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to whom it may concern,

As an avid angler of many different disciplines over more than 30 years, I really do find it hard to believe that in this day and age and with the knowledge that is available to the I.F.I that you continue to persecute the pike in the way that you still do to this day. Has it not been proven beyond all doubt now that pike are indeed and always have been a native species, also contrary to the seemingly archaic beliefs of some of the board at I.F.I pike are contributory to a whole and healthy eco system, to remove or attempt to eradicate them from certain waters seems completely counter productive as surely having a healthy breeding population of trout in waters is the main aim , without pike this cannot happen as they predominantly predate on diseased, injured or indeed dead fish. Also from a tourism point of view surely you can see the damage that has already been done, lough mask is one that springs to mind in the 80's and 90's this was known the world over as not only a great trout venue but also a mecca for big pike, with culling and gill netting sadly this is no longer the case , this has happened to too many venues in my humble opinion and this madness needs to stop.
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thanks Andrew Burnett.