

Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Mr Maurice McCarey
Reg. No.:	P0865-02

See below for Submission details.

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24th March, 2021

**Re: IPPC Licence Review – Maurice McCarey
Location of Facility: Barratitoppy, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan
Reg. No.: P0865-02**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned IPPC licence review in relation to a poultry facility at Barratitoppy, 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.*

The site is located close to the Scotstown River, which is a tributary of the Monaghan Blackwater River. The Scotstown River contains salmonid spawning and nursery habitat and supports 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).

The WFD Ecological status of the waterbody at this location, 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.

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.
- Buildings shall comply with Department of Agriculture standards and regulations.
- All effluent and wash water to be disposed of by landspreading shall be carried out in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's booklet Good Farming Practice.
- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to a soak-away system or to surface water. The receiving waters associated with storm water discharges should be regularly inspected.

Please notify us of your full decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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