



Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

BOARD OF INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

Meeting Report - 16 January 2024

This report provides an outline of agenda items raised at this meeting.

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1. Preliminary

1.1 Introductions were made and presentations provided by Senior Management Team members

2. Administrative Matters

2.1 Agenda Adoption /Conflicts of Interest Declaration/ Adherence to Confidentiality

The agenda was adopted with no conflicts of interest declared. The confidential nature of matters to be raised was agreed.

2.2 Meeting Minutes – 11 January 2024

Papers distributed: 2.2.1 Meeting Minutes of IFI (Board) 11 January 2024 as Approved 15 January 2024
The 11 January S.18 Appointee meeting minutes were noted.

There were no matters arising.

2.3 Appointment of Board Secretary

Papers distributed: 2.3.1 Terms of Reference of the Board of IFI V1.1_Apprvd Sept '22

Presenting: Chair

The matter of the re-appointment of the Board Secretary, Emma Fortune, was approved.

3. S.18 Appointees

3.1 Presentation to members from S.18 Appointees

Papers distributed: 3.1.2 S18 IFI Governance Review; 3.1.3 Scheme of Delegation - Inland Fisheries Ireland; 3.1.4 Action Plan_IFI Governance Review; (The EY Governance Report and programme for consideration (hardcopy distributed at the meeting))

These papers were taken as read. Following the cessation of their term of office on 15 January, S. Neely and T. Barry will continue to work with the organisation for a further 12 months in supporting the management team on the implementation of the EY Governance Review action plan. S. Neely briefed members on the body of work completed in performing the functions of IFI. Significant areas referred to were; the review and sign-off of IFI's audited financial statements for 2021 and 2022; approval of the Oversight & Performance Delivery Agreements with IFI's parent Department, IFI's Budget and Business Plan 2023, series of policies, and the progression of a scheme of delegation for IFI, among other matters. He outlined issues for the specific early attention of the new Board. T. Barry then briefed members on the work involved progressing the governance review through to final delivery of the S.18 Governance Review Report and draft action plan. Mr Barry stated that the draft action plan contained 11 governance programmes of work requiring the formation of a Governance Programme Steering Committee which would include membership from both the Board and Executive. The s.18 Appointees recommended that EY support services are retained for the delivery of the action plan.

The Chair invited feedback from members and responses included: the availability of financial resourcing from IFI's parent Department to support this work, acknowledgement that timelines are short and whether synergies with other organisations could be optimised.

4. Audit & Risk Committee

4.1 Appointments to the IFI Audit & Risk Committee

Papers distributed: 4.1.1 Audit & Risk Committee ToR 4.5_s.18 APPRVD Oct 2023

Acknowledging the requirement to appoint members from the Board to the Audit & Risk Committee, the Chair indicated that the committee would be made up of five members, one of whom would be co-opted externally.

5. AOB

A schedule of Board meeting dates for 2024 was distributed with the papers and was agreed by members.