

REF: “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 8000yrs, are given their rightful ‘native’ status;
- 2) That Inland Fisheries Ireland ceases 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;
- 8) Educate the people that are putting the pressure on IFI for pike management and show them the facts, that pike removal has caused untold damage to the trout fisheries.
- 9) Implement a full Catch and release policy on all pike country wide.

Yours Sincerely

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