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FROM:	DECC
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DECC REF:	PQ Ref. 49497 2023
IFI REF:	N/A
<u>REPLY to PQ Ref. 49497/23</u> To ask the Minister for the Environment; Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the process of establishing new Fishery District Committees (provided for under the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme) for the 2024-2029 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fisheries District Committees are established in Fishery Districts where commercial fisheries exist. Currently these are: Lismore, Cork, Kerry, Ballinakill, Bangor, Ballyshannon and Letterkenny. Individuals are elected to represent the relevant stakeholders i.e., commercial salmon fishers, rated occupiers and salmon rod anglers. Each committee includes a representative from BIM and is chaired by the local RBD Director. Inland Fisheries Ireland advertise in various media for suitably qualified individuals who wish to be considered for representation on a committee to apply in writing to IFI. Committees are elected for a 5-year term. The last election was in 2019 for the 2019-2023 period. IFI will advertise for applicants for new committees in early 2024. IFI will advertise for applicants for new committees in early 2024.	
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