

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 17:23
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Opposition to opposed bye law changes

To whom it may concern

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed fishery bye law changes proposed but Mr Sean Kyne TD

I not believe that only focusing on salmonid species will be of benefit to the wider Fishery ecosystem.

I believe that pike play an important part in the wider ecosystem and as a proponent of catch and release for all fish I believe a bag limit on pike of tantamount to treating them as a lesser species and getting the public to do the culling, which IFI would perhaps rather not do. Pike are not generally seen as a table fish and should not be treated as such.

I think investment in other angling initiatives, fishery management in a balanced way and ongoing protection off existing fisheries should be a priority.

This change would clearly mark Ireland out as having a narrow focus on salmonid angling which would affect the wider pike and coarse angling tourism in the rest of the country leading to an overall reduction in tourism revenue.

It is both a backwards step and environmental vandalism which offers little or no gain in the long term.

Yours sincerely,

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Catrina Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 15:48
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: RE: Opposition to bye-law proposed by Sean Kyne



Date: 17 May 2018 at 19:45:27 IST
Subject: Opposition to bye-law proposed by Sean Kyne

Hello all,

I am writing to you to express my deep opposition to the proposed bye-law proposed by Minister Sean Kyne that enables anglers to keep and kill pike of any size on "designated brown trout fisheries". This comes on top of the rudimentary management practiced by IFI, which only involve culling huge numbers of pike. Please do not go ahead with this proposal.

I have been fishing for both pike and trout for many years and I've been studying aquatic ecosystems for even more years. There is no science to sustain this type of management of aquatic resources that involves the culling of one species to favour another. This is just primitive and childish thinking, ecosystems are a lot more complicated than that.

By removing the top predatory fish there is a very high possibility that trout populations will be also negatively affected. Large pike are the only thing that keep under control species like roach, bream and perch. These are the species of fish that the trout angler should be worried about, as they are trout's direct competitors for food. Once pike is removed these are the populations that will flourish and not trout. Compared to trout, these species are very adaptable to water conditions and have a very high reproductive rate that is not dependant on the existence of nearby spawning rivers. These are the species that will eliminate trout, if the controlling power of pike is reduced. Nature has its own ways to create equilibrium.

I do not dare to imagine the negative impact such a measure would have on the already dwindling fishing tourism in this beautiful country. Ireland used to be a worldwide famous angling destination and still is. Millions of euros are generated in revenue, supporting thousands of local businesses in rural Ireland.

On another note, you have to consider that such measure would only encourage poaching to a whole new level.

You should consider other measures to improve brown trout and salmon stocks, such as water quality improvement, catch and release and spawning beds improvement.

I trust you will act on common sense, science and not on make belief, and not in interest of the mislead few.



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 16:01
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: OPPOSED TO BYE LAW SALMONID 2018

Dear IFI (ministers attention) .The slaughter of 4 pike per day of any size on the big loughs/lakes is totally unnecessary and inhumane .A total disgrace and I am firmly opposed to it. Mother nature looks after mother nature .Idiot human beings should leave well alone for the sake of all fish across the board, not just for Trout Anglers . Implosions of Perch and Roach will do more damage than killing Pike .They keep them and diseased fish in check . I strongly oppose this and I would like my voice heard .Anglers abroad will not come here anymore and its a big knock on affect .. Yours in disgruntlement . [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2018 22:46
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objections to new Pike bye-laws

Hello,
I wish to lodge a complaint against the new pike bye-laws proposed by Minister Kyne. Currently Inland Fisheries Ireland are tasked with managing fisheries in this jurisdiction. They are carrying out a review of pike management ongoing since 2016, of which they had asked all interested parties to take part in. This review is being funded by the tax payer through Inland Fisheries Ireland and is taking some time but is nearing completion.

Unfortunately Minister Sean Kyne has decided not to wait for this review to be complete and has instead ignored all current expertise, and recommendations. I believe Minister Kyne is pre-empting this review to appease a very vocal local lobby in his own constituency.

These fisheries are owned by the people of Ireland and not by Minister Kyne, or indeed by local lobby groups. Minister Kyne should at least show consideration, and wait for the review to be complete and see what recommendations are forthcoming which may satisfy some if not all parties.

If these proposals are passed the damage done in the short term could take generations and great cost to repair. These damages would not only be to the fisheries but to our reputation abroad and also to angling tourism.

I have already spoken to numerous anglers from around Europe and they have stated that if this new bye-law is passed they will never return to fish in Ireland, which in return will directly affect people in the tourism trade.

Also Pike have been classed as a native species to Ireland in the 2013 report. By allowing any angler to kill 4 pike, of any size will have a disastrous effect on the lakes. Roach, perch and other coarse species will multiply at a fast rate, these species will also compete for the same food source as trout and even the young trout will become a food source.

These lakes have survived for thousands of years with nature looking after their stocks.

I find it very disturbing that IFI would allow Minister Kyne to pass such bye-laws to keep a few of his local buddies happy to try and gain more votes for a possible election in the near future.

Many many anglers, even trout anglers are against these bye-laws being brought in.

What are IFI doing to protect our natural fish stocks?

Regards,
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2018 21:05
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objections against new proposed salmonid waters bye law 2018

I [REDACTED] strongly object to the proposed bye law as proposed by Minister Kyne . I cannot express my deep concerns enough over the effect of this law could have on the natural balance of an already uncertain ecosystem due to global warming and climate change .

To attempt to remove a native fish from the food chain in lakes and rivers will have a detrimental effect on the overall population of all fish stocks already under threat from pollution and illegal removal of fish from our water systems.

Be under no illusion our water systems are finely balanced with current stocks of course and game fish . Removal of the Pike species will only exasperate this issue even more .

With respect I ask that this Bye Law is rejected and instead ask that our fish stocks are nurtured instead of being destroyed by this reckless proposal .

Best Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 22:44
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to the Salmonoid 'protection' Bye law

Hi,
This is an email objecting the implementation of the proposed bye law in relation to the salmonoid waters. The proposed bye law allowing anglers to remove pike and other fish of any size will prove detrimental to said fisheries. I am a keen angler, trout and salmon fishing included (was salmon fishing with a licence Saturday just gone on the river moy). I can't believe what I am reading. Anglers from specific clubs of the West of Ireland who have no scientific knowledge have pressed for such a bye law to be implemented. I suggest that the marine institute be consulted in relation to this issue as they too will agree that the pike allegedly invasive to these waters are not invasive and removing them is both unjust, and will lead to the demise of the trout and salmonoid fisheries.

Regards,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 15:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to the proposed New Pike Bye Law.

Dear Sir/ Madam

As a pike angler, I strongly object to Minister Sean Kyne's proposed new bye law in regard to the introduction of daily bag limit of 4 pike (any size) on certain lakes.

Is anyone in IFI aware of the amount of pike anglers, both Irish and International that spend millions of euro each year in pursuit of their sport.

Also, is the minister or anyone in the IFI aware that it has been scientifically proven that pike have been recognised as being native to Ireland :

<https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/documents/444-pikelaymansreport.html>

I fish throughout Ireland all year round for this top level sports fish and am appalled that if this bye law is enacted, it will decimate the already endangered stocks of pike that are legally slaughtered by gill nets and other methods deployed by the IFI. This eradication, coupled with the relentless poaching and illegal taking of a natural resource that generates such tourism revenues is a total disgrace.

Kind Regards,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 15:23
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to the Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

Dear Sirs,

I am emailing to outline my objection to the proposed draft bill permitting the pike culling of 4 pike per day. Its outrageous to believe that this alone with protect trout numbers in these lakes.

If you restricted the quantity of trout permitted to be taken on a daily basis from these waters this would contribute to the protection of trout in these lakes.

For instance, the removal of pike permits the growth of perch and roach to unnatural specimen sizes and population quantities as there is a reduction in pike numbers to prey on roach and perch.

Lough Sheelin is a prime example, roach and perch have over run this lake and you can catch specimen size fish easily as the pike being pulled out in previous years to protect trout.

Rather than considering only local fishery board demands, it would be wise to consider the long term effects on the other fish numbers and sizes which damages the quality of fishing and allows perch and roach to over take pike and trout species.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 19:11
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to the bye law on pike.

To whom it may concern.

I completely object to this ridiculous bye law that is trying to be passed towards the removal of pike from the waters ye have stated...

I am a very keen trout and pike angler and if this law is passed ye will have made a huge mistake. Some of these lakes are connected to one of the largest river systems in the country and please please use your heads and do the right thing and scrap this stupid bye law and let the eco system do it's own thing.

Pike is a hugely popular sport fish which attracts anglers from all over the world to here Ireland one of the best pike countries in the world.

Use your heads and the country could benefit by promoting the pike fishing and a strict catch n release policy as well.

I hope ye make the right decision.

Yours faithfully



Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 00:02
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: Craig Murphy
Subject: objection to the Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

I'm writing to you this evening in regard to the actions of the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment with responsibility for Natural Resources, Community Affairs Sean Kyne.

I totally object to the proposed Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018.

Currently Inland fisheries Ireland are tasked with managing fisheries in this jurisdiction. They are carrying out a review of pike management ongoing since 2016, of which they had asked all interested parties to take part in. This review is being funded by the tax payer through inland fisheries Ireland and is taking some time but is nearing completion.

Unfortunately Minister Sean Kyne has decided not to wait for this review to be complete and has instead ignored all current expertise, and recommendations. I believe Minister Kyne is acting to appease a very vocal local lobby in his own constituency.

These fisheries are owned by the people of Ireland and not by Minister Kyne, or indeed by local lobby groups. Minister Kyne should at least show consideration, and wait for the review to be complete and see what recommendations are forthcoming which may satisfy some if not all parties.

If these proposals are passed the damage done in the short term could take generations and great cost to repair. These damages would not only be to the fisheries but to our reputation abroad and also to angling tourism. Not to mention the policing of such bye laws! it would be golden ticket to poacher to take 4 pike of any SIZE from any water within a 50 miles of any of the lakes mentioned in this new bye law. if caught with a boot full of pike they can say they caught them on the designated lakes earlier that day. Half the country would be effected by this new bye law realistically.

Regards


Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 17:50
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

Categories: Red Category

I oppose the proposed new bye-law to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size on the waters listed. I believe that it will make enforcement of the current National pike bye-law 809 of 2006 completely unenforceable on all other waters as people may falsely claim that any pike found in their possession were caught in one of the 7 listed waters.

I oppose any change in pike bye law 809 of 2006 on the named waters as these waters are famous for producing specimen pike and the introduction of the bye law will adversely affect pike angling tourism on these waters as there will be less large pike to catch if people are allowed to catch and take 4 pike of ANY size. Genuine pike anglers practice catch and release. Inland Fisheries Ireland recognise the tourism value of large pike on these waters by releasing all pike they catch which are over 85cms.

I oppose the proposed new bye law as it is unnecessary. The ESRI paper 563 of May 2017 clearly states that 61% of brown trout anglers "are negatively disposed towards pike stock management". If the purpose of the bye-law is to help protect brown trout then the bye-law should be limiting the number and size of the brown trout an angler can take per day. In this regard perhaps it should mirror the current pike bye law 809 of 2006 i.e. one brown trout of up to 50cms per day.

I oppose the proposed bye -law as it undermines the current Inland Fisheries Ireland ongoing review of pike policy in designated wild brown trout waters and pre-empts the review group`s findings. This makes for bad and ill-informed fishery management.

I oppose the proposed bye-law providing for the designation of the waters named under this proposed bye-law, their tributaries and distributaries as salmonid waters, if such designation infers that any existing species of fish living at present within these fisheries that is not a salmonid, can or should be removed by virtue of this designation.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: , 2018 15:30
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: Minister Kyne
Subject: Objection to Public Consultations Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you to post my objection to the Public Consultations Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018.

I am a keen angler who once frequently visited the western lakes of Ireland for fishing holidays but who no longer does due to the ongoing persecution of the Pike stocks in the region. I am hugely opposed to the gill netting campaign which takes place annually on these Loughs, which are of great importance historically to the culture of Pike fishing. Likewise, I am opposed to the recently proposed motion allowing the killing of up to 4 Pike of any size on the Loughs - a motion being proposed by Minister Kyne.

I wrote to the minister on the 28th March 2018 (email [Ref No: 074.2018.SK.DCCAE](#)) expressing my objections to the Pike removal practices and highlighting many of the reasons I feel this decision is wrong. Within the Minister's response, I received the following assurance, "It has been consistently stated that while the review is in process there is, in line with established practice, no change to existing policy as regards stock management measures." To my knowledge, the review is still in process and yet here we are in a situation where a change to the existing policy's being forwarded? It is incredibly difficult as a concerned Pike angler, born and bred in Ireland, to believe that the growing and majority voice of those opposed to the gill netting practices are being adequately listened to when we hear that motions are being considered that effectively increase the persecution of Pike in the region.

The gill netting continues unabated despite there still being no scientific evidence that it has worked on any of the Loughs in question and indeed in many cases, proof exists that as Pike stocks have been decimated, the quality of the Trout angling has declined likewise. Having reviewed the gill net returns for many of the loughs this spring, it is clear from the stomach contents of the hundreds of Pike removed that Trout were certainly not the main food source for the Pike, so I would encourage you to reconsider the need to destroy Pike fishing in a region which could be benefitting massively from the tourist money Pike Anglers would happily bring, should the gill netting cease.

You recently launched a Catch and Release campaign on social media, which was to be commended, however I am constantly dismayed to see the large number of Salmonid species proudly displayed dead on your website. Many angling disciplines in Ireland and the UK are almost entirely Catch and Release and it is frustrating to see the large number of quality Pike being removed from the Western Loughs via the gill nets when Game Anglers refuse to practice the same level of responsibility for their own sport. I truly hope that common sense prevails and that in my lifetime the wonderful, wild and indigenous Pike of Ireland are afforded the respect they deserve. I for one would waste no time in coming back to visit but until this happens, I will be taking my hard earned money elsewhere.

Regards


Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 25 May 2018 01:12
To: sean.kyne@oir.ie; Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to Proposed introduction of Pike Bye Law 2018

Dear Minister Kyne,

I am writing to you in relation to proposed introduction of the salmonid waters bye law 2018 on loughs Corrib, Mask, Conn, Cullin, Arrow and Sheelin. As an avid fisherman of both salmonid species (trout and salmon) and pike, a scientist and a life long Fine Gael supporter I am deeply concerned at this proposition.

I believe the introduction of this bye law will be disastrous for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the scientific basis for the introduction of this bye law is completely unfounded by scientific evidence. The theory that limiting pike numbers on large wild waters fed by numerous rivers and streams results in increased trout|salmon populations is not supported by the literature (Doomsday Book of Mammoth, F Buller, 1979). I am unaware of any randomised controlled trials or meta analysis supporting this? Perhaps you can forward the reading list which formed the basis of the proposed bye law.

Secondly, the great western loughs are world renown as both excellent trout and pike waters, drawing millions of euro annually in tourism to Ireland and in particular to the local communities in these areas. There are records of forty six 35lb+ pike caught on Lough Mask between 1991 and 2004, an astonishing ten records of 40lb pike caught on Lough Conn (Mammoth Pike, N. Fickling, Lucebaits Publishing, 2004). A specimen pike is 20lb. Few countries other than ours can claim this. To attempt to promote one natural occurring species in these waters at the expense of another is surely a futile and foolhardy exercise?

Based on the above, I can only disagree wholeheartedly with the introduction of this bye law. I will be writing to Mr Peter Burke, my local Fine Gael TD to further stress this.

I look forward to receiving a respond from you. I am available at this email for further correspondence or in person as I will happily meet you to discuss this matter further.

Highest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 10:42
To: Inland Fisheries; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie
Subject: Objection to proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries

Inland Fisheries/ Minister Kyne

I would like to object to the proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries. The lack of size restrictions will allow the killing of specimen pike, impacting on angling tourism and having a negative impact on our international reputation as an angling venue. The lack of restriction on the total number of pike killed on an annual basis will have the potential to seriously unbalance the ecosystem of these lakes, with a potential explosion in the numbers of coarse fish. This bye-law is also proposed without scientific evidence or justification, and could be seen as a cynical exercise by the Minister to secure votes in his local constituency. The bye-law purports to relate to trout management yet no measures are proposed to reduce the number of mature trout that are taken in the numerous "catch and kill" competitions held on these waters.

It is my opinion that this bye law is not backed by credible peer reviewed scientific evidence, is short sighted and likely to be counterproductive.

As an angler who travels regularly from Northern Ireland for the sole purpose of fishing for pike on these waters I would like to object to the introduction of this bye-law.

It continues to shock me that our counterparts throughout the rest of Europe are actively promoting catch and release and introducing bye laws to prevent the killing of pike, yet those responsible for the management of our public fisheries in Ireland are still seeking to introduce laws that encourage the culling of the species. Should we not be leading the way in terms of conservation and sustainability? Also is the proposed introduction of such bye-law even compliant with EU regulations?

I patiently await your response.

Regards

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 16:00
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: objection to draft legislation

To whom it may concern,

Pike are an indigenous species and the natural Apex predator in the ecological systems. They should not be killed as this is ruining the whole system. I often fish on the Corrib and this is a major issue so would like to lodge an objection as part of the public consultation process.

Regards,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 15:09
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection to bye laws

My name is [REDACTED]
Owner of [REDACTED].

We as anglers are very much apposed to the actions been taken. Not only is our sport been taken away but from our children and there children. Not to mention put ourselves and many other guide's out of business. Tackle shops b&b.s. boat hire cafes local shops will all be effected. We have clients coming to us from uk eurpoe usa and Australia every year. This is come to an end and ireland as fishing destination for anglers across the world.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 10:04
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: objection

To whom it may concern,

I want to object to the proposed bye-law that encourages the killing of four pike per day on the lakes mentioned in the following link, <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/natural-resources/consultations/Pages/Public-Consultations-Designated-Salmonid-Waters-Bye-Law-2018.aspx>. This is not good for the conservation of Irish pike fishing or fishing in general in Ireland. It has been mentioned that should someone be found in possession of 4 pike in the surrounding areas the person in question could claim to have taken them from the mentioned lakes. This bye-law promotes a bad attitude to pike in Ireland and fish conservation and should not be encouraged.

Please can i have confirmation that my email has been received.

Thank you for your time,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 20:02
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: OBJECTION

To whom it may concern,

I object to Minister Sean Kyne's proposal for the Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law.

1) The bye-law opens a loophole for the poaching of pike on nearby lakes that are not covered under Column (2) of the Schedule under the pretence they were caught from one of the loughs listed within Column (2).

2) Many specimen pike will be killed, and pike fishing will suffer a heavy blow. Pike fishing brings in tens of millions of euro in revenue to the country each year as conducted by the IFI.

Yours sincerely,



Catriona Brady

From: ---
Sent: 09 May 2018 08:54
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection

I would like to object to the draft bye-law on pike killing in Irish lakes!

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 23:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New proposed byelaw re pike fishing

Please consider this as an objection to the proposed byelaw you hope to bring in, which allows anglers to bag 4 pike at any one time. This will be detrimental to the ecology of the lakes involved, as pike are natural predators and eat disease carrying fish, which in itself can only be beneficial to the survival of all species, including salmonoids.

Kind regards



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 13:26
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New pike laws - objection

Im disgusted and appalled about the new pike laws proposal. As someone who spends a lot of money pike fishing every year, it saddens me that people still want to kill pike cause of " falling trout stocks" . The trout men have a ingrained hatred of pike and that mindset will never change, unfortunately. The trout lads always claim theres loads of trout, when they hold trout comps where they can and do kill 4 trout a day. But then they claim there's very little trout left because the pike have eaten them all. So which one is it. Pike have been around for millions of years, if they were such a ferocious and hungry predator, how come they haven't eaten every other species into extinction in that timeframe. The biggest predator on them loughs is the two legged ones. I switched my voting from fianna fail to fine gael during the recession. But ill be switching back to fianna fail if this new proposal come in.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:37
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New pike bylaw

I would like to put my objection in writing in relation to minister Sean kyne's proposal to bring in a new pike bylaw.

I strongly object to the allowing of removal of up to four pike per day of any size per angler, infact i object to the removal of any pike whatsoever on any day.

Pike are a natural resource and should be treated as such. There is no difference in my eyes between pike, trout or salmon.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 11 May 2018 17:24
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New Pike bye-laws

Hello,

I wish to lodge a complaint against the new pike bye-laws proposed by minister Kyne. Currently Inland fisheries Ireland are tasked with managing fisheries in this jurisdiction. They are carrying out a review of pike management ongoing since 2016, of which they had asked all interested parties to take part in. This review is being funded by the tax payer through inland fisheries Ireland and is taking some time but is nearing completion.

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I find it very disturbing that IFI would allow minister Kyne to pass such bye-laws to keep a few of his local buddies happy to try and gain more votes for a possible election in the near future.

Many many anglers, even trout anglers are against these bye-laws being brought in.

What are IFI doing to protect our natural fish stocks?

Regards,



Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New Pike By laws

I wish to strongly object to the new by laws concerning pike on the grounds that pike is the species I primarily fish for and I feel that between gill netting and these new laws which are being introduced, that the species and the environment as a whole will suffer serious damage.
Far too much of the tax payers money is going towards the conservation of trout and salmon with very little regard to other species of fish.
It might be advantageous to the IFI to look towards the Scandanavian systems of fisheries management.
Regards,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung device

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 21:31
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: NEW BYELAW

To whom it may concern,

I am totally against the new proposed byelaw of the CATCH AND KILL 4 PIKE PER DAY in the designated SALMONID FISHERIES.

Completely disgusted and losing the desire to travel to the west of Ireland for trout and pike fishing is an understatement.

I hope common sense will prevail and the voices of the majority of anglers both pike and trout will be heard and this byelaw will be scrapped.

Please do not make the divide even greater in Irish angling by passing this bylaw.

Kind Regards,



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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 16:27
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Fwd: new bye law

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, May 8, 2018 at 4:25 PM
Subject: Fwd: new bye law
To: Inland Fisheries Ireland <contact@fisheriesireland.ie>

On Tue, May 8, 2018 at 4:24 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr.Kyne,

I strongly object to the proposed by law to introduce a bag limit of 4 pike a day on designated waters. The pike is a native species as has been proven by a scientific study. The trout anglers that have promised to vote for you in any election kill thousands of trout every year. They hold trout killing competitions to ensure that plenty of trout are killed. The proposed by law should read -a bag limit of 4 trout anglers to be knocked on their empty heads.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 13:53
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Killing pike

Categories: Red Category

I cant believe this is going on i travel miles to fish some of these waters and spend my money in the areas doing so. Not just me but also friends aswell. We catch and release all we catch . Why cant trout and salmon anglers do the same or make them take only a certain amout of fish a year . The increasing numbers of anglers over the past few decades is whats harming trout and salmon stocks killing everything they get there hands .

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 20 May 2018 11:18
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Killing of pike

Categories: Red Category

I wish to lodge my concern about the new bye-law allowing any size pike to be taken from the lakes in the west of Ireland its an absolute disgrace that this is even being considered ,the tourism in this country has been effected as is by the recent events of poaching in recent years to implement this bye-law now would finish the pike fishing in Ireland ,to the point that our future generations may never get to know what it is to enjoy a great sport
Please don't allow it to happen

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 20:20
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike regulation

Hello,

I am [REDACTED], owner of one of the biggest pike fishing camp in Ireland, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

Of course, we know we are Guests in your country – and we thank you for that, and would never dare becoming a lesson giver! But I believe we are an important economic actor of our area and can provide relevant insights.

Ireland is probably, now, one or “the” the best country in Europe for pike fishing.

Thousands and thousands of french anglers come every year to catch their dream... and release it.

In our opinion, a daily bag limit of 4 pikes would just be killing 20 years of good management!

This would mean the end of our business in the next few years and a significant loss in employment because of fewers jobs.

If we were to accept 16 pikes a day for 4 anglers, i.e. 100 pikes a week, without size limit, it means the end of the pike population in short term.

If you were to say Yes now to that law in Lough Mask or Arrow (for example), we fear it would lead to further regulation which could eventually apply to all venues in Ireland and thus endanger our whole activity within the years to come, on Shannon or Erne rivers for instance.

We should make room for Salmon, of course, but not to the detriment of Pikes. The two fish should be able to coexist, but without becoming a threat for one another.

Thank you for taking the time to read me.

Best Regards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 23 May 2018 17:01
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Dramatic measure

Good afternoon,

I'm [REDACTED]

I have been fishing in Ireland at least twice a year for more than 20 years.

Your country was until now one of the best managed in Europe for pike fishing, which is why thousands of French fishermen come here every year.

To my amazement, I have just discovered your draft quota of 4 pikes killed per day, it's pure madness! Not only will this species be simply wiped out of Irish waters, but in addition all predators fishermen will now leave your beautiful country and culture to Spain, Sweden or other countries in which intelligent management is conducted.

The ecological and economic impacts will be disastrous, I am very sad, me, in love with Ireland, reason why, I was about to write you these few lines.

I really hope that a favorable outcome will be found and that this dramatic measure will not be put in place.

Best regards.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 19:06
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Killing of coarse species

It is my understanding that pike are native in Irish waters, salmonides and pike bream perch trout eel Rudd and the smaller species, have lived side by side for hundreds of years, nature looks after itself and keeps a healthy balance, pike angling is a leisure pursuit that brings tourism to this country and they are national resorce, killing of these fish will have a detrimental effect on tourism, I was involved in the protection of this species when I worked for the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board, I personally think this is a backward step, kind regards. [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 08:49
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Killing natural resources

Please don't allow the new bylaws for killing pike, pike could be can be and is a great revenue stream to Ireland and with pike fishing becoming more and more popular killing our sport will be detrimental to stocks and anglers, allowing the killing of pike has already had massive impact on Macroom resavoieur in innascarra and even though it killing of pike has stopped there the stocks still hasn't improved. It will effect the natural balance of the lake which has been in place 100's of years, stop the kill competition on the lakes for trout this would be a better way to improve the trout stocks.

Please leave the pike alone

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 06:51
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Kill 4 pike the day.

Good morning

Why would you kill pike in those lake??? After the study in sheelin or derravarah pike eat only 1% the rest is roach and perch

Plus is many fishing guide like me guiding and bring tourists over on those lake so if that law pass is the end of our buissness.....

I think is really sad to put that law after all the good work the ifi did in the pass.

Many tourist will not come any more if there see that law .

Ps:I fishing and guiding for trout and pike.

Best regard



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 21 May 2018 13:08
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: Jason Skilton
Subject: Irish Piking

Dear Sirs,

As a long time member of [REDACTED] I would like to voice my concerns at the proposals being suggested for increasing the "bag limit" for pike to be increased to 4 from the current one. In fact even one is too many! The proposal to stop all course fishing between October and March has no foundation at all. Salmon and trout fishing are unaffected during these times. Fishing for roach and bream at this time is finding fishing at its best and with the greatly reduced levels of harm to the fish themselves. Clearly this also goes for pike as well.

I sincerely hope that good sense will prevail.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Disclaimers

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 23:36
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I would like to say I am totally against the by law being put forward by SEAN KYNE T.D MINISTER OF STATE, that a bag limit of 4 pike can be removed from several specified Waters, IFI have to intervene in this to stop this by law from taking place for t...

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 17:06
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I run an all round catch and release anglers club in Dublin , this catch of 4 pike to kill is ridiculous. It will be bad for everyone. This species has being around for millions of years keeping rivers and lakes healthy. If they are greatly reduced I g...

Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 21:03
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I object to this new bylaw it's a disgrace the pike should be left alone

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 22:18
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I object to the introduction of designated salmonid waters bye-law 2018.

I [REDACTED] strongly object to the proposed by-law that will allow anglers to take up to four pike of any size a day on the seven western lakes as proposed by Minister Kyne.

Catriona Brady

From: ...
Sent: 13 May 2018 23:57
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I Object to the introduction of Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I do not support the proposed Bye-law. I do not believe that the new Bye-law proposal to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size per day is in the best ecological interest of these fisheries as water quality and habitat destruction are primary factors affecting all fish stocks. Also it will negatively impact the domestic and overseas pike angling tourism market attracted to these fisheries, and Ireland's pike angling tourism market in general.

Removing the Apex predator from any ecosystem, and there are many examples in history of this happening, always has unforeseen and damaging impacts. Trout fishing will not improve when there are no predators to control the numbers of other species that compete with Trout for food.

Commit to fixing the actual problems, water quality & pollution, and invest in the management of the habitats the Trout spawn in.

Yours sincerely



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 15 May 2018 18:54
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I object to the introduction of Designated Salmonid Waters by law 2018

Dear sir/ madam

I do not support the proposed by law. I certainly cannot see how the removal of 4 Pike a day from any water can be in the best ecological interest of these Fisheries! as we all know that the real problems are water quality and habitat destruction and also the removal of many,many trout by The Trout anglers themselves!! This proposed preposterous by law would leave the future of all Pike all over the country at the mercy of poachers and in the long term would destroy All Fisheries!

It would also have a massively negative impact on the pike angling tourism, both domestically and from foreign tourists! Lots of locals would suffer greatly from this and for what?? This whole thing stinks to high heaven!

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 23:58
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I object to designated salmonid fisheries law 2018

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Dear sir or madam I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED BYELAW ON THE KILLING OFF 4 PIKE A DAY BY MINSTER KYNE ITS AN ABSOLUTE DISASTER FOR ANGLING TOURISM IN THIS COUNTRY .WATER QUALTY AND LACK OF INVESTMENT IN FISHERIES IS TO BLAME AND THE KILLING OF PIKE IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND SIGNTIFIC EVIDENCE PROVES IT ALSO THE LOCAL WILL SUFFER LOSS OF EARNINGS YOURS SINCERELY [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 04 May 2018 19:42
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I object to that bye law John Shaughnessy athy Co. Kildare

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 12:23
To: Inland Fisheries; sean.kyne@oir.ie
Subject: Fine Gael Losing our vote due to policy allowing killing of fish of any size

Minister Kyne.

I am writing to make known my disgust at the recent change in law allowing up to 4 pike of any size to be taken from Irish waters.

I have voted Fine Gael all my life, but my vote, my wifes vote, my parents vote, my brothers vote and many family members vote will now change and no longer be for Fine Gael, based purely on this decision.

The [REDACTED] i am a member of, who release ALL fish alive and unharmed will also all boycott Fine Gael, with their votes, and expect a good portion of their families to follow suit.

Firstly, large Irish Pike are exceptionally rare, as you will no doubt be aware of from detailed analysis of the studies performed on irish waters.

To legalize removal of fish that can reach large sizes will stunt the population, similar to what occurred in Australia with crocodile hunting.

Secondly, studies condoning pike management are outdated, having been performed in the 70s and recent more accurate studies show the direct opposite, that a healthy pike population is necessary to a healthy ecosystem.

Thirdly, if conservation is not in your interest, then think of hte tourism brought in by pike anglers visiting Ireland annually, due to Ireland being considered one of the worlds premium angling destinations for Pike.

Pike have also been proven to be a native species in Ireland for hundreds of thousands of years. They co-existed this long with Salmonoid species without decimating them, why would they all of a sudden become a problem? This statement alone warrants investigation into what is decimating trout in prime trout waters (i specuate farm pollution, environment changes due to zebra muscle and a small amount due to trout angling competitions who, are required to kill all fish they catch to be counted, unlike most pike angling clubs.

Have a look at the [REDACTED] trout club page, every competition shows dozens of fish nailed to a board. Trout anglers killing the very fish you want to catch, and expect it to still be in the water in sufficient numbers is just crazy. This happens in all trout clubs.

All the fish in the below images were not returned, large healthy fish. On an ongoing basis, this is decimation. Please change the law to prevent this, and not to encourage it as your new policy does.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 05 May 2018 04:26
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: I am appalled to here this about 4 pike can be killed a day of any size, if this goes ahead there will be the biggest pike anglers March on IFI that you's have ever seen in city west, with no notice

Sent from my Huawei Mobile

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 16:14
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Extinction

Ive no idea who is going to read this' so im trusting it hits the eyes of an angler . My river was pulsated and raped in the 80's the pike systimactly thrown out of the mighty boyne . To rot on banks . Nature was messed with . Oule fogies who knew no better . Wanted a utopia of 4lb trout on every bend ' and they butchered thier trout at every turn. Sometimes always staying out till thier bags full. Well now the boyne has thousands of trout and salmon par . Since the opening of the lochs at Droggeda. Thiers so many now its impossible for them to grow' the life not in the river to feed them' and the wolf takin out of the water to cull them . So they can grow . A poxy dead water. Now this jumped up little fine gael shite has been shoved and pushed into a declaration of mass slaughter by forigne nationals ' in the west of ireland . These big shot farmers never put a trout back . And now thier sending in the foringer wi a licence to kill 4 fish a day . The hen pike controls the jack fish the sick fish ' she is here thousands of years . She is a sport fish ad also a throw back to the Triassic period . And a stupid man has call gun season on the pike ' 40 romanians at 4 a day wake up and do the maths . Were not taking this. Fine gale are finished. Something needs doing these creatures need protection. And are a life blood of tourisim to this poxy island.
Stop this stupid law . Wake up to the land rover briguade thank you .

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 05 May 2018 02:00
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Draft Pike Killing Law

To whom it may concern,

The Minister need not designate any waters as exclusive to any selection of native species he fancies. Nature has done a perfect job of that already; not withstanding mans previous attempts at similar excercises in futility.

Should the Minister truly wish to help the salmonoid species within these waterways; a bag / size limit bye law restricting killing the fabulous native species that reside therein and stopping kill competition s would be a much better use of a bye law .

As a long awaited review of current Pike pogrom policies on these waters is finally due; could the Minister not adhere to the request of his own appointed body (IFI) to await the reviews results ?

Does the Minister think that Irelands reputation as a Green / Nature abound destination is served by a bye law that encourages wanton slaughter of an ancient native creature?

Minister, the law of the land states that its resources are to be used for the benefit of the wider community. By allowing nature rebalance its own biospheres, supporting and protecting all native species (flora as well) , mixed angling encouraged and promoted correctly, maybe many of the closed tourism facilities located around these lakes may once again welcome anglers of all native species and benefit the wider community on a long term basis.

Introducing laws which legalise the slaughter of any native species with no annual limits or sizes is akin to environmental valdalism and has no place on our island.

Disturbedly yours,



Catriona Brady

From: ..
Sent: 19 May 2018 07:22
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: draft designated Salmonoid waters bye-law 2018

Dear sir,

As a pike angler that has been coming to Ireland twice a year for over thirty years.

It is with horror that I read that minister Sean Kyne is proposing a bye law that will allow the killing of up to 4 pike of any size.

Minister Kyne has been receiving emails demanding a stop to the wanton destruction of life by the indiscriminate gill netting of the Loughs in the west of Ireland. There have been protests and hundreds of emails from all over the world, But he is intent on ignoring those, and he is now intent on further destruction by proposing this increase.

All in the name of appeasing his constituents to gain a few votes.

Because that is all it is. Pike have existed in Ireland alongside Trout since the Ice age. There is absolutely no reason to take out an apex predator with the intention of improving a water.

In fact it will achieve the opposite. If minister Kyne stopped to listen to the experts in this field he would know this.

But as I said before this is about keeping his job and pleasing the voters.

If this goes ahead Ireland should hang it's head in shame.

██████████

Pike angler from ██████████

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 19 May 2018 14:09
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re:draft designated salmonid waters by-law 2018

I would like to put my objection in writing to the proposed change in the pike by-law allowing anglers to kill four fish a day of any size.

I was highly disgusted to hear of these plans, pike will sort out sick and weak fish and keep numbers in course fish at sustainable rates. To try to kill all pike in any water is a ridiculous idea.

We live in 2018 now and some people need to realise that.

If i want to fish the inny river or river suck i have to pay for that privilege so i think i should have some sort of opinion that matters on this subject.

If this goes through i will never vote for your party again and i will also tell family and friends never to vote for you again.

I find it hard to believe i even have to write to you to object to such a stupid and ridiculous idea.

Regards



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 05 May 2018 15:01
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Draft designated salmonid waters bylaw

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make it known that i object to the implementation of these regulations. There is a pike management review in progress by inland fisheries Ireland and for Sean Kyne to get involved at this point is an effort to gain some local votes at the expense of pike anglers throughout this country and the foreign anglers who visit. Catch and release is the standard amongst good anglers throughout europe and for these regulations to come in is ridiculous. The implementation of any regulations regarding pike should be withheld until the conclusion of the ongoing review at the very least.

Regards,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 05 May 2018 21:25
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

IFI

It gets worse just when you think there is some light at the end of the tunnel and the barbaric destruction of wildlife which has never made any sense may be coming to an end a new proposal rears it's head to allow the slaughter to continue.

It disgusts me that in the year 2018 people especially politicians think this way. You are the guardian's of the Irish waterways and should protect the environment and the creatures that live in it.

You are making a mess of it and one day when the slaughter stops and you channel your resources into sorting out the water quality issues and the fishing improves for everyone and Ireland again is top of the list for anglers to visit and fish, putting money into the economy spending our hard earned you realise what a complete waste of time money and life it has all been

Sort it out Ireland we want our holidays back

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Corrib bye law

I am against the proposed bye law. Minister kyne is engaged in parish pump politics, and is ignoring both the current scientific evidence and the review that is currently underway.

We have been consistently told that the netting would continue until the review of policy was completed. It seems more than unfair that the minister can ignore this and plough on with his own agenda which is clearly to get re-elected in his own constituency.

This is a shocking development that will further damage our international reputation.

The proposed killing of four pike of any size is an outrageous proposal! Furthermore, the closing of fishing outside of the trout season is a direct attack on the liberties off all anglers!

If this goes through, I would urge those on the board of IFI to make a stand. This minister cannot be allowed to abuse his position of power for personal gain.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 00:11
To: Inland Fisheries; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie; heather.humphreys@oir.ie
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

To whom it may concern,

I send this correspondence to object to the proposed draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law in the strongest terms. I believe that this bye-law is being proposed only to appease the interests of a minority of anglers in some game angling federations who have lobbied for the bye-laws introduction. There is no scientific evidence to support the introduction of this bye-law which will only serve to allow the slaughter of pike on these waters.

Pike are an indigenous Irish fish species[1] and have co-existed along side salmonid species on these lakes since the last ice age. As the apex predator in the ecological system pike play a vital role in maintaining the health of the ecological system.[2] The effects of removal of an apex predator from any ecological system is well established in the literature[3]. These effects are borne out in the results of fish populations surveys carried out the lakes subject to this proposed bye-law, as since predator controls have taken place there has been an explosion in the populations of non-indigenous Cyprinus species and Perch.

Pike are a recognised trophy fish to many angling tourists globally. If managed correctly the western salmonoid lakes would offer the potential to produce pike in excess of specimen weights annually, this potential does not exist on other Irish water systems.[4] The value of pike angling tourism to the local economies would be significant if the lakes were designated for all indigenous Irish fish species and managed as such. I travel to Galway and Mayo annually staying in hotels and engaging with angling services.

Since the recognition of Pike as an indigenous Irish fish species, IFI scientist have been reviewing the status of Pike control measures in designated salmonid waters. By introducing this bye-law the Minister is seeking to preempt the results of this scientific review to secure political favour and as such is not fulfilling his remit to protect natural resources for all the people of Ireland.

Yours sincerely,



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[4]F. Buller The Domesday Book of Mammoth Pike

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 00:30
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Draft bye law for designated salmonoid waters

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To whom it concerns,

I would like to place an objection to the proposed draft bye law for the following reasons, I think it is unacceptable to kill any freshwater fish. By allowing this we are sending out the wrong signals especially to the next generation. We should be teaching that fish welfare is paramount.

If trout stocks are under so much pressure we need to exhaust all other avenues before we start placing the blame on pike numbers.

I would propose a ban on the killing and taking of any fresh water fish. Trout and Salmon anglers need to realise that killing trout and salmon is not sustainable.

There should be no reason why it is acceptable to kill freshwater fish as pleasure anglers. Gone are the days were we need to fish for the table. We have a very generous welfare system in place, so nobody should be going hungry IFI have a role to play here. I think IFI need to lead the way and send out the message that fish welfare is paramount . With this proposal i believe the wrong signals are being sent out.

Killing of pike is a wasted exercise ad we are never going to eradicate pike from these waters. We should aim to control the controlables. Money would be better spent improving water quality. I think farming and farming practices need to be looked at with regard to water quality. There should be very stringent controls in place for farming in the surrounding areas. Forestry also needs tighter contols in these areas.

We need to clamp down on poaching. There should be stronger penalties for poachers. Again we need to send out the message that these practices will not be acceptable. With stronger penalties i believe will act as a deterrent . If we banned the killing of all fresh water fish, it would make it much easier to secure prosecution and there would be no confusion as to what the laws are.

We should be promoting pike angling on these waters from a tourism point of view. We have a product that is sought after and we should be trying to sell this.

This would generate extra revenue into these rural areas.

Every ecosystem needs prey and predators. I firmly believe we should sort out the man made negative influences on these waters and let nature look after the ecosystem.

Pike and coarse angling clubs have gone a long way to promote fish welfare. We now see the use of measuring boards at pike competitions. This practice was introduced with fish welfare in mind. We also see fish mats used. I believe game angling is still in the dark ages in this respect. It is time for game angling to catch up and start realising that killing trout/salmon is not sustainable. They need to start taking responsibility and realise the consequences of their actions.

IFI can lead the way here. The mindset needs to change. It is far too easy to place the blame on pike numbers.

I partake in pike, coarse and game angling so i can see how game angling can learn from the other fishing disciplines.

I urge IFI to consider the above points, from a concerned all round angler and treasurer of Lough Gara angling club.

The future of fish welfare is in your hands i pray you make the right decision and rule against the proposed draft measures. I dread the thought of 20/30lb pike killed.

Yours hopefully

 angling club

Sent from my Huawei Mobile

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 20 May 2018 21:01
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: DO NOT increase the bag limit of pike in the nominated loughs

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, as an Irish angler of both trout and pike, wish to strongly show my disappointment in the proposal to increase the bag limit of pike on the nominated loughs. Yet another hit on pike, pike anglers and pike tourism by Inland Fisheries Ireland. Disgusting. This was never needed in the past. Open your eyes to the real problems and stop your continued efforts to destroy one of Ireland's greatest freshwater assets.

Regards,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 04 May 2018 20:28
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Disgrace

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how will this be policed, fisheries staff confronted with a car boot full of a precious resource will never know if they are from a designated water or poached from other waters. Ludicrous and a waste of a natural resource and top predator. shocking!!!



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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 25 May 2018 14:56
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated Salmonoid Waters Bye-Law.

Sir, I would like to object strongly to the proposed Designated Salmonoid Waters Bye Law that Sean Kyne TD is trying to introduce. This is being done for his own political reasons to gain favour in his area. There is no scientific evidence to support such a disgraceful decision. Allowing the killing of 4 pike will effectively give everyone caught with 4 pike in his possession a way out of being prosecuted. They just have to say they caught them in the designated lakes. It will make a mockery of the existing laws protecting pike. I am a pike angler and have as much rights to be heard as any trout angler. If this one sided legislation is passed I for one and all my family and friends will never vote FG again.

Kind Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and contact information of the sender.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 17:48
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated salmonoid bye law

The proposed new bye law by Sean Kyne is an absolute disgrace for our native pike and fishing tourism in general. All to gather a few votes. Our waters were already desimated by poachers and bad water managenent. To let this go ahead would be suicide. It's not going to solve the problem. All the research points to the opposite. To say I'm fuming, would be an understatement.

Regards



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:12
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018 Objection.

To whom it concerns,

My name is [REDACTED], I am the [REDACTED] located on the banks of the river Suck, in South County Roscommon.

All of our club members and I object to Minister Sean Kyne's proposed bye laws for the following reasons:

1. Every year, hundreds of anglers from around the country, the UK, and Europe come to fish the river Suck, many of whom, launch their boats on the slipway in Ballyforan. As news of the proposed new bye-law has spread online, I have seen a large increase in anglers from the UK and Continental Europe expressing their outrage. Many of these anglers would visit Ireland annually, however they have now expressed interest in fishing trips to Holland or Scandinavia instead of Ireland.
2. There is no scientific data to back up the claims that removal of pike will increase the numbers of salmonids, however, there are a lot of scientific research which proves removing an apex predator from the food chain, has long lasting negative effects for the whole ecosystem. This is summed up in this article about [Trophic-Cascade](#).
3. These new bye-laws will result in the conservation of Pike Bye-Law No. 809 - 2006, being unenforceable. If somebody is caught with four pike on their possession near one of the designated lakes, they could claim they were caught in one of the seven designated lakes. If the individual is brought to court, it will be impossible for Inland Fisheries Ireland to prove where those four pike were caught. Once that happens, the 2006 bye-law is worthless, and the thousands of man hours that went into creating that bye-law, at a time when poaching was a serious problem in the country, are wasted.
4. Finally, it is just a political stroke. The only purpose for the proposed new bye-law, is for Minister Sean Kyne to get re-elected in the next election. As I mentioned in an earlier point, the Minister is going against ALL scientific advice, and even went over the heads of Inland Fisheries Ireland. Depending on who takes up this ministry after Sean Kyne, there is a very strong chance that this bye law will be removed.

Regards,
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Regards,
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 21:29
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: info@fiannafail.ie; michael.ring@oireachtas.ie; sean.kyne@oireschtas.ie;
lisa.chambers@oireachtas.ie
Subject: DESIGNATED SALMONID WATERS BYE-LAW NO. XXX, 2018

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Dear Sirs,

In reference to the above I wish to voice my strong opposition to this ill thought out proposal.

Firstly on the grounds that it makes an important law, that is already badly 'policed', virtually 'unpoliceable' in the areas surrounding these waters.

On a second point i would ask the if there is any evidence that this law change would achieve anything?

Killing large pike, or even large numbers of pike, is not the answer to the trout conservation!

What about a catch and release policy for trout and salmon???

What about investment and direction of resources towards development protection of salmon and trout hatcheries.

I would also ask if considerations were made for the people that try to make a living from pike angling tourism in these areas.

This is a proposal for the few and not the many.

Regards,



All round angler.

Catrina Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 10:52
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018 – Public Consultation ending 25th May 2018

Dear Sir/Madame.

I am writing to object in the strongest possible term to the proposal to introduce a new bylaw (see title above) allowing anglers to take four pike per day of any size from certain Irish waters. The sound scientific surrounding Pike stocks in waters is quite clear that the removal of larger specimens will only result in the waters being overrun by smaller jack pike, this new proposed bylaw is pure folly.

Clearly this, along with the netting of Pike (and all the other non intended species) is another attempt to drastically reduce the number of Pike in these waters, which incidentally, I personally believe is an crime against nature and morally reprehensible, for which persons responsible should one day be prosecuted, hopefully soon this will be realised and the practice will eventually be stopped for good.

I doubt if the persons responsible for this proposal will ever be satisfied with the number of Pike they remove, as it will be an impossibility to remove them all, therefore the time, effort and public expense utilised in this lost cause is a complete and utter waste.

It has been proven that Pike are native to these waters and they have every right to be there so, please stop this constant persecution of a wonderful fish that provides sport for many anglers.

Myself and my friends used to travel to Ireland regularly to fish specifically for Pike, however we decided quite a few years ago that until all this unnecessary killing of our chosen quarry was stopped we would not spend any more time or money fishing for them in a country where they are so undervalued.

Kind regards, [REDACTED].

A receipt of this submission would be very much appreciated.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 22:53
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie
Subject: Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

To Whom it may concern

As a multi-species angler I find it difficult to believe that this byelaw is even being considered. It will open the door to wide spread killing of pike and other species.

I stand totally against this byelaw and think it's purely based on stupid parish politics from the minister even before the pike review is completed.

Pike have been present in these lakes for 1000's of years with no impact on trout numbers, and the culling of pike in these lakes for the last 30 years has just seen an vast increase in coarse fish and yet again decreased the trout number but what eats coarse fish Pike.

I disagree with every aspect of this byelaw.

Regards



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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 21:59
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law

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Dear sirs

The above proposed bye law is a complete disgrace and those who took part in drafting it should never be allowed partake in any angling initiative in this country again.

As a direct result of this bye law I will no longer be supporting the current government. what is most disappointing is the minister has obviously been hoodwinked by Neanderthal salmon and trout anglers who believe that pike are responsible for the decline in salmon & trout fishing.

Has any process been undertaken to establish the revenue gained from the likes of lough corrib from pike anglers? I know of anglers travelling from throughout Europe to fish it. personally I spend over 1500 euro a year on guided trips with local guides.

The fact that studies have shown that large pike are responsible for the reduction in the prevalence of small pike in these lakes seems to be ignored and the gill netting of these lakes has been suspended. I urge the minister to reconsider this draconian bye law

Kind regards



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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:31
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: designated salmonid waters bye law

To whom it concerns

I strongly object to this legislation. i think it is an absolute joke for you to even comprehend such a legislation. there have been many study's done on this subject but yet you take trout fishermans side. Ireland is becoming a top destination for pike fishing yet you's are willing to kill the population of pike for the sake of trout fisheries which is extremely bias in my opinion. i hope this legislation can be reversed before you do too much damage for the reputation of pike fishing in this country . government officials should be ashamed of such a bye law and you's for enforcing it.

sincerely

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 14:37
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Deep concern for are pike

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Good evening. I'd like to highlight my deep concern about the continuing cull of are pike in the western Loughs of Ireland. This is madness and needs to be addressed. [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 May 2018 17:49
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: DAFT legislation

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As above, I feel total disgust at the 4 pike of any size. As an avid pike angler and course angler still in search of my first 20lb and have friends in search of their first 30lb that by law is DAFT, there should be a catch and release of all course fish.

You're only encouraging a once rife and healthy course fishing tourism to die. I and friends do travel to those lake's and loughs mentioned and use local businesses within the area,from b and bs to the local shops.

This only further fuels the irresponsible eastern European friends to raid and ruin our course fishing, the ifi authorities will loose the support of the local angler's and encourage them to take their own laws as the trout angler's with our pike.

These fish have lived together for years and years and have never needed human intervention. I really do object deeply against a further DAFT by law legislation.

I hope this DAFT legislation does not roll out and pray there's a mass number of people against this.

Yours angerly

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 14:34
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: culling of pike in Irish waters.

I am writing in protest to show my utmost detest to the recent by law to be passed allowing 4 pike per day to be taken from Western Irish waters.

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I personally and many other anglers are shocked and embarrassed for the people who have put this in motion. The IFI have no back bone when it comes to anglers poaching lakes and killing multiple bags worth of pike, roach, bream and tench. Prosecutions are next to none and yet you complain about the problem.... yet pass a law for the mass genocide of pike throughout country, you really ought to be ashamed of yourselves.

The thought of this has probably made many anglers want to hang up their gear and give up as fishing has become less of a hobby and more of a task fighting to appeal stupidity in its finest..... this law is something that should be on an episode of father ted. Maybe if you had Dougal Maguire as an Irish Minister for agriculture and fishing he may do a better job!

The fisheries board really need to do the right thing here and stop the culling of pike!

Many thanks

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Corrib bye law

I am against the proposed bye law. Minister kyne is engaged in parish pump politics, and is ignoring both the current scientific evidence and the review that is currently underway.

We have been consistently told that the netting would continue until the review of policy was completed. It seems more than unfair that the minister can ignore this and plough on with his own agenda which is clearly to get re-elected in his own constituency.

This is a shocking development that will further damage our international reputation.

The proposed killing of four pike of any size is an outrageous proposal! Furthermore, the closing of fishing outside of the trout season is a direct attack on the liberties off all anglers!

If this goes through, I would urge those on the board of IFI to make a stand. This minister cannot be allowed to abuse his position of power for personal gain.

Sincerely,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 16:20
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Consultation on the alteration of the number and size of pike which can be retained on designated salmonid fisheries.

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Dear Sir,

As an [REDACTED] pike angler and a home owner in Ireland I would like you to consider not changing the current byelaw which states that only one pike under 50cm may be taken per day by rod and line angling. I appreciate this change is envisioned only for the designated salmonid fisheries. All these fisheries are already subject to annual gill netting and electrofishing to remove pike. The handful of large pike (100cm plus) which somehow evade capture in the nets are still regarded as a worthwhile quarry amongst the pike anglers who travel to these waters to fish. Allowing anglers to kill these exceptional fish means that all the angling pressure will now be concentrated on waters such as Ree and Derg. if too much pressure is applied to these waters then the visiting pike anglers will end up going elsewhere. (anywhere other than Ireland) This goes against the ITB intention to increase angling tourism. Years ago Ireland was known for its big pike with Lough Mask having produced 29 fish over 35lbs since records began. Since the gill netting recommenced there has only been 3 fish over 35lb caught on rod and line from Lough Mask. Allowing anglers to kill these valuable fish would be a mistake.

Furthermore it would be better to wait until the review of the impact of pike in designated salmonid waters is completed before even considering the proposed changes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 10:39
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Change in bylaws on Western lakes

I TOTAL object to this outrageous change in by laws which will allow the killing of 4no. Pike of any size from waters mentioned or indeed any other waters .This is obviously a vote chasing stunt with little thought given to long term effects to angling in general .

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2018 15:04
To: Inland Fisheries

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Dear sir/madam

I object to the proposed by laws. I do not believe the proposed by laws of the removal of 4 pike per day is going to solve the issue i believe that there is a better solution to cure ur problem, i suggest that you introduce full catch and release. This by law is going to ruin our beautiful fisheries as all fisheries need an apex predator let nature work itself out.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 16:59
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye-law objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to strongly oppose to the new bye-law. I am a keen angler fishing mainly Lough Mask and Lough Cara for trout and pike.

Allowing a bag limit is a stupid idea and will not bring a solution to lower salmonid numbers but lead to further problems like over population of roach and bream which are in competition with trout for food. This has already started on Lough Mask where roach and bream only appeared 15 years ago. I think the Inland Fisheries should stop wasting money on head hunting pike as it seems like an easy problem cause to fight and look into the real problem as to why salmonid numbers are decreasing. There could be several causes that we might not know about. From what I can see in the Mask, pollution through too many nutrients is becoming a major problem, there are large amount of algae growing already even though it is early in the year and water temperatures are still low.

I hope this bye law does not go ahead as the west of Ireland is well known for its fishing across Europe but this would be a major blow for fishing tourism both from abroad and Ireland.

Best regards,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 13:22
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye-law introduces a daily bag limit of 4 pike

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I am in deep disgust

re. Sean kyne

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This Bye-law provides for the designation of the waters and their tributaries, specified in the Schedule below, to be managed primarily for the benefit of salmonid species. These waters are already designated in fisheries management policy.

The Bye-law also introduces a daily bag limit of 4 pike in those waters. Putting or transfer of any fish species to the designated waters shall require a written application to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and is only permitted with the written consent of IFI.

I am in complete disgust , this paves the way for chaos , within our angling communities across Ireland

not only is it wrong , it sends the wrong message to our European counterparts who have been improving with catch and release . it opens the door to confusion and at a cost of the tax payer and at a cost of our ecological natural resources , and opening the door and inviting to TAKE any size of pike as anyone may please- instead of relocation.

relocation should have been discussed , who did you IFI seek advice from , what were those findings

can you please provide me with the information gathered BY IFI and evidence to assess this decision that was made to cull further our sporting stocks. and the references used, and what licenses have been granted.

I am in deep disgust and feel strongly it is a betrayal of our natural resources This is in addition to the current alleged management of Pike stocks through gill netting and electro fishing carried out by Inland Fisheries Ireland at a cost of €180k. It is untenable that our pike are being killed to protect apparently depleting trout stocks when we continue to see vast numbers of trout killed in competitive angling.

I also want to know how you have assessed the trout numbers in decline , how have you the ifi kept record of every trout found in the belly of the trout angler!!

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 19:23
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye-Law

i oppose the proposal by Sean Kyne TD about killing four pike of any size on westren lakes. Regards ■
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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 06 May 2018 17:32
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: bye law.

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I could ramble on about the proposed changes, but the daily bag limit of 4 Pike is just plain wrong and needs scrapping.

Yours



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 23 May 2018 21:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye law proposal By minister Sean Kyne

I write in relation to the bye law proposed by Minister Sean Kyne

*ENVIRONMENT

This proposal is nothing short of environmental vandalism!

Anyone with a knowledge of ecology will be aware that predators and prey live in a state of dynamic equilibrium & have done since animals first populated the planet. The ecosystems of the loughs in question are no different, they are not unlike an underwater Serengeti.

There is a wealth of scientific information that backs the assertion that the overall biomass will always balance according to this immutable law of nature. In simple terms, if a mature 20lb pike is removed it will be replaced by 20lbs of smaller, growing pike, which have a higher dietary requirement than the original mature fish, which has a much lower food requirement. I.E. ten 2lb jack pike will consume more prey fish.

Given that pike also prey on their own kind, the removal of mature pike further exacerbates the situation. It is also a proven fact that, like all predators, pike select the easiest victims. This will be sick/injured fish, especially shoal fish such as roach & bream, that are far easier to catch than healthy fast accelerating trout. Without predation by mature pike, shoal fish will proliferate & thus further compete with trout for food items.

I am happy to provide scientific documentation in support of the points i have raised.

Suffice to say, the proposals will damage not enhance the trout population of the loughs.

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*ECONOMY/TOURISM

The damage that these ill-conceived measures would do to the economy & reputation of Ireland cannot be over estimated.

Anglers & environmentalists will not select Ireland as a holiday destination if pike are used as an environmental scapegoat.

Twenty years ago a cost benefit analysis was undertaken as part of the evaluation process for the Tourism Angling Measure (TAM). Both the IFI & Bord Failte should have this report to hand.

You will see that the amounts spent by visiting pike anglers was very substantial. Without them hotels & guest houses, together with holiday cottage/chalet rentals, would see a very significant drop in bookings. Add to this the loss of revenue to grocery shops, tackle shops, boat hire, restaurants & bars, and the economy will be hard hit, especially as most pike anglers visit at times of the year when trout anglers do not.

It is no secret that angling publications, broadcasters, authors & well known angling celebrities across Europe, have all voiced their opposition. Whilst there is a genuine love of Ireland as a venue, there are more countries than ever competing for angling/environmental tourism and adverse publicity would be very damaging to tourism.

*Can Ireland really afford to alienate its tourism customers for a measure that will actually damage the overall natural asset that Bord Failte seeks to promote?

I await your response with interest.

Sincerely,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 18:24
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye Law proposal

Categories: Red Category

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do not support the proposed Bye-law. I do not believe that the new Bye-law proposal to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size per day is in the best ecological interest of these fisheries as water quality and habitat destruction are primary factors affecting all fish stocks. Also it will negatively impact the domestic and overseas pike angling tourism market attracted to these fisheries, and Ireland's pike angling tourism market in general.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 04 May 2018 17:37
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye law on Salmonoid waters.

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If this law will allow the killing of Pike of specimen weight it is a law based on utter and complete ignorance, it is quite shameful .

Killing four pike per day is bad enough , that is irresponsible but to have no limit on the size of fish killed is criminal.

I have watched this evolving with some dismay , I can't honestly say I am impressed, my fishing trips to Ireland - well those days are drawing to a close.

I am ashamed for you .

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 06 May 2018 18:45
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: bye law change

To whom it may concern, killing pike in such numbers is a terrible idea, poachers will claim all pike have been caught in these waters, terrible press for Irish fishing industry, please reconsider this bylaw [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2018 21:26
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye law

I Do not support the proposed bye law by Minister Sean Kyne in relation to the 7 brown trout fisheries.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 23:48
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: By law objection

To whom it may concern ,

I [REDACTED]. I'm objecting to this crazy proposal by Sean Kyne, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, giving notice of his intention to make the Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law. This is the craziest thing I've ever heard to regards fishing policy . All he's after is a few votes . The trout men of the west are part of this problem. They have loads of competitions where all the fish are killed . Why can't it be made law that no trout be killed for 5 years

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 08:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: By law

It is a disgrace you even think of expanding this bye law you obviously don't fish yourselves or you would understand the damage this will cause to all species. IFI should be ashamed of themselves for this and not to mention the Lough in Cork which ye we're warned about and the worst happened so this time listen to the people the majority voice is always right

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2018 18:34
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Appeal against the Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you in order to appeal against the proposed Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018 which gives right to a daily bag of 4 pike of any size and which will have devastating affects not only to pike fish but also to the whole ecosystem.

Lets not attempt to solve one problem by creating another. If you wish to replenish Irish waters of their salmonid stock, then stricter laws or limits on salmonid fishing need to be introduced rather than introducing laws which could potentially wipe out another species of fish.

If you wish to reverse the depletion of salmonid fish in Irish rivers and lakes you need to look at other solutions. A study carried out on Lough Corrib showed that the main reason for the decline of trout in that particular lake was in fact a discharge of pollutants, including agricultural and domestic wastes, into the system. Perhaps it is due to human error that this species is in decline and not anything to do with the pike species. Perhaps addressing the problem of pollution in our waterways would be a more constructive solution than introducing a law which could lead to detrimental consequences to the pike species.

Trout and pike have lived side by side in harmony for many years. Trout are simply a more sensitive fish and so are suffering more as a result of ecological change which has taken place in many waterways in Ireland in recent years. In that same study carried out on Lough Corrib, it was found that there were in fact more trout (476) than pike (463) in the lake. There had been an overall decline in all types of fish in the lake and not just trout. Surely baring this in mind we should be attempting to preserve our stock of pike and not the opposite.

I urge you to take all that I have said into consideration and please look at alternative ways to preserve our salmonid fish which does not involve killing another species.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my email and hope you will act accordingly.

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[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 20:17
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Appalling new Bye-law by minister Sean Kyne
Attachments: Screenshot_20180511-182405.png

To whome it concernes

I would like to object vehemently to the proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries. This is shocking proposal that is against scientific research concluded as recent as a few years ago only. This also goes against currently undertaken research and consultation in relation to protection of pike in Ireland. The lack of size restrictions will allow the killing of specimen pike, impacting on angling tourism and having a negative impact on our international reputation as an angling venue. The lack of restriction on the total number of pike killed on an annual basis will have the potential to seriously unbalance the ecosystem of these lakes, with a potential explosion in the numbers of course fish. This in turn not only won't help to grow numbers of trout and salmon but by increase food competition and lack of coarse fish control by apex predator, will significantly unbalance the eco-system leading to large scale decline of number of trout and salmon. This will also create precedence for poaching across other inland venues, not included in this bye-law. This bye-law is also proposed without scientific evidence or justification, and could be seen as a cynical exercise by the Minster to secure votes in his local constituency. The bye-law purports to relate to trout management yet no measures are proposed to reduce the number of mature trout that are taken in the numerous "catch and kill" competitions held on these waters. The very last type of trout protection anyone could think of is mass kill of another species – measures must be taken to protect said trout, not to kill other species.

It is my opinion that this bye law is not backed by credible peer reviewed scientific evidence, is short sighted and likely to be counterproductive.

As an angler who fishes primarily for salmonids and trout but who also fishes for pike I would like to object to the introduction of this bye-law.

I await your response.

Regards,



Ps Please find Attached previous correspondance to myself from Minister Sean Kyne himself, claiming there would be no change to any existing bye laws while the review is in process. This review is still in process, and is going to prove through peer reviewed unbiased science that, not only are pike not the problem on these managed trout fisheries, but that they are actually highly beneficial to these fisheries with regard to trout conservation. Minister Sean kyne has been backing this review of pike management all along, how is it just now as the review is near conclusion Sean kyne decides to over rule it? Something doesnt add up here.

I beg you to take this matter seriously, if passed this byelaw will have disasterous effects on these western lakes and all surrounding fisheries which may be irreparable.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 16:03
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: 4 pike per day bag limit

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my utter disbelief at this new proposal by the minister to allow our NATIVE pike stocks to be wiped out by allowing anyone to catch and retain up to 4 pike a day of any size. Our NATIVE pike are a valuable commodity to the Irish economy and fishing for them generates millions of euros each year for the state. We are not just a one fish nation nor will we ever be, wild brown trout stocks are in decline because the trout fishermen retain and eat all they catch very rarely putting the fish back. If this new law is passed its the end for sports fishing in this country. Let's stop all the arguments and sort this problem out with meaningful discussion on both the pike and trout sides. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Regards


Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 May 2018 19:54
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: 4 pike per day bag limit

I would like to strongly oppose this new measure trying to be brought in by the minister.

Regards [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 04 May 2018 21:56
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: 4 pike limit bye law

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my disgust at the introduction of a 4 pike limit per day. This is a disgraceful change in the law which will have a huge impact on pike stocks in these lakes.

It has been proven that pike have been in Ireland for thousands of years and not recently introduced as claimed by previous experts.

Pike fishing is a huge sport and I have been fishing on Lough Corrib for 20 years , spending thousands of pounds in the local pubs, hotels, B&B, restaurants and shops during this time.

Please re consider this barbaric change in the law as it will destroy pike fishing in the west of Ireland.

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 05 May 2018 02:10
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: 4 pike limit

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Dear sir or madam

I definitely object to a four bag limit of pike per day, over the last 20 years the foreign nationals have absolutely destroyed the lakes and canals of this country, and now the minister wants to allow such a major blow to the fishing industry, it is absolutely disgusting that he would want to introduce such a tactic, pike are part of the eco system, like lions, they prey on the sick or weak, they help to keep the waters clean, like crayfish, I am 100% against the ministers decision

Keep pike to a catch and release policy in my opinion

Thank you
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 04 May 2018 19:05
To: Inland Fisheries

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Just quick e mail objecting to the new 4 bag limit ? The waters are being destroyed at min as is ! There should be complete catch and release through out country before fishing is totally destroyed



Sent from my iPhone

Catrina Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 12:07
To: Inland Fisheries

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I am writing to object to the the proposed change the pike fishing bylaws as proposed by the minister on certain waters. These are actually going to increase poaching as how are you going to prove that the pike come from the waters in the proposal. I also object on the grounds that there is already a review by the ifi based on real science and in consultation with all untreated partners. This unilateral action by the minister is parish politics at its worse and destroying our reputation as a destination for foreign anglers. Completely uncalled for and based on folklore rather than real science..

Yours sincerely

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 14:42
To: Inland Fisheries

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This is a disgrace to think that up to 4 pike of any size can be slaughtered just to protect the trout pike have been in our water for millions of years so how come its there fault all of a sudden. What about the problems we have with cormorants all over the country there are desimating most of our lakes and rivers why cant we sort out this issue first its very easy to blame pike but its other anglers also who are brining home bags of trout of all sizes and nothing is said

Sean kyne is a disgrace and should take a long look at himself he will not be getting any votes from me my family or friends and i will spread the word that he is destroying our waters of our preadatory fish

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 15:17
To: Inland Fisheries

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I'm strongly against this new law I think you should think about it more, if this is going ahead on western Lough's everyone is going to do the same in whole Ireland and they gonna kill a lot of fish. Unless Inland Fishery Board is not gonna reinforce all fishing areas.

I just hope this law will not pass .

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 10 May 2018 20:40
To: Inland Fisheries

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No pike should be killed catch and release
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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 22:35
To: Inland Fisheries

Dear Sir,

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email - kokeeffe@btinternet.com

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:50
To: Inland Fisheries

i would like to put my objection in writing in relation to minister sean kyne's proposal to bring in a new pike bylaw .

i strongly object to the allowing of removal of up to four pike per day of any size per angler, infact i object to the removal of any pike whatsoever on any day

pike are a natural resource and should be treated in such way ,not to mention the tourism the anglers coming from abroad to fish these said lakes will have no pike to catch if the law is passed

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:28
To: Inland Fisheries

i totally disagree with the new by law that proposed to be able to kill 4 pike a day from the listed waters no sense to it as it will bring an explosion in numbers in roach with in turn will devour the trouts spawn and also compete for the trouts natural food yours chris o neill

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 12:24
To: Inland Fisheries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do not support the proposed Bye-law. I do not believe that the new Bye-law proposal to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size per day is in the best ecological interest of these fisheries as water quality and habitat destruction are primary factors affecting all fish stocks. Also it will negatively impact the domestic and overseas pike angling tourism market attracted to these fisheries, and Ireland's pike angling tourism market in general.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 19 May 2018 22:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Fwd:

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From: █ colin.rickard@gmail.com
Date: 18 May 2018 at 22:03:28 IST
To: inlandfisheries@dcaae.gov.ie

I am sending this mail as way of conveying my disgust and dismay at the proposal being put forward by Mr Kyne in relation to the killing of pike in Ireland.

His proposal is nothing short of environmental terrorism.

I for one as an Irish angler, and taxpayer whole heartedly disagree and oppose his proposal. Stocks of pike in Irish waters are at an all time low, and these measures will not in any way help the depleted stock of brown trout in the western lakes.

If anything scientific research will show there are many other contributing factors to these ever decreasing numbers, some of which are the anglers who feel the need to kill all the fish they catch as opposed to the majority of pike anglers who are practicing catch and release.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 13:29
To: Inland Fisheries
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am strongly against this bye law stop



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 11 May 2018 14:41
To: Inland Fisheries

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Can you tell me why your allowing this is nuts

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 13 May 2018 15:21
To: Inland Fisheries

Dear Sir,

I strongly object to the proposed By Law by Minister Sean Kyne TD to manage Loughs Sheelin, Corrib, Mask, Carra, Conn, Cullin and Arrow for salmonid species only and indeed the very suggestion of introducing a bye law on these waters where an angler can kill up to four pike per day is ludicrous.

It is indeed very questionable with what Scientific information Mr Kyne could possibly suggest such a bye law. The affects on the ecosystem and tourism in the area have surely not been accounted for.

Whilst there is an ongoing pike policy review at the moment it is also an insult to the pike angling community.

To suggest that a person can kill up to four pike per day on these Loughs will most certainly give concern to clubs throughout the country and would no doubt cause animosity between the game and coarse angling community.

Yours sincerely,

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From:
Sent: 06 May 2018 00:32
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Bye laws

I would like to object to the proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries. The lack of size restrictions will allow the killing of specimen pike, impacting on angling tourism and having a negative impact on our international reputation as an angling venue. The lack of restriction on the total number of pike killed on an annual basis will have the potential to seriously unbalance the ecosystem of these lakes, with a potential explosion in the numbers of course fish. This bye-law is also proposed without scientific evidence or justification, and could be seen as a cynical exercise by the Minister to secure votes in his local constituency. The bye-law purports to relate to trout management yet no measures are proposed to reduce the number of mature trout that are taken in the numerous "catch and kill" competitions held on these waters.

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 22:42
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Designated salmonoid waters bye law 2018

To whom it may concern,

I'm am writing this email in sheer disbelief, horror, and complete objection to the proposed designated salmonoid waters bye law 2018. As chairman of my local angling and junior development club I cannot believe that this is even being considered as an option for fish management. Not only does the proposed bye law completely ignore all scientific studies it is a complete waste of tax payers money. This email is notice of objection from all the members of [REDACTED] coarse anglers.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 10:58
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: No to the killing of pike

I'm am emailing you to stop the introduction of this new proposed law that allows anglers to kill 4 pike a day of any size,the lakes where perfectly fine in the past for both species of pike and trout untill they introduced the gill nets it is proven fact that pike will target slow and sick fish for an easy meal witch in turn keeps disease at a minimum amongst fish stocks so I am 100% against this barbaric proposed new law

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 14:03
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-lae 2018

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Inland Fisheries Division
Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Environment,
Elm House
Earlsvale Road
Cavan Town
H12 A8H7

Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

I oppose the proposed new bye-law to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size on the waters listed. I believe that it will make enforcement of the current National pike bye-law 809 of 2006 completely unenforceable on all other waters as people may falsely claim that any pike found in their possession were caught in one of the 7 listed waters. I oppose any change in pike bye law 809 of 2006 on the named waters as these waters are famous for producing specimen pike and the introduction of the bye law will adversely affect pike angling tourism on these waters as there will be less large pike to catch if people are allowed to catch and take 4 pike of ANY size. Genuine pike anglers practice catch and release. Inland Fisheries Ireland recognise the tourism value of large pike on these waters by releasing all pike they catch which are over 85cms.

I oppose the proposed new bye law as it is unnecessary. The ESRI paper 563 of May 2017 clearly states that 61% of brown trout anglers "are negatively disposed towards pike stock management". If the purpose of the bye-law is to help protect brown trout then the bye-law should be limiting the number and size of the brown trout an angler can take per day. In this regard perhaps it should mirror the current pike bye law 809 of 2006 i.e. one brown trout of up to 50cms per day.

I oppose the proposed bye -law as it undermines the current Inland Fisheries Ireland ongoing review of pike policy in designated wild brown trout waters and pre-empts the review group's findings. This makes for bad and ill-informed fishery management.

I oppose the proposed bye-law providing for the designation of the waters named under this proposed bye-law, their tributaries and distributaries as salmonid waters, if such designation infers that any existing species of fish living at present within these fisheries that is not a salmonid, can or should be removed by virtue of this designation.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 10:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike stocks

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

I like to strongly appose the suggestion on killl up to 4 pike of any size a day as a joke, proposed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2018 11:19
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike Removal.

When is this persecution of our pike going to end? The proposal to increase bag limits to 4 pike per day on certain lakes is the final nail in the coffin for tourism from pike anglers. These lakes are already gill netted to destruction. This new proposal gives free rein to trout anglers who are anti-pike and poachers.

Killing predators is the most efficient way to destroy an ecosystem and the people charged with protecting the environment and the creatures therein are the ones doing the most damage.

Please stop pandering to a few trout and salmon anglers in these areas and think about the bigger picture. Pike are very important to the health of any fishery and pike anglers will come in their droves to fish these waters if we just give it half a chance. Pike anglers spend a lot of money on their sport these days, and will bring much needed revenue to the locals around these waters.

Yours sincerely,

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Catrina Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 16:06
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike Management and Bye Law Change

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this email in utter shock and dismay at the continued pike management that continues to this day and age in Ireland.

Being a passionate pike angler from the age of 9 it is heart breaking to see these incredible fish continuously hounded in the hope to rid them from certain waters in Ireland.

I understand that there is currently a review taking place that will have a large bearing on what happens with regards to the pike going forward and I eagerly await the findings from the review and hope that sense prevails.

However what I cant stand is the proposed bye law change instigated by Minister Kyne to increase the daily allowance of pike to 4 a day to be taken from Loughs Mask, Corrib, Cara, Conn, Cullin, Sheelin and Arrow. The fact that he is proposing these changes reads as a massive two fingers to the passionate pike anglers that have fought for decades for the pike to be left alone and to those people who are carrying out the review, how can it be right that a bye law could be implemented before the review is complete?

Pike are a wonderful sporting fish, that play a huge role in creating a healthy and self sustaining ecosystem. The fabulous waters of Ireland have produced huge pike for centuries and are a mecca for anglers from across Ireland, the UK and Europe, however with the continued persecution anglers willing to spend their hard earned cash travelling there to fish are becoming fewer. I am certainly one of them as I just cant bring myself to part with my money which is effectively funding the destruction of the very fish I wish to catch and I know a lot of other anglers who feel the same. This proposed bye law change would be the final nail in the coffin of the incredible pike fishing Ireland has to offer and would only result in forcing more angling tourism away which will have a huge impact on the local economies of these areas.

I sincerely hope that sense prevails and the mindless and sickening slaughter of these incredible fish ceases, and the proposal of Minister Kyne is not implemented and maybe once again I would view Ireland as a viable destination again for an angling holiday, alas as it is though I would rather spend my money travelling to other countries where pike are valued and respected.

Kind Regards



Catriona Brady

From: .
Sent: 09 May 2018 10:18
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike limit on western lakes

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Sean kynes proposal is an outrage
Pike stocks will be devastated in the west
I strongly appose this
Please dont let this go ahead

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 10:49
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike killing law

Id like to voice an opinion that killing 4 pike a day under new legislation by Sean Kyanes law is outrageous. Pike are native Irish fish and should be protected and preserved

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 10:42
To: Inland Fisheries; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie
Subject: Objection to proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries

Categories: Red Category

Inland Fisheries/ Minister Kyne

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As an angler who travels regularly from Northern Ireland for the sole purpose of fishing for pike on these waters I would like to object to the introduction of this bye-law.

It continues to shock me that our counterparts throughout the rest of Europe are actively promoting catch and release and introducing bye laws to prevent the killing of pike, yet those responsible for the management of our public fisheries in Ireland are still seeking to introduce laws that encourage the culling of the species. Should we not be leading the way in terms of conservation and sustainability? Also is the proposed introduction of such bye-law even compliant with EU regulations?

I patiently await your response.

Regards

Catriona Brady

From: .
Sent: 24 May 2018 16:00
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: objection to draft legislation

Categories: Red Category

To whom it may concern,

Pike are an indigenous species and the natural Apex predator in the ecological systems. They should not be killed as this is ruining the whole system. I often fish on the Corrib and this is a major issue so would like to lodge an objection as part of the public consultation process.

Regards,

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 08 May 2018 10:04
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: objection

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Categories: Red Category

To whom it may concern,

I want to object to the proposed bye-law that encourages the killing of four pike per day on the lakes mentioned in the following link, <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/natural-resources/consultations/Pages/Public-Consultations-Designated-Salmonid-Waters-Bye-Law-2018.aspx>. This is not good for the conservation of Irish pike fishing or fishing in general in Ireland. It has been mentioned that should someone be found in possession of 4 pike in the surrounding areas the person in question could claim to have taken them from the mentioned lakes. This bye-law promotes a bad attitude to pike in Ireland and fish conservation and should not be encouraged.

Please can i have confirmation that my email has been received.

Thank you for your time,

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2018 20:02
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: OBJECTION

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Categories: Red Category

To whom it may concern,

I object to Minister Sean Kyne's proposal for the Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law.

- 1) The bye-law opens a loophole for the poaching of pike on nearby lakes that are not covered under Column (2) of the Schedule under the pretence they were caught from one of the loughs listed within Column (2).
- 2) Many specimen pike will be killed, and pike fishing will suffer a heavy blow. Pike fishing brings in tens of millions of euro in revenue to the country each year as conducted by the IFI.

Yours sincerely,

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 08:54
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Objection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Red Category

I would like to object to the draft bye-law on pike killing in Irish lakes!

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 09:40
To: Inland Fisheries

Categories: Red Category

Re the proposed Law to kill 4 pike each per person per day. I'm totally against this stupid law as there's enough eu nationals killing without us starting it too. these fish are the top of the food chain so what's gunna clean up the dead and injured fish of the waters... would you take all lion's off the savanna. ..no. nature takes care of these things like it has done for millions of years without the need for idiots sticking their noses in.. also what about when visiting anglers stop coming here cz there's no fish [left.it](#) will seriously harm tourism and the economy. I want my wee girl to be able to catch pike with me when she's older but with this idiotic proposal she and all kids won't have the chance to catch a pike with their fathers ..this law must not be passed. i look forward to seeing your reply.

Thanks

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 23:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New proposed byelaw re pike fishing

Categories: Red Category

Please consider this as an objection to the proposed byelaw you hope to bring in, which allows anglers to bag 4 pike at any one time. This will be detrimental to the ecology of the lakes involved, as pike are natural predators and eat disease carrying fish, which in itself can only be beneficial to the survival of all species, including salmonoids.

Kind regards

Catriona Brady

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 May 2018 13:26
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New pike laws - objection

Categories: Red Category

Im disgusted and appalled about the new pike laws proposal. As someone who spends a lot of money pike fishing every year, it saddens me that people still want to kill pike cause of " falling trout stocks" . The trout men have a ingrained hatred of pike and that mindset will never change, unfortunately. The trout lads always claim theres loads of trout, when they hold trout comps where they can and do kill 4 trout a day. But then they claim there's very little trout left because the pike have eaten them all. So which one is it. Pike have been around for millions of years, if they were such a ferocious and hungry predator, how come they haven't eaten every other species into extinction in that timeframe. The biggest predator on them loughs is the two legged ones. I switched my voting from fianna fail to fine gael during the recession. But ill be switching back to fianna fail if this new proposal come in.

Catriona Brady

From: -
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:37
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New pike bylaw

Categories: Red Category

I would like to put my objection in writing in relation to minister Sean kyne's proposal to bring in a new pike bylaw.

I strongly object to the allowing of removal of up to four pike per day of any size per angler, infact i object to the removal of any pike whatsoever on any day.

Pike are a natural resource and should be treated as such. There is no difference in my eyes between pike, trout or salmon.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 11 May 2018 17:24
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New Pike bye-laws

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Red Category

Hello,

I wish to lodge a complaint against the new pike bye-laws proposed by my minister Kyne. Currently Inland fisheries Ireland are tasked with managing fisheries in this jurisdiction. They are carrying out a review of pike management ongoing since 2016, of which they had asked all interested parties to take part in. This review is being funded by the tax payer through inland fisheries Ireland and is taking some time but is nearing completion.

Unfortunately Minister Sean Kyne has decided not to wait for this review to be complete and has instead ignored all current expertise, and recommendations. I believe Minister Kyne is pre-empting this review to appease a very vocal local lobby in his own constituency.

These fisheries are owned by the people of Ireland and not by Minister Kyne, or indeed by local lobby groups. Minister Kyne should at least show consideration, and wait for the review to be complete and see what recommendations are forthcoming which may satisfy some if not all parties.

If these proposals are passed the damage done in the short term could take generations and great cost to repair. These damages would not only be to the fisheries but to our reputation abroad and also to angling tourism.

I have already spoke to numerous anglers from around Europe and they have stated that if this new bye-law is passed they will never return to fish in Ireland, which in return will directly effect people in the tourism trade.

Also Pike have been classed as a native species to Ireland in the 2013 report. By allowing any angler to kill 4 pike, of any size will have a diastorous effect on the lakes. Roach, perch and other course species will multiply at a fast rate, these species will also compete for the same food source as trout and even the young trout will become a food source.

These lakes have survived for thousands of years with nature looking after there stocks.

I find it very disturbing that IFI would allow minister Kyne to pass such bye-laws to keep a few of his local buddies happy to try and gain more votes for a possible election in the near future.

Many many anglers, even trout anglers are against these bye-laws being brought in.

What are IFI doing to protect our natural fish stocks?

Regards,

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New Pike By laws

Categories: Red Category

I wish to strongly object to the new by laws concerning pike on the grounds that pike is the species I primarily fish for and I feel that between gill netting and these new laws which are being introduced, that the species and the environment as a whole will suffer serious damage.

Far too much of the tax payers money is going towards the conservation of trout and salmon with very little regard to other species of fish.

It might be advantageous to the IFI to look towards the Scandanavian systems of fisheries management.

Regards,

Sent from my Samsung device

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 21 May 2018 21:06
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New legislation on pike

Categories: Red Category

Absolutely disgraceful that ennell is being ignored and not included in this legislation. How is this what politics are at work here

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 21:31
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: NEW BYELAW

Categories: Red Category

To whom it may concern,

I am totally against the new proposed byelaw of the CATCH AND KILL 4 PIKE PER DAY in the designated SALMONID FISHERIES.

Completely disgusted and losing the desire to travel to the west of Ireland for trout and pike fishing is an understatement.

I hope common sense will prevail and the voices of the majority of anglers both pike and trout will be heard and this byelaw will be scrapped.

Please do not make the divide even greater in Irish angling by passing this bylaw.

Kind Regards,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2018 19:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Inland Fisheries
Subject: RE: new bye law

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Categories: Red Category

Dear [REDACTED],

Please note that the bye law is being proposed by the Department not IFI and that observations/objections to the draft regulations may be made at any time during the period of 21 days concluding at 5pm on 25 May, 2018, either by e-mail to inland.fisheries@dcca.gov.ie (whom I have cc'd here) or by post to the address below. Please note that all submissions received will be published on the Department's website following the conclusion of the consultation period.

Inland Fisheries Division
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Elm House,
Earlsvale Road,
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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2018 10:20
To: Contact
Subject: Fwd: new bye law

I would like to put my objection in writing in relation to minister Sean Kyne's proposal to bring in a new pike bylaw.

I strongly object to the allowing of removal of up to four pike per day of any size per angler, in fact I object to the removal of any pike whatsoever on any day.

Pike are a natural resource and should be treated as such. There is no difference in my eyes between pike, trout or salmon.

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 May 2018 20:48
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Minister Sean Kynes's proposal re Pike

Dear Sir/madam,

As a tax paying law abiding Irish citizen, as well as a life long trout and pike angler I would like to strongly object to the minister's proposal regarding the killing of pike. These fish have existing in tandem with trout for 100s of years without incidence. Pike are a crucial part of the ecosystem and maintain a healthy balance where they are present.

Secondly tourism angling has seen a huge decline in the past 10 years due to the lack of good coarse and pike fishing throughout island. Many small towns on the Shannon and Suck systems have suffered due to the decrease in good fishing, in particular pike. Ireland was once known as a world leader in pike fishing and sadly this is no longer the case!

Nature has a way of maintaining a balance between predator and prey, man need not interfere. The minister should focus on preserving and improving ALL areas of sport fishing within the island of Ireland to generate more revenue from tourism!

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2018 15:30
To: Inland Fisheries
Cc: Minister Kyne
Subject: Objection to Public Consultations Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you to post my objection to the Public Consultations Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018.

I am a keen angler who once frequently visited the western lakes of Ireland for fishing holidays but who no longer does due to the ongoing persecution of the Pike stocks in the region. I am hugely opposed to the gill netting campaign which takes place annually on these Loughs, which are of great importance historically to the culture of Pike fishing. Likewise, I am opposed to the recently proposed motion allowing the killing of up to 4 Pike of any size on the Loughs - a motion being proposed by Minister Kyne.

I wrote to the minister on the 28th March 2018 (email [Ref No: 074.2018.SK.DCCAE](#)) expressing my objections to the Pike removal practices and highlighting many of the reasons I feel this decision is wrong. Within the Minister's response, I received the following assurance, "It has been consistently stated that while the review is in process there is, in line with established practice, no change to existing policy as regards stock management measures." To my knowledge, the review is still in process and yet here we are in a situation where a change to the existing policy's being forwarded? It is incredibly difficult as a concerned Pike angler, born and bred in Ireland, to believe that the growing and majority voice of those opposed to the gill netting practices are being adequately listened to when we hear that motions are being considered that effectively increase the persecution of Pike in the region.

The gill netting continues unabated despite there still being no scientific evidence that it has worked on any of the Loughs in question and indeed in many cases, proof exists that as Pike stocks have been decimated, the quality of the Trout angling has declined likewise. Having reviewed the gill net returns for many of the loughs this spring, it is clear from the stomach contents of the hundreds of Pike removed that Trout were certainly not the main food source for the Pike, so I would encourage you to reconsider the need to destroy Pike fishing in a region which could be benefitting massively from the tourist money Pike Anglers would happily bring, should the gill netting cease.

You recently launched a Catch and Release campaign on social media, which was to be commended, however I am constantly dismayed to see the large number of Salmonid species proudly displayed dead on your website. Many angling disciplines in Ireland and the UK are almost entirely Catch and Release and it is frustrating to see the large number of quality Pike being removed from the Western Loughs via the gill nets when Game Anglers refuse to practice the same level of responsibility for their own sport. I truly hope that common sense prevails and that in my lifetime the wonderful, wild and indigenous Pike of Ireland are afforded the respect they deserve. I for one would waste no time in coming back to visit but until this happens, I will be taking my hard earned money elsewhere.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 14 May 2018 23:10
To: Inland Fisheries; ading@gmail.com
Subject: Objection to the new proposed salmon by laws.

I am sending this email to voice my objection and my concern about the news proposed salmonoid by laws on selected lakes in Ireland. As a buisness owner directly linked to pike fishing, the news of this new proposed law is already spreading on the continent very fast. Many French, Belgium, Dutch and German anglers are worried for the future of the sport in Ireland. Some already are not coming back, choosing instead Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Spain as new pike fishing destinations.

I hope you can see the terrible effects this new law will bring to the affected regions. Like in cavan any poacher within 50 miles radius of lough sheelin, can catch and kill a pike and pretend that they caught it in sheelin. We already have a problem with littered lough and poaching. This new proposed law will only help the deterioration of the local economy for many guesthouses and B&B's.

Regards,



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 07 May 2018 10:12
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike bag limit

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sirs, please provide me with a copy of the peer reviewed and published scientific proof that a 4 limit bag on pike will actually have an effect on trout stocks?

May I be as bold to suggest that catch and release for trout would have a better effect on stocks than encouraging the destruction of a native species?

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 07 May 2018 13:31
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike management and the new bye Law

Minister Sean Kayne,

I would like to object to the proposed bye-law allowing the killing of 4 pike per day on designated trout fisheries.

The lack of size restrictions will allow the killing of specimen pike, impacting on angling tourism and having a negative impact on our international reputation as an angling venue. The lack of restriction on the total number of pike killed on an annual basis will have the potential to seriously unbalance the ecosystem of these lakes, with a potential explosion in the numbers of coarse fish. This bye-law is also proposed without scientific evidence or justification, and could be seen as a cynical exercise by the Minister to secure votes in his local constituency. The bye-law purports to relate to trout management yet no measures are proposed to reduce the number of mature trout that are taken in the numerous "catch and kill" competitions held on these waters.

It is my opinion that this bye law is not backed by credible peer reviewed scientific evidence, is short sighted and likely to be counterproductive.

I am ashamed that you would back a small number of anglers views even tho a petition with 20,000 signatures was handed into IFI to cease all pike management and that petition grew to 40,000 signatures in 6 weeks.

Regards,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 22 May 2018 13:14
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike conservation and management

Hi,
My name is [REDACTED]. I was looking for some information. I see minister Sean Kyne is looking for a proposal to be passed. Allowing the killing of 4 pike of any size. Im actually interested in how you are allowing this to be even debated. Your own studies show pike are native. The best part about this is, you try to promote pike fishing in Ireland! How can this happen if you want them wiped out. Pike are tormented enough with gill nets, electro fishing, certain individuals killing them (and not only pike). Losing tourism as well as income from the Irish anglers. Also, as you are well aware, trout anglers killing pike and leaving them hanging in full view. Visitors must be so happy to see what is going on. Absolutely disgusting behaviour by trout anglers. They must be so proud. You can be sure if I hung a baby lamb from a fence post, I'd be prosecuted. Look forward to hearing your response, if I get something more than an automated message.
[REDACTED]

Re: Opposition to proposed by-law

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the proposed new bye-law to allow for the removal of four pike of any size on the waters listed.

I believe that it will make enforcement of the current National pike bye-law 809 of 2006 completely unenforceable on all other waters as people may falsely claim that any pike found in their possession were caught in one of the seven listed waters.

I oppose any change in pike bye-law 809 of 2006 on the named waters as these waters are famous for producing specimen pike. The introduction of this bye-law will adversely effect pike angling tourism on these waters as there will be less large pike to catch if people are allowed to catch and take four pike of ANY size.

Genuine pike anglers practice 'catch and release'. The National Strategy for Angling Development – Market Research 2015 recognises the 'Great Western Lakes' as one of Ireland's 'top class pike fisheries'. I oppose the new proposed bye-law as it is unnecessary.

The ESRI paper 563 of May 2017 clearly states that 61% of brown trout anglers are 'negatively disposed towards pike stock management'. If the purpose of the bye-law is to help protect brown trout then the bye-law should be limiting the number and size of the brown trout an angler can take per day. In this regard, perhaps it should mirror the current pike bye-law 809 of 2006, ie; one brown trout of up to 50 cms per day.

I oppose the proposed bye-law as it undermines the current Inland Fisheries Ireland ongoing review of pike policy in designated wild brown trout waters and pre-empts the review groups findings. This makes for bad and ill-informed fishery management.

I oppose the proposed bye-law providing for the designation of the waters named under this proposed bye-law, their tributaries and distributaries as salmonid waters, if such designation infers that any existing species of fish living at present within these fisheries that is not a salmonid, can or should be removed by virtue of this designation.

Yours sincerely,

24 May 2018

Re: Opposition to proposed Pike Fishing Bye-law.

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Yours sincerely.

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 19 May 2018 10:57
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Drafted Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

Categories: Red Category

Dear Sir

I oppose the proposed new bye-law to allow for the removal of 4 pike of any size on the waters listed. I believe that it will make enforcement of the current National pike bye-law 809 of 2006 completely unenforceable on all other waters as people may falsely claim that any pike found in their possession were caught in one of the 7 listed waters.

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Kind Regards,

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 17:16
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

Categories: Red Category

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Your's Sincerely

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 14:37
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: New pike killing by law proposal

Categories: Red Category

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 18:30
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: By law 2018

Categories: Green Category, Red Category

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 16:46
To: Inland Fisheries; ciara.sugrue@failteireland.ie; fionnan.nestor@failteireland.ie; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie; heather.humphreys@oir.ie
Subject: Objection to proposed changes.
Categories: Red Category

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Regards,

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 22:52
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Public constitutions designated salmonid bye-laws 2018

Categories: Red Category

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Your's Sincerely

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From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 14:03
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-lae 2018

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Categories: Red Category

Inland Fisheries Division
Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Environment,
Elm House
Earlsvale Road
Cavan Town
H12 A8H7

Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 18 May 2018 13:57
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Re: Draft Designated Salmonid Waters bye-law 2018

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Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 17 May 2018 09:11
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike kill

I would like to put in writing my objection in writing in relation to minister Sean Kyne's proposal to bring in new pike bylaws.

As a angler all my life for many different species of fish it is a sad day if this gets passed to be killing such wonderful native fish like the pike.

The loss of jobs in tackle shops and tourism would not be good. And on another note I hope some thing can be done to fix the major carp problem in cork.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 21 May 2018 10:46
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: pike fishing

"Please do not let die the fishing tourism in your beautiful country by sacrificing the beautiful pike of your lakes, it would be a very big mistake !"

Cordialement !



Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 16:23
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike catch and release

As an all round angler not just pike i am rageing here that the byelaws proposed on killing 4 pike are even considered . Wheres the scientific evidence. All ull have in d trout lakes are perch in the future if this goes ahead . Plus the biggest protest ever seen.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 09 May 2018 17:13
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike catch and release

I fish for trout, salmon and pike!! I'm outraged ye are asking pike Fishermen to kill pike because ye can't do it yourselves!! It ain't and won't happen dam this government!! Another reason to hate the country I'm born in!!protests all the way and we will win!!

Catriona Brady

From: ---
Sent: 10 May 2018 06:50
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: pike bylaws

To whom it may concern

As an Irish pike angler and also a coarse and sea angler I would like you to consider not changing the current byelaw which states that only one pike under 50cm may be taken per day by rod and line angling. All these fisheries are already subject to annual gill netting and electrofishing to remove pike. The handful of large pike (100cm plus) which somehow evade capture in the nets are still regarded as a worthwhile quarry amongst the pike anglers who travel to these waters to fish. Allowing anglers to kill these exceptional fish means that all the angling pressure will now be concentrated on waters such as Ree and Derg. if too much pressure is applied to these waters then the visiting pike anglers will end up going elsewhere. (anywhere other than Ireland) This goes against the ITB intention to increase angling tourism. Years ago Ireland was known for its big pike with Lough Mask having produced 29 fish over 35lbs since records began. Since the gill netting recommenced there has only been 3 fish over 35lb caught on rod and line from Lough Mask. Allowing anglers to kill these valuable fish would be a mistake.

Furthermore it would be better to wait until the review of the impact of pike in designated salmonid waters is completed before even considering the proposed changes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely


Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 21:43
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike bye law objection

I am writing to give an objection to the new pike bye law in the west lakes that minister kyne is about propose.. 4 pike per day of any size per angler is absalutely beyond rediculous.. 1 pike per day is bad enough .. i fish for trout in season and also pike in winter and it is very wrong putting this bye law into place as it is opening the window for poachers also and will destroy the west lakes in the near future for trout and salmon.. water quality will get worse.. sick fish will stay sick die and wrot at the bottom of the lake ... roach, bream , perch and other species will thrive , competing for food and out numbering trout and salmon which will destroy the game fishing in the west if there is no controle over the other species which the pike naturally do and they also control their own species by eating younger pike ... this is a very bad move he is about to make .. hopefully mr. kyne sees some sence and corrects this decision .. regards [REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:51
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike by laws

To whom it my concern i am writing to you in regards to minister sean kyne bringing in new pike by law for killing 4 fish in 1 day of any size is just crazy why wont the minister look at all the recent research mostly carried out by your selfs why wont the minister even listen to the other people involved with these to back up our facts we all know there are many reasons why trout numbers havr fallen and pike would be on the bottom of that list its just suppose its handy option to blame the pike if this law is past they will ruin it for us all i fish some off these waters mostly in winter when b&b very quiet use pike anglers would stay there on many occasions so if this is past fishing in these stunning lakes in the west will be no more also i wonder has the minister seen all the trout that are killed from there competitions then hung up on fences to show madness and then the reason for all this is for local votes the minister should be ashamed of himself also i will be contacting my local TDs on this subject i could write so much more but im getting more annoyed the more i write i would like a responce from yourselfs to confirm you recived my email

Regards

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 21 May 2018 20:26
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike bag limit

Dear Minister

Please rethink the proposal to. Increase the Pike bag limit from one to four Pike per day. In an age where tourist anglers spend big money on good angling, it is short sighted and counter productive. Fishing in Ireland is only a shadow of its former self. Let's not worsen things. No one in this country needs to go home with four fish per day. Conservation is the new way forward. As a matter of interest I am just back from a fishing holiday in Spain, and the previous two years was Canada. Not one fish was killed.

Regards



Sent from my iPad

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 20 May 2018 16:35
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike are predators

It will be to the detriment of the Great Lakes if pike are not culled or moved to smaller waters which inland fisheries could stock and turn a profit there are numerous lakes around Westport which have a name for being pike lakes
Sent from my iPhone

Catriona Brady

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2018 22:41
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike

Hi I think the change in the pike bylaw is not a good it will have big effect on nature in the lakes pluse pike fishing is bring a lot of revenue to the country

Regards: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 16 May 2018 20:34
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Pike

I object in the strongest possible terms re by the law to kill four pike per day

Catriona Brady

From: i
Sent: 14 May 2018 23:14
To: Inland Fisheries
Subject: Opposition to the new proposed salmon by laws

I am sending this email to voice my objection and my concern about the news proposed salmonoid by laws on selected lakes in Ireland. As a buisness owner directly linked to pike fishing,the news of this new proposed law is already spreading on the continent very fast. Many French, Belgium, Dutch and German anglers are worried for the future of the sport in Ireland. Some already are not coming back, choosing instead Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Spain as new pike fishing destinations.

I hope you can see the terrible effects this new law will bring to the affected regions. Like in cavan any poacher within 50 miles radius of lough sheelin, can catch and kill a pike and pretent that they caught it in sheelin. We already have a problem with littered lough and poaching. This new proposed law will only help the deterioration of the local economy for many guesthouses and B&B's.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Catriona Brady

From:
Sent: 24 May 2018 22:10
To: Inland Fisheries; jackiecahill@oireachtas.ie; ara.calleary@oireachtas.ie; sean.canney@oireactas.ie; ruthcoppinger@oireachtas.ie; clare.daly@oireactas.ie; marylou.mcdonald@oireachtas.ie; simonharris@oireactas.ie; leo.varadkar@oireachtas.ie; katherine.zappone@oireachtas.ie
Cc: Patrick ♥
Subject: Opposition to proposed pike fishing bye-law

Re: Opposition to proposed Pike Fishing Bye-law.

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the proposed new bye-law to allow for the removal of four pike of any size on the waters listed.

I believe that it will make enforcement of the current National pike bye-law 809 of 2006 completely unenforceable on all other waters as people may falsely claim that any pike found in their possession were caught in one of the seven listed waters.

I oppose any change in pike bye-law 809 of 2006 on the named waters as these waters are famous for producing specimen pike. The introduction of this bye-law will adversely effect pike angling tourism on these waters as there will be less large pike to catch if people are allowed to catch and take four pike of ANY size.

Genuine pike anglers practice 'catch and release'. The National Strategy for Angling Development – Market Research 2015 recognises the 'Great Western Lakes' as one of Ireland's 'top class pike fisheries'. I oppose the new proposed bye-law as it is unnecessary.

The ESRI paper 563 of May 2017 clearly states that 61% of brown trout anglers are 'negatively disposed towards pike stock management'. If the purpose of the bye-law is to help protect brown trout then the bye-law should be limiting the number and size of the brown trout an angler can take per day. In this regard, perhaps it should mirror the current pike bye-law 809 of 2006, ie; one brown trout of up to 50 cms per day.

I oppose the proposed bye-law as it undermines the current Inland Fisheries Ireland ongoing review of pike policy in designated wild brown trout waters and pre-empts the review groups findings. This makes for bad and ill-informed fishery management.

I oppose the proposed bye-law providing for the designation of the waters named under this proposed bye-law, their tributaries and distributaries as salmonid waters, if such designation infers that any existing species of fish living at present within these fisheries that is not a salmonid, can or should be removed by virtue of this designation.

Yours sincerely,

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