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Inland Fisheries Ireland**

Right To Know

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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

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**Our Ref: AIE-023-012-IFI**

Dear Sirs

I refer to the request which you made under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. No. 615 of 2014 and S.I. No. 309 of 2018) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) for access to environmental information held by Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI). Your request was seeking:

**'Under the AIE Regs to request records of the circa 175 barriers assessed using the secondary assessment tool mentioned below**

**For the purposes of this AIE please provide the records in the electronic format held by IFI**

**I-BAST assessment**

**For primary assessment, Inland Fisheries Ireland has developed the I-BAST (IFI Barrier Assessment and Screening Tool) application as an initial screening and barriers assessment tool. To date, we have surveyed almost 22,600 structures using the I-BAST assessment and a further 175 structures using the secondary assessment.'**

I am contacting you today to notify you of the type of records that we hold in relation to your recent AIE request and how we may narrow down the search effort in relation to the relevant barrier/ river/ catchment you are most interested in.

**Search Effort and Records Held**

I made contact with the relevant Research Officer on my team to provide me with the most recent register of structures assessed and their status in excel format. The register lists all barrier currently assessed (SNIFFER assessment) and includes an indication of whether a report is available (column k in excel file). To date the register includes 232 structures, 56 of which have a report completed and available. Please note that some of these reports are catchment wide reports and encompass all barriers assessed within that catchment. e.g. Boyne catchment.

## **Register of Barriers**

I have attached the register of barriers assessed with this letter. This lists in a high-level record what I consider within the scope of your request. It provides a brief description of barriers assessed and any subsequent records related to it. E.g., Reports and or drone imagery. Please note that each row has a corresponding SNIFFER excel assessment, this assessment contains the measurement data in raw format e.g. height/ width /head height/ velocity etc. of each barrier.

## **Records of Interest**

If you could please indicate which specific barriers/ reports are of interest to you by returning the register with the relevant rows/ columns highlighted. We will endeavour to extract the records within the timeframe remaining. If the number of records is likely to exceed the timeframe remaining, we will correspond with you to agree a schedule of release of the relevant records.

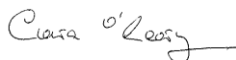
Please note that if any drone imagery is requested, we will facilitate you by providing access to view the relevant records by laptop in a suitable IFI office. Currently we do not have the facility to share the data electronically due to the size of the files concerned.

We can provide you with an example of the raw SNIFFER excel assessment of a barrier, to help you ascertain if the record is what you require.

If the register provided is adequate to your request and you do not wish for further records, please let me know so that I may notify IFI's AIE Unit to close out this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [ciara.oleary@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:ciara.oleary@fisheriesireland.ie) if I can assist you in any matter relating to your request.

Yours sincerely,



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Decision Maker

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