From: michael kehoe <>
Sent: 25 June 2018 13:18
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Sea trout

Dear sir/madam
All fish farms need to be made go close containment if the is any chance of saving our rivers and fish stock,
This applies to all Ireland not just waterville.
Kind Regards
Michael Kehoe.

From: Paul Kelly <>
Sent: 26 June 2018 19:35
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Proposed by law Sea Trout retention

Dear Sir/ Madam,
I wish to make the following observations on this proposed by law.
It is through enforcement measures that desired objectives are achieved, what enforcement measures are to be put in place ? Passing the law does nothing except provide the impression usually false that something good is being done.

How is an inland fisheries body to police the Bay area at sea?

Where is any concentrated effort being funded to determine the root cause of this collapse in sea trout stocks? In the past Ballinahinch suffered similar disaster but we have DNA and improved technology now where are the studies we need ?
What is the IFI. position on the proven effects of Salmon Farming on returning smolts to the Sea.
Why does the IFI consider the Waterville area alone to merit such a by law, sea trout run many rivers in Ireland.
It is my opinion that the proposed by law would be a wasted effort and far better results could be had by banning fish Farming on the entire west coast of Ireland. The effects of such farming are already established on the west coast of Scotland where steep decline in fish counters were recorded while the east coast was not similarly affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Paul Kelly

From: John Murphy <>
Sent: 28 June 2018 09:12
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: 'Public consultation – Waterville Area (Conservation of Sea Trout) Bye Law'

Dear Sir,
Please find comments in regard to proposed Bye Law.
I would like to express my support for the proposed Bye Law. The following comments should be considered as a strengthening of the proposed Bye Law.

- Kenmare Bay rivers must be included
- Worm fishing must be prohibited in Waterville and Kenmare Bay areas
- As trolling is practiced in Lough Currane it is imperative that single barbless hooks are used at certain periods with a temporal consideration from mid April be included to allow for safe release of sea trout caught by this method
- As the proposed Bye Law is to safeguard sea trout it might be preferable that Lough Currane and tributaries might be restricted to fly fishing in September and October.

Kind Regards
John Murphy

Waterville Seatrout Byelaw Submission No.4

From: Tim Harley <>
Sent: 28 June 2018 20:24
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Proposed bye law.

This bye law is a necessary step in any attempt to arrest and reverse the complete devastation of this once matchless fishery. Any suggestion that the sea trout stock is healthy and capable of exploitation is self serving and untrue. The provision needs to be enacted immediately. It is not an answer in itself however - merely a temporary dressing on an infected wound.

Tim Harley

From: Jack Power <>
Sent: 28 June 2018 20:58
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: A brief submission

To whom it concerns ...

1) This proposal is about a decade too late

2) It is also inadequate, the lake should be closed to all angling fro a number of years despite the crocodile tears of the locals.

3) At the very least, the number of boats on the lake should be greatly reduced.

4) Sadly, the bylaw is unlikely to make any real difference as long as the salmon farms are active in Ballinskelligs Bay

Yours
Jack Power

From: Damien O'Brien <>
Sent: 28 June 2018 22:45
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Public consultation – Waterville area C&R

To whom it may concern,

I hereby support the introduction of the bye law regarding conservation of sea trout Waterville area (No.7 or Kerry District) .

Although the proposed introduction of this bye law is unfortunately necessary, in my opinion, it is not as a result of the activity of the angling community. All previous instances of the collapse of sea trout stocks, from Connemara to Lough Maree in Scotland, have been as a direct result of the activities of the salmon aquaculture industry. The collapse of the unique strain of sea trout in Waterville is no different.

The stocking densities, sea lice levels, presence of disease and activities of salmon farms at Deenish and Inishfarnard must be investigated and monitored. IFI should have involvement in this process and monthly reports issued. Failure to sanction the salmon farms operating in the area has resulted in the continued disregard for our wild stocks of salmon and sea trout by an industry which cares nothing for the local economy or the jobs dependent on having healthy sea trout stocks in the Waterville system.

Yours sincerely,
Damien O'Brien
Ireland Regional Representative

GAIA Game Angling Instructors' Association

From: Gary Humphrey <>
Sent: 29 June 2018 12:57
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Proposed C&R of Sea Trout

Dear Sirs
I'm totally against this proposal to make Sea Trout C & R only it's not where the problem lies and is taking your eye off the Ball most Anglers already practice voluntary C&R as it is yet Sea Trout continue to decline in numbers in the Catchment Area I my self haven't taken a Sea Trout for over 4 Years I've returned them all .
The main problem is the Sea Lice infestation in the estuary killing all or most of the Sea Trout and Salmon Smolts .
I'm also of the opinion that it would be a counterproductive move and may well alienate the Anglers who are already doing there part in trying to conserve the remaining Sea Trout stocks.

Regards Gary Humphrey

From: Paul O'Toole <>
Sent: 04 July 2018 17:38
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Public consultation – Waterville Area (Conservation of Sea Trout) Bye Law

This bye law is long overdue, but unfortunately it will have no affect on the reason the sea trout fishery collapsed, which is the operation of a salmon farm in Ballinskelligs Bay (Deenish Island).

There is irrefutable evidence from multiple studies of very similar systems eg Scotland and Norway, that the high load of sea lice associated with salmon farms has a massive impact on the inshore feeding stage of sea trout. There is no need to replicate this evidence in the Waterville system; the conclusion is scientifically inescapable from the published literature.

It is also obvious that the collapse of this iconic fishery, and the negative publicity on social media about angling prospects on Lough Currane, are leading to loss of angler tourism that far outweighs the dubious economic gains and paltry employment levels offered by the salmon farming operation.

The government of Ireland and their appointed officers have a duty of care to iconic natural resources that is not being dispatched. This bye law is not the solution.

Prof. Paul W. O'Toole

Waterville Seatrout Byelaw Submission No.9

From: William Finn <>
Sent: 08 July 2018 13:37
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Conservation of Sea Trout - Waterville Area Bye Law

Dear Sir or Madam,

I believe the proposed bye - law to be the only responsible action open to anglers and I support it. The main reason for the collapse of the fishery is well known but as nothing will be done about it we better do the only thing we can do and support the proposed bye - law and reduce pressure on the greatest game fish I have had the pleasure of fishing for.

What a sad indictment of those in power to allow this to happen when so much is known about the cause.

Yours faithfully,
Will Finn

From: John Murphy <>
Sent: 09 July 2018 09:54
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: 'Public consultation – Waterville Area (Conservation of Sea Trout) Bye Law'

Please find comments in regard to proposed Bye-Law.
Salmon Watch Ireland would like to express our support for the proposed Bye-Law. The following comments should be considered as a strengthening of the proposed Bye- Law.

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- If draft netting station for salmon on Inny is to be allowed open in 2019 and subsequent years, steps should be taken to ensure sea trout are returned safely. This may require modification of draft net material or size of mesh to decrease risk to sea trout..

Kind Regards
John Murphy
Director
Salmon Watch Ireland

From: Fisheries Maps <>
Sent: 12 July 2018 17:52
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Propose Bye Law

Hello,

As an angler who has visited Waterville for over 20 years I have been alarmed at the rapid decline in sea trout loughs over recent years. Lough Currane has gone from a world class fishery to one that I would no longer travel to fish. While I doubt that the primary issues affecting the lake are due to excess harvesting of fish, I would support any measure that might help restore the fishery to it's former status. Thus, I am writing in support of the proposed Bye Laws.

However, I would urge that the serious decline in fish is addressed through a number of other measures, not least an assessment of the impact of local salmon farms on the fish stocks transitioning through Ballinskelligs Bay.

Regards,

Shane

From: Bayview Hotel <>
Sent: 17 July 2018 18:51
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Public Consultation - Waterville Area Consultation Waterville Area (Sea Trout)
Attachments: C&R page 1.jpg; C&R page 4.jpg; C&R page 5.jpg; C&R page 6.jpg; C&R page 7.jpg; C&R page 8.jpg; C&R page 2.jpg; C&R page 3.jpg

from the Village of Waterville and surrounding areas.

Geraldine Fitzgerald
Bay View
Waterville
Co Kerry

Inland Fisheries,
Macroom,
Co. Cork.

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Dated this the 17 day of July, 2018. ~~17~~ 17-7-18

Signed: J. Reidy

Mary Reidy

Sonia Monica Hunt

Derrynane B+B

Beenbane, Waterville

Beenbane Waterville.

Megan

Inland Fisheries,
Macroom,
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Dated this the 17 day of July, 2018.

Signed: Damian Duff. Waterville Inn.
Michael Leahar
Roseanna Teahan
[illegible] (San Francisco)
[illegible]
[illegible] Waterville.
[illegible]
Frank [illegible] Spunkane E.
David Fitzgerald Granaflik
Joe King Waterville
Sheila O'Sullivan
John O'Sullivan
SYLVESTER Donnelly LAKE. RD.

Inland Fisheries,
Macroom,
Co. Cork.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - WATERVILLE AREA CB1

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Dated this the 16th day of July, 2018.

Signed:

Henry Hunt
Smugglers Inn
Waterville.

Conor J. Conor

Thom Thailand

Brenda Sullivan

Caoimhe Sullivan

Alain Henry Kerst

Conor Dineen
Cork.

Inland Fisheries,
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WATERVILLE AREA ct
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Signed:

Abbie Clifford, Ocean View B&B Waterville,
Angela O'Grady, Spunkane, Waterville, Co. Kerry.
Breda Barry B&B Murreigh Waterville Co. Kerry.
Ciaran Morris Klondyke House Waterville Co Kerry
Norma Casey, Sea Lodge Waterville, Co. Kerry.
Fiona O Sullivan An Corcan Waterville - Co - Kerry
Dominic Megillicuddy Keel Tower.
Jurant Fitzya 5 Spunkane.
Lorraine Cullen Bayview Arts & Crafts Co-op.

Inland Fisheries,
Macroom,
Co. Cork.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION WATERVILLE AREA C8

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Signed: Jer Curran

O Dwyer.
Madelin O Dwyer
Finbar Curran.
Aibhe Curran
Trish Sullivan.
Eer Naughton.
RHYS Casey.

Gibbs O'Dwyer.
James Fitzgerald.

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Macroom,
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Dated this the 15 day of July, 2018. 17-7-18.

Signed:

M. O'Sullivan 15/7/18
WATERVILLE BOATS!
M. Sullivan
Gerard Cronin
Brad O'Sullivan
Colette Hillis - An Tigin Crafts & Gifts,
RAP-S Terence Cleary
Terence Whelan
John Quinlan
Denise Doolan

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Signed:

Sion Brain
Kosovar Mjeriqi
Joseph O'Dwyer

David Gorey Beach Cove Cafe (owner)
Mark Thurlow.
Frank & Sean
Geraldine Fitzgerald Bay View Hotel.
Michael O'Shea
Mossy Carey
Michael Austin Lucy.
Kinder Godin.
Chloe Galvin.
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Dated this the 18 day of July, 2018. 17-7-18.

Martha Fitzgerald Beenbane
Maurice Carey Ballybrack Waterville
Sean Carey Cahercon
Johnny O'Connor Beenbane.
Aidan Fogarty Beenbane.
Roslea O'Sullivan Waterville

From: Anne Donnelly <>
Sent: 18 July 2018 10:54
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Sea trout bye law

To whom it may concern

I am objecting to the proposed bye law to catch and release sea trout at this time as catch and release will not solve this problem It is my opinion, it is wrong to increase the amount of smolts to go to sea and be eaten alive by sea lice and to get such a horrific death. For example, if a farmer was producing 300 lambs a year and 90 to 99% of them were eaten alive by maggots because of his failure to treat them , should this farmer by allowed to continue farming? It is no different with the sea trout.
If fish farms were removed from the sea, I would then strongly support catch and release until stocks were back the way they were.Is it still necessary to have a license to fish Waterville lake for brown trout because inother lakes there are more sea trout and no license is required?I would strongly recommend that you enforce the fish farms removed from the sea.The time is now before it is too late I await your response.

Yours faithfully,
Frank Donnelly

From: Gary Humphrey <>
Sent: 18 July 2018 12:41
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Proposed C&R

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Regards Gary Humphrey

Waterville Seatrout Byelaw Submission No.15

From: Michael Doody <>
Sent: 18 July 2018 14:19
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Killarney Salmon & Trout Angling Club - Submission to Public Consultation No. 7
Attachments: KSTAC 18072018 Submission to IFI re Waterville.odt

Good Afternoon ,

Please find attached submission from Killarney Salmon & Trout Angling Club with regard to recently notified public consultation No. 7 of Kerry Fisheries District - Waterville Area (Conservation of Sea Trout) Bye Law .

Many Thanks,

Michael Doody
Secretary -KSTAC

Killarney & Salmon Angling Club ,
Gortahoonig,
Muckross,
Killarney,
Co. Kerry

Waterville Area (Conservation of Sea Trout) Bye Law ,
Inland Fisheries Ireland ,

18-07-2018

Re : Public Consultation No. 7 – Submission by Killarney Salmon & Trout Angling Club

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With regard to the public consultation No. 7 of Kerry Fisheries District , involving a proposal of introducing a catch and release policy for sea trout on named waters in the Waterville area including Lough Currane, we would as a club like to make the following submission :

- It is disappointing that consideration has not been apparently made to the existing limit that is in hand with regard to retention of sea trout under the existing tagging scheme for Salmon and Seatrout that all anglers have to abide by in waters such as Lough Currane – any fish being caught that would potentially be retained by an angler would most likely fall under the size restriction for tagging and thus the angler would be obliged under law to apply such a tag – the reduction of the tag size requirement to the local size limit operated by local angling club might be a better motivation to maintain angling supported local economy instead of the perception that angling could be massively reduced on the waters and the impact that this has on local commerce – while still moving towards the common goal that all anglers and clubs share with Inland Fisheries Ireland , of trying to preserve and maintain our natural wild stocks .
- We would also like to point out that it will be very unfair on anglers having any mandatory policy introduced for the remainder this years angling season on account of the fact that many anglers have already purchased their rod licence for this season and fisheries and clubs will need time to adjust to any changes such as this proposed byelaw.
- Our Club would also wish to see other measures activated to address the issue in hand of perceived low Seatrout stocks before targeting the low percentage of rod caught fish – such measures that could be implemented would be greater checking on illegal netting and water sampling off the nearby offshore fish farms to establish the potential effects of these issues on stocks.

Yours Sincerely ,

Michael Doody
Secretary – Killarney Salmon & Trout Angling Club

Waterville Seatrout Byelaw Submission No.16

From: Bayview Hotel <>
Sent: 18 July 2018 15:27
To: Waterville-Byelaw
Subject: Public Consultation Waterville
Attachments: c&r pg 10.jpg

Attached is another signature from the people of Waterville

Regards
Geraldine Fitzgerald
Bay View
Waterville
Co Kerry

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