

Andree`s Angelreisen

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And here we go again...

To Who it may concern...

My Name is Frank Knossalla, I am the Sales and Marketing Manager of Andree`s Angelreisen, the oldest Fishing Touroperator in Germany.

I was thinking a lot before i was starting this Letter. Thinking a lot if I should do it at all. Why so negative? Because I have written several Letters in the past Years, I have had meetings here in Germany with several Persons from Ireland, all seem to be very interesting in our Ideas and thoughts for the Ireland Fishing Tourism, never ever do we get a Feedback or something changed.

Andree`s Angelreisen was formed 38 Years ago. We start our Company Business with Ireland, it was the first Stone in our Company History and all of us had a personal connection to the Country and of course to the Fishing. Oh my God, when I look back the old Days, we had a fantastic Pike Fishing and just to give you an Idea of Numbers:

In the early 80`s we had more than 1000 Guests each Year in Ireland, sometimes 1500! We book Flights, Accommodation, Rental Cars, Boats, Guides and Anglers always get a "Warm Irish Welcome".

That Days Ireland was one of the best Pike Fishing Venues in the World – that is History now.

These Days the Business for a Fishing Tour – Operator like us in Ireland is not worth to keep it in the Main – Brochure! Permanent negative News regarding new Laws and especially the Gill Net Nonsense from some Trout Fisherman (which is no Business for us here in Germany) destroys the Reputation of the Island. The bookings for Connemara for example go down to Zero! Yes, you heard it right, nearly no Bookings at all!

So a handful of Trout Fisherman is working together with the Government to take official Tax Money to kill a species that brings Tourist in the Country? And they ignore the scientific findings about the Pike as a native Species as well? How is such an immense Ignorance possible?

On the other Hand we have some absolute silly Regulations for taking a Pike to eat, less than 50 cm and much more, you all know this absolute Nonsense.

To make a long Story short: I have done my decision, after 38 Years we say Goodbye! Thanks for all the Years, Friends, Partners, Guides and of course to the many Anglers that we have sent to Ireland.

We will keep some Cruiser Business and also our Friends at County Mayo for some Salmon fishing in the Internet, just to have it and to help. That's it.

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A part from our Company History will go now. Of course we will survive without that Business, sadly many Partners will not and have to close their Fishing Business, maybe the Trout Fanatics (don`t misunderstood me, I love Trouts!) will take over the Houses for less Money and build up some new Business...We have very good Pike Fishing in Sweden, Norway and of course in Germany as well so there is no need to fight any more.

I suggest to take a Big Fence around the Lough Mask, Lough Conn , Cullin , Corrib to avoid that somebody will disturb the local Fisherman during Lough-Style Trout fishing, maybe the Government will also give some Tax Money for it.

What a Shame!

Kind regards from Germany

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Mit herzlichen Grüßen

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