

Recommendation paper

Title: Loligo fishery – early entry

Date: 27th July 2020

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1. Background:

- 1.1 The dates for the Loligo season varies a little each year but follows a rough pattern of 24th February – 28th April for the first season and then from the 29th July to 30th September for the second season.
- 1.2 Dates are agreed between the Loligo Producers Group (LPG) and FIG the previous year.
- 1.3 Vessels fishing for finfish are not restricted to the date or time that they can enter their fishing area, so long as they hold a valid fishing licence.
- 1.4 Prior to the start of every season, permission is sought from FIFD by LPG to allow vessels entry to the the Loligo box, so they can find the best place to start fishing at the appointed hour.
- 1.5 Permission for this to happen has been erratic and has been dependant on a number of factors.

2. Presentation and consultations:

- 2.1. Following email discussion between DONR, SFS, Duty FO, LO and SSAS it was agreed that a more consistent, formalised approach should be adopted, rather than seasonal changes which may be difficult

3. Recommendation:

- 3.1. Vessels can enter the Loligo box at 1800 hours local, on the evening preceding the start of the season.
- 3.2. The agreed dates for the second season 2020 were the 30th July to 1st October. In this case, the season starts at 0001 on the 30th July and vessels are approved to enter the Loligo box at 1800 hours on the 29th July.

Approved:



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