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Friday 10th November

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find below Loughs Agency Response to the Ireland 2040 consultation process.

The Loughs Agency is the statutory Cross-Border body established under the Good Friday Agreement charged with the conservation, protection and development of inland fisheries within the Foyle and Carlingford systems, the promotion of development of Loughs Foyle and Carlingford, and catchments for commercial and recreational purposes in respect of marine, fisheries and aquaculture issues and the development of marine tourism.

As such we would support:

National Policy Objective 40

Regional and local development plans will take account of and integrate relevant maritime spatial planning issues;

National Policy Objective 41

Support the growth and development of the maritime economy, particularly in remote coastal communities and islands;

National Policy Objective 43a

Ensure that Ireland's coastal resource is managed to sustain its physical character and environmental quality.

In addition the Agency is ideally placed to continue its work in supporting:

National Policy Objective 45

Work with the relevant Departments in Northern Ireland for mutual advantage in areas such as spatial planning, economic development and promotion, co-ordination of social and physical infrastructure provision and environmental protection and management.



We would welcome the opportunity to build on the existing structures and facilitate further development and co-operation between the two jurisdictions.

National Policy Objective 45

Promote the development of the North West City Region as interlinked areas of strategic importance in the North-West of Ireland, through collaborative structures and a joined up approach to spatial planning.

Within Northern Ireland the Loughs Agency has been flagged as having a potential role in the introduction of Marine Spatial Planning (please see attached Committee for the Environment Report on the Marine Bill, 5th July 2012) and would welcome the opportunity to explore this and potentially facilitate working arrangements in the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

National Policy Objective 51

Support the coordination and promotion of all-island tourism initiatives through continued cooperation between the relevant tourism agencies and Tourism Ireland.

Under the Good Friday Agreement the Loughs Agency has a specific brief and track record in delivery and working across the two jurisdictions with regard to Marine Tourism. As part of this we work public / private / community sectors and would welcome the opportunity to engage in this process.

National Policy Objective 52

Ensuring effective management of shared landscapes, heritage, water catchments, habitats, species and trans-boundary issues in relation to environmental policy.

The Foyle Fisheries Commission was established in 1952 by joint Acts of Parliament in the Dáil and Stormont to manage salmon and inland fisheries within the Foyle area and 12 miles out to sea. Under the Good Friday Agreement the Loughs Agency was established and subsumed the responsibilities of the Foyle Fisheries Commission in addition to the responsibilities outlined above to deal specifically with trans-boundary environmental issues within the cross-border Foyle and Carlingford

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catchments. As such it has a 65 year track record of effective management and delivery in this sensitive area of trans-boundary issues.

National Policy Objective 53

In co-operation with the United Kingdom Government and devolved Governments of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Ireland will support mutually beneficial development in the areas of spatial and infrastructure planning and other related areas.

As above the Loughs Agency would welcome the opportunity explore further ways it could facilitate development e.g. in the Greencastle / Greenore area.

In summary, the Loughs Agency has many years of working within the trans-boundary area and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this in further detail should it be of interest.

Yours sincerely

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