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Re. Consulation on Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2021.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in regards to the above mentioned Bye-Law which is open for discussion until 20th of August 2021.

I am a Professional Angling Guide on Lough Corrib so therefore the Bye-Law concerns me greatly.

I note that that the word 'primarily' is used in the wording for protection of salmonids in the relevant waterbodies. This is ambiguous, the waters are either designated as a Salmonid Fishery or they are not. In my mind this should be clear and unequivocal, the waters should be designated salmonid and not left with any ambivalence. It is only by doing this that the Trout and Salmon can be afforded the full protection from invasive species, predators and the full protection from any decline in water quality, this bye-law does not do this.

I have great concern too that the Minister of the day whoever he/she may be can see fit to 'amend or oppose any management plans proposed by Inland Fisheries Ireland as he/she sees fits'. This leaves the waters open to the continual possibility of political interference.

This bye-law offers no proper protection to salmonids as it is open to interpretation as to what level they are protected and is open to potential meddling from future Ministers. These waters must be managed exclusively for salmonids, surely if not then this is a breach of the Habitats Directive.

I, as a professional guide and an angler am totally opposed to this bye-law in its current form.

Regards,

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