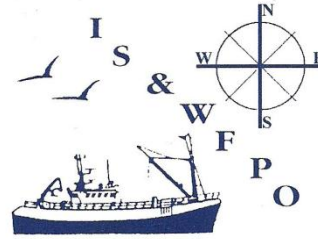


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PRESS RELEASE

“ IS&WFPO Welcome Possible Introduction of a Fixed Penalty Notice System ”

Eibhlin O’Sullivan, CEO of the **IS&WFPO Ltd.** welcomes Minister Coveney’s recent announcement to Industry that his Administration are currently looking at the introduction of a Fixed Penalty Notice system for minor fishery offences which would allow such minor offences to be dealt with by way of fines rather than criminal proceedings.

“While there is no guarantee either that such a system will be introduced, nor the form such a system would take - the fact that Fine Gael have finally decided to honour their pre-election commitment to decriminalise minor fishery offences is to be welcomed” commented Ms. O’Sullivan.

“The IS&WFPO have long campaigned against the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 and preceding legislation which renders even a minor fisheries related offence a criminal offence and have continually lobbied for the introduction of a civil penalty system. We now await further details from the Minister in relation to the proposed fixed penalty system and how it will work” stated Ms. O’Sullivan.

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