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An Coimisiún Pleanála

### Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-006338

#### Online Observation Details

<b>Contact Name</b> Alexine Tinne	<b>Lodgement Date</b> 25/03/2026 20:17:57	<b>Case Number / Description</b> 323899
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#### Payment Details

<b>Payment Method</b> Online Payment	<b>Cardholder Name</b> Alexine Tinne	<b>Payment Amount</b> €50.00
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#### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

Signed

*Daniel O Connor*

EO

Date

26/3/26

#### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€ 50

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Reason for Refund

*Invited to make comment - No fee needed*

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes  No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes  No

Signed

*Daniel O Connor*

EO

Date

26/3/26

#### Finance Section

Payment Reference

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

Alexine Tinne  
Emlaghmore Lodge  
Ballyconneely,  
Co Galway  
H71K076

ref Case number ACP-323899-25

To whom it may concern,

I am replying to a letter sent to me 06;03; 26 I have been asked to respond in connection to Pat Ridges and his agents response to my observation. In addition I wish to enclose parts of a very long Doohulla fisheries assessment which it makes a point of stating that NO machinery is to be used and only the lights of touches. Which is borne out by hand raking of the gravel annually. And the permissions sought from NPWS EVERY time any works are carried out. This is a very sensitive area. I would like to draw your attention to the underlined paragraph in the DOOHULLA appropriate assessment. This assessment is specific to this fishery, on this part of the Connemara Bog Complex. Rather than a generic screening report for a fishery anywhere.

Inland Fisheries Ireland  
Western Game Anglers  
Dohulla River Catchment, Co. Galway, AA  
Screening Report

SLR Ref No: 501.064732.0001  
February 2023

### 3.5 Step 4 - Part 1: Assessment of Likely Significant Effects for Project Alone

The potential sources of impact identified as a result of the Project include habitat disturbance and sediment. As the Project will be utilising "light-touch" works methods, i.e., no machinery will be used, and only existing access routes will be utilised to carry out the works there will minimal disturbance to riverbed which will be restricted to a small area and sediment will be negligible.

Gravel maintenance and reintroduction has been shown to improve salmon and trout reproduction and population sizes (Hatanpaa, A. *et al.*, 2020; Pulg et al., 2021) and are beneficial as salmon parr are reliant on gravel availability (Pulg et al., 2019). As the Site is within the Connemara Bog Complex SAC, of which *Salmo salar* is a QI and that has a "restore" CO, the Project will contribute to this CO by supporting *Salmo salar* populations. It will also be beneficial to other QI's of this SAC such as *Lutra lutra* which has a CO of "maintain" as it will provide additional food sources.

Therefore, the reproject will not result in any likely significant effects that will undermine the integrity of the Site, but it will contribute to the conservation objectives of Connemara Bog Complex SAC.

### 3.3 Step 2 – Part 2: Potential Impact Factors

The Project has the potential to result in the following impacts:

- Habitat disturbance – movement or displacement of river substrates which may be utilised by spawning fish
- Raised sediment levels – raised suspended sediment levels in the rivers from disturbance caused by works

The habitats and species listed as features of interest of any Natura 2000 sites within zone of influence of the project must therefore be assessed for effects from habitat disturbance and sediment from Project, and these effects are considered further below.

### 3.4 Step 3: Identification of Natura 2000 Sites

The first step in identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites for further assessment is to identify those that will be at risk from likely significant effects where a Source-Pathway-Receptor links exists between the proposed development and the Natura 2000 site.

Please also see the email below that my father before he passed away on New Years day - he sent an email Pat Ridge to warn him of the situation he was getting himself into by doing unauthorised works. - To grant planning permission to this development after so many unauthorised works is condoning and giving licence / precedent for others to do the same. Interestingly Pat Ridge says these issues are as important to him , which is why I cannot understand why so much work has been completed without any authorisation - and every reply is to find a way around these very well thought out rules and regulations for these specific area of our landscape?

It will become a focal point, on an area of outstanding beauty, and area of scientific interest, and a pNHA . Rather than appreciating a pristine landscape.

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**From:** Patrick Ridge <[ridgepatrick@gmail.com](mailto:ridgepatrick@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 06 December 2025 12:44  
**To:** nicholas tinne <[nicholastinne@outlook.com](mailto:nicholastinne@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: river adjacent to road

Thanks for the advice. Nick.

i will make direct contact with the team i have on the matter.

i have , and will continue to be most compliant with all requirements in the space you highlight. These issues are as important to me as they are to you.

thanks again

best wishes

pat

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did you get my letter.

On Sat, Dec 6, 2025 at 10:40 AM nicholas tinne <[nicholastinne@outlook.com](mailto:nicholastinne@outlook.com)> wrote:

Dear Pat,

I see that you have run drains into the river along the road up to your house in Emlaghmore. This river is a salmonid spawning river and has to be treated with the utmost care. There must be nothing put into it unless approved by Inland Fisheries Ireland. You have made yourself liable to prosecution by them, and I suggest you contact them before you even think of doing anything else.

Best wishes,

Nick

If you would like any further parts of this specific screening assessment please don't hesitate to come back to me.

Kindest regards

Alexine Tinne

Appendex

Activities Requiring Consent (ARCs) are specific actions within European Sites (Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas) that may damage the habitat and require prior written consent from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Examples include re-seeding, turf cutting, removing soil/plants, constructing fences, or altering watercourses

<https://www.npws.ie/farmers-and-landowners/activities-requiring-consent>