



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

## Press Release

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### World Fish Migration Day – Tomorrow Sat. 24th May 2014

Tomorrow, the 24th May 2014, is World Fish Migration Day.

MulkearLIFE / Inland Fisheries Ireland are hosting two events on the Mulkear River at Annacotty weir and both events are proceeding as planned.



The first event is at 6am. Sea lamprey have entered the Mulkear River this week, with the first sighting of a redd reported yesterday 22 (May 2014) and while water levels are higher than we would like, the 6am event is going ahead as planned and will focus on sea lamprey passage over Annacotty Weir. The meeting point is the car park area of the Mill Bar in Annacotty village. Please bring warm clothing and wellington boots and ideally bring waders.



The second event is at 12 midday and will also take place at Annacotty Weir (Mill Bar Car Park, in Annacotty Village. This event is a family fun event for World Fish Migration Day where you find out why the free movement of fish is so important on the Mulkear River. It will hopefully include a live fish demonstration of Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lamprey and others fish species. Please join us to have fun with face painting, fish coloring competition and a fish quiz with lots of great free prizes.



**Both events are free and all are welcome. Please Join Us.**

#### **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.mulkearlifeproject.com](http://www.mulkearlifeproject.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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