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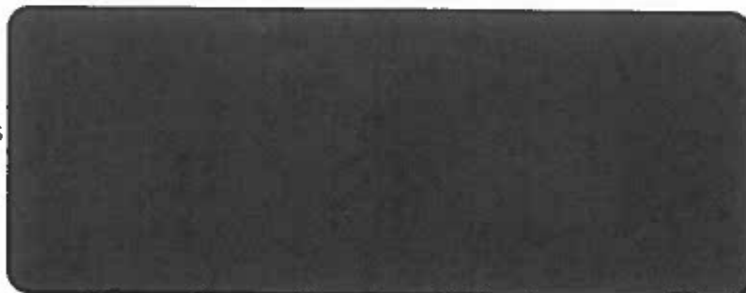
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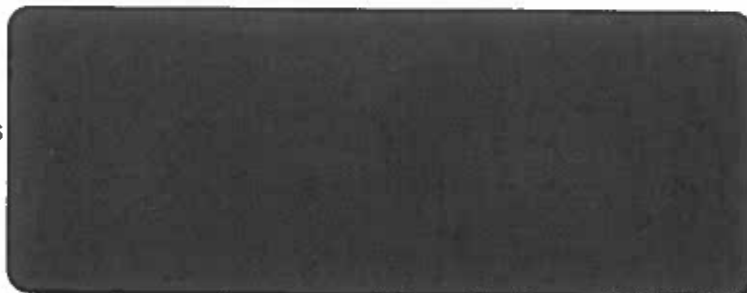
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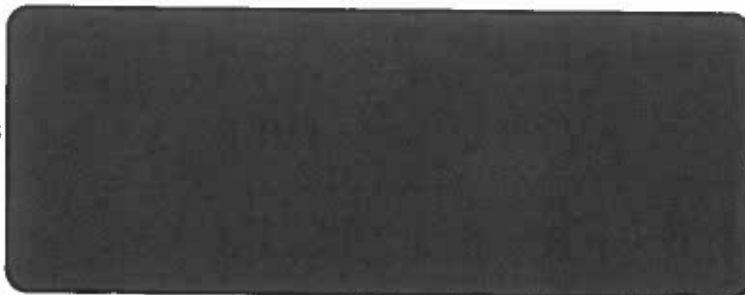
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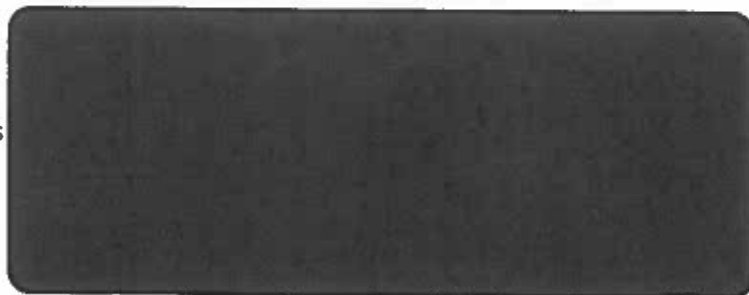
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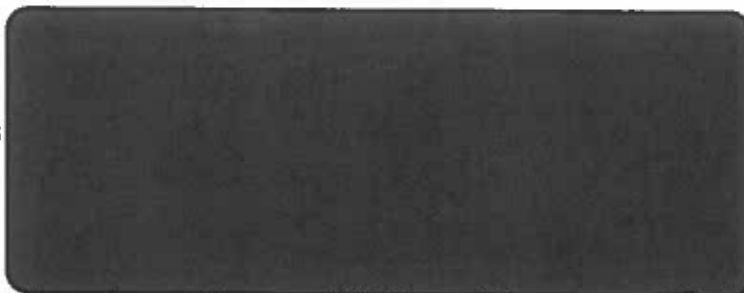
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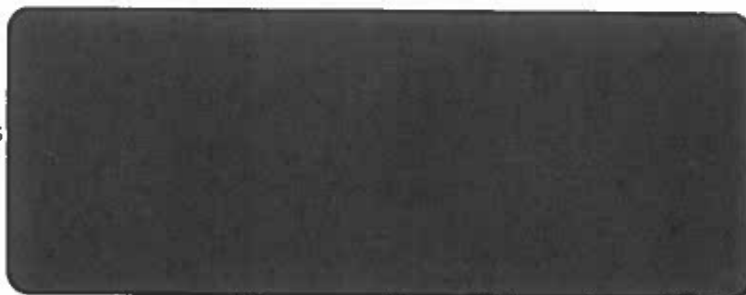
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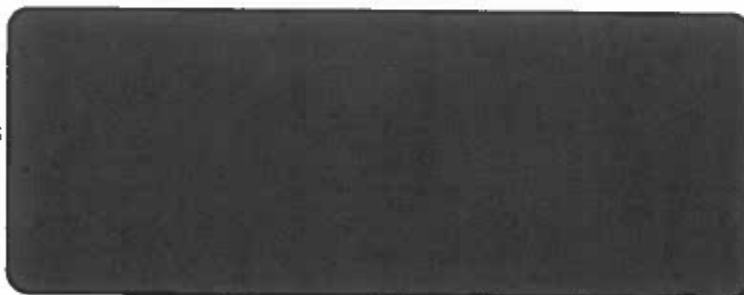
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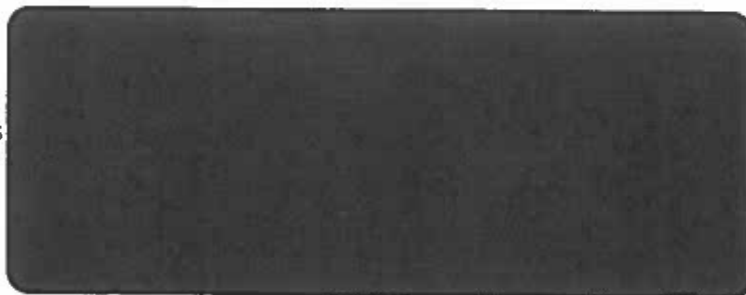
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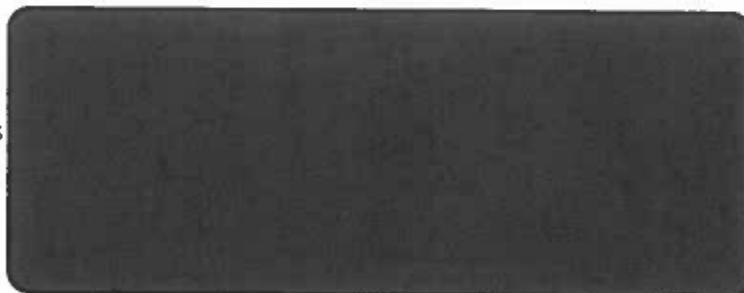
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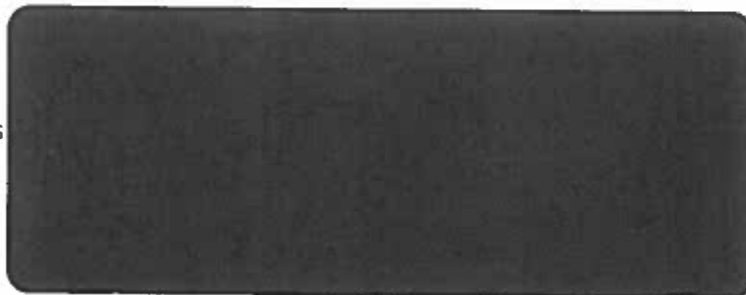
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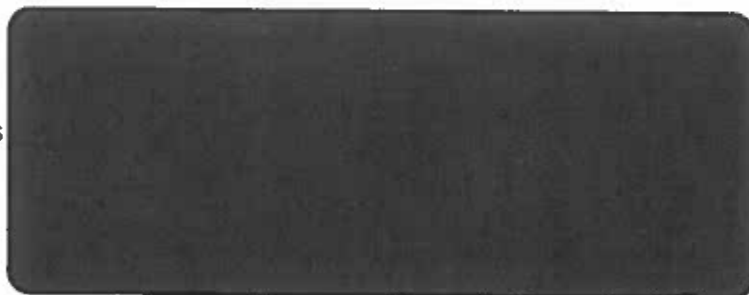
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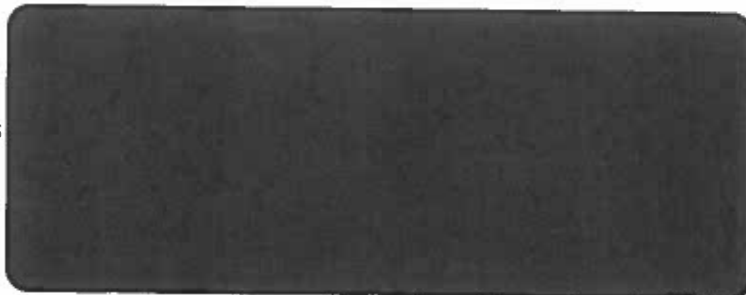
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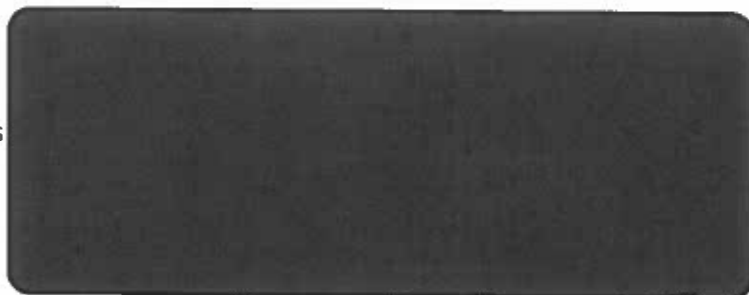
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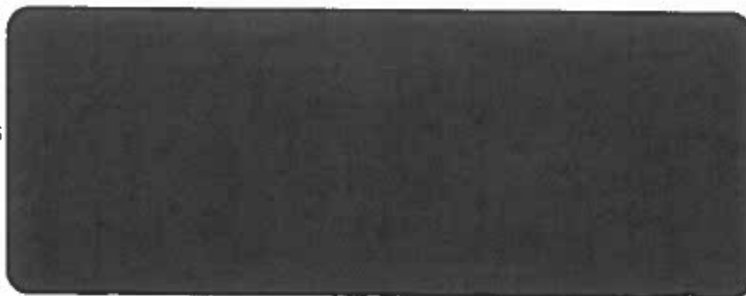
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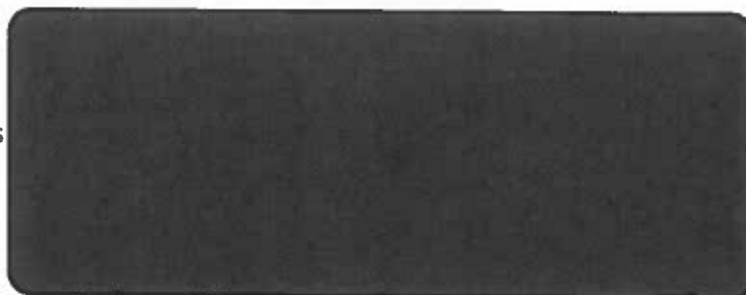
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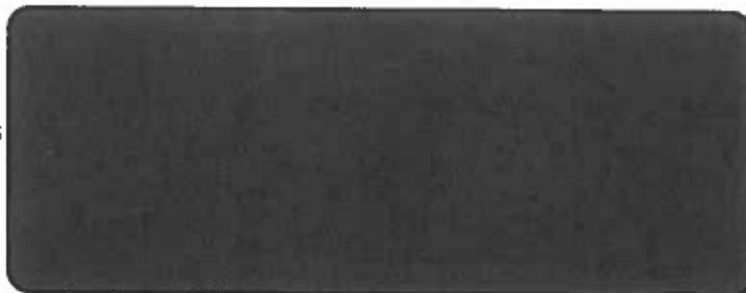
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To Minister Kyrne.

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I do not know how this decision or proposal has been decided on as it is contrary to a long standing recognition of Lough Ennel as a brown trout fishery.

I have in my possession some annual reports, dating back to 1885-86, which substantiate this claim, when there was a very active Fish Preservation Society of the Midland lakes working hard to manage the fishery.

It is an established historical fact that the record Irish brown trout weighing 26 lbs 2 oz was caught in Lough Ennel on July 15, 1894. Over the years Lough Ennel has had its trials and tribulations.

In the mid-fifties, as part of The Broome Drainage Scheme the lake was lowered five feet. However it recovered magnificently, particularly due to The Inland Fisheries Trust and its work on the lake and feeder streams.

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