

Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2021

I hereby object to the proposed Bye-Law for the following reasons

1. The listed waters should be managed exclusively for the benefit of salmonid species.  
The word 'primarily' (number 4 on the proposed Bye-Law) implies that these waters may also be managed for other fish species.
2. Stock Management plans should be of at least 5 year duration (numbers 5 and 6 of the proposed Bye-Law)
3. Point 7 of the proposed Bye-Law should be deleted.  
The effect of this point would be to transfer control to Department civil servants, of a primary development role of Inland Fisheries Ireland. The inclusion of this point implies that un-qualified Department officials intend to interfere on an annual basis, in the implementation of fish stock management plans, for these salmonid fisheries. This raises the appalling vista of a chaotic future for the management of our unique salmonid fisheries.

This Draft Bye -Law would in effect diminish the status of these unique salmonid fisheries, downgrading them to the status of mixed fisheries. For the reasons listed above I wish to object in the strongest manner to the imposition of this Bye-Law.

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