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dear Irishmen.

from Holland my point of view to the pike managing vs. the wild brown trout. As pike fishermen

I have visited Ireland many times. I would regret that pike would be 'managed' (read; killed) in

favour of the wild brown trout. Both fish species I have caught in Irish water, and both fish are

wonderful to catch, and if returned directly in the water as unharmed as possible, and as quick

as possible. this would mean that both species should be as usefull as sports-fish for everyone

who would like to come to Ireland for his fishing holidays. I visit Ireland twice a year, specially

for the pike-fishing. I would like to be sure that the watersystems (Erne and Shannon) will keep

a good stock of pike. also a good stock of wild brown trout. But this should be for all waters.

Taking pike (as top predator) away from a water, which is almost impossible, does not mean

that wild brown trout will flourish. Wild brown trout should have its habitat improved, with as less pollution as possible, and spawning areas to be reached. no netting when trout are on the

move to spawn. No netting when pike are on the move to spawn. In Dutch constitution all are

equal, so should it be in the water. there is no fish better than the other. to keep in mind, a good, healthy and wary wild brown trout will never be taken by pike, impossible. these trout

are the best, so they can reproduce with the best genes available. the Irish trout men should

consider this for themselves, the best trout to be returned. Unfortunately when I see pictures in

magazines from trout, the are usually quite dead. Then wild brown trout have to be returned

alive immediately, and/or a baglimit of 1 trout per day, not over 40 cm. when all fish are returned nature can stabilize in its own way, man can not take over the role of nature itself. too

many examples how things go wrong. Economically seen a living (big or very big) wild brown

trout or pike brings may hundreds of Euro's to Ireland, year after year. a dead fish will have its

kilogrammes revenues, and that is not much, and only once. some friends of mine have already

decided not to to Ireland anymore. One of the reasons is that pike quantities have gone down.

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untill now Ireland has more to offer for me and my friends then Scandinavia, although Holland

itself is one of the best pike countries. Ireland has 'craick', and Guinness, that in combination

with good pike-fishing is my best holiday. And if I should go for wild brown trout, I certainly would not have a priest with me. the only thing to do is change the Irish attitude, return those

trout and pike alive. If so, I keep returning to Ireland for fishing. I wish you good government.

Kind regards

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