



Iascach Iníre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

FISHING RIGHTS

Under the management of

Inland Fisheries Ireland

LICENSING OF FISHING RIGHTS

For the season of 2026

ON OFFER BY TENDER



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CONDITIONS OF TENDER

Any licence granted by IFI shall be on the terms of a licence agreement, as per paragraph 3 below.

1. The word fishery when used hereafter means fishing rights only (i.e., excluding bed and soil).
2. See List of Fishing Rights for Licensing in 2026, forming part of the Conditions of Tender (available on www.fisheriesireland.ie/State-Fisheries/state-fisheries-tender-process.html).
3. The form of licence to be granted to a successful tenderer shall be in form of the draft available on www.fisheriesireland.ie.
4. The licence will serve to grant the use of the fishing rights to the successful tenderer reserving such rights, including angling, to Inland Fisheries Ireland, their employees, agents and nominees, as necessary for the exercise of their statutory duties and rights under the Inland Fisheries Acts 1959-2010. To facilitate this, successful tenderers are requested to provide three club badges to the State Fisheries Manager which may be used to accommodate journalist visits, fishery evaluations, site visits and other activities as required.
5. Tenders for the licence on the attached "Form of Tender" must state the licence fee offered per season. Where a multiple year licence is awarded, this fee will be payable annually in advance.
6. A separate tender must be made for each fishery, and all off-line tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked Tender for Fishery No-- and forwarded to Paul O'Reilly, Business Development, Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, Citywest, Dublin 24.
7. The questionnaire forming part of these Conditions of Tender must be completed and any licence granted shall incorporate the reply to the questionnaire. The fishery shall be managed strictly in accordance with the terms of the licence and the contents of the questionnaire.



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8. The latest date for receipt of tender submissions is JANUARY 10th, 2026
9. IFI will not be bound to accept the highest licence fee offered or any tender.
10. Canvassing of Inland Fisheries Ireland officials in relation to a tender submission by any person or body corporate will result in any tender submitted by such person or body corporate being disqualified from the tender process.
11. IFI would draw particular attention to any tenderer applying for a licence for an IFI controlled fishery in 2026, that the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (“the **Minister**”), pursuant to section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (“**2010 Act**”), may introduce regulations and / or bye-laws which could, inter alia, close certain rivers for salmon angling, altering the period which is in any locality the annual close season for salmon or introduce a compulsory catch and release regime on certain rivers for salmon angling.
12. Applications for the granting of a licence will, inter alia, be considered in the context of the Minister’s latest policy decisions and applicable statutory regulations and byelaws

<https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Salmon-Regulations/salmon-regulations.html>,
<http://www.fishinginireland.info/regulations.htm>.
13. In assessing tenderers’ submissions prior to reaching a decision on the granting of licences, tenderers should note that IFI will give credit to applicants with the most open access policy, both in terms of:
 - a) providing permits at reasonable rates for visiting anglers; and
 - b) providing an open and transparent membership policy which gives equal opportunities to potential new club members

Credit will also be given to applications with the potential for the highest level of angling participation on the fishery.

A commitment from a tenderer to actively promote tourist angling on the fishery, including allowing the use of guides and ghillies will be given credit.
14. A tender submission by a body corporate shall be executed by the Company's Seal affixed in accordance with its Constitution.
15. A tender submission by a partnership shall be signed by one of the partners for and on behalf of the partnership and shall state the names of all the partners.



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16. A tender submission by an organisation, angling or otherwise, shall be signed by its officers or trustees for and on behalf of the organisation.
17. The licence fee shall be payable in advance for each season. The licence will be subject to revocation if the fishery is not being managed in accordance with the terms of the licence or if the licence fee is not paid. Any outstanding fees owed to IFI in respect of previous licence tenders must also be settled in advance of application for the 2026 season.
18. The licence may be terminated by the licensee or IFI on giving three months' prior written notice.
19. Licensees must complete an "end of year" report on a licensed fishery (in the format approved by IFI) and return it to IFI within one month of the expiry of the fishing season. A subsequent licence application will not be considered unless these reports have been properly completed and submitted to IFI within one month of the expiry of the fishing season. An example of an End of Year Report Form is available at: <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/State-Fisheries/state-fisheries-tender-process.html>



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FORM OF TENDER

**This forms part of the Conditions of Tender herein
and is not to be detached from the Conditions**

Name of Party, Company or Association making Tender:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

TO:

**Inland Fisheries Ireland,
3044 Lake Drive,
Citywest,
Dublin 24.**

I/We

DO HEREBY TENDER the sum of €_____ **per season**, payable in advance, for a licence of the fishing rights on Fishery No. _____ as set out in the Conditions of Tender.

Date:



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COMPLETION BY TENDERERS.

FISHERY NO:

1. In the case of angling clubs / associations, please state:

- a. Number of paid-up members _____ Annual Fee _____
- b. Number of associate members, if any _____ Annual Fee _____
- c. Federation to which club is affiliated: _____
- d. Is membership open to all? Yes / No

If no, please give details of the restrictions placed on new members:

2. If your tender is successful, what permits will be made available?

(a) to visiting anglers (i.e. non-members, either local or otherwise)

PERMITS	PRICE	NO. AVAILABLE
Daily		
Weekly		
Season		
Other:		

(b) to local hotels and guesthouses

PERMITS	PRICE	NO. AVAILABLE
Daily		
Weekly		
Season		
Other:		

3. What promotion will the tenderer undertake to encourage tourist anglers to use the fishery? (Please continue on separate page if necessary)



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Development of IFI Fisheries

IFI are inviting applications for **longer term licences** (i.e. more than one year) for the purpose of developing a fishery. Please fill out section 5 below if you wish to develop your fishery and so get a longer licence.

Where a development plan is submitted and approved by IFI, a suitable length licence will be awarded. Please indicate if the tendering club has applied for development funding or other funding under the available IFI Angling Development Funds for this fishery or for other fisheries in the catchment.

4. Have you any plans to develop the fishery in any way? Yes / No / Maybe

If yes / maybe, have you discussed these plans with any IFI staff member? Please state who you've talked to and when.

Please give details of your proposed plan below. Include timelines and details of how the work is to be funded. Additional documents/ maps / sketches may be attached also. Alternatively, please give an IFI funding reference number. IFI may contact you for further details if needs be.

5. How does the tenderer propose to protect the fishery? (Please provide details - continue on separate page if necessary)

6. What other fisheries are occupied by you/your association and how are they held?



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7. Please forward with your tender:

- (a) Constitution and rules of your association (if these have changed since you last sent them in)
- (b) The most recent statement of club accounts, with details of income and expenditure. If not available at this time when will accounts be available?
- (c) Documentary evidence of public liability cover, and the amount for which the club is insured.

Signed: _____

Organisation: _____

Date: _____

Please provide contact details for the club member responsible for all correspondence with Inland Fisheries Ireland relating to this and future licence applications, including payment of licence fees should this application be successful. Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) fully respects your right to privacy and will not collect any personal information without your consent. Any personal information which you provide to IFI will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, in accordance with the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”).

The contact information in this questionnaire is collected and processed by IFI in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR for the purposes of corresponding with you in relation to your application. The contact information will be used for any future State fishery related correspondence with the applicant club. For further information please see our Privacy Statement: <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/General-Information/privacy.html>

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	