



Sub. No 2

Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

Environmental Protection Agency,
Environmental Licensing Programme,
Office of Environmental Sustainability,
PO Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Wexford.

Our Ref: MK/Fane

5th January, 2018

Re: Licence Review – Brian Coleman
Ref. No.: P0880-02

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned licence review for a facility at Longfield, Castleblayney.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a Statutory Body established on the 1st July 2010. Under section 7(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) *the principal function of IFI is the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries resource.*

IFI has no objection to the review, from a fisheries perspective, provided that:

- The number of poultry housed shall not exceed that in the application.
- All effluent, soiled water and solid wastes shall be stored on site in adequately sized and sited watertight structures.
- All effluent to be disposed of by land spreading shall be carried out in accordance with the E.U. (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014.
- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to a soak-away system or to surface water.

The site is located close to the Clarebane River, which is the outflow from Lough Muckno. This watercourse is important from a fisheries perspective as it contains valuable fisheries habitat and supports populations of salmon, trout, eels and lamprey, among other species. (Note: Atlantic salmon and lamprey are listed as Annex II Species under the European Habitats Directive).

The Ecological status of the Clarebane River close to the site is unassigned. Downstream of Clarebane Bridge (approx. 1km downstream of the site) the Ecological status of the waterbody (Fane_030) is Poor with the pressure characterised as Agriculture.

It is important to ensure the proposed development does not have a negative impact on the aquatic habitat.

Please notify us of your full decision in due course.

Yours faithfully

Michaela Kirrane
Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer, IFI Dublin