Annacotty Weir Update 02 February 2025

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Public Consultation Questionnaire



Salmon Watch Ireland-Annacotty Weir

Salmon Watch Ireland attended a public consultation exhibition on the 29th of January in Limerick concerning the ongoing Annacotty Weir project.

While the project is taking an inordinate amount of time to break ground it was encouraging to see the details of the project laid out in a very user friendly and illuminating fashion.

There may be many obstacles in the planning process when it becomes live but each of the eight options as outlined were well presented.

It is the strongly held view of Salmon Watch Ireland that the principal and indeed only consideration should involve the safe passage of all fish species past this obstacle.

The many options considered were outlined by the project team and we as our policy document on barriers states, especially barriers which are not functioning, barriers should be removed not mitigated.

It is encouraging that the option of removing the weir does not cause a flooding issue upstream or downstream and as such this is our preferred option.

Also, more importantly this option releases the impounded water upstream which will automatically substantially improve juvenile salmonid density through a process of allowing the river upstream to return to a natural state and improve its ecological functionality.

The partial removal of the weir may also be of benefit but in all probability would not be as ecologically positive downstream of the remaining structure as our preferred option.

We do not believe that the fish passage functionality would be improved sufficiently by the other options presented and thus our recommendation would be to remove the weir.

We have included the consultation documents from Inland Fisheries Ireland, and these should be read carefully. You should fill out the public consultation questionnaire and give your views.

It is imperative that fish passage is the overriding factor to be considered, and we feel our recommendation is the best option for returning this area to a natural state and enhancing the ecological status of this area.

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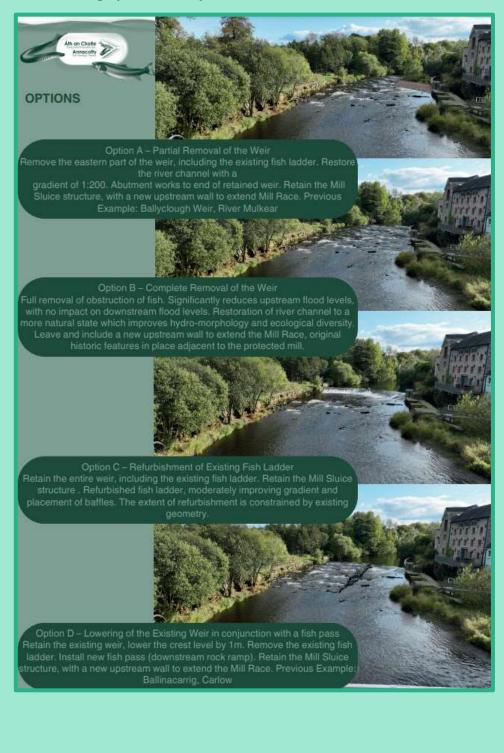




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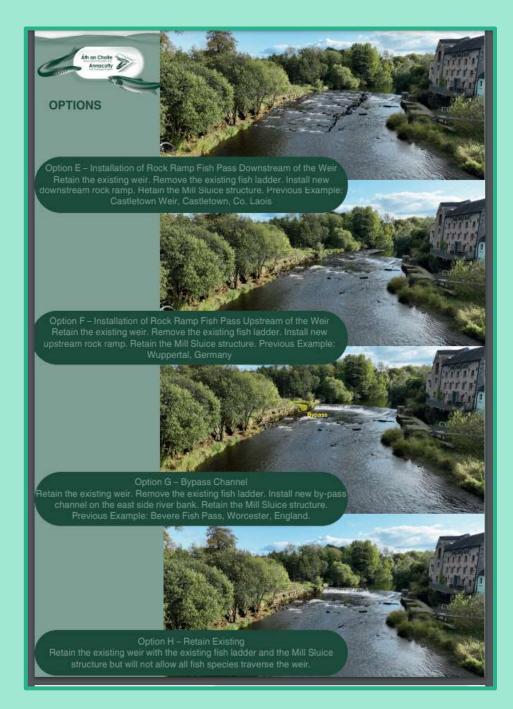
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