

Appeals Procedure – Inland Fisheries Ireland Grants Programmes

Inland Fisheries Ireland is committed to providing open, accountable and accessible systems and procedures for its grants programmes. This document sets out the process for appeals regarding projects associated with grants programmes administered by Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Process

All appeals must be lodged within 20 working days and must be sent in writing via email to the projects office via funding@fisheriesireland.ie for the attention of the Development Programme Director.

The email of appeal need not be in any particular format, but it must state:

- the applicant organisation name
- project reference used for all correspondence relating to the project
- the grounds on which you believe your application or claim was not adequately dealt with, with particular reference to the terms of the relevant funding scheme
- specific reasons or evidence you may have to support your appeal.

All appeals are acknowledged via email within 10 days of receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgement email within that time you should contact the office. Within 20 working days of receiving an appeal request, the appeal will be considered by the Development Funding Oversight Group. The Oversight Group's decision will be binding and will not be subject to any further appeals. The reasons for decision, conclusions and recommendations will be communicated to the applicant within 7 seven working days of the decision. Where any delay is anticipated, Inland Fisheries Ireland will inform the applicant by email of the extended timescale.

If the matter is considered to be of a strategic nature, the Development Funding Oversight Group reserve the right to make a recommendation to the CEO who in turn may require the authority of the IFI Board.

Note: A decision in favour of the applicant does not automatically provide for the awarding of funding or additional funding to replace or supplement the original decision that has been appealed. The possibility of securing funds subsequent to an appeal will be dependent on whether any funds are available under the category of scheme under consideration.