



EIR 2018-017

16th July 2018

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 4th July 2018. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

I require a data search for the following details of the Loch Tay catchment:

Fish - To include: Atlantic salmon, trout, European eel, all coarse fish species, brook lamprey, sea lamprey, river lamprey and Arctic Char – including Lochs Tay, Lubhair and Dochart and the Rivers Fillan, Cononish, Dochart, Lochay and their tributaries within the entire Loch Tay Catchment.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrates - Aquatic Invertebrate data search to cover entire Loch Tay catchment.

Aquatic Macrophytes - To cover entire Loch Tay catchment and include all recorded aquatic plant species.

We do not hold specific records of Fish, Aquatic Macroinvertebrates, or Aquatic Macrophytes in the Loch Tay catchment. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

However, we have a duty under S9(1) of the Regulations to provide advice and assistance to you, and we can suggest a few alternative sources of information which may be of use to you as

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follows:

It may be that relevant information has been submitted as part of environmental impact assessments associated with planning applications. Any EIA related documents will be published online through the online planning portal on our website: <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/planning-applications/find-an-application/> You can use the map search facility to identify applications in your area of search.

Additional information relating to the protected sites in this area is available on the Scottish Natural Heritage website: <https://www.nature.scot/landscapes-and-habitats/habitat-map-scotland>

You may also find it helpful to search the NBN Atlas Scotland , which is part of Scotland's environment web, managed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), and is delivering a shared hub for environmental information and data <https://www.environment.gov.scot/our-environment/habitats-and-species/plants-and-animals/#nbnAtlas>

Any aquatic INNS records within the Tay catchment.

We do not hold any aquatic INNS records within the Tay catchment. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held. The only records we have in this area were captured as part of our River Tay Riparian Invasive non-native Species project, from which we have Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed records. We are able to provide this information if it is useful.

For any other records in this area, the information sources will be the same as those suggested above.

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
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KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464610
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