



Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

Stage 1 – Appropriate Assessment Screening (for *Emergency Measures*) Conclusion Statement

Introduction:

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) are the Irish state body responsible for the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries and sea angling resources. In accordance with the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011, as amended, IFI are required to determine if plans or projects that they propose, or wish to adopt, could act either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects to cause a significant effect on a European site.

This determination is carried out following a review of the Screening document submitted to IFI's environmental experts for review and is the result of the Inland Fisheries Ireland comprehensive and objective Appropriate Assessment determination process.

This process is aligned with the IFI vision to position Ireland's inland fisheries and sea angling resources as sustainably as possible for the benefit of future generations. This document informs stakeholders of this commitment and its rationale by outlining the decision-making process and IFI's final determination on the specific plan or project below, with a clear and transparent justification.

Synopsis:

This review is carried out by environmental experts operating in Inland Fisheries Ireland. A further review of this process is then carried out by a relevant Inland Fisheries Ireland Head of Function who will either validate the conclusion of the determination, or not, as appropriate.

As part of the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011, as amended, and in accordance with Regulation (18) (a) Inland Fisheries Ireland as a public authority shall make available for inspection any determination that it makes in relation to a plan or project and provide reasons for that determination, as soon as may be after the making of the determination or giving the notice, as appropriate, by members of the public during office hours of the offices of the authority and shall also make the determination or notice available in electronic form including by placing the documents on the authority's website.

This determination will be available on the IFI website at <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/what-we-do/conservation-and-development/stock-management>.

Project Reference	DET-2025-Fish-Salvage-Operations
Project Name	Emergency Salvage of Atlantic Salmon and Lamprey on the River Deel, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
Project Description	Collection and transfer of Annex 2 fish species within the River Moy SAC, due to important river habitats drying out following severe drops in river flows.
Accompanying Report	Assessment of potential significant effects arising from an IFI emergency activity – transferal of annex 2 fish Spp. within an SAC to avoid stock loss.
Consultations	
Agency	Observations
(1) NPWS	Not a plan or a project but due diligence in compiling this AA Screening foremergency measure[s] that is required to save fish from drying out pools in rivers following severe drops in river flows and transferring them downstream into deeper water.
European Sites	
Site Name (1)	IE0002298 - River Moy SAC
Proximity / Connection to Site	Emergency fish salvage work[s] will occur within this site.
Qualifying Interest	Lowland hay meadows (Alopecurus pratensis,) [6510] Active raised bogs [7110] Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120] Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150] Alkaline fens [7230] Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0] Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0] Austropotamobius pallipes (White-clawed Crayfish) [1092] Petromyzon marinus (Sea Lamprey) [1095] Lampetra planeri (Brook Lamprey) [1096] Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106] Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]
Connections	Within River Moy SAC.
Effect	<i>Potential Effects:</i> No <i>Significant:</i> <i>Reason:</i>
Site Name (2)	IE0004228 - Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA
Proximity / Connection to Site	Emergency fish salvage works will be near this site.
Qualifying Interest	Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula) [A061] Common Scoter (Melanitta nigra) [A065] Common Gull (Larus canus) [A182] Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris) [A395] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]
Connections	Approx 2km from Lough Conn & Cullin SPA

Effect	<i>Potential Effects: No Significant: Reason:</i>
Assessment & Determination	
Assessment of likely significance of effects	
The Nature, Scale, Timing and Duration of the activity is deemed unlikely to give rise to significant effects	
Assessment Conclusion	
AA not required, project not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or protected species.	
Determination	
Assessment of likely significance of effects Significant effects ruled out	

Conclusion: AA not required, project not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or protected species.

We, the undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above, agree with and adopt the reasoning and conclusions presented

Validated by: Barry Fox

Date: 10-04-2025

Inland Fisheries Ireland, Head of Function



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