



National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland

IFI Asian Clam Presentation

At the recent Inland Fisheries Ireland presentation on the latest invader to our shores, *Corbicula Fluminea* (Asian Clam), held at IFI HQ in Swords Co. Dublin, Pat Dalton (NCFFI Chairperson & National Children's Officer), was in attendance to hear presentations on both the dangers and control methods of the Asian Clam. Pat who is a native of Waterford and is also a member of one of Ireland's largest coarse angling clubs, Waterford & District CAC. Pat's club are regular users of the River Barrow at St. Mullins and have more than just a passing interest in the river.

The NCFFI have long been a supporter of Bio-security and both presentations and net disinfecting are common place at Junior NCFFI events, we would also have what most would say a vested interest in the river as there are a number of affiliated clubs along the river that are heavily involved with angling and junior development, in addition to this the river is also high on the NCFFI short list for hosting the World Artificial Lure Championships from the shore, which the NCFFI and Ireland have been provisionally chosen to host by the world governing body for angling CIPS and FIPSeD in 2015.

Speakers at the presentation included IFI's Dr Joe Caffery, an avid supporter of Bio-Security in Ireland, and Meg Modley, Aquatic Nuisance Coordinator for the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), on the United States/Canadian border. Meg has been working in the US on the introduction and spread of invasive species since 2003. Both IFI and LCBP are now working together on containment/eradication and are both sharing methods and trial results so as to stop damage to our multi-billion euro angling tourism industry in Ireland.

Following the NCFFI's invitation to the meeting the NCFFI will now in conjunction with Dr. Joe Caffery, IFI and LCBP design protocols which will go before the NCFFI membership for adoption, but in the mean time we will be publishing guidelines both on our web site (www.ncffi.ie) and on our Facebook page for not just our members to see but all coarse anglers in general this will be up within the coming weeks.

The NCFFI would like to thank IFI for their invitation to the meeting and Dr. Joe Caffery and Meg Modley for their presentations.