



**Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland**

Right To Know
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BY EMAIL ONLY

31 July 2025

Our Ref: AIE-054-034-IFI | Decision (Reopening of AIE-024-064-IFI)

Dear Right To Know

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 is seeking:

“Any records related to a specific fish kill at the following location: 3km stretch of the river near Coats Bridge, downstream from Aughrim village, Wicklow

Please provide any records / correspondence between IFI and the following

- 1) Company involved in aquaculture called IDAS**
- 2) Uisce Éireann**
- 3) Wicklow CoCo**

For context see

<https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=142&r=show&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.epa.ie%2Four-services%2Fcompliance-enforcement%2Fwhats-happening%2Fincidents-at-epa-regulated-sites%2Fnotifications-of-recent-incidents%2Ffish-kill-aughrim-river-co-wicklow%2F&t=f58965470c190c3adf705ebf65c3967662ee8cc7.>”

Your resubmission of the above request was received into aie@fisheriesireland.ie on the Wednesday July 16, 2025.

Summary of Decision

I made a decision on your request today, 31 July 2025: To part release the environmental information identified within the scope of your request having regard to the provision of Article 8(a)(i) of the AIE Regulations subject to Article 10 (3) an (4) of the AIE Regulations. For ease of reference, set out hereunder are the relevant articles of the AIE Regulations and the grounds which apply to the part- refusal/refusal of some information.

Search Effort

As decision maker for the original request I consulted the information gathered for AIE-024-064-IFI and re-reviewed with the court case now having taken place.

Please see the following link for details in the case taken by the EPA: <https://www.epa.ie/our-services/compliance--enforcement/whats-happening/prosecutions-and-penalties/prosecutions-2025/epa-prosecutes-woodfab-timber-limited-p0358-01.php>

Exemption Provisions and reasons for Decisions to Deny Access to Records.

For ease of reference, set out hereunder are those articles(s) of the AIE Act based on which I have had to deny access to records or parts of records.

Grounds that, subject to article 10, mandate a refusal

Article 8 – personal information

8.A public authority shall not make available environmental information in accordance with article 7 where disclosure of the information –

(a) would adversely affect –

(i) the confidentiality of personal information relating to a natural person who has not consented to the disclosure of the information, and where that confidentiality is otherwise protected by law,

Article 4 of EU Regulation 2016/679 the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) defines “personal data”

as:

“any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (“data subject”); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.”

The parts of records 1-3, 6-9, 11 and 13-14 are part withheld under this section contain personal information (first names, surnames, initials, and personal phone numbers) of third party data subjects, from whom we have not received consent to release their personal information and in the circumstance, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to seek their consent. It is therefore my decision that these sections are exempt from release.

Subject to Article 10(3) and (4), I have also considered the following in relation to the public interest test:

Public Interest

We have considered the public interest issues which arise in this case and have taken account of the following factors in favour of release:

- The public interest in members of the public knowing that information held by public bodies about them, or those they represent, is accurate.
- The public interest in members of the public exercising their rights under the AIE regulations.

In considering the public interest factors which favour withholding the records, I have taken account of the following;

- the public interest in public bodies being able to perform their functions effectively
- the public interest in protecting the right to privacy of individuals/third parties to whom the information relates.

On balance, we have decided that it is not in the public interest to release the redacted part of record 1 as it would impinge on the rights of the "data subject" under Article 4 of GDPR.

None of the records that I found relate to emissions. For this reason, the provision of Article 10(1) does not apply to the redacted information.

Schedule of Records

Please find attached a schedule of the records falling within the scope of your request.

Right of Review

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a member of staff of IFI, unconnected with the original decision maker, of the same or higher rank than the original decision maker, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to AIE Officer, Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin D24 CK66 or by e-mail to aie@fisheriesireland.ie, referring to this decision and quoting the AIE reference number **[AIE-025-034-IFI]**. This request must be made within one month of the date of receipt of this decision. The decision of an internal review will be communicated to you within one month of receipt of your request for an internal review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 052 6113030 or aie@fisheriesireland.ie if I can assist you in any matter relating to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Carroll
Decision Maker
Cc AIE Officer