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DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division Response

Environmental Report of the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (Variation No.1) in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal.

Dear Mr Christy,

Please find below additional comments from the DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division to support the earlier submitted DAERA response

Marine Plan Team Response

These comments relate to the Environmental Report only

Thank you for the opportunity to make observations with respect to the above variation.

It is noted that references to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive have now been included.

We welcome the references to the River Foyle catchment within Table 4.1 which sets out the environmental characteristics of the areas likely to be significantly affected.

Although the transboundary marine dimension is not specifically highlighted, it is observed the transboundary dimension of existing environmental problems relevant to the CDP Variation and the TEN-T PRIPD are recognised in Table 5.1. Whilst a specific section assessing the transboundary marine effects would be helpful, it is observed that effects on the marine environment are highlighted in the assessment of proposed textual amendments in Table 7.3. It is further noted that reference is made to how potential negative impacts on the marine environment can be protected by having regard to other policies within the CDP.



Inland Fisheries Response

Inland fisheries are content that this will have no significant impact on fisheries within our jurisdiction. The Loughs Agency is the lead body for provision of advice regarding impacts to salmonid and inland fisheries interests within the catchments of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough. Consequently, said agency should be consulted in relation to this consultation. DAERA Inland Fisheries will provide fisheries advice for those areas outside of the catchments of Foyle and Carlingford Loughs.

Yours sincerely

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