

Comments on the Designated Salmonid Waters draft bye-law 2021

3. The waters specified in Column (2) of Schedule 1, being waters capable of supporting salmonid species, are hereby designated as wild salmonid waters for the purposes of this Bye-law.

Schedule 1: The list of designated waters should be extended not just to cover the lakes specified but also their tributaries and catchment areas as a lough cannot be properly managed without also managing its tributaries and catchment area.

4. The designated waters shall be managed **primarily** for the benefit of wild salmonid species.

**Primarily** should be removed as its inclusion is open to broad interpretation.

7. The Minister may, before approval, amend stock management plans as he sees fit and such plans, as approved by the Minister, shall be published and implemented by IFI.

This should be omitted entirely and stock management control left to IFI who have the science and expertise at their disposal and ultimate control of stock management plans should not be left to the Minister to amend "as he sees fit".

NB/ I regularly fish out from Salthouse Bay on Lough Corrib and have noticed in the past two years a huge increase in the Rudd population. The Rudd have taken over large shallow water areas of the bay to the detriment of the trout, the trout would often be seen feeding in the shallow water in early summer but I feel the huge shoals of Rudd are pushing the trout out into deeper water where the feeding is not as rich.

Thank you.

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