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To: POLICYREVIEW
Subject: Public consultation – Pike Management in Brown Trout Fisheries

Dear Sir /Madam,

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 8000years,they should be given their rightful 'native' status.culling them is not the answer.
- 2) That Inland Fisheries Ireland cease all pike control and the support of pike control measures, in all fisheries containing pike an trout or any other water in Ireland.
- 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.
- 6) That pike fishing be developed and promoted for the benefit of angling tourism, especially during the trout angling closed season, on all Inland Fisheries Ireland managed and publicly owned fisheries.
- 7.removing/culling pike from lakes such as Corrib, Mask, Carra, Conn, Cullin, Arrow and Sheelin is only putting jobs in danger,look at the amount of angling guides on these waters who have built up a lot of clients who travel to ireland to fish for pike and trout.

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