



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

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## Press Release

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### Project's Work With Sea Lamprey Features in The Irish Times

MulkearLIFE's work with Sea Lamprey featured in Michael Viney's excellent "Another Life" in this weekend's (16 June 2012) Irish Times. Michael Viney has been documenting Irish nature and related matters in his highly regarded column "Another Life" in The Irish Times on a weekly basis since 1977. This week's "Another Life" on Sea Lamprey ran with the apt title 'A jaw-dropping sight, but in the best possible taste'.

The column also included a wonderful colour drawing of adult sea lamprey by Michael Viney. The article highlighted the importance of the protection of sea lamprey and how MulkearLIFE's work is helping to restore habitat not only for sea lamprey but for Atlantic Salmon and Otter.

The full Irish Times article is available here:

[The Irish Times – Another Life](#)

For more information on the project's work with Sea Lamprey please see our Video Gallery:

[MulkearLIFE Video Gallery](#)

MulkearLIFE's new fish pass designed specifically to assist sea lamprey on their upstream passage has been making local and national news for over a year now. Articles and images have featured in the local and national press.

#### 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.mulkearlife.com](http://www.mulkearlife.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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