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Re: Eel Public Consultation on Eel Reports and Plans for the next three years

Dear

European eel stocks are in crisis and the number of juveniles recruiting to freshwater is at an all-time low. Because the eel stock is a pan European stock, co-ordinated action across the EU is required by all to assist in the recovery of the stock. In addition, as the species is long lived recovery is anticipated to be slow (i.e. to be accomplished only over a number of generations). For this reason the EU Commission introduced a Regulation which required all Member States to prepare Eel Management Plans for the recovery of stocks, these plans were to be in place by 31 December 2008.

The first review of these plans is currently taking place and as a consequence the relevant documents relating to a review of Ireland's EMP are available for download from the Inland Fisheries Ireland website at the following address.

<http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Download-document/59-Eel-Management-Plan.html>

<http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Download-document/244-SSCE-Report-2009-20011.html>

<http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Download-document/243-REPORT-ON-THE-IMPLEMENTATION-OF-EEL-MANAGEMENT-PLANS-FOR-IRELAND-INCLUDING-THE-TRANSBOUNDARY-NWIRBD.html>

The plans on the IFI website will appear as follows:

 [National Report for Ireland on Eel Stock Recovery Plan \(3.56 MB\)](#)

 [REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE EEL STOCK IN IRELAND 2009 - 2011 \(6.64 MB\)](#)

 [REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EEL MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR IRELAND, INCLUDING THE TRANSBOUNDARY NWIRBD \(1.92 MB\)](#)

The closing date for receipt of submissions to be considered as part of the review of eel plans for Ireland is Monday 2nd July 2012.

As part of this process there will be a number of public consultation meetings which will be held as follows:

Venue: Clonmel
Day and Date: Tuesday 19 June
Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Athlone
Day and Date: Wednesday 20 June 7pm
Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Boyle
Day and Date: Thursday 21 June
Time: 7.00pm

All relevant stakeholders are invited to attend one of the meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Ciaran Byrne
Chief Executive Officer
11th June 2012

Please Note:

Anyone looking to receive a copy of the plans on a CD ROM should contact the following address:

“Eel Submissions”
Inland Fisheries Ireland
Swords Business Campus
Balheary Road
Swords
Co. Dublin

Or by email to:

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Stating that they require the plans as a CD rom (free) or as a printed document – a charge may be made for the printed documents (there are 3 documents; 1 of which is over 200 pages and another over 100).