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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the Public Consultation - Pike Management in Brown Fisheries. I understand and applaud you for undertaking a Policy Review. I have worked in Fisheries for the past 4 decades, during the last 3 of these decades I have fished extensively in Ireland for Wild Brown Trout, Salmon & Pike. I fully appreciate the need to question and review best sustainable practice etc but I do have some concerns about the motivation behind the Review.

I am aware that we can no longer rely on perceived wisdom and the only way forward with modern fisheries management is sound science so I would hope before any final decisions are made extensive scientific study is carried out and observed. Unfortunately I cannot successfully navigate the current Policy on your website but I do have some knowledge of what the Policy involves, I also know that there has been a historical lobby by Pike anglers to have greater access to the Brown Trout fisheries. As you know these Brown Trout fisheries have an iconic status within the international angling scene, they are indeed a very rare commodity that is only getting rarer today, Pike angling on the other hand is widely available. I would hope though that angling pressure would not get in the way of what is best for the whole ecology of what after all are as you say Wild Brown Trout Fisheries.

I will be very interested to hear the conclusions of the Review.

Kind Regards,

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