

Submission 1 - Jason Corcoran / Ballyduff Bridge Salmon Fishery

From:
Sent: 22 March 2018 22:21
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Byelaw Fermoy Weir

To whom this Concerns.

As a fishery on the Blackwater that promotes C/R to its full extent with the protection of our future being our main concern. I am disgusted with your proposal of a Byelaw at Fermoy Weir at 10 meters. It should be 30 meters minimum full stop with NO casting up river of this.

We are one of the largest fisheries on the Blackwater with 2.5 miles of river up stream of Fermoy. We as a fishery bring year on year roughly 200 new clients to the Blackwater all purchasing an IFI Salmon State Licence. But in the last 2 years our fishery is reducing due to the lack of Salmon up river of Fermoy solely due to the issues with Fermoy Weir.

The first issue to deal with is the Byelaw and the second is a clear path way for Salmon to migrate up river in all water conditions.

10 meters is an insult.

Ballyduff Bridge Salmon Fishery.

Regards

Jason Corcoran
Owner

Submission 2 - Pat Kennedy

From: Pat Kennedy <>
Sent: 28 March 2018 23:11
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Byelaw

I would like to see no fishing under Fermoy weir.

Thanks Pat

Submission 3 - Ger McGuinness

From: Ger McGuinness <>
Sent: 28 March 2018 23:32
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation

To whom it may concern

I Gerry mc Guinness a local angler on the river black water fully supports this bye law to end angling below Fermoy weir until a certain time a proper fish pass is in place for fish to migrate freely

Yours
Gerry mc Guinness

Submission 4 - Paul Rosier

From: Paul Rosier <>
Sent: 29 March 2018 08:00
To: Fermoybyelaw

I agree with the bylaw if it goes ahead something has to done signed Paul Rosier who has been visifing your country for 33 years and seen a decline in salmon numbers getting above the weir

Submission 5 - Brian Mohally

From: brian mohally <>
Sent: 29 March 2018 08:26
To: Fermoybyelaw
Cc: Damien O'Brien
Subject: Bye law fermoy weir

To whom it may concern,

I am grateful to ifi that they are trying to implement this new bye-law but I believe it does not go far enough. The extermination of our wild salmon which are trapped in low water at the fermoy weir is an absolute disgrace and the people carrying out these acts should feel the full force of the ifi to stamp it out.

I propose that the 10 metre distance from where the weir meets the wall is not a far enough distance. Any person could cast a fly, bait or spinner that distance easily. I believe that it should be at least 30 - 50 metres. I also believe that cctv should be used with proper signage and that on the spot fines and if needs be prosecutions should be carried out if people flout this new law.

Regards
B. Mohally

Submission 6 - Joe Early

From: Joe Early <>
Sent: 29 March 2018 10:23
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

10 meters is not enough, this needs to be at least 30meters, but preferably 100meters to allow fish to rest during the lows of summer

Submission 7 - Sean Maye

From: Sean Maye <>
Sent: 29 March 2018 11:11
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

Redirect a full year's conservation levy towards installing a proper fish pass. If necessary do crowdfunding. Also our government should seriously consider additional funding for the project.... money is being spent on many environmental friendly activities, and it must be possible to ringfence funds for a this project... these are endangered species and need protection. Sean Maye Sent from my iPhone

Submission 8 - Senan Ensko

From: Senan Ensko <>
Sent: 29 March 2018 15:48
To: Fermoybyelaw
Cc:
Subject: Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

Hello,

I want to support the introduction of this by-law.

It's introduction is vital to ensure the protection of future salmon stocks for the Munster Blackwater.

This is particularly so as we have witnessed many incidents of anglers fishing in this weir pool area at times of low water, targeting pool bound salmon who have been unable to run the weir.

These vulnerable fish need to be protected and the introduction of this by-law, applying to the proposed area in its totality, will do so.

Regards,

Senan Ensko,

Submission 9 - Paul O'Donovan / Fermoy Weir Fishery

From: paul odonovan <>
Sent: 31 March 2018 15:27
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Objection to bye law

To whom it may concern

My name is Paul o donovan. I am a member of Fermoy weir fishery and I am also a committee member of the cork and district pike anglers association for over 30 years. I was also a court appointed water keeper for several years for iniscarra dam pike fishery.

I object to the new proposed bylaw being considered for Fermoy weir. I have fished there for several years and I am a keen angler with great respect for the laws regarding rules and regulations. As an angler the preservation of fish is of the utmost importance and therefor if I thought there was any danger of the fish being harmed or stressed I would agree with ye but I have witnessed on several occasions the salmon clearing the weir at both low and high water. The salmon have no problem going through that weir.

I have fished here for many years all through the season and it is only the few weeks when the grilse run that we catch some salmon. Any salmon we catch are tagged and those that are released are not harmed in any way because as a member of the cork and district pike anglers association we do catch and release all the time and we are therefore experienced in the handling of the fish.

In my opinion the salmon are well capable of negotiating the weir irrelevant of the water depth. Salmon are known to clear falls and weirs of 8/10 feet to get to there spawning ground. Ballisodare falls is one example of this and there are many more. There are only limited members of this fishery club and fishing is our pastime and our hobby. We all buy our salmon licence, we abide by the rules and again the normal angler is being penalized. The freedom to fish the rivers of this country is being taken awake as a result of social media.

Paul o donovan

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Paul

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Paul o donovan

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Paul

Submission 11 - Colm Dooly

From: Colm Dooly <>
Sent: 01 April 2018 19:15
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

I colm dolly..... would like to propose that the fishing
ban on the fermoy weir be extended to 30meters the same as careysville weir.

Submission 12 - Barry Connolly

From: Barry Connolly <>
Sent: 05 April 2018 12:46
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Bye Law

I support this decision and look forward to the weir being repaired. The people of Fermoy do not want a stream instead of a beautiful river and our Barnane Walk

Barry Connolly MSc. PhD

Submission 13 - John Buckley

From: john buckley <>
Sent: 05 April 2018 15:06
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: 'Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)'

To Whom it may concern,

While I can understand the serious concerns of anglers on the Blackwater with the damage to the weir at Fermoy and the damage it may cause to migrating salmon I cannot see what effect a bye-law banning angling in a specific area of water would have in protecting migrating salmon if other conservation measures are not replicated upstream in one form or another for these very same migrating salmon.

IFI state "While the main focus of this Bye-law is to protect migrating salmon,"

This byelaw does not do that , it is technically transferring the point of capture from a location downstream of the Weir to an unknown location upstream.

What conservation measures are being put in place upstream of the weir to ensure the protection of these same migrating salmon (aim of the bye-law) further up the river to enhance their chance of survival and spawning

Without these further conservation measures in place then the proposed Bye-law is nothing more than window dressing by IFI because potentially no salmon that make it over the weir is in anyway safer from being caught thus rendering the bye-law useless for the purposes IFI are introducing it.

Im led to believe that the anglers leasing the effected water at a meeting with IFI have put forward their own conservation proposals to IFI in the form of (a) reduced bag limits, (b) barbless hooks, (c) 4 water-keepers to look after the water etc. Surely if no further conservation measures are put in place upstream of the weir to ensure the very same salmons survival then would this offer from the leasee be seen as a lot fairer solution than a blanket ban on angling in the specific area.

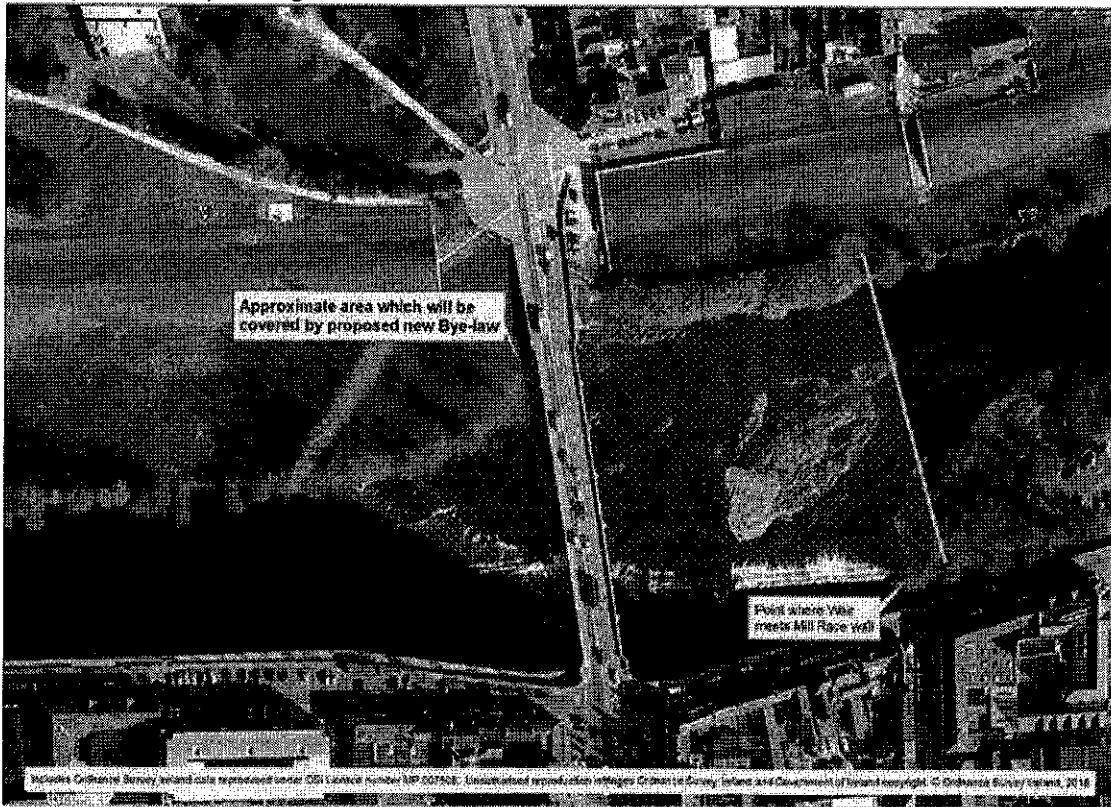
John buckley

Submission 14 - Paul Kavanagh / Fermoy Rowing Club

From: Paul Kavanagh | MIG <>
Sent: 06 April 2018 18:43
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

All 200 registered members support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for a new temporary Bye-law which would:

1. prohibit being in possession of any mounted fishing rod with line attached and prohibit taking, catching or attempting to catch any fish by any means whatsoever in those waters of the River Blackwater, Co Cork, which are between the downstream face of the weir known as Fermoy weir, in the townland of Carrignagroghera and the townland of Fermoy, both in the barony of Condons and Clangibbon, in the County of Cork, and a line, drawn across the river at right angles to the Mill Race wall, from a point on the South bank which is 10 meters downstream from the point at which the weir meets the Mill Race wall, to a point on the North bank (as indicated on the map attached).
2. prohibit any fishing on or from the weir structure itself.



Approximate area which will be covered by the new Bye-law

Paul Kavanagh
Treasurer
Fermoy Rowing Club

Submission 15 - Pat Quinlan

From: Pat Quinlan <>
Sent: 09 April 2018 22:06
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Save Fermoy Weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

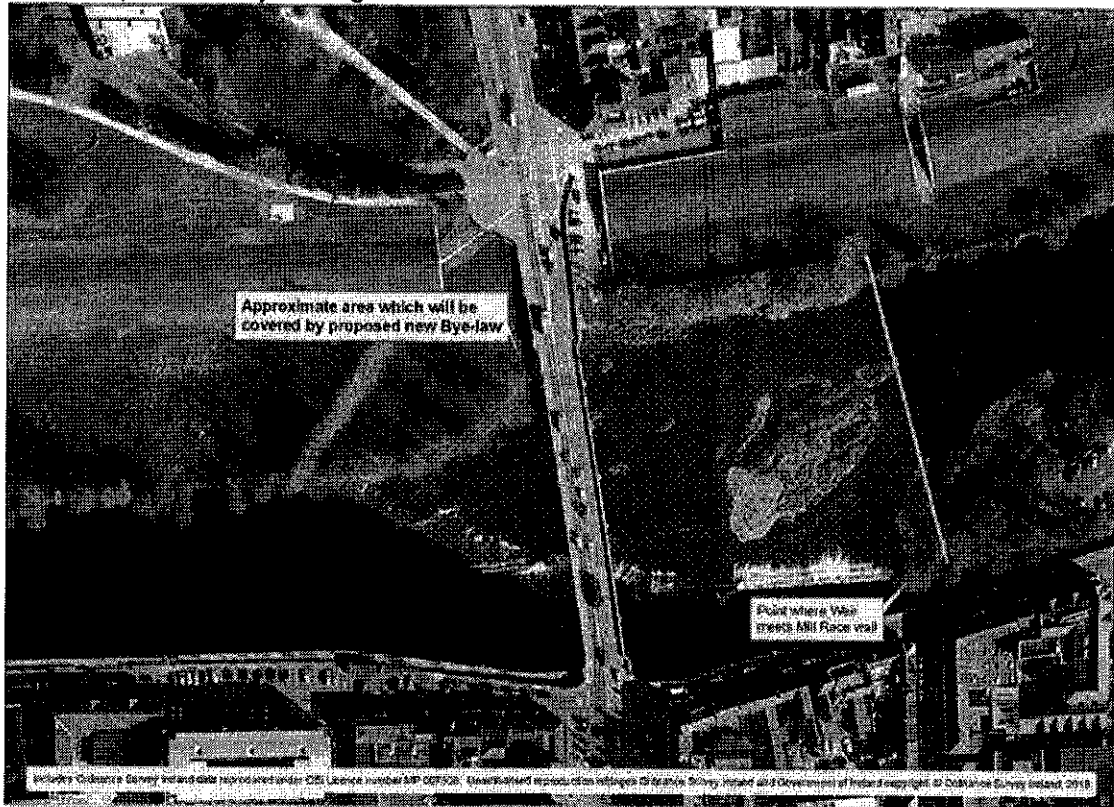
Submission 16 - Kenneth Barry

From: Kenneth Barry <>
Sent: 09 April 2018 22:41
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Support to Fermoy Weir Bye Law

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Signed
Kenneth Barry

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Submission 17 - Der Casey

From: Der Casey <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 00:07
To: Fermoybyelaw

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Byelaw listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Submission 18 - Tommy Lawton

From: Tommy Lawton <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 00:10
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation - River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

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Tommy Lawton,

Submission 19 - Tommy Lawton / Fermoy Game Fishing Assoc. & Fermoy Coarse Fishing Assoc.

From: Tommy Lawton <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 00:13
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation - River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

On behalf of Fermoy Game Fishing Association and Fermoy Coarse Angling Association who has a combined membership of 70 person, wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

**Tommy Lawton,
Fermoy, Co Cork**

Submission 20 - Paul Mansbridge

From: Paul Mansbridge <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 05:44
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

Hi

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Regards
Paul

Submission 21 - Mike Kenny

From: mike kenny <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 07:19
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fishing Bye-Law

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Submission 22 - Liam Conway

From: liam conway <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 07:33
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Bye law

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Kind regards
Liam Conway

Submission 23 - Peadar Harten

From: Peadar Harten <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 07:34
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy fishing weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Submission 25 - Marcella McMahon

From: Marcella McMahon <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 09:15
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations Marcella McMahon

Submission 26 - Chris Culbert Mahon

From: Chris Culbert Mahon <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 09:47
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Heart of Fermoy

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Regards,
Chris Mahon

Submission 27 - Tom Lawton

From: Tom Lawton <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 20:42
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: River Blackwater, Fermoy Weir

To whom it may concern,

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Regards,

Tom Lawton.

Submission 28 - Michael Dwyer

From: Michael Dwyer <>
Sent: 10 April 2018 22:49
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir by law

I support the proposed temporary By Law, No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations
Michael dwyer

Submission 29 - Con O'Mahony - Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

From: Con O'Mahony <>
Sent: 16 April 2018 22:39
To: Fermoybyelaw; Con O'Mahony
Subject: Objection to Proposed Fermoy Weir Fishery Bye-law
Attachments: Fishery Problems objection.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached my objection to the proposed bye-law on Fermoy Weir.

Kind Regards,
Con O'Mahony

**OBJECTION TO : PROPOSED BYLAW
No. 4 of Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy
Weir) Bye Law**

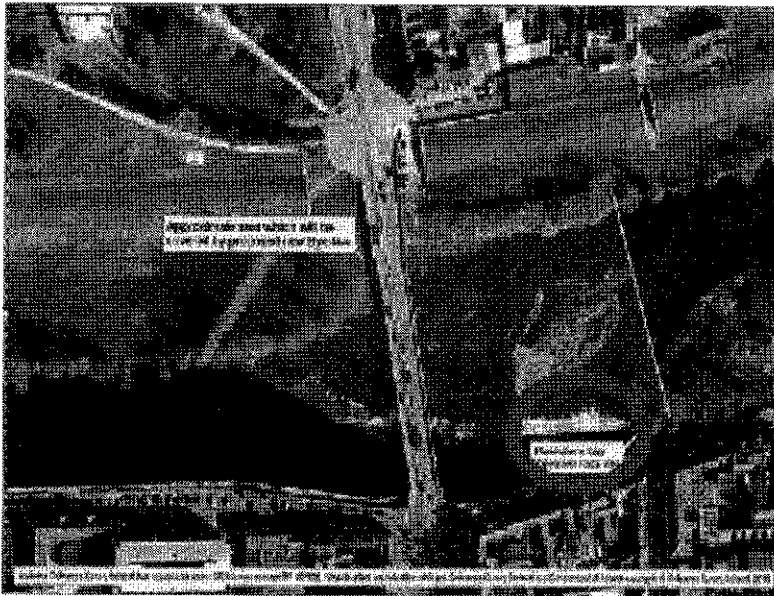
I Con O'Mahony, member of Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers would like to express my complete objection to the proposed bylaw as listed above for the following reasons:

Why I am opposed to the bylaws:

1. There are a number of Weirs located around Ireland that don't have any restrictions on fishing e.g. Galway Weir, Ashley Falls on the River Errif, Ballisodare Falls, River Lee Weir near the Waterworks to name just a few. I feel it is very unfair to target 1 specific Weir.
2. Salmon enter all rivers on high water and travel upstream so far; when the water starts to drop to Summer low levels the fish gather in pools and wait for the next rise of water to move further upstream - Fermoy Weir is an example of this as is every other Weir on the river there is no difference.
3. We feel that since the weir was breach more salmon can travel upstream in low water, the weir is over 200 years old and fish have always made their way upstream. The worldwide decline in salmon is not because of one river - it is a global crisis and all passionate Salmon anglers like ourselves do our best to protect the current stocks. Proposed closing of specific fisheries is not the answer.
4. We as Anglers know as much as anyone that the free passage of salmon up and down stream is important and we welcome any help we can provide to keep this going
5. Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers have already offered measures such as: our anglers will now use barbless hooks while spinning, fly fishing or bait fishing for the season ahead until the issues with the Weir are rectified. We will also operate a strictly no fast sinking lines when fly fishing in the Weir Pool. Shrimp & Prawn fishing are banned from the Weir Pool. We as a group have already restricted how many anglers can fish at any 1 time, we have gone as far as reducing the number by 75% to be proactive in squashing your concerns - we have a 4 angler system in operation where it would mean that only 4 of our members could fish the Weir at any 1 time. We have also openly offered details on our members to the Fishery officers and abide by strict rules as a group to ensure we protect the Salmon Fishing in the Weir.
6. We are prepared to close all fishing on the Weir for the month of September to allow free passage of Salmon.
7. Your proposed designated area for closure that you have submitted for public consultation is 10 metres below the bottom of the Weir, however on the North Bank the parameters you are describing is approx 300m. Our access to our Fishing will be completely cut off as we won't be able to enter this area with rods & reels to get to where would be left to fish. We have been very open & have engaged with you and your officers as much as we can but we don't seem to be getting any middle ground than we can all agree on.
8. Not alone will this proposed access issue effect us but Fermoy Trout Anglers also who fish this area on a regular basis with our permission and support will also be no longer able to access the area. It is a Fermoy tradition that the group use the Weir and you are cutting off a traditional historic community sport outlet. Every boy and girl that took up fishing learned in this area & by closing the Weir you are eradicating this.

Submission 29 - Con O'Mahony - Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

9. With regards to the timeframe - the proposal offers no temporary improvements to be made. What is the point of the closure when you consider this?
10. We won't be able to access the remaining area that you suggest. You mention a specific timeframe - what is it?
11. The stress on the Salmon will be removed by both the decrease in the number of anglers fishing at any one time that we have proposed and which we have set as 4 & also our anglers have already proposed using barbless hooks while spinning with 1 single hook - this will alleviate more stress from the salmon.



12. From your diagram below see marked in red circle the area where the Fishery Board feels the problem lies - however the zone you are proposing to close (marked in yellow) to fishing is far greater in size than what's required. We fully object to any closure but we do see that if some closure has to happen then it should be zoned to the red area only where you perceive the issues to be.

13. On the day that this was first discussed in the Dail Minister Naughton said he was informed by IFI that no request for such a measure or bylaw introduction had been received by any local clubs which contradicts previous statements made. He indicated on the day that 1 individual made known his intention to submit a proposal for a bylaw restricting angling in the area of the fish pass once planned works were finished - which is what we are objecting to now. The Minister requested scientific & appropriate advice to consider the proposal of the bylaw introduction - we too would welcome seeing the results from this scientific report? We know that the results from the upper stream review showed very healthy stock of salmon. We have previously asked for exposure to this and we haven't gotten an answer on same.

Submission 30 - Damien O'Brien

From: Damien O'Brien <>
Sent: 16 April 2018 23:11
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

To whom it may concern,

Fermoy weir has been in a state of disrepair for a number of years, and the works required to repair or replace the weir, must be carried out without delay. There is an obligation on the state and its agencies in relation to the Water Framework Directive to create the necessary circumstances to allow for free passage of migratory species. This has been ignored for far too long, despite continued requests from the general public and various other stakeholders. The Minister responsible, has within his power, the right to grant funding to allow for this work to be carried out and thereby avoid any possible fines and waste of tax payers money, which may result from failure to enact the WFD in relation to the River Blackwater and the Fermoy Weir.

Although the proposed bye law is welcome, I believe that it does not go far enough. The proposed distance of 10m downstream from the point at which the weir meets the mill race wall, is totally inadequate and needs to be increased to 30m downstream from the same point. To do otherwise will leave it open to those who would flout the regulations to fish back up into an area where salmon are trapped and unable to move upstream of the weir.

Yours sincerely,
Damien O'Brien

Submission 31

Submission 31 removed as it contained no text and no attachment

Submission 32 - Jerry O'Sullivan / Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

From: Jerry O'Sullivan <>
Sent: 16 April 2018 23:30
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Jerry Sullivan.docx
Attachments: Jerry Sullivan.docx; ATT00001.txt

OBJECTION TO : PROPOSED BYLAW No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law.

I Jerry O'Sullivan, member of Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers would like to express my objection to the proposed bylaw as listed above.

The Fermoy weir is over 200 years old and has been ascended by salmon since then. While during periods of low flow, fish have been held up below this weir, since it was breached more than 10 years ago fish have found it less difficult to travel upstream.

The Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers have on a voluntary basis reduced their angling effort and altered their methods of fishing in favour of the survival of the salmon.

The proposed designated area for closure ranges from 10 to 300 metres below the weir, which will be hugely detrimental, if not the death knell for our club and for all other anglers who have enjoyed fishing here since well before the weir was constructed.

None of this disruption would be necessary if the proper remedial works were carried as is incumbent on the Council to do.

Angling in this area has never had any negative affect on the stocks of the river and never will.

Yours in faith,
Jerry O'Sullivan

Submission 33

Submission 33 removed as it is a duplicate of Submission 32

Submission 34 - Martin O'Sullivan

From: Martin O Sullivan <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 09:08
To: Fermoybyelaw

I object to this bye law been imposed

Submission 35 - David O'Sullivan

From: David O Sullivan <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 13:18
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Weir

I object to stopping fishing at the weir when you can fish at every weir in the country.i myself fish in lombardstown and find no affect on the fishing up

Submission 36 - Edel O'Mahony

From: EDEL O'MAHONY <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 13:36
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Objection to Fermoy weir

To whom it may concern,

I am in full objection to the proposed closure of Fermoy weir.

My objection is based on the unfair perimeter you are proposing to close Vs. The effected area.

I am fly fishing for the past 20 years with the Permission of the owners and if the proposal is passed I won't be able to even enter the water never mind continue my much loved hobby.

The closure of the weir will eradicate generations of families who learned to fish the weir - I don't see the solution as closing the weir in full.

Regards,
Edel O'Mahony

Submission 37 - Sean O'Connell / Ballydague Salmon Anglers

From: Sean O Connell <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 20:25
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Public consultation river blackwater fermoy weir
Attachments: Public Consultation Fermoy Weir.docx

Hi

Please find attached submission

Regards

Sean O Connell

Re:Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

Dear Sir/Madam

Please consider our views regarding the proposed bye-law at Fermoy weir

oWe agree that the weir needs to repaired and a proper fish pass put in place, however we do not agree with the proposed bye law we cannot see why any type of angler (Trout, Salmon or coarse) should loose there fishing.

Signed on behalf of Ballydague Salmon Anglers, Ballyhooly Co. Cork

Sean O Connell

Sunmission 38 - Con O'Riordan

From: con o'riordan <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 21:52
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Submission 39

Submission 39 removed as the name of the submitter was not given

Submission 40 - Pat O'Mahony

From: Pat O'Mahony <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 22:14
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Bye law

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or
Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy*

Pat OMahony

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Pat OMahony

Submission 41 - Tony O'Brien

From: tony o brien <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 22:26
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

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Submission 42 - Brendan Newell

From: Brendan Newell <>
Sent: 17 April 2018 23:41
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Proposal for the new Bye-law

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Submission 43 - Noel O'Regan

From: Noel O'Regan<>
Sent: 18 April 2018 07:43
To: Fermoybyelaw
Cc:
Subject: Fermoy Weir. - Support

To Whom, It concerns,

In relation to the weir at Fermoy, Co. Cork.

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as

No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations,

Regards,
Noel O' Regan,

Submission 44 - Ana Maria Gill Rodriguez

From: Ana María Gil Rodríguez <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 08:24
To: Fermoybyelaw

Hello,

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Regards,
Ana

Submission 45 - Fiona Fleming

From: Fiona Fleming <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 09:27
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

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Submission 46 - Siobhan Keating

From: Siobhan Keating <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 10:14
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: New Bye-law Fermoy weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-lay listed as No 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law – Angling limitation.
Thank you

Siobhán Keating

Submission 47 - Yvonne Cuddigan

From: Yvonne Buckley <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 10:40
To: Fermoybyelaw

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Yvonne Cuddigan

Submission 48 - Deirdre McMahon

From: McMahon, Deirdre <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 10:41
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Weir

To whom it concerns

*I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4
or
Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations*

Rgds

Deirdre

Submission 49 - Declan O'Keeffe

From: Declan O'Keeffe <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 10:47
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

DECLAN O'KEEFFE

Submission 50 - Declan Howard

From: Declan Howard <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 11:33
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Regards,
Declan Howard

Submission 51 - Olga O'Sullivan

From: Olga Butting <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 12:07
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Support the Bye law

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Kind regards
Olga O'Sullivan

Submission 52 - Liz Casey

From: Liz <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 12:40
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Wier

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Best regards, Liz Casey

Submission 53 - David Broadley

From: david broadley <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 13:49
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Save the Weir in Fermoy

Dear Sirs

As a member of the Fermoy rowing club I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Yours faithfully

David Broadley

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Submission 54 - Kieran McNamara / Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

From: Kieran Mc Namara <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 14:41
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Kieran Fishery Problems.pdf
Attachments: Kieran Fishery Problems.pdf; ATT00001.txt

(see attachment below)

Submission 54 - Kieran McNamara / Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

PUBLIC CONSULTATION RIVER BLACKWATER - FERMOY WEIR

I Kieran McNamara fully object to the proposed bylaw as listed above. We as anglers of Fermoy Bridge do not have an issue with anyone who wants to repair the Weir.

There are currently problems all over the Blackwater River not to mention the tributaries. We asked Sean Long, CEO of the South Western River Basin District if we as anglers of Fermoy Bridge with his help, apply for money from the salmon fund with IFI & Fermoy County Council from the Minister who handed out €2.9million in 2017 - in particular we know of one club on the Blackwater who received €89,000 this year and another who got €45,000 last year.

We got no response to our request and are still waiting on one.

We informed Sean Long that our club is comprised of 14 Anglers, 2 of which reside in Northern Ireland and the remaining 12 are from Cork City & County, all of our members work full-time jobs which restricts when & how much they can fish.

We imposed very strict rules on the fishing such as: Barbless Hooks, No shrimp or prawn fishing, no fast sinking lines when fly fishing and single barbless hook when spinning. We also do not fish for the month of September and only 4 members can fish beat at any 1 time. As passionate anglers we take conservation very seriously and when we informed Sean Long that we actually return most of the fish we catch - he did not know if this is a good or bad thing to practice catch and release - his reply was that 43% of catch & release fish die, the 57% that live did not seem to matter to him.

Sean Long told us the the problem with the weir was mentioned in the Dail by East T.D. Kevin O'Keeffe who spoke about salmon not being able to migrate up river, Kevin O'Keeffe never asked Sean Long, the local fishery officers, the owner of the fisher or our anglers who fish the weir for their opinion. Had he done this he could have made informed comments and decisions.

Minister Naughton said he would ask IFI if a bye-law was needed and that he would need appropriate scientific data aswell as management advice, we also looked for this because IFI staff told us that "the upper river is probably one of the best salmon rivers they had to survey" - Minister Naughton said IFI informed him of no request for such a measure on behalf of local angling groups who had been received, one local individual indicated his intention to submit a proposal for a bye-law restricting angling in the area of the fish pass. Once planned remedial works to be carried out by the local authority to repair a breach in the Weir Cap, Sean Long told us he wanted no fishing from 10 meters below the Weir - we have no problem with this but the bye-laws says 10 meters on 1 bank and approx 300 meters on the other. This does not happen on another Weir we know of - so we don't know why it's proposed for Fermoy Weir.

Sean Long told us that people from Fermoy Town & District Angling Club, Fermoy Coarse Anglers & Fermoy Game Anglers were objecting to us fishing the weir. We requested a meeting with Sean Long and representatives from these clubs but Sean Long informed us that they refused to meet or talk to us, we then asked why would a Coarse Club have any say in salmon fishing, but later found out that the one person runs both the Coarse Club and Fermoy Game Anglers - we also asked if there was even a club called Fermoy Town & District - this could not be confirmed. These people who Sean Long met are the same people that IFI have been having problems with for the last 20 years about a fish pass, they also seem to have a problem with title and fishing rights. Sean Long has stated that the people fishing the weir have full rights to do so and that they were catching fish legally and he and his officers had not a problem with this, now Sean Long is saying the salmon are stressed were - where is the scientific proof of this and will the salmon become stress free if we stop fishing?

Sean Long wants to protect the salmon in and around Fermoy Weir - the reason the byelaw is needed according to him but he has no problem with these same fish he wants to protect being caught up river. Have the fishery up the river more rights to catch fish than what we have? If Sean Long and IFI think there is a problem in the upper blackwater then they should close the whole river not one specific fishery - which is very unfair.

Submission 54 - Kieran McNamara / Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers

We at Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers fish for a hobby and do not make any money or profit from fishing, it seems to me that private fishery owner up river of Fermoy are putting pressure on IFI, these are the people who are in fishing for profit, if they have a problem with it is not because we fish Fermoy Bridge - it is because there is a worldwide problem with salmon. To close Fermoy Bridge Fishery will not solve this, Fermoy Bridge got a lot of bad press over the last few years - most of it from the one paper, but like TD Kevin O'Keeffe that paper never asked the CEO of the Fishery Board, the local fishery officers, the owner of the fishery or the anglers who fish the fishery - those that know it best for their side of the story - one-sided stories are never right.

There was a problem with poaching going on in Fermoy but there was also a problem with the fishery law aswell. Once the law was sorted out with the help of the member and the local fishery officers this has stopped.

I think this byelaw is wrong - there are a lot more problems on the Blackwater River not just Fermoy Fishery. The netting in the lower river, the weir in Lismore has been breach fo years, there is a sunken weir in Ballyduff, Cable Island, both Kilmurry Island which act as barriers as no fish will run these in low-level water. Careysville Weir, Fermoy Weir, German Island, the Island in the top of Bridgetown & Abbey Fishery are barriers to fish in low water levels. You also have issues in Ballyhooly Bridge, Mallow Bridge, Longfields Bridge, Lombardstown Bridge, Banter Bridge - not one of these bridges has a proper fish pass in low water level fish cannot pass. There is a Weir in Mallow that is breach for years and then there is the weir in Banteer that fish cannot pass in low water level.

Also most of the tributaries on the Blackwater have weirs are in-passable in low water maybe it is time to stop all fishing salmon, trout and coarse on the whole Blackwater until IFI sort it all out. There are weirs on most rivers in Ireland, IFI has fishing on some of the most famous Weirs and has no problems with Anglers fishing weir pools - one law for you and another for us.

I am 100% opposed to the proposed bye-law.

Kieran McNamara

Submission 55 - David Walsh

From: David Walsh <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 15:01
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Petition

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

David Walsh

Submission 56

Submission 56 removed as it is a duplicate of Submission 54

Submission 57

Submission 57 removed as it is a duplicate of Submission 54

Submission 58 - Dr. Barry Connolly

From: Barry Connolly <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 21:19
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Our weir approximately 200 years old

A damaged Weir affects FISHING, ROWING AND IS UGIY TO OUR TOURISTS.

What will happen if it suffers more damage.

Upriver there are the remains of a ford crossing of old near the mouth of Glenabo Stream.

Rowing can be dangerous at those shallows also general transport and Coaches launches and engines.

WILL THE WEIR BE REPAIRED?????

Are there Engineers or experts from whom advice/ consultancy has been queried and promoted with Politicians and responsible persons

The battle for help is active for over 10 years.

Dr Barry Connolly

Submission 59 - Eileen Sykes

From: Eileen Sykes <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 21:36
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Weir

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

Regards

Eileen Sykes

Submission 60 - Owen Barrett

From: Owen Barrett <>
Sent: 18 April 2018 23:30
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Bylaw on Fishery below weir in fermoy

To Whom it may concern

I would like to object to this bye law

Firstly on the basis that the weir and all works that were carried out

By OPW For flood relief have contributed to the problem with fish pass

And the flow of water that can change from season to season they

Have made this problem worse over the last couple of years.

I am a member of the fishing syndicate that has the good will to fish

I don't think that there has been enough cooperation between fishery

Board and fishing syndicate to make some changes without putting this

Byelaw on this fishery.

I have seen lots of salmon migrating over the weirs over the last couple

Years .

As for the Mith that wild scale slaughter takes place on this stretch of water

That's all it is ,We are now in late April and there have been no Salmon caught

On this fishery compared to other fisheries on the river

Regards

Owen Barrett

Submission61 - Liam Rice

From: Liam Rice <>
Sent: 19 April 2018 00:49
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Weir

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Liam Rice

Submission62 - Margaret Hern

From: margaret hern
Sent: 19 April 2018 08:07
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy weir

Dear Sirs

I write to support protection and maintenance of the weir on Fermoy. It is a very precious and vital feature of the town and essential to the life of the river.

Leisure sport fishing and most importantly Salmon stocks depend on it. It is vital that the Council prioritise the work it needs before further damage is done.

I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No 4 or the Lismore Fisheries District River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations.

Please give this your immediate attention.
Yours sincerely

Margaret Hern

Submission 63 - Jim Crowley

From: Jim Crowley
Sent: 19 April 2018 12:29
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Save Fermoy Weir
Attachments: ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm

*I wish to support the Inland Fisheries Ireland proposal for the new Bye-law listed as No. 4
or
Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations*

Submission 64

Submission 64 removed as it is a duplicate of Submission 54

Submission 65 - Therese Ryan

From: Therese Ryan <>
Sent: 19 April 2018 13:52
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Weir

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Submission 66 - Louise Fleming

From: Louise Fleming <>
Sent: 19 April 2018 15:37
To: Fermoybyelaw

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Submission 67 - Paul Lawton / FISTA

From: fissta2017@gmail.com
Sent: 19 April 2018 15:55
To: Fermoybyelaw
Cc: fissta2017@gmail.com
Subject: FISSTA Submission Public consultation: Fermoy Weir
Attachments: fermoy weir byelaw fissta submission to consultation 18.4.18.docx



FROM; MR. PAUL LAWTON, CHAIRMAN,

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Public consultation – River Blackwater (Fermoy Weir)

FISSTA SUBMISSION TO THIS CONSULTATION

Objection to No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations

- 1. FISSTA – Federation of Irish Salmon and Seatrout Anglers representing over 90 club angling associations on the entire island of Ireland, wish to support and join with local anglers at Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers in objecting to the proposed No. 4 or Lismore Fisheries District, River Blackwater, (Fermoy Weir) Bye Law - Angling limitations that target only one river area and one fishing club on the river to resolve a problem not of their making and not of their fixing.**
- 2. FISSTA challenge the IFI assertion that:**

"IFI staff are worried about the level of stress which is imposed on these fish by the high levels of angling activity taking place in this confined area. This change would be a practical measure to greatly decrease the stress on migrating salmon gathered at the weir wall and unable to make passage of the weir, while a permanent solution is awaited."

As the proposed bye law will end all angling for this club on their river area in question, it must be noted and acknowledged that the club have already imposed very restrictive angling measures that demonstrates their commitment to salmon conservation on this part of the river in which Inland Fisheries Ireland have been advising and cooperating with them over the many years of their existence.

Some notable restrictions entails a '4 angler limit' fishing the area at any one time already in operation and enforced by Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers which many other clubs have adopted on their waters as an effective conservation measure as it reduces the fishing effort by 75%. Also,

Fermoy Bridge Salmon Anglers have already in operation barbless hooks and a ban on all shrimp & prawn fishing with new additional conservation measures being introduced such as a ban on the use of 'Fast Sinking Fly fishing lines' to become effective this season in the Weir Pool:

3. FISSTA challenge the IFI assertion in their FAQ No 2 that:

"Why doesn't Inland Fisheries Ireland just fix the weir?"

Statutory responsibility for the weir rests with its owners, Cork County Council (Fermoy Municipal District). Cork County Council is at present seeking to secure funding to repair the weir structure and construct a new fish bypass channel on the river."

Remove the problem, not the angler!

We are informed that "This bye-law would be subject to review after a given period once the weir has been made passable to migrating fish at all water levels by way of a fish bypass channel to be constructed by Cork County Council" FISSTA question the duration of this byelaw and wonder will it be a permanent one?

As the repair of the weir is outside the authority of the IFI and will most likely be many years before corrective and approved works are undertaken, the only group being discriminated and disenfranchised will be the local angling club that has for many years promoted and nurtured the sport of salmon fishing in which tourism have long observed and photographed as they look over the Fermoy bridge to enjoy their wild Atlantic salmon experience as they do in Galway and many other salmon leaping honeypots all over the country.

Removing anglers from this salmon habitat area will not conserve one fish only ruin the idyllic natural environment on a waterway that has long sustained the sport of salmon angling for generations of youth both past and present.

4. FISSTA challenge the IFI assertion in their FAQ No 3 that:

"Who is affected by this Bye-Law?"

This Bye-law will affect any anglers who normally fish on Fermoy weir or in the waters immediately downstream of the weir."

FISSTA assert that more than just the anglers will be affected by this Bye – Law as it will have to be legally argued and challenged that "anglers who normally fish downstream of the weir" including tourism and commercial net fishing license holders may be included in the future. Should this Bye – Law be introduced, it will set a precedent that will erode the rights of all fishery owners or their nominees to participate in the sport of angling or to take a fish by rod and line in the rest of the waters below the weir. Indeed, all angling on the river will be put under scrutiny, especially on other weirs above and below Fermoy bridge.

This IFI rationale to target anglers below a weir will increase awareness and scrutiny to include all Fishery owners rights, not just on the Blackwater River, but also on many other rivers with weirs, will share our concerns and be supportive of an organised legal recourse if such a precedent is attempted.

FISSTA remind IFI and the Minister of the social impact this byelaw will have on the local economy as it will impact on the potential for Fermoy to continue develop an angling tourism trade which is already worth almost €1 billion to our island at present. (Source: IFI TDI study 2013)

The social impact will also be felt as it is a FISSTA tradition in our 90 clubs to foster and promote our sport among the youth. Local anglers admit that many Fermoy anglers of today learned the sport in this angling area now being closed down. Take away the youth angling playground which include these waters and instructors in Fermoy and you are denying the future generations of a local amenity and youth enhancement opportunity that has sustained towns like Fermoy for generations

FISSTA are astounded that the Minister has not published the scientific advice and Appropriate Assessment documentation as evidence that this bylaw is justified in the context of repair to the fish pass. Without sight and consideration to these legal documents, FISSTA will object and mobilise public opposition to such byelaws in every way possible to protect our angling rights and salmon conservation on the waters of this country.

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Submission 68 - Conor Arnold

From: Conor Arnold <>
Sent: 19 April 2018 17:00
To: Fermoybyelaw
Subject: Fermoy Bye-law

I am writeing this submission in support of this proposed bye-law. While I agree it will not solve the relevant issue, I feel it nessesary at present to prevent undue stress on salmon unable to negotiate the weir in its current state. As a fishery owner and life long angler I also see the urgency required for this project otherwise an already suffering natural resource could be in critical danger.

Yours sincerely,
Conor Arnold

