REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2014

To: FOI Officer, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records which are:
(please tick as appropriate)

Personal ☐  Non-personal ☑

In the space provided below, please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting Personal Information, please state precisely, in whose name those records are held. It is not usual to be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.

I request the following records:

All papers, including correspondence, between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources relating to the Sea lice Pilot Case (764/09/ENVI) and the following bodies in the period 1/9/2014 up to 9/3/2015:

Department of Environment, Community & Local Government;

Inland Fisheries Ireland;
FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/22

Dear

I refer to your request dated 10/03/2015 which was received by this office on 12/03/2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

All papers, including correspondence, between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources relating to the Sea Lice Pilot Case (754/09/ENV1) and the following bodies in the period 01/09/2014 up to 09/03/2015: Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, The European Commission.

The decision maker handling your request is Mr Gerry Clerkin, Inland Fisheries Division. Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan and they can be contacted at 01 6783071. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 14/04/2015.

There are some limited situations under the FOI Act which could mean that the period for a final decision may be longer than this 4 week period. If this occurs in the case of your request, you will be advised promptly in writing setting out the reason and the new decision date.

Should our final decision not reach you on time, please feel free to contact the decision maker named above to discuss any problems that may have arisen. If you have not heard from us once the allotted time has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff.

In the event that you need to request such a review, you can do so by writing to FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan or alternatively by sending an e-mail to FOIUNIT@dcenr.gov.ie. You should state that you are seeking this review because an initial decision was not sent to you within the time allowed for a response. In that event, you would normally have 4 weeks (after the initial decision should have been sent to you) in which to make the appeal. Consideration will be given to late applications in appropriate circumstances.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at 01 6782902.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Conaty
FOI Unit
23 April 2015

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I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, concerning "All papers, including correspondence, relating to the Sea Lice Pilo: Case (764/09/ENVI) and the following bodies in the period 01/09/2014 up to 09/03/2015: department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, The European Union.

I have made a final decision to refuse your request under Section 15(1)(a).

The records as referred to in your request do not exist.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Clerkin

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