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Re: Public consultation – Pike Management in Brown Trout Fisheries

Dear Sir /Madam,

Please consider my views regarding “Pike Management in Brown Trout Fisheries” as follows:

- That pike as an invasive occurring species in the west of Ireland for at least 600 years, are given their rightful “invasive” status as per international protocols on the great western lakes.
- That Inland Fisheries Ireland continue all pike control and the support of pike control measures, in all fisheries containing pike and brown trout.
- That Inland Fisheries Ireland continue issuing ‘section 59’ exemptions for the purpose of taking or killing pike, in all fisheries containing pike and brown trout.
- That rather than depict pike as an ecological positive in fisheries containing brown trout, that Inland Fisheries Ireland review their biased portrayal of pike and present a balanced view of the dangers of pike in preventing a healthy ecosystem in wild salmonoid fisheries.
- That funding presently used by Inland Fisheries Ireland to remove pike is increased to improve the aquatic habitat for all salmonoid species for the benefit of the fishery as a whole.
- That there be no restrictions on the two rod limit and that the use of all current legal pike angling methods should be permitted to remove pike on waters presently managed as wild brown trout fisheries.

Yours sincerely,

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