



### Submission

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### Application

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| Applicant: | Christopher McMahon |
| Reg. No.:  | P1107-01            |

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19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**Re: IE Application – Christopher McMahon  
Ref: P1107-01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned IE application regarding a poultry rearing facility at Tattindonagh, Ballinode.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a Statutory Body established on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 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.

The EPA's Pollution Impact Potential Maps should be referred to in relation to landspreading locations for this facility. These maps indicate the risk of phosphorus entering surface waters from land. In high-moderate risk 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 is strictly controlled and ideally should be carried out in low risk areas in order to protect surface waters.

- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to a soak-away system or to surface water.

When referring to the EPA's maps we note the site and associated land parcels are located in two river catchments namely the Conawry River on the southern side (sub catchment of the Monaghan Blackwater River) and the Magherarney River on the northern side (sub catchment of the Finn River). The current Ecological status (2010-2015) of these waterbodies is as follows:

- Conawry (Lower)\_020 – Poor
- Magherarney\_010 - Poor

From a fisheries perspective these catchments contain salmonid spawning and nursery habitat and support stocks of brown trout and lamprey, among other species.

Therefore, 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

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