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**From:** Eoghan Cross <Eoghan.Cross@fisheriesireland.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 17 December 2024 16:23  
**To:** Appeals2  
**Subject:** RE: ABP-318082-23  
**Attachments:** 318082 - Murray Stone - Industrial - Eany - 17.12.24.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached observation letter from Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to ABP-318082-23. Please acknowledge receipt of this submission at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,  
Eoghan Cross

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**From:** Appeals2 <appeals@pleanala.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 16 December 2024 17:51  
**To:** Eoghan Cross <Eoghan.Cross@fisheriesireland.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: ABP-318082-23

Good evening Eoghan,

Apologies for the incorrect message being played on your phone call.

Your submission can be emailed to [appeals@pleanala.ie](mailto:appeals@pleanala.ie) within the required timeframe.

Kind regards,

Lita Clarke  
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**From:** Eoghan Cross <[Eoghan.Cross@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:Eoghan.Cross@fisheriesireland.ie)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2024 3:59 PM  
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**Subject:** ABP-318082-23

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Good afternoon,

I have attempted to speak to a member of staff via An Bord Pleanála's general telephone number, but the voice recording suggests the office is closed. I am drafting an observation letter for case number ABP-318082-23; the consultation letter which I received states submissions can be made electronically. To which email address should such observations be sent to?

Best wishes,

Eoghan Cross

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17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**RE: ABP-318082-23:** Application for substitute consent of existing quarrying works, consisting of the extraction and grading of stone for the building industry, and all associated site development works. A remedial EIAR accompanies this application. Drumbeagh, Mountcharles, Co. Donegal.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Inland Fisheries Ireland is the statutory authority tasked under section 7(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) with responsibility for the protection, management, and conservation of the inland fisheries resource.

**On review of the application, the following observations are of relevance in relation to the above project:**

Minor watercourses within the Eany Water catchment flow along the site's northern Red Line Boundary (EPA Name/Code: DRUMBEAGH/37D14) and through the southern portion of the site.

The Eany Water (IE\_NW\_37E030350) is considered an important catchment within the Ballyshannon fisheries district, as it provides habitat and spawning habitat for various species of fish, including:

- Sea trout (*Salmo trutta*), and
- Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*), listed in Annex II of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

The overall ecological status of this catchment has been determined as "Good" in the most recent EPA report. It is imperative that water quality, habitat and species diversity are protected within this catchment during any development or construction projects.

**The following recommendations and guidance must be followed and adhered throughout the entirety of the project:**

1. Prior to discharge to watercourse, all surface water must pass through a settlement lagoon and a hydrocarbon interceptor, which should be regularly inspected and maintained, to attenuate any run-off of suspended solids or other deleterious matter from the site.
2. Any watercourses within/bordering the site must be maintained in their original state, their bankside vegetation preserved, and the existing alignment, profile and gradient of the watercourse left unaltered. Buffer zones should be clearly marked in advance of works commencing to preserve their integrity.

3. To ensure the storage, management and conveyance of materials on site does not permit the discharge of any deleterious matter into adjacent watercourses, either directly or indirectly, buffer zones as well as appropriate means of containment (such as silt curtains and silt traps) should be applied to work methods and practises at the site.
4. In relation to storage of fuels and materials, refuelling, vehicle maintenance and accidental spillages, etc., all mitigation measures outlined in Chapter 8 of the submitted remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report must be implemented and strictly enforced, to ensure that no negative impact occurs on the adjacent watercourse.
5. During the operational phase, the contractor should nominate a responsible person to oversee environmental monitoring and housekeeping on site and ensure that guidelines and good practice are being adhered to on site.
6. A biosecurity protocol must be implemented to manage invasive alien species where they are found on-site, and to prevent the introduction of such species. The plan should indicate how the contractor will treat machinery, workwear etc that may potentially become a vector for transporting invasive alien species to or from the site.
7. In relation to foul sewage and wastewater treatment, the planning authority should ensure that EPA guidelines are adhered to and that the cumulative impact of the development does not have the potential to negatively impact on ground or surface waters in the vicinity.
8. This proposal should be undertaken in accordance with the relevant sections of the following publications:
  - "A Guide to the Protection of Watercourses through the use of Buffer Zones, Sustainable Drainage Systems, Instream Rehabilitation, Climate / Flood Risk and Recreational Planning":  
<https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/sites/default/files/migrated/docman/IFIUrbanWatercoursesPlanningGuide.pdf>
  - "Guidelines on Protection of Fisheries During Construction Works in and Adjacent to Waters":  
<https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/sites/default/files/migrated/docman/2016/Guidelines%20Report%202016.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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