

Emma Morrissey – Technician, Water Framework Directive



Emma graduated from University College Dublin (UCD) in 2004 with a BSc. (Hons) Environmental Biology, where her final year thesis investigated the ageing and growth of brown trout in oligotrophic lakes in the west of Ireland.

Since her degree, Emma has worked on various projects, as both a freelance consultant and with numerous organisations including the Marine Institute, the Irish Char Conservation Group, River Monitoring Technologies and the Freshwater Biodiversity, Ecology and Fisheries Research Group in UCD. Prior to joining the Central Fisheries Board, Emma worked as a field instructor in geography and ecology at Kippure House Estate in Co. Wicklow.

Emma was appointed as a Technician for the WFD in 2008, and is particularly involved in the lake fish surveillance monitoring programme. She has extensive experience in various lake survey methodologies including gill netting, fyke netting, conducting bathymetric surveys, and is currently involved in developing hydroacoustic methodology for surveying fish populations in lakes and deep rivers. She is also experienced in electric-fishing in rivers and various transitional water sampling techniques, including seine netting and beam trawling.

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