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I fish for two pike clubs two trout clubs, I love fishing for both species this so called management of pike in brown trout fisheries is a joke it has been proven that pike have been here for thousands of years and were not introduced. The trout anglers say it's pike ruining their

stocks when it is themselves they have to blame, look at how many trout are killed every year

and then when stocks are low they blame the pike. Pike will always take sick fish easy prey a

good health trout will swim faster than a pike and yes pike do eat some trout but they also eat

coarse fish that are easier to catch, those coarse fish are competing for food within trout and that

is damaging to the trout stocks. Pike also eat their own and control their own population. killing

pike is not the answer. One fishery I am a member of has no pike in the lake or perch just trout

and rudd and the rudd are taking over big time every two or three years they invite clubs up to

catch the rudd to move them because there is millions of them and no pike to control them. some

big trout will eat a few but they really take over and now the trout are covered in lice apparently

from the rudd according to some expert they got in. if you take all the pike out of your trout

waters the coarse fish population will explode and compete for food with the trout. Gill nets are

not the answer they kill trout too, pike will control the balance of fish. put a bag limit on the trout

and don't kill the big spawning trout that will create thousand of fry. STOP GILL NETS it's not

the answer it's the problem, plus look at the tourism pike fishing in the winter will generate,

anglers come from all over to catch an Irish pike that's something the trout guides should tap into

in the winter months. "pike are solution not the problem"

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