

## **Removal of the Clondulane Weir**

### **Dublin Date**

**23 November 2011. Re: Lismore Realty Ltd. and Lismore Trust Ltd. v. The Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (Removal of the Clondulane Weir)**

The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitte T.D. is pleased to announce that a settlement has been reached in advance of the hearing of this court case.

The terms are that the parties will bear their own costs and Lismore Realty Ltd. and Lismore Trust Ltd. will pay all reasonable costs of the removal of the Clondulane weir, which will take place during summer 2012. Inland Fisheries Ireland will act as agents of the Minister and manage the removal of the structure so as to minimise the impact on flora, fauna and habitat in the river, which is in a Special Area of Conservation.

### **Note for editors**

In July 2006 the then Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources issued a direction requiring the removal of the Clondulane weir to allow for the free and uninterrupted passage of migratory fish, as required by national and European legislation. Lismore Realty Ltd. and Lismore Trust Ltd. brought judicial review proceedings in relation to that direction. These proceedings have now been settled and the removal of the weir will proceed.

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