



**Iascach Iníre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland**

SEA Screening Determination: Inland Fisheries Ireland Corporate Plan 2021-2025.

Prepared under SI 435 of 2004 (as amended).

Section 9 (1) of the (2004) Regulations (S.I. No. 435) (as amended) states "*subject to sub-article (2), an environmental assessment shall be carried out for all plans and programmes*

(a) *which are prepared for agriculture, forestry, **fisheries**, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism and town and country planning or land use, and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, or "*

(b) *which are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site but, either individually or in combination with other plans, are likely to have a significant effect on any such site."*

The IFI Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025 aims to deliver key deliverables of the organisation with a focus on conservation and protection of inland fisheries and sea angling resource over a five-year period whilst ensuring the statutory remit of IFI is fulfilled and the angling resource is protected and conserved in an environmentally sustainable manner for future generations to enjoy. The Objectives, Actions and Measures relate to habitat enhancement for fish, improving the evidence base for biodiversity, engagement, supporting wild fish stocks, responding to climate and biodiversity goals, corporate governance, support for IFI staff and innovation. Action 3.3 references angling infrastructure and the Novice Angling Strategy (IFI 2021) has been subject to full SEA and AA. Measures from these environmental assessments will apply as appropriate, in addition to the IFI Environmental Charter.

The IFI Corporate Plan does not provide consent, establish a framework for granting consent or contribute towards a framework for granting consent. In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the IFI Corporate Plan will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework, of which the IFI Corporate plan is not part and does not contribute towards. Should projects arise from the Plan, the application of the IFI Environmental Charter (Annex B to this SEA Screening Report) will apply as well as



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relevant measures of the SEA ER and Natura Impact Report prepared for the Novice Angling Strategy (IFI 2021).

The AA Screening of the IFI Corporate Plan as set out in the accompanying Screening Statement in support of Appropriate Assessment shows that the plan will not result in land use activities that have the potential to result in negative impacts to the qualifying features of interest of European Sites and will not have the potential to compromise the achievement of the conservation objective of European Sites. The examination of the plan has found that the plan will have the potential to contribute to the conservation management of European Sites within and surrounding the plan area and will thus have positive implications for the conservation objectives of these European Site. In light of the findings of the AA Screening report it is the considered view of the authors of the Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment that it can be concluded by IFI that the Plan is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives and on the basis of best scientific evidence and there is no reasonable scientific doubt as to that conclusion.

The plan and accompanying SEA Screening reports were issued to the statutory consultees for a four week period and submissions received have been noted and considered. These submissions have noted the SEA Screening Determination and in summary a final determination has been made following consultation that full SEA is not required. This is the final determination of the SEA Screening of the IFI Corporate Plan.

Signed: 

On behalf of Inland Fisheries Ireland,

Date: 23/06/2021