21/12/2015

I wish to have sight of all documentation held in the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in regard to appointments to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland in accordance with section 12 (1) (b) and section 12 (3) of Inland Fisheries Act 2010. Information is being sought in respect of the period since the enactment of the act and the date on which the information is being provided.

The information to include copies of all lists of all panels of candidates held since the coming into force of the 2010 act, including dates on which persons were added to or removed from the list, all correspondence and representations made in relation to any potential board member, names of all persons proposed to the Minister by the Joint Oireachtas Committee.

I also wish to have sight of copies of all minutes of meetings of Joint Oireachtas Committee at which any discussion or decision took place in relation to appointment to Inland Fisheries Ireland or proposals to the Minister in accordance with section 12 (1) (b).
27 January 2016

Re: FÓI request FÓI/2015/150

Dear

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in relation to:

*Documentation held in the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in regard to appointments to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) in accordance with Section 12 (1)(b) and section 12 (3) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010.*

Please note that this request covers the period from the enactment of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 to the date of receipt of your request which was 23 December 2015.

I have made a final decision to part grant your request as discussed over the phone on Wednesday the 20th and Tuesday the 26th of January.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. a schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. an explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

*Ficheadtear roimh comhoibriagrás in Gaeilge.*
1. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that this body considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

In reaching my decision I have relied on the following Sections of the FOI Act 2014:-

Refusal on administrative grounds – Section 15
Functions & Negotiations of Public Bodies – Section 30
Parliamentary, Court and Certain other matters – Section 31
Personal Information – Section 37

With regard to your request for lists of all panels held in the Department and copies of all minutes of all meetings of the JOC regarding decisions in relation to appointments, the Department does not hold any records in relation to these matters therefore, I am refusing these records under Section 15 (1)(a) of the act.

Section 15(1)(a) of the Act states that an FOI request may be refused if:- the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.

I have redacted the names, personal addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of third parties on a number of records referred to in the schedule of records under Section 37 (1) of the act.

37 (1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).

I have considered the public interest in making my decision and have concluded that the right to privacy of the individual concerned outweighs the public interest in releasing the afore-mentioned information.

There are records outlined in the schedule refused under the following sections;

30 (1) A head may refuse to grant an FOI request if access to the record concerned could, in the opinion of the head, reasonably be expected to —

c) disclose positions taken, or to be taken, or plans, procedures, criteria or instructions used or followed, or to be used or followed, for the purpose of any negotiations carried on or being, or to be, carried on by or on behalf of the Government or an FOI body.
31 (1) A head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if the record concerned—

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(I) either House of the Oireachtas or the Chairman or Deputy Chairman or any other member of either such House or a member of the staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas Service for the purposes of the proceedings at a sitting of either such House, or

(II) a committee appointed by either such House or jointly by both such Houses and consisting of members of either or both of such Houses or a member of such a committee or a member of the staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas Service for the purposes of the proceedings at a meeting of such a committee.

3. Rights of appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan or by e-mail to foi.unit@dcenr.gov.ie. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder) for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (if you wish to make payment by electronic means please contact the FOI Unit @ 01 6782903). You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 01 6782071.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Pat Smyth,
Inland Fisheries Division.
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Re: Letter to Joint Oireachtas Committee seeking nominations to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

Section 12 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (Tab A) sets out the arrangements for membership of the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI).

Of the 9 members of the board of IFI, 3 are to be appointed having regard to the advice of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. The Minister of State is required in accordance with section 12(3)(a) and (b) of the Act to inform the Committee of the requirement to make its nominations and to provide a statement to the Committee on the experience and expertise of those persons already appointed.

A draft letter to the Joint Oireachtas Committee informing the Committee of the requirement for it to make its nominations is attached for approval by the Minister of State.

Submitted please.

Barbara Leeson
Inland Fisheries Division
2 June 2010
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[Signature] 10/6
Re: Letters of Appointment to Members of the
Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

Decision Sought

Draft letters of appointment for members of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland are submitted in file pocket across for approval and signature by the Minister of State. The provisions under which the members of IFI are appointed do not come into effect until 1 July 2010. Accordingly the attached letters are dated for 1 July 2010.

Background

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), the new national inland fisheries body which will replace the existing Central and Regional Fisheries Boards, will be established on 1 July 2010.

In accordance with section 12 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (Tab A), the Board of IFI will consist of 9 members all of which will be appointed by the Minister as follows:-

- 3, including the chairperson, to be appointed on the Minister’s own nomination,
- 1 to be appointed on the nomination of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,
- 1 to be appointed on the nomination of the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs,
- 3 to be appointed having regard to the nominations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
- 1 to be appointed to represent employee interest following an election among the staff.
This position has been reflected in the letters of appointment.

Letters submitted for approval and signature please.

[Signature]
Barbara Leeson
Inland Fisheries Division
17 June 2010

RECEIVED IN MINISTER
OF STATE'S OFFICE
25 JULY 2010
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
10.—(1) The Minister may give IFI such general policy directions as he or she considers appropriate to be followed by IFI in the exercise of its functions.

(2) IFI shall comply with any direction given to it under subsection (1).

11.—(1) IFI shall, as soon as may be after its establishment, provide itself with a seal.

(2) The seal of IFI shall be authenticated by the signature of—

(a) the chairperson of IFI or another member of IFI, or

(b) a member of staff of IFI,

authorised by IFI to act in that behalf.

(3) Judicial notice shall be taken of the seal of IFI and every document purporting to be an instrument made by IFI and to be sealed with the seal of IFI (purporting to be authenticated in accordance with subsection (2)) shall be received in evidence and be deemed to be such instrument without further proof unless the contrary is shown.

(4) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of IFI by any person generally or specially authorised by IFI in that behalf.

12.—(1) IFI shall consist of 9 members appointed by the Minister, of whom—

(a) one shall be appointed by the Minister as chairperson,

(b) in accordance with subsection (3), 3 shall be appointed by the Minister,

(c) one shall be appointed on the nomination of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,

(d) one shall be appointed on the nomination of the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs,

(e) 2 shall be appointed on the Minister’s own nomination and

(f) one shall be a member of staff of IFI appointed following an election in accordance with section 13.

(2) Subject to subsections (7) and (8) of section 23, the chief executive shall be an ex-officio member of IFI.

(3) Where an appointment is to be made by the Minister under subsection (1)(b) or under that paragraph arising from a vacancy referred to in section 19(2)—

(a) the Minister shall inform the Joint Oireachtas Committee of the proposed appointment.
(h) the Minister in respect of an appointment under subsection (1)(a), (c), (d) and (e) shall provide a statement to the Joint Oireachtas Committee indicating the relevant experience and expertise of the person or persons appointed by the Minister, and such other matters as the Minister, after consultation with the Joint Oireachtas Committee, considers relevant,

(c) the Joint Oireachtas Committee shall within the period of 90 days of being so informed, advise the Minister of the names of the persons or the person it proposes that the Minister should appoint under subsection (1)(b) giving reasons, such as relevant experience and expertise, in relation to the proposed named person or persons.

(d) the Minister shall have regard to the advice and may accept the proposed named persons or some of them or the named person or decide to nominate as he or she sees fit other persons or another person, and

(e) inform the Joint Oireachtas Committee of his or her decision.

(4) The Minister shall, insofar as is practicable, endeavour to ensure that there is an equitable balance between men and women in the composition of IFI.

(5) A person shall not be appointed by the Minister to be a member of IFI unless he or she has had experience of or shown capacity in one or more of the following areas—

(a) agriculture or riparian land ownership.

(b) aquaculture.

(c) business or commercial affairs.

(d) commercial fishing.

(e) environmental/biodiversity matters.

(f) fish processing.

(g) fisheries ownership.

(h) legal or regulatory affairs.

(i) matters pertaining to disability.

(j) recreational fisheries (including river and sea angling).

(k) regional development, and

(l) tourism.

and shall be appointed with a view to representing the public interest in respect of inland fisheries matters including sea angling.

(6) The Joint Oireachtas Committee for the purposes of providing advice to the Minister under subsection (3) may establish a panel, for such duration, and consisting of such number of persons as the Joint Oireachtas Committee thinks proper.
(7) Persons placed on a panel established under subsection (6) shall have experience of or have shown capacity in one or more of the areas stated in subsection (5) and shall be chosen with a view to representing the public interest in respect of inland fisheries matters including sea angling.

(8) The Joint Oireachtas Committee shall, insofar as is practicable, endeavour to ensure that among the persons placed on a panel under subsection (6) there is an equitable balance between men and women.

(9) The Joint Oireachtas Committee shall have sole responsibility for the drawing up and placing of candidates on a panel established under subsection (6).

(10) In respect of an appointment to be made under subsection (11)(f), the Minister may, following consultation with such trade union representatives as he or she considers appropriate, appoint a person to IFI on a temporary basis, until such time as the Minister is in a position to appoint a person elected in accordance with section 13.

13.—(1) The Minister shall appoint to be a member of IFI an employee of IFI who is elected in accordance with this section.

(2) An election shall be held as soon as practicable after establishment day or such longer period as may be agreed between IFI and recognised trade unions or staff associations and in each fifth year thereafter.

(3) Subsections (4) to (17) apply for the purposes of an election.

(4) (a) The chief executive of IFI (or a person selected by him or her after consultation with representatives of recognised trade unions or staff associations) shall be the returning officer for each election of a staff member to IFI.

(b) The returning officer is not entitled to be nominated as or to nominate, act as agent for or promote the interests of, a candidate at the election.

(c) The returning officer may authorise any person to exercise designated functions on his or her behalf and paragraph (b) applies to any such person.

(5) (a) A poll shall be conducted where there is more than one candidate.

(b) Voting shall be by secret ballot and on the basis of proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote.

(c) Presiding officers at the poll and polling clerks shall be appointed by the returning officer.

(d) An election shall be held in accordance with arrangements made by the returning officer.

(e) The returning officer shall be required to give due notice of these arrangements to the electorate and to designate premises as an election office.
The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who wish to be considered to serve as a Member on the

**Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland**

There are, at present, three vacancies on the Board and a panel will be established to fill future vacancies.

The persons to be appointed to fill the current vacancies should have experience, recognised expertise or a track record of contribution in one or more of the areas listed below:

| • agriculture or riparian land ownership | • fisheries ownership |
| • aquaculture | • legal or regulatory affairs |
| • business or commercial affairs | • matters pertaining to disability |
| • commercial fishing | • recreational fisheries (including river and sea angling) |
| • environmental/biodiversity matters | • regional development |
| • fish processing | • tourism |

The Public Appointments Service has been asked to gather expressions of interest on behalf of the Joint Oireachtas Committee. Please visit [www.publicjobs.ie](http://www.publicjobs.ie) for further information.

If you wish to have a confidential discussion about these opportunities please contact Margaret McCabe on margaret.mccabe@publicjobs.ie or call +353 1 8587551.

The term of appointment for a member of the Board is up to 5 years.

**Closing Date:** 3rd September, 2010
Dear [Name],

Please find a link to the page on the Public Appointments Service website that contains the information booklet for those interested in becoming members of Inland Fisheries Ireland (member of Inland Fisheries Ireland). I have attached a copy to this e-mail. I have also sent out a copy of the information booklet to you in the post.

For further information, please contact Margaret McCabe by e-mail at Margaret.mccabe@publicjobs.ie or by phone at +353 7 8587551.

Regards,

Colin Churchill
Inland Fisheries
Dept. Communications
Energy & Natural Resources
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 678 2274
From: Colin Churchill
Sent: 18 August 2010 15:42
To: Member of Inland Fisheries Ireland
Subject: Info Booklet_final.doc

Dear [Name]

Please find a link to the page on the Public Appointments Service website (www.publicjobs.ie) that contains the information booklet for those interested in becoming members of Inland Fisheries Ireland (member of Inland Fisheries Ireland). I have attached a copy of the information booklet to this e-mail.

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Regards,

Colin Churchill
Inland Fisheries
Dept. Communications
Energy & Natural Resources
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 678 2274
3rd November 2010

Mr Michael McGreal,

Dear Michael,

I am pleased to advise you that I have decided, following your nomination by the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to appoint you as a member of Inland Fisheries Ireland, in accordance with Section 12(1)(b) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010).

Your term of office will commence on 3rd November. In the interests of continuity and in order to ensure that the corporate knowledge of the Board is preserved at all times, provision is made in section 14 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 for a system of rolling appointments. I enclose a copy of the relevant section for your information. I have asked the Chairman to make the necessary arrangements for this matter as soon as possible after all of the relevant members of the Board have been identified.

The conditions which will apply to members of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland are set out in section 17 of the Act (copy attached). I would draw your attention, in particular, to section 17(2) which deals with the disqualification of members.

In addition to the above the following standard terms and conditions will apply:

(i) The fee payable shall be €7,695 per annum. However, as you are aware, in the current economic climate I have decided to postpone payment of fees for an initial period of 2 years. It is my intention to review this arrangement in the context of the economic position at that time. I know that you will appreciate the motives behind this decision. Usual travel and subsistence arrangements will apply in respect of your membership of the Board.

(ii) The appointment shall commence on the establishment day and will be for a period of up to 5 years subject to the provisions of section 14(3) and (4) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010.

(iii) The member shall devote to the performance of his or her duties as much time as may be necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of those duties.
(iv) If the member is removed from office or ceases otherwise to hold office, he or she shall have no claim for compensation or other payment in respect of such removal or cessation.

(v) The member shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration as member of the Board in respect of any other services, over and above those of a member, performed by him or her on behalf of Inland Fisheries Ireland, save with the consent of the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and the Minister for Finance.

It would be appreciated if you would forward written confirmation of your acceptance of this appointment as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in your appointment. I know that we share the same commitment to the future success of the inland fisheries sector as we enter this new era in its management.

Yours sincerely

Conor Lenihan T.D.
Minister for Natural Resources
(h) has been an employee of IPI for a continuous period of not less than one year,

shall be entitled to vote at an election.

(14) (a) Every employee of IPI who, on the day specified by the returning officer under subsection (13), is not less than 18 years of age and has been an employee of IPI for a continuous period of not less than 18 months, shall be eligible to be nominated as a candidate at the election.

(b) A candidate may be nominated by—

(i) a recognised trade union or staff association or jointly by 2 or more such bodies, or

(ii) a minimum of 10 eligible voters.

(c) Nominations shall be made in the manner specified by the returning officer.

(d) The returning officer shall rule on the validity of nominations and his or her decision shall be final.

(15) Prior service (for a continuous period ending on the relevant establishment day) with the Central Board or a regional board of staff transferred under section 46 to IPI on that day shall be reckoned as service with IPI for the purposes of subsections (13) and (14).

(16) The returning officer shall prepare and maintain a list of eligible voters and candidates.

(17) The returning officer shall prepare and maintain a list of recognised trade unions and staff associations for the purposes of this section.

(18) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Act as respects the term of office of members of IPI and their removal or disqualification from office, the term of office of a member of IPI who is appointed under subsection (1) and who is an employee of IPI shall terminate on his or her resigning or retiring from the employment of IPI or on his or her being dismissed from such employment.

(19) In this section “election” means an election held under this section for the appointment of an employee of IPI to be a member of IPI.

14—(1) The chairperson shall hold office for such period, not exceeding 5 years from the date of appointment to the office, as the Minister may determine.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), an ordinary member shall hold office for such period, not exceeding 5 years from the date of appointment, to the office, as the Minister may determine.

(3) Of the ordinary members of IPI first constituted under this section—

(u) 3 of them (selected in accordance with subsection (4)) shall hold office for a period of 2 years from the date of appointment to the office.
Further appointments to the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)

The Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No 10 of 2010) provides that the board of IFI will comprise of nine members including the Chairman.

The Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 2010) provides that three members of the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland may be appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. The JOC selection process was carried out following a public advertisement requesting expressions of interest via the Public Appointments Commission.

Whilst not required under the Act, the attached memo for information seeks for Government to note the Minister's decision to make these three further appointments to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland on the nomination of the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

The three nominees are as follows:

- Mr. Michael McGreal

Their brief resumes are attached.

Submitted please

Michael Murphy
Inland Fisheries

November, 2010
23rd November 2010.

Conor Linehan T.D.
Minister for Natural Resources

Dear Minister,

Further to your letter of 3rd inst, I confirm that I am pleased to serve as a member of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

I thank you for your appointment and I look forward to helping in the protection and development of a great national asset.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McGreal
Pat

Please find signed copy of response attached above for your records.

Regards

Majella
Mr Joey Murrin

November 2013

Re: Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

Dear Joey,

I refer to your recent representations on behalf of [redacted] in relation to a vacancy on the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland which will arise on 2nd November.

The current vacancy falls to be filled under Section 12 (1) (b) of the 2010 Inland Fisheries Act which provides that three of the members of the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland shall be appointed having regard to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee for my Department.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus O’Dowd T.D.
Minister of State
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Hi Majella,

Draft reply for the Minister of State’s signature to [redacted] is attached which has been cleared by Denis Maher. (Please send me a copy of the response which issues for our records). Thanks.

Regards

Pat Smyth,
Inland Fisheries Division.

From: Pat Smyth
Sent: 01 November 2013 16:09
To: Denis Maher
Cc: John Donohoe; Mary Rabbitte
Subject: FW: Joey Murrin re [redacted]

Hi Denis,

Draft reply for the Minister of State’s signature to Mr Joey Murrin is attached – cleared by John Donohoe. (Please copy me when submitting to the Minister of State’s office for our records). Thanks.

Regards,
From: John Donohoe
Sent: 01 November 2013 12:08
To: Pat Smyth
Cc: Mary Rabbitte
Subject: FW: Joey Murrin re:

Pat

Can you examine and then discuss with me

Thanks
JD

From: Denis Maher
Sent: 01 November 2013 11:04
To: John Donohoe
Subject: FW: Joey Murrin re:

Can you get a reply to this asap

Oireacthas Committee etc. etc.

DM

From: Majella Dowling
Sent: 01 November 2013 10:56
To: Denis Maher
Cc: Clodagh.O'Connor
Subject: FW: Joey Murrin re:

Denis

Please find correspondence attached above re. vacancy on Board of IFI.

Regards

Majella

From: Majella Dowling
Sent: 29 October 2013 12:54
To: Niamh Redmond
Subject: Joey Murrin re: Board of IFI

Niamh

Can you please advise re correspondence below.

I have not acknowledged.

Thanks

Majella
Mr Fergus O'Dowd (TD)
Minister of State
Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

24th October 2015

Dear Minister,

I have recently become aware that there is an unfilled position on the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland and I am writing requesting that you give consideration to the appointment of [redacted].

I have no hesitation in recommending him for this position.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joey Murrin

Cc Dinny Mc Ginley (TD)
Communications Committee invites expressions of interest for State Board nominations

The Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications is inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the public who would like to be considered for appointment to the boards of Inland Fisheries Ireland, RTÉ, TG4 or the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland.

29 November 2013

Chairman of the Committee John O’Mahony TD says: “Oireachtas Committees are playing an ever more active role in the process leading to the appointment of Chairpersons to State Boards. In a similar vein and under existing legislation, this Committee also has a role in the nominating individuals to the boards of Inland Fisheries Ireland, RTÉ, TG4 and the Broadcasting Authority. We invite expressions of interest to these four important boards with a view to considering them for nomination to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Those putting forward their names should attach a short history of their work experience, detailing which of the criteria for appointment they satisfy, as well as a copy of their CV.”

For more information and to send an expression of interest, click here.

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From: Joan Perry  
Sent: 30 January 2014 17:02  
To: Pat Smyth  
Subject: RE: Correspondence  
Attachments: Willie Penrose.pdf

Pat

Attached signed letter for your records.

Regards
Joan

Joan Perry
Minister of States Office
Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources
29/31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Phone: 6782046
Email: joan.perry@dcenr.gov.ie

From: Pat Smyth  
Sent: 27 January 2014 18:10  
To: Joan Perry  
Cc: Denis Maher; John Donohoe  
Subject: FW: Correspondence  
Importance: High

Hi Joan,

Draft reply for the Minister of State’s signature to Deputy Willie Penrose, TD is attached which has been cleared by Denis Maher. (Please send me a copy of the response which issues for our records). Thanks.

Regards,

Pat Smyth.
Inland Fisheries Division.

From: Minister O’ Dowd  
Sent: 23 January 2014 11:55  
To: Denis Maher  
Subject: Correspondence

Denis

Please see attached correspondence from Willie Penrose T.D.

Regards
Joan
Joan Perry
Minister of States Office
Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources
29/31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Phone: 6782046
Email: joan.perry@dcenr.gov.ie
Roínn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Aire Státí um an Tionsenamh NuaRé
Minister of State with responsibility for the NewERA Project

29-31 Bóthar Adelaide
Baile Átha Cliath 2
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Mr Willie Penrose TD
Constituency Office
Convent Lane
Bishopsgate Street
Mullingar
Co Westmeath

27 January 2014

Re: Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

Dear Willie

I refer to your recent representations on behalf of [REDACTED] in relation to a vacancy on the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

The current vacancy falls to be filled under Section 12 (1) (b) of the 2010 Inland Fisheries Act, which provides that three of the members of the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland shall be appointed, having regard to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee for my Department.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Fergus O'Dowd, T.D.
Minister of State
Department of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources
21st January 2014.

Mr. Fergus O’Dowd T.D.,
Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Energy
& Natural Resources
29-31 Adelaide Road.
Dublin 2

Dear Fergus,

I understand that [redacted] has been in contact with your office and is seeking appointment as a member of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland. I understand he has submitted a very comprehensive CV which outlines his experience, skills and indeed membership of various organisations associated with the fisheries industry. He is a person of tremendous experience and wealth of knowledge in this regard.

I trust you will examine his application in due course.

I await hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Willie Penrose TD

[Stamp: RECEIVED IN MINISTRY OF STATE OFFICE]
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1. Mr John Donohoe.
2. Mr Denis Maher.
3. Mr Michael Manley.
4. Minister of State O'Dowd.

Submission in relation to a letter of appointment for 1 appointment to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)

You will recall a recent Memorandum for the information of the Government in relation to a proposed appointment to the board of IFI.

Background

The Government noted the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources' intention to appoint [name] to the Board of IFI at its meeting on 25th February, 2014.

[Name] is being appointed on the nomination of the Minister of State having regard to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee (JOC) for Transport and Communications.

Action now sought

Draft letter of appointment to [name] submitted for Minister O'Dowd's signature.

For consideration, please.

Pat Smyth
Inland Fisheries Division
26th February, 2014

Note: Received from A.N. on 31/03/2014

Pat Smyth
8/03/2014.
February, 2014

Dear [Redacted]

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 12 (1) (b) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010, I am happy to formally confirm your appointment as a member of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland commencing from the date of this letter and subject to the provisions of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 and any amendments thereof.

Your appointment is for a period of 5 years, or until the date of termination of your appointment, whichever is the earliest.

The remuneration in respect of this appointment will be at a rate of €7,695 a year.

In relation to remuneration, I should point out that, in the case of serving public servants, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform’s “One Person One Salary” policy applies and such Board members will not be paid remuneration in the form of board fees in respect of this appointment. A Board member in this category will be entitled to claim reimbursement for any reasonable vouched expenses and travel and subsistence required to carry out their role as Board member of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

In the case of non-public servants there is the option to waive the related board fee on a discretionary basis as a matter of formal protocol.

I would appreciate if you would confirm in writing your formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of your appointment, as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in your endeavours on the Board.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Fergus O'Dowd, T.D.
Minister of State
Department of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources

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minister.o'dowd@dcenr.gov.ie  www.deenr.gov.ie

Beidh failte comhfhreagás as Gaeilge
----- Original Message -----  
From: Niamh Redmond  
Sent: 26 February 2014 15:44  
To:  
Cc: Denis Mahler, John Donohoe  
Subject: IFI Board  

Martin

Attached please find letter and warrant of appointment to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Regards

Niamh Redmond  
Private Secretary to Minister Fergus O'Dowd, T.D.  
Office of the Minister of State  
Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources  
29-31 Adelaide Road  
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Email: niamh.redmond@dcenr.gov.ie  
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Dear Minister

Following your offer of appointment to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland, I am delighted to be able to accept and am looking forward to working with the CEO and the other members of the Board.

Yours Sincerely
From: Seana McGearty
Sent: 21 October 2014 18:29
To: Coordination Unit; Inland Fisheries
Cc: John Donohoe; Pat Smyth; Clodagh O’Connor; Mary Rabbitte; Minister White
Subject: Re-appointment to Board of IFI

Colleagues,

The Minister received the attached letter directly today and asked that I forward to the relevant officials in the Department.

If I have left anyone off this circulation, please let me know.

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Seana McGearty
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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
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From: John Donohoe
Sent: 17 December 2014 10:22
To: Ciaran Byrne (Ciaran.Byrne@fisheriesireland.ie); Kieran Murphy@fisheriesireland.ie
Cc: Pat Smyth
Subject: FW: Communications Committee invites Expressions of Interest for Inland Fisheries Ireland board

FYI Folks

This may have already crossed your radar

Kind Regards
John

From: Press Office DCENR
Sent: 16 December 2014 11:36
To: John Donohoe; Denis Maher
Cc: Press Office DCENR; Michael Manley; Eunan McKinney; Bernard Harbor; Aisling NiBhradaigh; Cathy OConnor
Subject: FW: Communications Committee invites Expressions of Interest for Inland Fisheries Ireland board

For info
Keith

From: Paul Hand [mailto:paul.hand@oireachtas.ie]
Sent: 16 December 2014 10:28
To: Press Office DCENR
Subject: Communications Committee invites Expressions of Interest for Inland Fisheries Ireland board

HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS
MEDIA RELEASE

Communications Committee invites Expressions of Interest for Inland Fisheries Ireland board

16 December 2014

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ENDS

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A Chara,

I am contacting you again in relation to your response to this Department’s call for expressions of interest for appointment to State Boards under the aegis of the Department.

There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) which is due to be filled under Section 12 (1) (b) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 which provides that a number of members of the Board of IFI shall be appointed, on the nomination of the Minister, having regard to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee (JOC) on Transport and Communications.

A list with the names of all those who had made expressions of interest to serve on State Boards under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (and who had indicated that their names could be forwarded) was forwarded for the JOC’s information and

In the interests of completeness, please see below, for your information, a Media Release on 16 December 2014 issued by the Houses of the Oireachtas on behalf of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications which you may wish to respond to directly. (The contact is Mr. Pat Smyth in Inland Fisheries Division and he can be contacted at 01 6782071).

Note – the closing date is Friday 23 January 2015 @ 5pm.

Regards,

Inland Fisheries Division,
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.


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2. Mr Denis Maher, on business - 19/3/2015
3. Mr Michael Manley
4. Rúnaí Aire Stáit.

Submission in relation to the appointment of Dr Frances Lucy to
the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) – Letter of appointment
and Press Release

You will recall a recent Memorandum for the information of the Government in
relation to a proposed appointment to the board of IFI.

Background

The Government noted the Minister of State's intention to appoint

being appointed on the nomination of the Minister of State having regard
to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee (JOC) for Transport and
Communications. The date of the appointment is 24th March 2015 as
indicated in the Press Release which issued this morning.

Action now sought

A draft letter of appointment to
for the Minister of State's signature is
submitted.

For consideration, please.

Pat Smyth,
Inland Fisheries Division,
25 March 2015.
March 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 12 (1) (b) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010, I am happy to formally confirm your appointment as a member of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland subject to the provisions of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010.

Your date of appointment is 24 March 2015 and is for a period of 5 years, or until the date of termination of your appointment, whichever is the earliest.

The remuneration in respect of ordinary board members is at a rate of €7,695 a year. However, I should point out that, in the case of serving public servants, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform’s “One Person One Salary” policy applies and such board members will not be paid remuneration in the form of board fees. A board member in this category will be entitled to claim reimbursement for any reasonable vouched expenses and travel and subsistence required to carry out their role as board member of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

I would appreciate if you would confirm in writing your formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of your appointment, as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in your endeavours on the Board.

Yours sincerely

Joe McHugh, TD
Minister of State
From: John Donohoe  
Sent: 25 March 2015 10:05  
To: Pat Smyth  
Subject: FW: Press Release: Minister McHugh announces appointment to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) Board

FYI folks – just hot off the presses.

We will have letter of appointment out to Dr Lucy asap as well as formal notification of the appointment to IFI.

Regards

John

From: Press Office DCENR  
Sent: 25 March 2015 09:34  
To: Press Office DCENR  
Subject: Press Release: Minister McHugh announces appointment to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) Board

Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainni Nádúrtha

Minister McHugh announces appointment to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) Board

Dublin, 25 March 2015

Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Joe McHugh TD, announced today that the Government had noted the decision to appoint Dr Frances Lucy to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland for a period of five years. This appointment was made having regard to advice received from the Joint Oireachtas Committee (JOC) on Transport and Communications in accordance with Sections 12 (1) (b) and 12 (3) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010.

In welcoming the appointment of Dr Lucy, Minister of State McHugh said “Dr Lucy brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland, particularly in the areas of fisheries conservation and aquatic invasive species research. I wish Dr Lucy well in her role as a board member”

This appointment will mean that all ten Inland Fisheries Ireland board positions are now filled.

ENDS

Notes to Editors

Biography
Dr Frances Lucy is a lecturer in Environmental Science in the Institute of Technology, Sligo (1992 to present), lecturing on water quality, freshwater ecology, invasive species, fisheries management and conservation management. Dr Lucy previously served on the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013.

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23 March 2015

Minister Joe McHugh,
Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2

Re: Appointment to Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

Dear Minister,

I wish to formally accept my appointment as a member of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland. I understand and accept the 'one person one salary' policy such that I will not be paid remuneration in the form of board fees.

I am delighted to be afforded the opportunity to return to the board of IFI. Thank you for your phone call and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Roinn Cumarsáide,
Fuinnimh agus Acmhaimní Nádúrtha

Oifig an Aire Stait
Hi Kieran,

Pat Smyth.

Pat Smyth
Inland Fisheries Division,
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
Elm House,
Earlsvale Rd.,
Cavan.

Phone: 01 6782071
Email: pat.smyth@dcenr.gov.ie
From: Majella Dowling  
Sent: 02 April 2015 14:37  
To: Pat Smyth  
Cc: Joan Perry  
Subject: FW: eSubmission approved. Title: Appointment of [REDACTED] to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland  
Attachments: 20150331 Letter of acceptance.pdf, 20150401 Acknowledgement Dr Frances Lucy.pdf

From: Pat Smyth  
Sent: 02 April 2015 11:30  
To: Majella Dowling  
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: eSubmission approved. Title: Appointment of [REDACTED] to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland
1st April 2015

Re: Appointment to the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland

On behalf of Minister of State Joe McHugh T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

The contents of your correspondence will be brought to Minister Joe McHugh’s attention as soon as possible.

Le meas,

Noeleen Fagan
Private Secretary
Minister of State