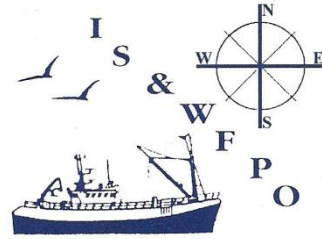


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Press Release

The Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation welcomes Fine Gaels proposal to Decriminalise minor fishing offences.

The *Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation* welcomed the proposal by Fine Gael to Decriminalise minor fishery offences. “*The threat of a criminal record hangs over each and every fisherman every time they leave the pier as under the present system a conviction for even a minor offence will result in a criminal record*” commented Eibhlin O’Sullivan, CEO of the *Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation* “*as an Organisation we welcome any proposal to end the criminalisation of fishermen*”.

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