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By Email:



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Dear 

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 19 May 2024 that sought the following information:

*'A list of all current and previous exemption permits to the Fisheries Act (NI) 1966 issued in respect of its abstraction of water by fish farms, hydros, factories and quarries from the **Kells river system**, what they were issued for and what the dates they were issued'.*

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all of the information you requested.

The information held which can be disclosed is in the table below.

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Please note that operators need to apply for an exemption in relation to not complying with sections 54, 58 and 59 of the Fisheries Act 1966 and these are then considered by the Department.

Exemption	Reason	Issued
59	Industry - Permit exempts obligations imposed by Section 59(1) of the Act with respect to the requirement to place a grid at (Location).	1995
59	Fishery - Permit exempts obligations imposed by Section 59(1) of the Act with respect to the provision of a grating at the point where the abstracted water returns to the Kellswater River at (Location).	2008

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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