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From: Alex  
Sent: 30 November 2016 09:47  
To: POLICYREVIEW  
Subject: Public consultation – Pike Management in Brown Trout Fisheries

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am an allround leisure angler, who fishes for ALL freshwater and inshore species in a CPR

manner (catch, photograph, release). I fish for brown trout on my local river and in the great

brown trout fisheries, and for pike and coarse fish all over the country. I don't value one species

higher than the other, they are all worthy targets providing outstanding sport when managed

correctly.

Please consider my views regarding Pike Management in Brown Trout Fisheries as follows:

1) That pike as a naturally occurring species in Ireland for at least 8000yrs, are given their rightful 'native' status;

2) That Inland Fisheries Ireland cease all pike control and the support of pike control measures,

in all fisheries containing pike and brown trout;

3) That Inland Fisheries Ireland stop issuing 'section 59' exemptions for the purpose of taking or

killing pike, in all fisheries containing pike and brown trout;

4) That rather than depict pike as an ecological negative in fisheries containing brown trout,

that Inland Fisheries Ireland review their biased portrayal of pike and present a balanced view

of the importance of pike to maintain a healthy ecosystem;

5) That funding presently used by Inland Fisheries Ireland to remove pike is instead used to

improve the aquatic habitat for all species for the benefit of the fishery as a whole, particularly

spawning redds for salmonid species.

6) That pike fishing be developed and promoted as year round angling for the benefit of angling

tourism, especially during the trout angling closed season, on all Inland Fisheries Ireland managed and publicly owned fisheries;

7) That there be no restrictions on the two rod limit and that the use of all current legal pike

angling methods should be permitted on waters presently managed as wild brown trout fisheries;

8) Implement mandatory catch and release bye laws for all species of freshwater fish, including

trout, as the huge numbers of trout killed by anglers each year contributes to the dearth of breeding stock.

Yours sincerely, Alex Denby.