

In your view how can the current system be improved?

Greater co-operation between all stakeholders Realise the potential and benefits of net fisheries - cultural heritage well-being, fisheries science

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

"Not answered"

How likely are you to move to an online platform for purchase of your licence, request for tags, completion of log-book and returns?

Very unlikely

We would welcome the opportunity to hear your views on the above questions, and anything to do with the current system and how it might best be modernised to improve the experience for the end customer.

"Not answered"

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"Not answered"

In your view how can the current system be improved?

Greater co-operation and engagement between all stakeholders in the inland fisheries sector. Realise the potential of net fisheries in terms of fisheries science management, cultural heritage, and the social wellbeing of local communities.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Net fisheries liaison officer to deal directly with the sector.

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"Not answered"

In your view how can the current system be improved?

I am quite happy the way the process is at the moment.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

"Not answered"

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Unlikely

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Neither likely nor unlikely

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"Not answered"

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All I want to do is go fishing which my ancestors have done for years and have respected the fishing rights we have and have previously shoppad fishing to see would stock's improve and they have, the river well populated now with fish and we're not allowed fish it for some years now and it is very sad to see a beautiful tradition of draft netting stopped

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Cull Seals

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A few weeks of Spring time fishing would be appreciated

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Regular communication and updates, clear explanation how quota calculated ,how has the quota been reduced when there has been a massive increase in salmon return in the last 3 seasons

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Suppor, fishermen has always been interested in ensuring future stocks for next generation, totally omited in recent year, recognition for our association

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not computer educated, survey filled out by my son

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

the current system is working very well

In your view how can the current system be improved?

Model used to calculate quota , not fully accurate as only just over 50% of anglers return their log books etc ,commercial fishermen 100% compliance

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Recognition for our sector as key stake holders who have actively engaged over many years when SWRFB was operational, but never included on any state bodies or board since IFI formed despite numerous requests

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Draft net fishermen are 100% compliant in log book & tagging recording, however i am not computer literate and dont see the need to change as we are constantly been engaged and monitored by IFI officers

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

"Not answered"

In your view how can the current system be improved?

Very difficult to improve , the current system is working really well with 100% compliance by our members since its inception

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Engagement with Draft Net Fishermen, KEY stakeholders, anxious to be part of the solution to ensuring a sustainable resource for future generation, omitted from state bodies since IFI inception. Had in conjunction with the defunct SWRFB put in place a 50

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The current age profile of the fisherman is 60's on, so literate, no mobile phone, no computer or tech understanding

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Our association represents 16 licences in our district ,we have always been proactive as a key stake holder particularly with the old SWRFB to guarantee sustainable resource , unfortunately ignored since IFI inception

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IFI must listen to the fisherman's, there is a big problem

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quite a lot

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We also wish to see the continuance of the Fishery District Committee, retaining a commercial fishery representative and the continuance of a 50:50 division of the total allowable catch between draft net fishery and rod and line fishery on the Owenea and Owentocker catchment. We hope to meet in early 2022, to discuss ways in which we can preserve and promote the practice of draft net fishing on Loughros Mor Estuary for future generations. We trust that you will take our views into consideration.

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In 2021 we welcomed the opportunity to re-engage with the historic practice of draft net fishing on Loughros Mor Estuary. Having discussed and taking Inland Fisheries Ireland's (IFI) proposals into consideration, we have unanimously decided that our best option at present is to continue with the current paper based system for the application and purchase of licences, request for tags, completion of logbook and returns for the following reasons; 1. The majority of licence holders are not familiar with using technology such as smartphone, tablets or PC. 2. On the purchase of licences, we are happy to continue with the variety of payment options available to us to date. 3, We believe that maintaining individual contact with the IFI District Inspector for request for tags and catch update throughout the season is the best way of communication.

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I would be quite happy if logbooks and tags are issued in the same way as before for private fisheries licences and commercial tags.

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In answer to questions 1, I am quite happy with the current situation,

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In answer to question 2- I would be interested in receiving updates during the fishing season on the current health and size of fish stocks and the challenges facing the survival of the species, especially in our river system.

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In answer to question 3- the current system is more suited to our fishing practices as it is more reactionary to our needs, as we can engage with the fishery officers in person.

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I received your letter about going online. I am not going online for anything. I am quite happy with the system thats in place at the moment. The IFI staff [REDACTED] give us a very good service and I am very happy with them. I don't know how to use a computer

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How likely are you to move to an online platform for purchase of your licence, request for tags, completion of log-book and returns?

I am computer illiterate and wont manage now owing to my age. I am happy with the system as it now stands. Never had a problem so far with licence, tags, logbooks etc

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I think the current system in Castlemaine Harbour could be improved if a rota was made out in advance so every fisherman knows what dock they are on every day and there is no misunderstandings from start to finish. I have to buy Ice every year to keep my salmon fresh. Tags were returned unused at the end of the season here in Castlemaine Harbour. I could have caught more salmon if i had more tags.

How likely are you to move to an online platform for purchase of your licence, request for tags, completion of log-book and returns?

I want to continue with the current paper based licence system. I would find it very difficult to move to an online platform.

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It would be good to be able to phone for more tags

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I am happy with the current paper based Licence system.

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Current model used predict Salmon Quota figures need to be adjusted to recognise that just over 50% of the Anglers comply fully with their log book requirements, commercial fishermen 100% compliant as a result there is a data deficit.

Over the last number of years despite a huge return in salmon to our rivers, anglers have not fully caught their sustainable quota figure, which the Draft Net fishermen have been prevented from harvesting.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Recognition for our association as a pro active stakeholder in the conservation and sustainability of the wild salmon resource over many years (please refer to Upper Lee 50yrs regeneration plan launched in conjunction with the SWRFB but never implemented by IFI)

Pilot programme to be set up to establish the change in Wild Salmon run cycle

Model used to calculate quota to be adjusted to meet the needs of each river, ESB restocking, science model calculation to be available and presented to Draft sector.

Quota continuously reduced in recent years despite a huge return in salmon to our river in June, July and August, quota calculation does not reflect huge return as 90% of licenced holders season has been finished the first week in July as the quota has been caught

Consulted and empowered to use our understanding, experience and suggestions to form part of the solution or planning process which may be required.

Representation on all relevant Salmon advisory, consultation and policy groups and committees, despite many requests we have failed to have any representatives appointed to any such state bodies since IFI was formed (District committee the exception)

How likely are you to move to an online platform for purchase of your licence, request for tags, completion of log-book and returns?

Very unlikely – Of the 14 licences we represent please note the following ,11 no computer, computer literate, 3 limited computer competence, some members illiterate.

Current system working well ,ensuring 100% compliance from our members , daily engagement with IFI officers to verify compliance

We suggest that for the next few years fishermen have the option to remain with book format or some members computer competent pilot the scheme for 3 years so any issues or concerns can be addressed before any decision is made to roll out the proposed scheme.

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it works for me as it it. Happy with IFI as it is

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Not interested in moving online

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I am happy with the present situation

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

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Do not want to move to an online method

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The most important part of the current system that 100% needs drastically changing in my opinion is the distribution of the whole amount of tags to be divided evenly with the Licence and Logbook at the beginning of the Salmon fishing season. I [REDACTED] have hands on experience since 1959. In that time I have never had a disagreement with any of the Officers of the Board of Fisheries. In my opinion the Draft Net Fishermen have been greatly deceived by the hierarchy and really messed up since the tagging system was introduced in the early 2000. By their rules and regulations, each year we are receiving less and less tags and I feel since the system was brought in it has done nothing for the fisherman involved in fishing or the fish stock. Modern Technology at my age of [REDACTED] years and fishing for salmon since 1959, Nature is my priority, the oar, the boat and the spade are my interest not the online technology. On the online platform, to purchase my licence, request for tags, complete the logbook and return is not for me, too late at [REDACTED] years old. Hope you will find my answers to your questions satisfactory in time for your consultation on the 1st December 2021 in order and can use my quotes in bringing about the distribution evenly of the tags, amongst Draft Net Fishermen in future with Licence and Logbook.

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Distributors of Salmon & Sea Trout licences play a big part in Salmon conservation. We not only sell licences but we offer advice to anglers on all aspects of river & lake fishing. When an angler purchases a licence online he or she has to print out their licence & logbook. It takes 2 to 3 days to receive the tags. Wouldn't it be beneficial for both the distributors & IFI if the angler could visit the nearest tackle shop to collect the tags needed, this would increase the footfall back into the shops.

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

Working closely with IFI to distribute licences either online or through the shop. It's for everyone's benefit to work together to conserve our salmon stocks for future generations.

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system?

To encourage people to purchase a licence & practice catch & release a draw could be held in each region for a generous prize.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Up to date information on season start date & where anglers can fish. An earlier delivery of licence books would also help.

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

There's not many younger people fishing maybe a cheaper Sea Trout licence could be introduced just for the summer months or a family licence.

How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

Already heading that way.

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Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your view how can the current system be improved?

IFI provide tablet so customer can complete licence form instead of staff member. Provide a separate printer and inks for licences

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

"Not answered"

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system??

Minimum 15% commission. Majority of customers pay by card and shop is charged % by bank. Also staff have to be paid by myself while doing work on behalf of IFI. In addition to doing the actual licence, alot of time can be spent explaining the rules and regs to customers.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

"Not answered"

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

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How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

Commission needs to be increased. Won't be in a hurry to do this. Takes too much time for staff to fill in form for customers and then sort printing.

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The current system of paper based salmon licences is ineffective and inefficient. The system would be best served by an entirely app based system with catch returns being made in real time.

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

Distribution of salmon licences is currently unattractive due to the 50% reduction in licence distributor commission, the time required to process licences and issue additional tags and the withdrawal of the online payment portal on the Bradan system for licence distributors. The sale of a €100 annual all Ireland licence has a commission of €5 while the credit card transaction fee for the retailer could be as much as €3 depending on the type of card payment. Distributors could continue to issue salmon tags as often there is a long delay in anglers receiving these from an online purchase and distributors often already have to issue tags to enable anglers to fish.

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system??

Recompense should reflect the ongoing work involved of interacting with licence holders, issuing additional tags etc. Recompense should also be structured in a transparent and fair manner. When the conservation fund levy was introduced this amount was completely disregarded for commission purposes despite clearly being defined in legislation as being part of the "licence fee" on which commission had traditionally been paid. This effectively resulted in a 50% reduction of commission for distributors.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Only provision of an efficient and effective licensing system in which we could have confidence.

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

Moving to an app based real time system.

How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

Completely

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An underlying aim of the current tagging system is to inform decisions relating to salmon management and conservation. The current system fails to do this as information from logbooks is not available until after the decisions for the forthcoming season have been taken. This results in management decisions being informed from “estimates” of inspectors rather than from real time real world data.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

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move to a fully 24/7/365 online purchase with virtual tags.

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

I see it being negated

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system??

Have the licence online cheaper than paper licence, give anglers an incentive.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

updated list of opening/closing dates of all rivers and lakes.

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

Have it user friendly, those who do not return virtual logbook have issuance of next licence delayed.

How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

It would be great due to the removal of plastic- bags, tags and return postage.

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I have submitted a detailed list as to how this can be achieved before to IFI

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Not answered

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The current Salmon and Seatrout licence and tagging scheme can be improved on by making it efficient and effective. Neither of which is currently the case.

The current scheme captures little more than half of the available data via logbook returns. The logbooks that are returned must be deciphered and interrogated manually. This is both difficult, in terms of interpreting individual handwriting which has often been exposed to wet conditions over the course of a season and inefficient as scarce human resources are employed manually transcribing data.

The data that is compiled is available too late to inform "scientific" management decisions for the following season. Most anglers would be surprised to learn that each year's catch advice is based on inspector's estimates which are at considerable variance to the actual catch returns submitted annually by anglers. For example the estimated rod catch figures, used for management advice, for spring salmon on the river Laune in 2020 was 720 salmon. The actual figure for spring salmon as compiled from angler logbooks was 160. The estimated rod catch figure for spring salmon on the river Drowes in 2020 was 42. The actual figure for spring salmon as compiled from angler logbooks was 89 salmon.

Clearly any licence and tagging system must be able to deliver the necessary information in time to accurately inform the following years management decisions. It should also make the manual transfer of often indecipherable information by fisheries staff unnecessary. I believe the most efficient and effective way to modernise the process is to introduce an app/digital based salmon and sea trout licence. There are many real world examples of such systems in the private and public sphere, including in the fisheries sector. Data, names, addresses etc would be inputted by the end user, greatly reducing input errors in name and address spellings etc, resulting in more complete data which would be searchable and thus more valuable. Furthermore more data could be collected by enforcing a policy of no licence return, no licence renewal. This would greatly reduce the average of 43.6% of licences which are unreturned over recent years. This would also improve the accuracy of overall catch returns as a greater level of returns would reduce the reliance on Bayesian inference and the need for raising factors to account for unreturned data.

Ireland has a strong record in salmon management and the innovative use of technology. Any modernisation of the paper based licencing system, which has remained largely unchanged since the foundation of the state, is an opportunity to make the Irish salmon and seatrout licencing system world beating. We have the opportunity to develop a truly innovative licencing system which, if done properly, could give us access to more information than has been available to those involved in salmon management anywhere at any time. An app based system would allow this information to be available in real time. Not only could anglers input details of their catch live from the riverbank. Each smartphone has the ability to include GPS coordinates, weather, temperature details, even water heights if integrated with existing OPW information. Perhaps most importantly real data on fishing effort, time spent etc, could be extracted, in real time rather than a random "number of days fished" entered on a licence at the end of the season.

In the spirit of citizen science, anglers could upload photographs of fish, even scale samples for further analysis. Not only would such an app based licence be a means of gathering data in real time it would also be an ideal way of disseminating information in real time to anglers. In recent years very warm water temperatures have become more common, leading to suspension of c&r or of angling altogether. This type of alert could be delivered to anglers quickly and efficiently. Similarly a licencing app could be a means for anglers to report poaching and pollution incidents in real time. The current paper based licencing system is expensive. Licences delivered digitally, through an app could be bought online. On site licence distributors could provide salmon tags where needed as the lead in time for tag delivery is up to a week.

On the question of recompense for licence distributors. It is a welcome development to seek the views of salmon licence distributors on changes to the licencing system and level and type of recompense.

Personally I would see a need for very little recompense for the distribution of salmon tags alone as part of an improved system.

However I would like to see the historic issue of the halving of licence fee commission from 2007 being addressed.

Salmon licence distributors had always been paid on a commission basis based on the salmon licence fee. The ongoing pretence that the conservation levy is not a part of that licence fee despite it clearly being described in each statutory instrument as "a salmon conservation levy equivalent to 50% of the licence fee" undermines the goodwill of salmon licence distributors and IFI should acknowledge this error.

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In your view how can the current system be improved?

To whom it may concern

In answer to the questions posed - the current system is over complicated. The salmon tag system is fine. The sea trout tags are of no use. The bag limit on sea trout is never enforced by the water bailiffs. Instead the bailiffs are checking for licences for a cash driven system. Fewer children are now on the river because they are afraid to fish for fear of being approached by bailiffs. These children do not pose a threat to stocks of fish. Abolish the licence for children up to the age of 16. Fishing for children in this area will soon be a thing of the past if the current system does not change. Enforce the bag limit checks strictly and be seen to do so for sea trout. Do not turn a blind eye because the fisherman has a licence.

When was the last time a fine was imposed in [REDACTED] for breaking the bag limit?

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

Q. 2 My role at present is collecting money for I.F.I. at a 5% commission rate which is a joke. I have no intention of being any assistance with any enquiries whether they be local or visiting tourists. Instead I will give the phone details of I.F.I. and they can seek answers from a non existent help line.

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system??

Q.3 My commission must return this year to a minimum of 10% of all monies collected on behalf of I.F.I. My commission before the conservation stamp was imposed was 10%. Return all distributors to this level starting this year 2021. I have been in contact with the CEO on this matter and he replied to my registered letters through [REDACTED] and not with a personal reply.

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

Q.4 Fishing in this area is over complicated and I have stopped trying to explain where to fish, what bait, lures, flies can be used and where is free fishing and where is private. Supply me with a dedicated daytime phone number to explain this to tourists who are stunned when I have tried to explain the fishing regulations. Most people give up and go elsewhere or just don't fish. Again I have no intention of acting as a free advice service for I.F.I.

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

Q.5 The overall customer service experience in [REDACTED] is horrendous as explained in Q.4. This I suspect will not change until pressure is applied at a government level. Hopefully all activities and practices of I.F.I. will be examined at this stage.

How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

Q.6 When I.F.I. supplies my shop with all the necessary tool/equipment and training and pays a rate of commission in line with such work I might consider it. I do feel this question is just a PR stunt as do many other distributors as there is, I feel, no chance whatsoever of this becoming a reality.

Just to finish, up to now a licence could be obtained at my premises from 9a.m. until 10p.m. This is no longer the case. Bailiffs have been sending fishermen to my premises outside normal business hours having found these fishermen without licences. Licences will in future be on sale 9a.m. to 6p.m. Monday to Friday and I will inform [REDACTED] to pass this information to the relevant bailiffs.

We would welcome the opportunity to hear your views on the above questions, and anything to do with the current system and how it might best be modernised to improve the experience for the end customer. If you have any other views or observations please let us know here.

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your view how can the current system be improved?

With regards to public consultation on the future of Salmon/Sea Trout License and tagging scheme we would like to we would like to make the following submission

Situated on [REDACTED] We have been involved in Angling and the sale of licenses [REDACTED]. During this time, we have been a major part of the license distribution system and have played a vital and significant role. The current system is in our opinion out dated and in need of change. While we would agree that at present there are too many distributors it is our belief that whatever system is introduced we as knowledgeable, well-known and trusted distributors will still play a very important role. The distributor is the public face and has the job of dealing with anglers who are having problems or who do not even understand the licensing system. This is very important in an area [REDACTED] where we deal with [REDACTED] visiting foreign anglers many of whom English is not their first language. We have a fishing tackle shop that is open for up to seven days a week in peak season, this includes early mornings, holidays and other times when IFI staff are not available to deal with the public.

The provision of licenses and permits is an integral part of our business and we depend on it. Both the footfall created and the commission earned are very important for the survival of our business. A new system that eliminates us from this will cause a lot of displacement. One import fact that needs to be taken into account in deciding whether to retain a number of key distributors is their relationship and interaction with IFI staff and in particular fishery officers. We as distributors work closely with the staff and have on many occasions been able to predict possible problems. No matter what system is put in place there will at some stage be a failure. This is when a distributor who is available will be very necessary.

Reasons we as distributors should be retained

Available up to seven days per week at times when IFI staff are not. Already set up and experienced in dealing with anglers and issues. Available to provide a paper back up. Available to reissue tags. Are familiar with anglers and are able to talk to and help educate them. We have a proven track record. We have a working knowledge of who's who. As a business we depend on Commission earned and footfall created from License and permit sales

Problems we see with the current system

Anglers find the Current license and tagging system cumbersome. The current paper license is easy to damage. We see this reflected in the poor condition of Licenses presented in the shop.

Recording of tagged fish in the paper log book is difficult especially in wet conditions along the Riverbank. Anglers forget to make returns. Tags are often reused. Anglers complain about numbers of tags allocated. The one-day license is too expensive and stops a lot of Visitors having a go at Salmon fishing. The 21-day license is popular with visiting anglers but most of them visit for two weeks at most.

Where do you see your role in a more modernized process?

"Not answered"

What level and type of recompense do you think should be put in place in a new system??

"Not answered"

What other services or supports would you feel you should be receiving from IFI?

"Not answered"

What steps should IFI take to improve the overall customer experience of the scheme?

Our recommendations

We would recommend that anglers who purchase a season license are given five tags for free and thereafter they can purchase up to ten more tags at a cost of ten euro per tag

Make all Licenses National (A) and get rid of the regional (B) license. Charge one price of 80 euro per season.

The Twenty-one-day (R) license be replaced by a Fourteen-day license. Very few if any anglers visit for twenty-one days. Anglers who purchase a Fourteen-day license be given three free tags and can purchase an additional seven tags at 10 euro per tag

The one-day license (S) be changed for a multiple day license. The Angler will be able to choose between one and three days at ten euro per day. Specific dates can be marked. E.g., Monday the 1st of June, Wednesday 3rd of June, Sat 6th June. This would better accommodate visiting anglers (Who are the only anglers buying short term licenses) as they often like to skip days and try other activities while on holiday.

A phone app be developed for displaying license and logging catch

The phone app to be backed up with a credit card sized License and a more use appropriate log book

Reason for back up to phone app

A phone app, while it appears like a good idea will need a lot of trials with the associated errors to fine tune it. It will lead to a lot of problems for fishery officers on the ground and will use a lot of valuable time which could be more beneficial if used in other duties.

Not all angler will have a phone. This is especially true in the case of older angler which unfortunately the vast number of Salmon anglers are.

There may be GDPR issues with Juveniles.

There will be network issues especially in remote locations, the west of Ireland in particular.

How likely are you to move to a totally online platform?

Not answered

We would welcome the opportunity to hear your views on the above questions, and anything to do with the current system and how it might best be modernised to improve the experience for the end customer. If you have any other views or observations please let us know here.

Tags: Overall, the tagging system has had a beneficial effect. While there has been a lot of abuse from some people these are in the minority and genuine anglers are happy to comply with the regulations. The ban on sale of rod caught salmon has had a great effect and has done away with a lot of demand for Wild salmon, thus the market has greatly declined.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Inefficient training| management | enforcement

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Traceability of tags (when used!)

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Training | Community outreach / involvement | enforcement after laws being broken

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

An amalgamation of policies for more accurate| direct legislation for business and community to follow or be trained in by IFI reps

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The rod license system is archaic and a failed entity which needs to be examined in the NIFF context so that a successful pathway to progress is agreed among all involved. • We must look at the international market to attract angling tourism and compare notes on why Scotland is still the forerunner in salmon anglers visiting their rivers. We acknowledge that IFI may be dependent on the rod license revenue until we realise that the net income is paltry when costings and implementation is taken into the analysis as we demonstrated to a NIFF meeting in 2012 when the Chairman [REDACTED] gave us the forum. Our rod license is a discriminatory, unfair and inequitable tax on our sport and we are part of the campaign to oppose introducing similar on other species angling especially game and wild brown trout anglers. Unlike shooting, the rod license is not related to the gun and serial number, but used to extract a large fee from the angler. The rod license price charged by this state body as the highest in the world including the nineteen NASCO salmon countries on the Atlantic ocean. From a marketing and business perspective we are three times the cost of an anglers budget flight to the honey pot rivers of Scotland who charge nothing for a state license. Their analysis is that they get it back tenfold in tourism revenue and employment in remote areas strengthening the rural economy. There are many potential Moy Valley river economies here that could be developed should the license be reviewed and packaged into the tourism product that would generate €2billion instead of the billion it does today. • We must look at colleague Sportvisserij Nederaal in the Netherlands as to how they manage their all species angling, not just salmon, and how they operate the VISPAS or FISHPASS through the angling federations and clubs which proves why participation and promotion has rocketed over the years. The angler is charged for local angling based on a radius from the home of the VISPAS address which is logical. Anglers are still being charged for two districts whether they live on the borders of the district or not. Eg I live on the [REDACTED], which is in the [REDACTED] district, but if I fish upriver and want to change to the Owenea river a few miles away, I will have to pay for another new license of €56 as it is in the Letterkenny district. • The tagging system has been a very costly failure that never delivered the objectives of identifying the accurate collation of statistics which were used then to open and close rivers unfairly. The sooner our clubs data is used to verify the IFI logbook returns, the sooner the river by river data will become more accurate

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The part where local angling clubs have to help and advise members to complete license and tagging books

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

as above

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

We support the FISSTA submission details as separately submitted

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too little, allows for a lot of poaching

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Good for monitoring

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

More accessible

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Lack of communication with / consultation of anglers, e. g. with regard to any rational behind the piecemeal release over the season to licence holders of the 10 blue salmon tags. One could well do with more robust "log books" for use on river banks in bad weather, and with decent, fit-for-purpose envelopes in which to return unused tags.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The practice of tagging as an instrument of conservation seems basically sound.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The number of tags to which a licence holder is entitled for a season should all be issued to the holder when he pays his licence fee. In my judgement, the number of tags per angler could, in view of the current trend in the level of stocks, be reduced - - to say 6 - but I would see any attempt at a general imposition of catch-and-release (adumbrated in the IFI's rather pathetically transparent recent propaganda campaign) as unacceptable and, in its consequences, problematic.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The best protection of a fishery is the presence of a vigilant, well organised angling club. Communication and cooperation with, and support of, such organisations are de rigueur for our common purpose and at present, alas, sadly lacking.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No limits on when to use them.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Photo evidence on social media good.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No tags allowed in Sept or before June 1st

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1) It can be hard to get tags. 2) it can be hard to maintain a record of your catch 2) catch records can be manipulated to increase a catch 3) there is not facility to record a photo or other important information of your catch when catch and release is observed.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The tagged are well numbered and the colour coding us good

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I think an application on your phone that can record data of a catch after the catch would be of great benefit.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I'm a local angler in [REDACTED], brown tags were introduced last season, if I hadn't read [REDACTED] blog I would never have heard about the brown tags it was the same for many other local's, I think it was a disgrace for ifl to come out and say they had worked closely with local anglers in [REDACTED] before tags were introduced. Also the distribution of the tags where people that were at the draw got tags and people all over Ireland and this was during a pandemic which meant a high percentage of tags were never used and locals had to beg to get a brown tag disgraceful. I think the current blue tagging system is working well but I think all local anglers should be given one blue tag to use during the spring and brown tags used for anglers that travel to fish currane. I think brown tags should be introduced on the Inn, the level of poaching that goes on there is crazy, the angler buys a license and can't take a fish and the poachers take as many as they want.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Good

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No need to change blue tagging system

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Anglers are not the problem

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

eme relies on the honesty of License Holders, not all Anglers are licensed. Many fish killed go un-recorded. Without extreme policing the system is open to exploitation.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I suppose some Data is gleaned from those Anglers who abide by the current regulations, an submit catch returns, with evidence of used tags.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I believe the time has come, to enforce compulsory "Catch & Release" for Salmon and Sea Trout throughout the State, on all catchment/Fishery areas, but still require the recording of any capture in a provided "Log". Closing Fisheries on suspect data, and leaving others open with high kill quotas on suspect data, is ridiculous when it is known these species are now severely threatened.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

As an outsider/Foreigner, I am shocked by the apparent cultural requirement to "Kill" Fish caught, by Local Anglers, whom it would seem have no thoughts for the future regarding Stock, or any form of preservation. It will take a serious amount of Education, or the loss of their sport, to drive the Conservation message home. Mandatory C & R throughout may just do this, with strict penalties for those who disregard.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The amount of tags should be reduced to 3 per annum. The permit should be a card not paper and fish should be logged electronically via smartphone/tablet etc. not on paper. There should not be an option to kill and take seatrout

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None, it's antiquated and not fit for purpose

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduce tags to three, one for spring, two for summer/autumn. 1 tag for 21 day licence.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Dependant on honest replies

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Itemised log of numbers

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Ask for a photo

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Catch and release not viable, releasing some bloodied 3/4 dead fish that won't make it

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not a thing

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Proper consultation with the local fishermen and local bailiffs about the amount of fish being caught besides going too scientific and closing a river over a survey done at the wrong time

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

some of my opinions and observations; The 2021 licenses were issued with 3 blue tags from January 17th to May 11th. I was never formally informed by the Fishery board of a Brown Tag system change. As a result quite a bit of abuse from local anglers for licenses with blue tags when they were then told they could not catch a fish without a brown tag, rendering the blue tags absolutely irrelevant. Brown Tag Lottery: This draw system, in my opinion, was an absolute disgrace for a number of reasons. The draws were not done in a transparent manner, held without notice to the public or the license distributors. No official list of brown tag recipients was ever issued (to my knowledge). At the time of the draw the whole country was in a level 5 lockdown yet anglers from far outside the 5km radius were awarded brown tags and many local anglers did not get one. Many of those from outside the area that secured tags proceeded to pass these on to their "friends" here locally, this meant that a select few local anglers had more than one tag while others who have fished and respected (myself included) all their lives were without a brown tag. I also feel that including the U18 (children) in the brown tag draw was extremely wrong, the tags awarded to the children were then passed on to adult licenses. I have never in all my years of selling and distributing the state fishing licenses had so many enquiries on children's licenses! This tells it's own story I think. The transfer of these tags meant the amending of licenses which had been issued by approved distributors in accordance with fishery regulations. I feel very strongly that any amendments to a state license issued by approved distributors should not be changed or amended by other individuals, this makes a mockery of the State License, to me it would render the license null and void. Fishing Licenses - suggested changes; Eliminate 1 Day and 21 Day license and replace with a 3 Day and a 7 Day license Abolish Brown Tag System and offer 1 blue tag per license up to April 11th (if necessary). The Brown Tags are in my opinion a waste of finance and cause more upset and aggravation than anything else, they do not conserve stocks in any shape or form. I have held a very keen interest in system for over 30 years. I keep personal recordings of all salmon catches on the system and I can categorically state that these records do not reflect a depletion in stocks. I am wholly against the draconian measures being implemented by the Fishery Board in recent times, it is in my opinion, completely unnecessary.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Annual License with 10 blue tags

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Abolish Brown Tag Lottery Introduce 3 Day Licence and 7 Day Licence Scrap 1 Day Licence and 21 Day Licence

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

10 tags should be reduced to 6 tags for 4 years.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Restrictions on the killing of spring fish.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

See above

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Paper system open to abuse. Number of salmon allowed to be retained too high.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduce the maximum number of tags to a maximum of 3 per year. This should be sufficient to meet the requirements of any angler who wishes to keep salmon. Ideally seatrout should be excluded from the scheme and have a separate conservation regime. An online App based licencing and recording scheme should be investigated where the fish are photographically recorded. This would help with compliance and good data recording.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The tagging scheme won't bring back salmon or Seatrout to our system..

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Our spawning rivers and streams here are in very bad order..no loose gravel in our streams or rivers for our salmon or Seatrout to spawn as it's all sediment.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The tagging scheme is a waste of money it's not going to increase our stocks as everyone knows.all it's doing is recording the fish going to their feeding grounds..and the sprat trawlers taking all the salmon and Seatrouts food chain out there off the shores coast..

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The main problem. All involved need to realise salmon as a species can no longer sustain being harvested. A total change of mindset needs to occur, now.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The issuing of same only. Way too much false hiking of catch nos being accepted as gospel.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The checking of licences of anglers almost non existant on many rivers. Big increase in officers needed.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The relevant department to look at totally revamping I.F.I. and banning the killing of salmon countrywide. We have but a small window left to save our beloved salmon.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too much of the quota goes to commercial fishermen. It would also be handy to have an app on your phone as licences can be lost or damaged. Some licence sellers will not give tags if your licence was bought elsewhere. Logbooks are generally not updated by anglers, so there is not a true reflection of salmonoid numbers.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Outdated, needs to be updated.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Maybe an app for your phone.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

unworkable and fails to inform accurately

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

none

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

yes - only if they cooperate in partnership with angling clubs via FISSTA

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

IFI must now review a Salmon and Seatrout Licence and Tagging Scheme with the angling federations through NIFF and introduce the same system to compete for angling tourism as in Scotland

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The distribution of the tags is cumbersome. The seasons full allocation should be distributed when the licence is initially purchased

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The work for collecting and collating the returns

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Give the full allocation out when licence is purchased.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too restricted

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Enforcement

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Relax restrictive culture

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The current scheme does nothing to address the wider issues facing wild salmon and sea trout, mainly caused by fish farming in completely inappropriate areas, specifically Waterville where I fish. These farms are decimating the sea trout stocks due to lice infestation.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I have no issue with the current scheme, licences and tagging enforcement are necessary. However the poachers don't have licenses and this is not policed properly.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Instead of local quotas by fishery, limit each angler to a number of tags per season. Few anglers take more than 4 or 5 per season if they are that lucky.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Please start addressing the environmental issues caused by foreign owned salmon farms, they add nothing in terms of jobs or tax revenue to Ireland whereas I contribute to the Irish and [REDACTED] to the tune of £5-6000 per annum with 2 [REDACTED] anglers doing the same. Good fishing will provide more to your economy than salmon farms ever will.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many variations.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I don't believe the main cropping of salmon is by anglers they are the most inefficient. More clandestine methods and more protection would be appropriate. Limit tags. Ban the sale of wild salmon as the value of it makes people greedy.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Less variations Cheaper for local people. Dearer for visitors and foreign anglers. Less tags .

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Many area have Salmon but no real control. Maybe encourage a recording system for trout anglers to submit any catches of released fish for statistical purposes.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

the current brown tag system on the river lee is ridiculous its literally a raffle for who can and cannot fish people living in the area should be allowed fish there rivers with a licence, or people within a fishing club should have access, also paying to fish rivers such as the Blackwater should be covered under a licence for salmon, the only place in cork to fish for salmon is lower innishannon and the upper bandon which is ridiculous

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

the tagging system works well

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

give access to members of fishing clubs and let people report back to inland fisheries the people who uphold the values of being a fisherman would report any wrongdoing and be left fish the rivers freely and give back to the public instead of being privatised

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

let the anglers who are in fishing clubs fish rivers and report to inland fisheries any wrongdoing and to uphold the values on rivers instead of being privatised

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It's not a Tagging problem It's a Migratory problem young Salmon/Sea Trout Smolts are dying in there thousands on there way out to Sea due to Excessive Sea Lice population due to a near buy Salmon Farm as has been proven beyond doubt in BC Canada [REDACTED]

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It's all ok apart from the Brown Tag lottery farce

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Scrap Brown Tags

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The scheme presumes that every river has the large run of Salmon during the same months.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The idea of a tagging number which can be recorded and logged is a good idea.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Provide a better form to record the catch. The form is very cramped .

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No proof of identity. People buying multiple licenses.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not a lot.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Should be electronic/phone based with a (KYC) know your customer process. Digital analysis of head photo could be used for tagging fish. A phone app could update central database in real time. Still will be a requirement for a small number of physical licenses/tags

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Sometimes the license is not available at the shop/ dealer

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Send back

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Ok

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Stop draft netting. Check better poaching

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

My understanding is commercial fisherman are not required to tag a salmon immediately once its caught. Salmon fishing as a recreational sport is far more valuable than commercial fishing. It is a good pastime that brings people great pleasure. It can generate a lot of tourism. All commercial fishing for Salmon and sea trout should be banned. If commercial fisherman want a couple of fish for the pot let them buy a rod license.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Stop all commercial fishing.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Club member [REDACTED]

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Interferes with fishing guide human rights they should get priority on tags so they can take their clients out and earn their living was there entitled to do

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Blue tags or perfect no need for brown tags whatsoever on a lake system

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Fish Farms are the problem as we all know if the government doesn't remove fish farms, salmon and sea trout fishing in Ireland will be gone

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1) Purchasing of license entitles holder to an allocation of tags - these should be issued at purchase and unused tags returned - the effect this is having is the extra travel on members , unnecessary contacts and potential that an angler may be left without a tag even though they have legally purchased their license for the year - all committed anglers want to fish within the rules but the rules have to be workable as well. 2) Total imbalance between recreational angling allocation and the nets allocation in the South West of Ireland only with regard to tags - the practice is unsustainable and it has to be agreeable discontinued with a meaningful deal being done with the remaining legal netting companies. 3) The salmon Conservation fund section of the license is viewed with distain by most members and many are firmly of the belief that its contributing to underhand kickbacks to individuals - it needs a radical overhaul before its the subject of an investigation .

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Feedback from members is that they feel they are contributing towards the sustainability of the salmon & seatrout on the rod caught basis by paying for their license and believe it assists the bailiffs and authorities in quickly identifying anglers who do

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1) To comply with consumer rights and proper practice , anglers should be granted their full allocation of tags at point of initial purchase 2) The salmon conversation fund aspect of the license needs to be overhauled - maybe quite well meaning in its inception , it has lost the faith of anglers and needs to be handled in a much more transparent way , subject to the same rules and responsibilities that govern the spending of any monies from the public purse and fall under the remit of the government financial watchdog .

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

No mention in the process to offer a breakdown of the tag allocation that goes to nets men in the South West Basin of Ireland - This practice is on an unsustainable footing given the high percentage of catch compared to the single figures of rod angling - meaningful agreement with nets men has to take place with a view to ceasing the practice with a fair settlement to the parties involved.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Lack of transparency to show where the fee is being spent , especially in relation to the salmon conservation fund section which is considerable. Also the practice to leave anglers without their full allocation of tags and to seek them to return to the shop/ distribution location to claim more as required is not good practice in these times and brings extra unnecessary travel for people who would like to minimize same.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The carrying of a license allows for genuine anglers to be easily identifiable to bailiffs etc and is a means of anglers contributing towards meaningful policing of the salmon waters

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Issue all 10 tags at purchase of license to minimize travel and unnecessary contact for people . Give an annual detailed regional breakdown of the salmon conservation spend for the region with independent consultant analysis of the projects undertaken .

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

No options in the survey to highlight the commercial netting tags and the imbalance with regard to recreationally angling allocation and the very obvious value to local economies from tourism angling instead of unsustainable netting practices .

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

tagging fine but licence expensive..particularly with regard to low stocks and no 1 or 2 week option.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tagging

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

open 1 or 2 week options for licence and cost to reflect chance of catching..currently between nil and slim (and slim has left town)

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I think conservation in terms of pollution in rivers is being ignored. No point tagging and putting all these measures in place if the fish are poisoned from raw sewage anyway

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

All, and people seems to be more educated and abide by the scheme

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Investigate pollution and use powers to go after those responsible

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Seems to work OK although as I fish mostly in [REDACTED] it is all catch and release for salmon and Sea Trout. Generally I don't mind this but would like to take an odd fish for the table when I am confident I can do so without damaging further stocks. Would like to know that my license fee can contribute to excellent stock control and good angling practice.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Provides for traceability equity of stock and encourages conservative harvesting in line with conservation targets to ensure future stocks in years to come.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I have often been asked by locals for any excess tags. Since visitors are fee paying license and permit holders the balance between local and visiting needs to be well managed. I have often seen excessive exploitation on some river sections

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Thank you. I hope the review leads to improved mangement of fish stocks in future years and encourages excellent angling in Ireland

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The cost of the license is quite high, it should be more transparent as to how much of this money is actually being invested in salmon conservation. The fact that quotas are based around the numbers of salmon that are in the logbook returns is problematic, it is an extremely unreliable source of data as I would imagine not all returns are accurate or honest.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The use of the tags themselves is a good system

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Decrease the cost of the licenses which will encourage people to buy them.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

One day licence very expensive.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Numerous outlets to purchase licences

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The licence should be physically smaller - debit card size- and be laminated to protect against wet weather and wear & tear. More fisheries officers are needed to implement the laws.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Its open to abuse because a mischievous angler can purchase more than one state licence if they wished in different names or versions of their name from different licence distributors around the country, and I believe this is happening now anecdotally. Carcass Tags can be removed from salmon and re-used by unscrupulous anglers if they so wished IFI do not effectively police the licencing requirement other than at the state owned fisheries. I have rarely been asked to produce my licence when fishing other rivers. This is a resourcing issue for IFI.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The limit of 10 fish per season is good notwithstanding comments about possible abuse above.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Require the angler to provide a unique identification e.g. PPS number to be entered on the licence, this can be checked and validated later when the licence is returned to IFI at the end of the season

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not enough tags Season too short

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tagging is good for keeping record of the quantity of fish

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

By increasing the number of tags and distributing them equally at the beginning of the season

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

A few weeks of Spring time fishing would be appreciated

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Catch and release is not promoted enough

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The online system works well

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Try incentivise catch and release more. For example if an angler returns all tags unused there should be a discount for next years licence. 10 tags is too many for anglers nowadays, three should be the maximum amount

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Coming in new to salmon angling last year and reading more one thing that stuck out was the allocation of 75% of brown tags to nets. Why is this? There is no chance C&R is being practised with nets whereas at least a significant number of anglers and clubs do practise C&R. This allocation has to be a huge drain on stocks. Also what checks are in place that fish taken by nets correspond to the tag allocation? Another issue last year was after paying for a salmon license the license and logbook was only made available in online format. Surely it would have not been too difficult to make hard copies available to anglers.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tags were sent out promptly as originally stated.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

If you are going the route of making salmon licenses available online only then maybe you should also consider providing the ability to allow anglers input their catch data from the season online also. Providing only online license and logbooks but then expecting anglers to print, maintain and post back catches is not a great system.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It's too manual ie paper based log book for recording catches.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Na

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

A phone app to input license number and tags issued. when one catches a fish tag it and record the tag number on the app. Benefits are live data of catches and no need to request paper based log books from anglers at end of season.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I fish on the river Moy.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Lack of regularly updated/accurate data on fish stocks in many smaller river systems to properly inform decisions on whether rivers should be open/ brown tag/C&R/ closed. Rivers moving abruptly from open to closed/ C&R, without being designated brown tag. Division between district licence and all districts licence outmoded when a max number of 10 fish can be retained. Fishing 2 rivers only a few kilometres apart may require an all districts licence, which is pretty illogical, when 2 rivers 100 km apart might lie within 1 District.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Necessary to restrict the number of fish that can be retained by anglers.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Ensure all designated rivers are electrofished annually, as best determinant of salmon and sea trout stocks. Increase the use of brown tags in small river systems. Abolish district licences and replace with 1 licence.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags given to anglers

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Online aspect works well, being able to purchase online

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

If its on pdf format that should be acceptable to fishery officers. Having a paper copy to hand is not practical at all times

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

commercial netting in rivers and estuary must stop..catch and release in all rivers for 5 years also.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

works fine as is with regards to tagging, logging and requirement to keep licence on you ..

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I'm from clare, clare rivers need restoration, badly.. Fergus the rine and the doonbeg rivers need alot of work in order to encourage salmon and trout stocks to recover, especially the rine, very over grown with debris and slit

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The system is too manual and paper based.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The tagging of fish is an essential element and the compulsion to make annual returns is very important.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The introduction of a digital system to replace the paper based system would be preferable. Virtually all anglers will have access to a smart phone while fishing. The license should be available for inspection on these devices through an app much like the current Covid cert. Log book entries and records should be completed online and be available for inspection through the app. Fishery officers would have access to the central database so that any angler claiming they did not have their phone with them or that their phone was out of battery could be checked. The first time the applicant registered and paid for their license, the physical tags would be distributed as currently (either by post or by collection from established agents). The tag numbers would be applied centrally to the digital record. Tags would remain live on the anglers record until used and would not expire at the end of the season. The app would let anglers apply for additional tags as required but only when their digital record accounted for all tags used. This would mean anglers would not have to return unused tags at the end of the season which in turn would greatly reduce the number of tags having to be distributed and then redistributed by IFI. A paper based system could be retained for those anglers who were not comfortable using the digital system but that would very much be the exception. As with the current system, angling records would have to be updated in real time by anglers. This would have the distinct advantage of giving IFI instant access to catch numbers to allow for more proactive fishery management on a catchment by catchment basis. The app would also be very helpful in building a fishing community and helping IFI to communicate with their stakeholders. The app could include for example the ability to report illegal activity directly to IFI. In order to encourage take up, the IFI app could also have a personal section to allow anglers to record details of their fishing for their own personal records including water and weather conditions, flies/lures in use, river height, exact catch location etc and picture and video records of their catches. These images and videos could then be shared with IFI or a private network within the app if desired. The app could also have a forum section for feedback and for communication around general items of interest to the angling community. In order to encourage adoption of the new app, first time applicants could receive a discounted rate for the salmon license. The app would then also notify anglers when their license needed to be renewed. If an angler chose not to renew their license, despite app reminders, the outstanding tags on their record would be invalidated.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The fact that the increase in fish that may be kept over the summer months can still adversely impact the multi sea winter salmon population

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The brown tag system is very effective at protecting more vulnerable fisheries

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Consideration should be given to continuing the restriction of taking multi sea winter fish over the whole season. Perhaps a lower limit of fish taken over a certain length

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Lack of distributors

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It's a basically a good system

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make licences and tags be distributed through the post office network

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The distribution must continue to be done through outlets as well as online

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Its too complicated to get information on which rivers are opened , which rivers are closed and which are catch and release and which ones fish can be taken from and which clubs operate on which river. Getting permits from the ESB to fish the River Lee at the dam are too complicated. Why cant the permits be carried on our phones. Its very expensive for it is. It relies on anglers being honest on recording the fish they caught

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make the scheme easier to understand why we are using the tags and explain the value Make it cheaper.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Why are fish counters for the ESB not working Why are there not enough ballifs on the water

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Any further restriction of tags will likely result in less fish being recorded on licences. Some people fish a lot more than others.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

When buying online licence you still need to print it out yourself. Also Counts arent accurate as not all licences are returned

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

1 spring fish per day and 3 summer fish per day is fair

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Move to an online reporting system for caught fish as it should help to gather more accurate info

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not enforced. Too many anglers taking too many salmon.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Forces the environmentally conscious angler to consider catches

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

C&r after certain dates, no shipping salmon to other countries. No tags issued to travelling anglers

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Don't close rivers as anglers are the best balifs and eyes on the water

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags issued and all salmon over 6lb should be returned alive or dead to rivers as too many big salmon are killed

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I feel personally that the current system is outdated and doesn't work

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduce numbers issued and bring in a maximum size for killing

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Salmon need protection and numbers are critical in most rivers. More education regarding catch and release would be a great help to encourage more anglers to return fish.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Commercial fisheries should be closed. A lottery for tags on the river lee in cork was in place this year which meant many anglers could not fish their local river but the commercial fishery remained open. Thats an absolute disgrace

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Logging and tagging in general is painless and works well.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

A number of rivers have been closed now for a long period due to low salmon stocks although they are primarily sea trout rivers with a healthy stock of sea trout. The scheme should allow for fishing for sea trout where there are sufficient stocks. If salmon are protected in such a river then make it catch and release for the salmon stock of such a river and allow sea trout fishing. The behy river in glenbeigh is an example of this.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Most anglers practice catch and release at this stage remove the commercial fisheries.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The fact that it is paper based and that the fishery board only get the catch numbers after the season has closed.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It encourages most anglers to obey the rules because the Tag is visible on the fish.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make the daily catch returns digital.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

If we are serious about fishery management we should look at restricting salmon/seatrout angling at the top of the systems and make them sanctuaries after August.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Yes

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Availability of short term licenses is good

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Develope an app that would allow the angler to buy licences and act as a log book

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1) too many tags assigned to each licence holder. 2) people not tagging fish, only way to solve this completely is make salmon fishing all C&R. 3) people reporting salmon that were hooked and lost as caught & released fish on logbooks, to bump up the numbers so the river won't be closed or made brown tag. To ensure they will be allowed harvest salmon the following season.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The tags themselves are very secure and once closed, cannot be opened and reused again. If every licence holder is honest in their recording of catches then it's a good way of monitoring catch rates on each river.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1) get rid of tags altogether and make salmon fishing c&r for a few years. The decision can be reassessed to see if stocks improve. The only ones that will complain are the meat hunters, no genuine pleasure angler will complain about not being able to reduce an already dangerously low stock of fish. 2) ban the prawn on every river. A gang of people fishing prawns can do just as much damage to a fishery as a net. 3) Open the rivers that have been closed for years, And make them c&r. The only people still "fishing" these rivers are poachers so having genuine anglers out and about on the rivers will make poaching much harder.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

It is no secret that salmon and sea trout numbers are rapidly dwindling. Extreme situations call for extreme measures. Please do not allow salmon and sea trout angling to become a distant memory in the future.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Would like to buy licence online and return online

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Physical tagging is easy enough

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Go on line fully

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

As I am an occasional angler (4/10 visits to the river a year) why not have a licence priced accordingly. Those that fish most pay most.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Commercial sector being overly policed, as we have the staff do achieve this, but not enough resources to effectively police anglers & in my opinion it is now here' where the problem of recording catches lays.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The only part of the Tagging Scheme that works well is the clarity that if an angler, or commercial operator is found in possession of an untagged Salmon, or Sea Trout, then he/she is liable for prosecution. I do not see any other benefit - returns from r

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

More boots on the ground to administer/oversee/police the scheme & more timely review of logbooks at end of season.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Inland Fisheries need to do more in relation to river systems that are found to be under their conservation limit. It is not good enough to close a river system for Salmon & Sea Trout in the hope that it will simply recover itself.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

too cumbersome, liable to abuse

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Having to have tags in fish

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

real time reporting of catches.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Insufficient tags been issued and not enough checking by IFI.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tamper proof tags work well but wont stop untagged been put in car boots.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Allow more tags to be purchased at nominal fee, allowing better record of fish caught.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Allowing local anglers only 10 tags for season is part of the problem, hence untagged fish.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The problem is log books are not being checked often enough. Anglers Vehicles are not being searched/checked enough while at the river/lake, or while leaving the place when fishing is finished to check for untagged fish.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The new tags seem to be more tamper proof.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It could be improved by allowing the tourist/ local angler to buy a limited number of extra tags if the case arose. Possibly making the tagging scheme more accurate.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The scheme is not as rigorous as it needs to be - it still facilitates over fishing and under reporting

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The river I fish has too long a season - some anglers pay lip service early season and late season allocation of tags

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Rigorously Curtail season length, plus ban worm/shrimp/spinner which damage kelts and fresh fish

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

IFI need to be much more proactive in prosecuting poachers, promoting catch and release, helping spawning and hatcheries

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It's paper based and would be a lot better if run as an app on your phone. Too many tags are allowed.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The simplicity

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Put it online, reduce number of tags, and don't close rivers as it just promotes poaching

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The distribution of tags only after use of initial allowance of tags can be very inconvenient. Particularly for fishers on spate rivers. If one has a single tag left from an allocation it is possible that one could catch a fish at start of a flood and be unable to take a further fish for days, at which time the water level is likely to have dropped and may not have good fishing conditions again for weeks. Leading to an increased temptation to take fish without tagging. The increased emphasis on online distribution of tags causes difficulty for members who are not used to using electronic communication. This can particularly affect but is not limited to older members. It also increases the time it takes to distribute tags.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The physical tagging of fish works well and is a good method of controlling and recording of actual catches as long as it is properly enforced and licence holders are returning records.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Insist on return of catch logs - could some penalty apply to non returns?

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not enough rivers open

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

All aspects

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Let salmon anglers on their local rivers

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

If salmon anglers were let fish their local rivers on catch and release it would stop the poachers taking fish from the river.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It's a waste of money issuing and regulating Gill tags when draught nets are decimating wild Atlantic salmon

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Absolutely none of it ! It's a waste of licence payers money , paying oxygen thief's to police it Ifl are a shameful disease and an excuse to protect a natural resource

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

They should look at Spey fishery board and Ness District fishery board and hang there disgraceful heads in shame

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any of your failures

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

None

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

That all killed fish have to be tagged

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

As an angler who fishes in other countrys a lot of them like our tagging system if an anglers want to keep a fish , and record releases fish

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Juvenile licence tags should be a different colour. 10 tags too many. Tag colours need to be changed every year. Tags too easy for angler to reuse.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There should be different coloured tags for juvenile licences so parents cannot abuse the system and use these tags in addition to their own. Change the tag colour dramatically each year so anglers cannot reuse old tags. Reduce number of annual tags to 5 and open all fisheries. Need more fishery officers checking for tagged fish. Witnessed fish being killed on R Moy this year and no tags used. Bigger fines should be issued.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Fish being caught, killed and not tagged.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tags, per se, are a good idea

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No genuine salmon angler needs 10 tags. I'd be happy with 2

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

the casual tourist angler is unaware that a licence is required when arriving at a site during the course of their travels. They just pull up and start fishing. there are no notices advising of the rules and regulations. In the S/W I have often driven past likely fishing spots and been tempted to stop and cast a line.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make licence requirements more visible.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

As a bass angler who sea fishes, there should be a specific sea trout license when fishing in the sea. It is very difficult at certain locations to determine which catchment area the fish maybe from. There is also difficulty in the <40cm rule?

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The physical tagging.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Have a specific sea fishing sea trout licence. As recreational bass fishing has increased dramatically through the COVID-19 pandemic sea trout are inadvertently being caught by bass anglers. Further clarification or licenses for the sea at a reduced cost should be implemented to ensure additional protection measures can be implemented by IFI.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Do not publish any of my personal information.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Fish farms significantly damage wild fish stocks and the ocean bed - banning them is essential to the future of fish stocks and the sport

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Electronic returns, review appropriateness of current open seasons

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The scheme is not policed, anglers can take fish and not tag them

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Records the reported catch

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Use an app to record the tag barcode in real time on a smart phone..... which would also give the location of anglers etc

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No real time data available

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Distribution of tags works well. Requirement for reporting of catches during season.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Issue of tags beyond first three for anglers should require a return to IFI of catches. This could be simply achieved by an online return and the issue of a code to access more tags from a distributor. Commercial tags should be limited by time period, for example part of the quota should be confined to May / June with no transfer to July. It is still our opinion that commercial exploitation should not be taking place as stocks are not robust enough.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The licence could be smaller and easier to carry. There is not enough enforcement. I don't know what the penalty for not tagging a fish is, but it should be very high.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Please see my first answer above

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Lack of enforcement; Club members not licensed or ignoring regulations. Requirement for brown tags; Access to brown tags especially for a dawn start and/or taking advantage of a dropping spate. The beat system on some small spate rivers makes little sense and it's rarely enforced. In addition, club members appear to roam freely between beats, whereas non-club members are restricted.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Structure of licence options; Return of logbook - this could be real time through an app.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Better Enforcement; poaching and misreporting are rife. Ensuring club members are licensed and not free to roam beats. Option for the real time reporting of catch and effort. Sorting out or getting rid of the brown tag requirement or making access easier i.e. virtual (like a covid cert perhaps) and possibly automatic, when required. Feedback to licence holders (e.g. end of season summary reports for the waters they have fished).

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The only practical problem would seem to be carrying paperwork around while angling.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I believe that the tagging scheme has helped to reduce illegal/excessive killing of salmonids and provided useful additional information for the management of stocks.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I suggest for the recreational fishery the following; 1. Anglers be in possession of the appropriate tags at all times when angling. 2. Fish must be tagged immediately on capture/ dispatch where permitted to do so. 3. Log book must be filled in on SAME DAY but not mandated to be in the possession of the angler while fishing. It is not practical to fill up a paper form on the river bank and log books get damaged/lost etc. 4. Perhaps an ID card as opposed to a log book for identification purposes on the river bank.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

More staff please to apply the regulations.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags People abuse the system not tagging and easily get away with it People getting children license to get more tags Penalties are poor Instant catch report to avoid people claiming the 3 fish on their boot was from yesterday This year's tag broke very easy Freeport envelope from NI too please

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Some anglers do restrict their catch An idea of how well rivers are doing

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduce the tags to 5 Create app for instant catch reports Bigger penalties More people on the ground No tags allowed before June 1st

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

We really need to raise more awareness of survival post sea travel. I'm sick of people saying all the damage is at sea. The angler doesn't have control of this but they do what control of what makes it up to the breeding streams.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

IFI not policing the waters good enough, don't want to do anything about poaching unless it's a few young lads, then you see the chest puffs out

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

[REDACTED]

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Allow more tags to get a better understanding of fish caught, treat anglers with respect and work with them

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Don't see any problems

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Simple to understand and easy to use

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Maybe a scale sample with every tag returned

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The tagging system in place seems a pretty good method of protecting and recording catches

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Letting any salmon being killed

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

A limit on fish being killed

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Complete catch and release

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The paper license is big and awkward for carrying.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There needs to be an app created for the IFI where's one's license can be held.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Maybe give people an option at the start of the season to get a digital license or a paper license.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduced nó of open fisheries leading to non reporting of fish caught

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Limit on amount of fish allowed to be kept good for stocks

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

All anglers should be allowed to keep at least 1 fish if they wish shouldn't have to rely on raffle to obtain tag

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

We need to have further restrictions on commercial salmon seatrout fishing to keep anglers compliant with the regulations

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Restrictions on fishing recreationally unless having possession of a Brown Tag

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Works to try to regulate and sustain catch quantities & allow more sustainable fishing.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Encourage more "Catch & Release" — reward this action more somehow - the Wooden Badge a few years ago was a good idea !

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

More river patrols during the season - often see many anglers fishing illegally , while everyone else tries to abide to the rules & the law .

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Generally well pleased with current system. One difficulty is the distribution of brown tags - by lottery for our River in 2021. None distributed to fishery owners or clubs controlling the fishing. While there may not be a perfect system for distributing these, I am aware of people who never fish the river have applied and obtained brown tags....at the expense of anglers who do and are unsuccessful in the lottery.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The system has I feel gained increased acceptance over the last 20 years, perhaps because there is an increasing awareness and acceptance amongst anglers of the need to conserve our salmon.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Find a better way to distribute the brown tags to ensure they reach those anglers who fish the river more regularly and act as custodians of the River- and by this I do not mean they get more than one tag or a greater individual allocation. Remember it is these regular anglers that cut and clean the riverbank and are the eyes and ears of IFI.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

On the River Lee there is a huge imbalance in the allocation of the Total Allowable Catch between the nets and rods. The draft nets (approx 14 licence holders) had an allocation in 2021 of approx 500 salmon whereas some 300 anglers who fish the Lee had a quota of 189 salmon (sorry but I do not have the exact figures to hand). There is no equity in this distribution and it needs to be reviewed.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Although impossible to man all bodies of water, a lot of people “chancers” fish with no regard for licensing or tagging! Furthermore, there has been a serious decline in wild salmon in the black water for a number of years, no doubt, leaving some people questioning why they’d pay for a license and tags at all. Furthermore, where is the money for these licenses going? It appears the back pocket of many men, rather than redistributed and put back into the sport for the better of the animals and sports people.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Numbering of tags and single use of each tag, however, not everyone abides by these rules.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Try and actively stop those who fish illegally and/or use mass catching equipment such as river wide nets up stream, which not only hinder the sport, but also actively decreases the number of salmon, among other fish, impacting their breeding and growth for future seasons!

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Farmed salmon is shite as is it's dyed counterparts

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

people can get any amount of tags by given a different name every time they purchase a licence .

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

it doesnt work well ...its a free for all out there.seldom I get my licence checked, what would work well would be to have anglers produce personal iD when a licence is been checked

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

people need to produce a ID card , driving licence, before licence is issued,,licence should be posted to home address.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

dam removal, diverting water,, water extraction, septic tanks been washed out in rivers, the fine has to match the crime .no good a couple of hundred euro fine...fine should double every time the same person is caught mis treating our waterways...nets have to be removed from all our rivers before its to late,,,prawn and worm fishing should be banned . and all salmon farms should be land based. its a tall order but we live in hope.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It's outdated and should be replaced with an App for mobile phones

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Develop an app for mobile phones

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It is been exploited by a few who kill as many fish and they can. This is a common problem on the Moy in Mayo especially when the grilse are running. I feel the Spring Salmon should be given more protection by limiting catches of these important fish. 3 Spring salmon per angler until the 1 June max catch. No fish over certain measurements throughout the angling season. This will give bigger and better genes in the spawning time.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The system works well, just there are anglers who are greedy.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

More fishery officer's on the water is very important. Hefty fines for disregarding the regulation and laws.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

A lot of the smaller rivers in Co. Wexford are being exploited by netting. Particularly bad are the Crock and Owenduff in Wellington bridge, Wexford. Ireland has wonderful rivers but more needs to be done to protect and improve stocks. I am glad this survey is taking place. I hope some changes happen to protect salmon and sea trout in Ireland. I strongly believe that the 12th May should be put back to 1 June to protect spring fish more. So one a day and only 3 tags until 1 June.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

As a recreational angler, I've got no issue with the physical tagging of salmon and sea trout but I do have serious concerns with respect to the Appropriate Assessment Screening (Invas 2000), which underpins the current salmon and sea trout bye-law and the management of open fisheries with a harvest surplus particularly Lough Corrib SAC. Based on 2020 data, the 2021 'Conservation Limit (CL)' for Atlantic salmon entering Lough Corrib SAC was 7,551 fish with a harvestable surplus of 4,540. In plain English, this means that 4,540 salmon could be harvested this year and still have a sustainable population remaining in the system. This data is based on the fish counter at the Weir in Galway but doesn't take in to consideration the health of the spawning rivers upstream. Even though consistent numbers of salmon have been returning to the Corrib system on an annual basis in recent years, this gives a "false positive" in relation to the overall health of the system. For example, the Owenriff Catchment a key salmon nursery within the Corrib system, which straddles two SACs has been decimated by an illegal introduction of invasive pike. Pike have severely impacted the Owenriff and its ability to produce smolts for downstream migration to the sea. Under current metrics used by IFI and the Dept. of Environment, this impact is airbrushed over by solely using Weir based counter numbers. As a consequence, the validity of the 2020 Invas prepared Appropriate Assessment Screening could be potentially challenged in court as it fails to assess the impact of invasive fish species on Irish salmon stocks in SACs. In an IFI report published this year, 'The Status of Irish Salmon Stocks in 2020 with Catch Advice for 2021. Report of the Technical Expert Group on Salmon', the following statement was made with respect to small salmon populations; "Although these are insignificant fisheries (accounting for less than 0.5% of the total national rod catch when combined), their stocks are important as spawning populations in their own right, which must be maintained as constituent elements of biodiversity, as required under the EU Habitats Directive". In other words, all individual salmon stocks irrespective of population size are important and must be maintained in a favourable conservation condition as per the primacy of EU law. Therefore, the question must be asked, are IFI allowing the Galway Weir counter numbers to mask the problems with the Owenriff Catchment in a bid to sidestep the EU Habitats Directive? If the EU Habitats Directive was being adhered to properly, all salmon producing tributary rivers within Lough Corrib SAC should have fish counters installed to properly assess overall Corrib stocks and to pinpoint underperforming nursery rivers. Furthermore, the current regulations for open fisheries should be consistent with local rules. For example in the Galway Weir Fishery, there is a current local rule for a bag limit of 1 fish [multi-sea-winter salmon (fish of 3.63kg/8lbs+)] per angler up to August 31st. This rule was introduced as a "further conservation measure". However, this local rule undermines the very premise of the conservation limit and the surplus calculated each year for Lough Corrib SAC. Either the Corrib is a sustainable fishery or not but please don't have asinine local rules for a small section of the Corrib River that make no negligible difference to overall stocks. This local rule regarding multi-sea-winter-salmon looks even more ridiculous when an angler holding a valid licence fishing legitimately 400 metres upstream at UCG can potentially harvest 3 multi-sea-winter-salmon in one day between May 12th and August 31st. Finally, IFI need to cease the promotion of 'CPR (catch, photo, release) angling' on open fisheries. CPR angling makes no material difference to open fisheries that have a harvestable quota. IFI and Dept. of Environment documentation support this position. If IFI deem that CPR angling should be promoted on a particular open river/system/catchment for conservation purposes then that open system should be really be closed to all rod and line angling. IFI cannot have their cake and eat it. In recent times this nonsense reached its zenith when the slogan 'choose catch & release' was printed on its blue gill tags for harvested fish. The irony was obviously lost on some.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Overall, the current licence and tagging scheme works well as counting exercise but it is too dependent on anglers returning hard copies of their logbook in a timely manner to IFI through the postal system. A future app could be developed for real time en

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1. An improved Appropriate Assessment Screening for the 2022 Salmon and Sea Trout Licence/Tagging Scheme needs to be produced particularly for the bigger catchments such as Lough Corrib SAC as the current Invas produced screening wouldn't stand up to legal scrutiny in an Irish or European Court. 2. The promotion of 'CPR angling' on open fisheries must cease. 3. Local fishery rules for open systems must not conflict with national or local licence rules such as the current nonsensical rules for the Galway Weir fishery as discussed under question 1. 4. The creation of a licence app and QR codes on gill tags to aid data collection and processing.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Archaic method of reporting catches and often inaccurate. Live reporting should start

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The number of tags given is appropriate

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Build an app for reporting. Attach the tag, take a pic which scans the tag and upload it to the app and then no need for sending back reports at the end of the season. You will have live data and more accurate info. You could manage quotas on rivers like this= enough fish killed now the river is c&r for the rest of the season

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Only allow 1 springer to be killed per season

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

On the River Lee if I buy a district licence I do not get a brown tag and I am given 3 blue tags I have to enter a draw for a brown tag

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

When you catch and tag a fish you should be able to upload a photo to an online log book

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Remove the brown tag and give all anglers a chance

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not enough tags

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None, it doesn't work well at all

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Stop harassing people fishing and go after industrial trawlers fishing off the coast of Ireland

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

problem with obtaining tags when local supplier closes for weekend or long weekend bank holiday,

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

not working well as per above

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

issue the yearly total at time of licence purchase. current restrictions regarding number of fish caught during certain periods does not have to change.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

If the plan was to introduce the issuing of tags by applying online was to be introduced this would only be viable if the yearly quota was issued at one go. It is unreasonable to expect anglers to use 1 or 3 tags as the case may be and then to show proof of use prior to being issued next lot of tags by post which would take several days. Any river that is spate by nature would be at serious disadvantage by this method.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

A paper licence and logbook is impractical on water....could we have an app instead ? Tagging and killing salmon is an outdated concept in most countries now and more needs to be done in Ireland to educate and encourage catch and releasemaybe one fish per angler that has to be logged at time of killing and all other fish must be returned...a lot more needs to be done also on poaching and tackling black spots which everyone knows about, with garda support.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I don't think it does work well

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Digitalisation of license and catch record via app. Educate fishermen on why release is important and discourage damaging fishing methods like worming .

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

We need to go more with gardaí support to tackle poaching and threats

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The paper logbooks.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Have the logbook run through a mobile app instead of on paper.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Unoperable in most situations ie the regulations regarding filling of log books on the river bank in most weather conditions, also the two click tag is unnecessary and can lead to confusion between angler's and Bailiffs, its either closed or open, a scanner system on your phone is a lot more friendly user and would more sense and would eliminate the necessity of completing reems of paper work.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The registration of licence holders nothing else

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

By implementing my comments in section 1

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I think the issuing of multi national licenses and cumbersome and confusing an alternative method should be examined such a one for all licence at a balanced rate taking into account age of the angler, duration of licence period is acceptable and in my opinion works but regional licensing is an nonsense in these times, ie a gun licence is national as is a driving licence amongst many others

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There should be an optional App where catch records are recorded instead of the paper logbook which inevitably gets damaged by water. Tags are neither practical nor foolproof. We all know anglers who use the inclosed tags to carry the fish to the car and then reuse the same tag many times.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Provide a phone App instead of the paper logbook.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The current system allows for 3 fish a day starting in may, and only one fish per day before that, as the spring runs are getting later and there's longer periods of low water where fish tend to congregate in known pools, perhaps the 3 fish rule should be moved to the end of may or else provide a total of 3 tags in a different colour and 7 tags in blue, the new colour tags could be for fish over 7 lb or over a certain size and the regular blue tags are for the average fish, this might help provide a bit more protection to the larger spring fish, and also on some rivers large summer / autumn fish. So currently the system allows for 3 larger fish per day when 3 larger fish per season is more than enough

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It is easy to get, easy to use and easy to see

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Supply 2 different colour tags, 3 green and 7 blue, green tags are for fish over 6 or 7 lb and only allowed to use 1 green tag on any given day to help protect stocks of larger size fish

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

[REDACTED]

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Don't have all day to think of something.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Nationwide prawn/shrimp ban and ban the anglers who break fishery legislation [REDACTED]

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Insufficient monitoring of anglers on Bank. Fish not being tagged. Tags swapped between anglers. Unused tags given to other anglers. Too many tags per angler.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Limit tags to 2 per annum per anglers. Use money from licences for spawning bed improvements

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It is a good scheme but the threat of being caught doesn't stop certain fishermen from taking salmon once their tags are used. Some fishermen feel they should keep ten salmon as they have ten tags. I agree that ten salmon over a season is a fair number and should not be reduced. Perhaps a deposit scheme where anglers get three tags with their licence and can collect more at €10 per tag. At the end of the season they can return and get a refund for unused tags. This would generate more income for IFI and make an angler think before killing a fish thus encouraging catch and release.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The majority of anglers have learned fish catch and release to conserve their tags. Once an angler experiences the pleasure of watching a fish swim off strongly after a good fight they are more likely to release fish in the future. Tags work well generally

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I think as I mentioned above. There should be a cost per tag paid in advance as a deposit which will be returned if the tag is not used. There is no digital alternative to physical tags at present as this would be open to abuse with excuses like my phone fell in the river or my battery has ran out. There could be an app on which anglers recorded tags used within 24 hours of catching a fish. This would give IFI live catch reports each day and anglers could not manipulate their returns at the end of the season or reuse tags. When an IFI Officer requests an angler's licence on the river bank they have the ability to instantly check that anglers online record.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Closed rivers are vulnerable to poaching without the supervision of anglers. Catch & Release is better than closing a river. Worm fishing should be discouraged and shrimp fishing more widely embraced for catch and release reasons. Commercial netting of wild salmon is disgraceful and should be banned. Open net salmon farming should be banned also and replaced with inland contained farms.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Nothing is relevant without adequate restocking.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

People not tagging fish as 10 may be too low for some rivers which allow worm fishing

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The logbook is a great concept but probably isn't filled in truthfully by all anglers

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Doing tagging systems for separate rivers throughout the country and allowing for more tags in some rivers and less in others

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

More fishery officers are needed patrolling the banks of rivers to ensure people are adhering to rules and then a higher percentage of fish will be released other than killed illegally

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It doesn't work well tags can be open after fish brought home and used again,

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Different colour tags for different months, plus I don't think any rivers should open till first of April give spawning fish to return and close 30th is Sept as most fish are coloured and with low water conditions nearly always salmon are weak

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Just less tags for spring fish , make up different when grilse are in,

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Size of fish been allowed to keep

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Restrictions on numbers caught

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Don't allow the keeping of any salmon over 10lb or any sea trout over 5lb , we also need size restriction limits been proven in Iceland big fish reproduction increases the size of fish on systems over time

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It relies solely on the discretion of the licence holder. Too many fail to Tag/Record or bother to submit any information. The scheme also encourages the killing of Fish, 10 per Rod per year, instead of encouraging or insisting Catch and release.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None. There are too many anomalies to make any information useful, and certainly not enough safeguards to ensure the current information is accurate.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Do away with the Scheme, and enforce "Catch and Release" throughout the State.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I have resided and Fished on the Munster Blackwater for over 16yrs, and am dismayed at the lack of attention this river receives from the Authorities, being noted as one of "Ireland's Premier Fisheries", I witness on a daily basis what is really happening to this once prolific river, and am ashamed at the degradation being allowed, through pollution, overfishing, and planned development.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Far too many different regional licenses, make lot more sense to have just one to cover whole country. Do away with district licences

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

They give an idea of numbers of fish caught (not that accurate) but would certainly show a trend overall

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Personall I would give out the ten tags on purchase of a license and save anglers possible having to leave a river and seek out nearest license dealer (who can be a distance away) to get additional tags and having to stop fishing. Going to a river in summer months with one tag left is an annoyance if fishing happened to be productive.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

My suggestion in regards to tags being issued save license distributors lot extra and unnecessary work and having up to 19 different district licences in a country the size of Ireland is madness. Would also stop some people purchasing up to four or five licences and what temptation that offers to exploloit number of tags tha5 can be got. The price should be pitched between the current cos5 of an all districts licence and a district one.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Scrap district licenses. Reduce cost of all districts license to compensate for change. This allows everyone to fish in different areas occasionally if on holidays etc.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Catch and release portion works well when enforced. Any rivers being 'closed' is unenforceable as effectively all anglers have to do, to fish these rivers is use barbless hooks.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The cost of day permits to rivers if sell online need to be reduced to support greater access for local people. Permits at €30+ is crazy money given the odds of connecting with salmon.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The licence is an A4 paper sheet supplied in a cheap plastic wallet that is a burden to bring. It WILL get saturated and become illegible. I have taken to leaving my licence in my vehicle which is not ideal if asked for it by an IFI inspector. Surely a signed credit card type annual licence could be issued? Or a unique ID pin badge with serial Number? More compact tags would help also

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It provides data. When introduced It was the beginning of the end for commercial salmon fishing.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

1. Proof of identity & address required to obtain a "credit card" or worn badge style compact licence that can be carried more easily. When proof of identity and address is provided then IFI post licence to that address. 2. The option of online logbook returns. Phasing in of mandatory online returns in 5-7 years. Returns could be submitted weekly/monthly etc. This would allow for in-season management of catches 3. On the above point, the development of an app similar to the IFI sea angling app would be useful. Pictures of fish could be uploaded along with details etc etc

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

[REDACTED]

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Nothing

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Disband the IFI and hire some professionals

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

[REDACTED] Corrib infested by invasive weed, sea trout decimated all over the country, pike infestation on biggest spawning river of Corrib, 35 years fishing, catch never checked once, locals in Galway take their life in their hands if they need to land a fish [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the reality is they are doing absolutely nothing and responsible for the decimation of angling in Ireland costing the country millions every year in lost tourism revenue.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many licensees for too many catchment areas, I find the cost of single licence good value but cost of an all Ireland license prohibitive as I might only fish once or twice a season outside my usual river

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Smaller license to make it easier to carry around , , the midlands permit which the shop prints for me is a perfect size to laminate and carry around

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

None that I know of.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

At least you can see the tag and know the fish has been caught legitimately.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make the tag brighter and more user friendly.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I think policing of the system could be improved but more importantly knowledge among anglers and riparian landowners as to why the system is important for research and conservation.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The national network of licence providers is excellent. So too is the information available about the limits of the licence.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

With reference to the above responses, I feel that the distribution of knowledge and information about the operation and importance of the tagging programme could be communicated more effectively. I think many anglers have a very vague understanding of why it is important and necessary.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I found your survey link online. In my experience many of the salmon and sea trout anglers in Ireland are of an older generation who are not necessarily regular users of online resources. I understand that they are a very challenging group to engage in sociological research but they also have a tremendous knowledge and experience. Kindest regards and the very best of luck with your research.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The online site is a pain to use. And trying to figure out fishing area is a nuisance

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

A means to record salmon caught. Also having to carry home a fish with a tag, can highlight someone that is unlicensed.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Improve web site, have wider variety of licence duration and have more locational flexibility. I pay 100 euro for two weeks fishing, I need an annual season to cover the separate weeks and I always end up with a nationwide licence as I might do a day in another area.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I DO NOT THINK THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT SCHEME OTHER THAN GETTING MORE THAN 70% OF ANGLERS TO RETURN LOGBOOKS.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

THE CURRENT SCHEME WORKS VERY WELL AND WHY CHANGE IF NOT BROKEN, WE HAVE GOT USED TO THE CURRENT SYSTEM

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

WE REQUIRE TO ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNGSTERS AND THE JUVENILE LICENCE FEE SHOULD BE REDUCED FOR ALL ANGLERS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I WOULD BE AGAINST TOTAL CATCH & RELEASE, NOTWITHSTANDING I RELEASE AROUND 80% OF THE SALMON I CATCH. CLOSING RIVERS TO ANGLERS LEAVES THE RIVERS AFFECTED DEVOID OF ANGLING INTEREST AND A FREE FOR ALL TO POACHERS/POLLUTERS

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Biggest problem for me is as a recreational angler on a spate river is that if I use last tag of, say, first 3 tags issued it takes a minimum of 3 days to obtain further tags via online system. By this time flood has abated and I may not have another opportunity in good conditions for weeks.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I do agree with the tagging system and believe it makes things more difficult for those who abuse system and harvest an excessive number from a scarce resource.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I don't understand why full quota of tags can not be issued with licence. This would also reduce the amount of admin for IFI personnel.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It is not being policed well enough.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Opening day checking of license's by fishery officers.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

All year round checks not just one day.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Tags need to be reduced in size and designed to be easily carried. The same is true of the hard copies of licence papers which should come in the size of a bank card, drivers licence, etc. Use modern technology to be more effective. When a tag is used the angler should register online straight away.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Catch and release - but it relies on too much trust without further checking hence the need to back up with online registration.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

See above plus maybe a need for sending in an update during the season eg. end of June?

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

As above. I find Survey Monkey generally a very poor vehicle for gathering good quality information. I came across the report of IFI carrying out Public Consultation quite by chance and it is similar to most so called "Public Consultation" in my experience. It is really not set up in a way to gather a wide range of responses and one has to question whether the organisation truly wants the bother of receiving and examining a wide range of responses - or is it a box ticking exercise?

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No place for male or female on the logbook. Logbook should be smaller but have more pages.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The tags. And able to get it on line .

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Rivers that have a quote salmon that are put back should be tagged and if cough again must not be killed when cough with a tag in. And each time it's cough another tag should be put in the salmon and must be entered into the logbook each time it cough. It will give better accuracy and count at the end of year. New tags for all C&R anglers and Rivers.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

I fish the Drowes in January each year I it sickness me to see lads fishing worms at that time of year. Worm should not be allowed on all rivers until April to give all spent fish a chance to get back to sea. It will save a lot of fish.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Difficulty with obtaining tags especially on weekends when shop closed

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not working well in some areas as per above

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Receive yearly quota in one go

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Its 21 years out of date 1/5 century and little update ... see below my rationale clubs in Munster, which can/should lead the way in conservation and catch and release,, the concept of every member who has a salmon license potentially being able to stick a plastic tag into 10 dead salmon, a species on a serious decline,, is somewhat behind the environmental curve,,, big time. The River Suir and other rivers has enjoyed a huge resurgence in fishing thanks to catch and release. If one fishes in Norway, as some of our members have enjoyed in recent years and many other continental countries, its almost entirely releasing of salmon,,, its almost a crime to kill a salmon in Norway never mind stick a piece of plastic in the creatures gills when they have swan through a mire of plastic strewn ocean to get to t Irish Rivers. No Tags in Norway and other countries, each fish caught is logged into an APP on a mobile phone laptop etc mandatory to do same day,, same day generates real time statistics on fish runs and health of salmon runs into rivers. Angling Associations can seek their own limit on salmon takes, such as many other Clubs and groups have done, we all like a salmon or two and maybe that's enough , a quota of two fish , no plastic tags at all,, an APP to log catch's in real time, no soggy log book/ license with illegible writing after a season in fishing jacket, and SEVERE penalties for those who breach IFI or Club rules , ie no salmon license issued, a ban of 5 years 30% of all anglers don't return logbooks, unused tags, no penalties, no follow up and no rewards for those who do, return ,, clearly a system that doesn't work Clubs with one of the highest salmon angling memberships in Munster should be leading the way on this and show initiative., or else there won't be anything to " tag "in a few years sticking a piece of plastic in a fishes mouth ,, come on,, lets get with the 2021 years

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

70% return log books this is not good enough no real time info no app , no reward for returning and no penalties enforcement for not returning = inaccurate stats

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

DO away with Tags IFI and clubs etc should lead the way in conservation and catch and release,, the concept of every member who has a salmon license potentially being able to stick a plastic tag into 10 dead salmon, a species on a serious decline,, is somewhat behind the environmental curve,,, big time. The River Suir and other rivers has enjoyed a huge resurgence in fishing thanks to catch and release. If one fishes in Norway, as some members have enjoyed in recent years and many other continental countries, its almost entirely releasing of salmon,,, its almost a crime to kill a salmon in Norway never mind stick a piece of plastic in the creatures gills when they have swan through a mire of plastic strewn ocean to get to t Irish Rivers. No Tags in Norway and other countries, each fish caught is logged into an APP on a mobile phone laptop etc mandatory to do same day,, same day generates real time statistics on fish runs and health of salmon runs into rivers. Angling Associations can seek their own limit on salmon takes, such as many other Clubs and groups have done, we all like a salmon or two and maybe that's enough , a quota of two fish , no plastic tags at all,, an APP to log catch's in real time, no soggy log book/ license with illegible writing after a season in fishing jacket, and SEVERE penalties for those who breach IFI or Club rules , ie no salmon license issued, a ban of 5 years 30% of all anglers don't return logbooks, unused tags, no penalties, no follow up and no rewards for those who do, return ,, clearly a system that doesn't work Clubs with one of the highest salmon angling memberships in Munster should be leading the way on this and show initiative., or else there won't be anything to " tag "in a few years ,,, Tagging is for 21 years ago not 2021,,, please implement disruptive thinking and we ll all have some fishing in the future

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Its time for change, and good change or we wont have any fish to fish for in a few years,, never mind tag a fish

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Difficulty obtaining tags especially on weekend when shop distributing them is closed

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not working well at present.previous issuing of yearly total in one go was more convenient

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

See above.issue total in one go. n one go

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

You pay the same whether you are retaining fish or practicing C&R. Killing fish shall be dissuaded and the system may be a tool (e.g after 3 fish/year, you pay a fee and price is increasing...).

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

I order it online from France and 3-4 days later it is in the mail box! Excellent performance.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Killing fish shall be dissuaded and the system may be a tool (e.g after 3 fish/year, you pay a fee and price is increasing...). Registering fish shall be done online instead of sending back paper log book.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Appropriate Assessment Screening required under the Habitats Directive Article 6 (3) was first conducted for the current bye law under threat of legal action should a screening not be produced. The current appropriate assessment was obtained through Freedom of Information on the same day the FOI was received the AAS was posted on the Dept of environment web site. The screening gives validation and shows transparency in the process. The AAS needs to be published at the same time as the draft bye law is published so as to compare and contrast and make referenced observations.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

As a time and motion survey the current system does what it says. It counts anglers and fish.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Catch and release is a societal issue that has little to do with fisheries management. Case in point is the Lough Corrib salmon harvest quota. In 2021 the harvest quota was 4500. Over previous years approximately 1/3 of the quota was actually harvested. Talking to other anglers there is an assumption that they are harvesting up to the conservation limit. This is not the case. The harvested impact should be published as a percentage over total harvest quota. This information is available however anglers are lazy by nature [REDACTED].

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Salmon fisheries are fisheries they are open with a harvest quota, closed or C&R the one thing all have in common is they are special areas of conservation, EU sites of community interest, governance is by EU directives and site integrity is intrinsic to a sustainability of salmonid population's. Non native species are have a detrimental impact on salmonids within SAC'S reference Owenriff, Lough's Fern, Shindilla, Inagh. Salmon Regulations are a time and motion survey. That is all it is.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There is no place on the log record for if the fish is a hen fish or a cock fish

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

In general the scheme works ok

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Add a part to the licence for putting in if the fish is a hen fish or cock fish.. it's very important information as big hens carry much more eggs to the spawning grounds. You need the ratio of hen to cock to understand the health of the river

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too complicated for older people. Paper based log book is a joke. Most get wet at some stage during the season. Inaccurate reporting as people rarely fill it in on the exact day of catch. C&R anglers believe if they fill log book it will keep rivers open or allow a river to be upgraded to allow harvesting.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

No aspects work well.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Make it an app for mobile use. Catches to be immediately recorded.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

No

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Enforcing all anglers to buy license

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

3 tags per season is more than enough

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

10 tags far too many How a person can kill 10 fish for person use is beyond me

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None of it works well as it's open to abuse Any amount of licenses can be purchased

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

5 tags is more than enough 1 fish a day C&R in September

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Stop netting as taken all the brute stock by killing all bigger fish

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too easy for anglers to exploit and obtain more tags and multiple licences.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None. Its not accurate and should not be used as data to determine the stocks on any river.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Identification needed to obtain a licence be it online or via a distributor and distributors should be given access to a platform to check for anglers trying to purchase multiple licences.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Please reduce the amount of tags for every angler from 10 to at least 5 and protect our multi sea winter fish by bringing in a new size limit law where all fish over 8lb/70cm to be returned

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Should be catch and release for salmon and reduced bag limits on Western lakes. All token gestures until elephant in room i.e. fish farms are banned completely.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Catch and release for salmon. Reduce bag limits on Western trout lakes ban fish farming at sea.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

You know the real issues.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

People not recording what they catch and not tagging fish.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The requirement to tag as it is caught or face prosecution.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Issue the fishery rules for the year ahead so the angler is in no doubt as what the regulations are where he or she is fishing. It used to be issued historically but not in recent years. Instead each angler has to go searching online for a pdf one page document which ought to be issued with the licence.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The IFI fisheries officers generally have a good visible presence on waterways I have fished, which is great to see to try and patrol for illegal nets and people fishing without licences. The log book table should possibly be printed landscape or filled out digitally as it can be difficult to write in the info required on in a tiny space.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The tags are ok But the larger cumbersome paper licence, isn't practical

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The tags

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Just as the same as the loughs agency A small card, and upload you catch when you get home

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not at this moment

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I'm in favour of current tagging system but licence is much too cumbersome - should be credit card size

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Good availability of licences and accurate way of measuring harvest

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

More enforcement on rivers to ensure compliance

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Some of the permitted harvest limits on some rivers seem too high. Max of one salmon per day should be all season long and not just in spring

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The paper licence and tags are way bulky. The paper iform isn't conducive to recording catch details.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Nothing about it works well.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Develop an app for the phone. You can have the licence and also get people to photo their catch and submit photo on the app. The photo can be geotagged. It would make it super easy to record catches that were returned.. it's 2021 something like this can be done easily and cost effectively.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Ditch the paper licence. Get an app to record catch details... its 2021!!! 😊

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags issued

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Tags are a good idea

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Two tags per angler is quite sufficient for all genuine sportsmen.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

not getting the ten tags when you purchase your licence

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

on line purchase

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

give all ten tags when you purchase licence and stop drip feeding them to us

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

None.a

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

All works well.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Don't know.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Categories of licence not well structured. Difficult to buy licence locally. Not enough tags issued. Not enough information about closed fisheries, or general data about numbers. Not enough action on salmon and trout farming on sea trout numbers

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Good to control rod and line catch

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Simplify and make on line access more efficient

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

too many different licence and permits for island of ireland

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

none

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

have just one only purchase to fish salmon on island of ireland

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

the BIG problem with Salmon stocks is the amount of salmon and sea trout killed by seals

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The issuing of brown tags for certain rivers is only creating division and bad feelings amongst anglers themselves and fishery authorities. They should be scrapped forthwith in order to avoid future bad feelings . I also feel their usefulness is suspect.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Excluding comments above, the current scheme works well.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

For breaches of the tagging scheme regulations fines should be replaced with suspension of licences of offenders.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Catch and release closed rivers etc are in my opinion largely a cosmetic exercise. Any angler restricted to ten tags can do little harm even if he uses his full allocation. Keep everything more simple it's a bit too complicated presently and taking the pleasure out of angling completely.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Too many tags, paper based licence, having to blue tag ranched fish in close river systems

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The carcasse tagging is essential. One salmon a day early in season

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Reduce number of tags early in season up to June 1st. One tag a day is sufficient for full season, two maybe. Mandatory C and R from August 20th to end of season.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Licence needs to go online. Through an app based system with each tag bar coded. Once you use it you scan it with phone. Only then will another one of two be issued to you

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Issuing of commercial tags for exploitation of common estuary stock.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Online application and issuing of licence is efficient.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Go paperless. But this may lead to fewer catch returns being made.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Salmon escaping from fish farm some off the salmon or farmed salmon not wild salmon at all.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The more information that is been collected shows it wasn't all the commercial fisherman fault for depleting stocks years ago I think they should be giving a quota for salmon and get rid off the farms around Ireland.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Try involve the traditional salmon fisherman and involve young recreational fisherman together because the older traditional fishermen know the salmon run better than anybody. Balance out the ego system again instead off catching fishmeal for making pellets to feed caged fish.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

No live data, a digital platform could show when where and what fish are running in what water at specific times of the year.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not much, anyone can give their license to a friend and you could have several people fishing from one license

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Digital platform with photo ID as by an app or a plastic credit card size license that can be scanned. Also a platform where the licensee can scan their digital code submit a picture of the fish and tag the location of river stream county etc. This give live data

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

In the preceding 6 years I ha e no met an officer on any river I have fished to check my license. With the digital platform it can be checked remotely and potentially if needed fines applied or tags renewed. Similliar to the Garda ANPR apps

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

When using barbless hooks many salmon are lost which don't go down as released on logbook

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Extra logbooks with the licence or make it optional to log catches on the phone

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Very complicated and very unfair

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

All salmon angling and sea trout angling should be catch and release for a five year period. If there is no improvement in catches after five years salmon fisheries should be closed. If they improve then quotas can be introduced.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

The blue tags and brown tags has served no purpose other than causing confusion amongst anglers. Cath and release in my view would allow everyone to fish where they are allowed and have no worries about tags. I would also make barbless hooks compulsory for any angler targeting salmon or sea trout.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Current problems with tags is they can be used more than once, a better one lock tag that can not be re used would be better

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Log books work well but they are printed on paper maybe an app or online log book might work out better.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Could be improved by reducing the number of tags issued over the season. 3 tags for spring fish is too many one should be enough and a total of 10 tags is too many as well considering the current low salmon stocks.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Due to low salmon stocks overall open fisheries should consider going catch and release or reducing the TAC of there fisheries to preserve current salmon stocks. I think an overall ban on the killing of salmon should be introduced and all open fisheries should go catch and release.

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Water and paper don't work well together trying to find a tackle shop open on a Sunday if I need a tag the online takes to long

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

None at this present time

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Give out the full amount of tags when buying a license it takes away the hassle for later on

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

It would probably be better off filling in a log book at the end of the day and not spoil an angler fishing when they have to stop and try and write on a piece of paper in or on the riverbank more so on a wet day remember fishing starts in January

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I think it is heavily abused. There is a large number of anglers who fail to report most of their catches. The fisheries officers can only do so much policing, and it appears they mainly focus on genuine respectable anglers as opposed to likely poachers.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

It is reasonably user-friendly. Licenses can be purchased online. You can order additional tags if you need to.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I have thought about making it more interactive, or making better use of technology. For example, if the license was part of an online "app", whereby anglers reported their catches, either harvested or released, in "real time", it would generate more useful data (within a region, catchment, river system etc.), and potentially improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fishery officers' role.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Of course, the license and tagging scheme can only do so much, and there is a lot of long-term damage done to salmon and seatrout stocks by problems with water quality in rivers, salmon farming, illegal fishing, along with impacts of rising sea temperatures and overfishing of prey fish at sea for fishmeal production etc. I really believe an awful lot more work could and should be done around the improvement of spawning streams, and habitats for juvenile salmon and trout. From my experience, a lot of these are badly overgrown with weeds and obstructions. I have heard that some clubs and associations have requested assistance with this work, and were either put off by high levels of bureaucracy, or met resistance from the relevant authorities. I would have thought that if there are some fisheries who are leading in this area, and encouraging greater recruitment of juvenile fish as a result, that other rivers should be able to adopt similar practices. I feel that the river Suir in particular which is nearby is a case in point: choked with weeds and where the spawning beds should be has practically no gravel: it's all mud and silt! Likewise it is really sad to see the river Mulcair which has multiple tributaries, with miles and miles of potential spawning beds, deteriorate into its present state. It is not that long ago that we used to regularly encounter salmon while fishing wet flies for trout. I heard of hardly any salmon caught there this year, even by the dedicated local anglers. They also report that they never saw sight nor sound of any fisheries officers on the riverbank this year!

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

People not tagging fish

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

The filling in of logbooks, locations and time of year.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Remove corruption

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Seems to work well, don't see any problems

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There is no online provision for entering catches

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not fit for purpose.

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

BY removing the scheme

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

The current form of recording fish on paper logbooks should remain for now but could be phased out over time if an alternative system, such as online app, is successful. 2. Collection of improved catch data via an online app would appeal to many anglers. Using a diary type theme, anglers can input catches which would offer real time data on a river specific basis and allow monitoring of quotas. This tool could also be used to generate angler catch per unit effort, river specific catch per unit effort and general observations such as fish seen. This catch data could then be correlated with environmental parameters such as river flows and water temperatures to offer a more forensic look at catches. A more frequent theme on rivers such as the Bandon now is angling conditions are sub-optimal for catching salmon during the prime, summer months due to lower flows. However, logbooks do not show this data and do not always accurately reflect runs of fish. Anglers registering for the app can be given a unique ID number to enable distributors to give them tags. 3. More attention needs to be put on recording catch data for sea trout of all sizes. Keep the tags for 40cm plus fish if a tagging system remains but provide a system to log sea trout under this size also to give an overall idea as to what populations are like on specific rivers at the moment. Sea trout have been overlooked for far too long and a logging system was strongly encouraged at the Sea Trout Symposium held in Dundalk in 2015.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Please find below several points regarding the tagging system management.

Salmon Watch Ireland would like the following issues addressed to aid the conservation of Atlantic salmon. The issues mentioned regarding the management of the tagging scheme are designed to safeguard firstly the conservation status of Atlantic salmon while allowing a sustainable science-based exploitation of available surplus in catchments deemed to be above their conservation limit.

While not specifically related to the management of the tagging scheme, the issue of closing rivers to angling must be reversed. There is certainly anecdotal evidence that rivers that are closed are suffering a disproportionate level of illegal exploitation and thus the presence of anglers will help to alleviate this situation. Many of these rivers that are closed are data poor and thus having angling on a catch and release basis will help to strengthen data collection regarding stocks.

Another issue is that the introduction of an online digital licence must be addressed as soon as possible. This will give an opportunity to engage in real time management. We have suggested a small but important element to facilitate management of surpluses in real time in the points raised.

Our policy would also support a moratorium on commercial exploitation especially on rivers with a relatively low surplus. In the longer term with continued fluctuation in survival indices it may be pertinent to examine the issue of commercial exploitation and indeed recreational exploitation with a view to reducing exploitation

Commercial Fishery

- • Commercial fishery should only commence on 01 June. This is to protect multi sea winter salmon.
- • The commercial catch should be subject to restriction based on non-transferable quota for both June and July. Tags should be colour coded to reflect June or July.
- • The processing of commercially tagged fish should allow the tag number to be confirmed on all packaging regarding smoking. It is difficult now to trace fish origin especially when salmon is smoked and packaged. This should be subject to periodic audit.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

There would appear to be a very limited scope going forward to allow the continuation of a commercial fishery and Salmon Watch Ireland is supportive of a scheme to alleviate losses to the commercial sector.

Recreational Fishery

- Spring Salmon restrictions should be extended by period to the 31 May (One fish per day with maximum of 3 Tags during this period.) There should be a requirement to report catch before any additional tags are issued post 31 May. This could be facilitated by an online return which could issue a unique number to be presented to licence distributor.
- Angling tags post 01 June should be limited to issue of three at a time. Again, as above an online return could facilitate this.
- Consideration should be given to restricting tags in September which might limit the total number per angler at this critical juncture in the salmon life cycle (Similar to Salmon Watch Ireland 59 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 Post Code - DO1P786
- Spring Period). While acknowledging that this may not be scientifically important it could help to improve behaviour and limit the exploitation of coloured / gravid fish.
- Consideration should be given to juvenile licences being issued with colour coded tags to minimise transfer. There is anecdotal evidence that tags are transferred illegally.
- There must be a more robust identity component required for the issue of a licence. Without proof of identity, it is possible to acquire multiple licences and tags. This may be addressed by an online licence scheme when introduced.
- Regarding individual rivers consideration must be given to categorise rivers based on strength of surplus. It might be possible to eliminate brown tags restricting certain rivers to a small individual catch per angler.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Although the commercial fishing sector has a set season of 10 weeks and every fish is accounted for and tagged with 100% return rate of data the angling sector who are majority users of the resource now are only 56 % compliant in terms of log book returns. Considering they catch 78% of the salmon catch nationally this is shocking as all the efforts to manage the salmon stock depend on good data. We went from a situation where there was huge amounts of data coming from the catch sector to depending only on the angling and commercial draft sector and although the logbook returns are 100% for the draft men they only catch 22% of catch nationally.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Commercial draftnets men catch their fish in a 10 week period where every fish that is caught is tagged and logged. There is no questi

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

By increasing the level of angling logbook returns so that modeling and predictions of salmon stocks can be as accurate as possible. We were always told about the importance of accurate data to run the model but since the drift netting ban the logbooks return therefore data had decreased. As this keeps happening the prediction of the salmon coming back keeps going down. Given that the commercial draftnet catch is capped the true level of salmon returning to the rivers is never accurately recorded except where there are working counters. Because of this the total allowable catch will never increase to reflect the stock levels therefore it is absolutely vital that the angling returns are recorded as accurately as possible and fed into the management as quickly as possible. There is no point in asking an angler who has returned home to fill a logbook at the end of the season. Each commercial draftnets man has to apply for a license and is personally known to IFI inspectors however this is not possible for every angler but they should have to show their identification when buying an angling license and getting their tags. This would ensure they submit logbook return before they get more tags. It is our opinion that in the draftnet situation at the moment it is run very efficiently by IFI and would like to see it remain that way.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

I would like to make the following submission regarding the present salmon and seatrout tagging system.

With regard to the present salmon and seatrout tagging system I think this system should be changed. I am [REDACTED] fishing on the lake. At the moment an angler can take 10 salmon in a year, I feel that is too many salmon and in the interest of conserving our stock this should be reduced to 5 salmon in a year, that is 5 tags when you buy a 100 euro licence, with only 1 of those tags to be used before 12th May. If an angler buys a 21 day licence he should get 2 tags, again only 1 to be used by 12th May and if he buys a one day licence, he gets one tag. All anglers should be limited to 1 salmon per day through out the season. The use of the brown tags should be discontinued...only blue tags should be used as it makes the situation too complicated for visiting anglers. I think these measures would be more beneficial for the conservation of our salmon stock. Thank you.

Regards,

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

It is my opinion that a major effort should be made to force the E.S.B. to install an electronic fish block on the entrance to the Tail Race of the Ardnacrusha Hydro Electric power station in order to prevent poachers netting salmon (especially peal) who enter this stretch of water during their annual run where they become sitting ducks. The photograph of 60 dead dumped salmon (the ones they could not sell) went nationwide. Electronic fish barriers are not rocket science, and are used extensively all over North America. Such a barrier would force the salmon to travel the main river which has protection due to rough terrain I.e. large boulders on the bed. Unless this is done sooner rather than later there will be no need to tag salmon in the Limerick area.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Firstly, I would be all on for going on-line with the system. The current system is very laborious and time consuming.

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

Not answered

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

When a licence is issued electronically online the person receiving the licence shall receive 5 tag numbers with a link to record date river weight etc. Further or extra tags can be issued to this licence no. if needed. All licences for this to work shall only be available online as with payment of fee. The days with paper are gone.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

In your opinion, what aspects of the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme work well?

As I went to submit the document the website "froze" or the internet "crashed" - I am not sure that my completed survey was dispatched

In your opinion, how can Inland Fisheries Ireland improve the Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

Not answered

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

Not answered

In your opinion, what are the problems with the current Salmon and Sea Trout Licence and Tagging Scheme?

As a recreational angler, I've got no issue with the physical tagging of salmon and sea trout but I do have serious concerns with respect to the Appropriate Assessment Screening (Invas 2000), which underpins the current salmon and sea trout bye-law and the management of open fisheries with a harvest surplus particularly Lough Corrib SAC. Based on 2020 data, the 2021 'Conservation Limit (CL)' for Atlantic salmon entering Lough Corrib

SAC was 7,551 fish with a harvestable surplus of 4,540. In plain English, this means that 4,540 salmon could be harvested this year and still have a sustainable population remaining in the system.

This data is based on the fish counter at the Weir in Galway but doesn't take in to consideration the health of the spawning rivers upstream. Even though consistent numbers of salmon have been returning to the Corrib system on an annual basis in recent years, this gives a "false positive" in relation to the overall health of the system. For example, the Owenriff Catchment a key salmon nursery within the Corrib system, which straddles two SACs has been decimated by an illegal introduction of invasive pike. Pike have severely impacted the Owenriff and its ability to produce smolts for downstream migration to the sea. Under current metrics used by IFI and the Dept. of Environment, this impact is airbrushed over by solely using Weir based counter numbers. As a consequence, the validity of the 2020 Invas prepared Appropriate Assessment Screening could be potentially challenged in court as it fails to assess the impact of invasive fish species on Irish salmon stocks in SACs. In an IFI report published this year, 'The Status of Irish Salmon Stocks in 2020 with Catch Advice

for 2021. Report of the Technical Expert Group on Salmon', the following statement was made with respect to small salmon populations; "Although these are insignificant fisheries (accounting for less than 0.5% of the total national rod catch when combined), their stocks are important as spawning populations in their own right, which must be maintained as constituent elements of biodiversity, as required under the EU Habitats Directive". In other words, all individual salmon stocks irrespective of population size are important and must be maintained in a favourable conservation condition as per the primacy of EU law. Therefore, the question must be asked, are IFI allowing the Galway Weir counter numbers to mask the problems with the Owenriff Catchment in a bid to sidestep the EU Habitats Directive? If the EU Habitats Directive was being adhered to properly, all salmon producing tributary rivers within Lough Corrib SAC should have fish counters installed to properly assess overall Corrib stocks and to pinpoint underperforming nursery rivers.

Furthermore, the current regulations for open fisheries should be consistent with local rules. For example in the Galway Weir Fishery, there is a current local rule for a bag limit of 1 fish [multi-seawinter salmon (fish of 3.63kg/8lbs+)] per angler up to August 31st. This rule was introduced as a "further conservation measure". However, this local rule undermines the very premise of the conservation limit and the surplus calculated each year for Lough Corrib SAC. Either the Corrib is a sustainable fishery or not but please don't have asinine local rules for a small section of the Corrib River that make no negligible difference to overall stocks. This local rule regarding multi-seawinter-salmon looks even more ridiculous when an angler holding a valid licence fishing legitimately 400 metres upstream at UCG can potentially harvest 3 multi-sea-winter-salmon in one day between May 12th and August 31st. Finally, IFI need to cease the promotion of 'CPR (catch, photo, release) angling' on open fisheries.

CPR angling makes no material difference to open fisheries that have a harvestable quota. IFI and Dept. of Environment documentation support this position. If IFI deem that CPR angling should be promoted on a particular open river/system/catchment for conservation purposes then that open system should be really be closed to all rod and line angling. IFI cannot have their cake and eat it. In recent times this nonsense reached its zenith when the slogan 'choose catch & release' was printed on its blue gill tags for harvested fish. The irony was obviously lost on some.

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2. The promotion of 'CPR angling' on open fisheries must cease.
3. Local fishery rules for open systems must not conflict with national or local licence rules such as the current nonsensical rules for the Galway Weir fishery as discussed under question 1.
4. The creation of a licence app and QR codes on gill tags to aid data collection and processing.

If you have anything further to add, please do so here:

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With regards to the tagging scheme efficiency. Create an app that can read the bar code on the tag and can be used to submit information on catch reports , keeping tally on the number of days an angler fishes and giving access to ifi in order to report illegal activity or pollution.

Unfortunately I don't believe there is anyway around physical tags.

In brown tag fisheries. I believe we need to deter anglers from taking fish.

Why not charge extra for each brown tag? Similar to what is done in many put and take fisheries.

Please do not put tags on live fish as that would be detrimental to their well being.

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The closure of our wild salmonid rivers is a massive issue which we hope IFI can start to recognise as an urgent objective to improve. They have the resources with professional staff to plan in partnership with the angling clubs together so we can achieve progress rapidly.

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The rod license system is archaic and a failed entity which needs to be examined in the NIFF context so that a successful pathway to progress is agreed among all involved. • We must look at the international market to attract angling tourism and compare notes on why Scotland is still the forerunner in salmon anglers visiting their rivers. We acknowledge that IFI may be dependent on the rod license revenue until we realise that the net income is paltry when costings and implementation is taken into the analysis as we demonstrated to a NIFF meeting in 2012 when the [REDACTED] gave us the forum. Our rod license is a discriminatory, unfair and inequitable tax on our sport and we are part of the campaign to oppose introducing similar on other species angling especially game and wild brown trout anglers. Unlike shooting, the rod license is not related to the gun and serial number, but used to extract a large fee from the angler. The rod license price charged by this state body as the highest in the world including the nineteen NASCO salmon countries on the Atlantic ocean. From a marketing and business perspective we are three times the cost of an anglers budget flight to the honey pot rivers of Scotland who charge nothing for a state license. Their analysis is that they get it back tenfold in tourism revenue and employment in remote areas strengthening the rural economy. There are many potential Moy Valley river economies here that could be developed should the license be reviewed and packaged into the tourism product that would generate €2billion instead of the billion it does today. • We must look at colleague Sportvisserij Nederaald in the Netherlands as to how they manage their all species angling, not just salmon, and how they operate the VISPAS or FISHPASS through the angling federations and clubs which proves why participation and promotion has rocketed over the years. The angler is charged for local angling based on a radius from the home of the VISPAS address which is logical. Anglers are still being charged for two districts whether they live on the borders of the district or not. Eg I live [REDACTED], which is in the [REDACTED] district, but if I fish upriver and want to change to the Owenea river a few miles away, I will have to pay for another new license of €56 as it is in the Letterkenny district. • The tagging system has been a very costly failure that never delivered the objectives of identifying the accurate collation of statistics which were used then to open and close rivers unfairly. The sooner our clubs data is used to verify the IFI logbook returns, the sooner the river by river data will become more accurate

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