

## **Galway County Council**

### **Press Release**

#### **Zebra Mussel Infestation of Lough Corrib**

Officers of the Western Regional Fisheries Board have this week confirmed an infestation of zebra mussels in Lough Corrib. The zebra mussel is an invasive alien species which can impact on the lake in terms of water supplies, ecology, fisheries and amenity. The infestations are not confined to one particular area as the presence of the mussel has been confirmed at a number of sites in the upper NW section of the lake and at one site in the lower lake.

Galway County Council will continue to work with other relevant agencies in raising awareness of the threat posed to other lakes in the region.

**Ends. 28th September 2007.**