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**Inland Fisheries Group**

**PERMITS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 48 OF  
THE FISHERIES ACT (Northern Ireland) (1966)**

# **APPLICATION FORM**

# **Applications for a permit under Section 48 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.**

**Please read these guidance notes first.**

## **What is a section 48 permit and why do I need one?**

Section 48 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 as amended makes it an offence to remove material from a river bed without prior approval from the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure. The removal of watercourse substrate can degrade fisheries habitat, cause mortalities to the spawn and fry of salmonids (Atlantic salmon and brown trout) and disturb the natural behaviour of adult fish with resulting negative impacts.

A section 48 permit authorises the holder to carry out activities which would normally be illegal (i.e. the removal of river bed substrate) with operations restricted by such conditions as the Department considers appropriate.

In issuing a permit the Department must be satisfied that the purpose for which the permit is required conforms to good fisheries management practice and that the persons authorised by the permit are competent. It is important, therefore that the applicant provides as much detail as possible so that the application can be properly assessed.

Applications for Section 48 permits **MUST** be received 10 working days before the start of the operation.

## **Any Section 48 permit requests should be sent to:**

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## APPLICATION FOR SECTION 48 PERMIT

Name :	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Contact Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Name of Watercourse	
Irish Grid reference for location of proposed works	
Approximate length of proposed works (m)	
Approximate quantity of material to be removed (tonnes)	
Reason for proposed works	
Proposed start date	
Proposed end date	
Other information which may be relevant to the application	

### DECLARATION

Please note that the responsible person (including all partners of a Partnership) must sign the declaration themselves, even if an agent is acting on their behalf as the applicant contact. For applications from a company or other corporate body the individual(s) signing should be duly authorised to sign on behalf of the company or corporate body.

It is an offence to make a false statement when applying for a licence.

I declare to the best of my knowledge the statements made in the application form, including the map and accompanying sheets are true.

**Signature:** .....

**First Name:** .....

**Surname:** .....

**Position:** .....

**Date:** .....