



### Submission

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### Application

Applicant:	Knockronaghan Farm Limited
Reg. No.:	P1160-01

See below for Submission details.

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23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021

**Re: IPPC Licence Application – Knockronaghan Farm  
Location of Facility: Knockronaghan, Monaghan  
Reg. No.: P1160-01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your notification to IFI regarding the above mentioned application in relation to a poultry facility at Knockronaghan, Monaghan.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a statutory agency responsible for inland fisheries in Ireland. 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.*

We note in the application documents:

- soiled water is to be landspread on lands in Belderg and Letgonnelly Townlands.
- poultry litter is to be collected by a contractor and transported to mushroom composting facilities.

The facility is located in the Dundonagh River catchment, which is a tributary of the Mountain Water River. These rivers are valuable from a fisheries perspective as they contain salmonid spawning and nursery habitat and support stocks of brown trout among other species.

The WFD Ecological status of the waterbody at this location, Mountain Water\_050, is Moderate and At Risk of not achieving Good status.

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

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 poultry litter 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.



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The EPA's Pollution Impact Potential Maps should be referred to in relation to landspreading locations associated with 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.

Please notify us of your full decision in due course.

Yours faithfully

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