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On Monday, 21 November 2016, 16:19, Gavin Harker < > wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

In answer to the question of the pike management policy of Fisheries Ireland, as a committed pike and game angler, i believe that the gill netting and electro fishing of pike on our waters should cease immediately. Ireland used to be known throughout the angling world for the quality of both it,s salmonoid and pike fishing. Sadly this is no longer the case. The pike population despite having recently been proven to be native to Ireland continues to be persecuted in the vain attempt to improve the Brown trout fishing when the real reason for the decline of catches is falling water quality. The pike is the apex predator in the food chain on irish loughs and as such should be valued and not destroyed. It is about time that Irish Inland Fisheries recognised that we are in the 21st century and put an end to the destruction of pike. If the issues of water quality were addressed, i believe Ireland could once again see world class trout and pike fishing.

Yours Hopefully
Gavin Harker