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

Dear Sir/ madam

I wish to submit my concerns to the above consultation.

I believe the continued netting and persecution of pike in Irish Loughs and fisheries is totally unjustifiable and against all fishery management principles in this present day. There are many issues that compound to have an affect on brown trout fisheries, and their

missmanagement in many cases. Such as pollution (inc boating etc), eutrophication and global warming, destruction of habitat and spawning areas, introduction of other mammals and predators into the food chain. Removal of pike will also affect the fishery balance which will have an affect on the size of pike left and their effect with other fish species. For instance coarse fish stocks could increase and affect the food sources of other fish such as trout. This because there are not zufficient year classes of pike to help manage these species. There is much more scientific information and help out there.

I reccommend that you include such organisations as the Irish pike society, Pike Anglers Club of GB, and the Pike Anglers Alliance of Scotland, they can offer help and guidance on this matter.

I have fished in Ireland for many years, sometimes upto 3 times ayear, but because of the continued destruction of Irish Pike fishing I am inclined to reduce this and maybe in the near future if nothing is done to halt pike netting to go to other countries, such as Holland who manage their fish stocks to the point where they introduce pike and zander into some fisheries.

I hope for the sake of pike fishing in Ireland that you reconsider netting of pike and stop it as soon as possible so that many anglers from arou d theworld can enjoy great Irish pike fishing as it used to be famous for.

Regards Geoff Parkinson.

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