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Subject: FW: The protection of inshore fishermen's livelihood in Donegal Bay.

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Subject: The protection of inshore fishermen's livelihood in Donegal Bay.

To who it may concern.

Re; Application by the Dept of Agriculture Food and the Marine to dump spoils from dredging works in Killybegs Harbour on fishing grounds in Donegal Bay.

We the Board of the North Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum (NRIFF) are supportive of any initiative which enhances the environment in our area to make it more competitive as a place to do business and therefore benefit the people who depend on it for a livelihood.

The pier extension project proposal for Killybegs Harbour is definitely a project which will help that locality in the long term and is therefore a welcome development.

There seems to be an overarching emphasis on appeasing EU Directives in the work and reports which have been carried out to date however our main concern is that the development works may have a detrimental effect on the marine environment in the bay and will therefore impact negatively on our members, so we make the following suggestions and recommendations.

That we be invited to meet with the promoters at the earliest convenient date to discuss measures which we feel can mitigate against many of our concerns.

That an independent full scale environmental monitoring programme be run in conjunction with the works and that we be part of that process.

That best practices be adopted at all times to mitigate against cost saving measures.

The objective of almost every scheme in the EMMF OP refers to, preserving and protecting the environment, supporting SMEs, sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture and many more positive measures so we look forward to a meeting where we can discuss how some of these schemes might mitigate against loss of habitat "fishing grounds" for fishermen in Donegal Bay.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gallagher.

Chair NRIFF.

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