



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

Press Release

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Register Now - Freshwater Invasives Networking for Strategy (FINS) Conference

Registration will soon close for the Freshwater Invasives Networking for Strategy (FINS) Conference.

This important international conference is being hosted by Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), the CAISIE LIFE+ Project, together with the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC) in Galway from the 8th to 11th April 2013. The Freshwater Invasives – Networking for Strategy (FINS) conference will address key topics relating to freshwater invasive species and harmful aquatic pathogens.

The primary objective of the conference is to provide a forum where international scientists, policy makers and stakeholders will address designated themes with a view to informing management and policy development in this increasingly important area. The themes that will provide the focus for deliberations during the conference will be, Policy, Biosecurity, Management & Risk Assessment & Economics.

Invited experts from around the globe will address the above themes. Workshop sessions led by the keynote speakers and other experts, as required, will provide the main focus of the conference and will be arranged to facilitate involvement of all delegates in groups.

The conference registration fee is €250 and should be paid before 28th February, 2013. Full details of conference is available on the conference website here: [FINS Conference Website](#)

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 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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