





"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 IRD Duhallow Environmental Awareness Month

MulkearLIFE is delighted to support our sister LIFE project's Environmental Awareness Month which takes place in April. IRD Duhallow will host a whole series of events as part of its Environmental Awareness Month during April. The aim of events is raise awareness about the importance of our environment and promote positive environmental actions throughout Duhallow.

During the month there will be a broad range of talks, seminars and workshops addressing different environmental topics which are of considerable interest and which cover areas of work of both LIFE projects. Full details of IRD Duhallow's Environmental Awareness Month available here

MulkearLIFE's input will take place on Thursday 18th April @ 7.30pm with an illustrated talk on 'Community Involvement in Practical Conservation Work – Innovation & Community Partnership'. The presentation will focus on how communities and scientists can work together to improve the environment.

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
- 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 Teagacs, 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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