



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

Press Release

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Deadline for Amateur Photo Competition Extended to 15th May 2012

MulkearLIFE has today (24th April 2012) extended the deadline for receipt of entries to its Amateur Photo Competition. The competition, which is open to all with some fantastic prizes on offer, has a new closing date of Tuesday 15th May 2012 @ 17.00hrs. This is a two week extension to the original closing date. MulkearLIFE has also made an important change to the manner by which people can enter. It is now no longer required to submit both a printed (hard copy) of the image(s) and a digital copy. One format will now suffice. All other terms and conditions remain as originally stated.

The theme of the photo competition is ‘Exploring the Biodiversity of the Lower Shannon’. In terms of images that capture this theme there is no limit to the type of image which can be submitted as images may cover any aspect of biodiversity including people enjoying biodiversity. It could be an image of water, trees, plants, fish, invertebrates, fungi, mammals, birds, lichen, domestic animals, basically any living organism. While it is not essential, images which portray biodiversity in and along rivers, streams and watercourses throughout the Lower Shannon region would be preferred.

The competition is open to Amateur Photographers Only. Entry is free and anyone can submit up to three images. The prize fund is €1,000, offered in two categories of prizes, Children / Young Adults (under 18 as of 15/05/2012) and Adults. In addition, the overall winner will receive one full-days training in wildlife and landscape photography from a leading wildlife photographer during the Summer / Autumn / Winter of 2012.

Entering the competition is easy. Firstly, click LIKE the MulkearLIFE’s Facebook Page: [MulkearLIFE Facebook](#)

Simply take a photo, or submit a photo you have recently taken (within the period 1st January 2009 and 15th May 2012) and enter your image(s) either digitally or in print format. If entering in digital format, the minimum size is 1mb and the maximum size is 5mb. Send your images to photos@mulkearlifec.com (each digital image should be sent through individually with the Subject line ‘Photo Competition’ and should be accompanied by a description, name, address and daytime telephone number). Alternatively, you can send your photo in print format (Size A4) on photo quality paper or card to MulkearLIFE Amateur Photo Competition, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Ashbourne Business Park, Limerick, Ireland. Each image must be accompanied by a description, name, address and daytime telephone number. If entering the Children / Young Adults competition (under 18 years of age as of 15/05/2012) please state your age. Only those images received in one of the two formats specified will be deemed to have entered successfully. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure this process is followed. Those who have entered the competition in the format specified to date are deemed to have entered and need not resubmit their image(s).

Full details of How To Enter, and of all Prizes on offer and the terms and conditions are available here:

[Terms and Conditions](#)

MulkearLIFE urges all those wishing to enter to read the terms and conditions in full. Good luck to all and remember the Closing Date is Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 17.00hrs. Happy Snapping.

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
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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