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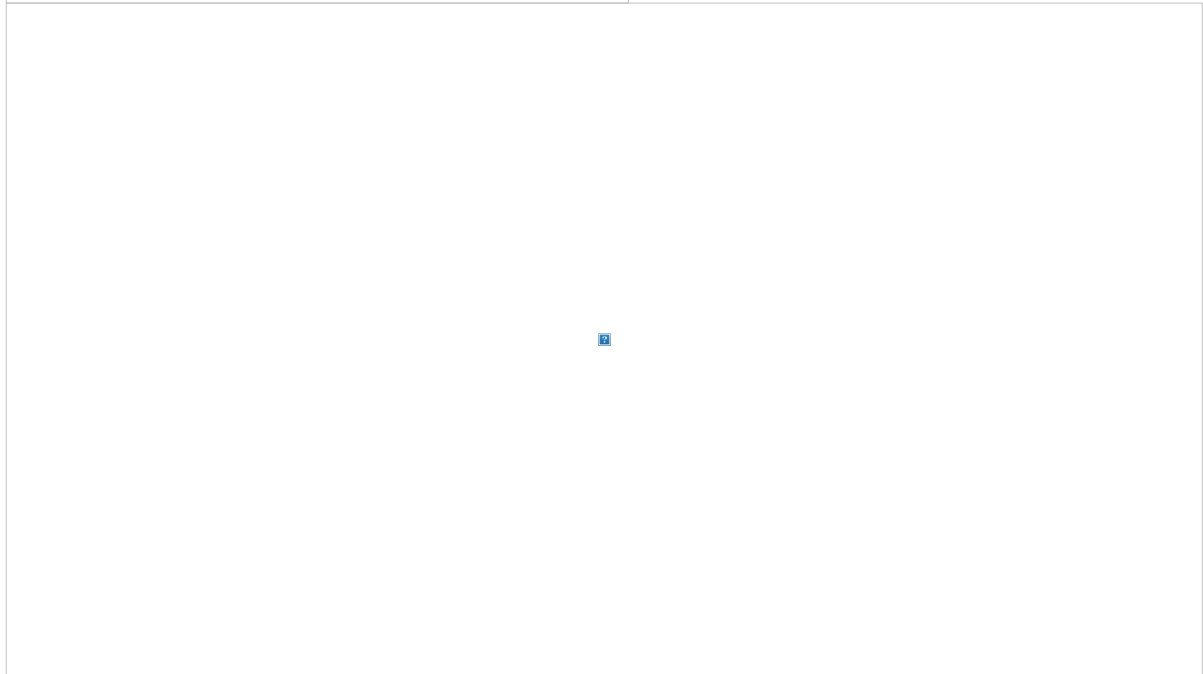
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**Subject:** RE: REMINDER (due Monday - only for Inland Fisheries): WMU/PC/ 34236-4 -LA08/2022/0505/F [REDACTED]

Please find attached Inland Fisheries response to - LA08/2022/0505/F.

Thanks,

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DAERA Inland Fisheries response to - LA08/2022/0505/F. 29 Aughlish Road Tandragee BT62 2EE

### Proposal Description

The south westerly extension to existing non-hazardous landfill (O/1992/0802/F) for non-hazardous and inert waste comprising: temporary works involving internal access road to the landfill extension and cells therein, works compound and netting; landfill cell construction involving cut and fill of natural strata, rock or quarry spoil and placement of natural and artificial engineered liners; provision of management systems and infrastructure for surface water, gas and leachate; landscaping; and the connection of new management system infrastructure into that of the existing non-hazardous landfill (O/1992/0802/F) via connection and pumping. (Geotechnical Clarification Received).

### Consideration

Based on the information provided, Inland Fisheries considers it unlikely that the proposed development will significantly impact fisheries interests in the vicinity of the site.

### Explanation

Inland Fisheries notes the nature and location of the proposal and also the reason for consultation in reference to the culverting of a watercourse which traverses the site. The watercourse to be culverted is a small tributary of the Cusher River which flows to the River Bann. The Cusher River supports populations of resident and migratory salmonids (salmon, trout/seatrout), eels, lamprey and several coarse fish species; these migratory fish species have the potential to be present downstream of the proposed works. European eel and Atlantic salmon numbers have been in serious decline over the last 20 years; eels are now listed as 'critically endangered' on the IUCN Red List and salmon are listed as an Annex 2 species under the Habitats Directive.

Inland Fisheries has considered the information provided. The watercourse to be culverted is already culverted at the boundary of the quarry and issues at Aughlish Road where it enters further culverting under the road, as such it is very unlikely to support fisheries interests in the section to which the culverting is proposed. Inland Fisheries acknowledges that culverting can negatively affect fish migration, habitat quality, and flow dynamics, thereby reducing biodiversity and natural water purification processes. However, a desktop study indicates that the habitat upstream of the culvert location is unlikely to support significant fisheries interests.

Fish populations are highly sensitive to water quality degradation, particularly from siltation. The applicant must recognize that aquatic ecosystems can be affected both locally and downstream unless comprehensive mitigation measures are implemented. Inland Fisheries recommends that, prior to construction, the applicant identifies all potential pathways for harmful materials to enter the aquatic environment and ensures robust mitigation measures are in place to prevent contamination.

The applicant should be reminded of their legal obligations under Section 47 of the Fisheries Act (NI) 1966, which outlines penalties for pollution and the consequences of releasing deleterious substances into watercourses.

The separation of the watercourse from the quarry and landfill drainage systems is expected to protect the Cusher River from harmful discharges. Provided that appropriate mitigation measures are implemented during culvert installation to safeguard downstream water quality, Inland Fisheries has no objection to the proposal.

Standing Advice must be considered and adhered to, this is available at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/standing-advice-development-may-have-effect-water-environment-including-groundwater-and-fisheries>.

#### Informatives

Northern Ireland as part of the UK is a signatory to the Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic. This treaty requires signatory states to develop programmes of work to conserve, rationally manage and improve Atlantic salmon populations and their habitats within their jurisdiction. This work is scrutinised by the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (NASCO)

Inland Fisheries would like to draw the applicant's attention to Section 47 of the Fisheries Act (NI) 1966, which covers the applicant's responsibilities relating to Penalties for Pollution and the consequences of causing or permitting the release of any Deleterious materials into any waters.

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**Reference:** LA08/2022/0505/F  
**Authority:** Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council  
**Address:** 29 Aughlish Road Tandragee BT62 2EE  
**Category:** Local  
**Consultation Type:** Statutory

**Description:**

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**Reason for consultation:**

Can Inland Fisheries please provide advice on the application, in particular the diversion and culverting of watercourse within the site. Thanks

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