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Inland Fisheries Ireland

# **BOARD OF INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND**

## **Meeting Report - 30 August 2024**

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

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## 1. Meeting Administration

### 1.1 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. Matters for Consideration

### 2.1 Judicial Review

**Paper distributed:** 2.1.1 26 June Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT Extract

**Presenting:** Deputy CEO

The Deputy CEO provided an overview of activity further to an action agreed at the 26 June Board meeting, which tasked the executive with obtaining a second legal opinion on progressing a Judicial Review (JR) of a judgement against a number of prosecution cases brought by the organisation. Following discussion on the matter, it was agreed that an appeal would be progressed with legal costs conditionality. The Board expressed its satisfaction with this approach and anticipated the paper for the September Board meeting.

### 2.2 Implementation Support Team (IST) – Terms of Reference

**Papers distributed:** 2.2.1 DRAFT Terms of Reference IST

**Presenting:** Deputy CEO

This paper was taken as read. The Chair acknowledged the importance of the role of the IST in supporting the Senior Management Team and Senior Leadership Team in strengthening the organisation's governance. The Board was satisfied with the draft terms of reference.

**Resolution:** Approval of the **Terms of Reference for the Implementation Support Team.**

### 2.3 Delegation Matters

**Papers distributed:** No papers were distributed for this item.

**Presenting:** Deputy CEO, Dr Cathal Gallagher

The Chair introduced this item, reminding members that Dr Gallagher's cycle as Deputy CEO will cease on 6 September. The Board sought assurance that the appropriate delegations would be in place on handover to the CEO or the next Deputy CEO as circumstances dictate. C. Gallagher made reference to the Board resolutions of 6 March and 23 April respectively in relation to the performance of functions by the Deputy Chief Executive under S.24(3) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010, which agreed the next member of the SMT on rotation to act as Deputy CEO, being Barry Fox. He confirmed the 'IFI Scheme of Delegation' is current. The Board expressed its gratitude for the commitment, professionalism and leadership Dr Gallagher brought to the role.