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16/02/2007

Mr David Hamill  
Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs,  
Garron,  
Castleshane,  
Co. Monaghan  
Ireland

FOI/0013/2007

Dear Mr Hamill,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act for access to correspondence between the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and the Western Regional Fisheries Board concerning Section 18 of the Fisheries Act 1980 relating to Lough Corrib, Lough Mask and Lough Carra.

Your request has been REFUSED under Section 10 (1) (a) of the FOI Acts 1997 and 2003 as such records do not exist.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review of the case by appealing the decision to this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "The Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you outlining details of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Walsh  
Inland Fisheries, Marine Leisure and Research  
PH: 01 6782383



26<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

Mr. David Hamill,  
Environment Officer,  
Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs,  
Garron,  
Castleshane,  
Co. Monaghan.

Dear Mr. Hamill,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Ms. Eileen Walsh, Inland Fisheries and Marine Leisure & Research Division, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. He can be contacted at 01 6782383.

A final decision on your request will normally be sent to you within 4 weeks of receipt of your request. This means that you can expect to receive your decision by the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2007.

If you have not heard from us when the time allocated has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired.

You should also be aware that you are entitled to a review of the decision if your request is refused, or if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In the event that you need to make an appeal, you can do so by writing to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., Cavan. Please note that there is a charge for all appeals of FOI requests. This charge is currently €75.00. A reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are the holder of a Medical Card.

Please note that the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of your request, your name and address and the subsequent reply on the Department's website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Rabbitte  
FOI Unit  
PH: 01 6782903

**DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information Act, 1997**

For the attention of Ms. Mary Rabbitte,

FOI Unit, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

*Please use BLOCK letters*

**Details of Applicant**

**Surname:** HAMILL

**First Name:** DAVID

**Postal Address:** ENVIRONMENT OFFICER,  
IRISH FEDERATION OF PIKE ANGLING CLUBS,  
GARRON,  
CASTLESHANE,  
COUNTY MONAGHAN

**Telephone Number(s)**

**Home:** 047 85853

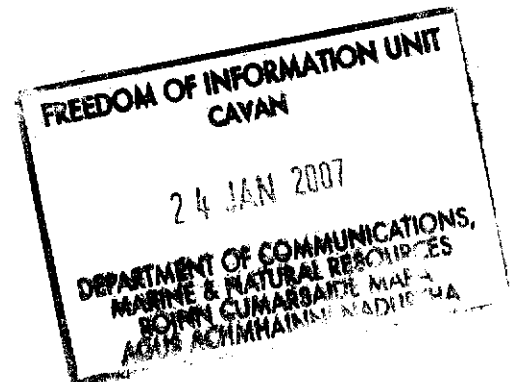
**Business:** 086 8193678

**Office Use Only**

Date FOI Request Received \_\_\_\_\_

Identity Verified \_\_\_\_\_

Consent Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_



**Personal Information**

Before you are given access to personal information relating to yourself, you may be asked to provide proof of your identity.

**Form of Access**

My preferred form of access is: *(please tick as appropriate)*

to receive copies of the records by post

other - please specify

I CAN EXCEPT RECORDS BY EMAIL TO: [hell\\_tail@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hell_tail@yahoo.co.uk)

### Details of Request

In accordance with section 7 of the FOI Act, I request access to records which are: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

- Personal  
 Non-personal

*In the space provided below please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting personal information, please state precisely in whose name those records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.*

I request the following records:

The records requested relate to correspondence between the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and the Western Regional Fisheries Board concerning the "FISHERIES ACT, 1980 SECTION 18 Powers of Central Board and regional boards in relation to improvement of fisheries" with specific respect to Fisheries within the Western Region, namely Lough Corrib, Lough Mask and Lough Carra. The request is shown in two paragraphs to aid clarity.

1. Regarding the Fisheries Act, 1980 Section 18; a copy of all applications made by the Western Regional Fisheries Board to the Minister of Government at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to exercise a power under subsection (1) (a) and (1) (b) of this section, from 21st April, 1998 to the present date.
2. Regarding subsection 2 of the Fisheries Act, 1980 Section 18; a copy of each consent granted and attached conditions as given by the Minister of Government at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to the Western Regional Fisheries Board to exercise a power under subsection (1) (a) and (1) (b) of this section, from 21st April, 1998 to the present date.

SIGNED *D. J. Duffell*

DATE 22ND JANUARY 2007