



Limerick County
Council

shannon river basin district



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SHANNON INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

DRAFT RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAMME OF MEASURES, STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND HABITATS DIRECTIVE ASSESSMENT

The competent authorities in the Shannon International River Basin District (ShIRBD) have prepared a **Draft River Basin Management Plan and Programme of Measures** for the ShIRBD which gives effect to the Water Framework Directive as transposed in Ireland by the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003). The purpose of the plan is to maintain the "high status" of waters where it exists, prevent any deterioration in the existing status of waters and to achieve at least "good status" in relation to all waters by 2015.

The ShIRBD covers territory in both Ireland and Northern Ireland and as such the Draft Plan and Programme of Measures has been prepared jointly by these two jurisdictions. Due to the international status of this River Basin District there is potential for transboundary effects.

In compliance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004), a Strategic Environment Assessment is being carried out on behalf of the competent authorities, and an Environmental Report has been prepared assessing the likely significant environmental impacts of implementing the Draft Plan and Programme of Measures. A Habitats Directive Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC has also been undertaken to ascertain if the Draft Plan and Programme of Measures could significantly impact on any site designated for conservation as part of the Natura 2000 network.

Copies of the Draft Plan and Programme of Measures, the associated Environmental Report and the Habitats Directive Assessment can be downloaded from www.shannonrbd.com. They are also available from **Mr. Enda Thompson, Project Co-ordinator, Limerick County Council, Mulkear House, Units 2/3, Newtown Centre, Annacotty, Co. Limerick (Tel: 061 337914; email: info@shannonrbd.com)**, or can be inspected at the headquarters of any of the constituent local authorities (listed below) in the Shannon IRBD during normal opening hours.

The competent authorities now invite written submissions or observations with respect to the draft plan, associated Environmental Report and Habitats Directive Assessment. Written submissions should be forwarded for the attention of Mr. Enda Thompson (contact details above) **on or before 22nd June 2009**. These submissions / observations will be taken into consideration before finalisation of the Plan.

This notice is issued in accordance with Article 14.2 of the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (SI No 722/2003), and Article 13 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI No 435/2004) on behalf of the constituent local authorities (Cavan, Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Mayo, Meath, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, and Westmeath County Councils, and Limerick City Council).

COMHAIRLIÚCHÁN POBAIL

CEANTAR ABHANTRAÍ IDIRNÁISIÚNTA NA SIONAINNE

DRÉACHTPHLEAN BHAINISTÍOCHT ABHANTRAÍ AGUS CLÁR BEART, MEASÚNÚ STRAITÉISEACH COMHSHAOIL AGUS MEASÚNÚ THREOIR GNÁTHÓGA

Tá Dréachtphlean Bhainistíocht Abhantraí agus Clár Beart réitithe ag na húdaráis inniúla i gCeantar Abhantraí Idirnáisiúnta (CAI) na Sionainne don Cheantar a thugann éifeacht don Chreat Treoir Uisce mar a thrasaíodh in Éirinn ag Rialacháin (Polasaí Uisce) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2003 (Ionstraim Reachtuil Uimh. 722 de 2003). Is é cuspóir an phlean "stádas ard" uisce a choinneáil san áit gur ann dó, cosc a chur ar aon laghdú i stádas fé mar atá anois agus "stádas maith" ar a laghad a bhaint amach d'uisc uile faoi 2015.

Tá críocha ag CAI na Sionainne in Éirinn agus i dTuaisceart Éireann araon agus mar sin réitigh an dá dhlíne an Dréachtphlean agus Clár Beart i gcomhpháirt le chéile. De bhárr stádais idirnáisiúnta an Cheantar Abhantraí seo tá féidireacht éifeachtaí trasteorann ann.

Mar chomhlíonadh ar Rialacháin (Measúnú Comhshaoil ar Pleananna agus Cláir Áirithe) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2004 (Ionstraim Reachtuil Uimh. 435 de 2004), tá Measúnú Straitéiseach Comhshaoil á dhéanamh thar ceann na nUdaráis inniúil, agus réitíodh Tuairisc Chomhshaoil a dhéanann measúnú ar na tionchair dealraitheacha comhshaoil ó chur i bhfeidhm an Dréachtphlean agus Clár Beart. Rinneadh Measúnú Threoir Gnáthóga fosta faoi Alt 6 den Treoir Gnáthóga 92/43/EEC lena fháil amach an bhféadfadh tionchar suntasach a bheith ag an Dréachtphlean agus Clár na mBeart ar aon suíomh sainithe do chaomhnú mar chuid den ghréasán Natura 2000.

Is féidir cóipeanna den Dréachtphlean agus Clár Beart, an Tuairisc Chomhshaoil ghaolmhar agus an Measúnú Threoir Gnáthóga a íoslódáil ó www.shannonrbd.com. Tá siad ar fáil fosta ó **Enda Thompson Uasal, Comhordaitheoir Tionscadail, Comhairle Chontaí Luimnigh, Mulkear House, Units 2/3, Newtown Centre, Annacotty, Co. Luimnigh (Fón: 061 337914; rphost: info@shannonrbd.com)** nó is féidir iad a scrúdú ag ceanncheathrú aon cheann de na hUdaráis Áitiúla comhpháirteacha (liostáilte thíos) i gCeantar Abhantraí Idirnáisiúnta na Sionainne le linn gnáthuaireanta oibre.

Tá na húdaráis inniúla ag lorg aighneachtaí nó tuairimí i scríbhinn anois i leith an Dréachtphlean, an Tuairisc Chomhshaoil ghaolmhar agus an Measúnú Threoir Gnáthóga. Ba cheart aighneachtaí i scríbhinn a a sheoladh le haghaidh an Uasail Enda Thompson (sonraí teagmhála thuas) **ar nó roimh 22ú Meitheamh 2009**. Cuirfear na haighneachtaí / tuairimí seo san áireamh roimh chríochnú an phlean.

Tá an fógra seo dá eisiúint de réir Airteagal 14.2 de Rialacháin (Polasaí Uisce) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2003 (Ionstraim Reachtuil Uimh. 722/2003) agus Airteagal 13 de Rialacháin (Measúnú Comhshaoil ar Pleananna agus Cláir Áirithe) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2004 (Ionstraim Reachtuil Uimh. 435/2004) thar ceann na nUdaráis Áitiúil comhpháirteach (Comhairlí Chontaetha An Chabháin, An Chláir, Chorcaí, na Gaillimhe, Chiarraí, Laoise, Liatroma, Luimnigh, Longfoirt, Mhaigh Eo, na Mí, Uibh Fhailí, Ros Comáin, Shligigh, Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, Thiobraid Árann Theas, agus na hlarmhí agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh).