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While Annaghdown Angling Club welcomes a long awaited Bye-law to designate Lough Corrib as a salmonid water, together with Loughs Carra, Mask, Conn, Cullin, Sheelin & Arrow, we are alarmed with what only be described as the capacity to permit any Minister of the day to interfere with the workings of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) the statutory body established to manage our lakes and rivers.

As a Club on Lough Corrib, we see some issues which make this proposed Bye-law possibly inoperable.

1. The use of the word "primarily" is not definitive enough and will lead to confusion and arguments due to it's possible broad interpretation. It **MUST** be removed. The designated lakes **MUST** be salmonid waters only without any ifs or buts. This is included in point 4 of the draft document.
2. Point 7 of the document allows for political interference by the Minister of the day to amend stock management plans developed by IFI. There cannot be any interference by any politicians in the working of the proposed Bye-law and this section must be deleted in it's entirety.
3. Section 2 of the draft document talks about "designated waters" meaning wild salmonid waters under Article 3 (Article 3 designates the lakes only but lakes are fed from tributaries, feeder streams and encompass wide catchment areas. The full catchment areas **MUST** be included in all the lakes in Article 3.

This proposed new Bye-law is the latest effort at designating the Article 3 Lakes as salmonid waters which in essence means salmon and trout. The proposed Bye-law **MUST** be clear, unambiguous and not open to interpretation either in social media or the Courts. This time get it right !

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