

## **Policy Review: Pike Management in Designated Wild Brown Trout Fisheries 2016**

### **Objective of the Group:**

To review the management of Pike in designated wild brown trout fisheries in accordance with IFI Procedure on Policy Development and the Terms of Reference established by the Board of IFI.

The Group may make the following recommendations:

1. That the current policy [as set out in the 2014 Pike Policy and 2014 Wild Brown Trout Policy] represents best practice and does not require change.
2. That the current policy does not represent best practice and should be replaced by a new policy developed by the review Group specifically for the management of Pike in designated wild brown fisheries and,
3. The existing standalone IFI Pike and Brown Trout policies should be reviewed to take into account the new policy recommendations.

It is the intention of the Group to carry out its work in an efficient and timely manner and to conclude the review by the end of October 2017, per the Policy Review Timeline.

### **Review Group Members**

- Mr. Sean Long – Chairman, Director SWRBD
- Dr. Sam Sheppard – Population Modeller, IFI Research & Development Dept.
- Mr. Declan Cooke – Inspector, WRBD
- Ms. Josie Mahon – Inspector ERBD
- Mr. Paul O'Reilly, Economic Research and Angling Advisor, Business Development Dept.
- Mr. Myles Kelly – Secretariat to Group

### **1. Guidelines**

- 1.1 All documents, minutes, presentations and submissions will be posted on the IFI website
- 1.2 Group members will strive to achieve the best outcome for the species regardless of personal views
- 1.3 External communications will be co-ordinated through IFI communications manager
- 1.4 Group members are asked not to make public/social media comments on the working of the Group or express an opinion on the Group's activities
- 1.5 All opinions and suggestions will be considered equally

- 1.6 We will act on facts wherever possible.
- 1.7 Lobbying by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties will be advised to the Group.
- 1.8 Silence is taken as agreement.

## **2. Current Policy**

- 2.1 What are the fisheries currently designated as 'wild brown trout' fisheries?
- 2.2 Is the list of designated wild brown trout fisheries still applicable – what fisheries should be added / removed (if any)? What scientific evidence is available to support this?
- 2.3 What is the current pike management practice in these fisheries – is it in line with the Policy established in 2014?
- 2.4 Is the pike management practice confined to these fisheries or is it carried out in other fisheries not designated as such in 2014?
- 2.5 What waters are currently designated as suitable for receipt of pike transferred under the current management Policy?
- 2.6 What IFI fish stock survey data is available to support the designation of these waters as suitable for receipt of pike – are they still suitable, when was data gathered?
- 2.7 What is the efficiency of the current management policy – does it work, what studies and reports are available, what is the mortality rate?
- 2.8 Have wild brown trout populations increased / decreased in designated wild brown trout fisheries since the introduction of the pike management policy?

## **3. Future Policy Formation**

- 3.1 What population studies or modelling is available to project the future (near / long term)?
- 3.2 What is the best practice in the management of both species internationally?
- 3.3 Who are the recognised experts (outside of IFI) in the field of Pike / Brown Trout Management? (if any)
- 3.4 What are the relevant, generally accepted scientific studies on the inter-relationship of the two species?
- 3.5 What are our obligations under international and European legislative measures (e.g. Convention on Biodiversity, Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive, Fish Health Directive)?
- 3.6 What are our obligations under national legislation including, but not limited to the Health & Safety Act 2015, Animal Health & Welfare Act 2013, Maritime Safety Act 2005?

3.7 What (if any) specific geographic/demographic options are necessary in distinct Regional areas?

3.8 What are the concerns of the wider angling sector and service providers relying on angling?

3.9 What Corporate and other governance obligations are relevant to the sector?

3.10 What Government Policies need to be considered?

3.11 What are the legislative, budgetary and financial circumstances of IFI in relation to any recommendations this Group may make?

#### 4. Stakeholders

4.1 Who are the stakeholders likely to be affected by any recommendations this Group may make?

4.2 Who should we invite to meet this Group to represent their stakeholders?

#### 5. Allocation of Group Activities

#### 6. Schedule

Group	23.11.16	Review TOR and scope of work Agree output schedule Agree meeting dates
Close of Public Consultation Deadline	05.12.16 12.12.16	Consolidation of Public Submissions & Circulation on Website
Group	19.12.16	Meet stakeholder representatives; Review input from Public Consultation
Group	06.02.17	Review output from Group research <i>Draft Policy Ver 1</i>
Group	06.03.17	1 <sup>st</sup> Review - Draft Policy Ver 1
Group	03.04.17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Review Draft Policy Ver 1 Submit to SMT
SMT	30.04.17	Complete review Draft Policy Ver 1
Group	08.05.17 15.05.17	Review comments of SMT <i>Draft Ver2</i> Submit Draft Ver2 to IFI Board

IFI Board	02.06.17	Complete review Draft Policy Ver 2
Group	12.06.17	Review Comments of IFI Board <i>Draft Ver 3</i>
	19.06.17	Submit to DCCAE
DCCAE	End June	Complete review Draft Ver 3 and offer advice
Group	03.07.17	Review DCCAE advice <i>Draft Ver 4</i>
	13.07.17	Submit to IFI SMT
IFI SMT	End July	SMT Review
NIFF	End July – Mid Aug	Consultation Public / Statutory Consultation
Group	07.09.16	Review output of consultations <i>Draft Ver 5</i>
	15.09.16	Submit to IFI Board
IFI Board	End Sept	Review Ver 5
Group	Week 1 Oct	Review comments of IFI Board <i>Draft Ver 6</i>
	Week 2 Oct	Submit to IFI Board
IFI Board	End Oct	Release Policy