marine as outlined above in paragraph number two. The NIFA will in the first instance seek to bring to the attention any issues pertaining to the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, to the Minister for Agriculture Food and Marine via the Inshore Fisheries Forums prior to approaching any other elected representatives on these issues.

The NIFA may without consultation with the NIFF, seek to work with DAFM and the state agencies, BIM, MI and the SFPA on non-policy issues.

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