



Minutes of Fish Farm Working Group

3044 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24

2.30pm Monday, October 24th 2016

Federation Reps: **TAFI:** Mr Martin Kinneavey, Mr Eamonn Moore
 NARA: Mr Pat Foley, Mr Michael Callaghan

IFI Representatives: Mr Fintan Gorman (Chairman), IFI Board
 Dr Ciaran Byrne, Chief Executive Officer
 Dr Cathal Gallagher, Head of Research & Development
 Dr Frances Lucy, IFI Board
 Ms Fiona Mahon, Secretariat

Apologies: Mr Pat Doherty, Head of Finance, IFI

1. Introduction

The Chairman began by welcoming the representatives from the angling federations and reiterating the commitment of both parties to work together to deliver a strategy in relation to IFI's fish farm production facilities.

2. Update on current developments

The meeting began with a briefing on the items that have been progressed by IFI since the formation of the working group. These included; the commissioning of independent environmental and Health & Safety audits of IFI's current fish farm facilities at Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, Cullion, Co. Westmeath and Cong, Co. Mayo. IFI expect the reports from both audits to be available in mid-November.

Members were briefed on a recent visit to an aquaculture facility in Denmark by an IFI staff member, and high level details of the models of trout production in operation in this facility were provided. The members discussed at length the various technologies and systems in use at the Danish facility and agreed that any solution for IFI facilities would have to involve the consideration of costs, location and planning for future production demand. At this point of the meeting a copy of a report titled: '*Farming of Freshwater Rainbow Trout in Denmark*' was

circulated. It was agreed that photo copies of the report would be distributed to all members by the secretary, as only one original copy was currently available.

3. Development of Work Plan

It was agreed to draft a work plan for the group which would set out the various areas of concern which have to be addressed. Presentations on the Environmental and Health & Safety audits will be made at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the members would visit IFI's current fish farm facilities.

4. Public Consultation

A discussion ensued on the process of public consultation and the importance of keeping stakeholders informed. As part of the discussion it was agreed to provide a summary of the feedback received through submissions to IFI's Public Consultation on freshwater trout production, which is now closed. This document is for information purposes only.

5. Communications (To & From Working Group)

It was agreed that the minutes of meetings of the working group would be circulated to the group for approval and that all minutes, presentations and documents relating to the work of the group would be made publicly available on the IFI website once agreed by all members.