

Management of Pike in Designated Brown Trout Fisheries Review Group

03 April 2016, Citywest

Attending: Sean Long, Myles Kelly, Declan Cooke, Colm Fitzgerald, Paul O'Reilly, Catherine Kerins

Apologies: Sam Sheppard

1. Review progress to date
2. Agree final list of experts
3. Update on responses from the trout and pike representatives following invites
4. AOB

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were considered and some edits were requested. To be agreed by email following this meeting.

The group was advised that interim findings of the ongoing pike studies cannot be considered by the group until peer review verifies results.

Actions from last meeting:

Where we are

- Structure of report headings is underway. Language in current policy is weak, updated version to be definitive
- SL will start adding available content under the headings
- Draft outline of Review Group report to be circulated mid month.

List of experts to be invited to present to the review group

- Robet Rossell
- Brian Hayden
- Deddi Perdeschi
- Karen Delanty
- Martin O'Grady
- Paddy Gargan
- John Curtis
- Paul McLoone
- Denis Ensing
- Joe Caffrey

Each to be circulated the original set of questions prepared for the first meeting of the Review Group by Sean Long.

These questions can be combined / reduced or added to in advance of the presentations. The new members will have an opportunity to contribute to this process.

Membership

The following have agreed to join the group following invitation

- Catherine Kerins
- Joe Keena – Nominee Eamon Ross

At the time of meeting no response had come from Ian Forde. Further efforts to contact to be made.

Charles Kennedy contacted the Review Group to express dismay that he had not been invited.

Following the invitations being accepted SL to write to all who presented thanking them for their contribution and to advise on the new members of the review group.

Discussion

Procedure V Policy. The recent FOI on the current SOP for stock management was discussed briefly for information purposes. The SOP falls outside the Terms of Reference of the Review Group.

The work of the Pike project is on-going, results are not yet available.

AOB

Actions

The following actions were assigned:

- MK to add CK to Sharepoint group.
- SL to write to all who presented thanking them for their contribution and to advise on the new members of the review group.
- SL to circulate draft outline of Review Group report, mid month