



Dúchas *The Heritage Service*

Lough Hyne Permit Service

Dear Applicant,

Enclosed please find an Application Form and a Terms and Conditions form. Each proposed diver must complete both forms. Forms may be photocopied and supplied to each member of your group. Completed forms are to be returned to the address below. Permits will be posted to the dive organiser, in most cases, for distribution to members of his/her party. When choosing a date allow enough time for permit applications to be processed and permits to be issued by the postal system.

Patrick Graham
Main Gate Lodge
Glengarriff Nature Reserve
Glengarriff
Co. Cork



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NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE

**NATURE RESERVE (LOUGH HYNE) REGULATIONS 1981 (S.I. No. 207 of 1981)
WILDLIFE ACT 1976**

SPORTS DIVING PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

1. Name	
2. Address	
3. Telephone No.	
4. Nature of Facility : (tick as appropriate)	A. To use the Reserve for Scuba Diving <input type="checkbox"/> B. To operate a boat with engine in excess of 10 h.p. <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Purpose of Facility	
6. Areas of Reserve in which facilities will be exercised (indicate on attached map)	
7. Boat to be used in connection with facility sought	Type : Horsepower : Engine type : Length :
8. Organisation to which applicant is affiliated	
9. Qualifications and experience of applicant	
10. Ratio of Trainees to qualified divers for this dive (if appropriate)	
11. Insurance (The policy must have an indemnity of a minimum of €3,000,000) <i>Please specify</i>	Insurance Co. : Policy No. : Type of Cover : Valid Dates :

12. Medical Certificate of Fitness to Dive	Name of Doctor : Address : Valid Dates for this Certificate :
13. Permit to apply for :	Date : Time :

Signature of Applicant: _____

Dear Diver,

Lough Hyne has long been known as an area of exceptional scientific importance and has been studied by Marine Scientists from around the globe for more than 100 years. The importance and indeed vulnerability of the complex ecological systems that exist in the Lough was formally recognised by the State with the declaration of the Lough Hyne Marine Nature Reserve in 1981. It is also on the list for Special Area of Conservation status under the E.U. Habitats Directive.

Therefore the main role of Dúchas - The Heritage Service is to conserve this delicate marine ecosystem. When granting diving permits, priority is given to facilitating Scientific Research. For these reasons it is necessary to impose overall quotas on the number of “person dives” in any one year as well as on the number of dives on any one day. We will endeavour to spread this quota as evenly as possible across the range of applicants. Diver exclusion areas will be set up when disturbance to ongoing research projects is likely - only specific research personnel will be allowed to dive these areas.

We consider Lough Hyne to be a Nature Reserve in which we allow a limited, controlled amount of diving and not a “dive site” per se. We look forward to your co-operation in our work of conserving this small, but very important, part of our Marine Heritage.

Return this form and the Terms and Conditions Form (completed) to :

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SPORTS DIVING PERMIT - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please **read carefully** and sign the following Terms and Conditions and return with the Application Form.

If the permission is granted, I the applicant hereby undertake :

- (a) to indemnify the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, their Servants and Agents against any claims for loss or damage to property or injury to persons arising out of the granting of this Permission.
- (b) to present to the Caretaker, Mr. John Bohane, Dromadoon, **prior** to the dive to show valid permit and sign the Lough Hyne Dive Log.
- (c) to operate from the North Pier only and to minimise disturbance to other car park users in the placing of vehicles, trailers and other diving equipment.
- (d) to adhere strictly to the **5 nautical m.p.h. speed limit**, to avoid the use of anchors anywhere in the Reserve and to remove all craft from the Reserve after the dive is completed.
- (e) not to use compressors in the Reserve environs.
- (f) to comply with the Nature Reserve (Lough Hyne) Regulations 1981.
- (g) to comply with all reasonable requirements of the Ranger at the Reserve.
- (h) to comply with any **dive exclusion area** as shown on the map issued prior to the dive.
- (i) to accept that the permission may be withdrawn at any time.
- (j) to remedy, if requested, any matter which is considered to have been a breach of the Permission.
- (k) to make good or pay the cost of making good any damage caused by me to the Reserve.
- (l) to use the Reserve only for the purpose or purposes specified by the Permission and for no other purpose whatsoever unless so authorised by the Minister or his authorised representative, and to seek prior written approval for any proposed change in my activities at the Reserve.
- (m) to produce the permission for inspection on a request being made in that behalf by any person appointed by the Minister to act as Ranger at the Reserve or by a member of the Garda Síochána or any person appointed by the Minister under section 72 of the Wildlife Act 1976 to be an authorised person for the purposes of the said Act.
- (n) to comply with any other Terms and Conditions which the Minister or his authorised representative may see fit to apply to this Permission and which is notified to me in writing.
- (o) not to enter on to any private land adjoining the Reserve without the permission of the owner or occupier.

Signed : _____ Date : _____

