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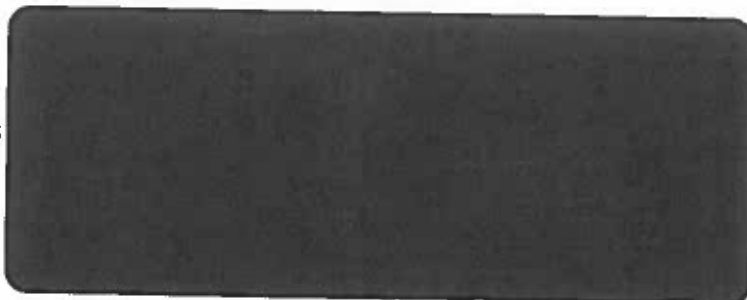
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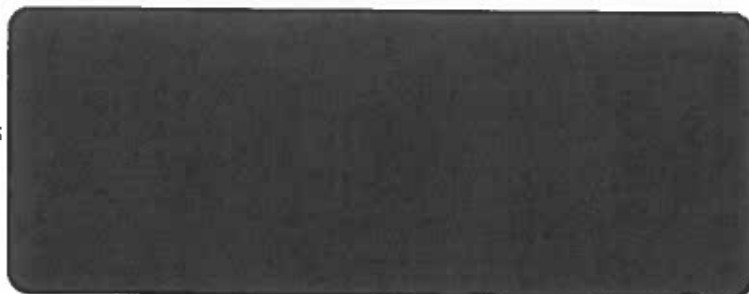
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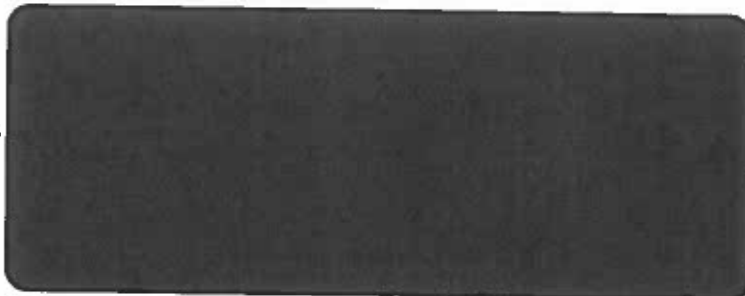
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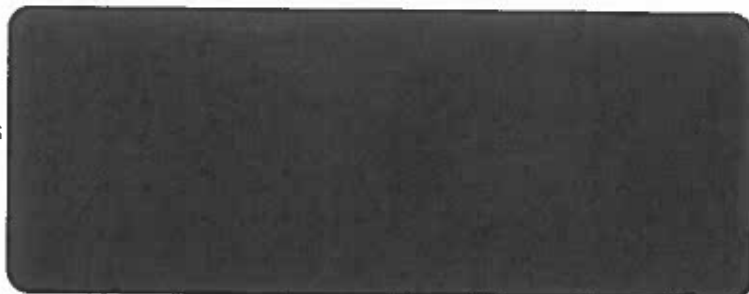
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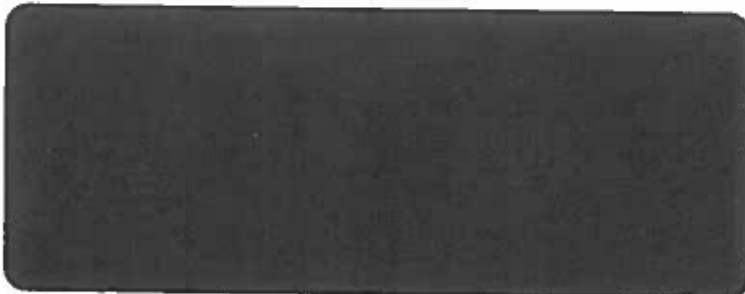
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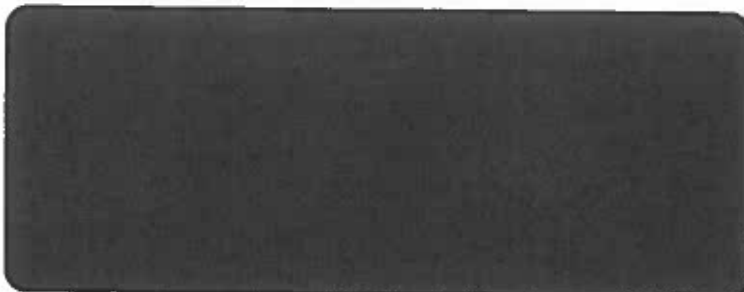
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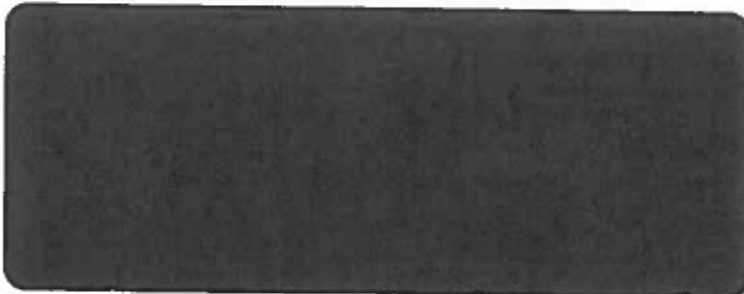
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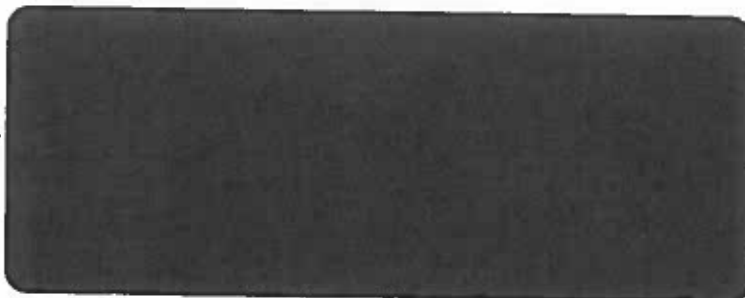
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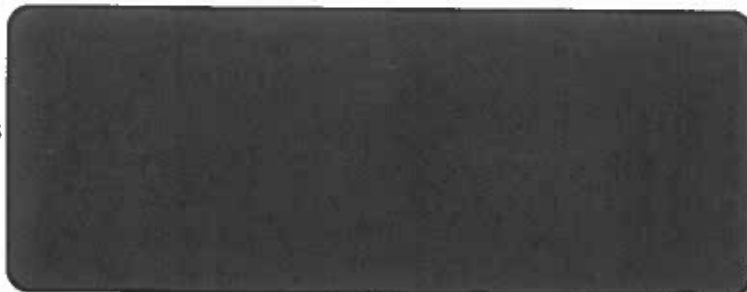
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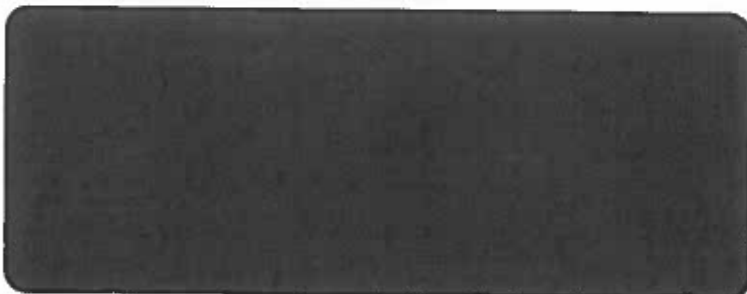
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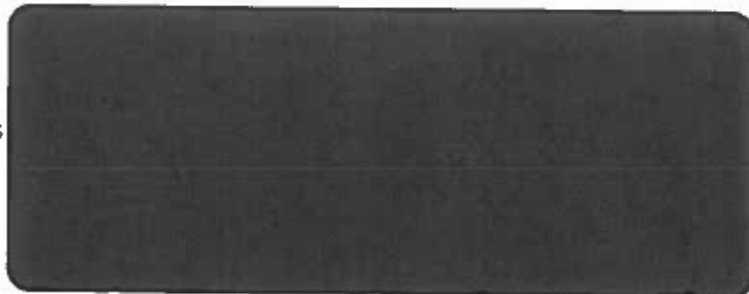
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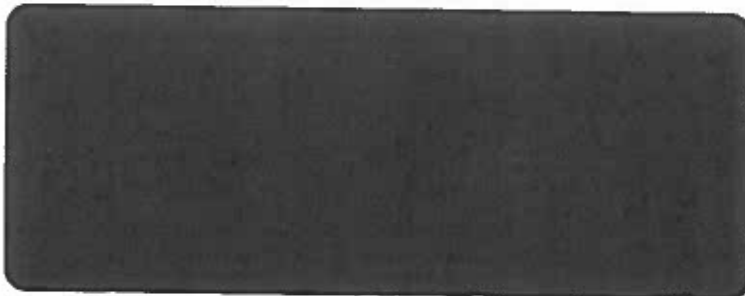
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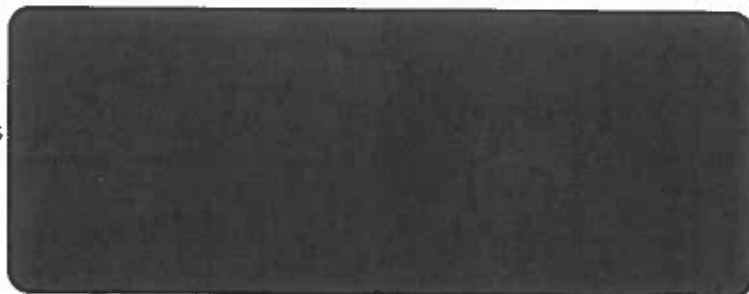
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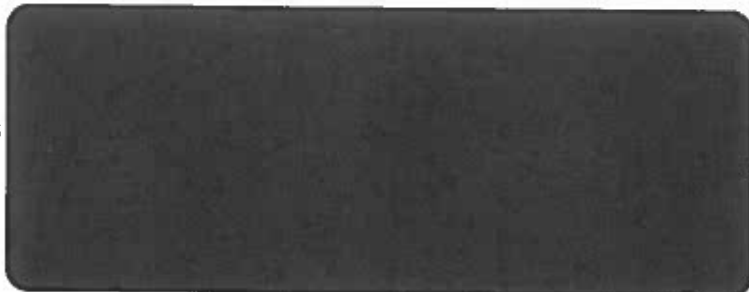
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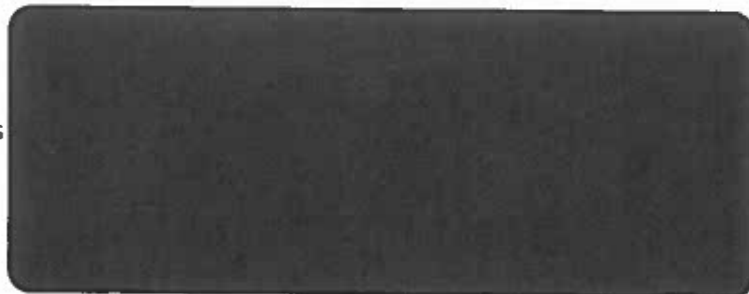
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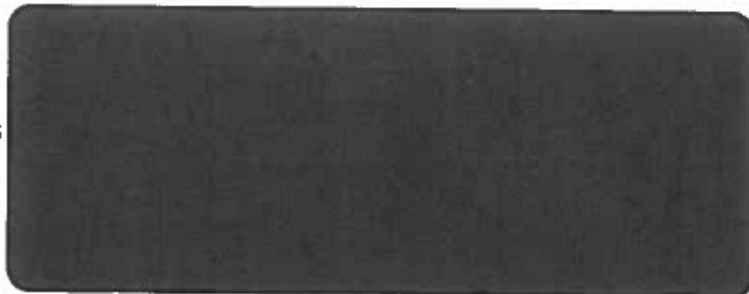
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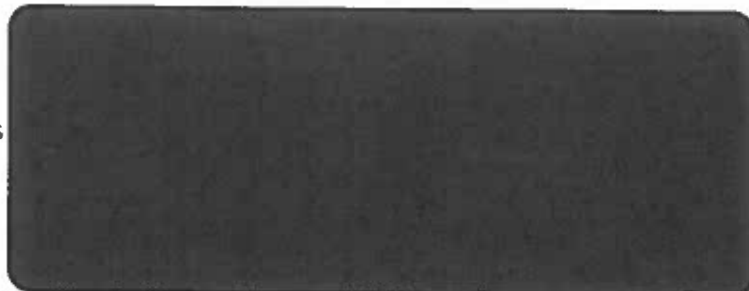
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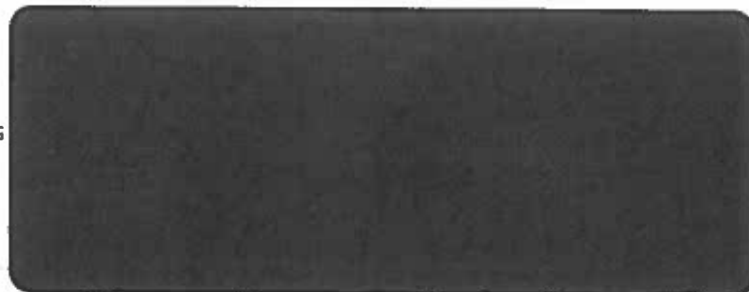
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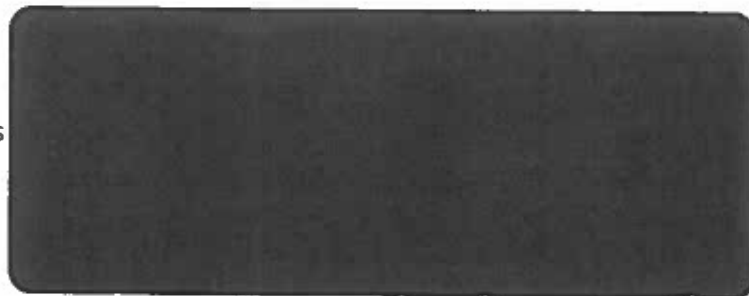
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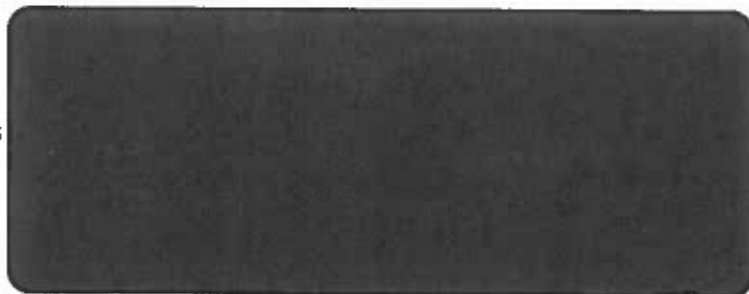
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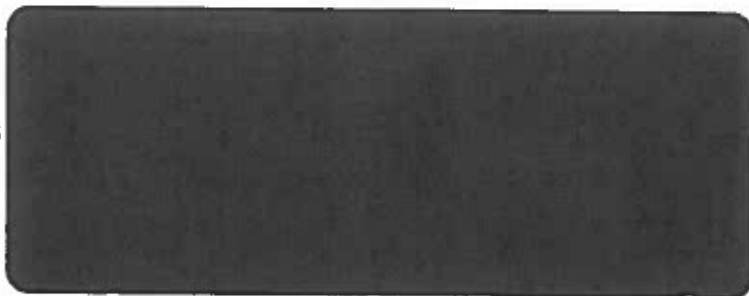
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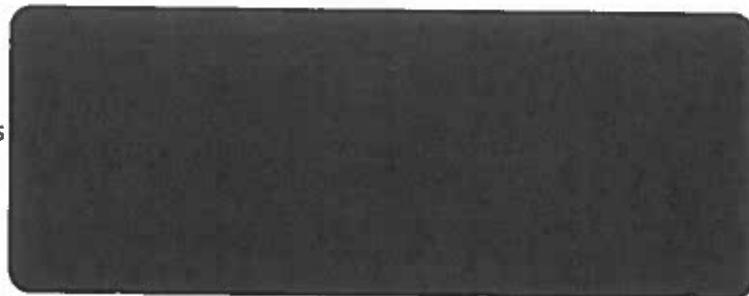
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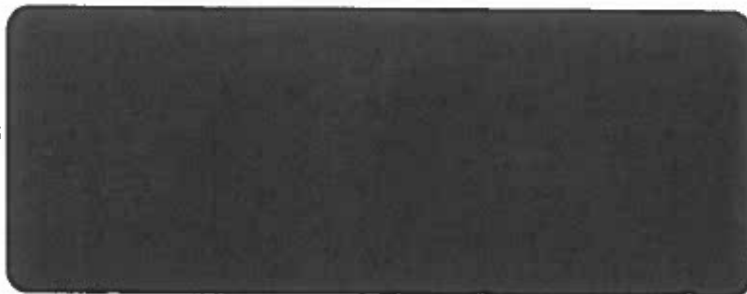
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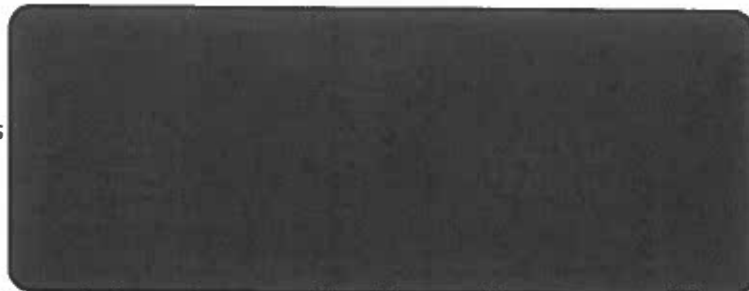
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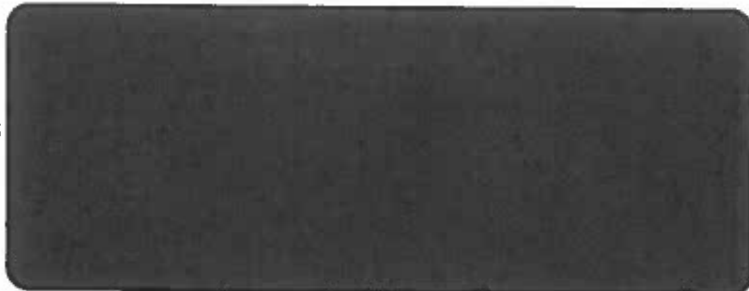
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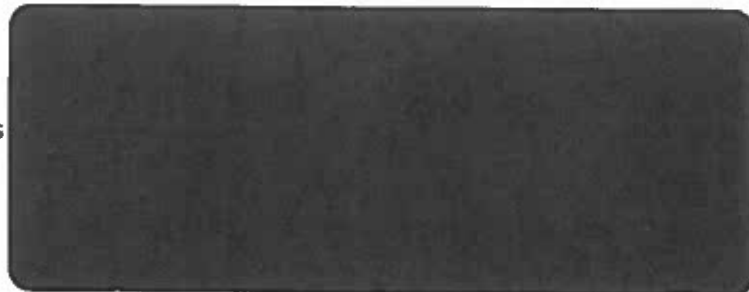
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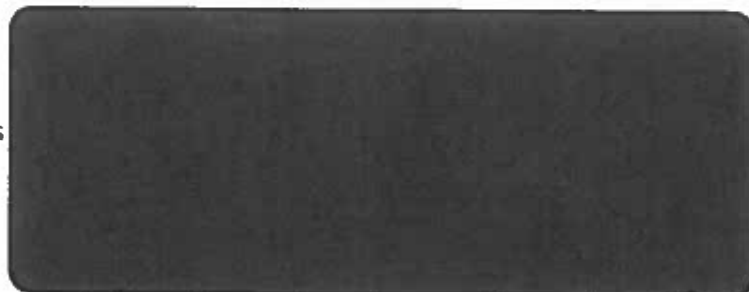
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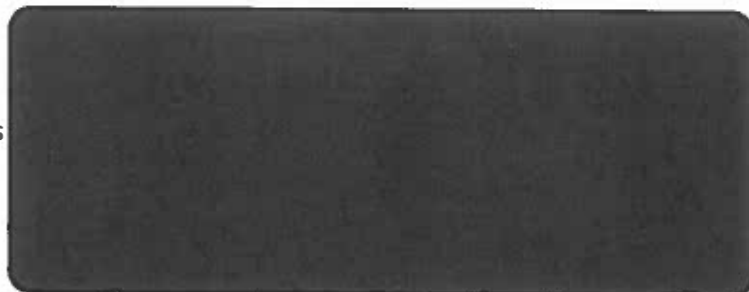
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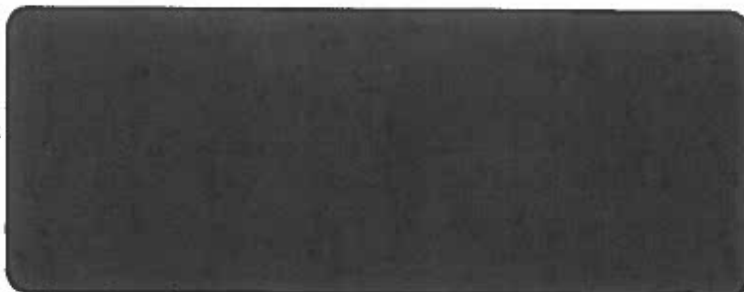
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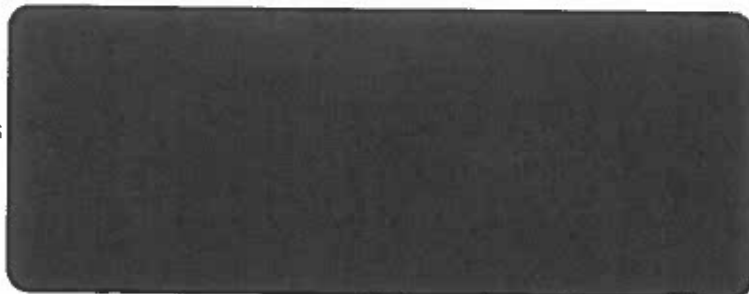
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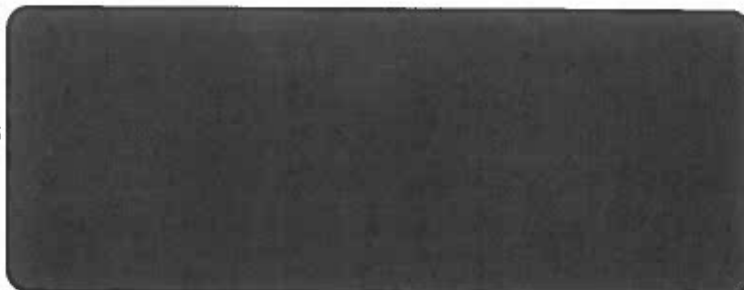
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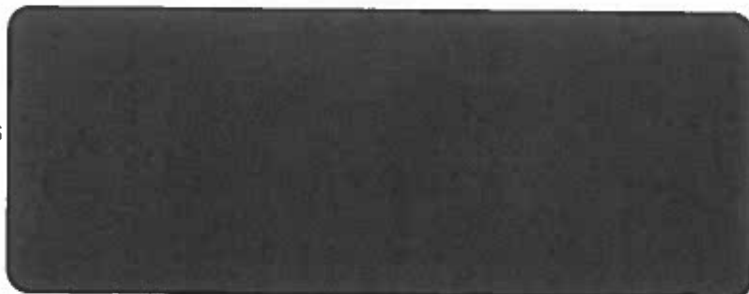
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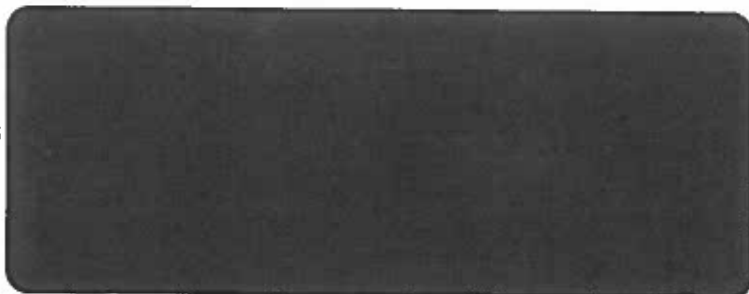
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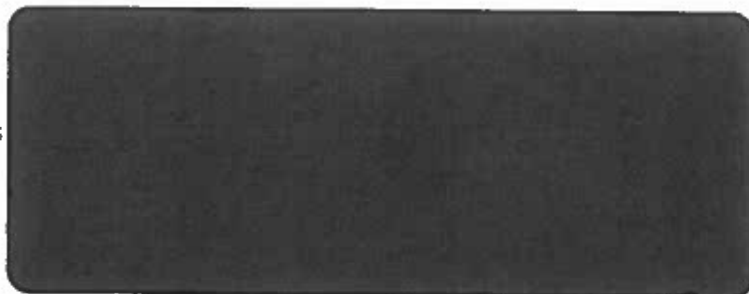
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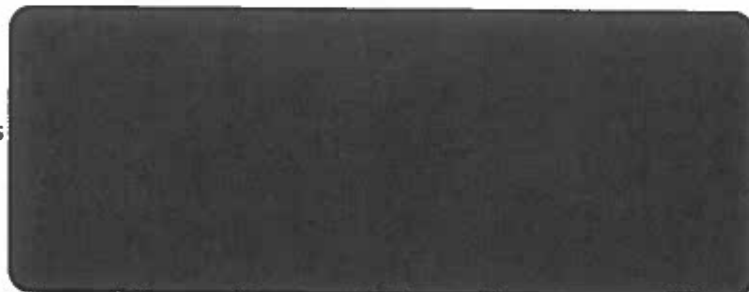
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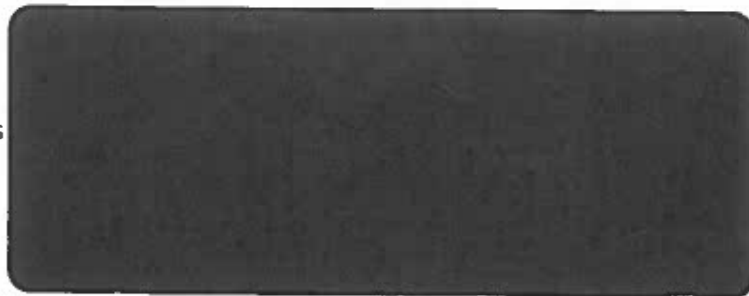
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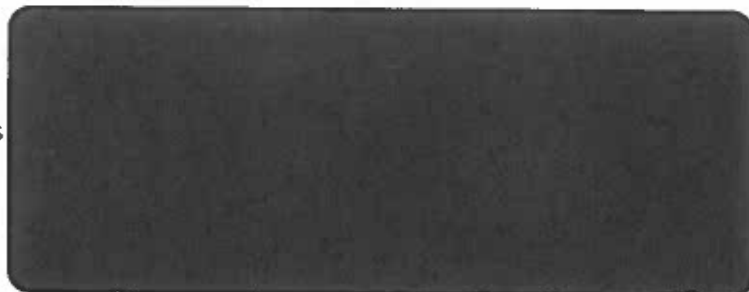
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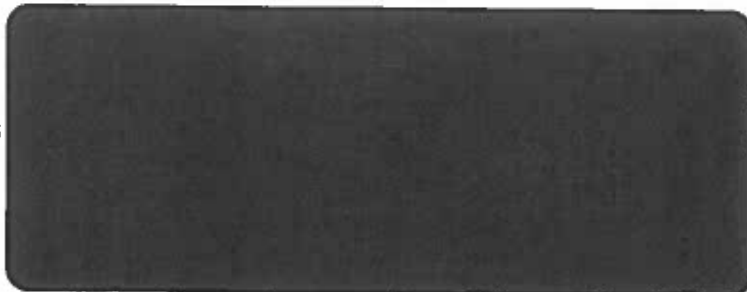
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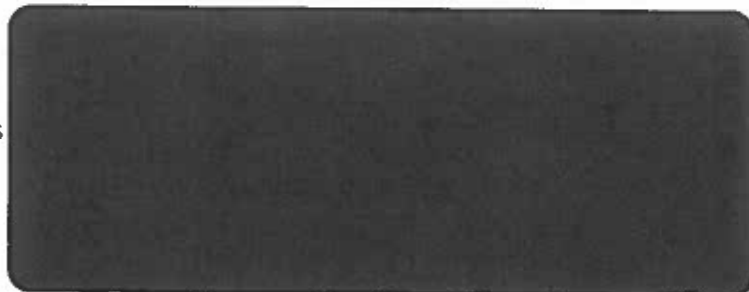
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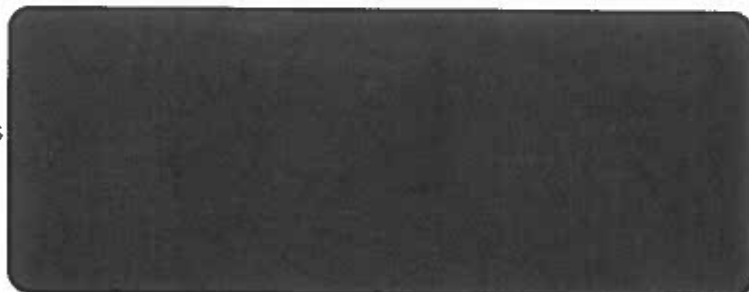
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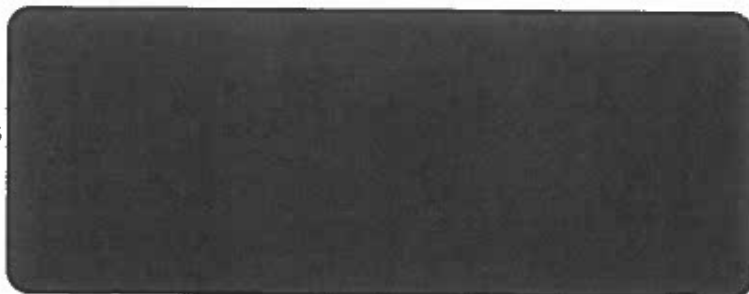
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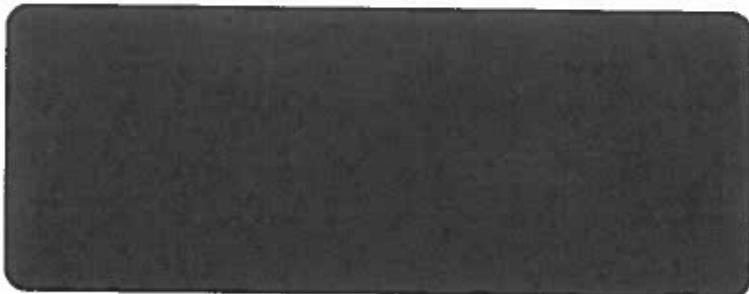
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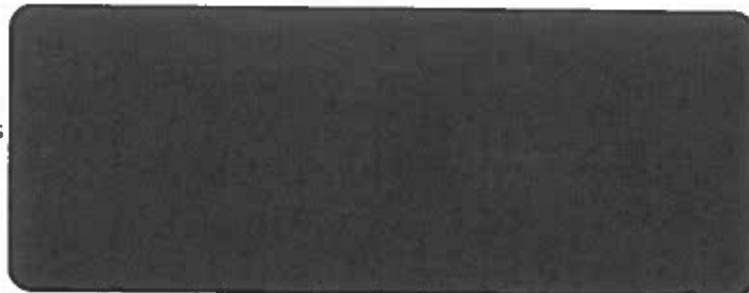
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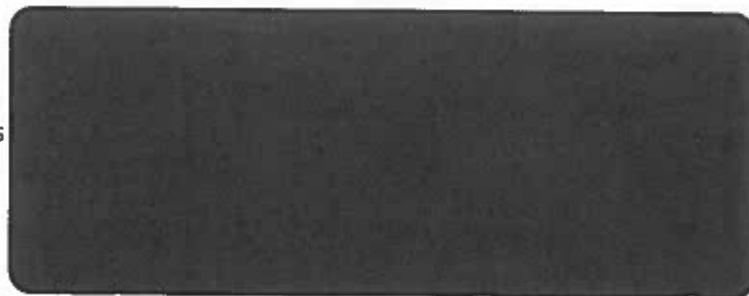
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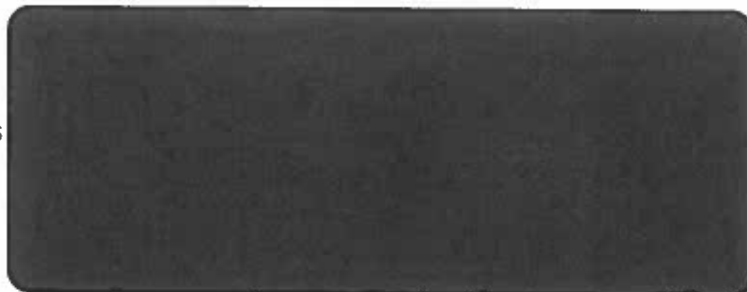
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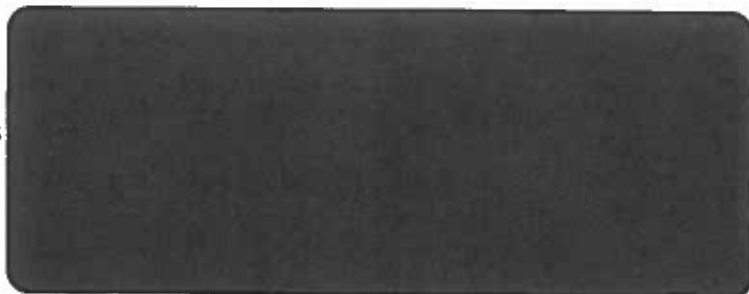
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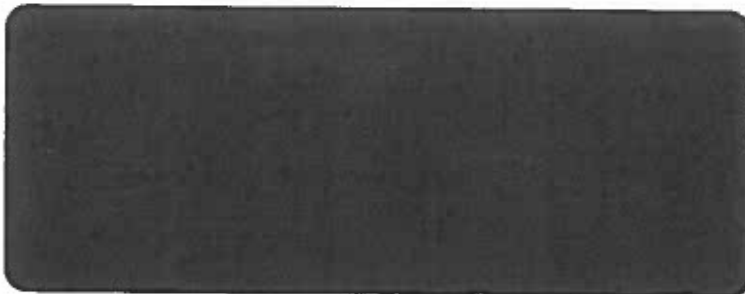
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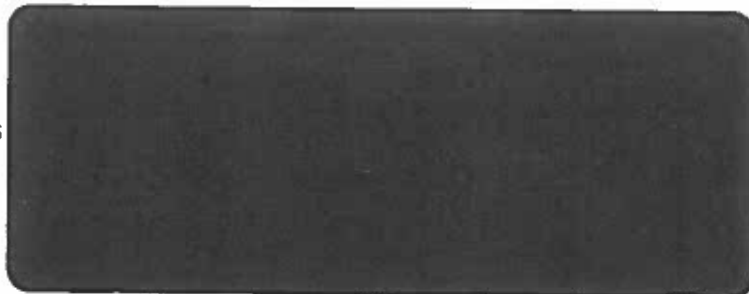
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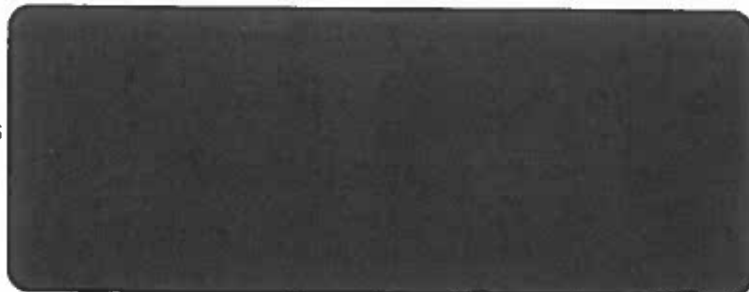
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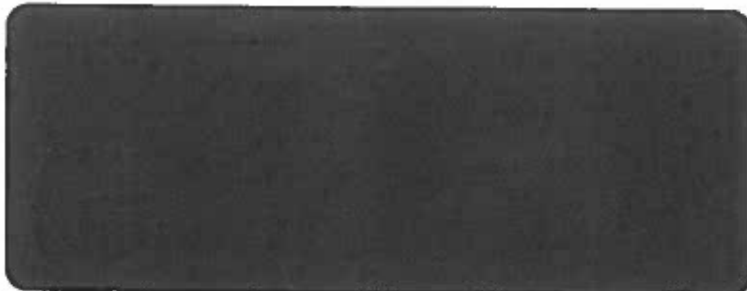
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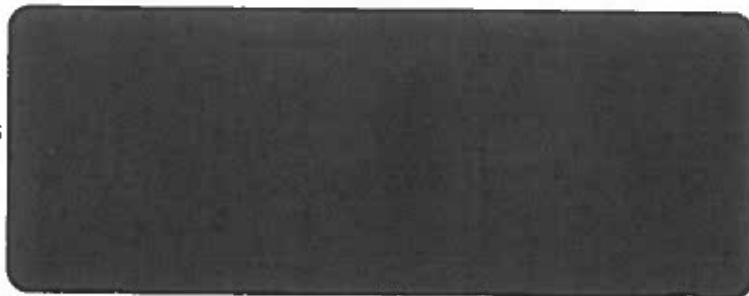
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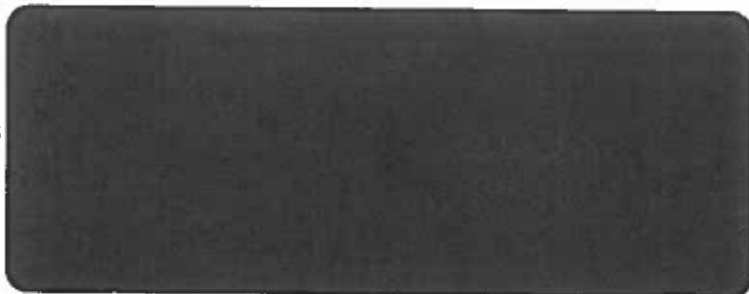
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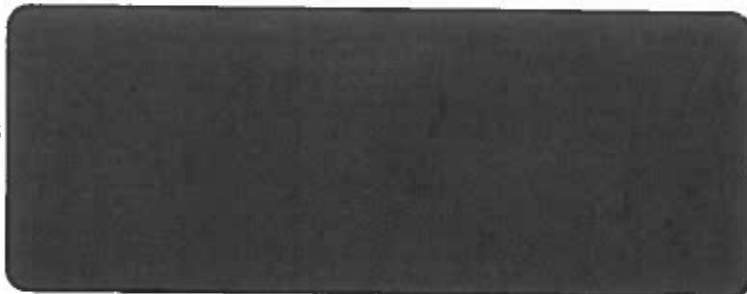
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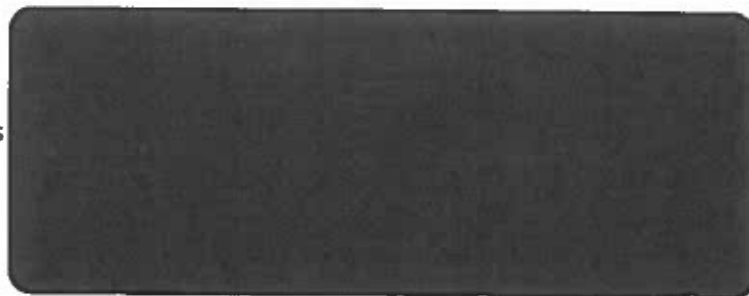
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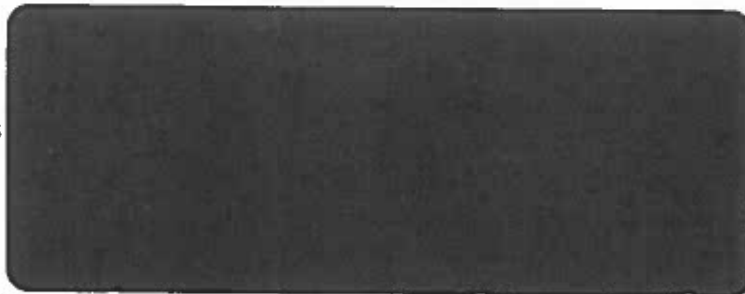
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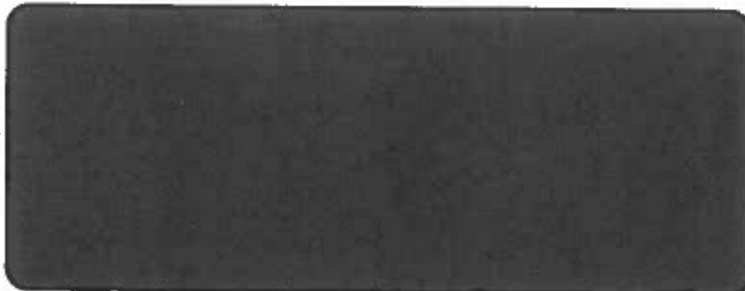
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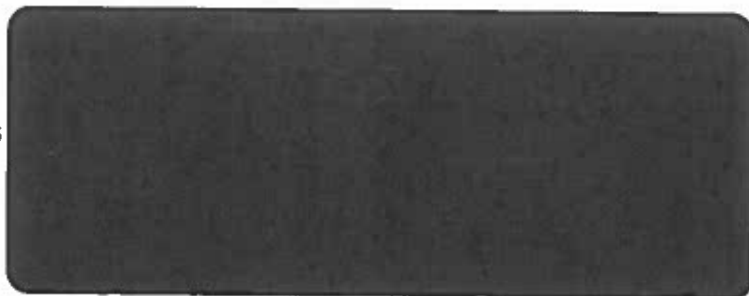
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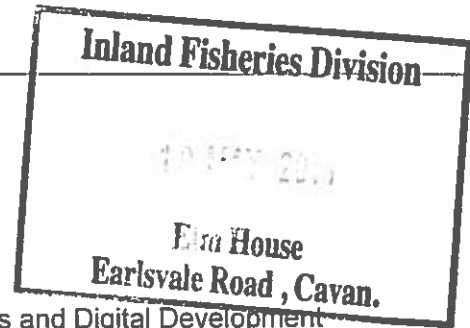
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Public Consultations Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law 2018 Observation

Dear Minister,

I write to make an observation with regard the proposed Designated Salmonid Waters Bye-Law.

This proposed Bye-law provides for the designation of the waters and their tributaries, specified in the Schedule (Lough Sheelin, Lough Corrib, Lough Mask, Lough Carra, Lough Conn, Lough Cullin and Lough Arrow) to be managed primarily for the benefit of salmonid species.

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 feel the proposed Bye-Law if introduced would be a retrograde step that would have a significant negative impact on angling in this country. In particular, pike anglers, both Irish and International spend millions of euro each year in pursuit of their sport and it is vital that Government policy does not interfere with this.

The total economic contribution of recreational angling in Ireland is approximately €755 million with an estimated 406,000 individuals having participated in angling over the course of 2012.

This figure includes 252,000 domestic Irish anglers, 41,000 trips from Northern Irish anglers and 113,000 from overseas markets. The estimated 252,000 Irish anglers represented some 7% of the adult population aged 15 years or more.

According to the IFI report the combined total of the expenditure calculations relating to domestic day trip and domestic overnight pike anglers amounts to €69 million per annum.

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As an angler, great care must be taken to ensure angling interests are protected into the future and this can only be done by rejecting the implementation of this proposed Bye-Law.

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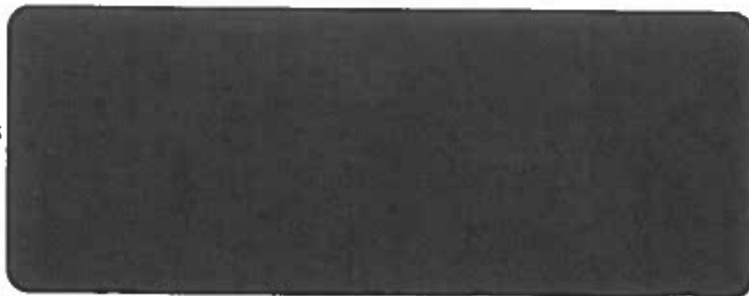
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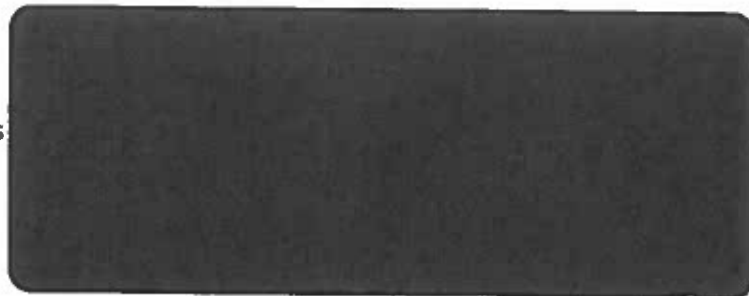
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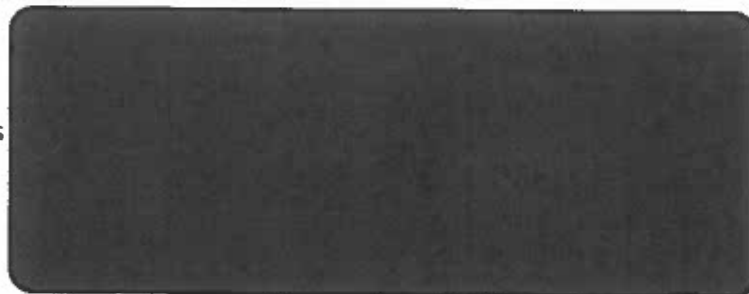
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I oppose the proposed bye-law providing for the designation of the waters named under this proposed bye-law, their tributaries and distributaries as salmonid waters, if such designation infers that any existing species of fish living at present within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

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