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1. Chief Executive's Overview

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2007 which sets out the major achievements of the organisation and challenges met during the year.

The review of our performance over the period of this report highlighted the need to have a greater focus on information and communication. The Board and the Agency have always recognised that to achieve the sustainable development of the resources of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas not only informed dialogue with the Agency's direct customers, but, it is vital also to raise the profile of the rivers, loughs and their catchments and to highlight vulnerability of the impacts of 21st century society to those that are unaware of their contribution to the environmental pressures these natural resources are under.

Two specific elements of our 2005-2007 Corporate Plan addressed this issue, the formation of the Foyle and Carlingford Area Advisory Forum and the outreach or education programme focus through Riverwatch and its newly expanded aquaria.

In 2006 an independent recruitment process was adopted to replace the first Advisory Forum (which was stood down in 2005). The new advisory forum became fully operational in 2007, focusing on issues of importance to stakeholders and thereby contributing to effective decision making.

The Agency continues to further enhance its public consultation in the ongoing delivery of its functions. With regard to our responsibilities for Salmon and Inland Fisheries, this review, we believe, indicates the importance of informing our discussions with stakeholders and others who will influence the productivity of these resources.

Similarly the outreach work focused through the Agency's Interpretive Centre "Riverwatch" which has welcomed over 30,000 visitors and has significantly raised the profile of the fisheries, marine and environmental resources, particularly the Foyle Catchment and also demonstrates the resources and their vulnerability.

The development of the Agency's management regime for the salmonid stocks of the catchments progressed with further work on the genetics programme being commissioned and the development of a pre fisheries abundance model for salmon stocks in the Foyle Area being initiated in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Marine Institute, University of Glasgow and the Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique, France. During the period of this report the stocks of salmon in the Foyle Area continue to meet conservation limits.

Work to rebuild the stocks in the Carlingford Area continues. The European Economic Area (EEA) Cohesion Fund supported this work through the provision of funding for a counter on the Clanrye River at Newry and for the reinstatement of 7 in-stream habitat units on the upper reaches of the river. Similar work will also be funded from this source on the River Dee in County Donegal. Other reinstatement works were undertaken throughout the catchments as part of the Agency's conservation and protection programme.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992), the recommendations of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation and the International Council for the Exploitation of the Sea, the Agency was required to rationalise the commercial salmon fisheries in the Foyle Area. The base data which supported this decision was gathered by our fisheries protection vessels operating in the fishery, the migration patterns of adult salmon recorded at the fish counting facilities, the habitat and electrofishing surveys presented in our Status Reports and the work undertaken on the genetic variance of salmon stocks.

This monitoring has informed the management regime for the commercial and recreational fisheries that was implemented in 2007. To recognise the hardship that would be experienced by the implementation of this compliance, the Agency obtained approval for a "hardship package" for those who are operating in interceptory fisheries, who were obliged to cease fishing and for the remaining commercial drift net and draft net fishermen who were offered a voluntary opportunity to cease fishing. A suite of regulations was brought forward to ensure the benefits of any stock improvement generated by the rationalisation were not negated by increased angling mortality.

We believe that the information we were able to present to the stakeholders on the future prospects for salmon stocks and the requirement to protect them through further controls was sufficiently robust to ensure that the take up, on a voluntary basis, of the hardship package delivered the rationalisation without the need to enforce withdrawal from the sector. We were able to reduce the number of licences available in the drift net fishery from 112 to 18 and in the draft net fishery from 50 to 10 and thereby providing a sustainable commercial fishery in the future.

The Agency is committed to evidence-based decision making. Informed consultation with regard to the Agency's responsibilities for aquaculture and shellfisheries has been important when developing a suite of regulations to conserve and protect the wild oyster fishery in Lough Foyle.

During the period of this report considerable preparatory work was undertaken in the area of marine tourism and recreational angling development. This has resulted in significant consultation with relevant stakeholders and the preparation of a bid for the new INTERREG programme, due to be announced in early 2008.

I would like to thank the outgoing Board for their support and dedication since the inception of Loughs Agency. Their input and participation in the shaping of this

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organisation has provided a strong foundation for the new incoming Board. I welcome the new Board and look forward to working with them in the coming years.

I would also like to thank the staff of the Loughs Agency for their expertise, professionalism and commitment in the delivery of our responsibilities.

Derick Anderson
Chief Executive

2.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.

3.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 out-turn against objectives and targets.

4.Board Members

In December 2007 the term of the current board ceased and Ministers appointed a new twelve person Board from 13th December. Details of the members are as follows:

Mr Tarlach O'Crosain	Re-Appointed 13/12/07	Chairperson
Mr Peter Savage	End of term 12/12/07	Ex - Chairperson
Ms Jacqui McConville	Re-Appointed 13/12/07	Vice Chairperson
Mr Jack Allen	End of term 12/12/07	
Ms Siobhan Logue	End of term 12/12/07	
Mr Joseph Martin	End of term 12/12/07	

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Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston	End of term 12/12/07
Mr Francis Feely	End of term 12/12/07
Dr Patrick Griffin	End of term 12/12/07
Mr Andrew Ward	End of term 12/12/07
Mr Enda Bonner	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Brendan Byrne	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr John Byrne	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Denis Haughey	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Alan McCulla	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Joe Miller	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr John Mulcahy	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Winston Patterson	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Thomas Sloan	Appointed 13/12/07
Mr Jim Wilson	Appointed 13/12/07

Board Meetings

40th	Wednesday	10	January	2007	Armagh City Hotel
41st	Wednesday	07	March	2007	Loughs Agency HQ Prehen
42nd	Wednesday	09	May	2007	Ballymascanlon Hotel Dundalk
43rd	Wednesday	27	June	2007	Loughs Agency HQ Prehen
44th	Wednesday	29	August	2007	Loughs Agency HQ Prehen
45th	Wednesday	24	October	2007	Four Season Hotel Carlingford
46th	Wednesday	12	December	2007	Loughs Agency HQ Prehen

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

5. North / South Ministerial Council

The first NSMC Aquaculture & Marine Sectoral meeting since the restoration of the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly was held in the Loughs Agency Headquarters in Prehen on Wednesday 21 November 2007.

The Council noted progress made since the last meeting in April 2002 and discussed the passing of legislation in both jurisdictions in 2007, which provided the Loughs Agency with the powers to regulate aquaculture and wild shellfisheries in both the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

Other areas discussed included:

- The introduction of a hardship package to provide a measure of relief to those affected by the cessation of the commercial drift or draft net salmon fishing in the Foyle area.
- Corporate Plan for the period 2008-2010 and Business Plan for 2008, subject

- to budgetary considerations by the Executive and the Irish Government.
- Marine Tourism Development Strategy for the period 2008 to 2013, subject to the availability of funding under the EU programme for Cross Border Territorial Co-operation.
 - Financial Assistance Policy to oversee how grant aid will be administered in the support of angling development, conservation and protection of fisheries, marine tourism and aquaculture.
 - Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2006.
 - Proposed purchase of a monitoring vessel subject to the availability of funding under the EU Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG).
 - The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2007 which should positively impact on conservation and protection of salmon stocks in an area of the River Finn.
 - Development of regulations to improve the control of salmon and coarse angling and for the licensing and development of aquaculture.

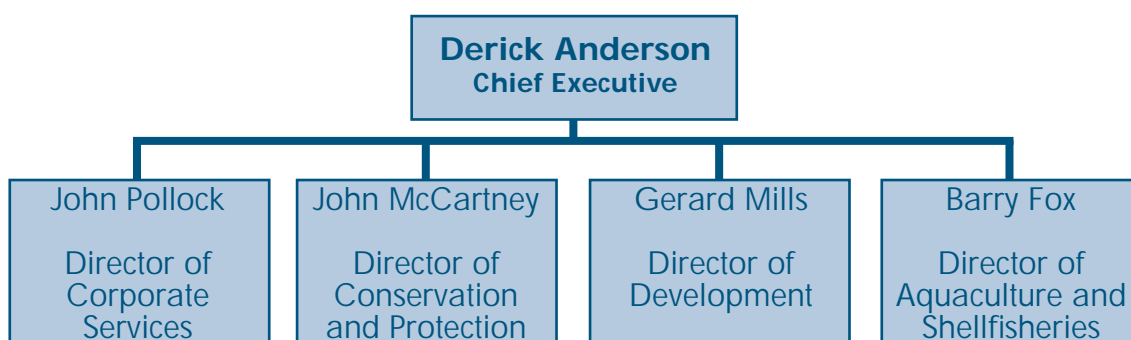
6. Foyle And Carlingford Area Advisory Forum

10	January	2007	Armagh City Hotel
28	February	2007	Waterfoot Hotel Derry
18	April	2007	Canal Court Hotel Newry
27	September	2007	Silverbirch Hotel Omagh

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

7. Staffing

The review of the Agency's staffing structure was completed and agreed in early 2006, with the recruitment of all the posts completed in June 2007. The Agency now operates within a four Directorate structure (Corporate Services, Conservation & Protection, Aquaculture & Shellfisheries and Development) which are now fully operational with a current approved core staffing level of 53.



8. 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 Geographical Information System, Police and Criminal Evidence, advanced boating, accounting, investigatory practice and a range of equality awareness, health and safety and IT related courses.

9. Information Technology

During 2007 the Agency invested in Trimble GPS Data logging units which are used by our field staff for all freshwater and marine surveys these include habitat, redd counts and electrofishing data. The fish counter programme continued to be developed with Clanrye (Newry) and Strule (Omagh) and both coming online towards the end of the year. Development of the Agency's website, www.loughs-agency.org, continued with the rollout of the marine tourism sections and has already proved a very useful tool for the dissemination of information to the tourist. Further sections on conservation and development and aquaculture are planned for 2008.

10. Education And Interpretive Centre "Riverwatch"

The Agency's outreach work focused through the Agency's Interpretive Centre "Riverwatch" which has welcomed over 30,000 visitors and has significantly raised the profile of the fisheries, marine and environmental resources, particularly the Foyle Catchment and also demonstrates the resources and their vulnerability. In 2007, the number of visitors topped 8,000. This figure was slightly below expectations due largely to a two month maintenance closure during the year.

While the majority of the visitors have been primary school children we are increasingly targeting post primary schools and adult groups. The opportunities to protect, develop and enjoy the resources of the catchment have been further promoted by outreach programmes such as 'Salmon in the Classroom', 'Youth Justice Agency Initiative' for young offenders and our 'Environmental Monitoring Projects'.

11. Fisheries Management And Development

Salmon Management And Development

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 North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (NASCO), an inter-governmental body established by treaty drawing its membership from USA, Russia, Canada, Greenland, European Union and other countries, has encouraged its members to adopt a precautionary approach to salmon management and the Loughs Agency has endeavoured to follow this lead.

The Agency salmon management strategy was refined with a full review of escapement targets by our Scientific Advisors in 1998. The Agency is committed to continuing to ensure that its application of data is at the forefront of available technology, and in 2007 began the application of the Wetted Area Model for comparative purposes on escapement.

The Agency has continued to ensure best management practice is applied to its salmon fisheries by retaining a Post Graduate student to research the development of a Pre Fisheries Abundance model for the Foyle area. This project is well underway, and hopefully it will be completed in 2008.

Agency staff continued to collate the relevant data on audit points for salmon management. Salmon are under the constant threat from a range of inter-related factors including degraded in-river habitat, pollution, changing agricultural and forestry practice and predation by cormorants and seals. The Agency has tried to address all of these contributory factors. Loughs Agency has prepared catchment status reports outlining the main issues impacting within each catchment and presenting relevant scientific data. These are available on the Conservation and Protection web pages of the Agency's website. Fisheries Conservation Protection and Management Statistics have been provided for the 2007 season and are included within Appendix 2.

In 2007 Agency staff built in the monitoring of water quality and macro invertebrate life of minor tributaries into the salmon life cycle audit points to ensure that the Agency's management of the fishery was undertaken with a holistic view of the wider ecosystem. This data has facilitated our field staff to differentiate between issues related to water pollution, habitat damage and accessibility relevant to migratory fish which has allowed the Agency to target a range of different measures to strategically address the issues identified.

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The Agency position in relation to restocking of rivers came under close scrutiny in 2007. Some stakeholders felt that the Agency should move towards the use of hatchery stocks and programmes.

Agency scientific staff and advisors may turn to this type of programme in the future, but only after water quality and habitat issues are fully addressed, and there has been a suitable opportunity for natural restocking. This approach is most likely to be effective in the long term and does not artificially alter the genetic makeup of the natural brood stock. This provides adherence to best practice advice derived from Loughs Agency salmon genetic reports and precautionary principle guidelines.

Salmon Management Audit Points

Commercial Catches

2007 saw the introduction of the Commercial Salmon Fishing Hardship Scheme. The Scheme was introduced as a result of the requirements of the Habitats Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora. The Agency is pleased that the Hardship Package it introduced achieved the necessary reduction in fishing effort entirely on a voluntary basis. In order to meet the requirements of the Habitats Directive the Agency introduced measures to cease the interceptory fishery on stocks not achieving their conservation limits. The fishery seaward of Lough Foyle has been demonstrated to impact on such stocks in Ireland, Great Britain and beyond, this fishery ceased in 2007.

The stocks within Lough Foyle were historically exploited by approximately 30 drift nets each fishing 900 meters of net. The Agency's scheme sought to confirm the rationalisation of the commercial fishery at this number, but proposed the further reduction of fishing effort by reducing the length of the nets that could be fished to 500 meters.

All drift net licence applicants who would have had their 2007 applications approved were offered the Hardship Package on the basis that they would enter a "contract" to permanently cease commercial salmon fishing, would decommission their nets and commit to the repayment of the package if they were detected commercially fishing for salmon.

Of the 112 licences eligible all but 18 chose to take the Package and the Agency's regulatory regime was not required to enforce the reduction of drift net effort required (i.e. to 30 nets in Lough Foyle).

In the draft net fishery where up to 50 licences were available annually, no reduction was required as all the stocks exploited by these nets, those of the River Mourne, the River Finn and their tributaries are achieving conservation limits. However, 40 of the 50 draft net licences who had their applications approved in 2007 opted to take the

Hardship Package under the same commitment as that made by their drift nets men colleagues.

Both the Drift and Draft net Fisheries are now capped to the number of licences taken out in the pervious season.

No closures or extension to the recreational or commercial fisheries were introduced during 2007 principally due to the extreme weather conditions that persisted for much of the summer. Water levels were high throughout the period June to August. In effect the fish counting facilities at Sion Mills Weir “washed out” which allowed the salmon on their returning migration to move over the weir without being counted.

The commercial fishery catches in 2007 were, as expected with the reduced effort, down significantly on previous years. See table A below:

Table A

Year	Drift	Draft	Combined Drift and Draft
2000	23069	12628	35697
2001	13500	9476	22976
2002	28851	11917	40768
2003	15741	16991	32732
2004	12800	9490	22290
2005	13391	12143	25534
2006	6160	6031	12191
2007	2598	2774	5372

Fish Counters

The Agency commissioned two new fish counters in Omagh on the Strule and Newry on the Clanrye which will enhance the ability to properly manage the fish stocks of the Foyle and Carlingford areas. Both of these sites, as new facilities have yet to have any validation work undertaken.

As with some of the other facilities, these do not cover the entire river channel and fish are known to have bypassed the counting area, these should therefore be viewed as likely to be minimum counts, but will provide useful year on year comparators. Comparative fish counter data is detailed below in table B:

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Table B

	2005	2006	2007
Faughan	4245	3399	1257
Finn	8571	5700	3278
Sion Mills	9397	9352	3714
Roe	2917	1213	5375
Corrick	1269	228	1705
Newry	-	-	32
Omagh	-	-	126

The River Faughan and Sion Mills counts for 2007 were deemed to be unsatisfactory and only partial counts due to very high water conditions in the late spring and early summer which allowed fish to traverse the weirs instead of going through the fish counters.

The low Corrick count in 2006 was due to vandalism of the counter.

While the count on the river Finn was very disappointing, it is interesting to note that the River Roe had its best ever run of salmon recorded on the counter at Limavady.

Rod Catch Returns 2007

The percentage of anglers making a catch return in 2007 was down on recent years (see Appendix 2 – table 12). This is of some concern as it is a regulatory requirement for the angler to make timely and accurate catch returns. Catch returns are an important audit point, which facilitates the sustainable management of the fish populations of the Foyle and Carlingford areas, and we would therefore urge compliance with the legislative requirement for returns to be made.

Declared catches of salmon showed an increase when compared to recent years but declared catches of trout were down, demonstrating a worrying trend. This is further discussed in the following section on sea trout (Further information on angling returns are outlined in Appendix 2 – tables 10, 11 and 12).

Some angling clubs also requested their members to make returns to their organisation. In 2007 River Faughan Anglers Ltd club permit returns indicated that their members had caught 2369 adult Atlantic salmon within the Faughan catchment. When this is compared to the licence returns made to the Loughs Agency where a catch of 1132 adult Atlantic salmon for the Faughan catchment was recorded, it is apparent that many anglers are failing to make full returns to the Loughs Agency. This is not helpful in the preparation of a full picture of the status of these stocks.

Redd Counts

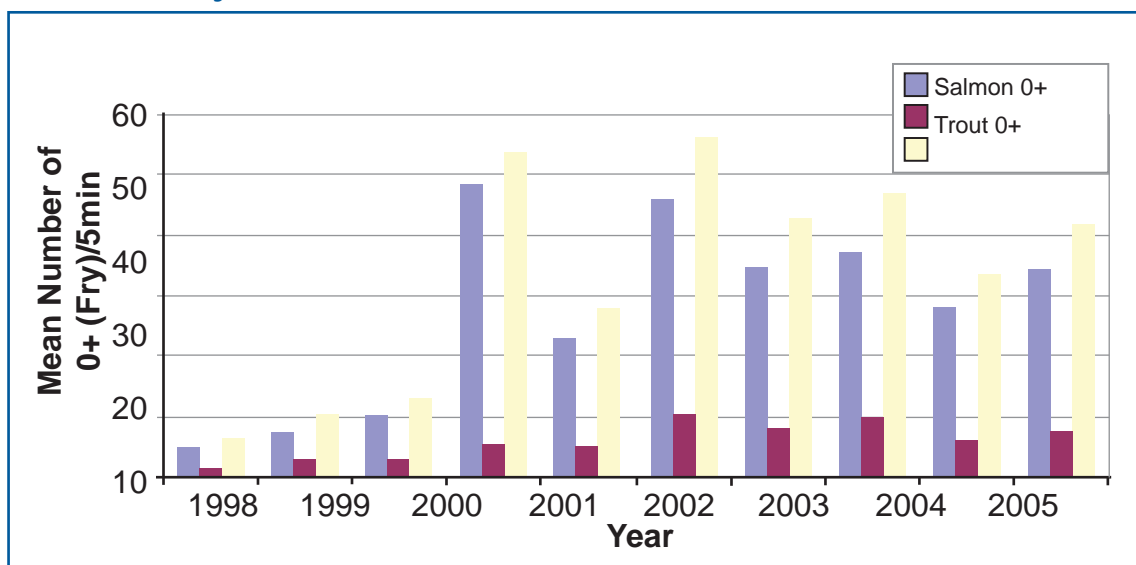
Redds are the sites where adult salmon deposit their eggs in gravel and can be recognised by a characteristic depression with downstream mound created by excavation of the depression or nest by the spawning adults. The accuracy of redd counts has always been subject to weather conditions, with flood 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 2007, conditions for redd counting were mixed with the results presented in Appendix 2 – table 3.

Electrofishing

In 2007 a total of 573 sites were semi-quantitatively electrofished within the Foyle and Carlingford areas. 487 sites surveyed were within the Foyle system and 86 sites were within the Carlingford system.

Within the Foyle system the average number of salmon fry present at each site in 2007 was 19 with an average of 4 trout fry present at each site. While trout numbers may appear disappointing the selection of sites is biased towards salmon habitat.

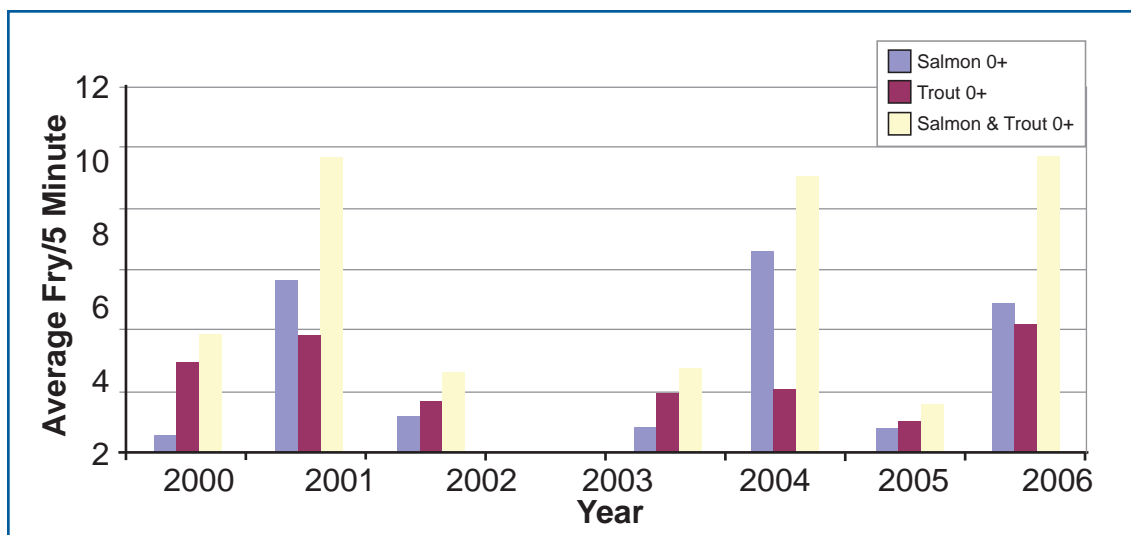
River Roe Fry Index



River Roe (Foyle area) catchment fry index 1998-2007. Note number of sites surveyed has fluctuated annually from 27 in 1998 to 75 in 2007, the number of sites surveyed has stabilised since 2002.

Within the Carlingford system the average number of salmon fry present at each site in 2007 was 2 with an average of 2 trout fry present at each site.

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White Water River (Carlingford area) catchment fry index 2000-2007. Note number of sites surveyed has fluctuated annually from 5 in 2000 to 20 in 2007, the number of sites surveyed has stabilised since 2002.

It should be noted that the charts displayed above denote general trends within the selected catchments and are based on a fluctuating number of sites surveyed annually. This fluctuation can be due to a number of factors including events such as foot and mouth disease in 2001 which restricted access in some areas to sites becoming overgrown and unsuitable for survey. The Loughs Agency aims to have a consistent number of sites surveyed within each catchment annually.

In addition to the semi-quantitative electrofishing surveys a number of sites within the Faughan catchment were quantitatively surveyed. This ongoing quantitative monitoring is designed to assess the effectiveness of in-stream habitat improvement works completed in 2007. Monitoring will continue for the next 4-5 years and will be reported within the River Faughan catchment status report.

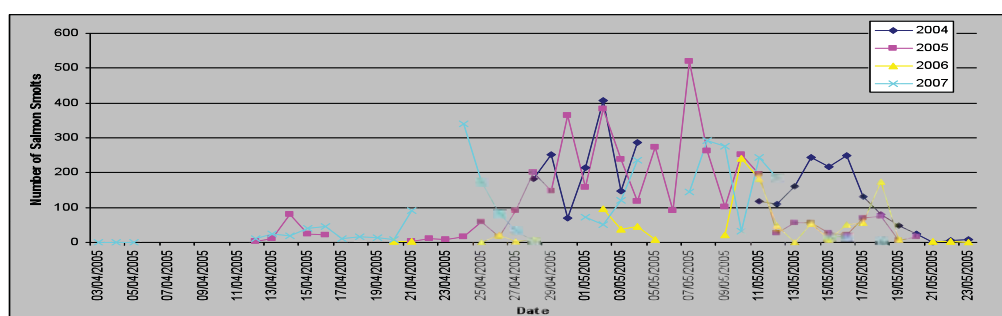
Coded Wire Tagging (CWT)

The Coded Wire Tagging programme continued in 2007 on the River Faughan. No tagging took place on the River Finn. It is hoped to run tagging on 2 rivers in 2008 in support of the international SALSEA Merge programme, investigating salmon at sea. CWT is conducted for a number of reasons including to highlight the areas where returning adult salmon are exploited. The Loughs Agency uses Rotary Screw Traps (RST) to catch the smolts for tagging. This facilitates the collection of valuable biological data and other information on abundance and run timing of both the salmonid and other fish populations descending the river at this time of year.

Information on smolts tagged in 2006 and caught as returning adults in the 2007 season will be presented in the 2008 annual report and in the river catchment status reports 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.

From 2005 the Loughs Agency has used Coded Wire Tagging equipment 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 on the return of the fish head to Loughs Agency Headquarters in Prehen. Details of location, of capture and date fish was caught, length, weight and scale sample are invaluable for the use of this information.



Salmon smolt run timing and abundance from rotary screw trap sub sample River Faughan 2004-2007. Breaks in data are due to closure of trap during high water conditions

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

Numbers of salmon smolts tagged on River Finn 2002-2006 (note no tagging carried out on the River Finn in 2007)

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Year Tagged	Year Recaptured	Numbers Recaptured	Recapture Location
2002	2003 2004	10 1	Donegal, Foyle Area, North Coast, Mayo, Galway, River Finn
2003	2004	25	Donegal, Foyle Area, Mayo, Kerry, River Finn
2004	2005	8	Greencastle
2005	2006	1	Torr

Recapture data from the 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	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	25.4
2007	1547	2+	13.5	27.1

Numbers of smolts tagged on River Faughan 2003-2007

Year Tagged	Year Recaptured	Numbers Recaptured	Recapture Location
2003	2004	12	Greencastle, Burtonport, Malin Head, Belmullet and Torr Head
2004	2005	16	Greencastle, Malin Head, Donegal and Galway Bay
2005	2006	3	Greencastle

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

In stream works

Loughs Agency funded the in stream works in 2007 on the following rivers:

River name	Type of works	Comments
Fintona River	Habitat improvement of banks and in stream gravel	Salmon redds observed on new gravel in December 2007
Seskinore River	Habitat improvement of banks and in stream gravel	Salmon redds observed on new gravel in December 2007
Upper River Derg	Removal of compacted silt and replacement with spawning gravel	Salmon redds observed on new gravel in December 2007
River Deelee	Removal in tunnelling	Expected improvement in juveniles numbers to be observed in 2008
Ballykelly river	Removal of compacted silt and replacement with spawning gravel	Trout redds observed on new gravel in December 2007
Bonds glen river	Habitat improvement of banks and in stream gravel	Salmon redds observed on new gravel in December 2007
Fore glen river	Habitat improvement of banks and in stream gravel	Salmon redds observed on new gravel in December 2007

The works on the Ballykelly River were carried out in partnership with Rivers Agency. The works on the Foreglen and Bonds Glen rivers were carried out in partnership with The River Faughan Anglers Association and RAPID.

Sea Trout

Sea Trout is the anadromous form of the brown trout *Salmo trutta* L. Catch returns for sea trout are outlined later in this report however the trends over recent years have shown a decline in the declared catch, especially within the Foyle area.

Sea trout in the Carlingford area reach a greater average size than those within the Foyle area, with the White Water River having significant annual returns of these large sea trout.

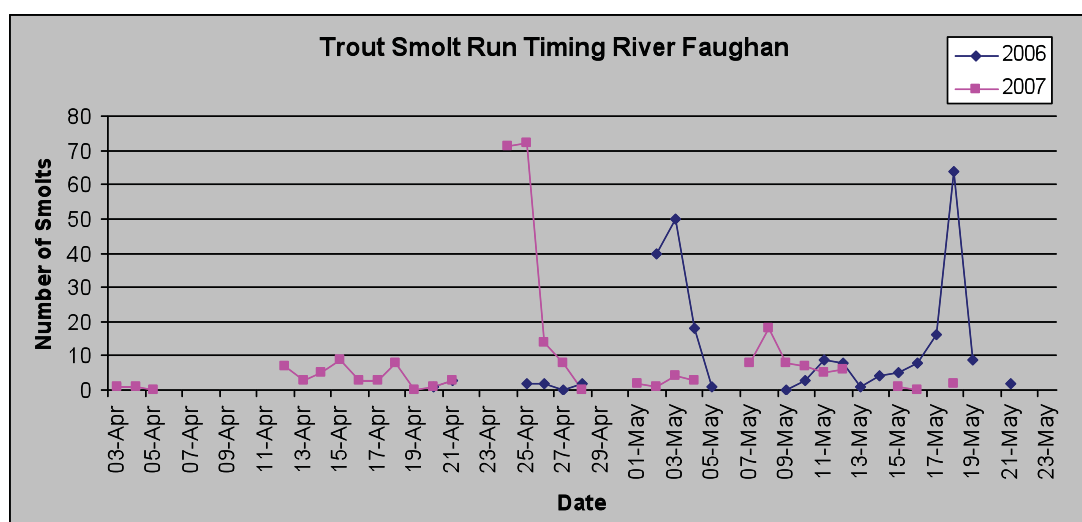
A number of factors could be responsible for declining sea trout stocks with common issues such as abnormally high sea lice infestation providing possible explanations.

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Other factors could include ecosystem change impacting upon traditional prey species, coastal water pollution and over fishing. Fewer trout smolts may also be migrating to sea and may be remaining as brown trout within the rivers.

Many questions remain unanswered about *Salmo trutta* L. The Loughs Agency supports further research on trout populations and where possible will contribute towards relevant studies and collecting important biological information.

Sea trout smolts in addition to salmon smolts are caught in the Loughs Agency rotary screw traps. Some of the data collected before the sea trout smolts were returned to the river is displayed below. The collection of this data will contribute towards the long term monitoring of run timing and abundance trends of sea trout within key catchments.



Sea Trout smolt run timing and abundance from rotary screw trap sub sample, River Faughan 2006 &-2007. Breaks in data are due to closure of trap during high water conditions

Year	Number of Sea Trout Smolts	Mean Length (cm)	Mean Weight (g)
2006	248	17.8	64.14
2007	279	19.1	74.73

The Loughs Agency encourages catch and release as an important conservation tool for sea trout within the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

Coarse Fisheries Management and Development

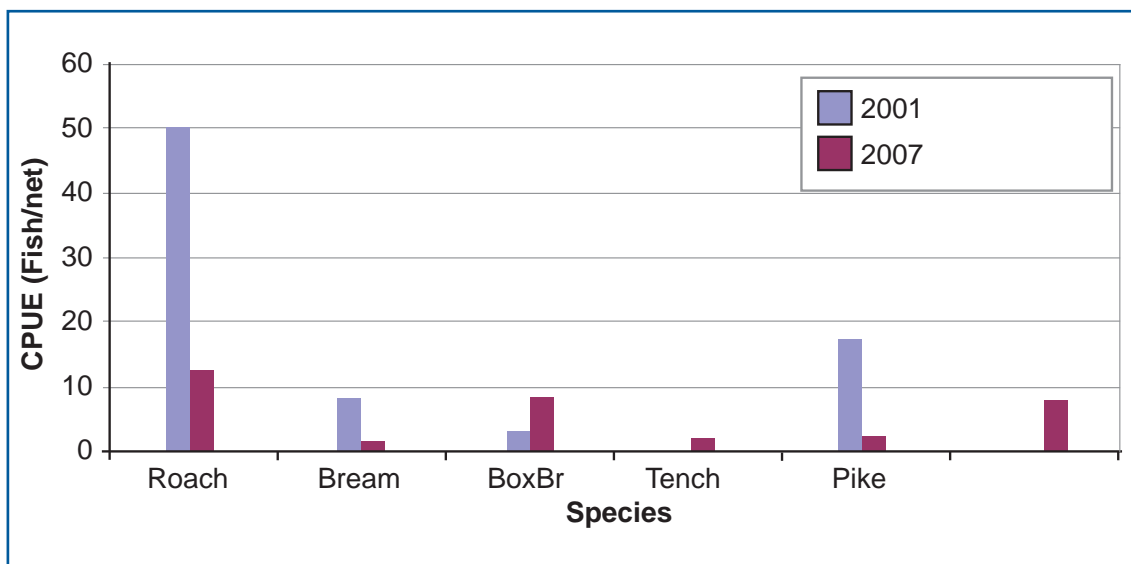
Coarse fishing remains important in both Carlingford and Foyle. The Agency continued to work with local stakeholders, to develop and promote a number of waters.

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.

The Agency in September 2007 undertook a fish stock assessment of the Newry Canal between Victoria Lock and the Albert Basin in conjunction with the Aquatic Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) and the Central Fisheries Board (CFB). This survey updated previous reports from 2001 and 2002. A new element to the 2007 survey was the use of new hydro-acoustic technology which enabled the estimation of fish numbers in the canal. This was ground truthed using standard netting techniques which followed the draft European Standards for surveys of this type. While direct comparisons with the previous surveys are difficult, due to changes in the technology applied, stocks of certain species did appear to have declined, for instance only one juvenile bream was found in 2007 as against good numbers of adults in 2002. Reasonable numbers of roach X bream hybrids were present in 2007 in numbers comparable to other similar systems. A number of potential problems were identified which should be addressed:

- poor water quality, particularly in the Albert Basin.
- lowering and raising of the water levels in the canal during critical spawning periods.
- potential over exploitation of stocks.

Summary catch for fish captured in traditional gill net gangs during fish stock surveys conducted in the Newry Canal in 2001 and 2007.



Legislation

Amendments to Regulations

As indicated earlier in this report, the Agency is committed to use the information it collects to protect, maintain and deliver, the achievement of sustainable stocks of salmonids in the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

While actions are available to us from the freshwater phase of the life cycle of these fish and are being taken on an ongoing basis as reported, the impact of very significant reductions in sea survival of salmon are being experienced. International co-operations are being initiated to examine the issues surrounding these reductions and will report over the next 3 to 5 years. However the Agency has, as reported earlier, taken steps to further control the exploitation of returning salmon to ensure the level of spawning stocks required for the system are achieved.

As a consequence, the following amendments to the regulations listed below have been made. It should be noted that the impact and effectiveness together with information on the populations of the systems are under continual review and if further refinement of the existing regulations or new ones are required, these will be brought forward in consultation with our stakeholders in a timely but measured fashion.

The amendments made during 2007 were:

1. Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Licensing of Fishing Engine) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Licensing of Fishing Engine) Regulations 2001

- (a) Delay the date for submission of applications for commercial salmon licences from the 15th January to the 30th April.

2. Foyle Area (Control of Drift and Draft Net Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area (Control of Drift and Draft Net Fishing) Regulations 2001

- (a) Removal of references to drift nets used seaward of Lough Foyle or partially in Lough Foyle and partially seaward of Lough Foyle.

3. Foyle Area (Control of Drift and Draft Net Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area (Control of Drift and Draft Net Fishing) Regulations 2001

- (a) Remove Area Seaward of Lough Foyle.
- (b) Restrict the number of licences available in each category to 30 Drift and 50 Draft. The number of licences issued in years following 2007 not to exceed the number issued in the 2007 season.

4. Foyle Area (Control of Netting) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area (Control of Netting) Regulations 1981

- (a) Amendment to reduce the length of net that can be used to 500m.
- (b) Providing that draft nets may not be operated in the Foyle Area seawards of Lough Foyle.

5. Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Tagging and Log Book) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Tagging and Log Book) Regulations 2001

- (a) Restrict the number of tags available for issue to anglers to 5 Blue during the period 1st March to 31st May.
- (b) Create an offence to use Blue tags outside this period.
- (c) Restrict the number of tags available to anglers to 20 Black during the period 1st June to 31st October.

6. Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 – Amendment of the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) Regulations 2001

- (a) Change the daily bag limit to one Salmon or one Sea Trout over 40cms, for the period 1st March to 31st May.
- (b) Change the daily bag limit to two Salmon or two Sea Trout over 40cms or one of each during the period 1st June to 31st October.
- (c) Introduce a daily bag limit of 4 Brown Trout.
- (d) Introduce a regulation that requires anglers to use a single barbless hook with a gape of not more than 7mm and prohibit the use of earthworm as bait to facilitate the successful catch and release of any salmon or sea trout accidentally caught.

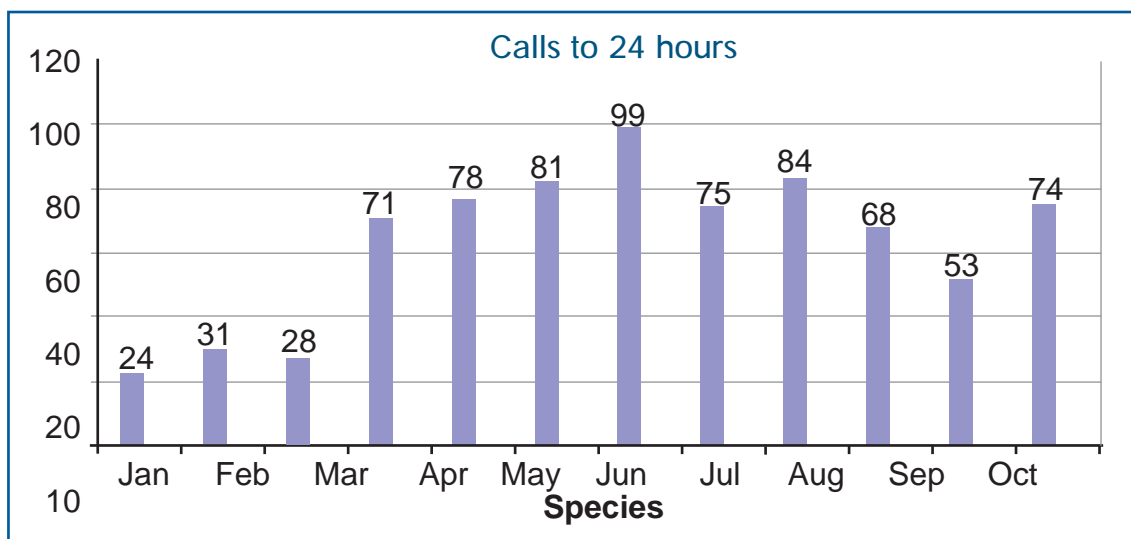
Conservation And Protection Of Fisheries

Calls to 24 hours response line after hours

From 5pm to 9 am the after hours response line took 766 calls, as detailed on the graph below:

The after hours response line was the subject of an Agency promotion campaign in February/March 2007, and has been the source of significant information relating to illegal fishing and water pollution issues.

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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.

2007 saw a significant focus on regulatory enforcement actions. This has led to the seizures listed below, the seized nets included 8 sea nets (1000m length in total).

These actions have led to papers being referred to our solicitors for prosecution of 56 individuals for fisheries protection offences.

Summary of seizures by Agency staff

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rods	10	16	13	26	85
Boats & vehicles	24	16	15	8	16
Nets	217	189	118	97	101
Salmon & trout	160	137	126	77	58

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.

Due to a high incidence of angling offences, 2007 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.

Private Riverwatchers also provided valuable assistance in the provision of additional protection on their fisheries. The Agency undertook to train these warrant holders in Fishery law and evidential procedure, the seminars were well attended and provided significant positive feedback. 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.

Fresh Water Quality

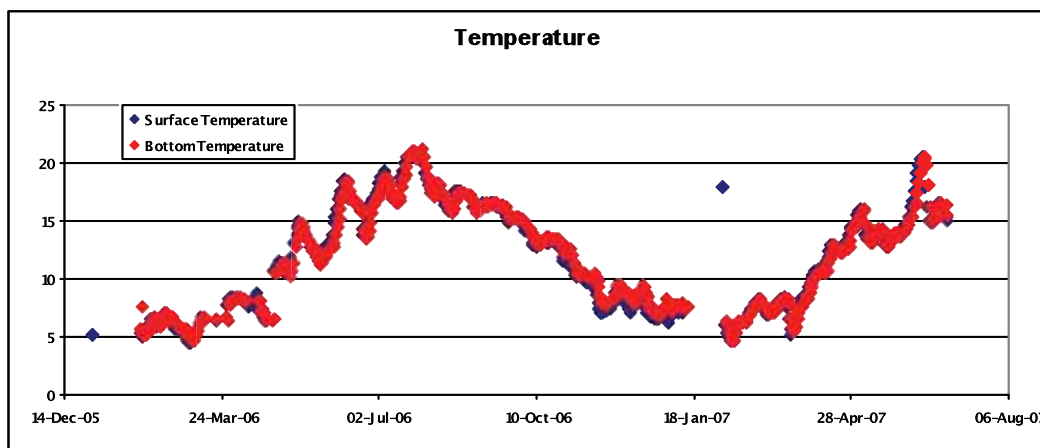
The Agency continues to be a statutory consultee regarding developments that have the potential to impact on the riverine environment either from a water quality in stream or perspective riparian environment. This includes discussions with the Forest Service and various forestry bodies regarding possible 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 compensatory 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. Using the combined electrofishing, Redd count, water quality and macro invertebrate data gathered in 2007, the Agency was able to evaluate those areas most impacted by pollution and targeted these sub catchments for pro active inspection. A proportion of these inspections led to referral for advice on farming practice, and some led to prosecution for illegal discharges. There were no significant fish kill incidents in the Foyle and Carlingford areas. There were some minor incidents of fish mortality in the Foyle area later in the season, but these appear to have been due to fungal infections on a small number of fish.

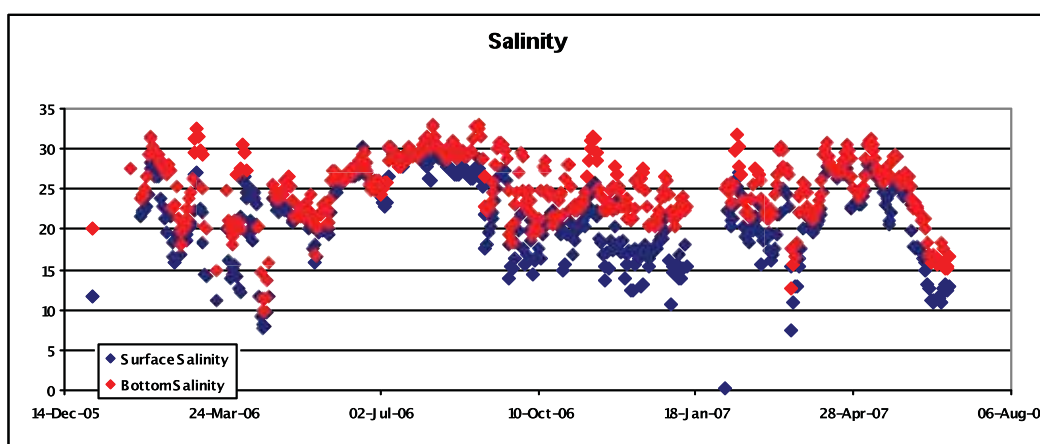
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Marine Water Quality

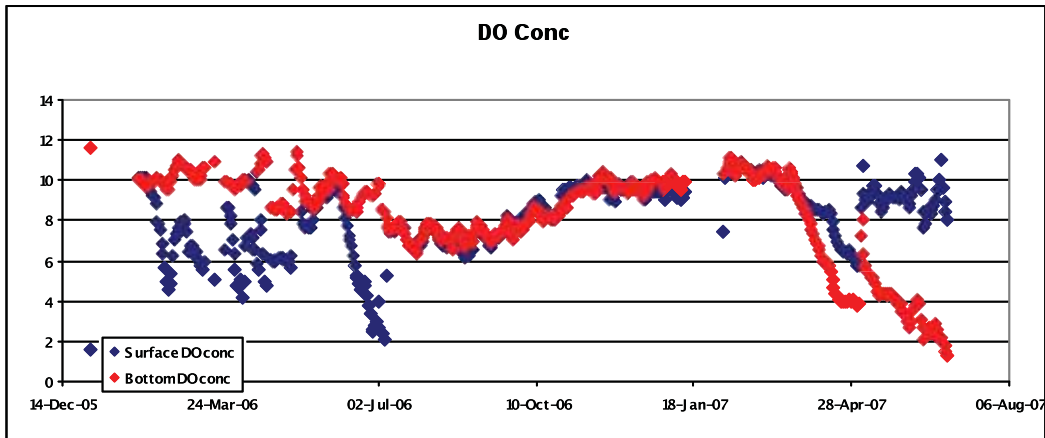
The Agency with its partners monitored the Sea Loughs around the clock with data from telemetry buoys some of the data is displayed below;



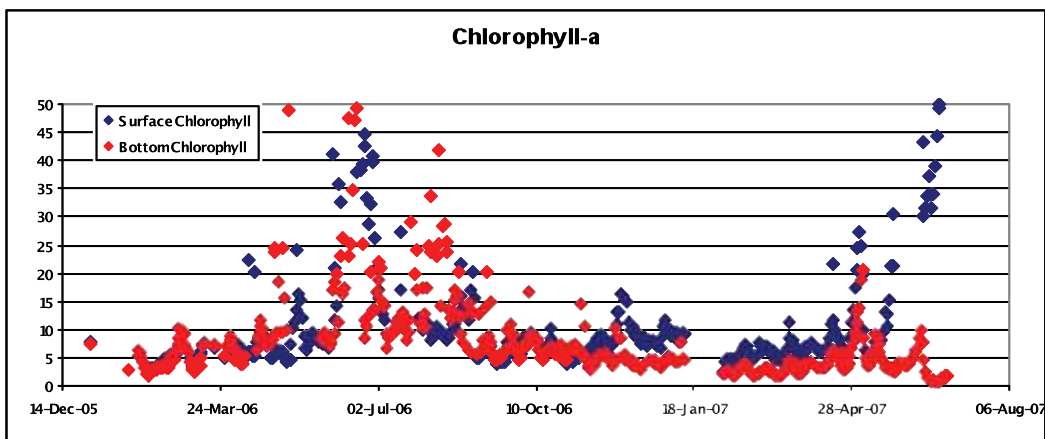
Water temperatures for 2006-2007 show a characteristic pattern of rapid warming in spring and early summer to a maximum of around 22°C. The lowest winter temperature recorded was around 4°C. Water temperature is a major factor in determining spawning timing of shellfish.



Salinity levels are very variable within the Foyle Estuary, and are influenced heavily by the tidal cycles and also the freshwater runoff from the Rivers Foyle, Roe and Faughan. Salinity at the sampling station can vary from below 10ppt to 34ppt. Full seawater has a salinity value of 34ppt showing and freshwater has a salinity value close to 0.



Dissolved Oxygen (DO) can have a major influence on the type of species present within a waterbody. Low dissolved oxygen can result from poor water quality and nutrient enrichment. In Lough Foyle DO is fairly constantly high, although periods of low DO do periodically occur. It is notoriously hard to record DO with an automatic field logger such as those deployed and inconsistencies in the data occur often.



The chlorophyll-a levels in the graph exhibit late spring and summer blooms. Chlorophyll-a is inherently variable and can change on an hourly basis throughout the spring and summer seasons when nutrient availability is high and light intensity is strong. The continuous monitoring of such a variable parameter is imperative to identifying accurately the changes in the standing stock of chlorophyll-a in the estuary through time. These records can be used to assess shellfish growth trends within the ecosystem and can be used to determine the uptake of chlorophyll-a by the shellfish populations. This primary productivity assessment is beneficial to the estimation of ecosystem carrying capacity and also allows shellfish growth predictions to be made for shellfish farmers wishing to optimize production from their operations.

Changes in chlorophyll biomass throughout time may be an indicator of decreased nutrient availability or nutrient limitation in estuaries. Lough Foyle has been shown to be phosphorus limited and this may be having an impact on the spatial extent and duration of the plankton blooms in the spring and summer.

12. Aquaculture And Shellfisheries

The Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Act 2007 and The Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 were enacted during this year. It has enabled the Agency to begin the development of Regulations for the conservation, management and development of wild shellfisheries and aquaculture in the Loughs Agency areas. The full rollout of the aquaculture licensing regime will commence in 2009. In preparation for the regulation of aquaculture and shellfisheries in Lough Foyle an independent baseline survey of the Lough was undertaken by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). An implementation plan for the conservation protection and management of the wild oyster fishery in Lough Foyle was published for consultation in May 2007. It is envisaged that Regulations will be in place for the 2008 oyster fishery to ensure the sustainable management and development of this fishery into the future.

A Steering Committee for the development of terms of reference to deliver a Strategic Environmental Assessment was established and included membership from stakeholders, government departments and environmental interests. Work on this will be undertaken by consultants and Agency staff in early 2008.

Discussions are ongoing with the Crown Estates Commission and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to develop a management agreement for the development of aquaculture within the Loughs. The Commission, CEC and the DCMNR are committed to delivering this agreement prior to the licensing regime coming into operation.

The Agency secured funding for a monitoring vessel for the Loughs in 2007. Tendering has taken place in line with EU procurement guidelines and it is hoped that a vessel that can aid in the development and management of the shellfish resources of both Loughs will be in place by the end of 2008.

13. Marine Tourism

Key achievements in 2007 were the approval of the Agency's financial assistance policy for small grants by the North South Ministerial Council in November. This allowed the Agency to begin to meet its obligation under the North/South (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and the British Irish Agreement Act 1999, to develop angling and marine tourism (including by grant aid). The strategy was disseminated in late 2007 via public meetings, advertising and media promotion throughout the catchments; a call for projects was made for the period 2008-2009 this provides the

opportunity to increase engagement with stakeholders and to implement much needed projects in line with the wider Marine Tourism and Angling Development Strategy.

The North/South Ministerial Council also supported the Agency's development of a Marine Tourism and Angling Development Strategy up to 2013 – this will be implemented subject to budget being sourced from the INTERREG IV programme.

The INTERREG IV programme was announced in March 2007 and the Agency successfully applied for funding to develop 2 'pipeline' bids to further refine its Marine Tourism and Angling Development Strategy and to develop a Transnational research programme with our colleagues in the Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment in Glasgow University.

The bids were submitted in September/October 2007 and we are awaiting the outcome which is expected in early/mid 2008.

An improved profile of the Carlingford catchment was achieved via partnerships with Carlingford/Cooley tourism, Carlingford Yacht Club and Warrenpoint Chamber of Commerce. These organisations ran three key events: The Oyster Pearl Festival, The J24 Yacht racing championship and a visit of the tall ships to Warrenpoint Harbour. The events were successful in attracting additional visitors to the Carlingford area and it is hoped these will be regular calendar events for the future.

14. Angling Promotion

An extensive round of angling promotion occurred throughout 2007, with attendance at key shows which target the core visitor and domestic markets of the Agency, resulting in increased licence sales (please refer to Appendix 2 Table 18).

At the outset of the season, the Agency hosted it's Angling Fair with over 4000 visitors in an effort to showcase the catchment and develop awareness of the role of the Agency – a key highlight was the World Distance casting championship which achieved a new world record.

The Angling Fair aims to embrace all angling users and during national angling week in August, workshops were provided free of charge to children and young people in order to develop their skills and awareness of fishing and the importance of the environment in protecting this precious resource.

Shows attended included:

- Belfast Angling Show
- Dublin Angling Show
- Tweed Show
- Shanes Castle fair
- Birr Castle Fair and Game show

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- English Fly fair

The Agency is well represented in niche publications. In an effort to promote the region advertorial appear on a monthly basis highlighting work done and showcasing by visiting angling journalists.

As part of the continuing professional development programmes a level three guiding programme was developed in partnership with Cavan Monaghan Rural development with 20 anglers achieving qualification up to level 3 as Angling Guides.

The Agency in line with our core values has developed promotional materials to encourage catch and release so that conservation is improved; indeed the festivals/competitions provided are run on this basis which make the Agency's approach somewhat unique anywhere in Ireland.

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.	
1.5	Regulation.	
PERFORMANCE TARGET		UPDATE
1.1.1	Status Reports for Tributary/area by March 2007	Reports completed and posted on Agency Website.
1.1.2	Agree actions with Fishery owners by May 2007.	Completed – list of In-Stream works identified and agreed.
1.2.1	Implement actions to improve sustainability of fisheries by November 2007.	Completed – 7 areas of In-Stream works completed.
1.2.2	Identify and prioritise areas in each of the five regional inspectorates with regard for biodiversity & habitat protection by November 2007.	Completed – areas within Status Reports.
1.3.1	Provide 120 days at sea on Lough Foyle check 100% of boats observed fishing.	Completed – 120 days at sea logged and 100% check completed.
1.3.2	Provide 40 days at sea in Carlingford Lough.	Completed – 40 days at sea logged.
1.3.3	Check 3,600 angling licences and logbooks in Foyle and Carlingford Areas between 1 March 2007 and 20 October 2007.	Completed – more than 4,000 licence checks conducted throughout the Season.
1.3.4	Check 100% of operational netsmen's log books during the commercial season.	Completed – 10 draft net and 18 drift net log books checked.
1.3.5	Check 100% of licensed salmon dealers between 1 March 2007 and 31 October 2007.	Completed – all 20 salmon dealers checked.

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1.4.1	Increase visitors to 'Riverwatch' Centre by 10% on visits in 2006.	80% of target achieved – Centre closed for 2 months for essential maintenance.
1.4.2	Encourage 40 groups of Riverwatch clients to participate in outreach programmes.	Completed – 40 groups participated in a range of outreach programmes.
1.5.1	Comply with Departments' policy with regard to 'interceptory' fishing for salmon bring forward timely regulations.	Completed – Salmon Hardship Package developed. First tranche paid in December 2007.
OBJECTIVE		
2.	To develop the Recreational Fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.	
KEY ACTIVITY		
2.1	Increase participation of stakeholders group.	
2.2	Marketing and information.	
2.3	Develop product, infrastructure and services.	
PERFORMANCE TARGET		UPDATE
2.1.1	Hold quarterly meetings of the Stakeholders Group.	Completed – a series of 15 meetings of the Advisory Forum and Focus groups were conducted throughout the year.
2.2.1	Update website weekly.	Completed - Updated weekly with new Marine Tourism section added in September 07.
2.2.2	Implement the Communications Strategy Actions by March 2007.	Deferred until 2008 – comprehensive baseline study to be initiated.
2.3.1	Develop 3 angling clusters by November 2007.	Deferred until 2008 – to be identified following a survey of the Foyle and Carlingford areas.
2.3.2	Complete a strategic plan to incorporate the development of a grant scheme by October 2007.	Completed – Sustainable Development Fund approved by NSMC in November 2007.

Appendix 1 Outturn against Targets

OBJECTIVE		
3.	To put in place the mechanisms to facilitate the introduction of a new aquaculture regulation system in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.	
KEY ACTIVITY		
3.1	Initiate Aquaculture regulation and licensing.	
3.2	Information development.	
3.3	Management information.	
PERFORMANCE TARGET		UPDATE
3.1.1	Finalise Management Agreement with DCMNR & Crown Estates for Lough Foyle 31 January 2007.	On-going – consultation with partners more difficult and protracted than anticipated.
3.1.2	Draft and bring forward Regulations required for licensing of aquaculture prior to the enactment of the legislation.	Deferred – awaiting enactment of Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Order commencement orders.
3.1.3	Publish draft criteria for the assessment of applications for aquaculture licences in Lough Foyle by February 2007.	Deferred – awaiting enactment of Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Order commencement orders.
3.2.1	Complete and EIA & SEA in Lough Foyle with a view to completion by May 2007.	Partly met - Strategic Environmental Steering Group established. Meetings held to agree terms of reference with full procurement process to be conducted in 2008.
3.2.2	Manage the acquisition of a vessel suitable to carry out survey work in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas.	Partly met - procurement process initiated in August 2007. Delivery of the vessel expected in 2008.
3.2.3	Continue to collect and provide growth and water data for Foyle and Carlingford to populate Carrying Capacity model.	Completed - water and shellfish samples collected on a weekly basis and analysed at the Agency's headquarters.
3.3.1	Review and update "Status Reports" for both Loughs by March 2007.	Deferred – pending analysis of the results of the CEFAS Survey published in December 2007.
3.3.2	Prepare action plan and agree actions with stakeholders on monitoring and audit programmes by May 2007.	Not required – this has been superseded by the development of regulations and the associated consultation process.

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OBJECTIVE		
4.	To develop the opportunities for marine leisure as the basis for tourism and its associated economic benefits whilst having regard to social and environmental responsibilities.	
KEY ACTIVITY		
4.1	Gain Departmental approval for the marine tourism strategy and grant scheme 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		UPDATE
4.1.1	Complete the marine tourism strategy by January 2007.	Completed – Strategy developed and approved by NSMC in November 2007, identifying key activities and targets for Marine Tourism development.
4.1.2	Develop a Marine Tourism Strategy gain agreement with a view to implementation by May 2007.	Completed - the INTERREG IV bid involved review of earlier strategies and plans, leading to development of a contemporary plan. This was approved at the November 2007 NSMC meeting.
4.1.3	Bring forward grant aid scheme by May 2007.	Completed –Sustainable Development Fund grant scheme approved by NSMC in November 2007.
4.2.1	Establish consultation stakeholder groups by March 2007.	Completed – focus groups established in Foyle and Carlingford areas.
4.2.2	Prioritise delivery of proposals by May 2007.	Ongoing – awaiting outcome of full application procedure new INTERREG Programme.

Appendix 1 Outturn against Targets

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).	
5.4	Improve service delivery and outreach to the stakeholders in the Carlingford Area.	
PERFORMANCE TARGET		UPDATE
5.1.1	Respond to all correspondence received within 15 working days.	Completed – 98% of responses made within target.
5.1.2	Provide timely and accurate information to relevant departments to meet specified deadlines.	Completed – all requested documentation forwarded within specified timeframe.
5.1.3	Respond to requests for information in a timely manner as set out in the FOI Code of Practice and Environmental Info Regs.	Completed – 3 requests responded to, as set out in the code of practice.
5.2.1	Implement Training Needs Analysis and arrange training and development for all staff.	Completed – Individual Training Plan completed for each staff member and training and development activities scheduled in accordance with the Training and Development Policy.
5.3.1	Carry out review of Agency's Equality Scheme and new Targeting Social Need (nTSN) action plan by May 2007.	Deferred – pending Staff Loading and Grading review due in 2008.
5.4.1	Bring forward a programme for the provision of a service delivery in the Carlingford Area by December 2007.	On-going – investigating funding opportunities.

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PERFORMANCE TARGET		UPDATE
5.4.2	Manage the Carlingford office development project to ensure effective and efficient consumption of resources.	Deferred – investigations ongoing into site suitability in Carlingford area.
OBJECTIVE		
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		UPDATE
6.1.1	Ensuring compliance with DAO's and applicable financial guidance North and South.	Completed – all guidance adhered to and returns made when required.
6.1.2	Comply with provisions of the Lough's Agency's Financial Memorandum.	Completed – guidelines contained within our Financial Memorandum adhered to.
6.1.3	Review, update and report the Agency's Risk Management Strategy on a quarterly basis.	Completed – Risk Management Strategy reviewed. Two workshops held in 2007.
6.1.4	Ensure that economic appraisals are carried out in accordance with the Financial Memorandum.	Completed – 2 Green Book standard Economic Appraisals conducted for Monitoring Vessel and Hardship Package.
6.1.5	Provide quarterly monitoring information on performance to Departments	Completed – Out-turns against targets updated and submitted within agreed timescales.

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	07/08
* Camowen	708	748	278	209	32	214	131	660	571	767	1072	303	404
Culdaff	0	74	45	31	0	42	0	24	12	0	32	NIL	High Water
Deele	422	106	67	69	16	72	66	80	89	0	52	NIL	37
Dennett	266	112	0	58	0	78	31	67	67	11	174	36	High Water
* Derg	734	641	516	553	119	541	467	849	536	58	498	NIL	567
* Drumragh	666	60	153	117	80	147	150	545	321	473	519	252	334
Faughan	590	572	0	84	53	87	233	673	441	501	766	35	387
^ Finn	844	752	552	357	117	159	137	234	101	149	343	94	324
* Glenelly	370	234	66	26	0	28	0	31	0	0	312	NIL	High Water
* Mournie	338	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	High Water
* Owenkillew	750	244	337	93	0	138	112	68	3	0	389	NIL	60
^ Reelan	126	366	241	203	87	245	154	377	350	410	341	184	322
Roe	1222	1247	0	169	136	383	186	630	672	43	844	428	604
* Strule & Tribes	710	Nil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	NIL	High Water
Totals	7746	5174	2272	1969	640	2134	1667	4238	3163	2412	5354	1332	3039
* Mourne System	4276	1945	1367	998	231	1068	860	2153	1431	1298	2802	252	1365
^ Finn System	970	1118	793	560	204	404	291	611	451	559	684	278	646

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

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

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Table 2: Foyle Area Fish Counter Data 1989 - 2007

Year	Faughan	Sion Mills	Glenelly/ Owenkillew	Roe	Finn	Strule	Clanrye
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	-	-
2007	1,257**	3,714**	1,705	5,375	3,278	126***	32***

*Counter out of order

** minimum count due to difficulties in season refer

*** Counters operational late 2007

Table 3 Foyle Area Fish Counter Data to 31st December 2007

Month	No. of fish >45cm						
	Mourne*	Finn	Roe	Faughan*	Owenkillew**	Newry*** River	Omagh***
January	532	4	119	10	-4	-	-
February	264	17	37	13	148	-	-
March	133	63	368	133	19	-	-
April	244	588	43	35	3	-	-
May	232	873	247	2	51	-	-
June	1184	1003	197	9	305	-	-
July	388	228	461	366	274	-	-
August	418	165	2277	100	257	-	-
September	37	262	489	69	272	4	49
October	81	33	630	288	233	6	59
November	173	28	366	212	103	14	3
December	28	14	141	20	44	8	15
Total	3,714	3,278	5,375	1,257	1,705	32	126

* Due to very high water when the main run occurred many fish bypassed the counter sites and so were not registered. These are therefore likely to be minimum counts

**Channel 1 was not operational during the season therefore this is a minimum estimate

***Both of these sites are new facilities and have yet to have any validation work undertaken. As with some of the other facilities these do not cover the entire river channel and fish are known to have bypassed the counting area these should therefore be viewed as likely to be minimum counts.

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Table 4 Foyle Area Weekly Catches of Salmon and Grilse By Commercial Engines 2007

Week Ending	Drift Nets Lough Foyle		Draft Nets River Foyle & River Roe		Totals	
	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.
16-Jun	0	0	8	18	8	18
23-Jun	23	40	108	208	131	248
30-Jun	195	444	467	840	662	1284
07-Jul	193	430	266	524	459	954
14-Jul	441	1006	430	918	871	1924
21-Jul	335	771	555	1326	890	2097
28-Jul	913	2204	703	1610	1616	3814
04-Aug	498	1161	237	571	735	1732
11-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--
18-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--
25-Aug	--	--	--	--	--	--
Totals	2598	6056	2774	6015	5372	12071

Table 5 Foyle Area Annual Catches of Salmon and Grilse By Various Classes of Commercial Fishing Engines 1998 - 2007

Class of Fishing Engine	Annual Catch (Nos.) of Salmon & Grilse										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007
Drift Nets : Sea Only	7539	2792	3628	2169	5262	3382	2246	2408	602	602	--
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	22717	12097	17339	10739	22556	11846	10143	10649	5197	5197	--
Drift Nets : Lough Only	1040	508	1366	592	1033	513	411	334	346	346	2598
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	11141	7893	10339	9476	11917	16991	9490	12143	6031	6031	2774
Fixed Engines :	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Londonderry Fishery	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	42437	23290	32672	22976	40768	32732	22290	25534	12176	12176	5372

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

Class of Fishing Engine	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Drift Nets : Sea Only	377	147	202	121	310	188	173	161	32	--
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	288	153	228	141	289	154	147	150	64	--
Drift Nets : Lough Only	95	56	171	74	129	73	59	48	49	144
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	227	184	220	220	277	347	421	213	123	277
Fixed Engines	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--

Table 7: Number of Commercial Licences Issued 1998-2007

Class of Licence	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Drift Nets : Sea Only	20	19	18	18	17	18	13	15	19	--
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	79	79	76	76	78	77	69	71	81	--
Drift Nets : Lough Only	11	9	8	8	8	6	6	7	7	18
Draft Nets : River Foyle	48	42	46	42	43	50	51	57	49	10
River Roe	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fixed Engines	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--

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Table 8: Proportion of Foyle Area Net Catch Taken By Various Classes of Fishing Engines 1998-2007

Class of Fishing Engine	Proportion of Foyle Area Net Catch									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Drift Nets : Sea Only	17.8	12.8	11.1	9.4	12.9	10.3	10.1	9.4	4.9	--
Drift Nets : Lough & Sea	53.4	55.4	53.1	46.7	55.4	36.2	45.5	41.7	42.7	--
Drift Nets : Lough Only	2.5	2.3	4.2	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.8	1.3	2.8	48.4
Draft Nets : River Foyle & River Roe	26.3	29.5	31.6	41.3	29.2	51.9	42.58	47.6	49.6	51.6
Fixed Engines :	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.02	--	--	--
Londonderry Fishery:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Table 9 Rod Catch Returns (Salmon & Grilse) 2007

ROD CATCH RETURNS (SALMON & GRILSE) 2007																			
Table 9																			
		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		Totals	
		No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs	No	Kgs	No	Kgs	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.
	Camowen							7	40	10	50	13	65	6	33	18	107	54	295
	Clanrye																	0	0
	Culdaff																	0	0
	Deele									1	3	1	6	7	34	9	44	18	87
	Dennett													3	8			3	8
	Derg					4	29	35	168	118	589	92	443	31	160	30	155	310	1544
	Drumragh									1	4	6	34	10	40	2	8	19	86
	Faughan					16	65	68	290	369	1548	334	1564	230	1267	115	636	1132	5370
	Finn	50	390	25	187	160	1052	154	687	295	1258	98	463	23	91			805	4128
	Foyle	2	18			2	12	2	16			1	4	5	37			12	87
	Glenelly							1	9	2	13			12	79	19	114	34	215
	Mourne			22	146	62	405	131	658	421	1947	444	2743	361	2234	219	1411	1660	9544
	Owenkillew									8	42	38	188	39	212	48	269	133	711
	Reelan					1	7			5	29	2	6	1	6			9	48
	Roe							18	92	85	384	168	969	148	922	81	560	500	2927
	Strule					5	38	9	60	55	291	47	245	33	176	23	154	172	964
	Whitewater							1	5	6	39	10	52	7	30	20	119	44	245
	Not recorded			2	18	2	9			7	36	6	20	5	21	2	10	24	114
	Totals	52	408	49	351	252	1617	426	2025	1383	6233	1260	6802	921	5350	586	3587	4929	26373

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Table 10 Rod Catch Returns (Trout) 2007

ROAD CATCH RETURNS (TROUT) 2007																			
Table 10																			
		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		Totals	
		No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.	No.	Kgs.
Camowen				1	1	2	2	2	2			1	1	7	10			13	16
Drumragh																		0	0
Derg										3	3	3	2			1	1	7	6
Drumragh				2	2					1	1			5	5	2	2	10	10
Faughan						5	5	10	7	29	33	10	10	3	8			57	63
Finn	7	9		4	4	9	7	6	6	21	22	5	7					52	55
Foyle	2	4				6	23	2	6	1	2	1	2					12	37
Glenelly																		0	0
Mourne				1	1			4	5	11	14	6	18	3	6			25	44
Owenkillew										4	5	3	3	1	4			8	12
Reelan																		0	0
Roe								1	2	14	17	12	12	1	5	3	7	31	43
Strule				2	8	5	5	5	5	12	21	7	7	1	1			32	47
Whitewater								4	12	12	40	11	37	7	23	12	47	46	159
Not Recorded	3	4		7	5	11	23	18	17	9	9	12	35	18	16	8	8	86	117
Totals	12	17		17	21	38	65	52	62	117	167	71	134	46	78	26	65	379	609

Table 11 Angling Returns

Year	Declared Rod Catch Salmon	Declared Rod Catch Sea Trout	Returns as a % of Licences Issued
1999	1022	679	3.74
2000	723	417	2.55
2001	3188	450	17.68
2002	5117	1010	27.93
2003	1844	361	15.5
2004	2285	75	13.99
2005	4084	413	25.77
2006	3476	469	37
2007	4929	379	22.11

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Table 12 Distribution of Rod Licences 2007

Place of Residence	Season Adult	Endorsement	14 Days	3 Days	Juvenile	Coarse Adult & Juvenile
Foyle & Carlingford Area	3066	1493	20	723	220	157
Rest of NI	418	2759	11	526	28	29
Rest of ROI	91	271	63	217	8	10
TOTAL	3575	4523	94	1466	256	196
England	7	9	20	42	2	3
Scotland		1	1	12	2	1
Wales				3		
I o M			1			
TOTAL	7	10	22	57	4	4
Spain	1	1				
Austria	1		1	1		
Belgium	1		1			
France			3	3		
Germany		1		1		2
Italy				2		
TOTAL	3	2	5	7	0	2
America		1		5		
South Africa				8		
New Zealand						
Not Recorded	10	7	1	4	3	
TOTAL	10	8	1	17	3	0
OVERALL TOTAL	3595	4543	122	1547	263	202

Table 13 Number of Draft Consents to Discharge Considered 2003 - 2007

Nature of Effluent	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Sewage Treatment	27	50	77	48	105
Sandwashing/Quarry	4	2	2	1	17
Landfill	1	3	2	1	3
Industrial	1	1	23	1	34
Fish Farm	0	1	0	0	2
Storm Water	11	13	11	12	12
Peat Abstraction	0	0	0	0	0
Dumping at Sea	1	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Wash	1	2	2	0	3
Filling Station/Oil Distribution	0	1	0	1	3
Food Processing	0	0	1	1	7
TOTALS	46	73	118	65	187

Table 14 Details of Sampling of Discharges for Pollution Investigation 2007

Nature of Effluent	Number of Samples Taken 2007
Farm Wastes	28
Sewage	8
Trade Wastes	4
Others	3
Totals	43

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Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

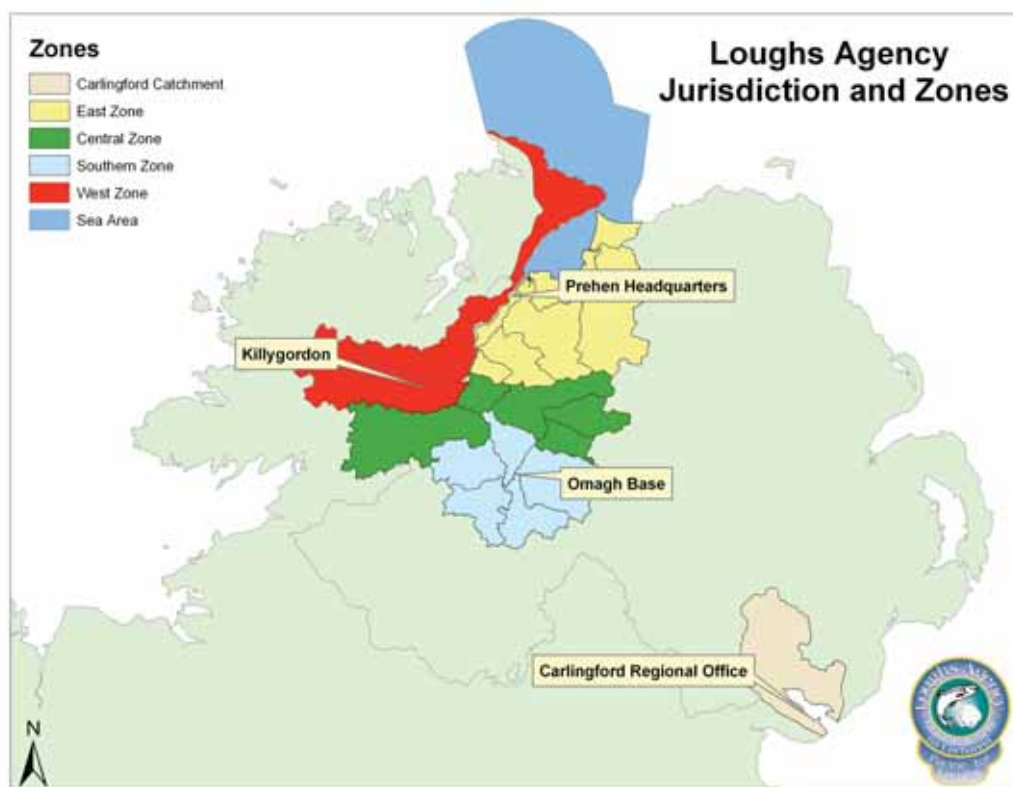


Table 15A Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Central Zone	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
Mourne Beg	6
Leaghany River	2
Coneyglen Burn	1
Glenlark Burn	1
Owenkillew	3
Trib of Glenelly	9
Mourne	1
Derg	3
Owenreagh East	2
Total	28

Table 15 B Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Eastern Zone	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
Muff River	1
Burngibbagh	2
Burn Dennett	4
Owenbeg	2
Wood Burn	2
Bovevagh River	1
Castle River	1
River Roe	5
Glenmornan	3
Faughan	7
Foyle South	1
Total	29

Table 15 C Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Western Zone	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
Culdaff River	1
Burn Dennett	1
Altnapaste	1
Rough Burn	1
Drumboe Burn	1
Deele River	6
Finn	8
Culdaff	1
Breda	5
Total	25

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Table 15 D Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Carlingford Area	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
White Water	5
Cassy Water	3
Kilbroney River	3
Ghann River	2
Moygannon River	2
Clanrye (Upstream)	2
Clanrye	17
Newry River	2
Bessbrook River	2
Ryland River	2
Greenore River	2
Total	42

Table 15 E Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Southern Area	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
Drumquin River	3
Routing Burn	4
Glenscollip Burn	3
Quiggery River	2
Drumragh River	3
Drumnakilly Burn	1
Owenreagh	2
Cappagh Burn	3
Altnagh River	1
Killyclogher	1
Fairywater	1
Gillygooly Burn	1
Strule	8
Drumragh	6
Total	39

Table 15 F Pollution and Fisheries Habitat Related Incidents Investigated by Staff

Totals	
WATERCOURSE	INCIDENTS
Central Zone	28
Eastern Zone	29
Western Zone	25
Southern Zone	39
Carlingford Area	42
Total	163

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River Sampling Programme

A total of 92 sites were sampled for biological and chemical analysis of rivers within the Foyle and Carlingford hydrological catchments. The period of sampling was from June to September 2007 inclusive. The sampling sites are distributed throughout the five zones as shown below:

West	21 sites
East	22 sites
Central	16 sites
Southern	17 sites
Carlingford	16 sites

Each of the 92 sites were sampled to assess chemical quality once every month during the field season. Each site was invertebrate sampled using a rapid identification method during electro fishing.

Each of the 92 sites were assessed for Macro invertebrate taxa once during the season using a detailed laboratory sort method.

Table 16 Details of Court Hearings 2007

Nature of Offence	Charges Initiated	
	Successful	Unsuccessful
1 Angling without a licence	17	1
2 Angling during close time		
3 Angling in prohibited area		
4 Unlawful angling	10	2
5 Possession of gaff or illegal instrument	3	
6 Snatching offences	7	
7 Trespass on a Several Fishery	3	
8 Using a net in a prohibited area	1	
9 Possession/use of unlawful net	6	
10 Fishing a net during close or suspended period	3	
11 Assaulting/impeding an authorised person	4	1
12 Unlawful possession of fish	2	
13 Using a boat/vehicle as an aid to an offence		
14 Exceeding breaking strain		
15 Permitted deleterious matter to enter a river		
16 Caused deleterious matter to enter a river	2	
17 Salmon dealing offences		
18 Erect/make use of a fixed engine	2	
19 Failure to provide name / false details	2	1
Total Charges	62	5

* Court cases can occur up to 2 years after initial detection

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Table 17 Rod Licences 2003 – 2007

Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007
					No. of Licences	Licence Duty (£)
Season	2,529	2,781	2,933	2,899	3,595	57,520.00
Adult Coarse	109	85	152	197	178	2848.00
Juvenile	1,340	1,549	1,619	1,523	1,822	3644.00
Juvenile Coarse	10	13	59	51	24	48.00
Endorsement	3,595	4,169	4,796	4,839	4,543	4543.00
Fourteen - Day	97	95	95	96	122	912.00
3 Day	838	1,035	1,125	959	1,547	5414.50
TOTALS	8,518	9,727	10,779	10,564	11,831	74,929.50

Table 18 Angling Permits 2007

Type of Permit	2007 No	2007 £
River Foyle	54	1080.00
River Foyle Juvenile	4	40.00
River Finn	190	3800.00
River Finn Juvenile	13	130.00
Totals	261	5050.00

Table 19 Net Licences 2007

Description of Licence	2007		
	No. of Licences Sold	Licence Fee (£)	Licence Duty Paid (£)
Draft (River Foyle)	10	179	1790
Drift (Lough Foyle)	18	253	4554
TOTALS	28	432	6344

Table 20 Salmon Dealers Licences 2007

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



Gníomhaireacht Na Lochanna Tuarascáil Bhliantúil

Ag Cuimsiú na Tréimhse ó 1 Eanáir 2007 go 31 Nollaig 2007

Gníomhaireacht Na Lochanna

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais

don tréimhse dar chríoch 31 Nollaig 2007

A leagadh faoi bhráid Thionól Thuaisceart na hÉireann agus dhá Theach
an Oireachtais de réir an Chomhoibriú Thuaidh/Theas (Comhlachtaí
Feidhmithe) (Tuaisceart na hÉireann) Ordú 1999 Sceideal 1, larscríbhinn
2, Cuid 7, Paragraif 1.3 agus 2.6

NIA (cuir isteach uimhir)

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1. Forbhreathnú An Phríomhfheidh Meannaigh

Tá lúcháir orm Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2007 a chur i láthair a leagann amach gnóthachtaí an eagrais agus na dúshláin a theagmhaigh linn i rith na bliana.

D'aibhsigh forbhreathnú ár bhfeidhmíochta thar thréimhse na tuarascála seo an gá atá le díriú níos mó ar fhaisnéis agus chumarsáid. D'aithin an Bord agus an Gníomhaireacht riamh má tá forbairt inbhuanaithe acmhainní Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn le baint amach go dteastaíonn ní amháin caidreamh eolasach le custaiméirí díreacha na Gníomhaireachta ach gur rithábachtach é próifíl na n-aibhneacha, na lochanna agus a n-abhantrach a ardú agus aird a tharraingt ar a oscailte atá siad do thionchair shochar an 21ú aois, dóibh siúd nach eol dóibh a bpáirt sa bhrú comhshaoil faoina mbíonn na hacmhainní nádúrtha seo.

Thug dhá shainghné d'ár bPlean Corparáideach 2005-2007 aghaidh ar an cheist seo, cruthú Fhóram Comhairleach Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn agus fócas an chlár for-rochtana nó oideachais trí Riverwatch agus a uisceadain a leathnaíodh le déanaí.

I 2006 gabhadh próiseas neamhspleách earcaithe in áit an chéad Fhóram Comhairleach (a scoireadh i 2005). Bhí an fóram nua comhairleach faoi lánseol i 2007, ag díriú ar cheistanna a bheadh tábhachtach ag páirtithe leasmhara agus ar an dóigh sin ag cur le cinnteoireacht éifeachtach.

Bíonn an Gníomhaireacht ag méadú a comhairlithe poiblí i soláthar leanúnach a feidhmeanna. I dtaca lenár bhfreagrachtaí as lascaigh Bhradán agus Intire, creidimid go léiríonn an t-athbhreithniú seo a thábhachtaí atá foirmiú ár ndíospóireachtaí le páirtithe leasmhara agus daoine eile a mbeidh tionchar acu ar tháirgiúlacht na n-acmhainní seo.

Mar an gcéanna díriodh ár saothar for-rochtana trí Ionad Léirithe na Gníomhaireachta "Riverwatch", a ghnóthaigh breis agus 30,000 cuairteoir agus a d'ardaigh go suntasach próifíl na n-iascach, acmhainní muirí agus comhshaoil, Abhantrach an Fheabhail go háirithe, agus thaispeáin fosta na hacmhainní agus a leochaileacht.

Chuaigh forbairt chóras bainistíochta na Gníomhaireachta do stoic shalmainide na n-abhantrach chun tosaigh le tuilleadh oibre ar an chlár géineolaíochta atá á choimisiúnú agus ar fhorbairt shamhail fhlúirse réamh-iascach do stoic na mbradán i Limistéar an Fheabhail atá á tionscnamh i gcomhar leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, Foras na Mara, Ollscoil Ghlaschú agus Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique, An Fhrainc. Le linn thréimhse na tuarascála seo tá stoic bhradán i Limistéar an Fheabhail i gcónaí ag teacht le teorainneacha caomhnaithe.

Leanann an obair leis na stoic i Limistéar Chairlinn a athshlánú. Thacaigh Ciste

Comhtháthaithe Cheantar Eacnamaíoch na hEorpa (CEE) leis an obair seo trí chiste a sholáthar d'áiritheoir ar An Rí ag lúr Cinn Trá agus d'athshuíomh 7 n-aonad gnáthóige in-srutha ar réimsí uachtair na habhann. Cisteofar obair den chineál céanna fosta ón fhoinsé seo ar An Daoil i gContae Dhún na nGall. Tugadh faoi oibreacha eile athshuite ar fud na n-abantrach mar chuid de chlár caomnaithe agus cosanta na Gníomhaireachta.

De réir Threoir na nGnáthóg (Treoir ón Chomhairle 92/43/CEE 21 Bealtaine 1992), mholtaí Eagrais Caomhnaithe Bradán an Atlantaigh Thuaidh agus an Chomhairle Idirnáisiúnta um Shaothrú na Mara, caithfidh an Ghníomhaireacht iascaigh bhradán tráchtála Limistéar an Fheabhail a chuíchóiriú. Ba iad ár soithí cosanta iascaigh ag obair san iascach a bhailigh na bunsonraí a thacaigh leis an chinneadh seo, an gréasán imirce bradán fásta a taifeadadh ag na háiseanna áireamh éisc, na suirbhéanna gnáthóg agus leictriascaireachta a cuireadh i láthair inár dTuairiscí Stádais agus an obair ar tugadh fúithi ar dhifriocht ghéineolaíoch na stoc bradán.

Ba é an faireachán seo a mhúnlaigh an córas bainistíochta do na hiascaigh thráchtála agus aeraíochta a feidhmíodh i 2007. Chun an cruatan a aithint a d'fhulaigeofaí trí fheidhmiú an chomhlíonta seo, fuair an Ghníomhaireacht faomhadh "pacáiste cruatain" dóibh siúd a bhíonn ag obair in iascaigh idircheaptha, arbh éigean dóibh stad den iascaireacht agus do na hiascairí eile sruthlúntóireachta agus líonta tarraingthe tráchtála ar tairgeadh deis dheonach dóibh le scor den iascaireacht. Tugadh sraith rialachán chun tosaigh lena chinntiú nach gcuirfeadh básmhaireacht na slatiascaireachta ar neamhní sochar aon fheabhsú a ghinfeadh an cuíchóiriú.

Creidimid go raibh an t-eolas a bhí muid in ann a thabhairt do na páirtithe leasmhara ar ionchais feasta stoic an bhradáin agus ar an éileamh le hiad a chosaint le tuilleadh rialuithe, sách láidir lena chinntiú go soláthródh críochoantú an phacáiste chruatain an cuíchóiriú, ar bhonn deonach, gan tarraingt siar éigeantach ón earnáil. D'éirigh linn líon na gceadúnas atá ar fáil san iascach sruthlúntóireachta a laghdú ó 112 go 18 agus san iascach líonta tarraingthe ó 50 go 10 agus ar an dóigh sin, ag cur iascach inbhuanaithe tráchtála ar fáil amach anseo.

Tá an Ghníomhaireacht tiomanta ar chinnteoireacht bunaithe ar an fhianaise. Bhí tábhacht le comhairliú múnlaithe i dtaca le dualgais na Gníomhaireachta don dobharshaothú agus do na hiascaigh shliogéisc agus muid ag forbairt shraith rialachán leis an iascach fia-oisrí i Loch Feabhail a chaomhnú agus a chosaint.

Le linn thréimhse na tuarascála seo tugadh faoi mhéid suntasach réamhoibre i limistéar thuarasóireacht na mara agus forbairt na slatiascaireachta aeraíochta. Ba é a thoradh seo comhairliú suntasach le páirtithe ábhartha leasmhara agus ullmhú tairisceana ar chlár úr INTERREG, atá le fógairt go luath i 2008.

Is mian liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl don Bhord atá ag imeacht as a dtacaíocht agus a dtiomantas ó thioncnamh Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Leag a n-ionchar agus a

bpáirtíocht dúshraith dhaingean don Bhord úr. Fáiltím roimh an Bhord úr agus mé ag dúil le bheith ag obair leo sna blianta romhainn.

Is mian liom fosta buíochas a ghabháil le foireann Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna as a saineolas, a ngairmiúlacht agus as a dtiomantas do sholáthar ár gcúraimí.

Derick Anderson
Príomhfheidhmeannach

2. Ráiteas Misin

Is é aidhm Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna sochair inbhuanaithe, shóisialta, gheilleagracha agus chomhshaoil a chur ar fáil trí chaomhnú, chosaint, bhainistíocht, chur chun cinn agus fhorbairt éifeachtach iascaigh agus acmhainní muirí Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.

3. Cuspóirí

Is iad príomhchuspóirí na Gníomhaireachta i Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn:-

- Iascaigh bhradáin agus intíre an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn a chaomhnú agus a chosaint;
- Iascaigh bhradáin agus intíre an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn a bhainistiú agus a fhorbairt;
- Forbairt Loch Feabhail agus Loch Chairlinn a chur chun cinn ar chuspóirí tráchtála agus áineasa;
- Dobharshaothrú a cheadúnú agus a fhorbairt;
- Turasóireacht mhuirí a fhorbairt;
- Éifeachtacht mhéadaithe agus feabhsú leanúnach i soláthar seirbhísí d'iomlán na gcustaiméirí a lorg;
- Úsáid éifeachtúil, éifeachtach agus tíosach na n-acmhainní atá ar fáil ag an Ghníomhaireacht a chinntiú.

Féach Aguisín 1 do tháirgeacht in aghaidh chuspóirí agus spriocanna.

4. Comhaltaí Boird

I mí na Nollag 2007 chríochnaigh téarma an bhoird reatha agus cheap na hAirí Bord úr dáréag ó 13ú Nollaig. Mar seo a leanas sonraí na gcomhaltaí:

An tUas Tarlach Ó Crosáin	Athcheapadh 13/12/07	Cathaoirleach
An tUas Peter Savage	Téarma thart 12/12/07	Iarchathaoirleach
Jacqui Iníon McConville	Athcheapadh 13/12/07	Leasathaoirleach
An tUas Jack Allen	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
Siobhán Iníon Logue	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
An tUas Joseph Martin	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
An tUas Dick Blakiston-Houston	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
An tUas Francis Feely	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
An Dr Patrick Griffin	Téarma thart 12/12/07	
An tUas Andrew Ward	Ceapadh 13/12/07	
An tUas Enda Bonner	Ceapadh 13/12/07	
An tUas Brendan Byrne	Ceapadh 13/12/07	

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An tUas John Byrne	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Denis Haughey	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Alan McCulla	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Joe Miller	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas John Mulcahy	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Winston Patterson	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Thomas Sloan	Ceapadh 13/12/07
An tUas Jim Wilson	Ceapadh 13/12/07

Cruinnithe Boird

40ú	Céadaoin	10	Eanáir 2007	Óstán Cathrach Ard Mhacha
41ú	Céadaoin	07	Márta 2007	CC Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna Préachán
42ú	Céadaoin	09	Bealtaine 2007	Óstán Bhaile Mhic Scanláin Dún Dealgan
43ú	Céadaoin	27	Meitheamh 2007	CC Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna Préachán
44ú	Céadaoin	29	Lúnasa 2007	CC Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna Préachán
45ú	Céadaoin	24	D. Fómhair 2007	Óstán na gCeithre Ráithe Cairlinn
46ú	Céadaoin	12	Nollaig 2007	CC Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna Préachán

Tá miontuairiscí na gcruinnithe thuas le fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta www.loughs-agency.org

5. An Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas

Tionóladh an chéad chruinniú Earnála Dobharshaothrú & Muirí an CATT ó athbhunú Fheidhmeannas agus Thionól Thuaisceart na hÉireann i gCeanncheathrú Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna i bPréachán Dé Céadaoin 21 Samhain 2007.

Luaigh an Chomhairle an dul chun cinn a rinneadh ón chruinniú deiridh in Aibreán 2002 agus phléigh siad rith reachtaíochta sa dá dhlínse i 2007, a bhronn cumhachtaí ar Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna le dobharshaothrú agus iascaigh shliogéisc a rialú i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn araon.

Ar na réimsí eile a pléadh bhí:

- Tabhairt isteach phacáiste cruatain a chuirfeadh méid áirithe faoisimh ar fáil dóibh siúd atá thíos le scor iascaireacht sruthlín agus lín tharraingthe an bhradáin i limistéar an Fheabhail.
- Plean Corparáideach don tréimhse 2008-2010 agus Plean Gnó do 2008, faoi réir bhreithnithe buiséid ag an Fheidhmeannas agus Rialtas na hÉireann.
- Straitéis Forbartha Thurasóireachta Muirí don tréimhse 2008 go 2013, faoi réir infhaighteacht chistithe faoi chlár an AE don Chomhar Críche Trasteorann.

- Beartas Cúnamh Airgid le riar an chúnamh dheontais a mhaoirseacht ag tacú le forbairt shliatiascaireachta, caomhnú agus cosaint iascach, turasóireacht mhuirí agus dobharshaothrú.
- Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Ráitis Airgeadais 2006.
- Ceannach molta shoitheach faireacháin faoi réir infhaighteacht chistithe faoi Ionstraim Airgeadais an AE do Threoir Iascach (IATI).
- Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Sliatiascaireacht) (Leasú Uimh 2) Rialacháin 2007 ar chóir dó dea-thionchar a oibriú ar chaomhnú agus chosaint stoc bradáin i limistéar Abhainn na Finne.
- Forbairt rialachán le rialú shliatiascaireacht agus gharbhiascaireacht bhradáin a fheabhsú agus leis an dobharshaothrú a cheadúnú agus a fhorbairt.

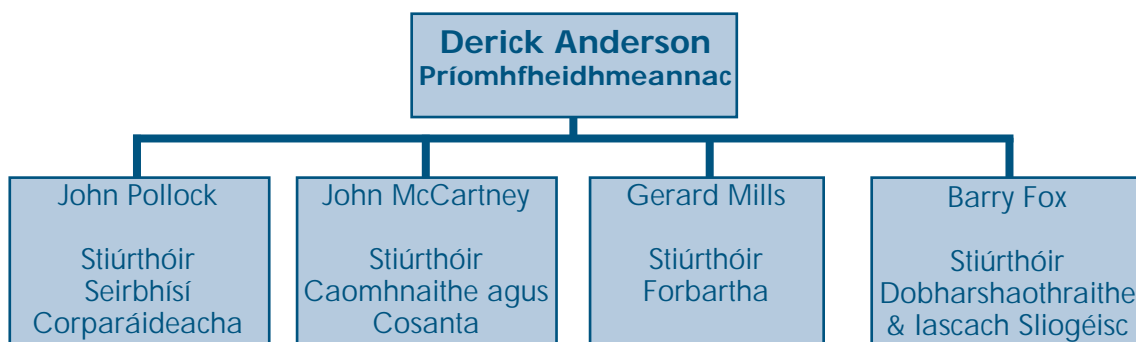
6.Fóram Comhairleach Cheantar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinne

10	Eanáir	2007	Óstán Cathrach Ard Mhacha
28	Feabhra	2007	Óstán Bhun na hAbhann Doire
18	Aibreán	2007	Óstán Chúirt na Canála Iúr Cinn Trá
27	M. Fómhair	2007	Óstán Beithgheal An Ómaigh

Tá miontuairiscí na gcruinnithe thuas le fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta www.loughs-agency.org

7.Foirniú

Críochnaíodh agus faomhadh athbhreithniú struchtúr foirniú na Gníomhaireachta go luath i 2006, agus bhí earcú iomlán na bpost críochnaithe i Meitheamh 2007. Oibríonn an Gníomhaireacht anois taobh istigh de struchtúr cheithre Stiúrthóireacht (Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Caomhnú & Cosaint, Dobharshaothrú & Iascaigh Shliogéisc agus Forbairt) atá anois faoi lánseol le croífhoirniú faofa reatha ar leibhéal 53.



8. Forbairt Foirne

Ar feadh na bliana thug an Ghníomhaireacht aghaidh ar riachtanais oiliúna agus fhorbartha na foirne, ag díriú ar choinneáil faisnéise agus scileanna agus ar inspreagadh a chuideodh le cuspóirí an eagrais agus riachtanais daoine a thabhairt i gcrích. Orthu seo bhí Córas Faisnéise Geografaí, Póilíneacht agus Fianaise Choiriúil, ardbhádóireacht, cuntasóireacht, cleachtas imscrúdaithe agus réimsé cúrsaí a bhain le feachtas comhionannais, sláinte agus sábháilteacht agus IT.

9. Teicneolaíocht An Eolais

Le linn 2007 d'infheistigh an Ghníomhaireacht in aonaid Logáil Sonraí Trimble GPS a úsáideann ár bhfoireann alamaigh i suirbhéanna fionnuisce agus muirí ar a mbíonn sonraí gnáthóg, líon láithreacha sceathraí agus leictriascaireachta. Leanadh d'fhorbairt an chlár áiritheoirí éisc leis An Rí (Iúr Cinn Trá) agus An tSruthail (An Ómaigh) agus an dá cheann acu ag teacht ar líne ag tarraingt ar dheireadh na bliana. Lean forbairt shuíomh gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta, www.loughs-agency.org le seoladh na rannóga turasóireachta muirí agus is léir cheana féin gur an-áisiúil an uirlis é i gcomhair scaipeadh faisnéise ar an turasóir. Tá rannóga eile ar chaomhnú agus ar fhorbairt atá beartaithe do 2008.

10. Ionad Oideachais Agus Léirithe "Riverwatch"

Dhírigh ár saothar for-rochtana trí Ionad Léirithe na Gníomhaireachta "Riverwatch" a ghnóthaigh breis agus 30,000 cuairteoir agus a d'ardaigh go suntasach próifíl na n-iascach, acmhainní muirí agus comhshaoil, Abhantrach an Fheabhail go háirithe, agus a thaispeánann fosta na hacmhainní agus a leochaileacht. I 2007, sháraigh líon na gcuairteoirí 8,000. Tá an fhigiúr seo beagán faoin líon ionchais mar gheall cuid mhaith ar dhúnadh cothabhála dhá mhí le linn na bliana.

Cé gur páistí bunscoile iad bunús na gcuairteoirí táimid ag díriú níos mó ar ghrúpaí iar-bhunscoile agus ar dhaoine fásta. Tá deiseanna le hacmhainní na habhantraí a chosaint, a fhorbairt agus a chleachtadh á gcur chun cinn tuilleadh ag cláir fhor-rochtana mar 'Bradán sa Seomra Ranga', 'Tionscnamh Ghníomhaireacht Cheartas Óige' do chiontóirí óga agus na 'Tograí Faireacháin Chomhshaoil' s'againn.

11. Bainistíocht Agus Forbairt Na nIascach

Tá an córas bainistíochta a oibríonn don bhradán in Abhantrach an Fheabhail uathúil san Atlantach Thoir-Thuaidh agus bhunaigh Coimisiún Iascach an Fheabhail é tar éis tuarascála le PF Elson agus ALW Tuomi, "The Foyle Fisheries, New Basis for Rational Management" a foilsíodh i 1975.

Eagras Caomhnú Bhradán an Atlantaigh Thuaidh (ECBAT), comhlacht idir-rialtasach a bunaíodh faoi chonradh agus a fhaigheann a bhallraíocht ó SAM, ón Rúis, ó Cheanada, ón Ghraonlainn, ón Aontas Eorpach agus ó thíortha eile, ghríosai sé a chuid ball le cur chuige réamhchúramach a ghabháil i dtaca le bainistíocht bhradán agus d'fhéach Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna leis an treoir sin a leanúint.

Beachtaíodh straitéis bhainistíocht bhradán na Gníomhaireachta le hathbhreithniú iomlán spriocanna céimshriain lenár gComhairleoirí Eolaíocha i 1998. Tá an Gníomhaireacht tiomanta ar leanúint lena chinntiú go mbeidh ár bhfeidhmiú sonraí i dtosach na teicneolaíochta atá ar fáil, agus i 2007 thosaigh sí a fheidhmiú Shamhail an Limistéir Fhliuchta ar chuspóirí comparáideacha don chéimshrian.

Lean an Gníomhaireacht ag cinntiú go bhfeidhmeofar an dea-chleachtas bainistíochta is fearr dá hiascaigh bhradán trí mhac léinn larchéime a choinneáil le taighde a dhéanamh ar shamhail Fhlúirse Réamh-Iascaigh i limistéar an Fheabhail. Tá an togra seo faoi lánseol, agus tá súil go gcríochnófar é i 2008.

Lean foireann na Gníomhaireachta de chomhordú sonraí ábhartha ar phointí iniúchta do bhainistíocht bradán. Tá na bradáin faoi shíorbhagairt ó réimse fachtóirí idirghaolmhara ina measc gnáthóg dhíghrádaithe in-abhainn, truailliú, cleachtas athraitheach talmhaíochta agus foraoiseachta agus creachóireacht ag cailleadha dubha agus róna. D'fhéach an Gníomhaireacht le tabhairt faoi na fachtóirí rannpháirteacha seo uilig. D'ullmhaigh Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna tuarascálacha stádais abhantraí ag cur síos ar na príomhcheistanna a oibríonn taobh istigh de gach abhantrach agus ag cur faisnéise ábhartha eolaíochta i láthair. Tá siad seo le fáil ar leathanaigh ghréasáin Chaomhnaithe agus Chosanta shuíomh gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta. Cuireadh ar fáil Staidreamh Caomhnaithe, Cosanta agus Bainistíochta do shéasúr 2007 agus tá siad faoi iamh in Aguisín 2.

I 2007 chuimsigh foireann na Gníomhaireachta faireachán chaighdeán an uisce agus beatha mhaicrinveirteabrach mhion-chraobhaibhneacha i bpointí iniúchta shaol na mbradán lena chinntiú go dtabharfaí faoi bhainistíocht iascach na Gníomhaireachta le dearcadh iomlánaíoch ar an éiceachóras leathan. Chuidigh seo lenár bhfoireann alamaigh le hidirdhealú idir ceistanna a bhaineann le truailliú uisce, dochar do ghnáthóga agus rochtain ábhartha d'éisc imirce a lig don Gníomhaireacht díriú ar réimse beart éagsúil le tabhairt ar dhóigh straitéiseach faoi na ceistanna a aithníodh.

Rinneadh grinnscrúdú i 2007 ar sheasamh na Gníomhaireachta i dtaca le hathstocáil aibhneacha. Dar le cuid de na páirtithe leasmhara, ba chóir don Gníomhaireacht bogadh i dtreo úsáid stoc agus chlár gorlainne.

Is féidir amach anseo go rachadh foireann eolaíochta agus comhairleoirí na Gníomhaireachta leis an chineál seo cláir, ach sa chás amháin go mbeadh ceistanna chaighdeán an uisce agus na ngnáthóg lánreitithe, agus go raibh deis oiriúnach ann i gcomhair stocála nádúrtha. Is é an cur chuige seo is dócha a bheas éifeachtach san

fhadtréimhse agus ní athróidh sé go saorga comhdhéanamh géiniteach an ghorstoic nádúrtha. Cloíonn sé seo leis an chomhairle dhea-chleachtais a fuarthas ó thuarascálacha géiniteacha bradán an Gníomhaireachta agus ó theoirilnte prionsabal réamhchúramach.

Pointí Iniúchta Bhainistíocht Bradán

Gabhálacha Tráchtála

I 2007 tugadh isteach Scéim Chruatain Iascach Tráchtála Bradán, mar bharr ar éilimh Threoir maidir le Gnáthóga ar Chaomhnú Ghnáthóg Nádúrtha agus Ainmhithe agus Bláthanna Fiáine. Is breá leis an Gníomhaireacht gur éirigh leis an Phacáiste Cruatain a thug sí isteach an laghdú san iarracht iascaireachta a theastaigh a bhaint amach go hiomlán ar bhonn deonach. Le héilimh an Treoir Ghnáthóg a shásamh thug an Gníomhaireacht isteach bearta le scor den iascach incheaptha ar stoic nach raibh ag sroicheadh a dteorainneacha caomhnaithe. Léiríodh go raibh an t-iascach ar thaobh na farraige de Loch Feabhail ag oibriú tionchair ar stoic den sórt sin in Éirinn, sa Bhreatain Mhór agus taobh thall de; scoireadh den iascach seo i 2007.

Go stairiúil, saothraíodh na stoic i Loch Feabhail ag tuairim is ar 30 sruthlín, gach ceann acu ag iascach 900 méadar lín. D'fhéach scéim na Gníomhaireachta le cuíchóiriú an iascaigh thráchtála a dhearbhu ar an uimhir seo, agus mhol sí go laghdófaí tuilleadh an iarracht iascaireachta trí laghdú fad na líon a thioctadh a iascach go 500 méadar.

Na hiarratasóirí uilig ar cheadúnas sruthlín a bhfaofaí a n-iarratais i 2007, tairgeadh an Pacáiste Cruatain dóibh ar an bhonn go rachadh siad i "gconradh" le scor go buan d'iascach tráchtála bradán, go ndéanadh siad a líonta a dhíchoimisiúnú agus go dtiomnódh siad d'aisíoc an phacáiste dá dtiocfaí orthu i mbun iascach tráchtála bradán.

De na 112 ceadúnas i dteideal ní raibh ach 18 a dhiúltaigh don Phacáiste agus níorbh éigean do réim rialála na Gníomhaireachta an laghdú san iarracht sruthlín a theastaigh a fheidhmiú (.i. go 30 líon i Loch Feabhail).

San iascach líon tarraingthe áit a mbíonn suas le 50 ceadúnas ar fáil gach bliain, ní raibh aon laghdú a dhíth ó bhí na stoic uilig a shaothraigh na líonta seo, stoic na Moirne, na Finne agus a gcrabhaibhneacha ag baint amach a dteorainneacha caomhnaithe. Ach, 40 de na 50 ceadúnas líon tarraingthe ar faomhadh a n-iarratais i 2007 roghnaigh siad glacadh leis an Phacáiste Cruatain ar an tiomnú céanna a rinne a gcomhghleacaithe sruthlíonta.

Tá caidhp anois ar Iascaigh Sruthlín agus Líon Tarraingthe araon ag líon na gceadúnas a tugadh amach anuraidh.

Níor tugadh isteach aon druidim nó leathnú ar iascaigh áineasa nó tráchtála le linn

2007 mar gheall go áirithe ar an drochaimsir a mhair an chuid is mó den samhradh. Bhí leibhéil an uisce ard ar feadh na tréimhse Meitheamh go Lúnasa. I bhfírinne bhí áiseanna áireamh éisc ag Cora Mhuileann an tSiáin “nite amach” rud a lig do na bradáin ar a n-inimirce seoladh thar an chora gan a n-áireamh.

Bhí laghdú suntasach ar na gabhálacha tráchtála iascaigh i 2007 ó na blianta roimhe sin, mar gheall ar an iarracht laghdaithe. Féach tábla A thíos:

Tábla A

Bliain	Sruth	Tarr.	Sruth agus Tarraingt
2000	23069	12628	35697
2001	13500	9476	22976
2002	28851	11917	40768
2003	15741	16991	32732
2004	12800	9490	22290
2005	13391	12143	25534
2006	6160	6031	12191
2007	2598	2774	5372

Áiritheoirí Éisc

Chomisiúnaigh an Ghníomhaireacht dhá áiritheoir úr éisc san Ómaigh ar an tSruthail agus in lúr Cinn Trá ar an Rí, a chuirfeas le cumas cheartbhainistíocht stoc éisc limistéar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn. Ós áiseanna úra iad ní dhearnadh aon obair bailíochtaithe go fóill ar na suímh seo.

Mar atá amhlaidh le cuid eile de na háiseanna, ní chlúdaíonn siad seo cainéal iomlán na habhann agus ó tá a fhios gur scoith éisc an limistéar áirimh, ba chóir iad seo a mheas ina n-áirimh íosmhéid, a chuirfeas ar fáil comparadóirí áisiúla bhliain ar bhliain. Tá mionsonraí comparáideacha áireamh éisc i dTábla B thíos:

Tábla B

	2005	2006	2007
An Fhochain	4245	3399	1257
An Fhinn	8571	5700	3278
Muil. an tSiáin	9397	9352	3714
An Ró	2917	1213	5375
An Charraig	1269	228	1705
An tIúr	-	-	32
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Measadh áirimh na Fochaine agus Mhuileann an tSiáin i 2007 a bheith míshásúil agus easpach mar gheall ar dhála an-arda uisce mall san earrach agus luath sa samhradh a lig d'éisc na coraí a thrasnú gan dul trí na háiritheoirí éisc.

Loitiméireacht ar an áiritheoir ba chúis le háireamh íseal na Carraige i 2006.

Cé gurbh an-ábhar díomá é áireamh na Finne, is ábhar spéise é gur taifeadadh an rith ab fhearr bradán ar an Ró riamh ar áiritheoir Léim a' Mhadaidh.

Tuairiscí Gabhálacha Slaite 2007

Bhí céatadán na slatiascairí a chuir ar ais tuairiscí i 2007 thíos ar bhlianta beaga anuas (féach Aguisín 2 – tábla 12). Ábhar áirithe imní é nó is ceanglas rialála é go ndéanfadh an slatiascaire tuairiscí atá tráthúil agus beacht. Is pointe tábhachtach iniúchta iad na gabhálacha, a éascaíonn bainistíocht inbhuanaithe phobail éisc limistéar an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn, agus ghríosóimis, mar sin de, cloí leis an cheanglas reachtach le tuairiscí a dhéanamh.

Léirigh gabhálacha bradán a fógraíodh méadú i gcomórtas le blianta beaga anuas ach bhí gabhálacha fógartha breac thíos, treocht is ábhar buartha. Tá sé seo pléite tuilleadh sa chéad mhír eile ar bhrí gheala. (Tá tuilleadh eolais ar thuairiscí shlatiascaireachta achoimrithe in Aguisín 2 – táblaí 10, 11 agus 12).

D'iarr roinnt clubanna slatiascaireachta ar a gcuid ball tuairiscí a dhéanamh lena n-eagras. I 2007 léirigh tuairiscí ceadúnais chlub Shlatiascairí Abhainn an Fheabhail Teo gur mharaigh a gcuid ball 2369 bradán fásta Atlantaigh in abhantrach an Fheabhail. Má chuirtear seo i gcomórtas leis na tuairiscí ceadúnais a rinneadh le Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna áit ar taifeadadh gabháil 1132 bradán fásta Atlantaigh, is léir go dteipeann ar a lán slatiascairí tuairiscí iomlána a dhéanamh le Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Ní cuidíonn sé seo le hullmhú phictiúir lán de stádas na stoc seo.

Áirimh Láithreacha Sceathraí

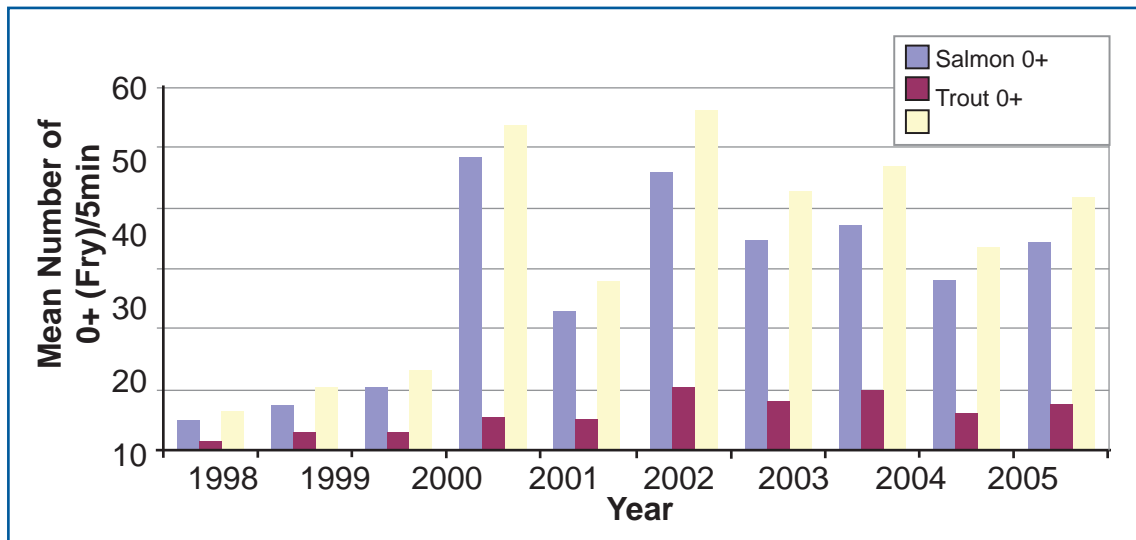
Is i láithreacha sceathraí a leagann bradáin fhásta a gcuid uibheacha i ngairbhéal agus thig iad a aithint ar logán sainiúil i mullóg srutha a cruthaíodh nuair a thochail na héisc fhásta sceithe an logán nó an nead. Bhí cruinneas áireamh láithreacha sceathraí riamh faoi réir dhála na haimsire, mar shampla, le linn tuilte coisceann an méadú i solaid ar fuaidreamh infheictheacht agus cruthaítear tuilleadh deacrachtaí nuair a leacann síleadh ard an uisce na mollóga gairbhéil a tochlaíodh, agus nuair a éiríonn an t-uisce níos soiléire ní bhíonn rian na láithreacha le feiceáil. I 2007, meascadh dála áireamh na láithreacha leis na torthaí a tugadh in Aguisín 2 – tábla 3.

Leictriascaireacht

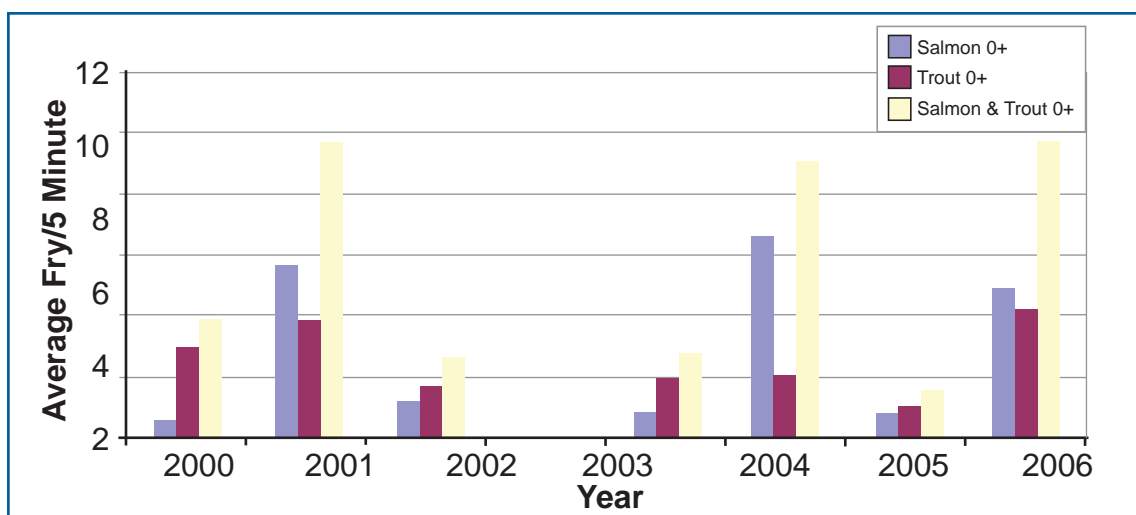
I 2007 rinneadh leictriascaireacht go leathchainníochtúil ar 573 láthair san iomlán i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn. Bhí 487 de na láithreacha a ndearnadh suirbhé orthu i gcóras an Fheabhail agus 86 i gcóras Chairlinn.

Ba é 19 meánlíon na ngilidíní bradáin agus 4 meánlíon na ngilidíní bric ag gach láthair i gcóras an Fheabhail i 2007. Cé gur cosúil líon na mbreac a bheith ina ábhar díomá bíonn roghnú na láithreacha claonta i dtreo ghnáthóga bradán.

Innéacs Gilidíní Abhainn na Ró



Innéacs ghilidíní abhantrach Abhainn na Ró (limistéir an Fheabhail) 1998-2007. Féach cé gur athraigh líon na láithreacha a ndearnadh suirbhé orthu gach bliain ó 27 i 1998 go 75 i 2007, shocair líon na láithreacha suirbhé ó 2002.



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Innéacs Ghilidíní na hAbhann Báine

Ba é 2 meánlíon na ngilidíní bradáin agus 2 meánlíon na ngilidíní bric ag gach láthair i gcóras Chairlinn i 2007.

Innéacs ghilidíní abhantrach na hAbhann Báine (limistéar Chairlinn) 2000-2007. Féach cé gur athraigh líon na láithreacha a ndearnadh suirbhé orthu gach bliain ó 5 i 2000 go 20 i 2007, shocair líon na láithreacha suirbhé ó 2002.

Is cóir a thabhairt faoi deara go gcuireann na cairteanna thuas in iúl treochtaí ginearálta sna habhantracha roghnaithe agus iad bunaithe ar líon athraitheach láithreacha a ndéantar suirbhé bliantúil orthu. Tá roinnt cúiseanna is bun leis an athrú seo, ó ghalar crúibe is béil, mar shampla, i 2001 a choisc rochtain i limistéir áirithe, go láithreacha a d'éirigh foircthe le fásra agus nár oir do shuirbhé. Tá rún ag Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna suirbhé a shocrú do líon seasmhach láithreacha i ngach abhantrach ar bhonn bliantúil.

Chomh maith leis na suirbhéanna leathchainníochtúil leictriascaireachta rinneadh suirbhé cainníochtúil ar roinnt láithreacha in abhantrach an Fheabhail. Ceapadh an faireachán leanúnach cainníochtúil seo le héifeachtacht oibreacha feabhsaithe gnáthóg insrutha a rinneadh i 2007 a measúnú. Leanfar den faireachán ar feadh na 4-5 bliana romhainn agus déanfar tuairisc air i dtuairisc stádáis abhantrach Abhainn an Fheabhail.

Clibeáil Chódaithe Sreinge (CCS)

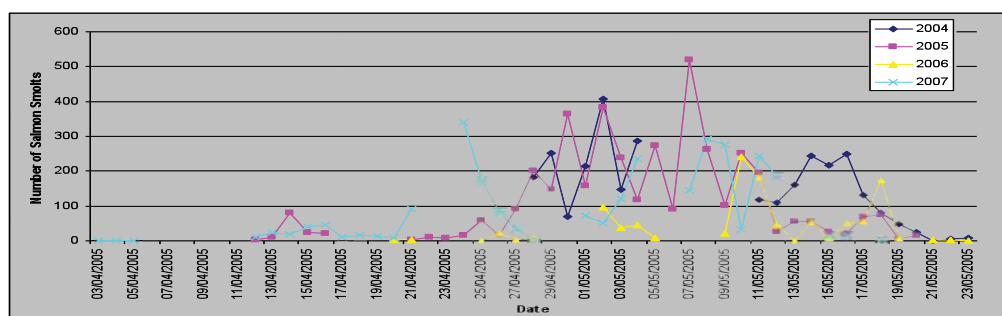
Leanadh den chlár Clibeáil Chódaithe Sreinge i 2007 ar Abhainn na Fochaine. Ní dhearnadh aon chlibeáil ar Abhainn na Finne. Táthar ag suil le clibeáil a dhéanamh ar 2 abhainn i 2008 chun tacú leis an chlár idirnáisiúnta Cumaisc SALSEA, ar fhiosrú bradán san fharraige.

Déantar CCS ar roinnt cúiseanna ina measc aibhsiú na limistéar ina saothraítear bradáin fhásta inimirce. Úsáideann Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna Scriúghaiste Rothlach (SGR) leis na gealóga a cheapadh i gcomhair chlibeála. Éascaíonn sé seo cruasach sonraí luachmhara bitheolaíochta agus eolas eile ar fhlúirse agus chomhuainiú reatha salmainide agus phobal eile éisc ag dul síos an abhainn an t-am seo de bliain.

Cuirfear eolas ar ghealóga a clibeáladh i 2006 agus a ceapadh ina n-aosaigh inimirce i séasúr 2007 i láthair i dtuarascáil bhliantúil 2008 agus sna tuarascálacha stádáis abhantracha na n-aibhneacha nuair a bheas siad ar fáil. Foras na Mara a chomhordaíonn na sonraí athcheaptha ón chlár clibeála. I gcás iasc a clibeáladh in aon bhliain bíonn moill 2 bhliain ann sula mbíonn na sonraí athcheaptha ar fáil.

Ó 2005 d'úsáid Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna trealamh Chlibeáil Chódaithe Sreinge a ceannaíodh le hairgead a fuarthas ó Chiste Forbartha Réigiúnaí na hEorpa trí Chlár INTERREG IIIA, á riar ag an tSeirbhís Chomhshaoil agus Oidhreacht, thar ceann an Roinn Comhshaoil.

Bíonn an eite saille (an eite bheag idir an eite droma agus an ruball) bainte de na héisc mhicreachlibeáilte uilig; má mharaíonn iascaire bradáin nó bláthán atá gan an eite seo íocfar luaíocht leo ach ceann an éisc a thabhairt go dtí Ceanncheathrú Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna i bPréachán. Tá sonraí ionaid, ceaptha agus dáta ar maraíodh an t-iasc, fad, meáchan agus sampla gainne fíorluachmhar i gcomhair úsáid an eolais seo.



Líon na nGealóg Bradáin

Dáta

Comhuainiú reatha agus flúirse ghealóg bradáin ó fhoshampla scríúghaiste rothlach Abhainn na Fochaine 2004-2007. Druidim an ghaiste mar gheall ar dhála arduisce is cúis le bearnaí sna sonraí

Bliain	Líon na nGealóg 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

Líon na ngealóg bradáin a clibeáladh ar Abhainn na Finne 2002-2006 (féach nach ndearnadh aon chlibeáil ar Abhainn na Finne i 2007)

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Bliain a Clibeáladh	Bliain Athcheaptha	Líon Athcheaptha	Ionad Athcheaptha
2002	2003 2004	10 1	Dún na nGall, Limistéar an Fheabhail, Cósta Thuaidh, Maigh Eo, Gaillimh, Abhainn na Finne
2003	2004	25	Dún na nGall, Limistéar an Fheabhail, Maigh Eo, Ciarraí, Abhainn na Finne
2004	2005	8	An Caisleán Nua
2005	2006	1	Tor

Sonraí athcheaptha ó chlár CCS Abhainn na Finne. Féach gurb é is cúis leis an mhoill sna sonraí fad an ama a caitheadh ar muir agus fad an ama a theastaigh le sonraí a chomhordú.

Bliain	Líon na nGealóg 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
2007	1547	2+	13.5	27.1

Líon na ngealóg a clibeáladh ar Abhainn na Fochaine 2003-2007

Bliain a Clibeáladh	Bliain Athcheaptha	Líon Athcheaptha	Ionad Athcheaptha
2003	2004	12	An Caisleán Nua, Ailt a' Chorráin, Cionn Mhálanna, Béal a' Muirthead is Cionn a' Toir
2004	2005	16	An Caisleán Nua, Cionn Mhálanna, Dún na nGall is Cuan na Gaillimhe
2005	2006	3	An Caisleán Nua

Sonraí athcheaptha ó chlár CCS Abhainn na Fochaine. Féach gurb é is cúis leis an mhoill sna sonraí fad an ama a caitheadh ar muir agus fad an ama a theastaigh le sonraí a chomhordú.

Oibreacha insrutha

Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna a chistigh na hoibreacha insrutha i 2007 ar na haibhneacha a leanas:

Ainm na habhann	Cineál oibreacha	Tuairimí
Abhainn Fionntamhnaí	Feabhsú gnáthóg bruach agus gairbhéal insrutha	Láithreacha sceathraí bradán a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007
Abhainn tSeiscne	Feabhsú gnáthóg bruach agus gairbhéal insrutha	Láithreacha sceathraí bradán a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007
Abhainn na Deirge Uachtair	Aistriú siolta dhlúite agus a athsoláthar le gairbhéal sceathraí	Láithreacha sceathraí bradán a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007
An Daoil	Aistriú i dtollánú	Feabhsú ionchais i líon na n-iasc óg le breathnú i 2008
Abhainn Bhaile Uí Cheallaigh	Aistriú siolta dhlúite agus a athsoláthar le gairbhéal sceathraí	Láithreacha sceathraí breac a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007
Abhainn Ghleann Bond	Feabhsú gnáthóg bruach agus gairbhéal insrutha	Láithreacha sceathraí bradán a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007
Abhainn Fhothairghleanna	Feabhsú gnáthóg bruach agus gairbhéal insrutha	Láithreacha sceathraí bradán a breathnaíodh ar ghairbhéal úr i mí na Nollag 2007

Rinneadh na hoibreacha ar Abhainn Bhaile Uí Cheallaigh i gcomhar le Gníomhaireacht na nAibhneacha.

Rinneadh na hoibreacha ar aibhneacha Fhothairghleanna agus Ghleann Bond i gcomhar le Cumann Slatiascairí Abhainn an Fheabhail agus RAPID.

Bric Gheala

Is é an Breac Geal cineál anadromach an bhric dhoinn *Salmo trutta* L. Tá tuairiscí an bhric ghil achoimrithe níos faide anonn sa tuarascáil seo ach léirigh na teorachtaí le blianta beaga anuas titim sa ghabháil a fógraíodh, i limistéar an Fheabhail go háirithe.

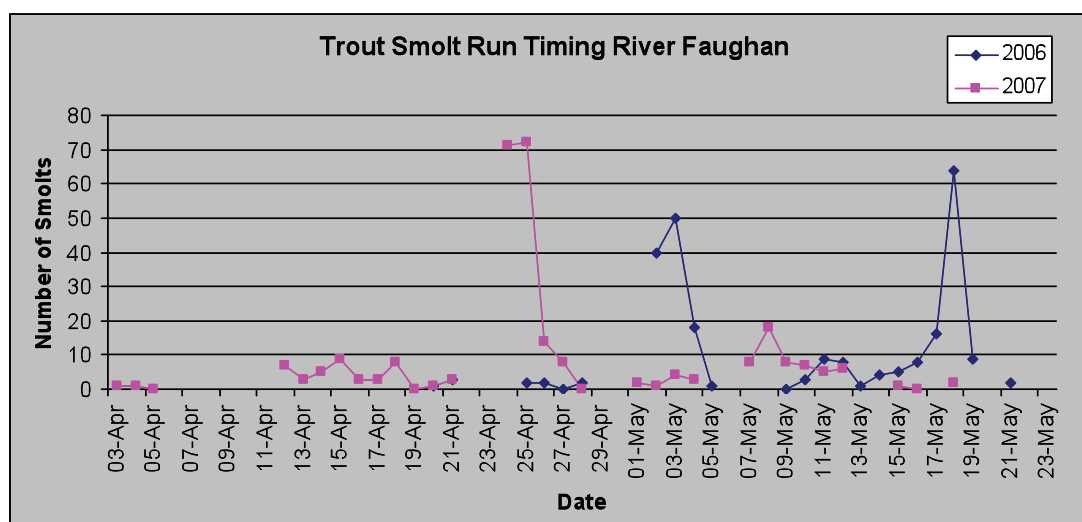
Baineann bric gheala i limistéar Chairlinn meánmhéid is mó amach ná iad siúd i limistéar an Fheabhail, agus is suntasach tuairiscí bliantúla na mbreac mór farraige seo san Abhainn Bhán.

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Is féidir gur dála éagsúla ba chúis leis an titim i stoic na mbreac geal, gnáthdhála ina measc mar inmhíolú an-ard míolta farraige, nó b'fhéidir athrú san éiceachóras a d'oibreodh ar speiceas creiche, truailliú uisce chósta agus ró-iascaireacht. Is féidir fosta go bhfuil níos lú gealóg bric ag imirceadh chun farraige ach ag fanacht ina mbric rua san haibhneacha.

Is iomaí ceist fós gan freagairt faoi *Salmo trutta* L. Tacaíonn Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna le tuilleadh taighde ar phobail bhreac agus nuair is féidir cuideoimid le staidéir ábhartha agus le cnuasach eolas tábhachtach bitheolaíochta.

Ceaptar gealóga breac geal chomh maith le gealóga bradán i scríúghaistí rothlacha Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Tá cuid de na sonraí a cruinníodh sular cuireadh gealóga na mbreac geal ar ais go dtí an abhainn ar taispeáint thíos. Cuirfidh cruinniú na sonraí seo le faireachán fadtréimhse threorachtaí comhuainiú reatha agus flúirse breac geal in eochairabhantracha.



Comhuainiú reatha gealóga agus flúirse Breac Geal ó scríúghaistí rothlacha, foshampla, Abhainn na Fochaine 2006 & 2007. Druidim an ghaiste le linn dhála arduisce is cúis le bearnaí sna sonraí

Bliain	Líon Ghealóga na mBreac Geal	Meánfhad (cm)	Meánmheáchan (g)
2006	248	17.8	64.14
2007	279	19.1	74.73

Tá Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna i bhfabhar ceapadh agus saoradh mar uirlis thábhachtach chaomhnaithe breac geal i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.

Bainistíocht agus Forbairt Iascaigh Gharbhiascaireachta

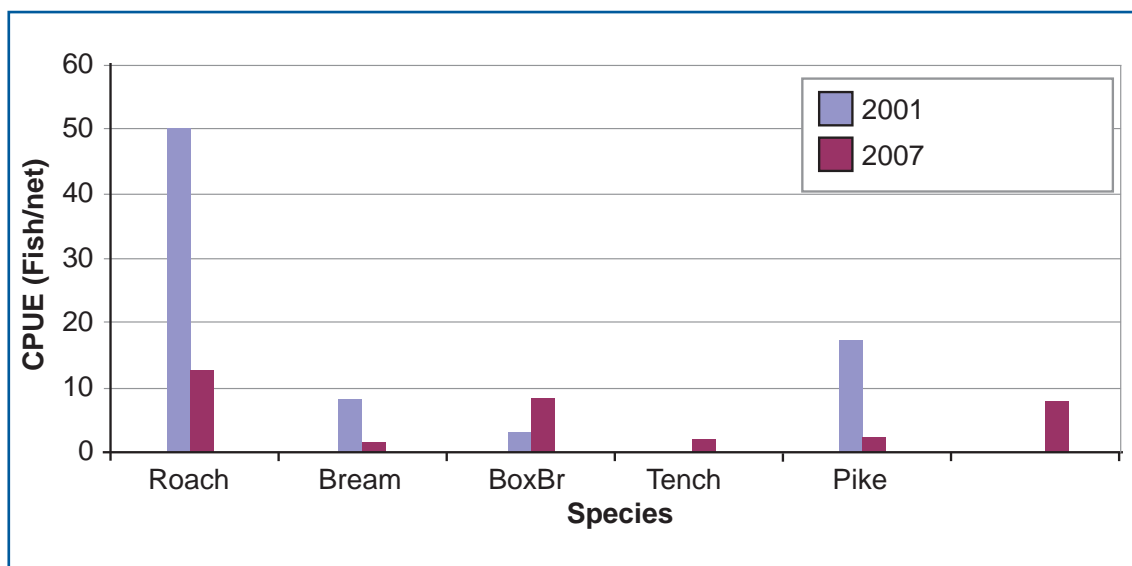
Tá tábhacht go fóill le garbhiascaireacht i gCairlinn agus san Fheabhal. Lean an Ghníomhaireacht ag obair le páirtithe áitiúla leasmhara, le roinnt uiscí a chur chun cinn.

Tá an Ghníomhaireacht faoi láthair ag obair ar reachtaíocht nua le garbhéisc a chosaint sa dá abhantrach le bithshlándaíl a chinnteoidh go ndéanfar freastal le fada amach anseo ar an éileamh leanúnach ar gharbhiascaireacht.

Thug an Ghníomhaireacht i Meán Fómhair 2007 faoi mheasúnú stoc iasc i gCanáil Iúr Cinn Trá idir Loc Viteoiria agus Báisín Ailbhe i gcomhar leis an Fhoras Uiscebhia agus Eolaíochtaí Bitheacha (FUEB) agus an Phríomh-Bhord Iascaigh (PBI). Leasaigh an suirbhé seo chun dáta tuarascálacha ó 2001 agus 2002. Ba ghné úr de shuirbhé 2007 úsáid theicneolaíochta nua hiodrafhuaime a cheadaigh measúnú líon na n-iasc sa chanáil. Baineadh fíricí ón talamh ag úsáid ghnáth-theicnící líontóireachta a lean Caighdeáin na hEorpa do shuirbhéanna den chineál seo. Cé gur doiligh comparáid a dhéanamh le suirbhéanna roimhe seo, mar gheall ar athruithe sa teicneolaíocht a fheidhmítear, ba chosúil gur tháinig titim ar stoic speiceas áirithe, mar shampla, ní bhfuarthas ach aon bhran óg amháin i 2007 ach líon maith iasc fásta i 2002. Bhí líon réasúnta bran róiste X ann i 2007 in uimhreacha incomparáide le córais chosúla eile. Aithníodh roinnt fadhbanna féideartha ar chóir aghaidh a thabhairt orthu:

- droch-chaighdeán uisce, i mBáisín Ailbhe go háirithe;
- íslíú agus ardú leibhéil an uisce sa chanáil le linn tréimhsí cinniúnacha sceathraí;
- róshaothrú féideartha stoc.

Achoimre ghabhálacha iasc a ceapadh i ndronga traidisiúnta eangaí geolbhaí le linn suirbhéanna stoc iasc a rinneadh i gCanáil Iúr Cinn Trá i 2001 agus 2007.



Reachtaíocht

Leasuithe ar na Rialacháin

Mar a léiríodh ní ba luaithe sa tuarascáil seo, tá an Ghníomhaireacht tiomanta ar an eolas a chruinníonn sí a úsáid le haimsiú stoc inbhuanaithe salmainidí a chosaint, a chothabháil agus a sholáthar i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.

Cé go bhfuil fáil againn ar bhearta ó chéim fionnuisce shaolré na n-iasc seo agus atá á ndéanamh ar bhonn leanúnach mar a tuairiscíodh, táthar ag mothú thionchar laghduithe suntasacha i marthanas farraige na mbradán. Tá comhoibríochtaí idirnáisiúnta á dtionscnamh le ceisteanna faoi na laghduithe seo a scrúdú agus tuairisceofar iad thar na 3 go 5 bliana romhainn. Ach mar a tuairiscíodh roimhe seo, tá bearta déanta ag an Ghníomhaireacht le róshaothrú bradán inimirce a rialú tuilleadh lena chinntiú go mbainfear amach leibhéal na stoc sceathraí a theastaíonn ón chóras.

Dá bharr seo, rinneadh ba leasuithe a leanas ar na rialacháin atá liostaithe thíos. Is cóir a thabhairt faoi deara go mbíonn athbhreithniú leanúnach á dhéanamh ar thionchar agus éifeachtacht phobail an chórais mar aon le heolas orthu agus má theastaíonn tuilleadh leasuithe ar na rialacháin atá ann nó má theastaíonn cinn úra, tabharfar iad sin chun tosaigh i gcomhairle lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara ar dhóigh a bheas tráthuil ach tomhaiste.

Seo iad na leasuithe a rinneadh le linn 2007:

1. Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Ceadúnú Inneall Iascaireachta) (Leasú Uimh 2) Rialacháin 2007 – Leasú Rialachán 2001 Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Ceadúnú Inneall Iascaireachta)

- (a) Moill ar chur isteach foirmeacha iarratais ó 15ú Eanáir go dtí 30ú Aibreán.
- (b) Leathnú ar chritéir an fhoirm iarratais leo seo a chuimsiú: - (i) Fianaise nach ndearnadh iascaireacht ach i Loch Feabhail agus (ii) Fianaise gur baineadh slí bheatha as a n-oibríochtaí iascaireachta i Loch Feabhail agus sa limistéar ar thaobh na farraige de Loch Feabhail.

2. Limistéar an Fheabhail (Rialú Iascaireacht Sruthlín agus Lín Tarraingthe) (Leasú) Rialacháin 2007 – Leasú Limistéar an Fheabhail (Rialú Iascaireacht Sruthlín agus Lín Tarraingthe) Rialacháin 2001

- (a) Bain amach Limistéar Thaobh na Farraige de Loch Feabhail.
- (b) Cuir srian ar líon na gceadúnas atá ar fáil i ngach catagóir go 30 Sruthlín agus 50 Lín Tarraingthe nó an mheánuimhir a glacadh amach sna trí bliana sonra, cibé acu is ísle.

3. Limistéar an Fheabhail (Rialú Líontóireachta) (Leasú) Rialacháin 2007 –
Leasú Limistéar an Fheabhail (Rialú Líontóireachta) Rialacháin 1981

Leasú le fad an lín a thig a úsáid a laghdú go 500m.

4. Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Clibeáil agus Logleabhar) (Leasú)
Rialacháin 2007 – Leasú Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Clibeáil agus
Logleabhar) Rialacháin 2001

- (a) Srian a chur ar líon na gclibeálacha atá ar fáil le bronnadh ar shlatiascairí a fhad le 5 Gorm le linn thréimhse 1ú Márta go 31ú Bealtaine.
- (b) Cion a dhéanamh d'úsáid chlibeálacha Gorma taobh amuigh den thréimhse seo.
- (c) Srian a chur ar líon na gclibeálacha atá ar fáil ag slatiascairí go 20 Dubh le linn thréimhse 1ú Meitheamh go 31ú Deireadh Fómhair.

5. Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Slatiascaireacht) (Leasú) Rialacháin
2007 – Leasú Limistéar an Fheabhail agus Limistéar Chairlinn (Slatiascaireacht)
Rialacháin 2001

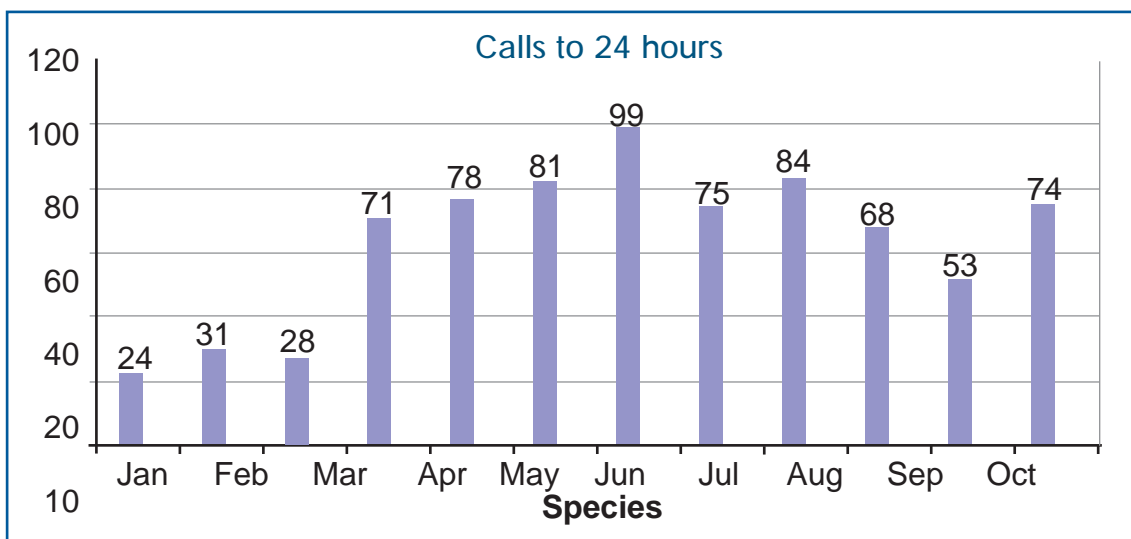
- (a) An teorainn mhála laethúil a athrú go haon Bhradán nó aon Bhreac Geal os cionn 40cm, don thréimhse 1ú Márta go 31ú Bealtaine.
- (b) An teorainn mhála laethúil a athrú go dhá Bhradán nó dhá Bhreac Geala os cionn 40 cm nó ceann amháin den dá chuid don treimhse 1ú Meitheamh go 31ú Deireadh Fómhair.
- (c) Teorainn mhála laethúil 4 Bhreac Rua a thabhairt isteach.
- (d) Rialachán a thabhairt isteach ag éileamh ar shlatiascairí stad d'iascaireacht an bhradáin i ndiaidh iad a dteorainn laethúil a mharú agus a choiscfeadh úsáid gléis agus modhanna a mheallfadh bradán, ach a cheadódh úsáid gléis agus modhanna a mheallfadh bric rua ach lena linn sin a d'éascódh gabháil rathúil agus a shaoradh aon bhradán nó aon bhreac geal a cheapfaí de thaisme. Choiscfeadh bearta den chineál sin úsáid baoite agus ní cheadódh ach úsáid duáin gan fhriofac le bearna ba lú ná 7mm.
- (e) Slatiascaireacht bradán a chosc in aibhneacha nach sásódh teorainneacha caomnaithe, nó limistéir abhann a dhruim ina bhfuil róshaothrú slatiascaireachta ag déanamh dochair do shroicheadh teorainneacha caomhnaithe, agus slatiascaireacht in aibhneacha den chineál sin a theorannú ag na modhanna atá sonraithe in (d).

Caomhnú Agus Cosaint Iascach

Glaonna ar líne freagartha 24 uair iar-ama

Ó 5in go 9rn ghlac an líne freagartha iar-ama 766 glao, mar atá sonraithe sa ghraf thíos:

Ba í an líne freagartha iar-ama ábhar fheachtas chur chun cinn de chuid na Gníomhaireachta i bhFeabhra/Márta 2007, agus b'fhoinse shuntasach eolais í ar cheisteanna faoi iascaireacht mhídhleathach agus thruailliú uisce.



Is ceann de chroífhéidhmeanna Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna é feidhmiú reachtaíocht chaomhnaithe agus chosanta a éiríonn as na hAchtanna agus Rialacháin Iascach.

Díríodh go suntasach ar ghníomhartha rialála feidhmithe i 2007. Dá bharr sin a tharla na hurgabhálacha atá liostaithe thíos; ar na líonta a gabhadh bhí 8 líon ar fhad 1000m.

Mar gheall ar na gníomhartha seo tarchuireadh cáipéisí chuig ár ndlíodóirí i gcomhair chúiseamh 56 duine as coireanna cosanta iascach.

Achoimriú ghníomhartha feidhmithe a tarchuireadh chuig dlíodóirí na Gníomhaireachta

2005	2006	2007
33	28	123

Achoimriú urghabhálacha a rinne foireann na Gníomhaireachta

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Slata	10	16	13	26	85
Báid & feithiclí	24	16	15	8	16
Líonta	217	181	118	97	101
Bradáin & Bric	160	137	126	77	58

Ba mhaith le Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna buíochas a ghabháil as an chuidiú tábhachtach a thug an Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Forbartha Tuaithe, an Garda Síochána agus Seirbhís Póilíneachta Thuaisceart na hÉireann, i bhforfheidhmiú Acht na nIascach i limistéar Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna.

Mar gheall ar ardlíon na gcoireanna slatiascaireachta, ba dhrochbhliain í 2007 ag foireann na Gníomhaireachta lena ndualgais fhorfheidhmithe a dhéanamh. Ach, mar gheall ar a ndíograis leanadh le patróil i ngach réigiún de limistéar freagrachta Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Thug Faireoirí Príobháideacha Abhann fosta cuidiú luachmhar ag cur bhreis chosanta ar fáil ar a gcuid iascach. Thug an Ghníomhaireacht faoi shealbhóirí barántais a oiliúint i ndlí agus i ngnás fianaiseach lascaigh, rinneadh freastal maith ar na seimineáir agus chuir siad ar fáil aiseolas suntasach dearfach. Is mór ag Bord Choimisiún an Fheabhail, Chairlinn agus Shoilse na hÉireann agus Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna díograis fhoireann Ghníomhaireacht na Lochanna agus an cuidiú uilig a tugadh don fhorfheidhmiú.

Caighdeán an Fhionnuisce

Bíonn an Ghníomhaireacht go buan ina comhairlí reachtúil i dtaca le forbairtí a dtiocfadh leo tionchar a oibriú ar an chomshaol abhann ó chaighdeán uisce insrutha nó ó chomhshaol peirspictíoch bruachánach. Tá san áireamh anseo plé leis an tSeirbhís Foraoise agus le comhlachtaí éagsúla foraoise faoin tionchar féideartha ar scéimeanna pleanála molta, leis an tSeirbhís Bóithre faoi thrasnuithe abhann nua agus scéimeanna bóthair, leis an tSeirbhís Uisce faoi scéimeanna astarraingthe camrais agus uisce, leis an tSeirbhís Pleanála faoi fhorbairtí nua, leis an tSeirbhís Comhsaoil agus Oidhreacht faoi cheadanna doirte, a gcáilíocht agus a dtionchar féideartha, agus le Gníomhaireacht na nAibhneacha faoi cheisteanna bhainistíocht draenála agus sruthchúrsa, agus san áireamh oibreacha cúiteacha athchóirú gnáthóg.

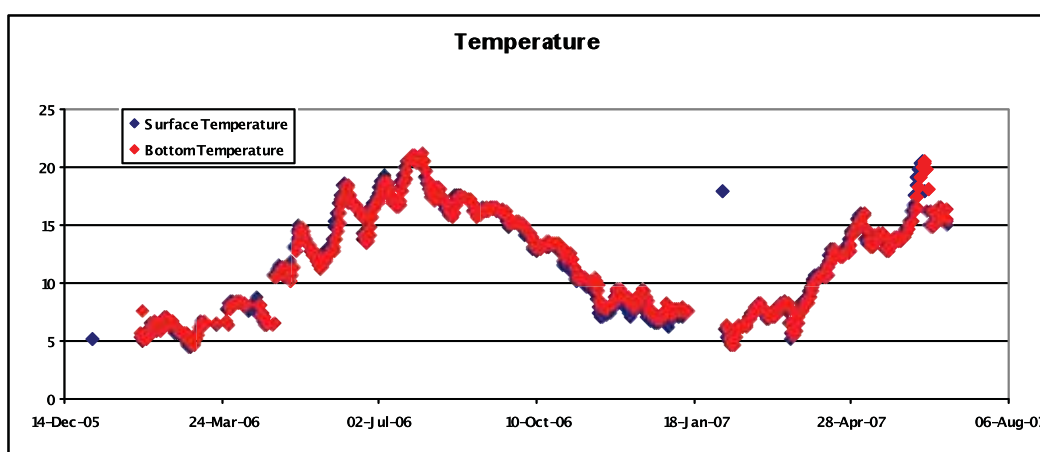
Creideann an Ghníomhaireacht go bhfuil a straitéis leanúnach le díriú ar abhantracha atá is cosuil faoi bhrú dá Clár Réamhghníomhach um Chosc ar Thruailliú slán agus tairbheach fosta do na habhantracha seo, tagann an buneolas don straitéis seo go príomha ó na suirbhéanna cáilíochtúla leictriascaireachta a dhéantar gach bliain

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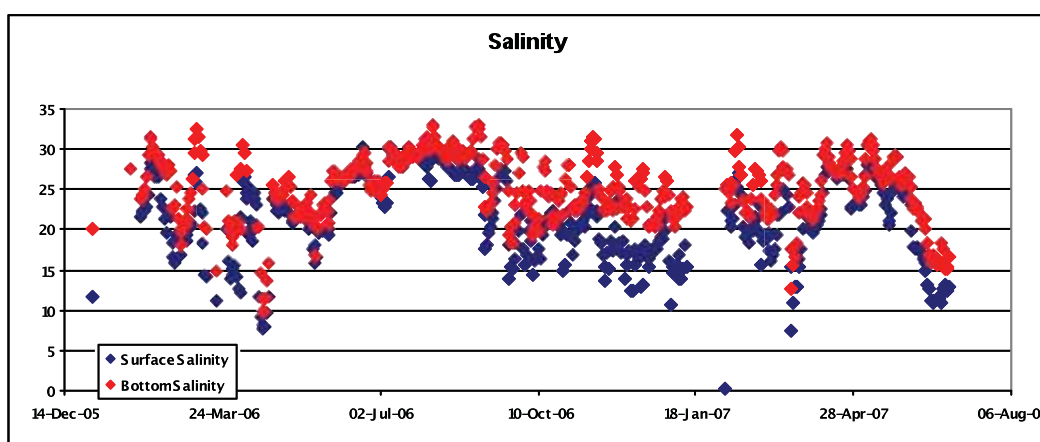
agus ar bhonn is lú ón chlár uasdátú gnáthóg agus na suirbéanna áireamh láithreacha sceathraí. Ag úsáid i gcomhar le chéile na sonraí leictriascaireachta, áireamh láithreacha sceathraí, cháiliocht uisce agus mhaicrinveirteabrach a cruinníodh i 2007, d'éirigh leis an Ghníomhaireacht na hachair sin is mó ar oibríodh tionchar orthu a mheasúnú agus díriú ar na fo-abhantracha seo i gcomhair scrúdú forghníomhach. As cuid de na scrúdúcháin seo tháinig atreorú chun comhairle ar chleachtas feirmeoireachta, as cuid eile lean cúiseamh as doirteadh mídhleathach. Níor tharla aon athrú suntasach marú éisc i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn. Tharla roinnt mioneachtraí bhásmhaireacht éisc níos moille sa séasúr i limistéar an Fheabhail, ach is cosúil gur galar fungais ar líon beag iasc ba chúis leo.

Caighdeán an Uisce Mhuirí

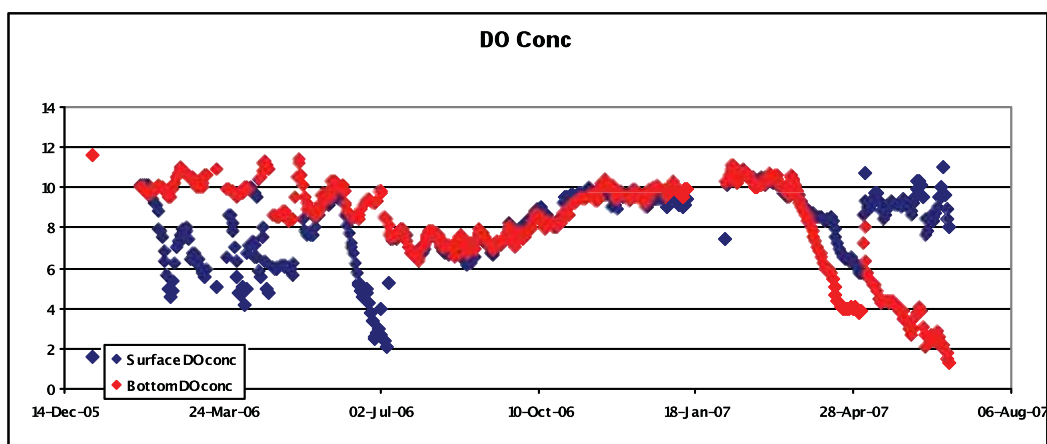
Rinne an Ghníomhaireacht lena páirtithe faireachán lae agus oíche ar na Murlaigh le sonraí ó bhaoithe teiliméadrachta. Tá cuid de na sonraí ar taispeáint thíos:



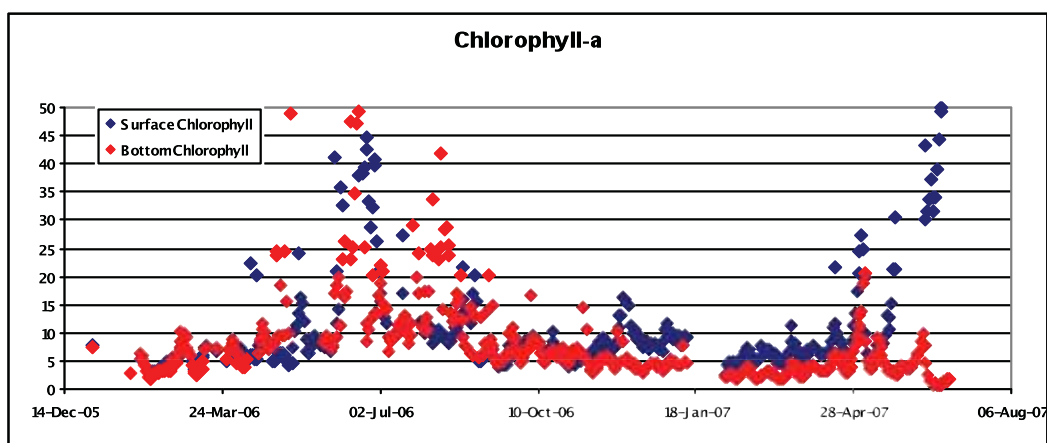
Léiríonn teochtaí uisce i 2006-2007 sainphatrún mearthéimh san earrach agus i dtús an tsamhraidh go huasmhéid tuairim is ar 22°C. Tuairim is ar 4°C a bhí an teocht ab ísle a taifeadadh sa gheimhreadh. Is mórchúis í teocht an uisce i ndearbhú amú sceathraí sliogéisc.



Tá leibhéil salandachta an-athraitheach in Inbhear an Fheabhail, agus iad go mór faoi thionchar ag gluaiseachtaí na taoide chom maith leis an rith fionnuisce ó na hAibhneacha Feabhail, Ró agus Fochaine. Féadann an tsalandacht ag an stáisiún samplála athrú ó bheith faoi 10ppt go 34ppt. Luach salandachta 34ppt a léiríonn fíorsháile agus tá luach salandachta fionnuisce gar do 0.



Féadann Ocsaigin Thuaslagtha dul i bhfeidhm go mór ar chineál na speiceas i ndobharlach. Thig le hocsáigin thuaslagtha íseal teacht as droch-cháilíocht uisce agus saibhriú cothaitheach fosfáite. I Loch Feabhail bíonn an OT measartha ard de ghnáth, cé go dtarlaíonn tréimhsí ísle OT ó am go ham. Tá sé thar a bheith deacair OT a thaifeadadh le logálán uathoibrioch alamaigh mar na cinn a úsáidtear agus is minic a tharlaíonn neamhréireachtaí sna sonraí.



Taispeánann na leibhéil chlóraifíle-a sa ghráf blás dheireadh an earraigh/thús an tsamhraidh. Tá clóraifíle-a athraitheach ó nádúr agus féadann sí athrú de réir na huair le linn sheasúr an earraigh agus an tsamhraidh nuair is ard í infhaighteacht chothaitheach agus is láidir déine an tsolais. Tá faireachán leanúnach paraiméadair den chineál seo éigeantach le hathruithe sa stoc seasta chlóraifíle san inbhear a aithint go beacht in imeacht ama. Thig na taifid seo a úsáid le teorachtaí fáis sliogéisc san éiceachóras

a mheasúnú agus le hiontógáil chlóraifille-a sna pobail shliogéisc a dhearbhu. Tá an príomh-mheasúnú táirgeachta seo tairbheach i meastachán acmhainn iompair éiceachórais agus ceadaíonn sé fosta tuarthaí fáis shliogéisc a dhéanamh d'fheirmeoirí sliogéisc a bheadh ag iarraidh an táirgeacht óna n-oibríochtaí a bharrfheabhsú.

Thar am d'fhéadfadh athruithe i mbithmhais chlóraifille bheith ina dtáscaire ar infhaighteacht laghdaithe chothaithigh nó theorannú cothaithigh in inbhir. Léiríodh go raibh fosfáit theoranta i Loch Feabhail agus is féidir go bhfuil sé sin ag dul i bhfeidhm ar réimse agus ar fhad spásúil blás planctóin san earrach agus sa samhradh.

12. Dobharshaothrú agus iascaigh shliogéisc

I 2007 a achtaíodh Acht/Ordú Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn. Chuir sé ar chumas na Gníomhaireachta tosú ar fhorbairt Rialachán do chaomhnú, bhainistíocht agus d'fhorbairt iascach fia-shliogéisc agus dhobharshaothrú i limistéir Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna. Tosóidh lánrolladh amach an chóras ceadúnú do bharshaothrú i 2009. Le hullmhú do rialú do bharshaothrú agus iascach shliogéisc i Loch Feabhail thug an tIonad Comhshaoil, Iascach & Eolaíocht Dobharshaothrú (ICSED) faoi shuirbhé neamhspleách bonnlíne an Locha. I mí Bealtaine 2007 foilsíodh plean feidhmithe do chaomhnú, chosaint agus bhainistíocht an iascach fia-oisrí i Loch Feabhail i gcomhair chomhairliúcháin. Tá beartaithe go mbeidh Rialacháin in áit d'iascach oisrí 2008 le bainistíocht agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an iascaigh seo a chinntiú amach anseo.

Bunaíodh Coiste Stiúrtha ar a raibh páirtithe leasmhara, ranna rialtais agus lucht leasa comhshaoil le téarmaí tagartha a fhorbairt le Measúnú Straitéiseach Comhshaoil a chur ar fáil. Tabharfaidh comhairligh agus foireann na Gníomhaireachta faoin obair seo go luath i 2008.

Tá comhchainteanna ar siúl le Coimisiún Eastát na Corónach agus leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia le comhaontú bainistíochta a fhorbairt d'fhorbairt do bharshaothrú sna Lochanna. Tá an Coimisiún, CEC agus an RCMAN tiomanta ar sholáthar an chomhaontú seo sula dtiocfaidh an córas ceadúnaithe i gceann oibre.

D'aimsigh an Gníomhaireacht cistiú d'árthach faireacháin do na Lochanna i 2007. Iarradh tairiscintí ag teacht le treoirlínte soláthair an AE agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh árthach a chuideoidh le forbairt agus bainistíocht acmhainní sliogéisc sa dá Loch in áit faoi dheireadh 2008.

13. Turasóireacht mhara

Ar na príomhchuspóirí a baineadh amach i 2007 bhí faomhadh bheartas chúnamh airgeadais na Gníomhaireachta do dheontais bheaga ag an Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas i mí na Samhna. Lig sé seo don Gníomhaireacht tosú a chomhlíonadh a oibleagáide faoi Ordú 1999 Thuaidh/Theas (Comhlachtaí Feidhmithe) (Tuaisceart na

hÉireann) agus Acht Comhaontaithe Briotanach Éireannach 1999, le turasóireacht shlatiascaireachta agus mhara a fhorbairt (trí chúnamh deontais san áireamh). Leathadh an straitéis go mall i 2007 le cruinnithe poiblí, fógraíocht agus cur chun cinn sna meáin ar fud na n-abhantrach; iarradh tograí don tréimhse 2008-2009; cuireann sé seo ar fáil dúinn deis le bheith ag plé tuilleadh le páirtithe leasmhara agus le tograí a chur i bhfeidhm a theastaíonn go géar ag teacht leis an Straitéis Forbartha Turasóireachta Mara agus Slatiascaireachta.

Thacaigh an Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas fosta leis an Ghníomhaireacht i bhforbairt Straitéis Forbartha Turasóireachta Mara agus Slatiascaireachta suas go 2013 – feidhmeofar í seo faoi réir fhoinsiú buiséid ó chlár INTERREG IV.

I mí an Mhárta 2007 a fógraíodh clár INTERREG IV agus bhí rath ar iarratas na Gníomhaireachta ar chistiú le 2 thairiscint ‘phíblíne’ a fhorbairt leis an Straitéis Forbartha Turasóireachta Mara agus Slatiascaireachta a bheachtú tuilleadh agus le clár taighde Trasnáisiúnta a fhorbairt lenár gcomhghleacaithe in Ionad Éiceolaíochta agus Comhshaoil Nádúrtha na hAlban in Ollscoil Ghlaschú.

I Meán/Deireadh Fómhair 2007 a cuireadh isteach na tairiscintí agus táimid ag fanacht leis an toradh a bhfuil súil leis i dtús/lár 2008.

Baineadh amach próifíl fheabhsaithe abhantrach Chairlinn trí pháirtíochtaí le Turasóireacht Chairlinn/Chuaillie, Cumann Luamhaireachta Chairlinn agus Comhlachas Tráchtála Rinn Mhic Giolla Rua. D’eagraigh na heagrais seo trí eochairimeacht: Féile na nOisrí Péarla, Craobh Rásaíochta Luamh J24 agus cuairt na long ard go Cuan Rinn Mhic Giolla Rua. D’éirigh leis na himeachtaí breis chuairteoirí a mhealladh go dúiche Chairlinn agus táthar ag dúil gur imeachtaí rialta féilire a bheas iontu seo feasta.

14. Cur chun cinn na slatiascaireachta

Tharla réimse leathan chur chun cinn slatiascaireachta le linn 2007, agus de thoradh freastal a rinneadh ar eochairthaispeántais a dhíríonn ar na croímhargáí cuairteora agus baile, tháinig díolacháin mhéadaithe ceadúnas (féach Aguisín 2 Tábla 18).

Ag tús an tséasúir, d’óstáil an Ghníomhaireacht Aonach Slatiascaireachta le breis agus 4000 cuairteoir in iarracht leis an abhantrach a shárthaispeáint agus feasacht ról na Gníomhaireachta a fhorbairt – ba bhuaicphointe an imeachta í Craobh Chaitheamh Fada Dorú inar baineadh amach curiarracht úr dhomhanda.

Is é aidhm an Aonach Slatiascaireachta cleachtóirí uile na slatiascaireachta a chuimsiú agus le linn na seachtaine náisiúnta slatiascaireachta i mí Lúnasa, cuireadh ceardlanna saor in aisce ar fáil do pháistí agus do dhaoine óga lena scileanna agus a bhfeasacht iascaireachta a fhorbairt agus tábhacht an chomhshaoil i gcosaint na hacmhainne sárluachmhaire seo.

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Taispeántais ar freastalaíodh orthu:

- Taispeántas Slatiascaireachta Bhéal Feirste
- Taispeántas Slatiascaireachta Bhaile Átha Cliath
- Taispeántas Tweed
- Aonach Éadan Dúcharraige
- Aonach agus Seó Cluichí Chaisleán Bhiorra
- An tAonach Cuileog Shasanach

Tá ardphróifíl ag an Ghníomhaireacht i bhfoilseacháin nideoige. In iarracht leis an dúiche a chur chun cinn foilsítear fógraí faisnéise ar bhonn míosúil ag aibhsú na hoibre a rinneadh agus sárthaispeáint ag iriseoirí cuairte slatiascaireachta.

Mar chuid de na cláir leanúnacha forbartha gairmiúla forbraíodh clár teorach thrí leibhéal i gcomhar le Forbairt Tuaithe an Cabháin/Mhuineacháin mar ar bhain 20 slatiascaire amach cáilíocht suas le leibhéal 3 mar Threoraithe Slatiascaireachta.

Ag teacht lenár gcroíluachanna tá ábhair chur chun cinn forbartha ag an Ghníomhaireacht le gabháil agus scaoileadh a spreagadh chun an caomhnú a fheabhsú; leoga is ar an bhonn seo a ritear na féilte/comórtais, rud a fhágas go dtig a rá go bhfuil cur chuige na Gníomhaireachta uathúil aon áit in Éirinn.

AGUISÍN 1 torthaí in aghaidh targaidí

CUSPÓIR		
1.	Iascaigh bhradáin agus intíre Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn a chaomhnú, a chosaint agus a fheabhsú.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
1.1	Eolas Bainistíochta.	
1.2	Cosaint & Feabhsú Gnáthóg.	
1.3	Feidhmiú.	
1.4	Oideachas.	
1.5	Rialú.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		NUASHONRÚ
1.1.1	Tuairiscí Stádais Craobh-abhann/limistéir faoi Mhárta 2007	Tuairiscí líonta agus postáilte ar Shuíomh Gréasáin na Gníomhaireachta.
1.1.2	Aontú gníomhartha le húinéirí Iascaigh faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Déanta – liosta oibreacha Insrutha aitheanta agus aontaithe.
1.2.1	Feidhmiú gníomhartha le hinbhuaíne iascach a fheabhsú faoi Shamhain 2007.	Déanta – 7 limistéar oibreacha Insrutha déanta.
1.2.2	Aithint agus cur in ord tosaíochta limistéar i ngach ceann de na cúig chigireacht réigiúin le haird ar bhithéagsúlacht & chosaint ghnáthóg faoi Shamhain 2007.	Déanta – limistéir taobh istigh de Thuairiscí Stádais.
1.3.1	Cur ar fáil 120 lá ar muir ar sheiceáil Loch Feabhail 100% na mbád a chonacthas ag iascach.	Déanta – 120 lá ar muir logáilte agus seiceáil 100% déanta.
1.3.2	Cur ar fáil 40 lá ar muir i Loch Chairlinn.	Déanta – 40 lá ar muir logáilte.
1.3.3	Seiceáil 3,600 ceadúnas slatiascaireachta agus logleabhar i Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn idir 1 Márta 2007 agus 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2007.	Déanta – breis agus 4,000 seiceáil cheadúnais déanta le linn an tséasúir.
1.3.4	Seiceáil 100% logleabhar fear eangaí oibríochta le linn an tséasúir thráchtála.	Déanta – logleabhar lín tarraingthe agus sruthlín seiceáilte.

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1.3.5	Seiceáil 100% ceannaithe ceadúnaithe bradán idir 1 Márta 2007 agus 31 D. Fómhair 2007.	Déanta – gach duine de 20 ceannai bradáin seiceáilte.
1.4.1	Méadaigh cuairteoirí ar Ionad ‘Riverwatch’ faoi 10% ar chuairteanna i 2006.	80% den sprioc bainte amach – Ionad druidte ar feadh 2 mhí do chothabháil riachtanach.
1.4.2	Gríosú 40 grúpa cliant Riverwatch le bheith páirteach i gclár for-rochtana.	Déanta – ghlac 40 grúpa páirt i réimse clár for-rochtana.
1.5.1	Cloí le beartas na Ranna maidir le hiascach ‘idircheaptha’ bradán; tabhairt rialacháin thráthúla chun tosaigh.	Déanta – Pacáiste Cruatain Bradán forbartha. An chéad tráinse íoctha mí na Nollag 2007.
CUSPÓIR		
2.	Iascaigh Áineasa Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn a fhorbairt.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
2.1	Páirteachas grúpa páirtithe leasmhara a mhéadú.	
2.2	Margaíocht agus Eolas.	
2.3	Táirge, bonneagar agus seirbhísí a fhorbairt.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		NUASHONRÚ
2.1.1	Tionól cruinnithe ráithiúla an Ghrúpa Páirtithe Leasmhara.	Déanta – tionóladh sraith 15 cruinniú den Fhóram Comhairleach agus de na grúpaí Fócais le linn na bliana.
2.2.1	Nuashonrú an tsuímh ghréasáin gach seachtain.	Déanta – nuashonraíodh gach seachtain agus cuireadh mír Túrascóireacht Mhara ann i Meán Fómhair 07.
2.2.2	Feidhmiú na nGníomhartha Straitéise Cumarsáide faoi Mhárta 2007.	Iarchurtha go dtí 2008 – staidéar cuimsitheach bonnlíne le tionscnamh.
2.3.1	Forbairt 3 bhraisle slatiascaigh faoi Shamhain 2007.	Iarchurtha go dtí 2008 – le haithint i ndiaidh shuirbhé limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.
2.3.2	Cur i gcrích phlean straitéiseach le forbairt scéim deontais a ionchorprú faoi Dheireadh Fómhair 2007.	Déanta – faomhadh Ciste Inbhuanaithe Forbartha ag CATT i mí na Samhna 2007.

2.3.2	Cur i gcrích phlean straitéiseach le forbairt scéim deontais a ionchorprú faoi Dheireadh Fómhair 2007.	Déanta – faomhadh Ciste Inbhuanaithe Forbartha ag CATT i mí na Samhna 2007.
CUSPÓIR		
3.	Meicníochtaí a chur in áit le tabhairt isteach chóras úr rialú dobharsaothrú a éascú i Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
3.1	Rialú agus ceadúnú Dobharshaothrú a thionscnamh.	
3.2	Forbairt faisnéise.	
3.3	Faisnéis bainistíochta.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		NUASHONRÚ
3.1.1	Tabhairt chun críche Chomhaontú Bainistíochta le RACMAN & Eastáit na Corónach do Loch Feabhail 31 Eanáir 2007.	Leanúnach – comhairliúchán le páirtithe níos deacra agus níos fadaithe ná a ceapadh.
3.1.2	Dréachtú agus tabhairt chun cinn Rialachán a theastaíonn do cheadúnú dobharshaothrú roimh achtú na reachtaíochta.	Iarchurtha – fanacht le hachtú orduithe um thosach feidhme Ordú Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.
3.1.3	Foilsíú dhréachthcritéar do mheasúnú iarratas ar cheadúnais dobharshaothrú i Loch Feabhail faoi mhí Feabhra 2007.	Iarchurtha – fanacht le hachtú orduithe um thosach feidhme Ordú Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.
3.2.1	Cur i gcrích agus EIA & SEA i Loch Feabhail lena chríochnú faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Leathdhéanta – Bunaíodh Grúpa Stiúrtha Straitéiseach Comhshaoil. Tionóladh cruinnithe le téarmaí tagartha a aontú agus tá lánphróiseas soláthair le déanamh i 2008.
3.2.2	Bainistiú aimsiú ársaigh oiriúnach le hobair suirbhé a dhéanamh i Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.	Leathdhéanta - próiseas soláthair tionscnaithe i Lúnasa 2007. Ag súil le soláthair an ársaigh i 2008.

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3.2.3	Leanúint de bhailiú agus de sholáthar sonraí fáis agus uisce don Fheabhal agus do Chairlinn leis an tsamhail Chumas Iompair a phobalú.	Déanta – bailíodh samplaí uisce agus sliogéisc ar bhonn seachtainiúil le hanailísiú ag ceanncheathrú na Gníomhaireachta.
3.3.1	Athbhreithniú agus nuashonrú “Thuairiscí Stádais” don dá Loch faoi Mhárta 2007.	Iarchurtha – fanacht le hanailís torthaí Shuirbhé CEFAS a foilsíodh mí na Nollag 2007.
3.3.2	Ullmhú phlean gníomhaíochta agus aontú gníomhartha le páirtithe leasmhara ar chlár fhaireacháin agus iniúchta faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Ní theastaíonn – cuireadh forbairt rialachán agus an phróisis chomhairliúcháin ghaolmhair ina áit seo.
CUSPÓIR		
4.	Deiseanna le siamsaíocht mhara a fhorbairt mar bhonn don turasóireacht agus dá tairbhí gaolmhara geilleagracha le haird i gcónaí ar fhreagrachtaí sóisialta agus comhshaoil.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
4.1	Fáil fhaomhadh Roinne don straitéis tuarasóireachta mara agus don scéim deontais i Limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.	
4.2	Comhairliú le páirtithe leasmhara agus lucht leasa ar fhorbairt agus sholáthar straitéisí.	
4.3	Bunú páirtithe agus leithdháileadh freagrachtaí do sholáthar na straitéise.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		NUASHONRÚ
4.1.1	Críochnú straitéis na turasóireachta mara faoi Eanáir 2007.	Déanta – straitéis forbartha agus faofa ag CATT i mí na Samhna 2007, ag aithint eochairghníomhaíochtaí agus spriocanna d’fhorbairt Thurasóireachta Mara.
4.1.2	Forbairt Straitéis Thurasóireachta Mara; fáil comhaontú d’fhonn í a fheidhmiú faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Déanta – bhí athbhreithniú straitéisí agus pleananna roimhe seo i gceist i dtairiscint INTERREG IV, as ar eascair forbairt phlean chomhaimseartha. Faomhadh seo ag cruinniú CATT na Samhna 2007.
4.1.3	Tabhairt chun tosaigh scéim chúnamh deontais faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Déanta – d’fhaomh CATT scéim dheontais Chiste Forbartha Inbhuanaithe i Samhain 2007.

4.2.1	Bunú ghrúpaí comhairliucháin pháirtithe leasmhara faoi Mhárta 2007.	Déanta – bunaíodh grúpaí fócais i limistéir an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn.
4.2.2	Cur soláthar moltaí in ord tosaíochta faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Leanúnach – fanacht le toradh ghnás iomlán iarratais Chlár úr INTERREG.
CUSPÓIR		
5.	Éifeachtacht mhéadaithe agus feabhsú leanúnach a lorg i soláthar seirbhísí dár gcustaiméirí uilig.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
5.1	Soláthar eolais agus seirbhísí do chustaiméirí, forbartha go hardchaighdeán, agus oiriúnaithe do riachtanais chustaiméirí.	
5.2	Daonacmhainní a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú sa Gníomhaireacht, d'fhonn ardleibhéal seirbhíse custaiméara a chinntiú.	
5.3	Spriocdhírú ar Oibleagáidí Riachtanais Shóisialta agus Chomhionannais (alt 75 Acht TÉ 1998).	
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5.4	Feabhsú sholáthar seirbhíse agus for-rochtana do na páirtithe leasmhara i Limistéar Chairlinn.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		NUASHONRÚ
5.1.1	Freagairt gach comhfhreagras a fuarthas taobh istigh de 15 lá oibre.	Déanta – rinneadh 98% de na freagraí taobh istigh den sprioc.
5.1.2	Cur ar fáil eolais thráthúil agus bheacht do na ranna ábhartha le riar ar spriocanna a sainíodh.	Déanta – cuireadh an cháipéisíocht uile a iarradh ar aghaidh taobh istigh den ambhonn fráma a sainíodh.
5.1.3	Freagairt iarratas ar eolas ar mhodh tráthúil mar a leagadh amach i gCód Cleachtais OSF agus Rialacháin Eolais Chomhshaoil.	Déanta – freagraíodh 3 iarratas, mar a leagadh amach sa chód cleachtais.
5.2.1	Feidhmiú Anailís Riachtanas Oiliúna agus socrú oiliúna agus forbartha don fhoireann iomlán.	Déanta – Plean Oiliúna Aonair curtha i gcrích do gach ball foirne agus gníomhaíochtaí oiliúna agus forbartha á sceidealú de réir an Bheartas Oiliúna agus Forbartha.

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5.3.1	Déanamh athbhreithniú Scéim Chomhionannais na Gníomhaireachta agus an phlean nua gníomhaíochta Spriocdhíriú ar Riachtanais Shóisialta (nSRS) faoi Bhealtaine 2007.	Iarchurtha – fanacht le hathbhreithniú Lódáil agus Grádú Foirne, le theacht i 2008.
5.4.1	Tabhairt chun cinn chlár chinntiú sholáthar seirbhíse i Limistéar Chairlinn faoi Nollaig 2007.	Leanúnach – fiosrú deiseanna cistithe.
5.4.2	Bainistiú thogra forbartha oifige Chairlinn le caitheamh éifeachtach agus éifeachtúil acmhainní a chinntiú.	Iarchurtha – fiosruithe ar siúl faoi oiriúnacht suímh i limistéar Chairlinn.
CUSPÓIR		
6.	Caitheamh éifeachtach agus éifeachtúil acmhainní atá ar fáil ag an Gníomhaireacht a chinntiú.	
EOCHAIRGHNÍOMHAÍOCHT		
6.1	Úsáid bharrmhaith acmhainní na Gníomhaireachta a chinntiú, agus a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann gach caiteachas an treoir ábhartha.	
CUSPÓIR FEIDHMÍOCHTA		
6.1.1	Cinntiú go gcloítear le DAO agus treoir infheidhme airgeadais Thuaidh agus Theas.	Déanta – cloíodh le gach treoir agus rinneadh tuairisceáin nuair ba ghá.
6.1.2	Cloí le forálacha Mheabhrán Airgeadais Gníomhaireacht na Lochanna.	Déanta – cloíodh le treoirlínte sa Mheabhrán Airgeadais againn.
6.1.3	Athbhreithniú, nuashonrú agus tuairisciú Straitéis Bainistíochta Riosca na Gníomhaireachta ar bhonn ráithiúil.	Déanta – athbhreithníodh an Straitéis Bainistíochta Riosca. Tionóladh dhá cheardlann i 2007.
6.1.4	Cinntiú go ndéantar breithmheasanna geilleagracha de réir an Mheabhrán Airgeadais.	Déanta – rinneadh 2 Bhreithmheas Geilleagracha Leabhair Ghlais don Fheithicil Fhaireacháin agus don Phacáiste Cruatain.
6.1.5	Cur eolas ráithiúil faireacháin ar fheidhmíocht ar fáil do na Ranna.	Déanta – nuashonraíodh torthaí in aghaidh spriocanna agus cuireadh isteach iad sna hamscálaí a aontaíodh.

AGUISÍN 2 Caomhnú Iascach, Staidreamh Cosanta Agus Bainistíochta

Table 1 Áirimh Sceathraí Limistéar an Fheabhalil 1996/97 – 2007/08 (Láithreacha Sceathraí)

	Aibhneacha	Elson	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
*	An Chamabhainn	708	748	278	209	32	214	131	660	571	767	1072	303	404
	Cúil Dabhcha	-	74	45	31	-	42	-	24	12	-	32	-	Taoide Lán
	An Daoil	422	106	67	69	16	72	66	80	89	-	52	-	37
	An Dianaid	266	112	-	58	-	78	31	67	67	11	174	36	Taoide Lán
*	An Dearg	734	641	516	553	119	541	467	849	536	58	498	-	567
*	Droim Rátha	666	60	153	117	80	147	150	545	321	473	519	252	334
	An Fochain	590	572	-	84	53	87	233	673	441	501	766	35	387
^	An Fhinn	844	752	552	357	117	159	137	234	101	149	343	94	324
*	Gleann Aichle	370	234	66	26	-	28	-	31	-	-	312	-	Taoide Lán
*	An Mhór	338	18	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Taoide Lán
*	Abhainn Choilleadh	750	244	337	93	-	138	112	68	3	-	389	-	60
^	An Rileán	126	366	241	203	87	245	154	377	350	410	341	184	322
	An Ró	1222	1247	-	169	136	383	186	630	672	43	844	428	604
*	An tSruhail & a Craobh -aibhneacha	710	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	Taoide Lán
	lomláin	7746	5174	2272	1969	640	2134	1667	4238	3163	2412	5354	1332	3039
*	Córas na Muirne	4276	1945	1367	998	231	1068	860	2153	1431	1298	2802	252	1365
^	Córas na Finne	970	1118	793	560	204	404	291	611	451	559	684	278	646

Baineann na Figiúirí le "hEilimh Mheasta Sceathraí" Dr. Elson
(Iascaigh an Fheabhalil: Bonn Úr don Bhainistíocht Réasúnach. Elson agus Tuomi. Tábla 14)

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Tábla 2 Sonraí Áirimh Iasc Limistéar an Fheabhail 1989 - 2007

Bliain	An Fhochain	Muil. an tSiáin	Gleann Aichle/ Abhainn Choilleadh	An Ró	An Fhinn	An tSruth-aill	bhainn Rí
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	-	-
2007	1,257**	3,714**	1,705	5,375	3,278	126***	32***

*áiritheoir as ord

**áireamh íseal mar gheall ar dheacrachtaí sa séasúr – tagair

***áiritheoirí ar obair go mall i 2007

Tábla 3 Sonraí Áirimh Iasc Limistéar an Fheabhail go 31ú Nollaig 2007

Mí	Líon. iasc >45cm						
	Morn*	Finn	Ró	Fochain*	Abh. Choilleadh**	Abhainn an lúir***	An Ómaigh***
Eanáir	532	4	119	10	-4	-	-
Feabhra	264	17	37	13	148	-	-
Márta	133	63	368	133	19	-	-
Aibreán	244	588	43	35	3	-	-
Bealtaine	232	873	247	2	51	-	-
Meitheamh	1184	1003	197	9	305	-	-
Iúl	388	228	461	366	274	-	-
Lúnasa	418	165	2277	100	257	-	-
Meán Fómhair	37	262	489	69	272	4	49
Deireadh Fómhair	81	33	630	288	233	6	59
Samhain	173	28	366	212	103	14	3
Nollaig	28	14	141	20	44	8	15
Iomlán	3,714	3,278	5,375	1,257	1,705	32	126

*Mar gheall ar thaoide an-ard nuair a tharla an príomhrith scoith a lán iasc suímh na n-áiritheoirí agus níor cláraíodh iad. Is dócha mar sin gur áirimh an-ísle iad seo

**Ní raibh Cainéal 1 ar obair le linn an tséasúir agus mar sin is meastachán an-íséal é seo

***Áiseanna úra iad an dá shuíomh seo agus tá obair bhailíochtaithe fós le déanamh orthu. Mar is amhlaidh le cuid de na háiseanna eile ní chumhdaíonn siad seo iomlán chainéal na habhann agus ós eol gur scoith éisc an t-achar áirimh roimhe seo ba chóir iad seo a mheas ina n-áirimh an-ísle.

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Tábla 4 Gabhálacha Seachtainiúla Bradán agus Bláthán Limistéar an Fheabhail
Le hInnill Thráchtála 2007

Seacht. dár chríoch	Sruthlíonta Loch Feabhail		Líonta Tarraingthe An Fhochain agus an Ró		Iomláin	
	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.
16 Meith	0	0	8	18	8	18
23 Meith	23	40	108	208	131	248
30 Meith	195	444	467	840	662	1284
07 Iúl	193	430	266	524	459	954
14 Iúl	441	1006	430	918	871	1924
21 Iúl	335	771	555	1326	890	2097
28 Iúl	913	2204	703	1610	1616	3814
04 Lún	498	1161	237	571	735	1732
11 Lún	--	--	--	--	--	--
18 Lún	--	--	--	--	--	--
25 Lún	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iomláin	2598	6056	2774	6015	5372	12071

Tábla 5 Gabhálacha Bliantúla Bradán agus Bláthán Limistéar an Fheabhail
Le hAicmí Éagsúla Inneall Tráchtála lascaireachta 1998 - 2007

Aicme Innill lascaireachta	Gabháil Bhliantúil (Líon.) Bradán agus Bláthán										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007
Sruthlíonta: Farraige	7539	2792	3628	2169	5262	3382	2246	2408	602	602	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch & Farraige	22717	12097	17339	10739	22556	11846	10143	10649	5197	5197	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch	1040	508	1366	592	1033	513	411	334	346	346	2598
Líonta Tarraingthe: An Feabhal & An Ró	11141	7893	10339	9476	11917	16991	9490	12143	6031	6031	2774
Innill Sheasta:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iascach Dhoire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
IOMLÁIN	42437	23290	32672	22976	40768	32732	22290	25534	12176	12176	5372

Tábla 6 Meánghabhálacha Bliantúla Bradán agus Bláthán Limistéar an Fheabhail
do gach Aicme Innill Thráchtála lascaireachta 1998 - 2007

Aicme Innill lascaireachta	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Sruthlíonta: Farraige	377	147	202	121	310	188	173	161	32	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch & Farraige	288	153	228	141	289	154	147	150	64	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch	95	56	171	74	129	73	59	48	49	144
Líonta Tarraingthe: An Feabhal & An Ró	227	184	220	220	277	347	421	213	123	277
Innill Sheasta	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--

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Tábla 7 Líon na gCeadúnas Tráchtála a Eisíodh 1998 - 2007

Aicme an Cheadúnais	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Sruthlíonta: Farraige	20	19	18	18	17	18	13	15	19	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch & Farraige	79	79	76	76	78	77	69	71	81	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch	11	9	8	8	8	6	6	7	7	18
Líonta Tarraingthe : An Feabhal	48	42	46	42	43	50	51	57	49	10
An Ró	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Innill Sheasta	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--

Tábla 8 Coimheas Ghábháil Lín Limistéar an Fheabhail a Ceapadh Ag Aicmí Éagsúla Inneall Iascaireachta 1998 – 2007

Aicme Innill Iascaireachta	Proportion of Foyle Area Net Catch									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Sruthlíonta: Farraige	17.8	12.8	11.1	9.4	12.9	10.3	10.1	9.4	4.9	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch & Farraige	53.4	55.4	53.1	46.7	55.4	36.2	45.5	41.7	42.7	--
Sruthlíonta: Loch	2.5	2.3	4.2	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.8	1.3	2.8	48.4
Líonta Tarraingthe: An Feabhal & An Ró	26.3	29.5	31.6	41.3	29.2	51.9	42.58	47.6	49.6	51.6
Innill Sheasta:	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.02	--	--	--
Iascach Dhoire:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Tábla 9 Tuairisceáin Ghabhálacha Slaite (Bradán & Bláthán) 2007

Tuairisceáin Ghabhálacha Slaite (Bradán & Bláthán) 2007																			
Tábla 9																			
	Márta		Aibreán		Bealtaine		Meitheamh		Iúl		Lúnasa		Meán Fóm- hair		Deireadh Fómhair		Iomlán		
	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	Líon.	Cg.	
Camabhainn							7	40	10	50	13	65	6	33	18	107	54	295	
An Rí																	0	0	
Cúil Dabhcha																	0	0	
An Daoil									1	3	1	6	7	34	9	44	18	87	
Dianaid													3	8			3	8	
An Dearg					4	29	35	168	118	589	92	443	31	160	30	155	310	1544	
Droim Rátha									1	4	6	34	10	40	2	8	19	86	
Fochain						16	65	68	290	369	1548	334	1564	230	1267	115	636	1132	5370
Finn	50	390	25	187	160	1052	154	687	295	1258	98	463	23	91			805	4128	
Feabhal	2	18			2	12	2	16			1	4	5	37			12	87	
Gleann Aichle							1	9	2	13			12	79	19	114	34	215	
Morn			22	146	62	405	131	658	421	1947	444	2743	361	2234	219	1411	1660	9544	
Abhainn Choilleadh									8	42	38	188	39	212	48	269	133	711	
Ríleán					1	7			5	29	2	6	1	6			9	48	
Ró							18	92	85	384	168	969	148	922	81	560	500	2927	
Sruthail					5	38	9	60	55	291	47	245	33	176	23	154	172	964	
Abhainn Bhán							1	5	6	39	10	52	7	30	20	119	44	245	
Níor Taifeadadh			2	18	2	9			7	36	6	20	5	21	2	10	24	114	
Iomlán	52	408	49	351	252	1617	426	2025	1383	6233	1260	6802	921	5350	586	3587	4929	26373	

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Tábla 10 Tuairisceáin Ghabhálacha Slaite (Breac) 2007

Tuairisceáin Ghabhálacha Slaite (Breac) 2007																			
Tábla 10																			
		Márta		Aibreán		Bealtaine		Meitheamh		Iúl		Lúnasa		M. Fómhair		D. Fómhair		Iomlán	
		Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.	Lion.	Cg.
Camabhainn				1	1	2	2	2	2			1	1	7	10			13	16
Cúil Dabhcha																		0	0
Dearg										3	3	3	2			1	1	7	6
Droim Rátha				2	2					1	1			5	5	2	2	10	10
Fochain						5	5	10	7	29	33	10	10	3	8			57	63
Finn	7	9	4	4	4	9	7	6	6	21	22	5	7					52	55
Feabhal	2	4				6	23	2	6	1	2	1	2					12	37
Gleann Aichle																		0	0
Morn			1	1				4	5	11	14	6	18	3	6			25	44
Abhainn Choilleadh										4	5	3	3	1	4			8	12
Ríleán																		0	0
Ró								1	2	14	17	12	12	1	5	3	7	31	43
Sruthail				2	8	5	5	5	5	12	21	7	7	1	1			32	47
Abhainn Bhán								4	12	12	40	11	37	7	23	12	47	46	159
Níor Tairfeadh	3	4	5	7	5	11	23	18	17	9	9	12	35	18	16	8	8	86	117
Iomlán	12	17	21	17	21	38	65	52	62	117	167	71	134	46	78	26	65	379	609

Tábla 11 Tuairisceáin Shlatiascaireachta

Bliain	Gabháil Slaite Bradán Fógartha	Gabháil Slaite Breac Geal Fógartha	Tuairisceáin mar % de Cheadúnais a Eisíodh
1999	1022	679	3.74
2000	723	417	2.55
2001	3188	450	17.68
2002	5117	1010	27.93
2003	1844	361	15.5
2004	2285	75	13.99
2005	4084	413	25.77
2006	3476	469	37
2007	4929	379	22.11

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Tábla 12 Dáileadh Ceadúnas Slaite 2007

Áit Chónaí	Séasúr Aosach	Droimscríobh	14 Lá	3 Lá	Ógánach	Garbh Aosach & Ógánach
Lim Feabh & C'Linn	3066	1493	20	723	220	157
Cuid eile de TÉ	418	2759	11	526	28	29
Cuid eile de PÉ	91	271	63	217	8	10
IOMLÁN	3575	4523	94	1466	256	196
Sasana	7	9	20	42	2	3
Albain		1	1	12	2	1
An Bhreatain Bheag				3		
Oileán Mhanann			1			
IOMLÁN	7	10	22	57	4	4
An Spáinn	1	1				
An Ostair	1		1	1		
An Bheilg	1		1			
An Fhrainc			3	3		
An Ghearmáin		1		1		2
An Iodáil				2		
IOMLÁN	3	2	5	7	0	2
Meiriceá		1		5		
An Afraic Theas				8		
An Nua-Shéalainn						
Gan Taifeadadh	10	7	1	4	3	
IOMLÁN	10	8	1	17	3	0
MÓRIOMLÁN	3595	4543	122	1547	263	202

Tábla 13 Líon Aontuithe Tarraingthe le Scaoileadh a Breithníodh 2003 - 2007

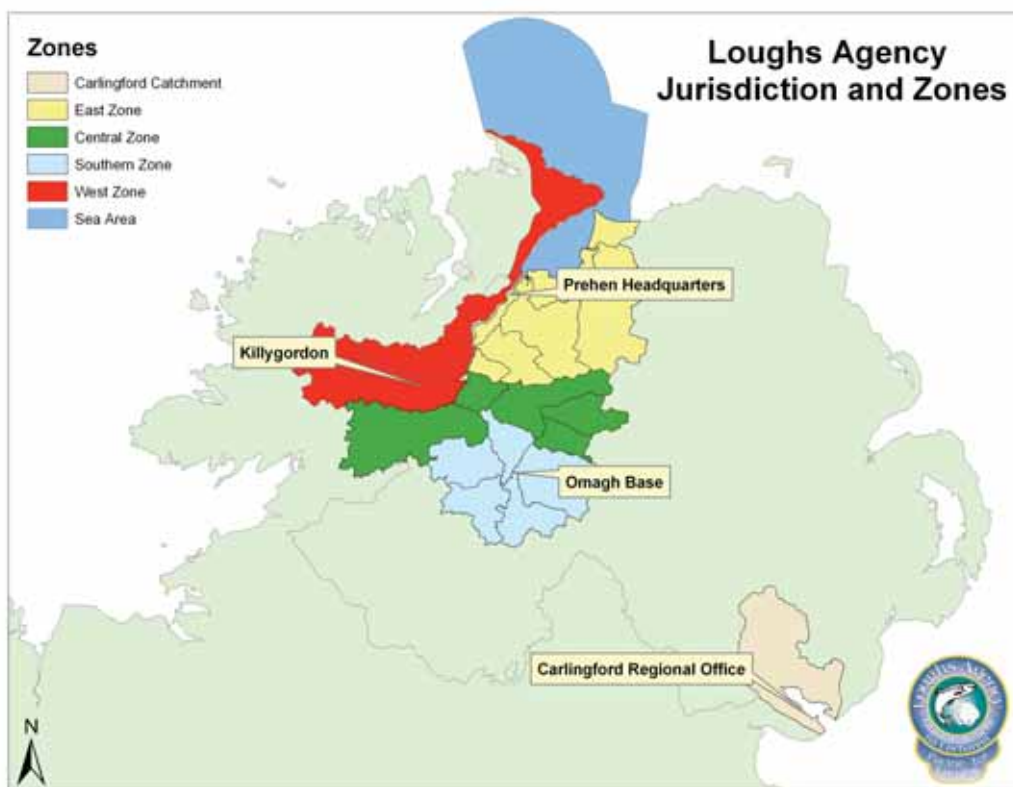
Cineál an Eisiltigh	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Cóireáil Chamrais	27	50	77	48	105
Níochán Gainimh/Cairéal	4	2	2	1	17
Líonadh Talaimh	1	3	2	1	3
Tionsclaíoch	1	1	23	1	34
Feirm Éisc	0	1	0	0	2
Uisce Stoirme	11	13	11	12	12
Astarraingt Mhóna	0	0	0	0	0
Dumpáil ar Farraige	1	0	0	0	1
Níochán Feithicle	1	2	2	0	3
Stáisiún Líonta/Dáileadh Ola	0	1	0	1	3
Próiseáil Bhia	0	0	1	1	7
IOMLÁIN	46	73	118	65	187

Tábla 14 Mionsonraí Samplála Scaoilte d'Fhiosrú ar Thruailliú 2007

Nádúr an Eisiltigh	Líon na Samplaí a Tógadh 2007
Dramhaíl Feirme	28
Camras	8
Dramhaíl Trádála	4
Eile	3
Iomláin	43

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Tábla 15A Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

An Crios Láir	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
An Mhorn Bheag	6
Abhainn Liag Áine	2
Sruth Ghleann na gCoiníní	1
Sruth Ghleann Láirc	1
Abhainn Choilleadh	3
Craobh Ghleann Aichle	9
An Mhorn	1
An Dearg	3
An Abhainn Riabhach Thoir	2
Iomlán	28

Tábla 15 B Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

An Crios Thoir	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
Abhainn Mhagh	1
Sruth Giobach	2
Sruth Dianaid	4
An Abhainn Bheag	2
Sruth na Coille	2
Abhainn Bhoith Mhéabha	1
Abhainn an Chaisil	1
Abhainn Ró	5
Gleann Mhurnáin	3
An Fhochain	7
An Feabhal Theas	1
Iomlán	29

Tábla 15 C Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

An Crios Thiar	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
Abhainn Chúil Dabhcha	1
Sruth Dianaid	1
Allt na Péiste	1
Sruth Garbh	1
Sruth Dhroim Bó	1
An Daoil	6
An Fhinn	8
Cúil Dabhcha	1
An Bhréadach	5
Iomlán	25

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Tábla 15 D Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

Limistéar Chairlinn	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
An Abhainn Bhán	5
Abhainn Cheasaí	3
Abhainn Chill Bhrónaí	3
Abainn Gheann	2
Abh Mhaigh Geanainn	2
An Rí (Barr Srutha)	2
An Rí	17
Abhainn an Iúir	2
An Sruthán	2
Abhainn Ryland	2
Abhainn an Ghrianfoirt	2
Iomlán	42

Tábla 15 E Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

An Limistéar Theas	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
Abhainn Dhroim Caoin	3
Sruth Routing	4
Sruth Ghleann Scailpe	3
Abhainn Uí Choigligh	2
Abhainn Dhroim Rátha	3
Sruth Dhroim na Coille	1
An Abhainn Riabhach	2
Sruth na Ceapaí	3
Abhainn Allt an Átha	1
Coillidh Chlochair	1
An Fhéarach	1
Sruth Choill Uí Ghabhla	1
An tSruthail	8
Droim Rátha	6
Iomlán	39

Tábla 15 F Truailliú agus Eachtraí a Bhain le Gnáthóga Iascach a d'Fhiosraigh an Fhoireann

Iomlán	
CÚRSA UISCE	EACHTRAÍ
An Crios Láir	28
An Crios Thoir	29
An Crios Thiar	25
An Crios Theas	39
Limistéar Chairlinn	42
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An Clár Samplála Abhann

92 suíomh a sampláladh san iomlán i gcomhair anailís bhitheolaíoch agus cheimiceach aibhneacha in abhantracha hidreolaíocha an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn. Mhair tréimhse na samplála ó Mheitheamh go Meán Fómhair 2007 go huile. Tá na suímh shamplála scaipthe ar fud an gcúig chrios mar atá léirithe thíos:

Thiar	21 suíomh
Thoir	22 suíomh
Lár	16 suíomh
Theas	17 suíomh
Cairlinn	16 suíomh

Sampláladh gach ceann de na 92 suíomh leis an cháilíocht cheimiceach a mheasúnú uair gach mí le linn an tséasúir alamaigh. Sampláladh gach suíomh ar bhonn inveirteabrach ag úsáid mhódh mearaitheanta le linn leictriascaireachta. Measúnaíodh gach ceann de na 92 suíomh i gcomhair taxa inveirteabrach Macro uair amháin le linn an tséasúir ag úsáid mhodh mionsonraithe sórtála saotharlainne.

Tábla 16 Sonraí Éisteachtaí Cúirte 2007

Nádúr na Coire	Cúiseanna a Tionscnaíodh	
	Baineadh	Cailleadh
1 Slatiascaireacht gan cheadúnas	17	1
2 Slatiascaireacht le linn tráth coiscthe		
3 Slatiascaireacht i limistéar coiscthe		
4 Slatiascaireacht mhídhleathach	10	2
5 I seilbh geaf nó uirlis mídhleathach	3	
6 Coireanna sciobtha	7	
7 Foghail ar lascach Eisiatach	3	
8 Ag úsáid lín i limistéar coiscthe	1	
9 Seilbh/úsáid lín mhídhleathach	6	
10 lascach lín le linn trátha choiscthe nó ar fionraí	3	
11 Ionsaí/cosc ar dhuine údaraithe	4	1
12 Seilbh mhídhleathach iasc	2	
13 Ag úsáid báid/feithicle mar áis chun coire		
14 Sárú straidhne briste		
15 Ligean d'ábhar dochrach dul in abhainn		
16 Ba chúis le hábhar dochrach dul in abhainn	2	
17 Coireanna déileála bradán		
18 Tógáil/úsáid innill shuite	2	
19 Níor thug ainm / thug sonraí bréige	2	1
IOMLÁN NA GCÚISEANNA	62	5

* Is féidir go dtiocfadh cásanna cúirte suas le 2 bhliain i ndiaidh an chéad bhraith

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Tábla 17 Ceadúnais Slaite 2003 – 2007

Cur Síos	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007
					Líon na gCeadúnas	Dleacht Cheadúnais (£)
Séasúr	2,529	2,781	2,933	2,899	3,595	57,520.00
Garbh Aosach	109	85	152	197	178	2848.00
Ógánach	1,340	1,549	1,619	1,523	1,822	3644.00
Garbh Ógánach	10	13	59	51	24	48.00
Droimscríobhanna	3,595	4,169	4,796	4,839	4,543	4543.00
Coicise	97	95	95	96	122	912.00
3 Lá	838	1,035	1,125	959	1,547	5414.50
IOMLÁIN	8,518	9,727	10,779	10,564	11,831	74,929.50

Tábla 18 Ceadanna Slatiascaireachta 2007

Cineál Ceada	2007 Líon	2007 £
Abhainn an Fheabhail	54	1080.00
Abhainn an Fheabhail Ógánach	4	40.00
Abhainn na Finne	190	3800.00
Abhainn na Finne Ógánach	13	130.00
Iomláin	261	5050.00

Tábla 19 Ceadúnais Lín 2007

Cur Síos ar an Cheadúnas	2007		
	Líon na gCeadúnas a Díoladh	Táille Cheadúnais (£)	Dleacht Chéadúnais a Íocadh (£)
Tarraingthe (An Feabhal)	10	179	1790
Sruthlíon (Loch Feabhail)	18	253	4554
IOMLÁIN	28	432	6344

Tábla 20 Ceadúnais Dhéileálaithe Bradán 2007

Áit Chónaí an Déileálaí	Líon na gCeadúnas a Eisíodh 2007
Poblacht na hÉireann	6
Tuaisceart na hÉireann	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 2007.

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 North / South 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 board of the FCILC who, in exercising the functions of the body, are required to act in accordance with any directions given by the North/South Ministerial Council, to which it also reports. The FCILC was to be composed of two agencies, the Loughs Agency and the Lights Agency. The functions of the Irish Lights Commission have not yet transferred to the Lights Agency of the FCILC, as this requires amendment to the current United Kingdom legislation. This situation is currently being considered under the St Andrews Review which is due to report in 2009. 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, Energy and Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (the Departments). The Loughs Agency incurred a deficit of £465,985 Stg / €681,298 for the year ended 31 December 2007 (2006 restated: deficit of £975,322 Stg/€1,429,800).

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Performance Targets

The Annual Reports and Accounts guidance for North/South Implementation Bodies (published December 2006) requires the reporting of financial performance against key targets. During the 2007 year, the Agency prepared and obtained the approval from the North/South Ministerial Council, of a corporate plan for 2005-2007 and a business plan for 2007. A further Corporate Plan covering the period 2008-10 was approved by the North/South Ministerial Council in November 2007. 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. On an on-going basis the Agency monitors its performance against the objectives and targets as set out in its business plan.

Principal Activities

The strategic priorities of the Loughs Agency, within the Corporate Plan, can be grouped into 4 major areas:

- 1) The promotion of development of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough for commercial and recreation purposes in respect of marine, fishery and aquaculture matters;
- 2) The management, conservation, protection, improvement and development of the Inland Fisheries of the Foyle and Carlingford areas;
- 3) The development and licensing of aquaculture;
- 4) The development of marine tourism.

The Annual Report provides further detail of 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 8 to the accounts.

Research and Development

Total expenditure on Research and Development in 2007 was £10,789 / €15,774 (2006 £564/€828).

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 Tarlach O'Crosain (Re-Appointed 13/12/07)	Chairperson
Mr Peter Savage (End of term 12/12/07)	Ex - Chairperson
Ms Jacqui McConville (Re-Appointed 13/12/07)	Vice Chairperson
Mr Jack Allen (End of term 12/12/07)	
Ms Siobhan Logue (End of term 12/12/07)	
Mr Joseph Martin (End of term 12/12/07)	
Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston (End of term 12/12/07)	
Mr Francis Feely (End of term 12/12/07)	
Dr Patrick Griffin (End of term 12/12/07)	
Mr Andrew Ward (End of term 12/12/07)	
Mr Enda Bonner (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Brendan Byrne (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr John Byrne (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Denis Haughey (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Alan McCulla (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Joe Miller (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr John Mulcahy (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Winston Patterson (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Thomas Sloan (Appointed 13/12/07)	
Mr Jim Wilson (Appointed 13/12/07)	

In December 2007 the North / South ministerial Council appointed the members of the Boards of the North South Implementation Bodies and Tourism Ireland Ltd. The Council also approved the following revised rates of remuneration for members of the boards per annum. Chairperson £9,520 / (€14,000), Vice-Chairperson £7,820 / (€11,500) and members £6,120 / (€9,000). Board members' salaries are not pensionable.

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.

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. We are committed to providing employment equality to all, irrespective of:

- Gender, marital or family status;
- Religious belief or political opinion;
- Disability;
- Race or ethnic origin;
- Nationality;
- Sexual orientation.

We are opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. Our building is fully compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Payment to Suppliers

The Loughs Agency is committed to the prompt payment of bills for goods and services received in accordance with the UK Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended and supplemented by the Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002 and the Irish Late Payments in Commercial Transactions Regulations 2002. As appropriate the Loughs Agency will also be bound by any EU Directives on late payment. 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 93.26% (2006: 92.78%) of bills were paid within this standard.

Health and Safety

The Loughs Agency is committed to complying with the Health & Safety at work (NI) Order 1978, the Safety, Health and Welfare at work Act 1989 and to all relevant legislation. It will continue to strive to provide and maintain a working environment that

is safe, without undue risk to health and with adequate facilities and arrangements for welfare of staff at work. A Health and Safety Officer has been in post since 2006.

Freedom of Information and Data Protection

The Agency is currently exempt from the Freedom of Information Acts in UK and Ireland however a Code of Practice has been developed and implemented for all the Cross Border Bodies.

The Agency is registered under the Data protection Act 1998 with the Office of the Information Commissioners and will fully comply with its obligations under this Act and its equivalent in Ireland.

Environmental Regulations

The Agency also follows its obligations under the UK Environmental Regulations 2004 and the legislation governing Access to Information on the Environment in Ireland.

Future Developments

The most significant development that will impact on the work of the Loughs Agency will be following the commencement 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 through a suite of regulations.

Audit

As Chief Executive and Accounting Officer I am required to ensure that all relevant audit information is provided to the auditors. I have taken all reasonable steps to make myself aware of any relevant audit information and have ensured that all such information is made available. I would also confirm that there is no relevant audit information about which I am aware that the auditors have not been informed about. These accounts have been subject to a formal audit by the Comptrollers and Auditors General. The certificate and report of the Comptrollers and Auditors General to the Northern Ireland Assembly, and the Houses of the Oireachtas are included at pages 10 and 11.

Going Concern

The balance sheet at 31st December 2007 shows net liabilities of (£1,239,999). This reflects the inclusion of liabilities falling to be discharged in future years which, to the extent that they are not to be met from the Loughs Agency's other sources of income, may only be met by future grants or grants in aid from the Loughs Agency's sponsoring Departments being the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland. This is because, under the normal conventions applying to

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Parliamentary/Assembly control over Income and Expenditure, such grants may not be issued in advance of need.

Grants and Grants in Aid for 2007, taking into account the amounts required to meet the Agency's liabilities falling due in that year, have already been included in the departments estimates for that year, which have been approved by the respective parliaments, and there is no reason to believe that the departments future sponsorship and future parliamentary approval will not be forthcoming. It has accordingly been considered appropriate to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of these financial statements.

Accounting Officer

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

D Anderson
Chief Executive and Accounting Officer

5th November 2009

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 31. 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 accounting officer of 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.

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, North/South Implementation Bodies Annual Report & Accounts Guidance 2006 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, the Foyle Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC) Board, its sponsoring Departments, the North South Ministerial Council (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 third 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 the 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, North/South Implementation Bodies Annual Report & Accounts Guidance 2006 and relevant Dear Accounting Officer (DAO's) 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

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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 2007 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 Board of the FCILC. 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 continued to develop its risk register during 2007. 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 was reviewed during the 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;
- Inclusion of risk management as an agenda item on each SMT 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.
- It is planned in 2008 for the Risk Register to be distributed to the key owners of risks within the Agency on a quarterly basis. Action points will be delivered from this process.

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, 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 continues to update the risks previously identified and update the Agency's Risk Register. In addition actions have been 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 all four operational management areas within the Agency. These certificates provide me with a number of assurances

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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 2007 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, Energy and Natural Resources to carry out joint 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 Issues

i) Internal Audit Issue

The Internal Audit (Department of Agriculture and Rural Development DARD) provided a report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Loughs Agency's system of internal control as operating during 2007. Internal Audit's initial opinion of the control operating within the Agency was unacceptable. This opinion was based on procedural inadequacies identified during the review and related to purchasing and tendering procedures, the professional Angling Guides and Instructors Network (PAGIN) relationship with the Agency and financial and contract management.

Specific concerns relating to PAGIN included the lack of contract in place with that body for the provision of their services, no written agreement of the number of people engaged in training services for the Loughs Agency Angling Fair nor the rate per hour. Additionally although PAGIN had been carrying out a coaching service which involved working with children the Agency had not carried out checks to confirm that the required qualifications and police clearance for working with children and vulnerable adults had been obtained. A subsequent Internal Audit review was undertaken of the controls introduced towards the financial year end and this attracted a satisfactory marking.

ii) Salmon Hardship Scheme

A Salmon Hardship Scheme was approved by the North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) and the European Commission (EC) at a total estimated cost of £2,875,000 (€ 4,270,000). The scheme was intended to conserve fish stocks and compensate commercial salmon fishermen who voluntarily agreed to cease fishing. The scheme was based on the value of the average catch over a period of years multiplied by a factor of six. However a typographical error meant that the NSMC and the EC approvals were for a factor of five. Payments were made using a factor of six and this resulted in irregular expenditure of £187,364 (€ 266,170).

Our external auditors drew this matter to our attention in the course of their audit and it was decided that the accounts would not be finalised until the position was regularised. On 30 April 2009 the NSMC approved the use of the factor of six in the calculation of the compensation and the EC confirmed on 29 June 2009 that no further action was necessary in relation to the approval of the scheme by the Commission. The position has therefore been regularised.

D ANDERSON

Chief Executive and Accounting Officer

5th November 2009

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The Certificate of the Comptrollers and Auditors General to the Houses of the Oireachtas 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 2007 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 Agency 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 Northern Ireland Assembly 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 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.

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 2007 and of its deficit 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 Buckley
Irish Comptroller and Auditor General
Dublin Castle
Dublin 2

16th November 2009

K J Donnelly
Comptroller and Auditor General
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University Street
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16th November 2009

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Income and Expenditure Account

Income	Note	2007 £ Stg	As Restated 2006 £ Stg	2007 €	As Restated 2006 €
Revenue grants from departments	4	3,275,145	2,543,720	4,788,459	3,732,273
Salmon Fishermen Hardship Grant	5	1,770,530	-	2,588,621	-
Ordinary income	6	94,648	113,341	138,382	166,300
EU and government grants released	11	449,201	386,552	656,759	567,168
Release of grant on disposal		13,023	69,249	19,040	102,849
Bailiffing		9,989	9,000	14,604	13,204
Interest received		22,410	11,668	32,765	17,120
		5,634,946	3,133,530	8,238,630	4,598,914
Expenditure					
Staff costs	3	2,052,921	1,777,523	3,001,494	2,608,070
Salmon Fishermen Hardship Payment	5	1,770,530	-	2,588,621	-
Administrative expenses	7	1,588,803	1,551,354	2,322,925	2,276,226
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	13	262,545	232,675	383,857	341,392
Currency exchange		4,688	3,145	6,854	4,615
(Profit) / loss on disposal of fixed assets		(9,335)	125,819	(13,648)	184,608
Depreciation	8	430,779	418,336	629,825	613,803
		6,100,931	4,108,852	8,919,928	6,028,71
Operating (deficit) taken to reserves	12	(465,985)	(975,322)	(681,298)	(1,429,800)
All amounts relate to continuing activities.					

Prior Year Adjustment

The adjusted figures for 2006 relate to a prior year adjustment for FRS 17 Pension adjustments (Note 22). These included interest on pension scheme liabilities and the operating cost of the pension included within staff costs (Note 3) for 2006.

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

	Note	2007 £ Stg	As Restated 2006 £ Stg	2007 €	As Restated 2006 €
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	8	3,758,899	3,987,846	5,101,202	5,922,748
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	9	205,700	154,018	279,154	228,747
Cash at bank and in hand		414,500	349,444	562,520	518,994
		620,200	503,462	841,674	747,741
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accruals	10	306,705	280,971	416,229	417,298
Deferred revenue grants	12	105,754	143,519	412,459	280,971
		559,748		417,298	
Net Current Assets		207,741	222,491	281,926	330,443
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		3,966,640	4,210,337	5,383,128	6,253,191
Provisions					
Superannuation scheme	13	5,206,639	5,163,251	7,065,930	7,668,460
Net Liabilities		(1,239,999)	(952,914)	(1,682,802)	(1,415,269)
Represented By					
Capital grants	11	3,758,899	3,987,846	5,101,202	5,922,748
General reserve	14	(4,998,898)	(4,940,760)	(6,784,004)	(7,338,017)
		(1,239,999)	(952,914)	(1,682,802)	(1,415,269)

Prior Year Adjustment

The adjusted figures for 2006 relate to a prior year adjustment for FRS 17 Pension adjustments (Note 22) and including the Superannuation Scheme Liability at year end. (Note 13).

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these accounts.

D ANDERSON

Chief Executive and Accounting Officer

5th November 2009

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Cash Flow Statement

	Note	2007 £ Stg	As Restated 2006 £ Stg	2007 €	As Restated 2006 €
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from continuing activities		20,288	(304,975)	(42,132)	(425,741)
Return on investment and servicing of finance		22,410	11,668	32,765	17,120
Capital expenditure and financial investment		(192,497)	(298,280)	(261,238)	(443,006)
Net cash outflow before financing		(149,799)	(591,587)	(270,605)	(851,627)
Financing		214,855	301,780	314,131	442,787
Increase/(decrease) in Cash		65,056	(289,807)	43,526	(408,840)
Reconciliation of operating (deficit) to net cash inflow / (outflow) from continuing activities					
Operating (deficit)		(465,985)	(975,322)	(681,298)	(1,429,800)
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets		(9,335)	125,819	(13,648)	184,608
Depreciation	8	430,779	418,336	629,825	613,803
Capital grant release	11	(430,779)	(360,591)	(629,825)	(529,077)
Revenue grant released other	11	(18,422)	(25,961)	(26,934)	(38,091)
(Profit) on disposal of capital grant assets		(13,023)	(69,249)	(19,040)	(102,849)
Interest received		(22,410)	(11,668)	(32,765)	(17,120)
Pension interest	14	262,545	232,675	383,857	341,392
Pension service cost charged	3	242,246	222,432	354,178	326,363
Pension service cost paid		(53,556)	(69,828)	(78,302)	(102,457)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(33,260)	133,090	(26,629)	192,272
Increase in creditors		25,734	75,292	(1,069)	139,765
Increase in deferred revenue grant	12	105,754		154,619	
Translation exchange difference				(55,101)	(4,550)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from continuing activities		20,288	(304,975)	(42,132)	(425,741)

Cash Flow Statement(continued)

	Note	2007 £ Stg	As Restated 2006 £ Stg	2007 €	As Restated 2006 €
Capital expenditure and financial investment					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	8	(214,855)	(301,780)	(291,580)	(448,204)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		22,358	3,500	30,342	5,198
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(192,497)	(298,280)	(261,238)	(443,006)
Reconciliation of financing					
Capital grants received	4	214,855	301,780	314,131	442,787
Net cash inflow from financing		214,855	301,780	314,131	442,787
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in cash					
Increase in cash in year		65,056	(289,807)	43,526	(408,840)
Explained as follows:					
At 1 January		349,444	639,251	518,994	927,834
At 31 December		414,500	349,444	562,520	518,994
Increase /(decrease) in cash in year		65,056	(289,807)	43,526	(408,840)

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Statement of Recognised Gains & Losses for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £ Stg	As Restated 2006 £ Stg	2007 €	As Restated 2006 €
Movement in Revenue Reserves					
(Deficit) on continuing operations after depreciation		(465,985)	(975,322)	(681,298)	(1,429,800)
Actuarial Gain					
Actuarial Gain	13	407,847	100,947	596,297	148,114
Total of recognised (loss)/gain for the year		(58,138)	(874,375)	(85,001)	(1,281,686)
Prior Period Adjustment – FRS17					
FRS 17 Pension adjustment	22	(4,507,947)	-	(6,709,847)	-
Currency translation adjustment					
Total Recognised losses since last report					
Total		(4,566,085)	(874,375)	(6,794,848)	(1,281,686)
Reconciliation					
Opening reserves	14	(4,940,760)	453,856	(7,338,017)	658,744
Transfer to capital grants	14		(145,960)		(216,780)
Prior year adjustments	22		(4,374,281)		(6,513,725)
Total recognised loss relating to the year		(58,138)	(874,375)	(85,001)	(1,281,686)
Currency translation				639,014	15,430
Closing reserves		(4,998,898)	(4,940,760)	(6,784,004)	(7,338,017)

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these accounts.

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, Weirs	4%
Slipway	2%
Boats & boating equipment	15%
Plant & Equipment	25%
Office equipment / Fixtures & Fittings	10%
Computer equipment	25%
Motor vehicles	25%

c) Currency

The financial statements are stated 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, Energy and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland. The year end rate for 2007 is £Stg - €1.35710 (2006: £Stg - €1.48520). The average rate for 2007 is £Stg - €1.46206 (2006: £Stg - €1.46725).

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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.

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.

2. Superannuation 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 at 31st December 2007, at which time the accrued liability, as per Balance Sheet, was £5,206,639.

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 2007 now has been included in the financial statements and a disclosure note has been included (Note 13) detailing the actuarial review calculations by PWC. This includes the results of the calculations of the pension liabilities and costs of employees (and ex-employees) of the Loughs Agency for the purposes of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007 and comparative figures for 2006.

During 2007, discussions continued with Sponsoring Departments and the Departments 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. This options paper was submitted to the Sponsoring Departments and discussions are ongoing with a view to a resolution in 2009.

3. Staff Costs and Board Remuneration

The average monthly number of employees (full time equivalent) was:	2007	2006
Senior Management	5	2
Administrative	15	11
Field staff and inspectorate	41	40
Total	61	53

It should be noted that the average monthly number of staff includes any secondees and temporary summer time appointments. There were 8 full time equivalents (FTE) in temporary position throughout the year.

3 Staff Costs and Board Remuneration cont'd

The costs incurred in respect of these employees were:

	2007 £	As Restated 2006£	2007€	As Restated 2006€
Wages and Salaries	1,639,137	1,405,453	2,396,512	2,062,151
Social security costs	127,084	102,013	185,805	149,679
Current Service Cost	242,246	222,432	354,178	326,363
Total staff costs	2,008,467	1,729,898	2,936,495	2,538,193
Board remuneration	42,551	45,561	62,217	66,849
Social security costs	1,903	2,064	2,782	3,028
Total board costs	44,454	47,625	64,999	69,877
Total board and staff costs	2,052,921	1,777,523	3,001,494	2,608,070
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Staff costs above include the following	£	£	€	€
Contracted (Seconded) staff	-	39,404		-57,816
Temporary staff	207,917	135,573	303,987	198,919
Total temporary staff costs	207,917	174,977	303,987	256,735

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Excluding the Chief Executive, there were no employees whose remuneration exceeded £50,000/€73,103 per annum.

The Chief Executive's (Derick Anderson aged 59) emoluments including pension scheme contributions were as follows:

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Gross	85,249	66,585	124,639	97,697
Social security costs	9,149	6,868	13,376	10,077
Other pension costs	4,778	3,995	6,986	5,862
	99,176	77,448	145,001	113,636

3 Staff Costs and Board Remuneration cont'd

The benefit in kind, which relates to the provision of a motor vehicle, attributed to the Chief Executive was £6,923 / €10,122 (2006: £6,293 / €9,233). The Chief Executive is an ordinary member of the Agency's pension scheme. Gerard Mills another member of senior management received benefits in kind for a personal issue vehicle in the amount of £548 / €801 (2006: £Nil / €Nil). No other senior management staff received any benefits in kind.

Other Senior Management

Name	Age	Gross	Social security costs	Other pension costs
John Pollock – Director of Corporate Services	49	38,590	3,180	2,306
Gerard Mills – Director of Development	39	37,983	3,103	2,279
John McCartney – Director of Conservation & Protection	48	37,687	3,076	2,233
Barry Fox – Aquaculture Director	34	52,691	5,325	3,156
		166,951	14,684	9,974

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

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Mr Peter Savage	7,156	7,527	10,463	11,044
Mr Jack Allen	3,792	4,000	5,545	5,869
Ms Siobhan Logue	4,466	4,704	6,530	6,902
Mr Joseph Martin	3,792	4,000	5,545	5,869
Mr Dick Blakiston-Houston	3,792	4,000	5,545	5,869
Mr Francis Feely	3,792	4,000	5,545	5,869
Dr Patrick Griffin	4,466	4,704	6,530	6,902
Mr Andrew Ward	4,466	4,704	6,530	6,902
Mr Tarlach O'Crossain	4,000	4,000	5,848	5,869
Ms Jacqui McConville	4,732	4,704	6,918	6,902
Lord Cooke of Islandreagh	0	1,282	0	1,880
	44,454	47,625	64,999	69,877

In December 2007 the North / South ministerial Council appointed the members of the Boards of the North South Implementation Bodies and Tourism Ireland Ltd. The Council also approved the following revised rates of remuneration for members of the board's pre annum. Chairperson £9,520 (€14,000), Vice-Chairperson - £7,820 (€11,500) and members £6,120 (€9,000). Board members'salaries are not pensionable.

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4. Revenue and Capital Grants

	Note	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Grants received in year					
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR)		1,820,000	1,422,750	2,660,949	2,087,530
Department of Agriculture and Rural Developments (DARD)		1,670,000	1,422,750	2,441,641	2,087,530
Total		3,490,000	2,845,500	5,102,590	4,175,060
Appropriation of grants received in year					
Capitalised against fixed assets		214,855	301,780	314,131	442,787
Released to revenue		3,275,145	2,543,720	4,788,459	3,732,273
		3,490,000	2,845,500	5,102,590	4,175,060

DCENR contributed a grant of £150,000 greater than DARD because the Loughs Agency requested these monies from both Departments but only these additional monies from DCENR were received in 2007. This imbalance of monies claimed from each Department will be redressed within the 2008 financial year.

5. Salmon Fishermen Hardship Grants

	Note	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Grants received in year					
Salmon Hardship Packages – Grant in Aid and payments made.		1,770,530	-	2,588,621	-

The Salmon fishermen hardship packages payments began in 2007 and related to payment to fishermen who agreed to decommission their nets to the Agency. In the current year £1,770,530 (€2,588,621) has been paid out and £105,754 (€143,519) represents a ring fenced deferred revenue grant received. This is due to be paid to the net holders in 2008. See Note 12.

6. Ordinary Income

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Normal activities				
Licence duties	85,151	106,307	124,496	155,979
Fishery rent and rates	2,971	2,924	4,344	4,290
	88,122	109,231	128,840	160,269
Other activities				
Fines and costs recovered	5,977	4,059	8,739	5,956
Sundry receipts	549	51	803	75
	6,526	4,110	9,542	6,031
Total	94,648	113,341	138,382	166,300

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7. Administrative Expenses

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Staff training	105,858	45,021	154,771	66,057
Bank charges	-	3,292	-	4,830
Postage	10,731	8,785	15,689	12,890
Advertising	75,414	83,038	110,260	121,838
Light and heat	30,393	30,510	44,436	44,766
Telephone	62,339	39,605	91,143	58,110
Operating lease – rent	15,505	14,152	22,669	20,765
Insurance	85,684	98,939	125,275	145,16
Audit	19,000	18,500	27,779	27,241
Accountancy	15,437	15,464	22,570	22,593
Motor vehicle expenses	70,792	58,153	103,502	85,325
Boat stores	12,351	15,400	18,058	22,596
Boat maintenance	94,785	23,752	138,581	34,850
Printing and stationery	52,695	42,125	77,043	61,808
Licence dealers commission	11,590	7,252	16,945	10,640
Maintenance and repairs	42,988	50,556	62,850	74,178
Miscellaneous	144	651	211	955
Travelling and conference expenses	83,085	55,337	121,475	81,193
Hospitality	28,812	5,114	42,125	7,504
Health and safety	39,678	23,625	58,012	34,664
Cleaning	10,508	8,982	15,363	13,179
Computer consumables and maintenance	31,659	72,978	46,287	107,077
Other equipment costs	82,274	90,431	120,290	132,685
Subscriptions	54,083	11,897	79,072	17,456
Surveys	95,960	14,881	140,299	21,834
Legal and professional fees	116,041	149,337	169,658	219,115
Research programme	10,789	564	15,774	828
Tagging expenses	13,662	9,124	19,975	13,387
Counter site expenses	851	3,848	1,244	5,646
Conservation and protection works	230,391	385,389	336,849	565,463
Marine tourism study	-	33,977	-	49,853
Disbursements to vital signs participators	12,141	37,512	17,751	55,039
Angling fairs	73,163	86,648	106,969	127,134
Cost of grant surrendered	-	6,515	-	9,559
	1,588,803	1,551,354	2,322,925	2,276,226

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and buildings	Slipway	Weirs	Interpretive Centre	Boats & Boating Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Plant & Equipment	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1/01/2007	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
Additions	9,467				2,040	3,102	43,094		10,601	146,551	214,855	314,131
Reclassified Disposals					(40,832)		(7,050)		(9,317)	(12,073)	(69,272)	(101,280)
At 31/12/2007	2,045,277	78,960	1,333,499	401,213	793,253	43,846	710,956	3,460	80,587	481,444	5,972,495	8,658,196
Depreciation												
At 1/01/2007	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
Charge for year	80,538	1,579	44,400	16,049	56,465	3,397	131,703	118	17,845	78,685	430,779	629,825
Adjustment Reclassified Depreciation on disposal					(37,413)		(6,522)		(2,523)	(9,791)	(56,249)	(82,239)
At 31/12/2007	480,841	8,696	346,479	78,227	605,844	21,465	393,913	237	35,196	242,698	2,213,596	3,205,601
Net Book Value												
At 31/12/2007	1,564,436	70,264	987,020	322,986	187,409	22,381	317,043	3,223	45,391	238,746	3,758,899	5,452,595
Currency Translation Adjustment												(351,393)
NBV as restated	1,564,436	70,264	987,020	322,986	187,409	22,381	317,043	3,223	45,391	238,746	3,758,899	5,101,202
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	5,922,748

The Valuation & Lands Agency (VLA) have been commissioned to do a full valuation of the Land & Buildings (incl. Interpretive Centre) held by the Loughs Agency.

The VLA confirmed this would happen during 2008 and the Fixed Asset position will reflect this valuation at 31st December 2008 when completed.

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9. Debtors and Prepayments

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Trade debtors	19,060	6,601	25,866	9,804
Prepayments	147,076	110,805	199,595	164,567
Water pollution	-	10,000	-	14,852
Bailiffing	9,000	9,000	12,214	13,367
Other debtors	2,609	8,079	3,541	11,999
Grants receivable	27,955	9,533	37,938	14,158
	205,700	154,018	279,154	228,747

10. Creditors and Accruals

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Trade creditors	67,415	118,976	91,489	176,703
Accruals	239,290	161,995	324,740	240,595
	306,705	280,971	416,229	417,298

11. Capital Grants

Gross capital grant	Note	Dom /Dard £	Local Govt £	EU Funds £	Total £	Total €
At 1 January		1,866,393	908,936	2,563,211	5,338,540	7,915,298
Currency translation adjustment						(485,890)
Additions	4	214,855	-	-	214,855	314,131
Transfer retained reserves		-	-	-	-	-
Grant surrender		-	-	-	-	-
Disposals		(29,949)			(29,949)	(43,787)
At 31 December		2,051,299	908,936	2,563,211	5,523,446	7,699,752
Grant amortisation						
At 1 January		475,860	293,232	581,602	1,350,694	1,992,550
Amortised in year		233,437	36,823	160,519	430,779	629,825
Eliminated on disposal		(16,926)			(16,926)	(23,825)
At 31 December		692,371	330,055	742,121	1,764,547	2,598,550
Unamortised capital grants						
At 31 December		1,358,928	578,881	1,821,090	3,758,899	5,101,202
At 1 January		1,390,533	615,704	1,981,609	3,987,846	5,922,748
			2007 £	2006 €	2007 £	2006 €
Reconciliation of grant income						
Capital grant amortised in year			430,779	360,591	629,825	529,077
Revenue grant released in year	12		18,422	25,961	26,934	38,091
			449,201	386,552	656,759	567,168

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12. Deferred Revenue Grants

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
At 1 January	-	18,857	-	27,370
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	298
Additions other	18,422	7,104	26,934	10,423
Additions salmon fishermen hardship grant	1,876,284	-	2,743,240	-
	1,894,706	25,961	2,770,174	38,091
Released in year salmon fishermen hardship grant	(1,770,530)	-	(2,588,621)	-
Released in year other	(18,422)	(25,961)	(26,934)	(38,091)
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	(11,100)	-
Deferred Revenue Grant	105,754	-	143,519	-

13. Superannuation Scheme

	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Scheme liability at 1 January	5,163,251	504,638	7,668,460	732,451
Prior Period Adjustment 22	-	4,374,281	-	6,513,725
Employers Current Service Cost	242,246	222,432	354,178	326,363
Interest on pension scheme liability	262,545	232,675	383,857	341,392
	5,668,042	5,334,026	8,406,495	7,913,931
Loughs Agency Contributions	(53,556)	(69,828)	(78,302)	(102,457)
Actuarial gain in STRGL	(407,847)	(100,947)	(596,297)	(148,114)
Translation adjustment	-	-	(665,966)	5,100
Scheme liability at 31 December	5,206,639	5,163,251	7,065,930	7,668,460

The provision relates to the outstanding liability to pensions, deferred pensions and active members for the Foyle Area (Pension) (Amendment) Regulations 1979. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme. 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:

- 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.

The Loughs Agency Superannuation Scheme shows a net liability position on the face of the Balance sheet and is based on the PWC actuarial valuation at 31st December 2007. The Loughs Agency is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Communication Energy and Natural Resources in the respective Northern and Southern Governments. This relationship means that both Departments will meet pension liabilities as they fall due on a yearly basis and within agreed limits.

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.

PWC Actuarial Review at 31 December 2007

PWC noted the following:-

- a) The figures relate to the benefits accrued to active and pensioner members of the Loughs Agency.
- b) The figures have been calculated in accordance with the specific requirements of FRS 17.
- c) The liability and cost calculations were carried out based on data supplied by the Loughs Agency. As the pension scheme is unfunded, no asset figure is included in the FRS 17 figures.
- d) The actuarial review assumed that only payments out of the scheme over the year relate to pensions paid to pensioner members and that employee contributions are used to pay some of these benefits with the remaining amount being met by the employer.
- e) The assumptions used to calculate the FRS 17 liabilities are summarised below (along with the comparator assumptions as at 31st December 2006).
- f) There has been no allowance made for a deferred tax asset in relation to the scheme deficit.
- g) The figures below are based on the current version of FRS 17. The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has recently released an amendment to FRS17. Organisations must comply with this amendment for accounting periods beginning on or after 6 April 2007.

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Loughs Agency – FRS 17 Figures

Assumptions	2007	2006	2007	2006
Rate of Salary increase	4.90%	4.60%	4.90%	4.60%
Rate of Pension Increase	3.10%	2.90%	3.10%	2.90%
Discount Rate	5.70%	5%	5.70%	5%
Rate of Inflation	3.40%	3.10%	3.40%	3.10%
Assets of the scheme and expected rate of return				
	£	£	€	€
Total assets	-	-	-	-
Actuarial liabilities	(5,206,639)	(5,163,251)	(7,065,930)	(7,668,460)
(Deficit)	(5,206,639)	(5,163,251)	(7,065,930)	(7,668,460)
Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit				
Service cost	242,246	222,432	354,178	326,363
Past Service cost	-	-	-	-
Settlements and Curtailments				
Total Operating charge	242,246	222,432	354,178	326,363
Analysis of the net return on pension scheme				
Expected return	-	-	-	-
Interest on pension liabilities	(262,545)	(232,675)	(383,857)	(341,392)
	(262,545)	(232,675)	(383,857)	(341,392)
Amount recognised in STRGL				
	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Actual return in excess of expected	-	-	-	-
Experience gains and losses	(83,176)	(4,035)	(121,608)	(5,921)
Change in actuarial assumptions	491,023	104,982	717,905	154,035
Actuarial gain in STRGL	407,847	100,947	596,297	148,114
Movement in deficit during the year				
(Deficit) at 1 January	(5,163,251)	(4,878,919)	(7,668,460)	(7,246,176)
Total operating charge	(242,246)	(222,432)	(354,178)	(326,363)
Company contributions	53,556	69,828	78,302	102,457
Net Return	(262,545)	(232,675)	(383,857)	(341,392)
Actuarial gain in STRGL	407,847	100,947	596,297	148,114
Translation adjustment			665,966	(5,100)
(Deficit) at 31 December	(5,206,639)	(5,163,251)	(7,065,930)	(7,668,460)
History of experience gains and losses				
Experience gains and losses on liabilities	(83,176)	(4,035)	(121,608)	(5,921)
Percentage of scheme liabilities	-2%	0%	-2%	0%
Total amount recognised in STRGL	407,847	100,947	596,297	148,114
Percentage of scheme liabilities	8%	2%	8%	2%

(ii) Current Service Cost;

Is the increase in the present value of the scheme liabilities expected to arise from employee service in the current year.

(iii) Interest Cost;

The expected increase during the year in the present value of the scheme liabilities because the benefits are one year nearer to settlement.

(iv) Actuarial Gains and Losses;

Changes in actuarial deficits or surpluses that arise because events have not coincided with the actuarial assumptions made for the last valuation (experience gains or losses) or the actuarial assumptions have changed.

The total pension deficit, after FRS 17 review and as at 31st December 2007, is £5,206,639 / €7,065,930 (2006: £5,163,251 / €7,668,460) representing the sum of the liability at that date. The actuarial gain relates to 8% of these liabilities (See note 13).

14. General Reserve

		2007	As restated	2007	As restated
		£	2006	€	2006
		£	£	€	€
At 1 January		(4,940,760)	453,856	(7,338,017)	658,744
Prior Period Adjustment	22	-	(4,374,281)	-	(6,513,725)
– FRS 17					
Actuarial Gain	13	407,847	100,947	596,297	148,114
Transfer to capital grant		-	(145,960)	-	(216,780)
(Deficit) for year		(465,985)	(975,322)	(681,298)	(1,429,800)
Exchange difference		-	-	639,014	15,430
At 31 December		(4,998,898)	(4,940,760)	(6,784,004)	(7,338,017)
		2007	2006	2007	2006
		£	£	€	€
Balance Represented by					
Pension Reserve		(5,206,639)	(5,163,251)	(7,065,930)	(7,668,460)
I&E Reserve excluding pension reserve		207,741	222,491	281,926	330,443
Total		(4,998,898)	(4,940,760)	(6,784,004)	(7,338,017)

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15. Commitments

Capital Commitments				
	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
Contracted for		-		-
Authorised by Loughs Agency but not yet contracted for	750,000	-	1,017,825	-

The capital commitment authorised by the Loughs Agency but yet contracted for as at 31st December 2007 relates to a survey vessel which is planned to be EU funded through FIGG.

Other Commitments

There were no other commitments other than operating leases see note 17

16. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31st December 2007.

17. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant events that took place after the balance sheet date.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 5th November 2009 by the Accounting Officer Derick Anderson.

18. Operating Lease

At 31 December 2007 the Agency had an annual commitment under a 5 year short term business letting agreement (signed 15/11/07) for the 1st and 2nd floors of the Darcy Magee Centre, Dundalk Street, Carlingford of Stg £ 11,285 / €16,500 per year, (2006: £4,512 / €6,599). In addition a new storage unit has been rented in Carlingford, and is renewed annually on 1st July each year, at £9,931 / €14,520 per annum.

Expiry	2007 £	2006 £	2007 €	2006 €
< 1 year	9,931	10,029	14,520	14,667
2 – 5 years	11,285	4,512	16,500	6,599
> 5 years	-	-	-	-

19. 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, Energy 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.

20. 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 Department of Communications, Energy 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, Energy 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.

21. Losses and Special Payments

The only losses during the year of a material value related to a stolen outboard engine in May 2007 with an approx. value of £1,300 (€ 1,901) and the replacement of an engine in a Mazda van that had fallen outside the servicing schedule at a cost of £3,556 (€5,199). There were no special payments during the year.

22. Prior year Adjustment

		2006 £		2006 €
Income and expenditure reserve as previously stated		453,856		658,744
Total prior year adjustment relating to pre January 2006				
Actuarial deficit at January 2006	4,878,919		7,246,176	
Superannuation provided	504,638	(4,374,281)	732,451	(6,513,725)
Income and expenditure reserve as restated at 1st January 2006		(3,920,425)		(5,854,981)
Income and expenditure reserve as restated at 31st December 2006				
Adjustment to income and expenditure account as at 1st January 2006		(3,920,425)		(5,854,981)
(Deficit) as previously reported		(740,709)		(1,085,564)
Adjustment to income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2006				
Increase in pension charge	(1,938)		(2,844)	
Interest on pension liabilities	(232,675)		(341,392)	
Adjustment to statement of total recognised gains and losses	100,947	(133,666)	148,114	(196,122)
Transfer to capital grant		(145,960)		(216,780)
Exchange rate variation				15,430
Income and expenditure reserve as restated at 31st December 2006		(4,940,760)		(7,338,017)
Total prior year adjustment				
Pre January 2006		(4,374,281)		(6,513,725)
Year ended 31st December 2006		133,666		(196,122)
		(4,507,947)		(6,709,847)

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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
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