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From: Ross Digan <>
Sent: 30 November 2016 05:32
To: POLICYREVIEW
Subject: 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 cease 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;
- Yours
sincerely,

Ross Digan

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