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As pike have been native to Ireland for thousands of years, I believe it is a bad idea to remove them from waters by gillnets or by electrical fishing. Pike will remove sick and wounded fish from their waters, which is important to the health of trout stocks as well; when there should be too many pike in any one water, they will take care of that themselves as well. I am sure that the many trout fishing competitions on a lot of waters (competitions which are not fished according to catch & release principles) are a much bigger thread for the trout populations than the pike that live in the same waters. The pike are also of great importance to the thousands of tourists that travel to Ireland every year. I am sure that more people will make the journey to Ireland to fish for pike than to fish for trout, you will stop a lot of people from travelling to Ireland when the killing of pike is not stopped.

Best of greetings,

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