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3rd November 2026

Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 13 October 2026 which sought the following information:

"A few years back we were provided with some data covering the Sea Fish industry landings for the period 2020-2022 for Carlingford Lough - these covered tonnage and value (£) as per below;

Gear	Species	2020		2021		2022	
		Weight (T)	Value (£)	Weight (T)	Value (£)	Weight (T)	Value (£)
DRB	Mussels	No data	-	No data	-	25.9	No data
FPO	Cockles	No data	-	No data	-	No data	-
	Velvet crab	2.2	3,293.5	3.03	5,804	1.39	3,519
	Crabs (mixed)	1.17	1,761	4.79	2,756	0.46	1,206
	Green crab	117.3	64,282	213.28	116,504	164	81,437

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	Lobsters	1.7	19,267	1.48	17,417	1.3	18,904
	Whelks	7.06	8,243	2.1	3,160	1.32	1,328
FPO total		**129.43**	**£96,846.50**	**224.68**	**£145,641**	**168.47**	**£106,394**

It was used to provide a baseline for sea fishery landings in the lough for an EIAR chapter associated with the proposed Newry Southern Ring Road.

We have been asked to update this baseline again as DFI are looking to finalise an ES for planning application in 2027. Therefore, we would like to request available landings data for Carlingford Lough for the period 2023 to presently available to cover the same species groups as presented in the table above."

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as **Annex A**.

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,

Sea Fisheries Systems, Data & Reporting

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