

**ARAINN MHOR FISHERIES DECLARATION**

**December 2009**

**We, the undersigned visiting delegates to the Arainn Mhoir Small Island Fisherman's Conference,**

**RECOGNISING** the central importance of fishing to the life, communities, culture and economy of offshore small islands;

**RECOGNISING** the responsibilities of fishermen as custodians of fish and the sea;

**CONCERNED** that loss of fishing will destroy traditional livelihoods and render communities unsustainable;

**RECOGNISING** the vulnerability of marginalised communities and their role in providing productive employment and livelihoods;

**UNDERSTANDING** the need to develop sustainable fishing practices in inshore waters;

**RECOGNISING** the need to retain traditional fishing and related skills and knowledge and pass them on to future generations;

**RECOGNISING** the dedication of Island fishermen who have refused compensation for loss of fishing rights in order to maintain their traditional livelihoods;

**CALL UPON** the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Ireland to:

1. Lift or moderate the restrictions on fishing in Fishing Zone IVa,  
**AND** permit island fisherman to fish for salmon in their coastal waters for a defined season on a restricted basis in cooperation with the authorities so as to:
  - (a) allow small island fisheries to continue to fish their traditional waters;
  - (b) enable small island communities to continue to thrive and regenerate;
  - (c) sustain employment and community life on small islands;
  - (d) provide viable livelihoods for present and future generations.
  
2. Take full account of the needs of small island fishing communities in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

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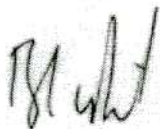
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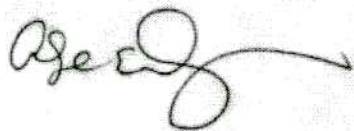
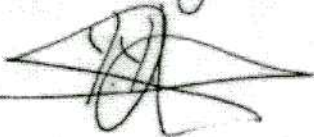
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