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| Annex 2. Voting on Changes to IFM Rules |  |



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| Voting: Changes to IFM Rules |

Dear IFM Member,

You have been provided with a consultation pack to explain the proposed changes to IFM Rules. This document provides you with your opportunity to comment and vote on those changes.

These are important changes for the Institute that affect you as a member, so you are strongly encouraged to consider these proposals and make your vote count.

These changes have been considered carefully by the IFM’s Executive Committee and Council and are presented to you with their recommendation.

You can either:

* Complete this word document and either email to us , it or print and post

or:

* Complete this on-line form

There are 4 Items for vote on:

1. New Constitution, as we become a Charity
2. New Governance structure
3. New Membership categories
4. Updated Rules

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| The Consultation |

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| Section 1. About you | |
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| email address |  |
| IFM membership number (if known) |  |

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| Section 2. Constitution | |
| The proposed constitution to support the Institute’s transition to becoming a charity can be accessed again here. The most significant points are:   1. To become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) 2. To have our Charitable Objects as: (Steve to check correct)   **To promote for the public benefit:**   * The sustainable management of fisheries and the protection of the aquatic environment. * The education of the public about fish, fisheries, conservation and ecosystem management. * Knowledge and research to advance the understanding of fish and fisheries management * High standards, best practice and training within the fisheries management profession. | |
| Do you agree with the proposal? | Yes or No |
| Do you have any particular concerns about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any particular commendations about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any suggested improvements? |  |

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| Section 3. Governance | |
| The proposed changes to the IFM’s governance can be read again in more detail here. There most significant points are:   1. To create a Board of Trustees (a mandatory requirement by the Charity Commission) 2. The decision-making authorities and relationships as set out in the Governance rules between the Membership, Trustees, Executive and Advisory Council | |
| Do you agree with the proposal? | Yes or No |
| Do you have any particular concerns about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any particular commendations about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any suggested improvements? |  |

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| Section 4. Membership categories | |
| The proposed changes to membership categories, the reasoning, entry requirements and subscriptions can be read again in more detail here. The most significant points are: (Paul J to check)   1. To simplify the current system of seven categories down to four:  * 2 **Professional** grades: **Full** and **Associate; 2 Affiliate** grades: **Subscriber** and **Student**. | |
| Do you agree with the proposal? | Yes or No |
| Do you have any particular concerns about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any particular commendations about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any suggested improvements? |  |

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| Section 5. Rules | |
| The full set of new IFM rules can be read here and the main changes are summarised here. You are asked in this section to vote on whether you agree with the new Rules. Valerie to check | |
| **Do you agree with the proposal?** | Yes or No |
| Do you have any particular concerns about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any particular commendations about the proposals that you would like to register? |  |
| Do you have any suggested improvements? |  |

Submission

If you are completing this on-line, please check your answers and then press SUBMIT.

If you are completing this as a Word document, please check your answers carefully, then save and either: (Paul to check)

* Email to [info@ifm.org.uk](mailto:info@ifm.org.uk)

Or

* Print and post to:

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Thank you for taking part.