



“Restoration of the Lower Shannon SAC (Mulkear River) for Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon and the European Otter”

Press Release

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Next MCV Outing – Saturday 22 February 2014

Weather permitting, the next outing of the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers (MCV) will take place on Saturday week, 22 February 2014, from 10.00 to 13.00.



Installation of dipper box in the Upper Mulkear Catchment (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

The practical conservation work will focus on riparian management work and the installation of dipper boxes and other bird nesting boxes at various High Nature Value (HNV) and High Amenity Value sites along the Mulkear River.



Dipper on the Newport River (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

The fieldwork may also include the installation of an otter holt, tree planting and a general clean up of sites. The conservation outing will also include a discussion on habitat creation.



Otter holt installation Upper Catchment (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

The full details of the outing are as follows:

Date: 22nd February 2014

Time: 10.00 to 13.00

Meeting Point: Mill Bar, Car Park, Annacotty, Co. Limerick

Lifts will be available from the IFI Office, Dock Rd @ 9.30 (sharp). But please make contact to arrange such lifts.

In order to organise numbers please let us know by Thursday (20th February 2014) if you are in a position to attend.

Full details of the Schedule all MCV events in 2014 are available here: [MCV 2014 Schedule of Outings](#)

Notes for Editors

1. High Resolution Digital Images are available to accompany this Press Release.
2. Interviews can be arranged with the Project Manager by using the contact details below.
3. MulkearLIFE is a new €1.75 million European Commission funded LIFE Nature project working on the restoration of the Lower Shannon Special Area of Conservation (with a focus on the Mulkear River catchment) for Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lamprey and European Otter. Further details may be viewed on the project website www.mulkearlifec.com
4. Inland Fisheries Ireland (Limerick) is lead partner together with the OPW and Limerick County Council. Additional funding support comes from National Parks and Wildlife Service. Other supporters include Teagasc, IFA, ICMSA, and local angling groups.
5. The project is one of the first and most important integrated catchment management projects in Ireland. It is a flagship EU LIFE Nature project –covering some 650 sq km which contain a variety of habitats and protected species. Much of the area is designated as a Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) under the EU Habitats Directive and forms part of the Natura 2000 Network.

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