

Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2021

TAFI (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland) opposes the proposed Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law.

This bye-law cannot propose to be a designation of the lakes nominated in the schedule of the Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law because it does nothing to improve the salmonid species in these waters.

In certain circumstances it is not inconceivable that it would lessen the standing of the salmonids in these lakes. The well-established legal principle of the integrity of an SAC (Special Area of Conservation) as defined within the Habitats Directive cannot be undermined by this bye law.

TAFI once again find themselves in complete disagreement with the Government that is charged with the protection of these waters, a Government that is willingly committed in the Programme for Government to the designation of these lakes as salmonid waters solely.

TAFI is left with no option but to oppose this bye-law by every legal means at its disposal as this is nothing more than a blatant attempt at introducing a mixed stock fishery model on these waters and a downgrading of Ireland's Special Areas of Conservation.

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