

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 10

**PUBLIC WARNING OF
CONTAMINATED WATERWAYS**

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive, when there are fish kills in Fingal, are the public warned of contaminated dangerous water at the infected site in order to protect the welfare of people and animals?"

Reply:

Fish kills in Fingal are investigated and responded to in accordance with the *"National Contingency Plan (NCP) in case of Massive Pollution Events, Department of Transport 2019"*.

The Plan includes a national protocol for coordinating a response to a significant fish mortality event in freshwater, and when activated sets out immediate investigative responsibilities for all relevant state agencies and supporting states agencies.

Section 17 of the national protocol specifically address external communications and making the public aware of any issues associated with the fish kill and has assigned Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) as the Lead Agency who manages such communications.

In terms the protection of public health the protocol enables the Lead Agency to call upon the Health Service Executive in its capacity as a supporting agency to advise on all matters in relation to public health and can also call upon the National Parks & Wildlife Service in terms of seeking advice in relation to the protection of habitats and animals.

Source of Reply:

David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports