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I welcome the intention of the Department to fulfil the Programme for Government (PFG) commitment to enact a bye law to protect the Western Lakes as Salmonid lakes. [redacted]

However, I am very disappointed by the content of the bye-law as drafted. I believe it needs to mirror more closely [redacted] 964 of 2018 and include an appropriate assessment. I believe at this stage it is more appropriate to suspend this bye-law and engage with Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) with regard to what is required. The designation status of bye-law 964/2018 was supported by allowing the removal of larger pike which target trout, by exempting the Western Lakes from bye-laws 809 of 2006. I believe research needs to be carried out into the diet of larger pike on our Western Lakes, by gill netting where necessary.

I ask that if the bye-law is to be continued with, that measures to allow for the removal of larger pike be included as well as other non-salmonid species such as roach and bream. I also believe that wild brown trout should be protected in Annex 2 of the habitats directive and would urge the Department to engage and start a process to carry this out.

Kind regards

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