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VISIT BY MRV LOUGH FOYLE TO FISHING 90 AND SEAFOOD 90  
EXHIBITIONS AT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE,  
GLASGOW

PERSONNEL:

Mr F Dillon Principal Finance Officer  
Dr S I Heaney Head of ASRD  
Dr R J Boyd Head of Research Administration  
Mr W J McCurdy SSO (Cruise Organiser)

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide N Ireland fishermen and fishing industry representatives the opportunity to inspect the Lough Foyle.
2. To provide previous and potential charter customers the opportunity to inspect the Lough Foyle.
3. To publicise the roles of ASRD and DANI.
4. To enable DANI staff to examine the wide range of marine equipment on display at the shows.

NARRATIVE:

All cruise personnel joined the Lough Foyle at Belfast on the evening of 3 April 1990. The vessel left Belfast at 05.22 on Wednesday 4 April, weather WXN F3. The vessel arrived at Stobcross Quay, Glasgow at 18.00 the same day and berthed alongside FPV Vigilant.

The Lough Foyle was open to the public on 5th, 6th and 7th April. Approximately 500 visitors came on board the Lough Foyle, including Northern Ireland fishermen and fishing industry representatives.

Previous charter customers from NERC and DAFS visited the vessel with their colleagues. Dr Heaney travelled to Dunstaffnage on Thursday 5 April, to meet NERC staff.

DANI staff attended the Civic Reception on Thursday 5 April, and the buffet lunch hosted by The Right Honourable Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State of Scotland, on Friday 6 April. A small poster display illustrating the role of DANI

fisheries research, and DANI modifications to the vessel. Copies of the information leaflets on DANI fisheries research, environmental research and role in marine fish stock assessment (as used during the recent press visit to ASRD) were distributed to visitors who came on board the vessel.

Dr Heaney and Mr J Lynch, the Fishing Skipper of the Lough Foyle, visited a number of the stands exhibiting electronic equipment at the shows. W McCurdy met 14 representatives of companies who previously supplied equipment to DANI for installation on board the Lough Foyle. This provided the opportunity to fit 'faces' to telephone voices.

W McCurdy travelled to Belfast on the evening of Thursday 5 April and returned to the Lough Foyle on the afternoon of Friday 6 April. The Lough Foyle left Glasgow at 07.55 on Sunday 8 April, weather S'ly F3, and berthed at Belfast at 19.00 the same day. It is believed that the visit was very successful, and copies of all press coverage will be forwarded to the DANI press office through Dr Heaney.

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