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From: gary fitzgerald <>  
Sent: 29 November 2016 19:08  
To: POLICYREVIEW  
Subject: Pike

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 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;
- 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;

Yours sincerely,

Regards Gary Fitzgerald