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**Ann Bosley**

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**From:** Eve O'Sullivan  
**Sent:** 19 September 2005 09:06  
**To:** Ann Bosley  
**Subject:** FW: Waste licence section

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**From:** Wexford Receptionist  
**Sent:** 16 September 2005 15:30  
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Eve,

@This arrived at info@epa.ie

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**From:** Patrick Boylan [mailto:p.boylan@loughs-agency.org]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2005 12:31  
**To:** Web info mail  
**Subject:** Waste licence section

Hi  
I would be grateful if you would forward this to the EPA Waste Licence Section. It is regarding the Donegal County Council Landfill proposal at Meenaboll.

I have forwarded a hard copy by post.



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Unit EPA Meena...

Many thanks

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Waste Licencing Unit  
Environmental Protection Agency  
**EPA Headquarters**  
PO Box 3000  
Johnstown Castle Estate  
Co. Wexford

13<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Dear Sir,

With regard to the licence application for a landfill at Meenaboll in Co. Donegal the Loughs Agency have serious reservations regarding the choice of site and would wish to voice our objection to the issuing of any licence by the EPA.

The proposed landfill is in the headwaters of the River Finn catchment on a tributary of the Cummirk River and as such has been afforded *Special Area of Conservation* status for Atlantic salmon under the EU Habitats Directive. As shown by a recent extensive genetic study (please find enclosed) the salmon in the River Finn are unique, with each tributary such as the Cummirk, having a separate identifiable population. The Agency, while recognising the precautions and proposed monitoring programmes to be put in place to minimise the escape of leachate by the council, nevertheless feel that this landfill poses a significant threat to the salmon population of the Cummirk and the River Finn. This river holds not only substantial stocks of 1 sea-winter salmon but also significantly is an internationally important river with regard to multi-sea-winter spring salmon. As widely documented these particular stocks are in global decline and the Finn is one of the few rivers internationally in which this trend does not appear to be occurring at present. There are therefore national and international obligations to ensure that these stocks are afforded the best possible protection to ensure their continued survival.

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In addition, the recent genetic work highlights the importance of the 1 sea-winter Finn stocks to the downstream commercial fisheries, the Foyle System is one of the most productive and stable fisheries internationally. The River Finn also provides a valuable rod fishery which attracts anglers from all over the world and thus provides income to a disadvantaged rural area.

I would be grateful if you would give this due consideration and if you require additional information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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*Biologist*