



## **APPENDIX 7-3**

***FRESHWATER PEARL MUSSEL  
LICENCE***



An Roinn Cultúir,  
Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta  
Department of Culture,  
Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Licence No. C221/2019

**NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2018 – Sections 23 and 34**

**LICENCE TO CAPTURE PROTECTED WILD ANIMALS FOR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC OR OTHER PURPOSES**

The Minister for Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht in exercise of the powers conferred on her by Sections 9, 23 and 34 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2018 authorises:

**Pat Roberts, Chris Peppiatt, Dervla O’Dowd, Jen Fisher  
McCarthy Keville O’Sullivan (MKO), Tuam Road, Galway**

To disturb specimens of the species specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder in the area specified in Column 2 by the means specified in column 3 for scientific, educational or other purposes during the period beginning **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019** and ending **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, subject to the conditions listed overleaf.

**SCHEDULE**

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Species	Area	Means of capture
<b>Freshwater Pearl Mussel (<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>)</b>	<b>Creegh and Annageeragh catchments, Co. Clare</b>	<b>Visual Survey Only, Stage 1 and Stage 2. Bathyscope and/or snorkelling</b>

**Dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**For the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

*Spáing Leakey*

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## Conditions

1. This licence shall be produced for inspection on a request being made on that behalf by a member of An Garda Síochána or any person appointed by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under Section 72 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2018, to be an authorised person for the purposes of the Acts.
2. The local NPWS District Conservation Officer or Conservation Ranger must be contacted during business hours prior to the commencement of each survey under the terms of this licence.
3. On completion of the stage 1/2 survey, returns must be made to the NPWS using the standard forms in IWM 12 and using the attached MS Excel template. Returns should also include any reports on the stage 1/2 survey, including distribution maps and assessments of habitat condition.
4. STRICT biosecurity measures should be applied following the Inland Fisheries Ireland protocol (<http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Biosecurity/biosecurity-protocol-for-field-survey-work.html>) for the purposes of preventing the introduction and spread of disease and alien species. All equipment should be appropriately treated before and after work and before moving to a new site.
5. On expiry of this licence a return stating the work carried out must be provided to Dr Áine O'Connor, National Parks and Wildlife Service, 90 North King Street, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV. Email: [Aine.OConnor@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:Aine.OConnor@ahg.gov.ie) and Wildlife Licensing Unit, Email: [wildlifelicence@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:wildlifelicence@ahg.gov.ie). Any subsequent applications for a Section 23 & 34 licence in relation to the Freshwater Pearl Mussel will be judged against the full, proper and timely submission of returns under the licence.
6. This licence covers Stage 1 and Stage 2 Survey of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel, only. It does not cover in-stream, riparian or other works. It does not cover handling mussels, juvenile searches, or removal, movements or translocation of adult or juvenile mussels.
7. The licence holder must use the established methods described in the following manual, or any future modification of that manual: Anon (2004) Margaritifera margaritifera. Stage 1 and Stage 2 survey guidelines. Irish Wildlife Manuals, No. 12. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.npws.ie/publications/archive/IWM12.pdf>
8. Any query in relation to this licence should be addressed to National Parks and Wildlife Service, 90 North King Street, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV. Telephone: (01) 888 3203.

**Note: This licence does not confer right of entry onto any lands.**

