



MulkearLIFE End of Project Conference



International 2 Day Conference Celebrating River Restoration in Ireland & Europe Castle Oaks Hotel, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, Ireland - 10th & 11th September 2014

Day 1 – Wednesday 10th September 2014

08.30 - 9.15 **Registration & Tea / Coffee On Arrival**

Opening Session: Setting the Scene

09.30 – 09.40 Dr. Ciaran Byrne, CEO, Inland Fisheries Ireland - Opening & Welcome

09.40 – 09.55 Ministerial Input (TBC)

09.55 – 10.05 Ms. Amanda Mooney – Director, Shannon River Basin District, Inland Fisheries Ireland

10.05 - 10.35 **Keynote Address: Reflecting on 30 Years of River Restoration Work in Ireland**

Professor Martin O' Grady Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)

10.35 - 11.05 Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir (MulkearLIFE / IFI) – An Overview of MulkearLIFE's River Restoration Work with a focus on Work Benefiting Atlantic Salmon

11.05 – 11.15 Questions & Discussion

Coffee Break & Networking 11.15 – 11.45

Session No. 2: Partnerships & Key Conservation Actions of MulkearLIFE

11.45– 12.00 Mr. John Sheehan – Limerick Council – River Restoration that Works for the Mulkear River

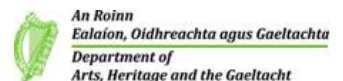
12.00 - 12.15 Ms. Denise Delaney - Office of Public Works - River Restoration that Works for the Newport

12.15– 12.30 Dr. Dennis Doherty – ESB Fisheries – Building Catchment Management Partnerships

12.30– 12.40 Mr. Neville Atkinson – Shannon Mulkear & District Anglers Assoc. – Benefits of Work

12.40– 12.55 Questions & Discussion

Lunch Break & Networking 12.55 – 13.55



Session No. 3: Review of MulkearLIFE's River Restoration Work – 2009 to 2014

14.00 – 14.15	Ms. Clare Moffat – Addressing Barriers to Fish Migration in the Mulkear Catchment
14.15 – 14.30	Dr. James King (IFI) – MulkearLIFE's Work To Benefit Sea Lamprey
14.30 – 14.45	Mr. Oisín Naughton (IFI) – Assessing Impact – Results of Electrofishing Survey Work
14.45 – 15.00	Mr. Patrick Lenihan (Wildlife Consultant) – MulkearLIFE's Work To Benefit Otter
15.00 – 15.15	Questions & Discussion

Coffee Break & Networking 15.15 – 15.30

Session No. 4: MulkearLIFE's Outreach Work 2009 to 2014

15.30 – 15.40	Mr. Gearoid Jackson - Mulkear Conservation Volunteers – Practical Conservation In Action
15.40 – 15.50	MulkearLIFE's Environmental Education Prog. - Making an Impact in Local Schools (TBC)
15.50 – 16.00	Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir - MulkearLIFE's Media & Networking Work – Making an Impact
16.00 – 16.10	Questions & Discussion

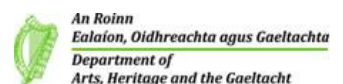
Session No. 5: Other Current River Restoration Projects in Ireland

16.10 – 16.25	Mr. Fergus Lynch (IFI) Case Study of the River Restoration on the Owengar River
16.25 – 16.45	Dr. Fran Igoe (IRD Duhallow) Duhallow LIFE – A Bottom Up Approach to River Restoration

Session No. 6: MulkearLIFE and the AfterLIFE

16.45 – 16.55	Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir – Next Steps for MulkearLIFE – AfterLIFE Conservation Plan
16.55 - 17.00	Closure Day 1 & Overview of Day 2 and Planning of Field Trips on Day 2

**First Screening of MulkearLIFE DVD, Conference Dinner
& Entertainment @ 19.00hrs**



Day 2 – Thursday 11th September 2014

08.30 - 9.00 **Registration for Day 2 & Tea / Coffee On Arrival**

Session No. 7: European River Restoration – Best Practice & Networking

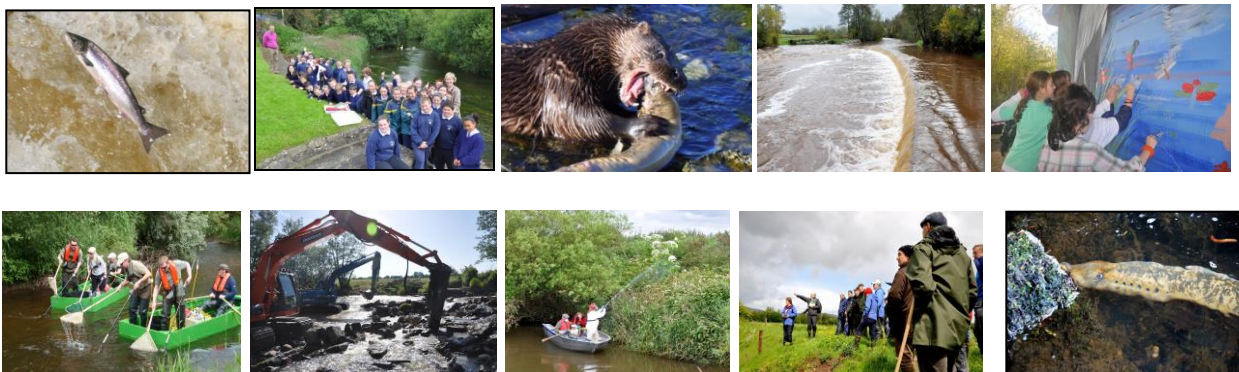
09.10 – 09.30 Ms. Jackie Webley, Scottish Natural Heritage, Pearls in Peril in the UK
09.30 – 09.55 Dr. Stephen Marsh-Smith OBE, Wye & Usk Foundation, Success on the Irfon, Wales
09.55 – 10.20 Dr. Johanna Gardeström, Vindel River, River Restoration in Northern Sweden
10.20 – 10.45 Mr. Martin Janes, River Restoration Centre (UK), River Restoration Best Practice & RESTORE EU LIFE+
10.45 – 11.00 Questions & Discussion
11.00 – 11.10 Ms. Lorraine O'Donnell, Inland Fisheries Ireland - Closing Comments

Coffee Break & Networking 11.10 – 11.30

Depart for Field Trip @ 11.35 - Lunch will be provided in the field

Field Trip:

Day 2 will include a half day field trip to various sites in the Mulkear Catchment including Annacotty and Ballyclogh weirs and several rubble mats sites on the Mulkear River. It will also include sites on the Newport and Clare / Annagh Rivers and farm visits on the Dead River. Transport will be provided. The transport will return delegates to the conference venue, Castle Oaks Hotel, Castleconnell, not later than 17.30hrs.



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