

[Redacted]

A Chara,

I am an interested party to the proposed Salmonid Bye Law and have some observations as follows but not limited to these contained herein.

1. Specifically in relation to Point no 4 the term PRIMARILY should be removed as its inclusion would lead to an excessively broad interpretation and is potentially confusing.

PRIMARILY should also be removed from the Explanatory Notes

2. Point no 7 should be removed in its entirety as it proposes to leave a level of discretion to any incumbent Minister " as he sees fit " and thus denies and potentially excludes the professional expertise and special skills of the IFI team who are so committed to maintaining and improving our waters for angling. It also allows for good science to be potentially ignored.

3. Schedule 1 should be extended to include all of the designated waters and their tributaries and their extensive catchment areas. To exclude them would be a blatant error with serious consequences for Salmonid health and future survival.

These are my specific observations and I will not wax lyrical about the extraordinary and unique resource we have in the West of Ireland in our great lakes. I am sure that this is well understood in your Department as is your desire to maintain and protect the Salmonid species therein.

The contribution that these lakes contribute to our State in both financial and social terms is simply enormous and deserves all of our best efforts to preserve them for future generations.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

18th August 2021.

Inland Fisheries Division
20 AUG 2021
Elm House
Earlsvale Road, Cavan.