**Action Points from Whitefish FIP sub-group meeting 11th May 2022**

* Mike Fitzpatrick is to draft a letter for FIP members, Co-Ops, POs & Processors outlining the benefits of participation in observer and self-sampling schemes and a summary of what FIPs are.
* Macdara Ó Cuaig (Marine Institute) agreed to provide regular updates summarising the current situation regarding observer and self-sampling data targets and achieved trips.
* The FIPs will discuss their work with the industry at a series of port workshops on fishing gear around the coast which BIM have organised over the next few months. Macdara O Cuaig of the Marine Institute and Fergal O Mahony of Green Isle also offered to attend. Macdara to present the scientific sampling at sea program and Fergal on the market case for engagement with the FIPs.
* The issue of improving the resourcing of the FIPs, given their importance to the industry, was raised. It was agreed that a note from the group seeking reassurances from BIM regarding adequate resourcing of the FIPs would be drafted and sent to BIM.
* FIP member vessels will be emailed regarding the sharing of their names with Fishery Progress, a requirement under their new social policy.
* A sub-group of the FIPs looking at the emerging area of social responsibility in FIPs will be set up by Mike Fitzpatrick.
	+ A report by BIM covering social aspects in Irish fisheries will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.
	+ The FIP social subgroup will consider the results from the initial risk assessments and report back to the main group on longer terms options and best practices.
* Several points were agreed regarding potential MSC certification for Rockall Haddock including:
	+ Frank Fleming will enquire about the possibility of joining with the Scottish certification for the fishery.
	+ The feasibility of a combined certification covering Rockall and Celtic Sea Haddock and the Hake fisheries will be considered.
	+ Mike Fitzpatrick will circulate a short series of questions for the 3 fisheries to industry sales and processing interests to allow for a more informed decision to be made regarding volume and value and overall potential benefit of MSC certifications.
* Mike Fitzpatrick will enquire about a small number of FIP representatives being added to the IFSRP meeting with Marine Institute scientists which will be discussing the new scientific advice due to be published at the end of June.
* Patrick Murphy of the IS&WFPO will set up a meeting with Kieran Kelly of RIO Restoring Integrity to the Oceans regarding Marine Litter.