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This is a useless and unnecessary review as all trout anglers know the only way to manage pike in a trout Lough is to eliminate them as even in small numbers they keep the trout from the shallows and Disturb the natural feeding through fear of predation. Take the lower Lough Erne as an example, on a very large Lough the pike are moving further north and having a profound effect on the trout fishing. Another example is Emy Lough in Monaghan once one of the most prolific trout fisheries in the country. Pike and other coarse fish have taken over and become top of the water feeders moving the trout to the deeps and away from the fly fisherman, you have even admitted defeat in this Lough by introducing rainbow trout which has been an unmitigated disaster as they are easy pickings for the pike, the pathetic attempts to net pike is also proof that no policy other than eliminating the invasive species is the only answer to managing a trout fishery. Would a private fishery ever contemplate introducing pike to a trout lake???.. I rest my case, stop pretending that you can manage pike in a trout fishery because you cannot nor do you have the law on your side to do so, so stop kidding everyone and get back to having trout fisheries only.  
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