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**Survey of Curraghinalt and Pollen Roe Burns, Co. Tyrone.**

Thank-you for your letter by email of the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Further to discussions at our meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, NIEA has sought to engage positively with all parties to facilitate the fish survey of the Pollanroe and Curraghinalt Burns over the summer months as a means of collecting new evidence in support of our decision-making on the consent to discharge application.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to secure agreement for representatives from the Dalradian Gold Team to attend this survey with the Loughs Agency and NIEA. I sincerely regret any misunderstanding regarding the invitation for a Dalradian representative to observe the proposed electrofishing survey, but the information in our email communications was provided in good faith and based on our genuine understanding of the Loughs Agency's position at the time.

The Loughs Agency is a consultee to the consenting process, as you have rightly highlighted, and as such, the Agency cannot seek to influence or direct their actions in this or any other matter. I would therefore respectfully suggest that you engage directly with Loughs Agency on this issue. Should you wish to make arrangements to conduct your own survey of the Burns, this is entirely your prerogative and NIEA would have no objections.

NIEA staff plan to attend the Loughs Agency survey and will ensure that the new data is shared with all interested parties.

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Yours sincerely,



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