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To whom it may concern, i grew up in Galway fishing the canals as a kid for eels perch roach trout and pike also fishing down the docks and nimmos pier and along the prom for mackerel, as i got older i " graduated" to Lough Corrib fishing for mostly trout salmon and pike. I was interested in joining an angling or boat club so thought the commercial boat club seemed to be the best place for me until..... one day they had a pike "competition" there must of been 100 pike of all sizes piled up in a heap on the bank i asked a guy "so what do ye do with the fish now ? His reply shook me to this day i'll never forget it he said "ah we'll fuck them in the bin or burn them" i couldnt believe what i was hearing. You can guess i didnt join that club and their barbaric ways, who kills fish for the sake of throwing in the bin or fire? Personally i catch photo release all fish i catch for i am a sport angler but i have no problem with people who take any species of fish for the purpose of eating only. Culls and Gillnetts is where my concern lies. The slaughter of one species (pike) is totally unacceptable to blame them for decreased numbers of trout on OUR lake is ridiculous when i have witnessed anglers coming back with bags of trout for the freezer and the neighbours freezer and so on aswell as pollution like cryptosporidium and aggricultural effluent pouring into the rivers and onto our lake aswell as dichlobenil used by ifi to treat curly leaved water weed. All of this has massive impacts on our fish stocks of all species but the biggest threat to them is of course man. So dont blame the pike blame mick and paddy and joe because they are the ones who kill the trout at the end of the day, if we want to keep a healthy stock of fish in our lake try to adopt catch and release and leave mother nature to take care of the rest. Pike perch and even trout feed on sick, diseased and dying fish keeping disease from spreading thus killing even more fish. So where does it end? Maybe the next generation will miss out on what could have been a great fishery for all anglers
Yours sincerely
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