



Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

BOARD OF INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

Meeting Report - 5 September 2025

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - 5 September 2025

1. Administration

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

The agenda was adopted and no conflicts in respect of matters on the agenda were declared by members. The confidential nature of matters to be raised was agreed.

2. Matters for Consideration

2.1 Blackwater Fish Kill

The Chair invited the Executive to provide an update. The Deputy CEO outlined recent interagency meetings. The Head of Research, Policy and Risk outlined work carried out on calculating a stock estimate that would normally be found on the affected channel of 39km. The Head of Operations outlined that teams are on site each day. Queries were raised by members regarding the importance of ensuring that fish are no longer coming in contact with a contaminant and whether it is possible to engage with international colleagues in relation to serious fish kills. It was suggested that external expertise would be beneficial to assist in crisis communications and to ensure that the communication messages are understandable from the public and key stakeholders' perspective. Communicating the investigative process and informing people of the good work that has been undertaken to date by IFI is also important. The Deputy CEO outlined that local staff are meeting stakeholders each day on the ground and have undertaken to meet fishery owners and angling clubs.

2.2 Correspondence from Min Timmy Dooley TD

Correspondence from Minister Timmy Dooley had been distributed in the meeting pack and a response would be drafted at the earliest opportunity, which will give a full account of the work carried out in the past 18 months.