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22nd March, 2018

Re: IPPC Licence Application – Niall McKenna
Location of Facility: Knockballyroney, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan
Reg. No.: P1057-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned application in relation to a poultry rearing facility at Knockballyroney, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan.

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 this application, 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 and soiled water to be disposed of by land spreading shall be carried out in accordance with the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017. EPA Pollution Impact Potential maps for this area indicate a high to moderate risk of transport of phosphate to surface waters. In these areas phosphate is more likely to flow overland to surface waters than being retained in the soil and subsoil. Therefore, it is vital that any land spreading carried out in this area is strictly controlled in order to protect surface waters.
- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to surface water. We would recommend that monitoring of the surface water outfalls is carried out regularly; this should include physio-chemical monitoring and daily visual inspections.

The buildings are located adjacent to the Scotstown River, which is a sub catchment of the Monaghan Blackwater River. The current status of this waterbody (Scotstown_010) is High.

It is important to ensure that there is no deterioration of the existing conditions, in accordance with Article 5 of the EC Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 272 of 2009) which includes the following provision:

A public authority shall not, in performance of its functions, undertake those functions in a manner that knowingly causes or allows deterioration in the chemical or ecological status of a body of surface water.



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From a fisheries perspective both rivers are valuable. The Scotstown River and the Monaghan Blackwater Rivers contain salmonid spawning and nursery habitat and support stocks of brown trout, European eel, and lamprey (Annex II species) among other species. These rivers also contain notable numbers of White clawed Crayfish (Annex II species).

Given the value of these watercourses 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

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