

ATTENTION: CRAYFISH PLAGUE – EMERGENCY CONTAINMENT MEASURES

In response to a recent outbreak of Crayfish Plague in the River Suir and the River Deel, emergency disease containment measures are needed to help prevent its spread.

Crayfish Plague is a disease that kills our native White-clawed Crayfish. All crayfish that become infected will die. Crayfish Plague is easily transmitted in water or via contaminated equipment (for example on canoes, waders or nets).

Ireland holds the largest population of the White-clawed Crayfish that remains in Europe.

HELP PROTECT OUR NATIVE CRAYFISH FROM THIS DISEASE

All water users are asked to operate **a temporary ban** on moving water sports and angling equipment out of the River Suir, River Deel, Lorrha River and River Barrow catchments - commencing immediately.

Water sports and angling equipment currently in use in the Suir, Deel Lorrha and Barrow catchments may continue to be used there; but boats or angling equipment should not be transferred out of the catchment.

Limit your activity to the river section where you normally operate, avoid moving around the catchment and follow biosecurity protocols - Check, Clean, Dry.

Source – Inter Agency response from National Parks and Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Environmental Protection Agency, Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Sports Partnership, Waterford City and County Council, Marine Institute, Local Authority Water and Communities Office, Waterways Ireland and National Biodiversity Data Centre