

## **Salmon Watch Ireland**

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### **Introducing Ireland's Water Pollution Reporting Hub**

**We're pleased to introduce a new tool designed to make it easier for everyone to report water pollution incidents quickly and effectively.**



**Across the country, we've seen the serious impact that pollution can have on our rivers, lakes, and wildlife. Incidents such as fish kills and contamination events highlight just how vulnerable our waterways are, and how important it is that issues are reported without delay.**

**This new portal brings together all the key reporting channels in one place, helping you quickly identify the right authority to contact, whether that's your local authority, Inland Fisheries Ireland, or the Environmental Protection Agency. The aim is simple: make reporting faster, clearer, and more effective so incidents can be addressed as quickly as possible.**

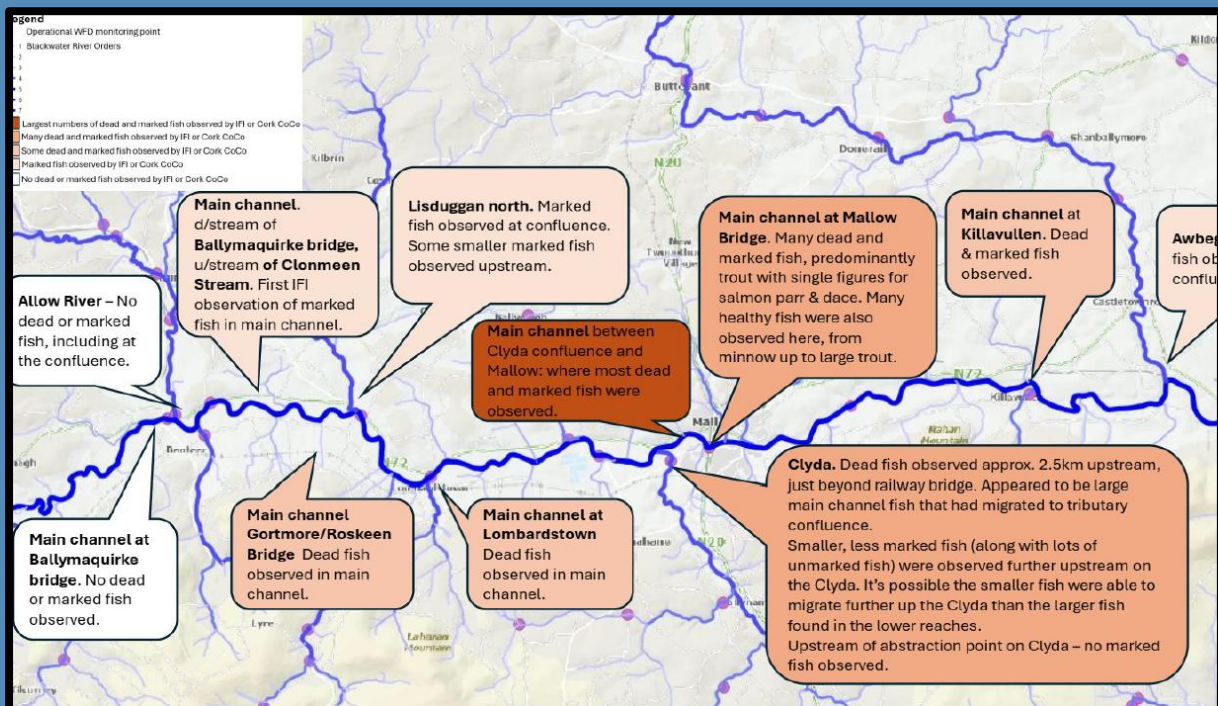
Timely reporting can make a real difference. The sooner an incident is reported, the better the chance of:

- Minimising environmental damage
- Protecting fish and wildlife
- Identifying and stopping pollution at its source

The portal provides:

- Direct contact details for relevant agencies
- A clear step-by-step reporting guide
- Location tools to help identify where you are
- Guidance on what information to provide

Please take a moment to use the portal and see how effective it can be. Being familiar with how it works in advance could make all the difference when a pollution incident occurs.



If you witness pollution, your first priority should always be to report it by phone to ensure a rapid response.

If it is safe to do so, you may also take photos or short video of the incident. These can be helpful later if requested by authorities to verify the nature and location of the pollution.

Please click on image below to access portal.

The screenshot shows the Ireland Water Pollution Reporting Hub website. The main heading is "One place to report water pollution, fish kills, slurry runoff, and suspected discharges". Below this is a sub-heading "This page is designed as a practical public resource for reporting pollution, understanding who to contact, and finding guidance on fish kills, agricultural pollution, point and diffuse sources, and enforcement routes in Ireland." There are two buttons: "FIND CONTACT GUIDANCE" and "See reporting steps". Below these are four categories: "Water pollution", "Fish kills", "Agricultural runoff", and "Enforcement guidance". On the right side, there is a section titled "What to do first" with three steps: "STEP 1: Contact the National Environmental Complaints Line (NECL) on 1800 365 123.", "STEP 2: If fish are dead, distressed, or habitat is affected, also contact Inland Fisheries Ireland: 0818 34 74 24.", and "STEP 3: If the source is an EPA-licensed facility, also contact the EPA: 0818 33 55 99." Below this is an "ALWAYS" section: "Give the exact location, what you can see, when it started, whether it is ongoing, and whether fish or wildlife are affected." At the bottom, there is an "Important reporting note" stating that the NECL records complaints and passes them to the relevant authority, and that fish kills should always be reported to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) on 0818 34 74 24. There are four boxes for "NECL", "IFI", "EPA", and "Checklist" with brief descriptions. At the very bottom, there are two large buttons: "Report now - NECL" and "Call IFI - Fish kills".

### Add it to your phone

For convenience, you can add the portal to your phone's home screen so it's always at hand when needed. Instructions are included on the site.

The resource is available on our website and can be downloaded to your phone if required. Instructions are available at end of newsletter.



For quick access when you're out in the field, you can save the portal directly to your phone like an app:

#### On iPhone (Safari):

1. Open the portal in Safari
2. Tap the Share icon (square with arrow)
3. Scroll down and select "Add to Home Screen"
4. Tap Add

#### On Android (Chrome):

1. Open the portal in Chrome
2. Tap the three dots menu (top right)
3. Select "Add to Home Screen"
4. Tap Add

Once added, the portal will appear on your home screen for instant access whenever you need to report an incident.

**Protecting our waterways is a shared responsibility. This hub is a small but important step in making it easier for everyone to act when it matters most.**