**Agreed actions to improving industry data provision 2024**

Following a series of meetings between the Irish Saithe FIP coordinators, Co-op managers, fishermen’s organisation representatives and the Marine Institute Fisheries Liaison team leader the following action items have been agreed.

* It is considered unlikely that relying on fishers to make the first step in contacting Marine Institute staff to set up a sampling or observer trip will be a successful approach. The steps below outline a more active approach to improving participation in the initiative.
* FIP coordinators to follow up with Co-Op and PO managers to draw up organisation specific list of vessels to contact regarding participation in data provision.
* Co-Op and PO managers to make initial contact with skippers to discuss necessity for improved data and to secure agreement to participate.
* If necessary FIP coordinators will follow up in order to reinforce the necessity and to attempt to secure agreement to participate.
* Once agreement is reached with skippers there contact details will be passed by FIP coordinators to the Marine Institute Fisheries Liaison team leader who can then make contact with the skipper and set up a self-sampling or observer trip.
* The Marine Institute Fisheries Liaison team leader will provide quarterly updates on participation and data provision levels to the Saithe FIP.
* This approach will be reviewed and revised if necessary in order to ensure that the FIP goal of improving data provision is successful.