



NIFA membership policy as of 01/01/19

Full membership

Full membership of NIFA CLG can **only** be awarded to individuals that are the registered owners of Irish registered inshore fishing vessels that conform to the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF) definition, of Small Scale Coastal Fisheries (SSCF)

That is: *Vessels of an overall length of less than 12 meters and not using towed gear as listed in Table 3 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004*

Where the SSCF vessel is owned by bodies corporate, the member must be a director of that body corporate. Only one individual director of that body corporate can be awarded membership per SSCF vessel owned.

Where the SSCF vessel is owned in a partnership arrangement, only one of the owning partners can be awarded membership per SSCF Vessel owned

In the event that a member owns (or is involved in the ownership of) multiple SSCF vessels and wishes to avail of privileges for multiple vessels, then multiple appropriate membership fees will have to be paid, in accordance of the numbers of vessels the member wishes to seek privileges for. Irrespective of the numbers of vessels a member has paid fees for that member will only have one set of voting rights within the NIFA CLG

Full membership can only be granted to new members following the receipt of an application on the official NIFA CLG membership application form. For applications to be successful they will have to approved by 2/3 majority at a NIFA Board meeting.

Fees for full membership are based on the Length Overall (LOA) of the associated SSCF vessel. Introductory membership fees for full membership fees for 2018 have been set as follows.

For Vessels LOA 11.99m to 10m the fee is €200 For Vessels LOA 9.99m to 8m the fee is €150 For Vessels LOA less than 7.99m the fee is €100

Membership is renewable on an annual basis. Fees are due on the 1st of February each year. Membership is not considered to be active until appropriate fees are paid.

Honorary Membership

The board of management can at its discretion following a 2/3 majority decision at a board meeting award individuals that do not meet the criteria for full membership honorary membership. Honorary membership is awarded to individuals who the board feels have something positive to add to the organisation. New Honorary memberships need to be

proposed by a director to the Board. Honorary members are eligible for the same privileges and have the same rights as Full members.

The annual membership fee is €5. Membership is renewable on an annual basis. Fees are due on the 1st of February each year. Membership is not considered to be active until appropriate fees are paid.

The Board of Management.

The Board may create new directorships and fill these directorships via co-option (see below)

The Board will, when it deems appropriate create new directorships and these will be filled by a via an election process involving the general membership.

Co-option.

The board can at its discretion, following the proposal by a director and 2/3 majority approval at a board meeting Co-op individuals onto the board of management.

Proxies

Directors can following 2/3 approval at a Board meeting appoint, members (both full and honorary) to act as proxies to represent them at board meetings. Proxies must be approved in advance of any particular meeting they attend.

Observers

Directors can invite pending 2/3 majority approval of the board, members (both full and honorary) to attend board meeting in an observer capacity. Observers will not play any decision making role at Board meetings