



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

Press Release

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MulkearLIFE To Present at LIFE+ Information Seminar, Friday, 15 February 2013

As the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU gets under way, MulkearLIFE is delighted to be afforded the opportunity to present at the LIFE+ Information Seminar to be held in Dublin on Friday, 15th February, 2013. The aim of the LIFE+ Seminar is to inform potential applicants about the LIFE+ Programme and the process of applying for LIFE funding. The event is being hosted by Irish LIFE+ Contact Point in the Department of Environment.

As in recent years, the European Commission’s LIFE Programme will publish a new call for LIFE+ proposals. This is likely to take place in the first half of Ireland’s Presidency of the Council of the EU – most likely in February 2013. The Call will relate to the provision of hundreds of millions of euro for co-financing of LIFE+ projects across Europe. Ireland’s allocation for 2013 is likely to be in the region of €4m, subject to suitable projects being submitted and approved. Funding will likely be made available under Nature and Biodiversity; Environment Policy and Governance; and Information and Communication. The call will include full details and conditions regarding the submission of applications and deadlines. Guidelines and applications forms for the 2013 Call for LIFE+ proposals will be on the following website [LIFE](#)

MulkearLIFE looks forward to presenting at this important seminar which is being hosted by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in the Custom House, Dublin. The Project’s presentation will outline practical measures to follow prior to making a LIFE+ application. MulkearLIFE will also outline the Project’s own experience in the start-up phase and the success the Project has achieved over the past number of years. The presentation will focus on the work of Inland Fisheries Ireland as coordinating project partner, and the work of the two main associated project partners, the Office of Public Works and Limerick County Council and the project’s main co-financer, the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

In the year of the Irish Presidency, and during the year marking the 40th Anniversary of Ireland joining the European Commission, MulkearLIFE is extremely grateful to the Department of Environment for affording MulkearLIFE the opportunity to present at this important event.

The Department Note that if you intend to apply for funding and wish to attend the seminar please contact: Brian Earley at Brian.Earley@environ.ie and provide a brief outline of your proposal before 1st February 2013. Further information on the implementation of the LIFE+ Programme in Ireland is available [here](#)

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.mulkearlifecom

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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