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Chief Executive's Overview

Perhaps the most significant progress towards the full delivery of the Agency's responsibilities during the period of this report have been the approval of the review of the Agency's staffing structure and complement.

The recruitment of the four Directors, Corporate Services, Conservation & Protection, Development and Aquaculture was completed by the end of the year and the impetus provided to these areas of responsibility was immediate.

This, together with the virtual finalisation of the amendments to our primary legislation the Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Bill & Order, which will be enacted early in 2007 provide the resources and authority to make very significant progress during 2007.

The Agency has continued to develop its data collection on the resources of the catchments, which are detailed later in this report, and which provide the basis for informed discussion and consultation with our stakeholders and others on the delivery of our responsibilities.

The input from our second Foyle and Carlingford Area Advisory Forum, which held its first meeting on the 4th September 2006, has already been invaluable in refining and developing proposals which will have great significance during the forthcoming year, such as the rationalisation of commercial salmon fishing and the role out of our Marine Tourism and Water based leisure strategies.

The development of Riverwatch, with its associated outreach programmes and the Agency's website, have been significant in reaching beyond the anglers, commercial fishermen and aquaculturists to the wider public and making them aware of the resources, opportunities and benefits healthy rivers and loughs can bring to them.

We must also record with gratitude the wise counsel, guidance, commitment, enthusiasm and support of the Chairman and Board of the Foyle Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission without which our efforts would not have been as effective.

The objective of the Agency is to optimise the sustainable utilisation and development of the resources of the Foyle and Carlingford catchments and I believe this report demonstrates significant progress towards that goal, progress that has been achieved by the dedication and professionalism of my colleagues in the Agency and the support of our sponsoring departments.

RJ Derick Anderson
Chief Executive

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Mission Statement

The Loughs Agency aims to provide sustainable social, economic and environmental benefits through the effective conservation, protection, management, promotion and development of the fisheries and marine resources of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.

Objectives

The principal objectives of the Agency in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas are:-

- To conserve and protect the salmon and inland fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas;
- To manage and develop the salmon and inland fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas;
- To promote the development of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough for commercial and recreational purposes;
- To licence and develop aquaculture;
- To develop marine tourism;
- To pursue increased efficiency and continuous improvement in the delivery of services to all customers;
- To ensure the efficient, effective, and economic utilisation of resources available to the Agency.

See appendix 1 for outturn against objectives.

The Board

Mr Peter Savage	- Chairperson
Lord Cooke of Islandreagh	- Vice Chairperson (Resigned 22/03/2006)
Mr Jack Allen	
Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston	
Mr Francis Feely	
Dr Patrick Griffin	
Ms Siobhan Logue	
Mr Joseph Martin	
Miss Jacqui McConville	
Mr Tarlach O'Crosain	
Mr Andrew Ward	

The Board met on six occasions during 2006 as follows:

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| • 23rd February 2005 | Agency Headquarters Prehen |
| • 1st February 2006 | Agency Headquarters Prehen |
| • 22nd March 2006 | Carlingford |
| • 30th May 2006 | Carlingford |
| • 30th August 2006 | Agency Headquarters Prehen |
| • 8th November 2006 | Agency Headquarters Prehen |
| • 7th December 2006 | Dublin |

Minutes of the above meetings are available on the Agency web site www.loughs-agency.org

Foyle and Carlingford Area Advisory Forum

At its first meeting the NSMC asked the Board to bring forward proposals for establishing consultation mechanisms with relevant interest groups in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas. The NSMC subsequently agreed to the establishment of the Foyle and Carlingford Area Advisory Forum through a selection process independent of the Agency to critique and advise the Agency in relation to its main strategic objectives:-

- Conservation and Protection
- Development of Aquaculture
- Development of Inland fisheries
- Development of Marine Tourism
- Customer Service

The term of the first Advisory Forum expired at the end of 2005 and Ministers gave their approval to carry out an independent exercise to recruit members to a new Forum. This was completed in August 2006 with three meetings being held in the remainder of the year. Focus Groups were again set up to discuss relevant topics in greater detail these included:

- i) ***Foyle & Carlingford Fisheries Bill Consultation Focus Group,***
- ii) ***Salmon & Inland Fisheries Focus Group***
 - Cessation of interceptory Netting of Salmon (Report of the Independent Salmon Group)
 - Revision of Coarse and Game Angling Regulations
 - Predation of Salmon & Sea Trout by Seals
- iii) ***Environmental Focus Group***

Integrated Coastal Zone Management - including nominations (1 Foyle and 1 Carlingford) to the DOE's Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) stakeholder forum.

EU Water Framework Directive & Habitats Directive
- iv) ***Marine Tourism***

"STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE TOURISM AND LEISURE IN LOUGH FOYLE AND CARLINGFORD LOUGH AREAS"
- v) ***Aquaculture & Shellfisheries***
 - Rollout of Aquaculture Licensing in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas
 - SMILE Project (Sustainable Mariculture In northern Irish Lough Ecosystems)

Minutes of the Agency's Advisory Forum meetings are available on the Agency's website: www.loughs-agency.org

Staffing

The Agency operates in four separate business areas Aquaculture, Conservation and Protection, Corporate and Development with a current approved core staffing level of fifty three. Following Ministerial approval of the Agency's staffing structure the organisation was staffed progressively towards this complement which will be complete in early 2007.

Staff Development

Throughout the year the Agency addressed the training and development needs of staff, focusing on knowledge and skills retention and motivation appropriate to the achievement of the organisation's objectives and individuals' needs. These included Certificate in Fisheries Management, River Restoration, Water Framework Directive and a range of equality awareness, health and safety and IT related courses.

Information Technology

During 2006 the Agency invested heavily in Geographical Information Systems which facilitated the mapping of scientific data including, habitat and electrofishing data. Fish counter programme continued to be developed and the validation of the counter sites which is key to real time management of the fisheries. Phase two of the Agency's website, www.loughs-agency.org, was completed and went live at the end of 2006 and has already proved a very useful tool for the dissemination of information to the tourist and local angler and it is planned to expand on this in 2007 with the introduction of sections on conservation and development, marine tourism and aquaculture.

Education and Interpretive centre "Riverwatch"

The "Riverwatch" Interpretive Centre welcomed nearly 10,000 visitors through its doors during 2006. The year commenced with the installation of 4 themed aquarium tanks representing 4 different ecosystems including stream, lake, pond and seashore. The aquaria are expected to make an important contribution to the conservation of aquatic life by giving local people and visitors to Riverwatch an extraordinary window into the fascinating underwater world of these ecosystems.

Riverwatch also facilitated 40 groups through our catalogue of outreach programmes including Vital Signs, Salmon in the Classroom, Adopt A Stream, an Angling Academy and bespoke programmes based on the individual needs of schools and groups.

The combination of the visitor centre and the outreach portfolio offers stakeholders the opportunity to learn about their maritime and riverine resources and take positive action in their communities for the improvement and protection of the local waterways and in enhancing the social, economic and environmental opportunities they provide.

Fisheries Management and Development

Salmon Management and Development

Background

The management regime operating for salmon in the Foyle Catchment is unique in the North East Atlantic and was established by the Foyle Fisheries Commission following the Report by PF Elson and ALW Tuomi, "The Foyle Fisheries, New Basis for Rational Management" published in 1975. The strategy has been refined in the intervening period using the most up to date technology and latest scientific knowledge including a full review of escapement targets by the Agency's Scientific Advisors in 1997. For further details on these strategies and information which the Agency utilises in managing fisheries please refer to previous Annual Reports. There follows a brief update on the information collected in 2006.

Audit Points

Commercial Catches

The commercial fishery catches in 2006 were down on the 2005 figure. Both drift and draft nets showed similar low catches in 2006. There was no extension to the season as insufficient numbers of salmon had passed Sion Mills counting facility by the key dates. However, both end of season Conservation Limits and Management Targets were exceeded. Catches are detailed in tables 4, 5 and 6 in Appendix 2.

Fish Counters

The River Mourne and tributaries exceeded the Conservation Limit and Management Targets set for the end of the season. The counts recorded for the River Roe were down on 2005 not meeting its conservation limit while the River Finn although down on 2005 however still achieved its conservation limit and management targets. The Faughan had a good year although numbers were down on the 2005 count. The Agency with support from the European Economic Area (EEA) Cohesion Fund commenced construction of a fish counter on the Clanrye River in Newry and it is intended that this will be operational during the summer of 2007. Results from these facilities may be found in Tables 2 and 3 in Appendix 2.

Angling

The percentage of anglers making a return on their logbooks in 2006 was up on previous year's returns at 37% to 3,814 and is encouraging that this figure is increasing annually. The reported catch was adjusted to allow for unreported returns and these figures are shown in Tables 10, 11 & 12 in Appendix 2. The adjusted number of salmon caught were up on that of 2004 and 2003 but a little lower than the 2005 season.

Redd Counts

Redds are sites where adult salmon deposit their eggs in gravel and can be recognised by a characteristic depression with downstream mound. The accuracy of redd counts

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has always been subject to weather conditions, with flood situations where the increase in suspended solids inhibits visibility and further difficulties are caused by the high water flows flattening the mounds of gravel created by redding action thus when clearer conditions return no visible evidence of the redd remains. In 2006, conditions for redd counting were mixed with the results presented in Table 1 (appendix 2)

Electrofishing

In 2006 a total of 499 sites were semi-quantitatively electrofished within the Foyle and Carlingford areas. 424 sites surveyed were within the Foyle system and 75 sites within the Carlingford system.

Within the Foyle system the average number of salmon fry present at each site was 20 with an average of 5 trout fry present at each site.

Within the Carlingford system the average number of salmon fry present at each site was 0.4 with an average of 1 trout fry present at each site.

A review of electrofishing sites was conducted prior to the 2006 season to ensure that representative sites continue to be surveyed. Quantitative electrofishing was conducted within the Faughan catchment to calibrate the semi-quantitative electrofishing results. A good correlation was recorded between the two survey methods. This information was also incorporated into the pre-fishery abundance project and details of these surveys will also be provided in the river status reports.

Coded Wire Tagging (CWT)

The Coded Wire Tagging programme continued in 2006 on the Rivers Finn and Faughan. CWT is undertaken for a number of reasons including the collection of biological data on the smolt run and to highlight the areas where returning adult salmon from the Rivers Finn and Faughan are exploited. The Loughs Agency rotary screw traps are also used to monitor all descending fish species abundance and run timing. Information on smolts tagged in 2005 and caught as returning adults in the 2006 season will be presented in the 2007 Report and on the Loughs Agency website when available. The Marine Institute collates the recapture data from the tagging programme. For fish tagged in any year there is a lag of 2 years before the recapture data is available.

Since 2005, the Loughs Agency has used Coded Wire Tagging machines purchased with funds secured from the European Regional Development Fund through the INTERREG IIIA Programme, administered by the Environment and Heritage Service, on behalf of the Department of Environment.

All micro-tagged fish have had their adipose fin removed (small fin between dorsal fin and tail), if any fisher catches a salmon or grilse without this fin a reward is payable to anyone who catches a salmon or grilse without this fin and returns the fish head and scale sample along with details regarding location and date caught, length and weight to Loughs Agency Headquarters in Prehen.

Table1 Numbers of smolt tagged on River Finn 2002-2006

Year	Number of Smolts Tagged	Mean Age	Mean Length (cm)	Mean Weight (g)
2002	690	2+	12.5	19.8
2003	2252	2+	12.7	20.2
2004	773	2+	12.2	18.0
2005	390	2+	12.9	20.5
2006	779	2+	12.0	19.3

Table 2 Recapture data from River Finn CWT programme. Note lag in data due to length of time spent at sea and length of time needed to collate data.

Year Tagged	Year Recaptured	Numbers Recaptured	Recapture Location
2002	2003	10	Donegal (2), Foyle area (3), North Coast (2), Mayo (2), Galway (1)
	2004	1	River Finn
2003	2004	25	Donegal (15), Foyle area (1), Mayo (2), Kerry (1), River Finn (6)
2004	2005	8	Greencastle and River Finn

Table 3 Numbers of smolt tagged on River Faughan 2003-2006

Year	Number of Smolts Tagged	Mean Age	Mean Length (cm)	Mean Weight (g)
2003	1582	2+	14.9	33.5
2004	1875	2+	13.4	24.6
2005	1658	2+	13.3	23.6
2006	769	2+	13.3	

Table 4 Recapture data from River Faughan CWT programme. Note lag in data due to length of time spent at sea and length of time needed to collate data.

Year Tagged	Year Recaptured	Numbers Recaptured	Recapture Location
2003	2004	12	Greencastle (8), Burtonport (1), Malin Head (1), Belmullet (1) and Torr Head (1)
2004	2005	16	Greencastle, Malin Head, Donegal and Galway Bay

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Instream Works

The Agency was successful in accessing European Economic Area (EEA) Cohesion Fund in conjunction with DCAL and the Fisheries Conservancy Board for N. Ireland in 2005. This has facilitated habitat enhancement works aimed at rebuilding stocks in the Carlingford Area and to continuing with extensive in-stream reinstatement on the upper reaches of the Clanrye River in addition to the provision of a fish counter in the lower reaches. This programme was completed in 2006 in conjunction with similar work at a number of sites on the River Dee in Co. Donegal.

Coarse Fisheries Management and Development

Coarse fishing still remains particularly important in both Carlingford and Foyle. The Agency continued to work with local stakeholders, namely, Newry and Mourne, Strabane, Omagh and Louth County Councils, Pike Anglers Club Great Britain, Professional Angling Guide Instructors Network and Oriel Angling to develop and promote a number of waters, Newry Canal, Camlough Lake, Baronscourt Lakes, Fairy water, Oaks Lake and Lough Muck.

The Agency invested again in a number of angling surveys in both catchments and resulted in a number of projects identified for future funding, marketing, and overall management proposes where highlighted on all venues surveyed. The Agency employed independent coarse angling experts for example Ad Sweir, Stevie Munn, Brian Connelly and Dr Ken Whelan along with the Agency's staff to carry out these surveys and their findings will be presented during 2007.

The Agency have invested in training key people within its own staff members and within the wider public on Guiding skill and Coaching and this has proved very useful.

A number of locations have been identified for possible stocking with carp and the need for such fisheries has been highlighted through general enquires from the public but mainly the need has been brought to our attention at Angling Fairs across on the mainland and Shows in the south of Ireland. Also a number of coarse angling venues have been highlighted for development as part of two angling clusters in one in the Foyle Area and one in Carlingford Area.

The Agency is currently working on new legislation to protect coarse fish within both catchments includes bio-security to ensure the growing demand for coarse fishing can be met well into the future.

Shellfish Management and Development

Background

The weekly shore monitoring program in Lough Foyle was continued throughout 2006. Boat monitoring was carried out periodically in both Carlingford Lough and Lough Foyle as a comparison to the shore samples. The baseline data being recorded during these sample runs will be used to assess fluctuations in local environmental variables and these values can then be cross-referenced with reproductive periods and growth rates of the shellfish in the Loughs.

As well as the above water quality records the Agency continued the programmes of water and shellfish sampling within the Lough for statutory sampling programs operated by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Marine Institute. This included taking water samples for estimations of phytoplankton abundance and identification of toxic algal blooms. The water samples for these programs are taken weekly from sites within Lough Foyle and Carlingford and forwarded to the relevant authorities for examination. Mussel samples were also taken on a monthly basis from the Loughs and forwarded to the relevant departments for classification for toxic algal concentrations.

Shellfish Surveys

- The Baseline Survey of Shellfish in Lough Foyle by Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) was commenced. 364 dredge hauls were taken in the Lough and the distribution and abundance of all shell fish species recorded.
- A draft version of the report was circulated to stakeholders for comments in Spring 2006.
- A dredge co-efficiency survey was carried out using divers to ascertain the percentage efficiency of the dredge used during surveying.
- Tonnages of wild mussel and relaid mussel were quantified and distribution maps of oysters and mussels data by size were produced.
- Small numbers of adult oyster stock were recorded which was suggested to be a factor of over-fishing of the reproducing age classes.
- Phase II is planned for 2007 to refine the findings of the initial survey and produce more accurate distribution maps and tonnages figures.

Statutory Fish Health and Food Standards Sampling

There was a continuation of statutory water and shellfish sampling programs operated by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Marine Institute for fish health and food hygiene.

No toxic algal blooms were discovered above threshold limits in Foyle or Carlingford during 2006. The water samples for these programs are taken weekly from sites within Lough Foyle and Carlingford and forwarded to the relevant authorities for examination. Mussel samples were also taken on a monthly basis from the Loughs and forwarded to the relevant departments for classification for toxic algal concentrations.

Bonamia samples from Lough Foyle in 2006 were sent to both the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Marine Institute examination. Evidence of the parasite was discovered as in 2005. However prevalence levels were again very low and no adverse impacts on the oysters stock was observed.

Carrying Capacity Model

The development of carrying capacity models for both Loughs was furthered in 2006. This project known as the SMILE (Sustainable Mariculture in Northern Irish Sea Loughs) project will provide models for Strangford, Belfast and Larne Loughs as well as Foyle and Carlingford and is being undertaken in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Institute of Marine Research (Portugal), Plymouth Marine Laboratory and CSIR (South Africa). It will provide an important tool for the development of sustainable oyster and mussel fisheries in the Loughs. Water and shellfish samples were collected during 2006 to allow for the population of the model with empirical data on the growth of oysters and mussels and the environmental

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drivers acting on the growth rates and feeding such as suspended solids, light attenuation, chlorophyll fluorescence, plankton population sizes and carbon availability.

As part of the SMILE project a scientific team from Plymouth Marine Lab was hosted by the Agency in June 2006 to allow experimentation on the feeding rates of mussels and oysters from Lough Foyle to be determined. The food clearance rates for the shellfish derived from the 12-day trial have been incorporated into the carrying capacity model.

The collation of empirical data for the carrying capacity model is continuing and the population of the model with results will continue as an on-going programme to monitor changes in productivity in the Loughs. Doctoral research funded by the Agency is underway to allow accurate measurements of the mussel and oyster growth rates through time and the zooplankton population to be determined. These measures will allow further refinement of the carrying capacity models to be made.

Productivity of Carlingford Lough

Elisa Capuzzo (Napier University Edinburgh) continued her doctoral research in Carlingford Lough in 2006 and began her field-sampling season in the springtime. The productivity of the Lough is being examined using measurements of the light penetration, attenuation and resultant photosynthetic growth of phytoplankton populations. This research adopts a novel method of identifying the production rates of plankton using radioactive isotopes.

Environmental Monitoring Systems

The four Environmental Monitoring Systems from the European Regional Development Fund through the INTERREG IIIA Programme, administered by the Environment and Heritage Service, on behalf of the Department of Environment were deployed in Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough during early 2006. The systems have been operating well and weekly reports are being produced from each system showing the day to day changes in environmental variables such as temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll fluorescence. This information is available online (www.afbini.gov.uk/index/services/specialist-advice/coastal-monitoring) and an email containing weekly reports is circulated to stakeholders and other interested parties.

Conservation and Protection of Fisheries

One of the core functions of the Loughs Agency is the enforcement of the conservation and protection legislation emanating from the Fisheries Acts and Regulations.

Eighty four prosecutions for a broad range of offences against the Fisheries Acts were brought before the courts in 2006, details of the nature of the offences and outcomes are presented in Table 20. Details of seizures are presented in Table 21.

While commercial fishery catches in 2006 were low in comparison with previous years, numbers of salmon which passed Sion Mills counting facility on the River Mourne were in excess of those required at specified dates and no closure of the fishery took place during the season. There was, however, no extension to the season as insufficient numbers had passed Sion Mills by 24th July.

Conservation limits and management targets set for the year were exceeded on the River Mourne, Finn and Faughan, while on the River Roe the count was below that required, electrofishing during the forthcoming year will provide a further audit on stock.

The Agency's management regime for the salmonid stocks of the catchments continued with ongoing work on the genetics programme and the continuing development of a Pre-Fisheries Abundance (PFA) model for salmon stocks in the Foyle Area in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Marine Institute, University of Glasgow and the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique France.

In the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area Loughs Agency staff, through sustained enforcement of fishery legislation, continued to contribute to the attainment of conservation limits and the observed reduction in illegal fishing.

Loughs Agency would wish to acknowledge the substantial assistance given by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Garda Síochána and the Police Service for Northern Ireland in the enforcement of the Fisheries Acts in the Loughs Agency area.

2006 was a particularly difficult year for the Agency staff carrying out enforcement duties, however, through their dedication patrols were maintained in all regions of the Loughs Agency's area of responsibility. Valuable assistance in the provision of additional protection was also provided by Private Riverwatchers on their fisheries. The dedication of the Loughs Agency staff, and all assistance provided for enforcement, is very much appreciated by the Board of the Foyle Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission and the Loughs Agency.

Water Quality

The Agency continues to be a statutory consultee regarding developments that have the potential to impact on the riverine environment either from a water quality or physical habitat aspect. This includes discussions with the Forest Service and various forestry bodies regarding possible impact of proposed planting schemes, Roads Service regarding new river crossings and road schemes, Water Service, regarding sewage and water abstraction schemes, Planning Service, regarding new developments, Environment and Heritage Service, regarding discharge consents, their quality and possible impact, and Rivers Agency regarding drainage and watercourse management issues, including habitat reinstatement works.

The Agency believes that its ongoing strategy of targeting catchments that appear to be stressed for its Proactive Pollution Prevention Programme is both sound and beneficial to these catchments, the base information for this strategy is primarily sourced from the qualitative electro-fishing surveys carried out each year and to a lesser extent from the habitat update programme and the redd count surveys.

The semi permanent aeration equipment purchased last year was again deployed during the summer months in the River Strule in the Cappagh area, where in five of the last seven years fish mortalities had occurred, interestingly no fish deaths were noted throughout this period. The Agency also had cause to deploy the portable aeration equipment in the River Strule following a discharge of polluting matter, this was installed quickly and operated for 24 hours until the danger had passed, this action undoubtedly prevented fish mortalities. This equipment forms part of the Agency's emergency pollution response facility that includes the ability to clean up and/or contain minor oil and chemical spills.

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Marine Tourism

The Agency was given the function of the development of marine tourism under the British Irish Agreement. The first stage in the process of development of a 5-year marine tourism strategy for the Foyle and Carlingford Areas was the "Audit of the Fisheries-based Recreation and Leisure Resource" which commenced in 2005. This audit formed the basis for consultation with interest groups. Then following the consultation a joint study of Marine Leisure in both Areas in co-operation with the North West and Eastern Regional Cross Border Groups was also completed in 2005 and this was consulted widely on, in 2006.

Following the restructuring of the Agency and the appointment of new Directorates a Tourism sub group was set up in both Foyle and Carlingford to re consult and update the plan. In addition to this one to one consultations were held with representatives in the Carlingford area namely Newry and Mourne DC, Louth Co Council and Warrenpoint Harbour Authority to seek the views and inform the revised plan and agree a way forward to 2013.

In addition a Maritime Development group was developed at the request of Derry City Council and Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners – this group (composed of Derry City Council, Strabane District Council, Limavady District Council, Omagh District Council, Londonderry Port and Harbour Authority and Donegal Co Council) has now met twice with the same purpose to seek the views and inform the revised plan and agree a way forward to 2013.

The Agency proposes to seek Ministerial endorsement of the documents via the North South Ministerial Council.

The Agency in partnership with Dundalk Chamber of Commerce hosted a 2-day Marine Tourism Conference "**stoking the engine**" which focused on the Marine Leisure markets. It was held out in the Heritage Centre Carlingford and attended by some 120 delegates who came from all the tourism hot spots around the Irish Coast and from Brittany and Scotland.

The highlight of the year was the "**Celtic European Festival of the Sea**" supported by the Loughs Agency which took place in May and June along the North Coast extending from Carnlough to Inishowen. The project was also supported by the EU Interreg IIIA Programme for Ireland/Northern Ireland through the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Border Action and the Irish Central Border Area Network as well as the local authorities along the coast. The week long festival included tall ships, navy vessels, seafood cookery demonstrations, outdoor music, the wonderful Port Pageant and the spectacular Inishowen Carnival parade to name but a few of the events that took place along the quayside.

Appendix 1 Outturn against Targets

OBJECTIVE	
1. To conserve, protect and improve the salmon and inland fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.	
KEY ACTIVITY	
1.1 Management Information	
1.2 Habitat protection & Improvement	
1.3 Enforcement	
1.4 Education	
PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTTURN
1.1.1 Prepare "Status Reports" for each tributary/area by March 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of Biology staff
1.1.2 Agree actions with Fishery owners by May 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of Biology staff
1.2.1 Implement agreed actions by November 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of Biology staff
1.3.1 Provide 120 days at sea protection in Lough Foyle and area seaward of Lough Foyle and check licences of 100% of boats observed fishing.	75% achieved (adverse weather conditions Lough Bradan out of service due to mechanical breakdown and maintenance)
1.3.2 Provide 40 days at sea protection in Carlingford Lough.	Achieved
1.3.3 Check 3,600 angling licences and logbooks in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas between 1st March and 20th October.	70% achieved – Crews diverted to monitoring commercial fishery
1.3.4 Check 100% of operational netsmen's log books during the commercial season.	Complete
1.3.5 Check 100% of licensed salmon dealers between 1st March and 31st October.	Complete
1.4.1 Increase visitor numbers to the "Riverwatch" interpretive centre by 10% on visits in 2005.	Achieved
1.4.2 Encourage 40 groups of Riverwatch clients to participate in outreach programmes.	Achieved

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Function: Promotion of the development of Foyle and Carlingford Loughs for commercial and recreational purposes	
OBJECTIVE	
2. To Develop the Recreational Fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Loughs	
KEY ACTIVITY	
2.1 Increase participation of stakeholders group	
2.2 Marketing and Information	
2.3 Development of infrastructure and facilities	
PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTTURN
2.1.1 Hold quarterly meetings of the Stakeholder Group	On hold pending recruitment of key personnel to commence 2007
2.1.2 Increase participation of Rural Development partners in stakeholder group by March 2006.	On hold pending recruitment of key personnel to commence 2007
2.2.1 Update website weekly.	Achieved
2.2.2 Implement the Communications Strategy Actions by November 2006	On hold pending recruitment of key personnel to commence 2007
2.3.1 Develop 3 angling clusters by December 2006	On hold pending recruitment of key personnel to commence 2007

Function: Licensing and development of aquaculture in Foyle and Carlingford Areas	
OBJECTIVE	
4. To develop marine tourism	
KEY ACTIVITY	
4.1 Prepare a marine tourism strategy for the Foyle and Carlingford Areas	
4.2 Consultation with stakeholders and interests on development and delivery of strategies	
4.3 Establish partnerships and allocate responsibilities for the delivery of the strategy	
PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTTURN
4.1.1 Complete the marine tourism strategy by June 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of the Development Director
4.2.1 Establish stakeholder groups by September 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of the Development Director
4.2.2 Prioritise delivery of proposals by November 2006	Delayed pending recruitment of the Development Director

OBJECTIVE	
5. To pursue increased efficiency and continuous improvement in the delivery of services to all customers.	
KEY ACTIVITY	
5.1 The provision of information and services to customers developed to a high standard, and tailored to customer requirements.	
5.2 To maintain and improve human resources within the Agency, in order to ensure a high level of customer service.	
5.3 Targeting Social Need and Equality Obligations (section 75 NI Act 1998)	

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PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTTURN
5.1.1 Respond to all correspondence received within 15 working days.	Ongoing – post tracking system now in place
5.1.2 Provide timely, relevant and accurate information to Sponsoring Departments, FCILC Board, Advisory Forum and North South Ministerial Council Secretariat in order to meet specified deadlines.	Achieved
5.1.3 Respond to requests for information in a timely manner as set out in the Freedom of Information Code of Practice and Environmental Information Regulations.	Achieved
5.2.1 Implement the recommendations of the Training Needs Analysis and arrange training and development opportunities including equality training for all staff By June 2006	Achieved –full range of training and development opportunities currently being implemented.
5.3.1 Review Targeting Social Need (TSN) action plan by December 2006.	Delayed until early 2007
5.3.2 Carry out a review of the Agency's Equality Scheme by December 2006.	Delayed until early 2007
5.4.1 Bring forward a programme for the provision of service delivery in the Carlingford Area by December 2006	EA for new office in Carlingford currently under consideration by Sponsor Departments

OBJECTIVE	UPDATE
6. To ensure the efficient, effective and economic consumption of resources available to the Agency.	
KEY ACTIVITY	
6.1 Ensure optimal use of Agency resources, and that all expenditure complies with relevant guidance.	
PERFORMANCE TARGET	
6.1.1 Ensure compliance with DAO's and applicable financial guidance North and South.	Achieved
6.1.2 Comply with provisions of the Loughs Agency's Financial Memorandum.	Achieved
6.1.3 Review and update the Agency's Risk Management Strategy on a quarterly basis.	Achieved
6.1.4 Ensure that economic appraisals are carried out in accordance with the Financial Memorandum	Ongoing

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Appendix 2 Fisheries Conservation Protection and Management Statistics

Table 1: Foyle Area Spawning Counts 1996/97 - 2006/07 (Redd Counts)

	Rivers	Elson	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
*	Camowen	708	748	278	209	32	214	131	660	571	767	1072	303
	Culdaff	0	74	45	31	0	42	0	24	12	0	32	NIL
	Deele	422	106	67	69	16	72	66	80	89	0	52	NIL
	Dennett	266	112	0	58	0	78	31	67	67	11	174	36
*	Derg	734	641	516	553	119	541	467	849	536	58	498	NIL
*	Drumragh	666	60	153	117	80	147	150	545	321	473	519	252
	Faughan	590	572	0	84	53	87	233	673	441	501	766	35
^	Finn	844	752	552	357	117	159	137	234	101	149	343	94
*	Glenelly	370	234	66	26	0	28	0	31	0	0	312	NIL
*	Mourne	338	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL
*	Owenkillew	750	244	337	93	0	138	112	68	3	0	389	NIL
^	Reelan	126	366	241	203	87	245	154	377	350	410	341	184
	Roe	1222	1247	0	169	136	383	186	630	672	43	844	428
*	Strule & Tribs	710	Nil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	NIL
	Totals	7746	5174	2272	1969	640	2134	1667	4238	3163	2412	5354	1332
*	Mourne System	4276	1945	1367	998	231	1068	860	2153	1431	1298	2802	252
^	Finn System	970	1118	793	560	204	404	291	611	451	559	684	278

The Figures relate to Dr. Elson's "Estimated Spawner Requirements"

(The Foyle Fisheries : New Basis for Rational Management. Elson and Tuomi. Table 14)

Table 2: Foyle Area Fish Counter Data 1989 - 2006

Year	Faughan	Sion Mills	Glenelly/ Owenkillev	Roe	Finn
1989	8287				
1990	6458				
1991	4301	7987			
1992	7357	7420			
1993	8655	17978			
1994	7439	19908			
1995	10838	7547			
1996	13297	8978			
1997	3525	7047			
1998	3077	9599			
1999	*	6514			
2000	2551	4690			
2001	1518	6250	2742	3265	3311
2002	4288	12991	4543	5459	5768
2003	3097	12129	1908	4086	6461
2004	2,855	10,270	99	1,922	3,778
2005	4,245	9,397	1,269	2,917	8,571
2006	3,625	9,352	*	1,478	5748

*Counter out of order

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Table 3: Foyle Area Fish Counter Data 2006

Month	No. of fish >45cm			
	Mourne	Finn	Roe	Faughan
January	10	4	64	31
February	-3	17	232	0
March	48	54	34	5
April	1071	282	16	2
May	272	515	26	22
June	4170	2773	203	98
July	878	1380	280	371
August	1909	430	219	1773
September	413	142	119	735
October	562	106	20	321
November	22	51	9	156
December	0	-6	256	111
Total	9352	8571	2917	4245

Minus figures early in the year a result of previously spawned salmon kelts migrating back out to sea.

Table 4: Foyle Area Weekly Catches of Salmon and Grilse By Commercial Engines 2006

Week Ending	Drift Nets Sea Only		Drift Nets Redcastle to Sea		Drift Nets Culmore to Redcastle		Draft Nets River Foyle & River Roe		Totals	
	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.
17-Jun	7	17	41	102	2	5	84	216	--	--
24-Jun	13	33	86	213	1	3	154	353	--	--
01-Jul	32	81	143	365	3	8	470	918	--	--
08-Jul	42	106	343	833	10	23	696	1368	--	--
15-Jul	147	379	1018	2292	53	131	1075	2169	--	--
22-Jul	221	541	1879	4375	131	288	1575	3418	--	--
29-Jul	115	292	1246	2922	91	200	1725	3783	--	--
05-Aug	25	61	441	1005	55	109	252	589	--	--
12-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
19-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
26-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Totals	602	1510	5197	12106	346	767	6031	12814		

Table 5: Foyle Area Annual Catches of Salmon and Grilse By Various Classes of Commercial Fishing Engines 1997 - 2006

Class of Fishing Engine	Annual Catch (Nos.) of Salmon & Grilse									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Drift Nets : Sea Only	5509	7539	2792	3628	2169	5262	3382	2246	2408	602
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	18840	22717	12097	17339	10739	22556	11846	10143	10649	5197
Drift Nets : Lough Only	7058	1040	508	1366	592	1033	513	411	334	346
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	12556	11141	7893	10339	9476	11917	16991	9490	12143	6031
Fixed Engines :	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Londonderry Fishery	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	43963	42437	23290	32672	22976	40768	32732	22290	25534	12176

Table 6: Foyle Area Average Annual Catches of Salmon and Grilse for each Class of Commercial Fishing Engine 1997 - 2006

Class of Fishing Engine	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Drift Nets : Sea Only	290	377	147	202	121	310	188	173	161	32
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	248	288	153	228	141	289	154	147	150	64
Drift Nets : Lough Only	642	95	56	171	74	129	73	59	48	49
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	246	227	184	220	220	277	347	421	213	123
Fixed Engines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--

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Table 7: Number of Commercial Licences Issued 1997 - 2006

Class of Licence	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Drift Nets : Sea Only	19	20	19	18	18	17	18	13	15	19
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	76	79	79	76	76	78	77	69	71	81
Drift Nets : Lough Only	11	11	9	8	8	8	6	6	7	7
Draft Nets : River Foyle	50	48	42	46	42	43	50	51	57	49
River Roe	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Fixed Engines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--

Table 8: Proportion of Foyle Area Net Catch Taken By Various Classes of Fishing Engines 1997 - 2006

Class of Fishing Engine	Proportion of Foyle Area Net Catch								2005	2006
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		
Drift Nets : Sea Only	12.5	17.8	12.8	11.1	9.4	12.9	10.3	10.1	9.4	4.9
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	42.9	53.4	55.4	53.1	46.7	55.4	36.2	45.5	41.7	42.7
Drift Nets : Lough Only	16.0	2.5	2.3	4.2	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.8	1.3	2.8
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	28.6	26.3	29.5	31.6	41.3	29.2	51.9	42.58	47.6	49.6
Fixed Engines :	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.02	--	--
Londonderry Fishery:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Table 9: Purchases of Rod Caught Salmon March - April 30th 1991 - 2006

Year	No. of Salmon Purchased
1991	149
1992	172
1993	73
1994	483
1995	167
1996	129
1997	195
1998	186
1999	124
2000	170
2001	39
2002	118
2003	85
2004	151
2005	38
2006	144

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Table 10:

ROD CATCH RETURNS (SALMON & GRILSE) 2006																						
Table 10																						
																		Month Not				
		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		Recorded		Totals		
		No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	
CAMOWEN		-	-	-	-	2	13	1	6	2	16	2	13	9	33	10	22	-	-	26	103	
CLANRYE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	
CULDAFF		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	
DEELE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	3	13	
DENNETT		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	-	-	1	8	
DERG		-	-	-	-	4	30	10	52	8	37	43	62	67	256	25	114	-	-	157	551	
DRUMRAGH		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	16	1	3	-	-	6	19	
FAUGHAN		-	-	9	31	3	18	42	106	53	215	88	220	196	490	106	362	4	8	501	1450	
FINN	81	320	105	470	149	603	220	724	126	453	59	162	33	134	5	18	2	9	780	2893		
FOYLE	1	4	9	47	10	51	2	5	8	26	8	34	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	39	171	
GLENELLY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	-	-	4	15	1	4	-	-	-	-	7	30	
MOURNE	-	-	36	148	77	323	283	654	189	486	248	563	223	508	117	475	-	-	1173	3157		
OWENKILLEW	2	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	11	34	82	426	50	209	-	-	150	681	
REELAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	-	-	4	15	1	4	-	-	-	-	7	30	
ROE	-	-	-	-	-	7	21	11	31	35	141	43	185	165	448	176	581	7	21	444	1428	
STRULE	-	-	3	11	11	36	16	63	16	72	8	41	41	269	24	179	-	-	119	671		
WHITEWATER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	1	5	-	-	3	12	
Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	1	4	2	9	3	11	14	55	13	77	-	-	34	164	
TOTALS	84	328	164	712	264	1103	588	1656	445	1468	518	1343	854	2712	546	2107	13	38	3476	11467		

Table 11:

ROD CATCH RETURNS (TROUT) 2006																							
Table 11																							
		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		Recorded		Totals			
		No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.		
	CAMOWEN	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10		
	DRUMRAGH	-	-	3	7	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	15		
	DERG	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	4	6	2	1	-	-	10	13		
	DRUMRAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0			
	FAUGHAN	-	-	6	24	-	-	27	38	51	60	24	50	62	85	12	25	-	-	182	282		
	FINN	6	5	4	8	2	1	35	41	24	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	84			
	FOYLE	-	-	4	6	5	11	10	22	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	21	43			
	GLENELLY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	2	3	8	-	6	12			
	MOURNE	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	6	4	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	16			
	OWENKILLEW	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3			
	REELAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0			
	ROE	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	10	8	12	22	31	57	118	7	13	1	105	186			
	STRULE	-	-	6	5	8	7	5	5	5	6	9	11	4	8	5	13	-	42	55			
	WHITEWATER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	6	5	13	-	8	22			
	Not recorded	-	-	2	2	4	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8			
	TOTALS	6	5	30	58	24	35	84	106	99	123	61	106	130	225	34	73	1	1	469	732		

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Table 12: Angling Returns 2006

	2006
Number of Licences Issued	10316
Total Number of Returns Received	3814
Returns as a Percentage of all Licences Issued	37%
Number of "Nil" Returns	436
Nil Returns as a Percentage of all Returns	921
Number of Salmon and Grilse Reported Caught	24%
Average Number of Salmon and Grilse Caught per Return	0.91
Number of Trout Caught	469
Average Number of Sea Trout Caught per Return	0.12

Table 13: Distribution of Rod Licences 2006

Place of Residence	Season Adult	Endorsement	14 Days	3 Days	Juvenile	Coarse Adult & Juvenile
Foyle & Carlingford Area	1950	1132	23	286	985	105
Rest of NI	898	3364	9	407	447	84
Rest of ROI	30	317	5	64	56	59
Total	2878	4813	37	757	1488	248
England	13	14	30	95	30	~
Scotland	2	3	5	32	4	~
Wales	1	~	4	5		~
I o M	1	1	~	2	~	~
Total	17	18	39	134	34	~
Spain	~	1	3	5	~	~
Austria	~	~	11	34	~	~
Belgium	~	~	2	~	~	~
Denmark	~	~	~	~	~	~
France	2	3	~	5	~	~
Germany	~	~	~	6	~	~
Italy	~	~	1	~	1	~
Netherlands	~	~	~	1	~	~
Poland	~	~	~	1	~	~
Switzerland	~	~	~	2	~	~
Holland	1	~	~	1	~	~
Portugal	1	~	~	~	~	~
Total	4	4	17	50	~	~
Australia	~	2	1	3	~	~
Canada	~	~	~	~	~	~
Japan	~	~	~	1	~	~
Zimbabwe	~	1	2	~	~	~
America	~	1	2	~	~	~
New Zealand	~	~	~	~	~	~
Total	~	3	1	18		~
Overall Total	2899	4839	96	959	1523	248

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Table 14: Number of Draft Consents to Discharge Considered 2003 - 2006

Nature of Effluent	2003	2004	2005	2006
Sewage Treatment	27	50	77	48
Sandwashing/Quarry	4	2	2	1
Landfill	1	3	2	1
Industrial	1	1	23	1
Fish Farm	0	1	0	0
Storm Water	11	13	11	12
Peat Abstraction	0	0	0	0
Dumping at Sea	1	0	0	0
Vehicle Wash	1	2	2	0
Filling Station/Oil Distribution	0	1	0	1
Food Processing	0	0	1	1
Totals	46	73	118	65

Table 15: Number of Consents to Discharge an Effluent Issued 2003 - 2006

Nature of Business	2003	2004	2005	2006
Sewage Treatment	24	60	48	23
Sand washing/Quarry	2	2	1	0
Landfill	4	4	0	0
Industrial	4	3	8	2
Fish Farm	0	1	0	0
Storm Water	12	11	19	8
Vehicle Wash	1	2	1	0
Filling Station/Oil Distribution	1	2	1	0
Food Processing	0	0	1	0
Totals	48	85	79	33

**Table 16: Details of Sampling of Effluents Londonderry & Carlingford Areas
2006**

Nature of Effluent	Number of Samples Taken			Number of Samples found to be satisfactory			Number of Samples found to be unsatisfactory		
		2006			2006			2006	
Farm Wastes		14			Nil			6	
Sewage		4			Nil			4	
Trade Wastes		1			Nil			1	
Others		Nil			Nil			Nil	
Totals		11			Nil			11	

Table 17: Details of Sampling of Effluents Moville Area 2006

Nature of Effluent	Number of Samples Taken			Number of Samples found to be satisfactory			Number of Samples Found to be unsatisfactory		
		2006			2006			2006	
Farm Wastes		Nil			Nil			Nil	
Sewage		Nil			Nil			Nil	
Trade Wastes		Nil			Nil			Nil	
Totals		Nil			Nil			Nil	

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Table 18: Water Pollution Control Inspections & Pollution Incidents Londonderry 2006

Nature of Effluent	Number of Inspections Made but no Pollution seen			Number of Pollution incidents			Number of warnings issued		
		2006			2006			2006	
Agricultural Wastes		861			37			33	
Sewage		104			24			4	
Industrial Trade Wastes		58			4			2	
Oil Discharges		24			2			2	
Others		6			Nil			Nil	
Totals		1053			67			41	

Table 19: Water Pollution Control Inspections Moville Area 2006

Nature of Effluent	Number of Inspections Made but no Pollution seen			Number of Pollution incidents			Number of warnings issued		
		2006			2006			2006	
Agricultural Wastes		53			7			7	
Sewage Wastes		22			3			1	
Industrial & Trade		12			1			0	
Waste Discharges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		87			11			8	

Table 20: Details of Prosecutions 2006

Nature of Offence	Charges Initiated By					
	Agency Staff		PSNI		Garda Síochána	
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Successful	Unsuccessful	Successful	Unsuccessful
1 Angling without a licence	4	1	-	-	-	-
2 Angling during close time	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 Angling in prohibited area	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Unlawful angling	4	2	-	-	-	-
5 Possession of gaff or illegal instrument	2	-	-	-	-	-
6 Snatching offences	3	-	-	-	-	-
7 Trespass on a Several Fishery	1	-	7	-	-	-
8 Using a net in a prohibited area	8	-	-	-	-	-
9 Possession/use of unlawful net	8	-	-	-	-	-
10 Fishing a net during close or suspended period	6	-	-	-	-	-
11 Assaulting/impeding an authorised person	6	1	-	-	-	-
12 Unlawful possession of fish	11	-	-	-	-	-
13 Using a boat/vehicle as an aid to an offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
14 Exceeding breaking strain	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Permitted deleterious matter to enter a river	1	-	-	-	-	-
16 Caused deleterious matter to enter a river	5	-	-	-	-	-
17 Salmon dealing offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Erect/make use of a fixed engine	4	-	-	-	-	-
19 Failure to provide name / false details	3	1	-	-	-	-
Total Charges	68	5	9	2	-	-

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Table 21: 2006 Seizures

Engines	Nets	Landing net	Rods & Reels	Boats	Dinghies	Gaffs	Fish
FCILC	86	1	22	8	2	0	73 Salmon 4 Trout
PSNI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Garda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angling Clubs	11	0	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	97	1	26	8	2	0	77

Table 22: Rod Licences 2006

Description	2006 No. of Licences	2006 Licence Duty
Season	2899	£46,384
Adult Coarse	197	£3,152
Juvenile	1523	£959
Juvenile Coarse	51	£102
Endorsement	4839	£4,839
Fourteen - Day	96	£768
3 Day	959	£3,356.50
Totals	10564	£59,560.50

Table 23: Angling Permits 2006

Type of Permit	2006 No.	2006 £
River Foyle	31	£620
River Foyle Juvenile	5	£50
River Finn	230	£4,600
Totals	266	£5,270

Table 24: Net Licences 2006

	2006		
Description of Licence	No. of Licences Sold	£ Licence Fee	£ Licence Duty Paid
Bag	-	-	-
Draft (River Foyle)	49	£179	£8,771
Draft (Fixed)	-	-	-
Draft (River Roe)	-	-	-
Draft (Culdaff Estuary)	-	-	-
Drift (Lough Foyle)	7	£253	£1,771
Drift (Lough & Sea)	81	£275	£22,275
Drift (Sea)	19	£253	£4,807
Totals	156	£960	£37,624

Table 25: Salmon Dealers Licences 2006

Residence of Dealer	No. of Licences Issued 2006
Republic Of Ireland	6
Northern Ireland	15
Totals	21



Gníomhaireacht Na Lochanna Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2006

Ag Cuimsiú na Tréimhse ó 1 Eanáir 2006 go 31 Nollaig 2006

GNÍOMHAIREACHT NA LOCHANNA

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais

don tréimhse dar chríoch 31 Nollaig 2006

Curtha faoi bhráid Thionól Thuaisceart Éireann agus dhá Theach an
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1.3 and 2.6

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FORBHREATHNÚ AN PHRÍOMHFHEIDH MEANNAIGH

B'fhéidir gurbh é ceadú an athbhreithnithe a rinneadh ar struchtúr agus líon fhoireann na Gníomhaireachta an dul chun cinn is suntasaí i dtreo sheacadadh iomlán fhreagrachtaí na Gníomhaireachta le linn tréimhse na tuarascála seo.

Earcaíodh ceithre Stiúrthóir – Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Caomhnú agus Cosaint, Forbairt agus Dobharshaothrú – faoi dheireadh na bliana agus ba léir sa bhomaite an spreagadh a cuireadh ar fáil sna réimsí freagrachta seo.

Soláthróidh seo, in éineacht le tabhairt chun críche na leasuithe ar ár reachtaíocht phríomhúil, Bille agus Ordú Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne, a achtófar go luath i 2007, na hacmhainní agus an t-údaras le dul chun cinn an-mhór a dhéanamh le linn 2007.

Lean an Gníomhaireacht d'fhorbairt a dhéanamh ar bhailiú sonraí faoi acmhainní na ndobharcheantar, a shonraítear sa tuarascáil seo, agus a bheas mar bhonn do dhíospóireacht agus chomhairliúchan eolach lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara agus le páirtithe eile ar chomhlíonadh ár bhfreagrachtaí.

B'an-luachmhar cheana féin an t-ionchur ó dhara Fóram Comhairleach Cheantar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne, a thionóil a chéad chuinniú ar 4ú Meán Fómhair 2006, i dtaca le moltaí a thabhairt chun foirfeachta agus a fhorbairt de, a bheas an-tábhachtach le linn na bliana atá ag teacht, mar iascach bradán ar bhonn tráchtála a réasúnú agus ár straitéisí ar Mhuirthurasóireacht agus ar fhóillíocht Uiscebhunaithe a thabhairt isteach.

Ba suntasach forbairt Riverwatch, in éineacht leis na cláir fhor-rochtana a bhaineann leis agus láithreán gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta, sa mhéid is gur éirigh leo teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an phobal i gcoitinne, diomaite de na slatiascairí, na hiascairí tráchtála agus lucht dobharshaothraithe, agus gur chuir ar an eolas iad fá na hacmhainní, na deiseanna agus na tairbhí a thugann aibhneacha agus lochanna dóibh.

Is le buíochas a thaifeadaimid comhairle chríonna, treoir, tiomantas, díograis agus tacaíocht Chathaoirleach agus Bhord Choimisiún an Fheabhail, Chairlinn agus Shoilse na hÉireann. Gan seo ní bheadh ár n-iarrachtaí chomh héifeachtach agus a bhí siad.

Is é cuspóir na Gníomhaireachta úsáid agus forbairt inbhuanaithe acmhainní dhobharcheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne agus creidim go léiríonn an tuarascáil seo go ndearnadh dul chun cinn suntasach i dtreo an chuspóra sin, dul chun cinn a baineadh amach trí dhíograis agus ghairmiúlacht mo chomhghleacaithe sa Gníomhaireacht agus trí thacaíocht ár ranna coimircíochta.

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Ráiteas Bunchuspóra

Is aidhm do Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna tairbhí inbhuanaithe, sóisialta, geilleagracha agus comhshaoil a sholáthar trí chaomhnú, chosaint, bhainistiú, chothú agus fhorbairt éifeachtach acmhainní iascaigh agus muirí Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne.

Cuspóirí

Is iad príomhchuspóirí na Gníomhaireachta i gCeantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne:-

- Iascaigh bhradáin agus intíre Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne a chaomhnú agus a chosaint;
- Iascaigh bhradáin agus intíre Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne a bhainistiú agus a fhorbairt;
- Forbairt Loch Feabhail agus Loch Cairlinne a chothú mar gheall ar thráchtáil agus áineas;
- Dobharshaothrú a cheadúnú agus a fhorbairt;
- Muirthurasóireacht a fhorbairt;
- Éifeachtacht mhéadaithe agus feabhsú leanúnach a éileamh i soláthar seirbhísí do gach custaiméir;
- Úsáid éifeachtúil, éifeachtach, gheilleagrach acmhainní atá ar fáil don Ghníomhaireacht a chinntiú.

Féach aguisín 1 do thorthaí os coinne spriocanna.

An Bhord

An tUas Peter Savage	- Cathaoirleach
An Tiarna Cooke of Islandreagh	- Leaschathaoirleach(D'éirigh as ar 22/03/2006)
An tUas Jack Allen	
An tUas Dick Blakiston-Houston	
An tUas Francis Feely	
An Dr Patrick Griffin	
Ms Siobhan Logue	
An tUas Joseph Martin	
Jacqui Iníon McConville	
An tUas Tarlach O'Crosain	
An tUas Andrew Ward	

Tháinig an Bord i gceann a chéile ar shé ócáid le linn 2006, mar a leanas:

• 1ú Feabhra 2006	Ceanncheathrú na Gníomhaireachta, Préachán
• 22ú Márta 2006	Cairlinn
• 30ú Bealtaine 2006	Cairlinn
• 30ú Lúnasa 2006	Ceanncheathrú na Gníomhaireachta, Préachán
• 8ú Samhain 2006	Ceanncheathrú na Gníomhaireachta, Préachán
• 7ú Nollaig 2006	Baile Átha Cliath

Tá miontuairiscí na gcrúinnithe thuas ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta ag www.loughs-agency.org

Fóram Comhairleach Cheantar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne

Ag a chéad chruinniú, d'iarr an CATT ar an Bhord moltaí a thabhairt chun tosaigh le meicníochtaí comhairliúcháin a bhunú le grúpaí leasmhara ábhartha i gCeantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne. Ina dhiaidh sin thoiligh an CATT le bunú Fhóram Comhairleach Cheantar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne trí phróiseas roghnaithe a bhí neamhspleách ón Ghníomhaireacht le comhairle a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht maidir lena príomhchuspóirí straitéiseacha:-

- Caomhnú agus Cosaint
- Forbairt Dobharshaothraithe
- Forbairt iascaigh Intíre
- Forbairt Muirthurasóireachta
- Seirbhís do Chustaiméirí

Bhí deireadh le téarma an chéad Fhóram Chomhairligh ag deireadh na bliana 2005 agus cheadaigh Airí beart neamhspleách a ghabháil de láimh le comhaltaí nua a earcú d'Fhóram nua. Críochnaíodh seo i Mí Lúnasa 2006 agus tionóladh trí chruinniú sa chuid eile den bhliain. Bunaíodh Grúpaí Fócais arís le díospóireacht níos mionsonraithe a dhéanamh ar ábhair ábhartha. Ina measc siúd bhí:

i) **Grúpa Fócais ar Chomhairliúchán ar Bhille Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne**

ii) **Grúpa Fócais ar Iascaigh Bradán agus Intíre**

- Scor ó idircheapadh Bradán le hEangach (Tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Neamhspleách um Bradán)
- Leasú na Rialacháin Gharbhiascaireachta agus Ghéimiascaireachta
- Creachóireacht Bradán agus Breac Geal ag Rónta

iii) **Grúpa Fócais ar an Chomhshaol**

Bainistíocht Chomhtháite Chríos an Chósta – ar a n-áirítear ainmniúcháin (1 don Fheabhal agus 1 do Chairlinn) ar fhóram páirtithe leasmhara Bainistíocht Chomhtháite Chríos an Chósta (BCCC) an RC.

Treoir maidir le Creat Uisce agus Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga ón AE

iv) **Muirthurasóireacht**

“STRAITÉIS AGUS PLEAN GNÍOMHAÍOCHTA D'FHORBAIRT MUIRTHURASÓIREACHTA AGUS FÓILLÍOCHTA I gCEANTAIR LOCH FEABHAIL AGUS LOCH CHAIRLINNE”

v) **Dobharshaothrú agus Sliogiascaigh**

- Ceadúnú Dobharshaothraithe i gCeantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne
- Tionscadal MIELE (Muirshaothrú Inbhuanaithe in Éiceachórais Locha thuaisceart na hÉireann)

Tá miontuairiscí chruinnithe Fhóram Comhairleach na Gníomhaireachta ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta: www.loughs-agency.org

Foireann

Feidhmíonn an Ghníomhaireacht i gceitre réimse ar leith gnó – Dobharshaothrú, Caomhnú agus Cosaint, Corparáideach agus Forbairt – agus tá croífhoireann reatha ceadaithe trí bhall agus caoga aici. I ndiaidh soláthar foirne na Gníomhaireachta faomhadh na n-Airí a fháil, soláthraíodh foireann don eagraíocht diadha ar ndiaidh i dtreo an líon foirne seo a bheas críochnaithe go luath sa bhliain 2007.

Forbairt Foirne

I rith na bliana thug an Ghníomhaireacht aghaidh ar riachtanais oiliúna agus forbartha na foirne, ag díriú ar choinneáil eolais agus scileanna agus ar inspreagadh a bhí oiriúnach do bhaint amach chuspóirí na heagraíochta agus riachtanais daoine aonair. Ina measc siúd bhí Teastas i mBainistíocht Iascaigh, Athchóiriú Abhann, Treoir maidir le Creat Uisce agus réimse cúrsaí a bhain le feasacht ar an chomhionannas, sláinte agus sábháilteacht agus TE.

Teicneolaíocht Eolais

Le linn 2006 rinne an Ghníomhaireacht infheistíocht mhór i gCórais Eolais Gheografaigh a d'éascaigh mapáil sonraí eolaíochta agus sonraí faoi ghnáthóga agus leictriascaireacht san áireamh. Leanadh d'fhorbairt an chlár áiritheoirí éisc agus bailíochtú láithreáin na n-áiritheoirí atá ríthábhachtach i dtaca le bainistiú fíor-ama an iascaigh de. Críochnaíodh céim a dó de láithreán gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta, www.loughs-agency.org, agus cuireadh ar líne beo ag deireadh 2006 é agus b'úsáideach amach an uirlis í i dtaca le heolas a scaipeadh ar thurasóirí agus ar shlatiascairí áitiúla de. Tá sé beartaithe an tseirbhís seo a leathnú i 2007 nuair a thabharfar isteach míreanna ar chaomhnú agus forbairt, mhuirthurasóireacht agus dhobharshaothrú.

Ionad Oideachas agus Léirmhínteach "Riverwatch"

Chuir Ionad Léirmhínteach "Riverwatch" fáilte roimh 10,000 cuairteoir i 2006. Ag tús na bliana cuireadh isteach 4 humar uisceadáin a raibh téama ar leith ag gach ceann acu – 4 éiceachóras éagsúil ar a n-áirítear sruthán, loch, linn agus cladach. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfidh na huisceadáin go mór le caomhnú an bheathra uiscigh trí léargas iontach a thabhairt do dhaoine áitiúla agus do chuireoirí ar Riverwatch ar shaol fíorspéisiúil faoi uisce na n-éiceachóras seo.

D'éascaigh ár gclár for-rochtana, ar a n-áirítear Comharthaí Ríthábhachtacha, Bradáin sa tSeomra Ranga, Glac Sruthán i gCúram, Acadamh Slatiascaireachta agus clár speisialta bunaithe ar riachtanais aonair scoileanna agus grúpaí, 40 grúpa. Idir an t-ionad cuairteoirí agus an phunann for-rochtana, tá deis ag páirtithe leasmhara foghlaim faoina n-acmhainní muirí agus abhann agus gníomhú go dearfach ina bpobail leis na huiscebhealaí áitiúla a fheabhsú agus a chosaint agus na deiseanna sóisialta, geilleagracha agus comshaoil a chuireann siad ar fáil a fheabhsú.

Bainistíocht agus Forbairt Iascaigh

Bainistíocht agus Forbairt Bradán

Cúlra

In Oirthuaisceart an Atlantaigh is sainiúil an córas bainistíochta atá i bhfeidhm do bhradáin i nDobharcheantar an Fheabhail. Cuireadh ar bun ag Coimisiún Iascaigh an Fheabhail é i ndiaidh Thuarascáil PF Elson agus ALW Tuomi, "Iascaigh an Fheabhail, Bonn Nua do Bhainistíocht Réasúnach" a foilsíodh i 1975. Athscagadh an straitéis san idirlinn agus úsáid á baint as an teicneolaíocht is úrnua agus as an eolas eolaíochta is déanaí agus athbhreithniú iomlán ar spriocanna céimshriain ag Comhairleoirí Eolaíochta na Gníomhaireachta san áireamh. Le tuilleadh sonraí ar na straitéisí seo agus eolas a mbaineann an Ghníomhaireacht úsáid as i mbainistíocht iascaigh a fháil, déan tagairt, le do thoil, do Thuarascálacha Bliantúla roimhe seo. Seo a leanas tuairisc achomair chun dáta ar eolas a bailíodh i 2006.

Pointí Cuntais

Baisceanna Tráchtála

Bhí íslíu ar bhaisceanna iascaigh tráchtála i 2006 i gcomórtas le 2005. Mar a gcéanna, léirigh eangacha tarraingthe agus srutheangacha baisceanna ísle i 2006. Níor cuireadh síneadh leis an tséasúr, nó ní dheacaigh go leor bradán thar an áis chomhairimh ag Muileann an tSiáin faoi na príomhdhátáí. Sáraíodh Teorainneacha Caomhantais agus Spriocanna Bainistíochta dheireadh an tséasúir araon, áfach. Tá mionsonraí na mbaisceanna i dtáblaí 4, 5 agus 6 in Aguisín 2.

Áiritheoirí Éisc

Sháraigh an Mhorn agus a craobh-aibhneacha na Teorainneacha Caomhantais agus na Spriocanna Bainistíochta a leagadh síos do dheireadh an tséasúir. Bhí íslíu ar na comhairimh a taifeadadh don Ró i gcomórtas le 2005 agus níor bhain sí an teorainn chaomhantais amach ach bhain an Fhinn an teorainn chaomhantais agus na spriocanna bainistíochta amach cé go raibh na comhairimh ní b'ísle ná 2005. Bhí bliain mhaith ag an Fhochaine cé go raibh na huimhreacha ní b'ísle ná comhaireamh 2005. Thosaigh an Ghníomhaireacht, le tacaíocht ó Chiste Comhtháthaithe an Limistéir Eorpaigh Eacnamaíoch (LEE), ar thógáil áiritheoir éisc ar an Chlanrye in Iúr Cinn Trá agus tá sé beartaithe go mbeidh seo ar obair le linn an tsamraidh 2007. Is féidir teacht ar thorthaí ó na háiseanna seo i dTáblaí 2 & 3 in Aguisín 2.

Slatiascaireacht

B'airde ceatadán na slatiascairí, 26% (3,814), a thug torthaí a leabhar tuairisce i 2006, ná mar a bhí sé an bhliain roimhe agus is ábhar spreagtha é go bhfuil an figiúr seo ag méadú go bliantúil. Coigeartaíodh an bhaisc a tuairiscíodh le torthaí nár tuairiscíodh a chur san áireamh agus taispeántar na figiúirí seo i dTáblaí 10, 11 agus 12 in Aguisín 2. Bhí líon coigeartaithe na mbradán a maraíodh ní b'airde ná 2004 agus 2003 ach rud beag ní b'ísle ná séasúr 2005.

Comhairimh Log Sceite

Is láithreáin loig sceite an áit a leagann bradáin lánfhásta a n-uibheacha i ngairbhéal agus aithnítear iad trí log saintréitheach agus mhullóg le sruth. Bhí cruinneas chomhairimh log sceite riamh faoi réir dálaí aimsire. I ndálaí tuile coisceann méadú

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soladach ar fuaidreamh feicseanacht. Bíonn deacrachtaí breise ann, nó is féidir le sruthanna arda uisce na cairn ghairbhéil, a chruthaítear nuair atá loig sceite á ndéanamh, a leacú; nuair a bhíonn dálaí níos soiléire uisce arís ann, mar sin de, ní léir go raibh an log sceite riamh ann. Bhí dálaí measctha aimsire ann do chomhaireamh log sceite i 2006 agus tá na torthaí ar fáil i dTábla 1 (aguisín2).

Leictriascaireacht

I 2006 leictriascadh 499 láithreán san iomlán go leathchainníochtúil taobh istigh de cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne. Rinneadh suirbhé ar 424 láithreán i gcóras an Fheabhail agus 75 láithreán i gcóras Chairlinne.

Ar an mheán bhí 20 gílídín bradáin agus 5 ghilidín bric ag gach láithreán i gcóras an Fheabhail.

Ar an mheán bhí 0.4 ghilidín bradáin agus 1 ghilidín bric ag gach láithreán i gcóras Chairlinne.

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar láithreáin leictriascaireachta roimh shéasúr 2006 lena chinntiú go leantar de dhéanamh suirbhé ar láithreáin ionadaíocha. Rinneadh leictriascaireacht chainníochtúil taobh istigh de dhobharcheantar na Fochaine le torthaí na leictriascaireachta leathchainníochtúla a chalabhrú. Taifeadadh comhghaolmhaireacht mhaith idir an dá mhodh suirbhéireachta. Ionchorpraíodh an t-eolas seo fosta sa tionscadal ar líonmhaireacht réamhiascach agus cuirfear sonraí na suirbhéanna seo ar fáil sna tuairiscí ar stádas na n-aibhneacha.

Clibeáil Sreinge Códaithe (CSC)

Leanadh den chlár Chlibeáil Sreinge Códaithe i 2006 ar an Fhinn agus ar an Fhochaine. Tugtar faoi CSC ar roinnt fáthanna, agus bailiú sonraí bitheolaíochta ar sheach-chonair na ngéiteog agus aibhsiú na n-áiteanna a saothraítear bradáin lánfhásta ag pilleadh ar an Fhinn agus ar an Fhochaine san áireamh. Baintear úsáid fosta as gaistí scríú rothlaigh Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna le monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar líonmhaireacht gach speiceas éisc atá ag teacht le sruth agus am a gcúrsa. Cuirfear eolas ar ghéiteoga a clibeáladh i 2005 agus a gabhadh agus iad ina n-éisc lánfhásta ag pilleadh i séasúr 2006 i láthair i dTuarascáil 2007 agus ar láithreán gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta nuair a bheas an t-eolas ar fáil. Saincagann an Institiúid Mhuirí na sonraí athghabhála ón chlár clibeála. Bíonn idirlinn 2 bhliain ann ó chlibeáltar éisc i mbliain ar bith go raibh na sonraí athghabhála ar fáil.

Ó 2005 i leith, bhain Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna úsáid as innill Chlibeála Sreinge Códaithe a ceannáodh le hairgead a fuarthas ó Chiste Forbraíochta Réigiúnaí na hEorpa faoi Chlár INTERREG IIIA, a riarann an tSeirbhís Comhshaoil agus Oidhreacht ar son Roinn an Chomhshaoil.

Baintear an eite shaille de gach iasc a mhicri-chlibeáltar (eite bheag idir eite an droma agus an ruball). Má mharaíonn iascaire ar bith bradán nó maighreán gan an eite seo, íoctar deontas, ach cloigeann an éisc agus eiseamláir lainne in éineacht le sonraí faoin áit agus an dáta ar maraíodh an t-iasc, an fad, agus an meáchan a chur chuig Ceanncheathrú Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna, Préachán.

Tábla 1: Líon na ngéiteog a clibeáladh ar an Fhinn 2002-2006

Bliain	Líon na nGéiteog a Clibeáladh	Meánaois	Meánfhad (cm)	Meánmheáchan(g)
2002	690	2+	12.5	19.8
2003	2252	2+	12.7	20.2
2004	773	2+	12.2	18.0
2005	390	2+	12.9	20.5
2006	779	2+	12.0	19.3

Tábla 2: Sonraí athghabhála ó chlár CSC na Finne. Nótáil an mhoill i soláthar sonraí mar gheall ar an am a chaitear san fharraige agus an t-am atá riachtanach le sonraí a sainscagadh.

Bliain a Clibeáladh	Bliain a Athghabhadh	Líon na n-lasc Athghabhadh	Láithreán Athghabhála
2002	2003	10	Dún na nGall(2), ceantar an Fheabhail(3), An Cósta Thuaidh(2), Maigh Eo(2), Gaillimh(1)
	2004	1	Abhainn na Finne
2003	2004	25	Dún na nGall(15), ceantar an Fheabhail(1), Maigh Eo(2), Ciarraí(1), Abhainn na Finne(6)
2004	2005	8	An Caisleán Glas agus Abhainn na Finne

Tábla 3: Líon na ngéiteog a clibeáladh ar an Fhochaine 2003-2006

Bliain	Líon na nGéiteog a Clibeáladh	Meánaois	Meánfhad (cm)	Meánmheáchan(g)
2003	1582	2+	14.9	33.5
2004	1875	2+	13.4	24.6
2005	1658	2+	13.3	23.6
2006	769	2+	13.3	25.4

Tábla 4: Sonraí athghabhála ó chlár CSC na Fochaine. Nótáil an mhoill i soláthar sonraí mar gheall ar an am a chaitear san fharraige agus an t-am atá riachtanach le sonraí a sainscagadh.

Bliain a Clibeáladh	Bliain a Athghabhadh	Líon na n-lasc a Athghabhadh	Láithreán Athghabhála
2003	2004	12	An Caisleán Glas, Ailt an Chorráin, Ceann Mhalainne, Béal an Mhuilid agus Ceann Toir
2004	2005	16	An Caisleán Glas, Ceann Mhalainne, Bá Dhún nanGall agus Bá na Gaillimhe

Oibreacha Insrutháin

I 2005 d'éirigh leis an Ghníomhaireacht maoiniú a fháil ó Chistí Comhtháthaithe an Limistéir Eorpaigh Eacnamaíoch (LEE) i gcomhar le RCEF agus le Bord Chaomhantas Iascaigh Thuaisceart Éireann. D'éascaigh seo oibreacha feabhsaithe gnáthóige a raibh sé mar chuspóir acu stoic a athsholáthar i gCeantar Chairlinne agus leanstan den athchóiriú fairsing insrutháin ar réimsí uachtaracha an Clanrye chomh maith le soláthar áiritheora éisc sna réimsí íochtaracha. Críochnaíodh an clár seo i 2006 in éineacht lena macasamhail d'oibreacha ag roinnt láithreán ar an Daoil i gCo. Dhún na nGall.

Bainistíocht agus Forbairt Gharbhiascaigh

Tá tábhacht ar leith ar fad le garbhiascaireacht i gceantair Chairlinne agus an Fheabhail. Lean an Ghníomhaireacht d'oibriú le páirtithe leasmhara áitiúla, mar atá Comhairlí Contae an Lúir agus Mhúir, an tSratha Bháin, na hÓmaí agus Lú, Cumann Slatiascairí Gailléisc na Breataine Móire, Gréasán Teagascóirí Gairmiúla Slatiascaireachta agus Slatiascaireachta Oirghialla le roinnt uiscí a fhorbairt agus a chothú – Canáil an Lúir, Loch Chamlocha, Lochanna Chúirt an Bharúin, Fairywater, Loch na nDarach agus Loch Muc.

D'infeistigh an Ghníomhaireacht arís i roinnt suirbhéanna ar shlatiascaireacht sa dá dhobharcheantar, agus dá mbarr, aimsíodh roinnt tionscadal i gcomhair maoinithe, margála agus feidhmeanna foriomlána bainistíochta, áit ar aibhsíodh iad ag gach áit a ndearnadh suirbhé orthu. D'fhostaigh an Ghníomhaireacht saineolaithe neamhspleácha ar gharbhiascaireacht, mar shampla, Ad Sweir, Stevie Munn, Brian Connelly agus Dr Ken Whelan in éineacht le foireann na Gníomhaireachta leis na suirbhéanna seo a dhéanamh agus cuirfear a gcinneadh i láthair le linn 2007.

D'infeistigh an Ghníomhaireacht i dtraenáil do bhaill thábhachtacha dá foireann agus den phobal i gcoitinne i scileanna Treoraithe agus in Oiliúnú agus chruthaigh seo go han-úsáideach.

Aimsíodh roinnt láithreán i gcomhair stocála féideartha le carbáin agus aibhsíodh an riachtanas lena leithéid d'iascaigh trí fhiosrúcháin ghinearálta ón phobal ach tarraingíodh ár n-aird ar an riachtanas seo go príomha ag Aontáí Slatiascaireachta thall sa Bhreatain Mhór agus ag Seónna i ndeisceart na hÉireann. Lena chois seo, aimsíodh roinnt áiteanna slatiascaireachta i gcomhair forbartha mar chuid de dhá chlibín slatiascaireachta, ceann i gCeantar an Fheabhail agus ceann i gCeantar Chairlinne.

Faoi láthair tá an Ghníomhaireacht ag obair ar reachtaíocht nua le garbhiasc a chosaint taobh istigh den dá dhobharcheantar. Cuimsíonn seo bith-shlándáil lena chinntiú gur féidir riar don éileamh méadaitheach ar gharbhiascaireacht i bhfad sa todhchaí.

Bainistíocht agus Forbairt Sliogéisc

Cúlra

Leanadh den chlár seachtainiúil monatóireachta cladaigh i Loch Feabhail i rith 2005. Rinneadh monatóireacht ó bháid ó am go céile i Loch Cairlinne agus i Loch Feabhail araon le comórtas a dhéanamh leis na samplaí ón chladach. Bainfear úsáid as na

sonraí bonnlíne atá á dtaifeadadh le linn na n-ócáidí samplála seo le luaineacht in athruithe áitiúla comhshaoil a mheasúnú; is féidir ansin na luachanna seo a chrostagairt do thréimhsí síolraithe agus rátaí fáis sliogéisc sna Lochanna.

Chomh maith leis na taifid chaighdeáin uisce thuas lean an Ghníomhaireacht de shampláil uisce agus sliogéisc sa Loch do chlár samplála reachtúla a fheidhmíonn an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe agus an Institiúid Mhuirí. Chuimsigh seo samplaí uisce a ghlacadh le flúirse an fhíteaplanctóin a mheas agus bláis nimhiúla algacha a aithint. Glactar na samplaí uisce do na cláir seo ó láithreáin i Loch Feabhail agus i Loch Cairlinne gach seachtain agus cuirtear ar aghaidh chuig na húdaráis ábhartha iad le haghaidh scrúdaithe. Glacadh samplaí de dhiúilicíní ó na Lochanna fosta ar bhonn míosúil agus cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig na ranna ábhartha iad le haicmiú ó thaobh comhchruinnithe nimhiúla algacha.

Suirbhéanna ar Shliogéisc

- Thosaigh an Lárionad don Chomhshaoil, lascaigh agus Eolaíocht Dobharshaothraithe (LCIED) an Suirbhé Bonnlíne ar Shliogéisc i Loch Feabhail. Rinneadh 364 dreidireacht sa Loch agus taifeadadh dáileadh agus líonmhaireacht gach speiceas sliogéisc.
- Scaipeadh dréachtleagan den tuarascáil ar pháirtithe leasmhara san Earrach 2006 lena dtuairimí a fháil.
- Rinneadh suirbhé ar chomhéifeachtacht dreidireachta ag úsáid tumadóirí le céatadán éifeachtacht na dreidireachta a úsáideadh le linn an tsuirbhé a fhionnadh.
- Cainníochtaíodh tonnáistí diúilicíní fiáine agus diúilicíní athleagtha agus táirgeadh léarscáileanna sonraí dáiliúcháin oisrí agus diúilicíní de réir méide.
- Taifeadadh líon beag d'oisrí lánfhásta rud a thug le tuiscint gur ró-iascadh na haicmí síolraithe.
- Tá Céim II beartaithe do 2007 le cinneadh an chéad tsuirbhé a athscagadh agus le léarscáileanna dáiliúcháin agus figiúirí tonnáiste níos cruinne a tháirgeadh.

Sampláil Reachtúil Sláinte Éisc agus Chaighdeáin Bia

Leanadh de na cláir reachtúla samplála uisce agus sliogéisc a fheidhmíonn an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe agus an Institiúid Mhuirí do shláinte éisc agus shláinteachas bia.

Ní thángthas ar aon bhláis nimhiúla algacha os cionn teorainneacha tairsí i Loch Feabhail ná i Loch Cairlinne le linn 2006. Glactar na samplaí uisce do na cláir seo ó láithreáin i Loch Feabhail agus i Loch Cairlinne gach seachtain agus cuirtear ar aghaidh chuig na húdaráis ábhartha iad le haghaidh scrúdaithe. Glacadh samplaí de dhiúilicíní ó na Lochanna fosta ar bhonn míosúil agus cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig na ranna ábhartha iad le haicmiú ó thaobh comhchruinnithe nimhiúla algacha.

Cuireadh samplaí uisce as Loch Feabhail i gcomhair tástála do bonamia chuig an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe agus an Institiúid Mhuirí araon. Chonacthas fianaise den seadán mar a b'amlaidh i 2005. Ach arís bhí na leibhéil leitheadúlachta an-íseal agus ní fhacthas aon tionchair dhiúltacha ar an stoc oisrí.

Eiseamláir Acmhainn Iompair

Cuireadh forbairt eiseamláirí acmhainn iompair chun cinn i 2006. Soláthróidh an tionscadal seo, ar a dtugtar MILFTE (Muirshaothrú Inbhuanaithe i Lochanna Farraige

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Thuaisceart Éireann), eiseamláirí do Loch Cuain, Loch Laoi agus Loch Latharna le cois Loch Feabhail agus Loch Cairlinne, agus táthar á ghabháil de láimh i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, an Institiúid Taighde Mhuirí (An Phortaingéil), Saotharlann Mhuirí Plymouth agus CSIR (An Afraic Theas), agus cuirfidh sé uirlis thábhachtach ar fáil d'fhorbairt iascaigh inbhuanaithe oisrí agus diúilicíní sna Lochanna. Bailíodh samplaí uisce agus sliogéisc le linn 2006 a cheadódh pobalú na heiseamláire le sonraí eimpíreacha ar fhás oisrí agus diúilicíní agus ar thionchair chomhshaoil a bhí ag dul i bhfeidhm ar rátaí fáis agus ar chothú, mar sholadaigh ar fuaidreamh, mhaolú solais, fhluaraiseacht chlóraifille, líonmhaireacht planctóin agus infhaighteacht charbóin.

Mar chuid de thionscadal MILFTE bhí an Ghníomhaireacht ina hóstach d'fhoireann eolaíochta ó Saotharlann Mhuirí Plymouth i Mí Mheithimh 2006 le turgnamh a dhéanamh ar rátaí cothaithe diúilicíní agus oisrí as Loch Feabhail. Ionchorpraíodh rátaí cothaithe na sliogiasc a fionnadh sa triall 12 lá san eiseamláir acmhainn iompair.

Táthar a leanstan de shainscagadh sonraí eimpíreacha don eiseamláir acmhainn iompair agus leanfaidh pobalú na heiseamláire agus na torthaí mar chlár leanúnach le monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar athruithe táirgiúlachta sna Lochanna. Tá taighde dochtúrachta ar siúl a cheadóidh tomhais chruinne de rátaí fáis diúilicíní agus oisrí tríd am agus an pobal zóplanctóin a fhionnadh. Ceadóidh na tomhais seo mionchoigeartú breise a dhéanamh ar na heiseamláirí acmhainn iompair.

Táirgiúlacht Loch Cairlinne

Lean Elisa Capuzzo (Ollscoil Napier Dún Éideann) dá taighde dochtúrachta i Loch Cairlinne i 2006 agus thosaigh sí ar a séasúr samplála allamuigh san earrach. Tá táirgiúlacht na Lochanna á scrúdú agus úsáid á baint as tomhais de threá solais, mhaolú agus fhás iarmhartach fótaisintéiseach phobail fhíteaplanctón. Sa taighde seo baintear úsáid as modh nua le rátaí táirgiúlachta planctón a aithint trí úsáid iseatóp radaighníomhach.

Córais Mhonatóireachta Comhshaoil

Baineadh úsáid as na ceithre Chóras Monatóireachta Comhshaoil a ceannáodh le hairgead a fuarthas ó Chiste Forbraíochta Réigiúnaí na hEorpa faoi Chlár INTERREG IIIA, a riarann an tSeirbhís Comhshaoil agus Oidhreacht ar son Roinn an Chomhshaoil, i Loch Feabhail agus i Loch Cairlinne go luath sa bhliain 2006. Tá na córais ag feidhmiú go maith agus táirgtear tuairiscí seachtainiúla ó gach córas ag léiriú athruithe laethúla in athróga comhshaoil mar theocht, shalandacht, ocsaigin thuaslagtha agus fhluaraiseacht chlóraifille. Tá an t-eolas seo ar fáil ar líne (www.affini.gov.uk/index/services/specialist-advice/coastal-monitoring) agus scaiptear rphost ina bhfuil tuairiscí seachtainiúla ar pháirtithe leasmhara agus ar dhaoine eile ar suim leo iad.

Caomhantas Agus Cosaint Iascaigh

Is príomhfheidhm de chuid Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna an reachtaíocht chaomhantais agus chosanta atá sna hAchtanna agus sna Rialacháin Iascaigh a chur i bhfeidhm.

Tugadh ochtó a ceathair ionchúiseamh as réimse leathan coireanna in éadan na n-Achtanna Iascaigh os comhair na cúirte i 2006. Tá sonraí faoin chineál coireanna agus faoi na torthaí le fáil i dTabla 20. Cuirtear sonraí faoi na gabhálacha i láthair i dTabla 21.

Cé go raibh baisceanna tráchtála éisc íseal i 2006 i gcomórtas le blianta roimhe, sháraigh líon na mbradáin a chuaigh thar an áis chomhairimh ar an Mhorn ag Muileann an tSiáin an riachtanas ar dhátaí ar leith agus níor druideadh an t-iascach le linn an tséasúir. Níor cuireadh síneadh leis an tséasúr, áfach, nó níor leor an líon a chuaigh thar Mhuileann an tSiáin faoi 24ú Iúil.

Sáraíodh teorainneacha caomhantais agus spriocanna bainistíochta a leagadh síos don bhliain ar an Mhorn, ar an Fhinn agus ar an Fhochainne, ach bhí an comhaireamh ar an Ró faoin riachtanas. Soláthróidh leictriascaireacht le linn na bliana seo chugainn iniúchadh breise ar an stoc.

Lean córas bainistíochta na Gníomhaireachta do stoc breac agus bradán na ndobharcheantar d'obair leanúnach ar an chlár géineolaíochta agus ar fhorbairt leanúnach eiseamláir Líonmhaireacht Réamhiascaigh (LRI) do stoic bhradáin i gCeantar an Fheabhail i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, an Institiúid Mhuirí, Ollscoil Ghlaschú agus an Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique France.

I gCeantar an Fheabhail agus i gCeantar Cairlinne lean foireann na Gníomhaireachta, trí fhorghníomhú marthanach an reachtaíocht iascaigh, de chur le baint amach teorainneacha caomhantais agus laghdú infheicthe in iascaireacht neamhdhleathach.

Ba mhaith le Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna an cuidiú mór a thug an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, an Garda Síochána agus Seirbhís Póilíneachta Thuaisceart Éireann i bhforghníomhú na n-Achtanna Iascaigh i gceantar Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna a admháil.

Bhí deacracht ar leith ag baint le 2006 d'fhoireann na Gníomhaireachta a bhí i mbun dualgais fhorghníomhaithe. De thairbhe a dtiomantais, áfach, coinníodh patróil i ngach réigiún de réimse freagrachta Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Fuarthas cuidiú luachmhar fosta ó Feighlithe Príobháideacha Abhann, a thug cosaint bhreise dá gcuid iascaigh. Tá Bord Choimisiún an Fheabhail, Chairlinn agus Shoilse na hÉireann agus Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna an-bhuíoch as tiomantas fhoireann Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna agus as gach cuidiú a fuair siad i gcomhair fhorghníomhaithe.

Caighdeán Uisce

Is comhairlí reachtúil an Ghníomhaireacht i gcónaí i dtaca le forbairtí de, a bhfuil an acmhainn acu tionchar a bheith acu ar chomhshaol na n-aibhneacha, ó thaobh chaighdeán an uisce nó ó thaobh gnáthóga fisiciúla. Cuimsíonn seo díospóireachtaí leis an tSeirbhís Foraoiseachta agus le comhlachtaí éagsúla foraoiseachta faoi thionchar féideartha scéimeanna plandála atá beartaithe, leis an tSeirbhís Bóithre faoi bhealaí nua trasnaithe aibhneacha agus scéimeanna bóthair, leis an tSeirbhís Uisce faoi scéimeanna séarachais agus astarraingt uisce, leis an tSeirbhís Pleanála faoi fhorbraíochtaí nua, leis an tSeirbhís Comhshaoil agus Oidhreacht faoi chomhthoileanna doirte, a gcaighdeán agus a dtionchar féideartha, agus le Gníomhaireachta na n-Aibhneacha faoi cheisteanna bainistithe draenála agus sruthchúrsaí, agus oibreacha athchóirithe gnathóg san áireamh.

Creideann an Ghníomhaireacht gur céillí a straitéis, a dhíríonn ar dhobharcheantair, ar cosúil dóibh go bhfuil siad faoi strus, dá Clár um Thruailliú a Chosc go

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hOnnghníomhach agus go bhfuil sí le leas na ndobharcheantar seo. Faightear an buneolas don straitéis seo go príomha ó na suirbhéanna cáilíochtúla leictriascaireachta a dhéantar gach bliain, agus go pointe níos lú, ón chlár leis an eolas is déanaí a fháil ar ghnáthóga agus ó na suirbhéanna ar chomhaireamh log sceite.

Baineadh úsáid as an trealamh aeraithe leathbhuan a ceannaíodh anuraidh le linn míonna an tsamhraidh ar an tSruthail i gceantar an Cheapaigh, áit a raibh básanna éisc i gcúig bliana de na seacht mbliana seo caite. Ba suimiúil nár nótáladh aon bhásanna éisc le linn na tréimhse seo. B'éigean don Ghníomhaireacht fosta úsáid a bhaint as an trealamh aeraithe inaistrithe ar an tSruthail i ndiaidh doirte ábhar truaillithe. Suiteáladh go gasta é agus cuireadh ar obair go ceann 24 uair go raibh an baol thart. Is cinnte gur choisc an ghníomhaíocht seo básanna éisc. Is cuid de shaoráid phráinnfhreagartha ar thruailliu na Gníomhaireachta, a chuimsíonn cumas glanta agus/nó coinnithe miondoirtí ola agus ceimiceán, an trealamh seo.

Turasóireacht Mhuirí

Faoi Chomhaontú na Breataine/na hÉireann tugadh sainchúram forbartha

turasóireachta muirí don Ghníomhaireacht. Ba é “An tIníúchadh ar Acmhainn Fóillíochta agus Áineasa lascachbhunaithe” a thosaigh i 2005, an chéad chéim i bpróiseas forbartha straitéis turasóireachta muirí do Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne. Bhí an t-iníúchadh seo mar bhonn comhairliúcháin le grúpaí leasmhara. I ndiaidh an chomhairliúcháin críochnaíodh comhstaidéar ar Fhóillíocht Mhuirí sa dá Cheantar i gcomhar le Grúpaí Trasteorann an Iarthuaiscirt agus an Oirthir i 2005 agus rinneadh comhairliúchán forleathan air seo i 2006.

I ndiaidh athstruchtúrú na Gníomhaireachta agus ceapadh lucht nua Stiúrthóireachta bunaíodh foghrúpa Turasóireachta i bhFeabhal agus i gCairlinn araon le hathchomhairliúchán a dhéanamh agus leis an phlean a thabhairt chun dáta. Lena chois seo, coinníodh comhairliúcháin duine le duine le hionadaithe i gCeantar Chairlinne, mar atá CC an Lúir agus Mhuirn, Comhairle Co. Lú agus Údarás Cuain an Phointe le tuairimí a fhionnadh agus le heolas a chur ar fáil i gcomhair an phlean athmheasta agus le slí chun tosaigh go 2013 a chomhaontú.

Lena chois sin, bunaíodh grúpa Forbartha Muirí ar achainí ó Chomhairle Cathrach Dhoire agus Choimisinéirí Phort agus Chuan Dhoire – tháinig an grúpa seo (comhdhéanta as Comhairle Cathrach Dhoire, Comhairle Ceantair an tSrátha Bháin, Comhairle Ceantair Léim an Mhadaidh, Comhairle Ceantair na hÓghmaí, Údarás Phort agus Chuan Dhoire agus Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall) le chéile chun na críche céanna – le tuairimí a fhionnadh agus le heolas a chur ar fáil i gcomhair an phlean athmheasta agus le slí chun tosaigh go 2013 a chomhaontú.

Tá sé beartaithe ag an Ghníomhaireacht aontú na n-Airí a lorg leis na doiciméid a fháil tríd an Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas.

Bhí an Ghníomhaireacht, i gcomhar le Cumann Tráchtála Dhún Dealgan, ina hóstach do Chomhdháil Turasóireachta Muirí 2-lá darbh ainm “stó cáil an innill” a dhírigh ar na margat Fóillíochta Muirí. Tionóladh í in Ionad Oidhreacht Chairlinne agus d'fhreastail 120 toscaire uirthi a tháinig ó áiteanna rathúla turasóireachta feadh chósta na hÉireann agus ón Bhriotáin agus ó Albain.

Ba é buaicphointe na bliana **“Féile Cheilteach Eorpach na Mara”** a tionóladh, le tacaíocht ó Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna, i Mí na Bealtaine agus Mí Mheithimh feadh an Chósta Thuaidh ó Charn Locha go hInis Eoghain. Fuair an tionscadal tacaíocht fosta ó Chlár AE Interreg IIIA d’Éirinn/Thuaisceart Éireann tríd an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, Ghníomhaíocht Teorann agus Líonra Achar Lárteorann na hÉireann chomh maith leis na húdaráis áitiúla feadh an chósta. Chuimsigh an fhéile seachtaine longa arda, soithigh chabhlaigh, taispeántais chócaireacht bhia mara, ceol faoin spéir, an Ghlóir-réim iontach Póirt agus paráid mhórthaibhseach Charnabhal Inis Eoghain. Níl ainmnithe anseo ach cuid de na himeachtaí a reáchtáladh feadh na cé.

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AGUISÍN 1 TORTHAÍ OS COINNE SPRIOCANNA

CUSPÓIR	TUAIRISC CHUN DÁTA
1. Iascaigh bhradán agus intíre Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne a chaomhnú agus a chosaint.	
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT	
1.1 Eolas Bainistíochta	
1.2 Cosaint agus Feabhsú Ghnathóg	
1.3 Forghníomhú	
1.4 Oideachas	
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA	TORADH
1.1.1 "Tuairiscí Stádais" a ullmhú do gach craobh-abhainn/ceantar faoi Mhárta 2006	Moillithe go n-earcaítear foireann Bhitheolaíochta
1.1.2 Gníomhaíochtaí a aontú le huinéirí Iascaigh faoi Bhealtaine 2006	Moillithe go n-earcaítear foireann Bhitheolaíochta
1.3.1 120 lá cosanta ar farraige a sholáthar i Loch Feabhail agus san achar ar thaobh na farraige de Loch Feabhail, agus ceadúnais 100% de bháid a fheictear ag iascaireacht, a sheiceáil.	Bainte amach 75% (drochaimsir agus bhí an Loch Bradán as seirbhís mar gheall ar loiceadh meicniúil agus chothabháil)
1.3.2 40 lá cosanta ar farraige a sholáthar i Loch Cairlinne.	Bainte amach
1.3.3 3,600 ceadúnas slatiascaireachta agus leabhar tuairisce a sheiceáil i gCeantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne idir 1ú Márta agus 20ú Deireadh Fómhair.	Bainte amach 70% - Atreoraíodh foirne le monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar iascach tráchtála
1.3.4 100% leabhar tuairisce fhir eangaí atá ag feidhmiú a sheiceáil le linn an tséasúir thráchtála.	Críochnaithe

1.3.5	100% déileálaithe ceadúnaithe bradán a sheiceáil idir 1ú Márta agus 31ú Deireadh Fómhair.	Críochnaithe
1.4.1	Líon na gcuairteoirí ar ionad léirmhínithe "Riverwatch" a mhéadú le 10% ar chuairteanna 2005.	Bainte amach
1.4.2	40 grúpa de chliant Riverwatch a spreagadh le bheith rannpháirteach i gcláir fhor-rochtana.	Bainte amach.
Feidhm: Forbairt Loch Feabhail agus Loch Cairlinne i gcomhair tráchtála agus áineasa a chothú		
CUSPÓIR		TORADH
2.	lascaigh áineasa Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Cairlinne a fhorbairt	
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
2.1	Rannpháirtíocht an ghrúpa páirtithe leasmhara a mhéadú	
2.2	Margaíocht agus Eolas	
2.3	Táirge, bonneagar agus seirbhísí a fhorbairt	
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA		TORADH
2.1.1	Cruinnithe ráithiúla den Ghrúpa Páirtithe Leasmhara a thionól	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
2.1.2	Rannpháirtíocht comhpháirtithe Forbartha Tuaithe sa ghrúpa páirtithe leasmhara a mhéadú faoi Mhárta 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
2.2.1	An láithreán gréasáin a thabhairt chun dáta gach seachtain	Bainte amach
2.2.2	Gníomhaíochtaí na Straitéise Cumarsáide a chur i bhfeidhm faoi Shamhain 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
2.3.1	3 chnuasach slatiascaireachta a fhorbairt faoi Nollaig 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007

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Feidhm: Dobharshaothrú a cheadúnú agus a fhorbairt i gCeantair an Fheabhail agus Cairlinne	
CUSPÓIR	
3. Dobharshaothrú agus Sliogiascaigh a Cheadúnú agus a Fhorbairt	
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT	
3.1 Tús a chur le rialúchán agus ceadúnú Sliogiascaigh agus Dobharshaothraithe	
3.2 Margaíocht agus Eolas	
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA	TORADH
3.1.1 Dréachtrialacháin atá riachtanach do cheadúnú dobharshaothraithe agus sliogiascaigh a bheith réidh faoi Mheitheamh 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.1.2 Cloí leis an amscála reachtúil i gcomhair iarratais ar cheadúnas dobharshaothraithe a bhreithniú	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.1.3 Socruithe ceadúnaithe do iascaigh sliogéisc fhiáin a thabhairt isteach faoi Mheitheamh 2006	Bainte amach
3.2.1 Staidéar Bonnline i Loch Feabhail a chríochnú faoi Mheitheamh 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.2.2 "Tuairiscí Stádais" don dá Loch a ullmhú faoi Mhárta 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.2.3 Gníomhaíochtaí a aontú le páirtithe leasmhara faoi Bhealtaine 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.2.4 Na gníomhaíochtaí a aontaíodh a chur i bhfeidhm faoi Nollaig 2006	Ar feitheamh go dtosaítear ag earcú pearsanra ríthábhachtach i 2007
3.2.5 MTC a tabhairt ar aghaidh i Loch Feabhail d'fhonn é a bheith críochnaithe faoi Nollaig 2006	Tá TOR á fhorbairt

Feidhm: Forbairt Muirthurasóireachta i Loch Feabhail agus i Loch Cairlinne	
CUSPÓIR	
4. Muirthurasóireacht a Fhorbairt	
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT	
4.1 Straitéis Mhuirthurasóireachta a ullmhú do Cheantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne	
4.2 Comhairliúcháin le páirtithe leasmhara agus le daoine/grúpaí sainleasa ar ullmhú agus sheachadadh straitéisí	
4.3 Comhpháirtíochtaí a bhunú agus freagrachtaí as seachadadh na straitéise a dháileadh	
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA	TORADH
4.1.1 An straitéis mhuirthurasóireachta a chríochnú faoi Mheitheamh 2006	Moillithe – ag feitheamh le hearcú an Stíurthóir Forbartha
4.2.1 Grúpaí páirtithe leasmhara a bhunú faoi Mheán Fómhair 2006	Moillithe – ag feitheamh le hearcú an Stíurthóir Forbartha
4.2.2 Ord tosaíochta seachadta moltaí a shocrú faoi Shamhain 2006	Moillithe – ag feitheamh le hearcú an Stíurthóir Forbartha
CUSPÓIR	
5. Féacháil le héifeachtacht mhéadaithe agus feabhsú leanúnach a bhaint amach i soláthar seirbhísí do gach custaiméir	
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT	
5.1 Soláthar eolais agus seirbhísí ardchaighdeán do chustaiméirí, cumtha do riachtanais chustaiméirí.	
5.2 Acmhainní daonna taobh istigh den Ghníomhaireacht a choinneáil agus a fheabhsú le caighdeán ard seirbhíse do chustaiméirí a chinntiú.	
5.3 Dualgais faoi Spriocdhírú ar Riachtanais Sóisialta agus Dualgais Chomhionannais (alt 75, Acht TÉ 1998)	

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5.4	Soláthar seirbhíse a fheabhsú i gCeantar Chairlinne	
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA		TORADH
5.1.1	5.1.1 Freagairt do gach comhfhreagrachas a fhaightear taobh istigh de 15 lá oibre.	Ag dul ar aghaidh – tá córas rianaithe poist anois ann
5.1.2	Eolas tráthúil, ábhartha, cruinn a sholáthar do na Ranna Coimircíochta, do Bhord CFCSE, don Fhóram Chomhairleach agus do Rúnaireacht na Comhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas le cloí le sprioc-amanna sainiúla.	Bainte amach
5.1.3	Freagairt d'achainní ag iarraidh eolais in am tráthúil mar atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais Saorála Eolais agus i Rialacháin Eolais ar an Chomhshaol.	Bainte amach
5.2.1	Moltaí na hAnailíse ar Riachtanais Oiliúna a chur i bhfeidm agus deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha a shocrú agus oiliúint chomhionannais do gach ball foirne san áireamh faoi Nollaig 2006.	Bainte amach – tá réimse iomlán deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha á chur i bhfeidhm.
5.3.1	Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an phlean gníomhaíochta do Spriocdhíriú ar Riachtanas Sóisialta faoi Nollaig 2006.	Moillithe go dtí luath2007
5.3.2	Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar Scéim Chomhionannais na Gníomhaireachta faoi Nollaig 2006.	Moillithe go dtí luath2007
5.4.1	Clár a thabhairt chun tosaigh do sholáthar seachadta seirbhíse i gCeantar Chairlinne faoi Nollaig 2006.	Tá BE d'oifig nua i gCairlinn á bhreithniú faoi láthair ag na Ranna Coimircíochta

CUSPÓIR	
6.	Úsáid éifeachtúil, éifeachtach, gheilleagrach na n-acmhainní atá ar fáil don Ghníomhaireacht a chinntiú.
PRÍOMHGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT	
6.1	Úsáid is fearr acmhainní na Gníomhaireachta a chinntiú, agus a chinntiú go gcloíonn an caiteachas uile leis an treoir ábhartha.
SPRIOC FEIDHMÍOCHTA	TORADH
6.1.1	Cloí le treoir DAO agus treoir ábhartha airgeadais Thuaidh agus Theas, a chinntiú.
6.1.2	6.1.2 Cloí le forálacha Mheamraim Airgeadais Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna.
6.1.3	Athbhreithniú agus tabhairt chun dáta a dhéanamh ar Straitéis Bainistithe Riosca na Gníomhaireachta ar bhonn ráithiúil.
6.1.4	A chinntiú go ndéantar measúnuithe de réir an Mheamraim Airgeadais

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Aguisín 2 Staitisticí ar Chaomhnú Chosaint agus Bhainistiú Iascaigh

Tábla 1 Comhairimh Sceite Cheantar an Fheabhail 1996/97 - 2006/07 (Comhairimh Log Sceite)

	Aibhneacha	Elson	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
*	An Chamabhainn	708	748	278	209	32	214	131	660	571	767	1072	303
	Abhainn Chúil Damhcha	0	74	45	31	0	42	0	24	12	0	32	NÁID
	An Daoil	422	106	67	69	16	72	66	80	89	0	52	NÁID
	Dennett	266	112	0	58	0	78	31	67	67	11	174	36
*	Derg	734	641	516	553	119	541	467	849	536	58	498	NÁID
*	Droim Ratha	666	60	153	117	80	147	150	545	321	473	519	252
	An Fhochaine	590	572	0	84	53	87	233	673	441	501	766	35
^	An Fhinn	844	752	552	357	117	159	137	234	101	149	343	94
*	Abhainn Ghleann Aichle	370	234	66	26	0	28	0	31	0	0	312	NÁID
*	An Mhörn	338	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NÁID
*	Abhainn Coilleadh	750	244	337	93	0	138	112	68	3	0	389	NÁID
^	An Raoilleann	126	366	241	203	87	245	154	377	350	410	341	184
	An Ró	1222	1247	0	169	136	383	186	630	672	43	844	428
*	An tSruithail agus Craobh-aibhneacha	710	Nil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	NÁID
	Iomláin	7746	5174	2272	1969	640	2134	1667	4238	3163	2412	5354	1332
*	Córas na Moirne	4276	1945	1367	998	231	1068	860	2153	1431	1298	2802	252
^	Córas na Finne	970	1118	793	560	204	404	291	611	451	559	684	278

Baineann na Figiúirí le “Riachtanais Mheasta Sceitheoirí” Dr Elson

(Iascaigh an Fheabhail : Bonn Nua do Bhainistíocht Réasúnach. Elson agus Tuomi. Tábla 14)

Tábla 2: Sonraí Áiritheoirí Éisc Cheantar an Fheabhail 1989 - 2006

Bliain	An Fhochaine	Muileann an tSiáin	Abhainn Ghleann Aichle/ Abhainn Coilleadh	An Ró	An Fhinn
1989	8287				
1990	6458				
1991	4301	7987			
1992	7357	7420			
1993	8655	17978			
1994	7439	19908			
1995	10838	7547			
1996	13297	8978			
1997	3525	7047			
1998	3077	9599			
1999	*	6514			
2000	2551	4690			
2001	1518	6250	2742	3265	3311
2002	4288	12991	4543	5459	5768
2003	3097	12129	1908	4086	6461
2004	2,855	10,270	99	1,922	3,778
2005	4,245	9,397	1,269	2,917	8,571
2006	3,625	9,352	*	1,478	5,748

*Bhí an t-áiritheoir in aingléas

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Tábla 3: Sonraí Áiritheoirí Éisc Cheantar an Fheabhail 2006

Mí	Líon na n-iasc > 45cm			
	An Mhorn	An Fhinn	An Ró	An Fhochaine
Eanáir	10	4	64	31
Feabhra	-3	17	232	0
Márta	48	54	34	5
Aibreán	1071	282	16	2
Bealtaine	272	515	26	22
Meitheamh	4171	2773	203	98
Iúil	878	1380	280	371
Lúnasa	1909	430	219	1773
Meán Fómhair	413	142	119	735
Deireadh Fómhair	562	106	20	321
Samhain	22	51	9	156
Nollaig	0	-6	256	111
Iomlán	9352	5748	1478	3625

Tá figiúirí mínis ann go luath sa bhliain mar gheall ar bhradáin a sceith cheana féin imeacht ar ais chun na farraige.

Tábla 4: Baisceanna Seachtainiúla Bradán agus Bláthán Cheantar an Fheabhail ag Innill Tráchtála 2006

Seachtain dar deireadh	Srutheangacha An Fharraige Amháin		Srutheangacha Carraig Mhíc Uidhílin go Farraige		Srutheangacha An Chúil Mhór go Carraig Mhíc Uidhílin		Eangacha Tarraingthe An Feabhal agus an Ró		Iomlán	
	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg
17-Meith.	7	17	41	102	2	5	84	216	--	--
24-Meith.	13	33	86	213	1	3	154	353	--	--
01-Iúil	32	81	143	365	3	8	470	918	--	--
08-Iúil	42	106	343	833	10	23	696	1368	--	--
17-Iúil	147	379	1018	2292	53	131	1075	2169	--	--
22-Iúil	221	541	1879	4375	131	288	1575	3418	--	--
29-Iúil	115	292	1246	2922	91	200	1725	3783	--	--
05-Lún.	25	61	441	1005	55	109	252	589	--	--
12-Lún.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
19-Lún.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
26-Lún.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iomlán	602	1510	5197	12106	346	767	6031	12814		

Tábla 5: Baisceanna Bliantiúla Bradán agus Bláthán Cheantar an Fheabhail
Ag Aicmí Éagsúla Innill lascaigh Thráchtála 1997 - 2006

Aicme Innill lascaigh	Baisc Bhliantúil (Líonta) Bradán agus Bláthán									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Srutheangacha: An Fharraige Amháin	5509	7539	2792	3628	2169	5262	3382	2246	2408	602
Srutheangacha: An Loch agus an Fharraige	18840	22717	12097	17339	10739	22556	11846	10143	10649	5197
Srutheangacha: An Loch Amháin	7058	1040	508	1366	592	1033	513	411	334	346
Eangacha Tarraingthe: An Feabhal agus an Ró	12556	11141	7893	10339	9476	11917	16991	9490	12143	6031
Innill Shuite:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iascach Dhoire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
IOMLÁIN	43963	42437	23290	32672	22976	40768	32732	22295	25534	12176

Tábla 6: Meánbaisceanna Bliantúla Bradán agus Bláthán Cheantar an Fheabhail
do gach Aicme Innill lascaigh Thráchtála 1997 - 2006

Aicme Innill lascaireachta	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Srutheangacha : An Fharraige Amháin	290	377	147	202	121	310	188	173	161	32
Srutheangacha : An Loch agus an Fharraige	248	288	153	228	141	289	154	147	150	64
Srutheangacha: An Loch Amháin	642	95	56	171	74	129	73	59	48	49
Eangacha Tarraingthe: An Feabhal agus an Ró	246	227	184	220	220	277	347	421	213	123
Innill Shuite:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--

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Tábla 7: Líon na gCeadúnas Tráchtála a Eisíodh 1997 - 2006

Cineál Ceadúnais	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Srútheangacha : An Fharraige Amháin	19	20	19	18	18	17	18	13	15	19
Srútheangacha : An Loch agus an Fharraige	76	79	79	76	76	78	77	69	71	81
Srútheangacha : An Loch Amháin	11	11	9	8	8	8	6	6	7	7
Eangacha Tarraingthe: An Feabhal	50	48	42	46	42	43	50	51	57	49
An Ró	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Innill Shuite:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--

Tábla 8: Cionmhaireacht Ghlanbhaisce a Fuair Aicmí Éagsúla Innill Iascaigh i gCeantar an Fheabhail 1997 - 2006

Aicme Innill Iascaireachta	Cionmhaireacht Ghlanbhaisce Cheantar an Fheabhail									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Srútheangacha : An Fharraige Amháin	12.5	17.8	12.8	11.1	9.4	12.9	10.3	10.1	9.4	4.9
Srútheangacha : An Loch agus an Fharraige	42.9	53.4	55.4	53.1	46.7	55.4	36.2	45.5	41.7	42.7
Srútheangacha: An Loch Amháin	16.0	2.5	2.3	4.2	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.8	1.3	2.8
Eangacha Tarraingthe: An Feabhal agus an Ró	28.6	26.3	29.5	31.6	41.3	29.2	51.9	42.58	47.6	49.6
Innill Shuite:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.02	--	--
Iascach Dhoire:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Tábla 9: Ceannacháin Bradán a Maraíodh le Slat Márta - Aibreán 30ú 1991 - 2006

Bliain	Líon na mBradán a Ceannaíodh
1991	149
1992	172
1993	73
1994	483
1995	167
1996	129
1997	195
1998	186
1999	124
2000	170
2001	39
2002	118
2003	85
2004	151
2005	38
2006	144

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Tábla 10:

TUIRISCÉÁIN BHAISCE SLAITE (BRADÁIN AGUS BLÁTHÁIN) 2006																				
Tábla 10																				
	Márta		Aibreán		Bealtaine		Meitheamh		Iúil		Lúnasa		Meán Fómhair		Deireadh Fómhair		Tairfeadta		Iomláin	
	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg	Líon	Cg
AN CAMABHAINN	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	6	2	16	2	13	9	33	10	22	-	-	26	103
CLANRYE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
CÚIL DAMHCHA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	0	0
AN DAOIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	3	13
DENNETT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	-	-	1	8
AN DEARG	-	-	-	-	4	30	10	52	8	37	43	62	67	256	25	114	-	-	157	551
DROIM RATHA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	16	1	3	-	-	6	19
AN FHOCHÁINE	-	-	9	31	3	18	42	106	53	215	88	220	196	490	106	362	4	8	501	1450
AN FHINN	81	320	105	470	149	603	220	724	126	453	59	162	33	134	5	18	2	9	780	2893
AN FEABHAL	1	4	9	47	10	51	2	5	8	26	8	34	1	4	-	-	-	-	39	171
ABHAINN GLEANN AICHLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	13	48	18	62	-	-	33	116
AN MHORN	-	-	36	148	77	323	283	654	189	486	248	563	223	508	117	475	-	-	1173	3157
ABHAINN COILLEADH	2	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	3	3	11	34	82	426	50	209	-	-	150	681
AN RAOILLEANN	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	-	-	4	15	1	4	-	-	-	-	7	30
AN RÓ	-	-	-	-	7	21	11	31	35	141	43	185	165	448	176	581	7	21	444	1428
AN tSRUTHAIL	-	-	3	11	11	36	16	63	16	72	8	41	41	269	24	179	-	-	119	671
WHITEWATER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	1	5	-	-	3	12
NEAMH-THAIFEADTA	-	-	-	-	1	8	1	4	2	9	3	11	14	55	13	77	-	-	34	164
Iomláin	84	328	164	712	264	1103	588	1656	445	1468	518	1343	854	2712	546	2107	13	38	3476	11467

Tábla 11

TUAIRISCÉÁIN BHAISCE SLAITE (BRIC) 2006																						
Tábla 11																						
	Márta		Aibreán		Bealtaine		Meitheamh		Iúil		Lúnasa		Meán Fómhair		Deireadh Fómhair		Taifeadta		Iomlán			
	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.	Líon	Cg.		
AN CAMABHAINN	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10		
DROIM RÁTHA	-	-	3	7	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	15		
AN DEARG	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	4	6	2	1	-	10	13		
DROIM RATHA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	4	6	2	1	-	10	13		
AN FHOCHÁINE	-	-	6	24	-	-	27	38	51	60	24	50	62	85	12	25	-	-	182	282		
AN FHINN	6	5	4	8	2	1	35	41	24	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	84		
AN FEABHAL	-	-	4	6	5	11	10	22	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	43		
ABHAINN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	43		
GLEANN AICHLE																						
AN MHORN	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	6	4	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	16		
ABHAINN																						
COILLEADH	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3		
AN RAOILLEANN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		
AN RÓ	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	10	8	12	22	31	57	118	7	13	1	1	105	186		
AN tSRUTHAIL	-	-	6	5	8	7	5	5	5	6	9	11	4	8	5	13	-	-	42	55		
WHITEWATER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	6	5	13	-	-	8	22		
NEAMH-THAIFEADTA	-	-	2	2	4	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8		
Iomlán	6	5	30	58	24	35	84	106	99	123	61	106	130	225	34	73	1	1	469	732		

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Táblá 12: Tuairisceáin Slatiascaireachta 2006

	2006
Líon na gCeadúnas a Eisíodh	10316
Líon Iomlán na dTuairisceán a Fuarthas	3814
Tuairisceáin mar Cheatadán d'Iomlán na gCeadúnas a Eisíodh	37%
Líon na dTuairisceán "Náid"	921
Tuairisceáin "Náid" mar Cheatadán d'Iomlán na dTuairisceán	24%
Líon na mBradán agus na mBláthán a Tuairiscíodh gur Maraíodh:	3476
Meánlíon na mBradán agus na mBláthán a Maraíodh an Tuairisceán	0.91
Líon na mBreac Geal a Maraíodh	469
Meánlíon na mBreac Geal a Maraíodh an Tuairisceán	0.12

Tábla 13: Dáileadh Cheadúnais Slaite 2006

Áit Chónaithe	Daoine Fásta-Séasúr	Ceadú	14 Lá	3 Lá	Aosánaigh	Daoine Fásta agus Aosánaigh – Garbhascaireacht
Ceantair an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne	1950	1132	23	286	985	105
An Chuid Eile de Thuaisceart Éireann	898	3304	9	407	447	84
An Chuid eile de Phoblacht na hÉireann	30	317	5	64	56	59
IOMLÁN	2878	4813	37	757	1488	248
Sasain	13	14	30	95	30	~
Alba	2	3	5	32	4	~
An Bhreatain Bheag	1	~	4	5	~	~
Oileán Mhanann	1	1	~	2	~	~
IOMLÁN	17	18	39	134	34	~
An Spáinn	~	1	3	5	~	~
An Ostair	~	~	11	34	~	~
An Bheilg	~	~	2	~	~	~
An Danmhairg	~	~	~	~	~	~
An Fhrainc	2	3	~	~	~	~
An Ghearmáin	~	~	~	6	~	~
An Iodáil	~	~	1	~	1	~
An Ísiltír	~	~	~	1	~	~
An Pholainn	~	~	~	1	~	~
An Eilbhéis	~	~	~	2	~	~
An Ollainn	1	~	~	1	~	~
An Phortaingéil	1	~	~	~	~	~
IOMLÁN	4	4	17	50	1	~
An Astráil	~	2	1	3	~	~
Ceanada	~	~	~	~	~	~
An tSeapáin	~	~	~	1	~	~
An tSiombáib	~	1	2	~	~	~
Meiceiceá	~	1	5	14	~	~
An Nua-Shéalainn	~	2	~	~	~	~
IOMLÁN	~	4	3	18	~	~
FORIOMLÁN	2899	4839	96	959	1523	248

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Tábla 14: Líon na nDréachtcheadanna Doirte a Breithníodh 2003 - 2006

Cineál Eisiltigh	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cóireáil Séarachais	27	50	77	48
Greanroiseadh/Cairéal	4	2	2	1
Líonadh Talaimh	1	3	2	1
Tionsclaíoch	1	1	23	1
Feirm Éisc	0	1	0	0
Uisce Stoirme	11	13	11	12
Tógáil Mhóna	0	0	0	0
Dumpáil san Fharraige	1	0	0	0
Níochán Feithiclí	1	2	2	0
Stáisiún Líonta/Dáileadh Ola	0	1	0	1
Próiseáil Bia	0	0	1	165
IOMLÁIN	46	73	118	

Tábla 15: Líon na gCeadanna a Eisíodh le hEisilteach a Dhoirteadh 2003 - 2006

Cineál Gnó	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cóireáil Séarachais	24	60	48	23
Greanroiseadh/Cairéal	2	2	1	0
Líonadh Talaimh	4	4	0	0
Tionsclaíoch	4	3	8	2
Feirm Éisc	0	1	0	0
Uisce Stoirme	12	11	19	8
Níochán Feithiclí	1	2	1	0
Stáisiún Líonta/Dáileadh Ola	1	2	1	0
Próiseáil Bia	0	0	1	0
IOMLÁIN	48	85	79	33

Tábla 16: Mionsonraí Shamplaí Eilteach i gCeantair Dhoire agus Chairlinne 2006

Cineál Eilteigh	Líon na Samplaí a Glacadh			Líon na Samplaí a fuarthas Sásúil			Líon na Samplaí nach bhfuarthas Sásúil		
		2006			2006			2006	
Dramhaíl Feirme		6			Náid			6	
Séarachas		4			Náid			4	
Dramhaíl Trádála		1			Náid			1	
Nithe eile		Náid			Náid			Náid	
Iomláin		11			Náid			11	

Tábla 17: Mionsonraí Shamplaí Eilteach i gCeantar Bhun an Phobail 2006

Cineál Eilteigh	Líon na Samplaí a Glacadh			Líon na Samplaí a fuarthas Sásúil			Líon na Samplaí nach bhfuarthas Sásúil		
		2006			2006			2006	
Dramhaíl Feirme		Náid			Náid			Náid	
Séarachas		Náid			Náid			Náid	
Dramhaíl Trádála		Náid			Náid			Náid	
Iomláin		Náid			Náid			Náid	

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Tábla 18: Scrúduithe Sriantha Truaillithe Uisce agus Teagmhais Thruaillithe Doire 2006

Cineál Eisiltigh	Líon na Scrúduithe a Rinneadh ach nach bhfacthas Truailliú			Líon na dTeagmhais Truaillithe			Líon na Rabhadh a tugadh		
		2006			2006			2006	
Dramhaíl Talmhaíochta		861			37			33	
Séarachas		104			24			4	
Dramhaíl Tionsclaíoch Trádála		58			4			2	
Doirteadh Ola		24			2			2	
Níthe eile		6			Náid			Náid	
Iomlán		1053			67			41	

Tábla 19: Scrúduithe Sriantha Truaillithe Uisce Ceantar Bhun an Phobail 2006

Cineál Eisiltigh	Líon na Scrúduithe a Rinneadh ach nach bhfacthas Truailliú			Líon na dTeagmhais Truaillithe			Líon na Rabhadh a tugadh		
		2006			2006			2006	
Dramhaíl Talmhaíochta		55			7			7	
Dramhaíl Séarachas		22			3			1	
Dramhaíl Tionsclaíoch Trádála		12			1			0	
Iomlán		87			11			8	

Tábla 20: MIONSONRAÍ IONCHÚISEAMH 2006

An Cineál Coire	Cúiseanna Curtha i Leith ag:					
	Foireann na Gnómhachta		SPTÉ		An Garda Síochána	
	Rathúil	Míráthúil	Rathúil	Míráthúil	Rathúil	Míráthúil
1 Slatiascaireacht gan ceadúnas	4	1	-	-	-	-
2 Slatiascaireacht taobh amuigh den tséasúr	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 Slatiascaireacht in achar coiscthe	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Slatiascaireacht mhídhleathach	4	2	-	-	-	-
5 Seilbh gheafa nó ghléis mhídhleathaigh	2	-	-	-	-	-
6 Coireanna sciobtha	3	-	-	-	-	-
7 Treaspás ar lascach Measctha	1	-	7	-	-	-
8 Úsáid eangaí in achar coiscthe	8	-	2	-	-	-
9 Seilbh/úsáid eangaí mídhleathaí	8	-	-	-	-	-
10 Iascaireacht le heangach i dtréimhse druidte nó fionraí	6	-	-	-	-	-
11 Pearsa údaraithe a ionsaí/a chosc	6	1	-	-	-	-
12 Seilbh mhídhleathach éisc	11	-	-	-	-	-
13 Bád/feithicil a úsáid le cuidiú le coir	1	-	-	-	-	-
14 Strus briste a shárú	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Ligean d'ábhar díobhálach dul isteach in abhainn	1	-	-	-	-	-
16 A bheith i do chúis le hábhar díobhálach dul isteach in abhainn	5	-	-	-	-	-
17 Coireanna a bhaineann le déileáil bradán	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Inneall suite a chur suas/ a úsáid	4	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gan ainm a thabhairt / sonraí bréagacha	3	1	-	-	-	-
IOMLÁN NA GCÚISEANNA	68	5	9	2	-	-

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Tábla 21 Gabhálacha 2006

Innill	Eangacha	Bradóga	Slata agus Roithleáin	Báid	Feithiclí	Geafanna	Éisc
CFCSE	86	1	22	8	2	0	73 bradán 4 breac
SPTE	0	0	0	0		0	0
An Garda Síochána	0	0	0	0		0	0
Cumainn Iascaireachta Slaite	11	0	4	0		0	0
IOMLÁIN	97	1	26	8	2	0	77

Tábla 22 Ceadúnais Slaite 2006

Cuir Síos	2006 Líon na gCeadúnas	2006 Dleacht Cheadúnais
Séasúr	2899	£46,384
Garbhiascaireacht - Daoine Fásta	197	£3,152
Aosánaigh	1523	£959
Garbhiascaireacht - Aosánaigh	51	£102
Ceadú	4839	£4,839
Ceithre Lá Déag	96	£712.50
3 Lá	959	£3,356.50
IOMLÁIN	10564	£59,560.50

Tábla 23 Ceadanna Slatiascaireachta 2006

Cineál Ceada	2006 Líon	2006 £
An Feabhal	31	£620
An Feabhal - Aosánaigh	5	£50
An Fhinn	230	£4,600
IOMLÁIN	266	£5,270

Tábla 24 Ceadúnais Eangaí 2006

	2006		
Cur Síos ar an Cheadúnas	Líon na gCeadúnas a Díoladh	£ Táille an Cheadúnais	£ Dleacht Cheadúnais a Íocadh
Mála	-	-	-
Eangach Tarraingthe (An Feabhail)	49	£179	£8,771
Eangach Tarraingthe (Suite)	-	-	-
Eangach Tarraingthe (An Ró)	-	-	-
Eangach Tarraingthe (Inbhear Chúil Damhcha)	-	-	-
Sruthangach (Loch Feabhail)	7	£253	£1,771
Sruthangach (An Loch agus an Fharraige)	81	£275	£22,275
Sruthangach (An Fharraige)	19	£253	£4,807
IOMLÁIN	156	£960	£37,624

Tábla 25 Ceadúnais Déileálaithe Bradán 2006

Áit Chónaithe an Déileálaí	Líon na gCeadúnas a Éisíodh 2006
Poblacht na hÉireann	6
Tuaisceart Éireann	15
IOMLÁIN	21



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LOUGHS AGENCY

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Foreword

The Board presents the financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

Brief History

The Foyle Fisheries Commission was established in 1952 under legislation enacted in both jurisdictions with the primary objective of the conservation of the Foyle waterway system. Following the Good Friday Agreement, the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC) was created to continue the work done by the Foyle Fisheries Commission and to achieve similar objectives in Carlingford Lough and its waterways.

The FCILC became operational on 2 December 1999 at which time the assets and liabilities of the Foyle Fisheries Commission were transferred to the Loughs Agency.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- A form directed by and approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Department of Finance as provided for in the Body's Financial Memorandum.
- The annual reports and accounts guidance provided by the Department of Finance and Personnel, and the Department of Finance.

Statutory background

The British/Irish Agreement Act 1999 and the North/South (Implementation Bodies) (N.I.) Order 1999 provided for the transfer of the powers of the Foyle Fisheries Commission to a new body, The Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC). The FCILC is composed of two agencies, the Loughs Agency and the Irish Lights Commission. The functions of the Irish Lights Commission have not yet transferred to the FCILC, as this requires amendment to the current United Kingdom legislation.

These accounts deal with the Loughs Agency of the FCILC. The Lights Agency is not in operational existence.

Result for the year

The Loughs Agency is jointly funded by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (the Departments). The Loughs Agency incurred a deficit of £740,709 Stg / €1,085,564 for the year ended 31 December 2006 (2005: surplus of £194,181 Stg / €281,842).

Performance Targets

The Draft Annual Reports and Accounts guidance for North/South Implementation Bodies (published February 2001) requires the reporting of financial performance against key targets. During the year, the Agency prepared and obtained the approval

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from the North/South Ministerial Council, of a corporate plan for 2005-2007 and a business plan for 2006. As the activities of the Loughs Agency do not correlate with measuring its performance against financial targets, the Agency has not reported performance targets in these accounts.

Principal activities

The strategic priorities of the Loughs Agency can be grouped into 4 major areas:

- 1 Fisheries management and development
- 2 Conservation and protection of fisheries
- 3 Shellfish and aquaculture
- 4 Marine tourism

The Annual Report provides further detail on the Loughs Agency's work on these areas during the year.

Changes in fixed assets

Details of the movement in fixed assets are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

Research and development

The North/South Ministerial Council, during 2001, approved expenditure by the Agency on a programme of research to investigate the genetic profiling of the salmon in the Foyle catchment. This was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, the Marine Institute and Queen's University, Belfast. This work was completed in 2005. The results are incorporated into the Agency's management strategy for salmon. Total expenditure on this programme in 2006 was £564 / €838 (2005: £14,418 / €21,086).

Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

Charitable donations

The Loughs Agency made no charitable donations during the year.

Board members

Mr Peter Savage	Chairperson
Lord Cooke of Islandreagh (Resigned 22 /03/2006)	Vice Chairperson
Mr Jack Allen	
Ms Siobhan Logue	
Mr Joseph Martin	
Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston	
Mr Francis Feely	
Dr Patrick Griffin	
Mr Andrew Ward	
Mr Tarlach O'Crossain	
Ms Jacqui McConville	

The present board members were appointed with effect from 12th December 2002. The North/South Ministerial Council's plenary meeting in Armagh on 13 December 1999 confirmed the creation of the original board of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission. The positions of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were confirmed at the North/South Ministerial Council's sectoral meeting for the Trade and Business Development Body on 21st January 2000.

Board Members' responsibilities

The board monitors and directs the work of the Loughs Agency towards the achievement of the objectives approved by the North/South Ministerial Council. These objectives are fully detailed in the Agency's corporate and business plans. They require the Agency to provide sustainable benefits to the economy, the environment and to society in the Foyle and Carlingford areas through the conservation, protection, development, and management of water based resources. They also require the Agency to raise public awareness of the resources of the waterways of the area and deliver these improvements through the development of partnerships with the users of the catchments.

Employment objectives

The Loughs Agency is committed to providing information to employees and to consulting them on appropriate matters. The Loughs Agency follows the Northern Ireland Civil Service Code of Practice on Employment of Disabled People. This code of practice is to help the Agency achieve equality of opportunity for people with disabilities and to make full use of the skills and abilities that people with disabilities possess, through career development, training, opportunities for flexible working and the provision, of adaptations to premises, equipment or support.

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Equal Opportunities

The Agency follows the NI Civil Service Equal Opportunity Policy that aims to foster a culture that rewards achievement and encourages every member of staff to develop his or her potential.

Payment to suppliers

The Loughs Agency is committed to the prompt payment of bills for goods and services received in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998. Unless otherwise stated in the contract, payment is due within 30 days of the receipt of the goods or services, or upon presentation of a valid invoice or similar demand, whichever is later. During the year 92.78% (2005: 98.65%) of bills were paid within this standard.

Health and safety

The Loughs Agency is committed to adhering to all existing legislation on health and safety at work to ensure that staff and customers enjoy the benefits of a safe environment. A new Health and Safety Officer was in post from February 2006.

Future Developments

The most significant development that will impact on the work of the Loughs Agency will be following the implementation of the amended Foyle Fisheries Acts, which will fully roll out the responsibilities of the Agency in the areas of Aquaculture, Shellfisheries and Marine Tourism.

Audit

These accounts have been subject to a formal audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The certificate and report of the Comptrollers and Auditors General to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the House of Commons and the House of the Oireachtas are included at pages 9 and 10.

Accountable Person

Mr Derick Anderson, Chief Executive, is the accountable person of the Loughs Agency.

D Anderson
Chief Executive
December 2007

Statement of Accountable Person's Responsibilities

The Department of Finance and Personnel and the Department of Finance have directed the Loughs Agency to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year in the form and on the basis set out in the accounts direction on page 25. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and must give a true and fair view of the Agency's state of affairs at its year end and of its income and expenditure, recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the financial year.

In preparing the accounts, the Loughs Agency is required to:

- Observe the accounts direction issued by the sponsor departments, including the relevant accounting disclosure requirements, and apply accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- Make judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed and disclose and explain any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Agency will continue in operation.

The Chief Executive's responsibilities as the accountable person for the Loughs Agency, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances and for the keeping of proper records, are set out in the Agency's Financial Memorandum.

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Statement on Internal Control

1. Scope of Responsibility

As Accountable Person, I have responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control, that supports the achievement of the Loughs Agency's policies, aims and objectives, as set out by the departments' Ministers whilst safeguarding the public funds and departmental assets for which I am personally responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to me in Government Accounting Northern Ireland and Public Finance Procedures. A Policy and Resource Framework is in place which sets out the role and aims of the Loughs Agency, its duties and powers, the responsibilities of the Chairman, Board and Chief Executive, and the relationship with the Ministers and sponsoring Departments.

The functions of the Loughs Agency are set out in North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (NI) Order 1999, the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999, the Foyle Fisheries Act (NI) 1952 (as amended) and the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 (as amended). The Agency formulates its Corporate Plan and Objectives after it has taken full cognisance of the Primary Legislation North & South, its sponsoring Departments, the NSMC and the Foyle and Carlingford Area Advisory Forum.

The Corporate Plan sets out the objectives over a three year period and a Business Plan which details the business objectives for the first year of the Corporate plan, together with appropriate targets and performance measures. Results against targets and performance measures are reported monthly and in the annual report at year end. The fundamental objective is to promote the development of the resources of the Foyle and Carlingford catchments for commercial and recreational purposes.

The Accounting Officer must ensure that the Agency adheres to the conditions attached to the public funds provided to it.

The Government Accounting Northern Ireland (GANI), Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) 2007 -08 and relevant Dear Accounting Officer letters set out the controls to be exercised over the different areas of activity, either by the Departments directly or by the Loughs Agency, through its board under delegated authority.

2. The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Agency's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the Loughs Agency for the year ended 31 December 2006 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts, and it accords with the Finance Departments' guidance.

3. Capacity to handle risk

The Agency has established a risk management committee, to direct the risk management process within the Lough's Agency. The risk management committee provides regular updates to the Board. The risk management committee reviews and updates the Agency's strategic risks and has responsibility for the implementation of the risk management policy of the Agency. All staff have been issued with the Loughs Agency risk management policy. This document clearly explains the risk management processes in place and details the roles and responsibilities of all staff and the various boards and committees which are in place as part of the corporate governance framework within the Agency. A programme to regularly train staff in fraud awareness and risk management is in place. This programme is managed by the risk management committee who will initiate training where the review of needs identifies.

The senior management takes responsibility for applying and overseeing the risk management process primarily to ensure that it is operating as intended, to challenge content of the risk register and enable the Chief Executive to report on the process to the Loughs Agency. In addition to reviewing the risk framework, all recommendations received from both the internal and external auditors are reviewed, with controls being enhanced or introduced as necessary.

All staff are expected to work within the Loughs Agency policies on risk management, alert management to emerging risks or control weaknesses, participate fully in the risk management process and assume responsibility for risks and controls within their own areas of work.

4. The risk and control framework

The Loughs Agency developed a risk register during 2005 and has updated it thereafter. The register identifies the key risks facing the Loughs Agency and these have been identified and evaluated and graded in relation to their significance. The grading exercise uses a combination of impact and likelihood assessments and is reviewed at the beginning of each year and again at mid –year. The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources in order to ensure that risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk register further details management's associated controls and actions required to mitigate these risks.

The Agency recognises that risk management is an evolving process within the Agency and hopes to continue to embed it within the organisation by developing the following:-

- Annual reviews of objectives and assessment of risks undertaken by each Division;
- Completion of standard risk assessment forms to ensure risks are recorded in a structured way and the use of defined criteria to ensure that risks are evaluated consistently;

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- Inclusion of risk management as an agenda item on each Director's monthly management meeting, to enable reporting and review of new risks, the effectiveness of controls over risks identified, the progress of action plans, and to facilitate early corrective action.

5. Review of effectiveness

As accountable person, I have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the work of the internal audit units of the departments, and the executive managers within the Loughs Agency who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports. I have been advised of the implications of the result of my review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Board of the Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee and plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

As accountable person, I also have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of internal control. The Loughs Agency has established the following processes:

- Comprehensive budgeting systems with an annual budget that is reviewed and agreed by the senior management and audit committee;
- Regular reviews by management of financial reports including bank reconciliations, payment schedules, grant in aid and other income;
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines;
- Appropriate formal project management disciplines.
- The risk management committee was set up to update the risks previously identified and update the Agency's Risk Register. In addition actions were identified and allocated to relevant Loughs Agency officers/staff.
- Senior Managers within the Loughs Agency have been given a timetable of events in support of the performance of the respective reviews of effectiveness.
- Following the reviews of effectiveness I am provided with annual stewardship certificates for the 11 operational management areas within the Agency. These certificates provide me with a number of assurances that I require to support the comments I make in the Statement of Internal Control. These statements provide assurance over the systems that make up the operating environment of the Loughs Agency.

- Two meetings of the Audit and Finance and Personnel Committee took place in 2006 at which the progress of the risk management process was reviewed, and all Internal Audit reports were addressed.

The Loughs Agency has an agreement with the Internal Audit Units of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to carry out the internal audit testing of the Agency. The work of the internal audit units is informed by analysis of the risk to which the Loughs Agency is exposed and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis.

6 Significant Internal Control Problems

The internal audit units provided a report on the internal audit activity in the Loughs Agency during 2006. The report included an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Loughs Agency's system of internal control. In their 2006 Annual Assurance Statement (presented 26th February 2007), Internal Audit provided an overall 'Satisfactory' level of assurance. A number of areas of concern were identified and these included

- Incomplete membership of the Agency's Risk Management Committee;
- Assigning of risk ownership and matching of risk against corporate objectives incomplete;
- No formal and publicised training plan for 2007;
- No agency lone worker policy developed;

Management has addressed many of the above issues including appointing Directors, within each operational area, to allow for these recommendations to be successfully completed. A continued full review of audit findings and recommendations will be undertaken during the 2007 year.

D Anderson

Accountable Person

December 2007

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The Certificate of the Comptrollers and Auditors General to the Houses of the Oireachtas, the House of Commons and the Northern Ireland Assembly

We have audited the accounts of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission Loughs Agency for the year ended 31 December 2006 pursuant to the provisions of the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999 which require us to audit and certify, in co-operation, the accounts presented to us by the Body.

The accounts, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Body, Chief Executive and the Auditors

The responsibilities of the Body and the Chief Executive, including those pertaining to the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and the regularity of financial transactions are set out in the Statement of Responsibilities.

It is our responsibility to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view, and have been properly prepared, in accordance with the accounts direction issued under the governing legislation. We also report our opinion as to whether in all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied for the purposes intended by Dáil Éireann and the Westminster Parliament and whether the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them; and whether proper accounting records have been kept by the Body. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit, and whether the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records.

We review whether the Statement on Internal Control reflects the Body's compliance with applicable guidance on corporate governance and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information we are aware of from our audit of the accounts. We are not required to consider whether the Statement on Internal Control covers all financial risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the risk and control procedures. We also report if, in our opinion, the Foreword to the accounts is not consistent with the accounts.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to the fact that the basis of accounting for pension costs does not comply with Financial Reporting Standard 17.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit of the accounts in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts, disclosures and regularity of financial transactions included in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Agency and the Chief Executive in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Body's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by error, or fraud or other irregularity and that, in all material respects, the expenditure and income have been applied for the purposes intended by the Northern Ireland Assembly and Dáil Éireann and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them. In forming our opinion we have also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the accounts, which have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounts direction issued under the governing legislation, give a true and fair view, in accordance with that direction, of the state of the Agency's affairs at 31 December 2006 and of its surplus for the year then ended
- in all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied for the purposes intended by Dáil Éireann the Northern Ireland Assembly and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we consider necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the Agency. The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records.

John Purcell
Irish Comptroller and Auditor General
Dublin Castle
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December 2007

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Income and Expenditure Account

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2006</u> STG£	<u>2005</u> STG£	<u>2006</u> €	<u>2005</u> €
Income					
Revenue grants from departments	4	2,543,720	2,122,228	3,732,273	3,103,822
Ordinary income	5	113,341	116,468	166,300	170,337
EU and government grants released	10	386,552	479,066	567,168	700,648
Release of grant on disposal	10	69,249	15,329	102,849	22,420
Water pollution - monitoring of rivers		-	10,000	0	14,625
Bailiffing		9,000	9,000	13,204	13,163
Interest received		11,668	11,700	17,120	17,112
		<u>3,133,530</u>	<u>2,763,791</u>	<u>4,598,914</u>	<u>4,042,127</u>
Expenditure					
Staff costs	3	1,775,585	1,119,310	2,605,226	1,637,024
Administrative expenses	6	1,551,354	1,038,963	2,276,226	1,519,514
Currency exchange		3,145	3,294	4,615	6,972
Loss /(profit) on disposal of fixed assets		125,819	(6,577)	184,608	(9,619)
Depreciation	7	418,336	414,620	613,803	606,394
		<u>3,874,239</u>	<u>2,569,610</u>	<u>5,684,478</u>	<u>3,760,285</u>
Operating (deficit)/surplus taken to reserves	13	(740,709)	194,181	(1,085,564)	281,842

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The Loughs Agency has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet	Note	2006	2005	2006	2005
		STG£	STG£	€	€
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7	3,987,846	4,233,721	5,922,748	6,144,994
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	154,017	280,003	228,747	406,408
Cash at bank and in hand		349,444	639,251	518,994	927,834
		<u>503,461</u>	<u>919,254</u>	<u>747,741</u>	<u>1,334,242</u>
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	9	<u>280,971</u>	<u>205,678</u>	<u>417,298</u>	<u>298,528</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>222,490</u>	<u>713,576</u>	<u>330,443</u>	<u>1,035,714</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>4,210,336</u>	<u>4,947,297</u>	<u>6,253,191</u>	<u>7,180,708</u>
Provisions					
Deferred revenue grants	11	-	18,857	-	27,370
Superannuation scheme	12	<u>655,303</u>	<u>504,638</u>	<u>973,255</u>	<u>732,451</u>
		<u>655,303</u>	<u>523,495</u>	<u>973,255</u>	<u>759,821</u>
Net Assets		<u>3,555,033</u>	<u>4,423,802</u>	<u>5,279,936</u>	<u>6,420,887</u>
Represented By					
Capital grants	10	3,987,846	3,969,946	5,922,748	5,762,143
General reserve	13	<u>(432,813)</u>	<u>453,856</u>	<u>(642,812)</u>	<u>658,744</u>
		<u>3,555,033</u>	<u>4,423,802</u>	<u>5,279,936</u>	<u>6,420,887</u>

Comparatives have been restated to the extent that deferred revenue grants are separately disclosed from capital grants and included under provisions

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these accounts.

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Cash Flow Statement	Note	2006 STG£	2005 STG£	2006 €	2005 €
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from continuing activities		(390,976)	74,568	(553,469)	103,788
Return on investment and servicing of finance		11,668	11,700	17,120	17,112
Capital expenditure and financial investment		(298,280)	(575,559)	(443,006)	(841,951)
Net cash outflow before financing		(677,588)	(489,291)	(979,355)	(721,051)
Financing		387,781	637,777	570,515	933,497
(Decrease) / increase in Cash		(289,807)	148,486	(408,840)	212,446

Reconciliation of operating surplus/(deficit) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from continuing activities

Operating (deficit) / surplus		(740,709)	194,181	(1,085,564)	281,842
Loss / (profit) on disposal of fixed assets		125,819	(6,577)	184,608	(9,619)
Depreciation	7	418,336	414,620	613,803	606,394
Capital grant release	10	(360,591)	(362,685)	(529,077)	(530,438)
Revenue grant released	10	(25,961)	(116,381)	(38,091)	(170,210)
(Profit) on disposal of capital grant assets		(69,249)	(15,329)	(102,849)	(22,420)
Interest received		(11,668)	(11,700)	(17,120)	(17,112)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors		(20,911)	(84,448)	(35,229)	(121,347)
Grants receivable		68,000	65,693	99,773	95,349
Increase / (decrease) in creditors and provisions		225,958	(2,806)	359,574	(8,537)
Translation exchange difference				(3,297)	(114)
Net cash outflow from continuing activities		(390,976)	74,568	(553,469)	103,788

Cash Flow Statement	Note	2006 STG£	2005 STG£	2006 €	2005 €
Capital expenditure and financial investment					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	7	(301,780)	(597,904)	(448,204)	(874,453)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		3,500	22,345	5,198	32,502
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(298,280)	(575,559)	(443,006)	(841,951)
Reconciliation of financing					
Capital grants received	10	301,780	532,211	442,787	779,104
Revenue grant received		86,001	105,566	127,728	154,393
Net cash inflow from financing		387,781	637,777	570,515	933,497
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in cash					
Increase in cash in year		(289,807)	148,486	(408,840)	212,446
Explained as follows:					
At 1 January		639,251	490,765	927,834	715,388
At 31 December		349,444	639,251	518,994	927,834
(Decrease) /Increase in cash in year		(289,807)	148,486	(408,840)	212,446

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The significant accounting policies adopted are set out below. The Board members consider that these accounting policies are suitable, have been consistently applied, and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

(b) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

From 1 January 2003 a policy was put in place whereby only assets (or groups of assets where appropriate) with costs greater than £1,000/€1,485 have been capitalised. Prior to this all items of a capital nature were capitalised regardless of cost.

Fixed assets are stated on the balance sheet at cost less depreciation at annual rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The Agency uses the straight line method of depreciation.

Fixed asset additions are depreciated from the month of purchase and no depreciation charged in year of disposal.

The current rates applied to Fixed Asset additions are:

Land & buildings, Interpretive Centre	4%
Slipway	2%
Weirs	4%
Boats & boating equipment	15%
Equipment & plant, office equipment, fixtures & fittings	25%
Office equipment & Fixtures & Fittings	10%
Computer equipment	25%
Motor vehicles	25%

(c) Currency

The financial statements are stated denominated in £Stg as the Board members consider this to be the base currency. The figures contained in the Income and Expenditure Account were converted using the average Euro exchange rate for the year and the Balance Sheet using the rate at the year end. The gain/loss on exchange, which arises from transactions effected in Euro, is deducted from/added to that part of the Loughs Agency's surplus/(deficit), which is funded by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland.

(d) Pension Costs

The Loughs Agency, under the Foyle Area (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 made in exercise of its powers under paragraph 16 of the Third Schedule to that Act, provides retirement benefits to its employees. Where a provision exists for a beneficiary, any pension paid is charged firstly against this provision. Should the provision be exhausted, the cost of any pension paid is charged to the income and expenditure account. During the period, one member of staff was on secondment from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Seconded from the Northern Ireland Civil Service continue to be members of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland).

(e) EU and Government Grants

Capital expenditure incurred to acquire fixed assets and investments is credited to the government grant reserve from grant in aid received. On disposal of a tangible fixed asset, or redemption of a fixed investment, where applicable, the profit or loss arising is credited or charged to the Income and Expenditure account. The balance remaining on the grant reserve in relation to the asset disposed of is then transferred to the Income and Expenditure account.

(f) Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to administrative costs on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

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2 Supperannuation Scheme

The Loughs Agency came into existence on 2 December 1999. On that date the Loughs Agency assumed all the assets and liabilities of the Foyle Fisheries Commission. The Loughs Agency operates a defined benefit pension scheme for current and former employees.

An actuarial review of the scheme was completed in 1993, at which time the accrued liability was calculated at £1,308,900. A further review was completed by PricewaterhouseCoopers at 31 December 2006, at which time the liability was £5,163,000.

While the Agency is obliged to meet all future pension commitments, no provision for any obligation in excess of £655,303/€ 973,255 has been made in these financial statements.

Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 17 covers retirement benefits and applies to all financial statements with year ends after June 2001. The liability at 31 December 2006 has not been included in the financial statements since a valuation was not completed at 31 December 2005 and it was therefore not possible to include comparative figures for the previous year. An exemption from the requirements of FRS 17 has been sought for the Loughs Agency, and granted for the year ended 31 December 2006.

During 2006, discussions continued with Sponsoring Departments and the Department of Finance, to resolve the difficulties identified in respect of the incompatibility of the pay arrangements operated by the Loughs Agency and the North/South Pension Scheme. On the 16th March 2007, it was confirmed that the Foyle Fisheries Commission Pension (Amendment) Scheme 1979 should apply to the Loughs Agency (Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission) from 2 December 1999 in accordance with the requirements of the Implementation Bodies Agreement, Annex 2, part 7, paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3. It was also confirmed in this Interim Procedure (IP) that the Foyle Fisheries Commission Pension (Amendment) Scheme 1979 is the same as, and therefore no less favourable than that to which transferred staff were subject immediately before transfer. During 2007, Arthur Cox, Solicitors, were commissioned to draft a legal paper to further regularise current pension arrangements and report on options for the future.

3 Staff Costs and Board Remuneration

The average monthly number of employees (full time equivalent) was:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Senior Management	2	2
Administrative	11	8
Field staff and inspectorate	40	33
Total	53	43

It should be noted that the average monthly number of staff includes a secondee from a different department and temporary summer time appointments.

The costs incurred in respect of these employees were:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	STG£	STG£	€	€
Gross	1,405,453	877,775	2,062,150	1,283,772
Social security costs	102,013	63,129	149,679	92,328
Other pension costs	220,494	126,893	323,520	185,585
Total staff costs	1,727,960	1,067,797	2,535,349	1,561,685

Board remuneration	45,561	49,452	66,849	72,325
Social security costs	2,064	2,061	3,028	3,014
Total board costs	47,625	51,513	69,877	75,339
Total board and staff costs	1,775,585	1,119,310	2,605,226	1,637,024

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	STG£	STG£	€	€
Staff costs above include the following				
Contracted (Seconded) staff	39,404	43,341	57,816	63,387
Temporary staff	135,573	93,472	198,919	136,705
Total temporary staff costs	174,977	136,813	256,735	200,092

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3 Staff Costs and Board Remuneration cont'd Exceptional Item

Backpay was awarded for the period from 2nd October 2003 to 31st December 2006 and paid in December 2006

The amounts relating to backpay and included in the above are as follows:

Gross	255,510
Social security costs	24,227
Other pension costs	15,331
Additional staff costs	<u>295,068</u>

Excluding the Chief Executive and backpay, there were no employees whose remuneration exceeded £40,000/€58,690 per annum.

The Chief Executive's (Derrick Anderson aged 58) emoluments including pension scheme contributions were as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	STG£	STG£	€	€
Contracted (Seconded) staff	39,404	43,341	57,816	63,387
Gross	66,585	66,584	97,697	97,383
Social security costs	6,868	6,930	10,077	10,135
Other pension costs	3,995	3,995	5,862	5,843
	<u>77,448</u>	<u>77,509</u>	<u>113,636</u>	<u>113,361</u>

The benefit in kind, which relates to the provision of a motor vehicle, attributed to the Chief Executive was £6,293/ €9,233 (2005: £6,090 / €8,907). The Chief Executive is an ordinary member of the Agency's pension scheme.

Other Senior Management

Name	Age	Gross	Social security costs	Other pension costs
John Pollock	48	8,128	405	394
Gerard Mills	38	3,562	256	214
Barry Fox	33	6,976	896	521
		<u>18,666</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>1,129</u>

3 Staff Costs and Board Remuneration cont'd

The total emoluments of the board members including social security costs were as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	STG£	STG£	€	€
Mr Peter Savage	7527	7537	11044	11023
Lord Cooke of Islandreagh	1282	5200	1880	7606
Mr Jack Allen	4000	4000	5869	5850
Ms Siobhan Logue	4704	4694	6902	6865
Mr Joseph Martin	4000	4000	5869	5850
Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston	4000	4000	5869	5850
Mr Francis Feely	4000	4000	5869	5850
Dr Patrick Griffin	4704	4694	6902	6865
Mr Andrew Ward	4704	4694	6902	6865
Mr Tarlach O'Crossain	4000	4000	5869	5850
Ms Jacqui McConville	4704	4694	6902	6865
	<u>47,625</u>	<u>51,513</u>	<u>69,877</u>	<u>75,339</u>

Board members' salaries are not pensionable..

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4 Revenue and Capital Grants

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	£	£	€	€
Grants received in year				
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources	1,422,750	1,335,000	2,087,530	1,952,477
Department of Agriculture and Rural Developments	1,422,750	1,335,000	2,087,530	1,952,477
Total	2,845,500	2,670,000	4,175,060	3,904,954

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	£	£	€	€
Appropriation of grants received in year				
Capitalised against fixed assets	301,780	547,772	442,787	801,132
Released to revenue	2,543,720	2,122,228	3,732,273	3,103,822
	2,845,500	2,670,000	4,175,060	3,904,954

5 Ordinary Income

Revenue Grants Received in Year	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	£	£	€	€
Normal activities				
Licence duties	106,307	107,189	155,979	156,767
Fishery rent and rates	2,924	2,916	4,290	4,264
	109,231	110,105	160,269	161,031
Other activities				
Fines and costs recovered	4,059	6,363	5,956	9,306
Sundry receipts	51		75	
	4,110	6,363	6,031	9,306
Total	113,341	116,468	166,300	170,337

6 Administrative Expenses

	<u>2006</u> £	<u>2005</u> £	<u>2006</u> €	<u>2005</u> €
Staff training	45,021	28,309	66,057	41,403
Bank charges	3,292	2,867	4,830	4,193
Postage	8,785	9,957	12,890	14,563
Advertising	83,038	34,592	121,838	50,591
Light and heat	30,510	16,021	44,766	23,432
Telephone	39,605	46,256	58,110	67,650
Operating lease – rent	14,152	9,703	20,765	14,190
Insurance	98,939	92,490	145,168	135,270
Audit	18,500	23,969	27,241	35,056
Accountancy	15,464	6,000	22,593	8,775
Motor vehicle expenses	58,153	46,560	85,325	68,095
Boat stores	15,400	14,546	22,596	21,274
Boat maintenance	23,752	38,896	34,850	56,887
Printing and stationery	42,125	28,385	61,808	41,513
Licence dealers commission	7,252	7,978	10,640	11,668
Maintenance and repairs	50,556	39,331	74,178	57,522
Miscellaneous	651	2,682	955	3,922
Travelling and conference expenses	55,337	46,292	81,193	67,703
Hospitality	5,114	4,798	7,504	7,018
Health and safety	23,625	16,307	34,664	23,857
Cleaning	8,982	6,742	13,179	9,860
Computer consumables and maintenance	72,978	16,615	107,077	24,299
Other equipment costs	90,431	38,160	132,685	55,810
Subscriptions	11,897	9,790	17,456	14,318
Surveys	14,881	9,370	21,834	13,703
Legal and professional fees	149,337	78,809	219,115	115,259
Research programme	564	14,418	828	21,086
Tagging expenses	9,124	8,290	13,387	12,125
Interpretive centre expenses	0	37,091	0	54,246
Bad and doubtful debts	0	5,912	0	8,646
Counter site expenses	3,848	1,905	5,646	2,786
Conservation and protection works	385,389	175,382	565,463	256,502
Marine tourism study	33,977	22,399	49,853	32,759
Disbursements to Vital Signs Participants	37,512	48,381	55,039	70,758
Angling fairs	86,648	49,760	127,134	72,775
Cost of grant surrendered	6,515		9,559	
	<u>1,551,354</u>	<u>1,038,963</u>	<u>2,276,226</u>	<u>1,519,514</u>

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7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Land and buildings	Slipway	Weirs	Interpretive Centre	Boating Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Plant & Equipment	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total	Total	€
	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£
At 1/01/2006	2,012,074	78,960	1,341,726	401,213	865,888	49,764	872,485	36,863	202,889	320,262	6,182,124	8,972,906	
Additions	38,786				9,702	15,847	136,310	3,460	53,208	44,467	301,780	448,204	
Reclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	(15,050)		(8,227)		(43,545)	(24,867)	(333,883)	(36,863)	(176,794)	(17,763)	(656,992)	(975,765)	
At 31/12/06	2,035,810	78,960	1,333,499	401,213	832,045	40,744	674,912	3,460	79,303	346,966	5,826,912	8,445,345	

Depreciation													
At 1/01/2006	335,359	5,538	259,514	46,240	558,318	28,016	424,123	27,434	153,295	110,566	1,948,403	2,827,912	
Charge for year	68,935	1,579	44,400	15,938	65,117	3,503	127,921	118	13,208	77,617	418,336	613,803	
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Reclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Depreciation on disposal	(3,991)		(1,835)		(36,643)	(13,451)	(283,312)	(27,433)	(146,629)	(14,379)	(527,673)	(783,700)	
At 31/12/06	400,303	7,117	302,079	62,178	586,792	18,068	268,732	119	19,874	173,804	1,839,066	2,658,015	

Net Book Value

At 31/12/2006	1,635,507	71,843	1,031,420	339,035	245,253	22,676	406,180	3,341	59,429	173,162	3,987,846	5,787,330	
Currency Translation Adjustment													
NBV as restated	1,635,507	71,843	1,031,420	339,035	245,253	22,676	406,180	3,341	59,429	173,162	3,987,846	5,922,748	
At 31/12/2005	1,676,715	73,422	1,082,212	354,973	307,570	21,748	448,362	9,429	49,594	209,696	4,233,721	6,144,994	

An extensive review of fixed assets was conducted throughout the 2006 year re obsolescence, impairment and valuation under de minimus levels. This review necessitated significant disposals from the fixed asset register as quantified above.

8: Debtors and Prepayments

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	£	£	€	€
Trade debtors	6,601	11,571	9,804	16,795
Prepayments	110,804	89,491	164,567	129,891
Water pollution	10,000	10,000	14,852	14,514
Bailiffing	9,000	9,000	13,367	13,063
Other debtors	8,079	3,511	11,999	5,097
Grants receivable	9,533	156,430	14,158	227,048
	<u>154,017</u>	<u>280,003</u>	<u>228,747</u>	<u>406,408</u>

9: Creditors and Accruals

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	£	£	€	€
Trade creditors	118,976	4,140	176,703	6,009
Accruals	161,995	201,538	240,595	292,519
	<u>280,971</u>	<u>205,678</u>	<u>417,298</u>	<u>298,528</u>

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10: Capital Grants

		Dom /Dard £	Local Govt £	EU Funds £	Total £	Total €
Gross capital grant	Note					
At 1 January		1,555,221	975,685	2,614,057	5,144,963	7,524,508
Currency translation adjustment						132,963
Additions	4	301,780	-	-	301,780	442,787
Transfer retained reserves		145,960	-	-	145,960	216,780
Grant surrender		19,560	-	(19,560)	-	-
Disposals		(172,461)	(66,749)	(31,286)	(270,496)	(401,740)
At 31 December		1,850,060	908,936	2,563,211	5,322,207	7,915,298

Grant amortisation

At 1 January	359,566	318,505	496,946	1,175,017	1,762,365
Amortised in year	206,666	38,465	115,460	360,591	529,077
Eliminated on disposal	(106,705)	(63,738)	(30,804)	(201,247)	(298,892)
At 31 December	459,527	293,232	581,602	1,334,361	1,992,550

Unamortised capital grants

At 31 December	1,390,533	615,704	1,981,609	3,987,846	5,922,748
At 1 January	1,195,655	657,180	2,117,111	3,969,946	5,762,143

		2006 £	2005 €	2006 £	2005 €
Reconciliation of grant income					
Capital grant amortised in year		360,591	362,685	529,077	530,438
Revenue grant released in year	11	25,961	116,381	38,091	170,210
		386,552	479,066	567,168	700,648

11: Deferred Revenue Grants

	Dom /Dard	Local Govt	EU Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	€
At 1 January	-	-	18,857	18,857	27,370
Currency translation adjustment					298
Additions	-	-	7,104	7,104	10,423
	-	-	25,961	25,961	38,091
Released in year	-	-	25,961	25,961	38,091
At 31 December	-	-	-	-	-

12. Superannuation Scheme

	2006 £	2005 £	2006 €	2005 €
At 1 January	504,638	506,542	732,451	738,386
Exchange translation opening balance			22,158	
Employee's contributions	64,873	41,486	95,185	59,793
Loughs Agency's contributions	64,873	41,486	95,185	59,793
Contributions to pensions by Loughs Agency	155,621	85,509	228,335	123,241
	790,005	675,023	1,173,314	981,213

Payments during the year

Annual pensions	(128,080)	(126,521)	(190,224)	(184,721)
Lump sum payments	(6,622)	(43,864)	(9,835)	(64,041)
At 31 December	655,303	504,638	973,255	732,451

	2006 £	2005 £	2006 €	2005 €
Charge to income and expenditure account				
Loughs Agency's contributions for staff	64,873	41,486	95,185	60,675
Loughs Agency's contributions for pensioners	155,621	85,407	228,335	124,910
	220,494	126,893	323,520	185,585

The pension scheme currently operated by the Loughs Agency is governed by the Foyle Area (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations 1979. Section 9 of the regulations covers retirement on medical grounds. This section states that when a person retires on medical grounds then the length of pensionable service to be used when calculating the lump sum and annual pension should be increased as follows:

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- a) If the pensionable service is less than ten years then it should be doubled
b) If it is ten years or more it should be increased to either twenty years or by six years.

No staff members retired during the year.

Pension payments were also made to individuals who retired in previous years and who had their length of service increased by the additional two thirds of a year. The value of these additional payments is not known, but will be small and not material.

13. General Reserve

	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	€	€
At 1 January	453,856	259,675	658,744	378,532
Exchange translation opening balance			15,325	
Transfer to capital grant	(145,960)	-	(216,780)	-
(Deficit) / surplus for year	(740,709)	194,181	(1,085,564)	281,842
Exchange difference	-	-	(14,537)	(1,630)
At 31 December	(432,813)	453,856	(642,812)	658,744

14. Capital Commitments

	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	€	€
Contracted for		49,976		73,091
Authorised by Loughs Agency but not yet contracted for	-		-	

There were no Capital Commitments at 31st December 2006

15: Contingent Liabilities

The Loughs Agency had no contingent liabilities at 31st December 2006.

16: Operating Lease

At 31 December 2006 the Agency had an annual commitment under a short term business letting agreement for the ground floor office at Old Quay Lane, Carlingford of £4,512.08 / €6,599, (2005: £4,341 / €6,349). In addition a new storage unit was rented in Carlingford from 1st July 2006 at £10,029.01 / €14,667 per annum.

17: Related Party Transactions

The Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (Loughs Agency) is a North/South Implementation Body sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland, and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland.

The above named departments are regarded as related parties. During the period Loughs Agency has had various transactions with these departments.

None of the members of key management staff or other related parties has undertaken any material transactions with the Loughs Agency during the period.

18: Financial Instruments

a) Financial instruments

Due to the non - trading nature of its activities, and the way in which the Loughs Agency is financed, it is not exposed to the degree of financial risk faced by business entities. The Loughs Agency has very limited powers to borrow or invest surplus funds and financial assets and liabilities are generated by day - to - day operational activities and are not held to change the risks facing the Agency in undertaking its activities.

The Agency's financial instruments mainly consist of cash, trade debtors and trade creditors.

b) Liquidity, Interest Rate and Foreign Currency Risk

The Agency's net revenue resource requirements are financed by resources voted annually by Parliament and the Oireachtas, as largely is its capital expenditure. It is not therefore exposed to significant liquidity risks. The Agency does not access funds from commercial sources and so is not exposed to significant interest rate risk. The Agency's transactions are effected in the currencies of each part of Ireland, with realised gains and losses being taken to the Income and Expenditure account. The Agency's exposure to foreign currency risk is not significant as it receives agreed levels of funding from its sponsoring departments, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and

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its sponsoring departments, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, in sterling and euro respectively and does not engage in trading activities. However as the Agency receives one half of its funding from Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Euro, yet discharges the majority of its transactions in sterling, it is exposed to foreign currency risk to a limited degree.

ACCOUNT DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE NORTHERN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL RESOURCES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH/SOUTH CO-OPERATION (IMPLEMENTATION BODIES) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999 AND THE SOUTHERN BRITISH-IRISH AGREEMENT ACT 1999

The annual accounts shall give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year, and the state of affairs as at the year end. Subject to this requirement, the Loughs Agency shall prepare for the financial period ended 31 December 2000 and subsequent years in accordance with:

- a) The North/South Implementation Bodies Annual reports and Accounts Guidance;
- b) Other guidance which Finance Departments may issue from time to time in respect of accounts which are required to give a true and fair view;
- c) Any other specific disclosures required by sponsoring departments

Except where agreed otherwise with finance departments, in which case the exception shall be described in the notes to the accounts.

Signed by authority of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
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