

Submission Draft Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2021

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to make a submission to the Draft Designated Salmonid Bye-Law recently published.

In relation to No. 3 in the Draft Bye-Law I would like this expanded from the reference to the seven Lough's to also include the tributaries and distributaries of the Lough's named as these waterways are critical to the operation of the Lough's.

In relation to No. 4 I believe the inclusion of the word "primarily" makes the Bye-Laws unworkable and it should be removed.

In the event that the Minister, and his officials, continue with the wording I would ask that they clearly outline what it will mean to the successful operation of the Bye-Laws.

Will it mean that sections of Lough Corrib (example) will be mixed and other areas exclusively for Salmon and Trout, will this require controlled segregation?

By designating the seven Lough's primarily for the benefit of wild salmonid species how much annual funding from the taxpayer will have to be allocated so as to maintain/enhance, into the future, the "primarily" status?

How will the "primarily" status be monitored in relation to wild salmonid numbers vs other stock numbers and how often will surveys be carried out so to determine the "primarily" status is maintained/enhanced? I eagerly await your response to the above questions.

In relation to No. 7 can I ask if the Minister, presumably on the advice of his officials, is to propose to amend the stock management plan who would they be getting information from and what would the cost be to the taxpayer and can IFD review this information before it is implemented?

Please acknowledge my submission.

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