

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED NEW BYE-LAW FOR LOUGH ARROW INCLUDING UNSHIN RIVER (SLIGO FISHERY DISTRICT)

Inland Fisheries Ireland undertook a Public Consultation to the draft Sligo District – Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin River relating to (a) Daily Bag Limit and (B) Size Limit which ran for a 5-week period which commenced on 10th December 2024.

The public consultation process consisted of a notice placed in the Sligo Champion newspaper, the Irish paper Seachtain, social media and the IFI Website <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/news/public-consultations> . The consultation process ran for a 5-week period concluding on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

The purpose of the public consultation was to seek submissions from the public relating to an amendment to the current bye-laws in place by;

- (a) reducing the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and extending this to the Unshin River as well as realign the close season for angling for salmon and trout for the Unshin River in line with Lough Arrow (1st Oct – 31st March)
- (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.

The current daily bag limit of four brown trout for Lough Arrow is included in the 'North Western Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law No. 731, 1997'. The current statutory size limit is provided for in the 'Sligo District Bye-law No. 586, 1976'.

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There were 433 submissions received in response to the public consultation by way of email and letter. Those submission were received from a range of stakeholders representing numerous Angling clubs/Organisations, Federations, individuals, riparian owners, conservation organisation and business. The points made for and against the proposed new bye-law taken from those submissions are set out as follows.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW BYE-LAW

Other countries such as the UK, around Europe, the US and New Zealand have experienced a significant increase in the number of rivers now supporting larger, trophy- sized fish, partly due to the increase in catch and release angling over recent decades. Increasing the size limit should also support this increase.

Angling pressure has been steadily increasing with reducing fish stocks. Anglers do not depend on wild brown trout as a food sources, 4 brown trout per day (i.e. 28 per week) is far too many trout for any angler to harvest. 1 trout should be more than enough. The rehabilitation of Lough Sheelin was mainly achieved by the reduction of the bag limit along with an awareness by anglers to return fish alive. Catch and Release should be implemented to protect Spawning Fish i.e. up to end of April and the month of September.

Lough Arrow and Unshin cannot support a constant withdrawal of large numbers of wild trout. As anglers, we must limit our catch if we are to conserve valuable fish stocks. We owe future generations the opportunities to enjoy and benefit from time spent angling for wild fish at Arrow and Unshin

Angling pressure has been steadily increasing with reducing fish stocks. Trout are under relentless pressure from many other sources without anglers adding to their demise.

We as custodians of all our wild fisheries have a responsibility when it comes to the conservation, protection and development of our Rivers and Lakes, ensuring future generations enjoy the amazing resource we have been fortunate enough to experience.

A statutory bag limit supports anglers and clubs in maintaining trout numbers at sustainable levels. There should also be restrictions on all fishing for use of single hooks only.

The results from the Lough Mask, World Cup Fly Fishing Competition 2023, seen that from a total of 700 fish recorded over the permitted size limit, that less than 2% of the total catch was greater than 2lbs in weight. A similar pattern was produced in the 2024 competition. The imbalance of the population distribution on Lough Mask, is clear unequivocal evidence, of an angler inflicted impact on the three-year class of fish. This is a worrying trend, and it is one which all anglers should be concerned about.

Overharvesting is threatening long-term sustainability of fish. A lower limit ensures more fish remain in the ecosystem, maintaining genetic diversity and population resilience.

Most anglers are supportive of making changes that enable sustainable fishing into the future. Bag limits do not restrict angling freedom. Rather they restrict the ability to kill fish in excess of the population's ability to recruit.

Many tourist anglers at Lough Arrow have reported declines in fish stocks, one reason being the increased angling pressure during Arrows prolific mayfly hatches of late and the lack of catch and release practiced by visiting anglers and availing of maximum bag limits especially larger fish.

Having fished Lough Sheelin for the last 35 years, the fishery is now reaping the rewards from various conservation measures including a smaller bag limit and catch and release angling.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED NEW BYE-LAW

There should be a huge effort to support the Trout Angling clubs on Lough Arrow by Inland Fisheries Ireland by having an intensive pike management programme on the Lake.

Better options exist by targeting predation control methods to enhance trout stocks, manage Pike, coarse fish populations, Cormorants and Mink and try to get a handle on the pollution and stream management. Reference - A Fish Stock Assessment of Lough Arrow, 2002 Management Proposals for this Resource

<https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/sites/default/files/migrated/docman/2016/L%20Arrow%20Fish%20Stock%20Assessment%20and%20management%20proposals%202002.pdf>

There is no supporting documents or Science to support a decline in trout stocks as a direct result of rod and line anglers.

Angling tourism brings vital income to the area, supporting local businesses such as B&Bs, shops, and guides. These changes may restrict angling opportunities particularly from angling tourism from overseas resulting in a loss of revenue to local economies.

Implementing a Bye Law of this nature undermines the objectives outlined in the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which aims to balance the conservation and recreational value of our fisheries.

There is no evidence to support a reduction in bag limits will enhance trout stocks. There is no Natura Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment Screening to ensure transparency and scientific validity. There is no scientific evidence to state that this law will improve trout stocks. Should be measures in place that address the root causes of trout stock depletion.

If Anglers want to return trout to Lough Arrow, it can be done voluntarily. Brown Trout are not an endangered species. Encouraging voluntary conservation and responsible fishing practices would be a far better approach than imposing restrictive laws that may alienate dedicated anglers.

OTHER COMMENTS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED NEW BYE-LAW

Predation control of invasive species needs to be the key method of protecting native fish stock, using gill netting and electrofishing. A commercial licence for invasive species should be permitted. Examples of this are seen throughout the United States to remove Asian Carp, in Australia to remove Tilapia Harvesting, in Europe to remove Wels Catfish, in Africa to remove Nile Perch, In Canada to remove Smallmouth Bass and Chain Pickerel, in New Zealand to remove KOI Carp. This removal of invasive species created economic incentives by creating markets to control invasive populations as well as reducing populations in heavily impacted areas. These measures would also provide economic opportunities while addressing ecological challenges.

Implement strategies to address water quality issues, including improving agricultural practices, upgrading wastewater treatment infrastructure, and restoring riparian habitats to reduce pollution and improve aquatic ecosystems. Coillte, Farmers and Irish Water are contributing to these pollution issues.

It is very rare to see a boat with 3 or 4 trout in it. This is masking the real bigger problem of eutrophication/pollution which is getting worse year on year nationwide including on Lough Arrow, this is evident in the poor and sporadic hatches of Green Peter for example which are drowned out on the bottom of the lake with a layer of green algae snot like substance all summer. There is slurry spread right beside the lake every year.

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The National Anglers Representative Association (NARA) ask that in addition to the proposed byelaw, Inland Fisheries Ireland carry out a genetic assessment of the trout population of Lough Arrow and help identify the source of the trout within the lake.

IFI should consider reimplementatation of the brown trout restocking program or building of a hatchery there to fulfil this requirement.

Spawning habitat restoration - the biggest negative changes in the last 30/40 years is to be seen in the destruction of once pristine spawning streams. In some cases, entire streams are now totally incapable of hosting spawning fish and in most, fish that are looking to spawn are competing for a very small no. of suitable redds. This is the single biggest game changer and if we had miles more suitable spawning streams, we wouldn't even have to consider bag limits - which was the case one time. Ironically as streams have become more unsuitable for trout to spawn, they have become suitable for pike and this must be reversed.

There is a strong suspicion that IFI are ignoring traditional trout angling rights and are favouring commercial interests.

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Public Consultation Submissions received in response to the proposed 'Sligo District. Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow bye-law 15.01.2025

Ref No.	Angling Club or Association	In Favour/ Objection to the draft bye-law	Main Contents of Submissions Received	River/Lake Concerned	Fishery District	Date Received	Acknowledgement Issued
SD.LA.PC.01	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.02	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye law. As a local angler and riparian owner on Lough Arrow I feel it is necessary for the long term sustainability of Lough Arrow as a wild brown trout fishery.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.03	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	"I support the proposed bye law",	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.04	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.05	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit to 14 inches. Lough Arrow is a first class fishery but with limited spawning in the catchment this will hopefully help to increase the stocks. The changes will help maintain it as a resource for locals and others like myself who come a few times during the season and stay locally to fish the lake.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.06	?	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.07	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.08	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am emailing in support of the proposed bye law reducing the bag limit and increasing the size limit for Trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.09	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Fantastic news delighted to see this come into law for Lough Arrow, in my opinion all wild trout should be protected and fishing for wild brown trout should be totally catch and release.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.10	?	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.11	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the above bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/12/24	12/12/24
SD.LA.PC.12	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit to 14 inches. Lough Arrow is a first class fishery but with limited spawning in the catchment this will hopefully help to increase the stocks. The changes will help maintain it as a resource for locals and others like myself who come a few times during the season and stay locally to fish the lake.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/12/24	16/12/24
SD.LA.PC.13	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I believe this way too stringent, I would propose moving to 3 trout limit and a 13 inch limit. It's easy to move up again if needed	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/12/24	16/12/24
SD.LA.PC.14	Sligo Anglers Association	In favour of the draft bye-law	Sligo Anglers Association supports the proposed bye law for the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	16/12/24	17/12/24
SD.LA.PC.15	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am fully in favour of the proposed measures to conserve fish stocks	Lough Arrow	Sligo	17/12/24	17/12/24
SD.LA.PC.16	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit to 14 inches. Lough Arrow is a first class fishery but with limited spawning in the catchment this will hopefully help to increase the stocks. I would even go as far to support a full catch and release fishery.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	18/12/24	19/12/24
SD.LA.PC.17	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed Bye-Law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	23/12/24	2/1/25
SD.LA.PC.18	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed Bye - Law for Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	23/12/24	2/1/25
SD.LA.PC.19	LAFPADA	In favour of the draft bye-law	As Chairperson of LAFPADA I support the proposed Bye Law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	2/1/25	2/1/25

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SD.LA.PC.20	Carra/Mask/Corrib Water Protection Group	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>My Groups submission to your proposed change to trout bag & size limits on Lough Arrow.</p> <p>I would recommend that Inland Fisheries Ireland read "A Fish Stock Assessment of Lough Arrow by M. O'Grady PhD. / K. Delanty MSc. - Central Fisheries Board", conducted in 2002. This report clearly states that non-native pike are the problem in Lough Arrow and what's needed is more pike control and not bag limits.</p> <p>The following is from that report:</p> <p>"When CPUE values, for the three main species present, (pike, perch, trout) are compared across 4 separate surveys (1979 - 1980 – 1944 – 2002), it shows that trout have been in decline since 1980 while pike have been increasing since around that period"</p> <p>The report goes on to state that:</p> <p>"A major stream enhancement programme was undertaken on all of the Lough Arrow feeder streams in the late 1990's. The effectiveness of this programme was monitored carefully since, in all streams, on an annual basis. Data indicate that, post-works, there has been a very substantial increase in the production of juvenile trout in these streams – estimates suggest an increased annual production of circa 58,000 fry and 1,500 1+ year old trout in these streams, which is almost an eight fold increase in numerical terms in trout production, post-works. This would have resulted in a greatly increased stock density of young fish in Lough Arrow in 2002 if these fish all survived. The significant failure of these fish to survive in Lough Arrow to adulthood in repeated years may well be as a consequence of the greatly increased population of adult pike in the lake in 2002, compared to previous years. A comparison of fish numbers in the 1979 and 2002 surveys suggests a 4.5 fold increase in the pike stock over this period. Research has shown that the pike in question (predominately fish in the 50 to 80cm length range) specifically target trout, 25 to 40cm in length, as prey items. It is therefore hardly coincidental that it is this size range of trout which are most poorly represented in the 2002 survey.</p> <p>The authors would recommend the following management initiatives:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Purchase the finest mesh braided nylon gill-nets available to increase pike capture efficiency rates. 2- Increase the number of crews gill-netting for pike to three if possible for the next three years – thereafter a smaller number of staff would suffice. 3- Use the lake electrofishing equipment regularly on Lough Arrow once every few weeks for a year to see if there are specific times and/or locations where pike can be harvested efficiently - on Lough Corrib, over the last year up to 900 0+ and 1+ pike per day have been removed using this equipment. The pike in Lough Corrib were living in the charophyte beds at depths of 3 to 3.5m. On Lough Corrib the most critical factor limiting the success of this technique would appear to be weather conditions, ie small stunned pike in circa 3m of water can only be seen and captured efficiently during very calm sunny periods". <p>The illegal byelaws 809 and 806 need to be removed from Irish law as they breach the Habitats Directive & the Water Framework Directive and they, along with pollution from bad farming practice, are doing untold damage to our native salmonid fisheries.</p> 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.21	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bylaws to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit for same. Thank you	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.22	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to support IFI's proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.</p> <p>As unique natural environments, Arrow and Unshin offer anglers unmatched opportunities to fish for wild brown trout. It is a sad fact that outdoor experiences such as those offered by these pristine waters are not as common as they once were. This scarcity elevates the long-term value of Arrow and Unshin to local communities and to visiting anglers. Taking the occasional wild trout to enjoy at the table can reinforce our bond with wild places. However, environments such as Arrow and Unshin cannot support a constant withdrawal of large numbers of wild trout. As anglers, we must limit our catch if we are to conserve valuable fish stocks. We owe future generations the opportunities to enjoy and benefit from time spent angling for wild fish at Arrow and Unshin.</p> <p>I thanks all those involved at IFI for taking this initiative.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.23	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am in agreement with the new bye law for Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.24	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Just writing to express my support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.25	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the bye law for lough arrow and sligo district	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.26	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am emailing to express my support for the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.27	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25

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SD.LA.PC.28	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye-law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.29	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to take this opportunity to add my support of the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.30	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for the conservation of the Lough Arrow brown trout stocks.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.31	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.32	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	[REDACTED] support the above by law there are to many trout being removed from the lough.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.33	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by-law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.34	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am an angler and would fish on Lough arrow often through out the year. I am writing to you to state I am in total agreement with this change and I can only hope that the great western lakes follow in the footsteps of Lough arrow. This is the only way to ensure these greats loughs have a future.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.35	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law and the catch and release policy and alterations to competition size limits which should all help to protect and preserve the trout stocks on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river. I trust that IFI will do everything in their power to achieve a satisfactory outcome in the conservation of the trout population with it's unique genetic strain.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.36	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	With ref to the above link conservation of trout on lough arrow. I regret that I must object to this new law coming into effect as i fish lough arrow yet I was not informed of this new law proposed for trout fishing by any club so the club requesting for a reduction of a bag limit does not represent any of the anglers as when i found this link & informed any anglers that i fish none of them knew of this. For those of you that don't fish this lake it is hard enough to catch a 12" fish never mind put it up to 14". The bag limit was reduced to 4 fish per angler only a few years ago without any consultation so it if fine to leave it as it is. It is also not good enough for a new law change to be proposed without informing the local anglers. on local radio or local news papers, with the hope of pushing it through without the local Sligo anglers here being informed. Also you want all objections to be sent in by each angler separately, if you want any meaningful discussions on this law change i propose an open meeting to discuss it. I could get a hundred signatures if you want, as ye well know not everyone will go to the trouble to write in and ye can sneak in any changes with out anyone knowing. I think at this stage ye don't want anybody to fish anymore, as ye dond the same on lough Mask now most people can't catch a keepable fish. No wonder young people don't want to fish anymore as they can't catch and keep fish. We all know (including ye) that catching is becoming more difficult and it is down to pollution forigin weeds covering the lake beds and iusce Eireann polluting lakes and rivers with no consequences. So it would be better to have an open meeting where all anglers could have their say.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.37	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law. I think Lough Arrow needs more care to bring back the fishing that was a few years ago. Trollers should be policed more in detail, locals or not.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.38	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to express my unreserved support the proposed bye law. It is essential Ireland to start taking conservation seriously. I pray to God above that this bye law is passed for the sake of our childrens children.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25

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SD.LA.PC.39	NARA	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>The National Anglers Representative Association (NARA) would like to make the following points in relation to the above proposed Bye Law.</p> <p>NARA supports the concept of bag limits as a conservation measure.</p> <p>NARA recognise that the majority of trout anglers use self imposed limits when it comes to the taking of wild trout.</p> <p>NARA recognise that a statutory bag limit supports anglers and clubs in maintaining wild trout numbers at sustainable levels.</p> <p>NARA supports the concept of allowing anglers to take a trout for the table within the limits of conservation.</p> <p>NARA supports all efforts by clubs and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) to conserve wild brown trout. NARA are aware of the commitment and work that is planned and being carried out by the Lough Arrow Fish Preservation Association and District Anglers. This club is committed to carrying out improvement works to wild trout habitat including working on improving the spawning capacity of the rivers of Lough Arrow and District. This bye law will assist the club in their efforts to improve wild trout populations while ensuring that if an angler wishes to take a trout for the table they can do so.</p> <p>NARA also ask that in addition to the proposed byelaw that Inland Fisheries Ireland carry out a genetic assessment of the trout population of Lough Arrow and help identify the source of the trout within the lake. This will assist both the local club and IFI in identifying the most important spawning habitats and will result in more focused improvement work. NARA ask that this assessment is carried out as soon as possible and hopefully during the 2025 season.</p> <p>NARA would like to commend both IFI and the Lough Arrow Fish Preservation Association and District Anglers for their efforts to preserve wild trout and wholeheartedly support the implementation of this proposed byelaw.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.40	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed by law to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit to 14 inches.</p> <p>Lough Arrow is a first class fishery but with limited spawning in the catchment this will hopefully help to increase the stocks. The changes will help maintain it as a resource for locals and others like myself who come a few times during the season and stay locally to fish the lake.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.41	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.42	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye-law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.43	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law.</p> <p>This is Important for preserving sustainable angling in Sligo.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.44	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow</p> <p>I think its a great idea and will help fish grow on for another year to reach spawning adults.</p> <p>Thanks you for proposing this new bye law</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.45	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the introduction of the proposed bye law reducing the bag limit to two trout and increasing the minimum size limit to 14 inches.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.46	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye law for conservation on Lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.47	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.48	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I Support the proposed changes to the bye law. It can only be help preserve Lough Arrows wild trout population.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.49	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to state my support for the above bye law to ensure sustainable fishing and a future for Trout on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25

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SD.LA.PC.50	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Relating to (a) Daily Bag Limit and (b) Size Limit I would like to advise that reducing the Daly catch from 4 to 2 trout and increasing the size allowed from 12" to 14" will certainly help maintain the brown trout population. I would like to advise that my practice over the last 10 years has been "Catch & Release"	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.51	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law to reduce the bag limit to 2 trout and increase the size limit to 14 inches. Lough Arrow is a first class fishery but with limited spawning in the catchment this will hopefully help to increase the stocks. The changes will help maintain it as a resource for locals and others like myself who come a few times during the season and stay locally to fish the lake	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.52	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.53	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.54	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to state that I am in full support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.55	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.56	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As a frequent visitor to Lough Arrow, I'd like to offer my support for the proposal to: (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow. Yours sincerely, [Redacted Signature]	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.57	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the new bylaw for the 2 fish limit on lough arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.58	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.59	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would be completely in favour or increasing the size limit of for trout caught to 14" and have a daily bag limit of 2 trout imposed	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.60	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the initiative to limit the daily bag catch to two fish for lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.61	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	In respect to the proposed new bylaws on the system above, I would like to endorse and support this new conservation proposal.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.62	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the by laws	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.63	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law on Lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.64	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.65	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree that the proposed fish limit, be reduced, to two fish.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.66	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support your proposals for the above lough and river, trout are under relentless pressure from many other sources without anglers	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.67	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	The current daily bag limit of four brown trout for Lough Arrow is included in the North Western Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law No. 731, 1997. The current statutory size limit is provided for in the Sligo District Bye-law No. 586, 1976. Having reviewed the existing byelaws, IFI propose to put in place a separate new bye-law for Lough Arrow including the Unshin River in relation to bag limits and the new bye-law will also provide for an increase in size limit. I wish to express my support of the proposed bye-law for conservation purposes.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	1-Jul-25	1-Sep-25

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SD.LA.PC.68	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am contacting yourselves to state that I fully support the proposal for an increased size limit of takeable trout and a decrease in the current bag limit on Lough Arrow and it's catchment.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.69	Corrib Angling Services	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am writing in relation to the proposal of a new Bye-Law for Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Including The Unshin River). I am totally in favour of the proposed two fish per day per angler limit and also fully agree with an increased size limit preventing anyone from killing a trout of less than 14 inches (35.56 centimetres) in length. Our wild brown trout fisheries are revered by anglers all over the world. We as custodians of all our wild fisheries have a responsibility when it comes to the conservation, protection and development of our Rivers and Lakes, ensuring future generations enjoy the amazing resource we have been fortunate enough to experience. I am therefore fully in favour of the proposed new byelaw for Lough Arrow (Including the Unshin River)	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.70	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I'm writing in support of Ref: Privacy-Notice_Conservation-of-Trout-on-Lough-Arrow-including-the-Unshin-River-Bye-Law-6-12-24 This new proposed Bye-Law is a welcome step towards conserving the mature wild brown trout of Lough Arrow. The reduction of the bag limit from 4 to 2 fish, is a positive measure to conserve the mature trout of Lough Arrow. It is well documented that overzealous cropping of mature fish negatively impacts on wild trout fisheries, however, we anglers are sometimes reluctant to admit that through our actions, that we ourselves could be contributing toward the demise of our fisheries. What we do as anglers and the way we act does play a role and it is one which we should not overlook. We could and should do more. For those who refuse to accept that unsustainable catch and kill rates do not impact on wild trout fisheries, we now have some very good evidence to substantiate the negative effects of overcropping by anglers on Lough fisheries in Ireland. If we review the results from the Lough Mask, World Cup Fly Fishing Competition 2023, it will be seen that from a total of 700 fish recorded over the permitted size limit, that less than 2% of the total catch was greater than 2lbs in weight. The greatest percentage of trout recorded, 98%, were from the same three year class. There was a distinct absence of larger, older, age groups. Any representation of fish larger, older, than the three year class just falls off the edge. These results speak volumes and the absence of older, larger fish, depicts a population pyramid dynamic which is unbalanced. It is literally chopped off at the three year class. This imbalance isn't the result of a water pollution event or the predations of pike and it wasn't a one off population distribution dynamic, as a similar pattern was produced in the 2024 competition. The imbalance of the population distribution on Lough Mask, is clear unequivocal evidence, of an angler inflicted impact on the three year class of fish. This is a worrying trend and it is one which all anglers should be concerned about. On wild fisheries, where we have little knowledge of the number of adult fish produced by the system, then limit bags should only act as a guidance tool. If we consider the alarming results on Lough Mask, the results clearly indicate that a 4 fish bag limit on this fishery isn't working. The indifferent results experienced by anglers on Lough Arrow would also suggest that a 4 fish limit bag isn't working. It is imperative therefore, that we encourage more anglers to become more conscious of conserving adult trout and to bring the Kill rate down. This will give our wild fisheries a chance to recover. The recovery will take time but if the correct measures are implemented and anglers are persuaded to conserve more adult fish, then Ireland's wild Lough fisheries will improve from their present parlous state. Increasing the current size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches, is another positive conservation measure and one which will support the reduction in catch limit. At the moment, the size limit (12 inches) allows anglers to crop brown trout which in a rich limestone fishery such as Lough Arrow, haven't reached full maturity. Exposing imature maiden brown trout to exploitation before they have reached maturity, negatively impacts on potential recruitment and long term, as anglers are now better informed, better equipped and fish more regularly, allows a cropping practice which is detrimental to the fishery. If a wild brown trout survives to reach 12 inches in length, then it should be provided with protection that will at least allow it to make one spawning run to procreate their kind. I welcome this positive iniative from Inland Fisheries Ireland and fully support the proposal for a reduced catch limit from 4 to 2 fish and the increased size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.71	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed change in the bag limits and legal size of trout to be taken. This would bring the limits into line with the midlands lakes and is a good conservation plan.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.72	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.73	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25

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SD.LA.PC.74	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I fully support the following proposed Bye Law changes. North Western Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law Bye Law No. 731,1997 The Sligo District Bye-law Bye Law No 586, 1976 And the revocation of the following Bye-Laws North-Western Fisheries Region (Lough Arrow) Bye Law No. C.S 158 1990 North Western Fisheries Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-Law C.S 172 1991 Reducing the daily kill limit to two brown trout is a critical conservation measure in the face of global warming's impact on ecosystems. Rising temperatures and changing water conditions stress trout populations, reducing their reproduction and survival rates. Overharvesting compounds these challenges, threatening long-term sustainability. A lower limit ensures more fish remain in the ecosystem, maintaining genetic diversity and population resilience. This measure helps protect fragile aquatic habitats, supports recreational fishing, and sustains the ecological balance essential for other species. As climate change accelerates, such proactive actions are vital to safeguarding trout populations and preserving natural resources for future generations. This measure helps protect fragile aquatic habitats, supports recreational fishing, and sustains the ecological balance essential for other species. As climate change accelerates, such proactive actions are vital to safeguarding trout populations and preserving natural resources for future generations.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.75	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to support this Bye Law to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.76	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to offer my full support to the proposed Bye Law additions and revocations. These changes are sensible wild brown trout management practices.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.77	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to convey my support for the new proposed brown trout daily bag limit be reduced from 4 fish down to 2 fish . I also support that the killing size of brown trout be Increased from 12" up to 14" .</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.78	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I propose that lough arrow and the unshin river in co.sligo should reduce bag limit from 4 fish daily to 2 fish daily going forward for brown trout. Also to change from 12 inches to 14 inches. This in my opinion is badly needed as we need to protect stocks and give the lake a chance.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.79	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>In relation to the efforts of Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) I support the proposed bye law.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.80	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I'm a member of Lougharrow angling club And i support the proposed bylaws</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.81	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>"I support strongly the reduction of the bag limit from 4 to 2 trout and the increase in size. Due to many factors including angler pressure there has been a noticeable decline in trout numbers on Loch Arrow. Many of the factors we have no control over but bag limits we have. It will make a noticeable difference. And most anglers are supportive of making changes that enable sustainable fishing into the future. Please feel free to call me if required [REDACTED]"</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.82	Ace Angling Adventures	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>We at [REDACTED] are 100% in favour of the proposed bye Law for Lough Arrow</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.83	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>As an angler who fishes Lough Arrow annually I would fully support the introduction of this new Bye-law.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.84	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law ref to Lough arrow. I'm keen angler who want see action taken on Lough arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25

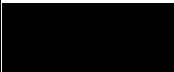
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SD.LA.PC.85	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law ref to Lough arrow. I'm keen angler who want see action taken on Lough arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.86	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye law. This should be mandatory across all the wild lakes of Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.87	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	With reference to the above subject I wish to state I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.88	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.89	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support this proposed by law. I further propose that an action plan be put in place by IFI to rid of the invasive ROACH fish species that is now detrimental to the conservation of existing fish stocks and to consider reimplemention of the brown trout restocking program or building of a hatchery there to fulfill this requirement.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.90	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.91	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.92	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to reduce daily bag limit to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river. I support the proposal to increase the current size for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.93	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As a regular visiting angler to lough Arrow I am 100% in favour of supporting a two trout bag limit.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.94	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to reduce daily bag limit to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river. I support the proposal to increase the current size for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.95	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to extend my support for the two fish bylaw for Lough Arrow and Unshin River. I am a regular visitor to Lough Corrib from the Uk and believe this is a good more for the preservation of Irish natural Trout.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.96	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to reduce daily bag limit to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river. I support the proposal to increase the current size for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.97	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bylaw!	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	9/1/25
SD.LA.PC.98	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to state that "I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BYE LAW"	Lough Arrow	Sligo	7/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.99	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with the proposed by-laws to a/ reduce daily bag limit to 2 trout & b/ increase the size to 14". (for this to work it is essential that high visibility enforcement is carried out - especially during Mayfly season).	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.100	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed provisions in the new bye law relating to Lough Arrow and the Unshin river.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24

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SD.LA.PC.101	Wild Trout Trust	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>Re Public consultation – Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc Unshin River)</p> <p>Dear Director,</p> <p>The Wild Trout Trust is a conservation charity that undertakes freshwater habitat assessment, fishery advisory and improvement work across the United Kingdom and Ireland. We work with community groups, riparian owners and statutory bodies to assist the conservation and management of freshwater fisheries, particularly those supporting wild trout populations. As such, this consultation is of particular interest to our organisation and its members, many of whom are anglers regularly fishing the Great Western Lakes.</p> <p>We are very much in favour of reducing exploitation rates of wild fish populations. With healthy participation currently achieved with Irish trout angling, and potential for significant exploitation as a consequence, we support the proposed byelaw amendment to reduce the bag limit for Lough Arrow and the Unshin River to two fish per day (from four, currently), and to increase the minimum takeable size from 30.48cm to 35.56cm in Lough Arrow. We also feel that measures would be highly beneficial in extending the 35.56cm minimum takeable size to protect the trout population of the Unshin River.</p> <p>However, we recognise that while these measures should ensure a greater number of fish survive long enough to contribute further to the spawning population(s), the proposed measures will move greater exploitation pressure onto the older, potentially more valuable and harder to replace fish within the population(s). As such, we would welcome initiatives to</p> <p>The Wild Trout Trust Ltd Registered Charity No. 1162478 (England & Wales), SCO46354 (Scotland) Charitable Company No. 03345901 Registered in England & Wales Registered company address: 13-17 Paradise Square, Sheffield S1 2DE</p> <p>promote greater participation in voluntary catch and release angling, both in the Lough Arrow and Unshin River catchment, and more widely across Ireland. The UK has been fortunate to see a significant increase in the number of rivers now supporting larger, trophy-sized fish, in part a result of the increase in catch and release angling over recent decades. This mirrors the experiences of many other countries around Europe, and more broadly around the world (New Zealand and the US).</p> <p>We thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important decision-making process.</p> <p>Yours faithfully ██████████ ██████████ ██████████</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.102	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>██████████ the law for Lough Arrow and Unshin River - we need to keep trout stocks sustainable. I hope it goes ahead as it did for Corrib.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.103	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to agree with the new bylaws to be changed for conservation of trout on Lough Arrow & Unshin River Sligo for bag limit to be changed to 2 brown trout and size to be changed to 14inches.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.104	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I, as a keen wild fish angler, would like to strongly support the proposed byelaw in favour of a new TWO FISH limit on Arrow and Unshin.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.105	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to express my support for the introduction of the new proposals which will help to conserve the trout populations in Lough Arrow.</p> <p>I visit the lake annually and believe the introduction of the proposed bag limit of maximum 2 fish, increase of minimum length to 14 inches are pro active measures in the preservation and conservation of the wild trout stocks of Lough Arrow.</p> <p>The closed season from 1st Oct to 31st of March will also be a very important measure for the protection of the spawning stock of the lake.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.106	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law for the conservation of the Lough Arrow brown trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24

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SD.LA.PC.107	Tuam Anglers Association	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>As Chairman of the Tuam anglers association(angling club based on the Clare river) I'm writing in support of Ref: Privacy-Notice_Conservation-of-Trout-on-Lough-Arrow-including-the-Unshin-River-Bye-Law-6-12-24</p> <p>Tuam anglers association welcomes this proposed conservation measure to protect the mature wild brown trout of Lough Arrow.</p> <p>The reduction of the bag limit from 4 to 2 fish, is a positive measure to conserve the mature trout of Lough Arrow. It is well documented that overzealous cropping of mature fish negatively impacts on wild trout fisheries, however, we anglers are sometimes reluctant to admit that through our actions, that we ourselves could be contributing toward the demise of our fisheries. What we do as anglers and the way we act does play a role and it is one which we should not overlook. We could and should do more.</p> <p>On wild fisheries, where knowledge of adult fish production produced by the system is vague, then limit bags should only act as a guidance tool. The indifferent results experienced by anglers on Lough Arrow would suggest that a 4 fish limit bag isn't working. Indeed, on many of Ireland's limestone lough fisheries where a 4 fish bag limit is the status quo, inconsistent angling returns and poor fishing are the norm. Poor fishing and inconsistent angling returns are indicative of low fish stocks. It is imperative therefore, that we encourage more anglers to become more conscious of conserving adult trout and to bring the Kill rate down. This will give our wild fisheries a chance to recover. The recovery will take time but if the correct measures are implemented and anglers are persuaded to conserve more adult fish, then Ireland's wild Lough fisheries will improve from their present parlous state.</p> <p>Increasing the current size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches, is another positive conservation measure and one which will support the reduction in catch limit. At the moment, the size limit (12 inches) allows anglers to crop brown trout which in a rich limestone fishery such as Lough Arrow, haven't reached full maturity. Exposing imature maiden brown trout to exploitation before they have reached maturity, negatively impacts on potential recruitment and long term, as anglers are now better informed, better equipped and fish more regularly, allows a cropping practice which is detrimental to the fishery. If a wild brown trout survives to reach 12 inches in length, then it should be provided with protection that will at least allow it to make one spawning run to procreate their kind.</p> <p>Tuam anglers welcome this positive conservation measure from Inland Fisheries Ireland and fully support the proposal for a reduced catch limit from 4 to 2 fish and the increased size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches.</p> 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.108	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposal to reduce the bag limit to 2 brown trout per Angler per day on the Unshin river and Lough Arrow</p> <p>I support the proposal to increase the current size of brown trout to take, from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24

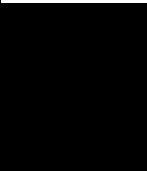
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SD.LA.PC.109	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>With regard to the following proposal.</p> <p>The proposal aims to (a) reduce the current daily 'bag limit' from 4 brown trout to 2 brown trout, per angler in Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and, (b) increase the current 'size limit' for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches in Lough Arrow in the interest of conserving valuable fish stocks.</p> <p>I support the above proposal. I would very much like to see a similar policy implemented on all wild trout fisheries in this country, particularly the well-known waters that are under threat from angling pressure and pollution.</p> <p>In these times, with the threats and changes that have occurred 4 trout per angler per day (28 a week!) is far too many on any wild fishery, 1 trout per angler per day is ample for anyone, we do not rely on brown trout as a staple food source as some might have done over 100 years ago.</p> <p>I am aware lough Arrow does not open until April 1st, however I feel that all wild fisheries should be 100% catch and release up to the end of April, or thereabouts. This is to protect the stock that are recovering from spawning. Similarly in September all wild fisheries should be 100% catch and release.</p> <p>However, all the regulations in the world are pointless if they are not policed. In over 40 years of angling, I have encountered fishery officers 3 or 4 times.</p> <p>██████████ ██████████████████ ██████████████████</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.110	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed Bye law being introduced and should be implemented as soon as possible to help sustain the native stocks of trout which are in serious decline.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.111	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to show my support for the proposed bye laws for Public Consultation – Sligo District – Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River).	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.112	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed by law for Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River)	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.113	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Trout size and bag limit. Yes I support the bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24

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SD.LA.PC.114	Cairde na Chlair	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>As secretary of Cairde na Chláir (federation of angling clubs whose objectives are to protect and conserve trout and salmon on the Clare River) I'm writing in support of the proposed conservation measure to protect wild brown trout of Lough Arrow.</p> <p>The reduction of the bag limit from 4 to 2 fish, is a positive measure to conserve the mature trout of Lough Arrow. It is well documented that overzealous cropping of mature fish negatively impacts on wild trout fisheries, however, we anglers are sometimes reluctant to admit that through our actions, that we ourselves could also be contributing toward the demise of our fisheries. What we do as anglers and the way we act does play a role and it is one which we should not overlook. We could and should do more.</p> <p>On wild fisheries, where knowledge of adult fish production produced by the system is vague, then limit bags should only act as a guidance tool. The indifferent results experienced by anglers on Lough Arrow would suggest that a 4 fish limit bag isn't working. Indeed, on many of Ireland's limestone lough fisheries where a 4 fish bag limit is the status quo, inconsistent angling returns and poor fishing are the norm. Poor fishing and inconsistent angling returns are indicative of low fish stocks. It is imperative therefore, that we encourage more anglers to become more conscious of conserving adult trout and to bring the Kill rate down. This will give our wild fisheries a chance to recover. The recovery will take time but if the correct measures are implemented and anglers are persuaded to conserve more adult fish, then Ireland's wild Lough fisheries will improve from their present parlous state.</p> <p>Increasing the current size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches, is another positive conservation measure and one which will support the reduction in catch limit. At the moment, the size limit (12 inches) allows anglers to crop brown trout which in a rich limestone fishery such as Lough Arrow, haven't reached full maturity. Exposing imature maiden brown trout to exploitation before they have reached maturity, negatively impacts on potential recruitment and long term, as anglers are now better informed, better equipped and fish more regularly, allows a cropping practice which is detrimental to the fishery. If a wild brown trout survives to reach 12 inches in length, then it should be provided with protection that will at least allow it to make one spawning run to procreate their kind.</p> <p>Cairde an Chláir welcome this positive conservation measure from Inland Fisheries Ireland and fully support the proposal for a reduced catch limit from 4 to 2 fish and the increased size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.115	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.116	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.117	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24

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SD.LA.PC.118	Emy & District Anglers Ltd	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>Dear Director</p> <p>On behalf of Emy & District Anglers Ltd</p> <p>With a membership of 120 , we totally support the introduction of a bye law reducing the fish bag limit to 2 fish and increasing the size limit to 14 inches.</p> <p>We feel that such a bye law will great improve fish stocks and will play a big part in the conservation of wild brown going forward. Angling pressure has been steadily increasing with reducing fish stocks.</p> <p>I think that the rehabilitation of lough Sheelin was mainly achieved by the reduction of the bag limit along with an awareness by anglers to return fish alive.</p> <p>I would be grateful if our concerns is reflected in the introduction of the bye law reducing the bag limit to two fish.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.119	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	8/1/25	13/1/24
SD.LA.PC.120	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye laws for wild brown trout conservation on the above waters.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.121	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.122	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.123	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.124	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to make my support known for the above subject. I think it is a fantastic idea and can only foresee a benefit for Lough Arrow and its fish stocks.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.125	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.126	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I disagree with Inland Fisheries Irelands proposed introduction of bag limits on Lough Arrow for the following reasons:</p> <p>It was made very clear in "A Fish Stock Assessment of Lough Arrow by M. O'Grady PhD. / K. Delanty MSc. - Central Fisheries Board", conducted in 2002. This report clearly states that non-native pike are the problem in Lough Arrow and what's needed is more pike control and not bag limits. This study states that the native trout stocks in Lough Arrow have been in decline while the non-native pike stocks have increased in the same period despite IFI's ongoing pike culls.</p> <p>The illegal byelaws 809 and 806 were introduced back in 2006 without an appropriate assessment. This is in breach of Irish & EU environmental law and they need to be annulled. They also breach the Habitats Directive & the Water Framework Directive and they, along with pollution from bad farming practice, are doing untold damage to our native trout fisheries. New byelaws on our fisheries need an appropriate assessment, has one been undertaken for the proposed introduction of this on?</p> <p>It is time IFI start addressing the real issues with our native trout Loughs and stop wasting tax payers money. Rod & line angling never damaged trout stocks but widespread pollution and non-native fish species such as pike, perch etc. have and continue to do so year on year.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.127	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	In relation to the public consultation process by IFI for the reduced bag limits & increased size limit on Lough Arrow, I wish to state that I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.128	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.129	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Hi Ladies Gents, I'm in full support of Inland Fisheries Ireland seeking submissions in relation to the proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.130	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law namely to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.131	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I, [REDACTED] agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.132	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Hi Ladies Gents, I'm in full support of Inland Fisheries Ireland seeking submissions in relation to the proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow. Regards	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.133	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed Bye Law above.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.134	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye law for lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.135	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I totally agree with the proposal to raise the fish size and reduce the limit of the number of fish to be taken from lough arrow, this is long overdue	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.136	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am in full support of the proposed bye-law. I support a) reducing daily bag limit to 2. b) increasing size limit to 14 inches. I have been visiting and angling on Arrow since 1986 and am glad that the lake is still being fished. However, Arrow has limited feeding streams and has a relative scarcity of spawning and nursery areas and therefore there is a danger of over exploitation. Taking larger bags of fish in competition or otherwise neither promotes nor supports this unique resource and is unsustainable.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.137	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	With regard to the public consultation , Sligo district , conservation of trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin river , I support the proposed bye law . Yours [REDACTED]	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.138	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to add my full support to the proposed Bye Law changes. These eminently sensible measures are long overdue and will help protect this valuable resource. It is difficult for me to understand why anyone who has a passion for fishing and an understanding of nature could object to these measures.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.139	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.140	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Could you add my name as a supporter of the proposed changes to Bye Law 731 and Bye Law 586 This is a level headed and well considered approach for the long term protection of Wild Brown Trout in the area. Similar changes should be introduced by the IFI across all the Western Lakes.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.141	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye-law to (a) reduce the current daily 'bag limit' from 4 brown trout to 2 brown trout, per angler in Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and, (b) increase the current 'size limit' for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches in Lough Arrow in the interest of conserving valuable fish stocks.</p> <p>I grew up on the shores of Lough Arrow, where I developed a deep appreciation for the lake's natural beauty and ecological importance, as well as a keen interest in the conservation of the lake and its fish stocks. I strongly support measures aimed at halting the decline in brown trout numbers, recognising the critical need to preserve this vital species. I believe that sport fishing should strike a careful balance with conservation efforts to ensure the sustainability of the lake's ecosystem for future generations.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.142	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	This is just to indicate that I fully support the proposed amendment to reduce the number and increase the size limit of takeable trout.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.143	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the motion to reduce the number of fish taking from lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.144	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with the new proposal for Lough Arrow fishing limits ie 2 fish bag limit and 14 inch length limit.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.145	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the purposed by law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.146	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	9/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.147	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I strongly object to this proposed Bye law to reduce the current Brown Trout bag limit from four to two.</p> <p>It is disappointing that there are no supporting documents from inland fisheries ireland for this proposed Bye-Law.</p> <p>Inland fisheries Ireland has a policy to promote total Catch and Release so two Trout will go to one Trout and eventually no Trout.</p> <p>Trout are not protected on lough Arrow but non native invasive fish are protected, How can inland fisheries Ireland call this a proposed conservation Bye Law when they are protecting invasive fish species.</p> <p>I totally object to this proposed Bye law when inland fisheries Ireland management at the highest level have let down the trout and Salmon Anglers of Ireland by protecting these invasive non native fish species on an (SAC) and a Salmonid fishery.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.148	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	As part of the public consultation, I agree with the proposed changes to revoke the four Bye-laws 731, 586, 158 and 172 and to replace with the new separate Bye-law as outlined by the Inland fisheries Ireland.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.149	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the proposed Bye law for Lough Arrow , this so called conservation measure is not a viable management option, better options exist, manage Pike and coarse fish populations and try to get a handle on the pollution and stream management</p> <p>Please send a receipt</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.150	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the Lough Arrow bye law as this is not the problem , pike and pollution are the main threat to trout .	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.151	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1 I am totally against a 2 bag limit on lough arrow system</p> <p>2 Pike are doing serious damage to all the lakes</p> <p>3 What is been done about pollution</p> <p>4 More Predation control of pike and perch and cormorants</p> <p>5 Rod and Line has never done damage to stocks</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.152	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to OBJECT to the proposed by law limit for lough arrow,this so called conservation measure is not viable full stop there are a lot better ways to help the lake (example) control the pike and coarse fish which are taken over and the pollution and stream management is another whole new topic to start on</p> <p>My name is</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.153	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye-law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.154	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	To whom it may concern I wish to object to this bye law. Main reason for my objection is that no appropriate assessment accompanies this proposal.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.155	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	Dear Sir, 10.01.2025 I wish to object to the proposed Bye Law in its entirety, I fished the River Suir all my life and have witnessed the destruction caused, through Pollution and Pike predation first hand, Rod and Line has little impact in fact I am not aware of any Lake or River which was denuded of Trout by this method, I have looked at the McLoone report he states on page 57, (Pike were recorded in 522 Irish Lakes. Of these, 425 currently contain pike but not trout) why? Because pike have taken over these Lakes. Pike are an introduced predator and will finish the Trout population in Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.156	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.157	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law by Lough Arrow anglers to reduce the bag limit & increase the size limit.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.158	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law by Lough Arrow anglers to reduce the bag limit & increase the size limit.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.159	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.160	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I hope this message finds you well. I would like to propose a revision to the fishing regulations on Lough Arrow. I believe that the limit for fish caught should be reduced to 2 instead of the current limit of 4. Additionally, I recommend that the minimum size for fish caught be increased to 14 inches rather than 12 inches. These changes would help ensure the sustainability of the fish population in the lake and contribute to a healthier ecosystem. Thank you for considering this proposal.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	10/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.161	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to object to the proposed Conservation bag limit on Lough Arrow, the reason being that in my experience this type of measure does little to Conserve Trout or Salmon where other issues like pollution and Predation particularly by pike, who favour salmonoids in the diet above other introduced species. I have been visiting Ireland and its wonderful trout lakes since 1976 and I look with keen interest at Inland Fisheries Irelands web site. I also fish Scotland where many Lakes are being destroyed by unscrupulous people introducing pike and other coarse Fish, because of the fecundity of these introduced species trout and salmon numbers plummet. Please continue to manage these invasive species for the benefit of the Irish and visiting anglers, as they are some of the best trout lakes left in Europe.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.162	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I formally object to this bylaw in its entirety, as it has no demonstrable impact on trout stocks; pike and coarse fish are the primary culprits.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.163	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to register my objection to the proposed Bye Law. It will do nothing for Conservation, when the pike numbers increase from lack of control they will wipe Lough Arrow like the hundreds of Trout Lakes already destroyed.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.164	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed By Law - [REDACTED]	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.165	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the bye law, dedicated anglers on lough arrow who fish it day in day out, know the real problem here, nonsense, and a typical marketing ploy by IFI, when these limits aare reduced there is no provision to up them again should stocks improve. When they are gone they are gone for good.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.166	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the planned bye law on lough arrow for a reduced bag limit. No science - No Bye Law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.167	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to object to the proposed bye law on Lough Arrow. There is no supporting documents or Science to support a decline in trout stocks as a direct result of rod and line anglers. But yet again the angler is to blame, what about water quality, pike management and maintenance of spawning beds, has all this gone out the window because lack of funds or is it just easier to blame the angler?	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.168	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the planned and calculated reduction of trout bag limit on lough arrow as there is no supporting documents, science or predatory management.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.169	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this bye law it is overlooking the real problems on lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.170	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I am writing to formally register my objection to the proposed Bye-Law. This regulation will not contribute to conservation efforts. Without proper control, the increasing Pike population will devastate Lough Arrow, as has already occurred in countless other trout lakes.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.171	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed Bye Law. The reason for our objection is that we do not believe that this management measure will do anything to insure the viability of the Trout Stock in this Special Area of Conservation, control of Invasive species such as Pike will have a much greater impact.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.172	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to register my objection to the proposed Bye Law. It will do nothing for Conservation, when the pike numbers increase from lack of control they will wipe Lough Arrow like the hundreds of Trout Lakes already destroyed.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.173	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to note my support of the proposed Bylaw .	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.174	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	Hi I would like to object to the proposed Lough arrow Bye law. I grew up fishing bofin on the Owenriff system, we as children could catch up to 6 mountain trout in an evening, Somebody put pike in the lake and now there are no Trout. It was Pike that wiped out the lake not people fishing , People who like to take a few trout home should have the right to do so and if you like to let them back that's your choice, Four trout is reasonable and sustainable.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.175	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I strongly object to the proposed 2 bag trout limit from 4 Trout on lough Arrow. How can there be a Bye law protecting pike on lough Arrow SAC. Trout Angling has no effect on trout stocks , manage the non native fish species that's the problem. I object to this proposed Bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.176	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to register my objection to the proposed lough arrow bye law . Dr Martin O' Grady PhD clearly identified what the problem is in lough arrow which is the increased numbers of pike and their predation on trout . Please return to proper management of this SAC .	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.177	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.178	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the bye law in question. Main reason for my objection is that no appropriate assessment accompanies this proposal.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	11/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.179	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>██████████ would like to object to the proposed Sligo District-Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow including Unshin river.</p> <p>These are the following points that I think this bye law effects.</p> <p>1 This bye law undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>2 There is no appropriate assessment screening or data to prove that this bye law wont have an impact on an SAC which undermines a European law.</p> <p>3 There is no scientific evidence to state that this law will improve trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.180	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the draft bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.181	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to object to the proposed by law.</p> <p>As far as I'm concerned this measure will do nothing for conservation. Pike and pollution are the main issues effecting trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.182	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to this draft by law</p> <p>Because there's no scientific documentation provided first of all.</p> <p>Secondly there's no invasive pike removal plan provided, also in lough Arrow. Special area of conservation</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.183	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to register my objection to the proposed bye law on Loughrea Arrow.</p> <p>The reason for my objection is that I don't believe that this form of conservation measure works.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.184	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Please find my submission. This proposal is absolutely ridiculous and nothing but a (PC) marketing exercise. How can trout numbers increase if the pike are eating them?</p> <p>I objected to the River Clare Bye Law ... I was ignored. Is IFI and the DECC trying to hall off my traditional angling for the sake of promoting small businesses? Is that what we are down to?</p> <p>Shame on you all for this. My heritage is worth more than this.</p> <p>Casting isn't the only method to catch trout and this is an attempt to remove dapping and trolling.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.185	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this proposed bye law as there is no science behind it, completely supporting the business angler who only cares about the cost of the day on the lake.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.186	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I do not agree with this bye law as the blame is on the angler again, meanwhile IFI do no pike management, have reduced staff and no money, the circus of IFI continues.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.187	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	No Bye Law on Lough Arrow without supporting documents and assessments.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.188	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed Sligo District-Conservation of Brown Trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin River) bye-law no. XXX2024/25 on the following grounds</p> <p>1. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this completely undermines and dsmisses the western lakes plan of 2023. "High priority must be given to the protection and, where appropriate, reinstatement of this habitat throughout the relevant catchment areas, (p22 Status and Conservation Needs Brown Trout. Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p> <p>"Other evidence suggests that pike have been introduced to the western lakes from 200 to 500 years ago and they are, therefore, regarded as non-native in the region.This is one of the most significant threats to native fish stocks as pike and brown trout do not coexist in smaller lakes. Consequently, their introduction to previously uncolonized waters means that salmonids in these systems may become extinct unless rigorous management and removal can be achieved. This plan recommends the removal of any legislative protection conferred on pike (e.g. Bye-law 809) in waters where they are newly introduced....This legislation should also be reviewed in waters that are specifically designated for salmonids".(p25 Status and Management Requirements, Non-Native Species Requiring Management, Pike-EsoxLucius, Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p> <p>"Perch are an extremely fecund fish that spawn in early summer with a female laying ribbons of up to 75,000 eggs amongst submerged vegetation. Their bold and aggressive feeding behaviour makes them a threat to juvenile salmonids both through direct predation and competition for food" .(p25 Status and Management Requirements, Non-Native Species Requiring Management, Perch-Perca Fluviatilis, Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p> <p>"Consideration should also be given to a review of the current Conservation of Pike Bye-law No. 809, 2006 which confers special legal protection on pike with regard to their exploitation by angling. This is inappropriate on lakes which are being managed specifically for salmonids or where pike have been recently introduced".(p 43 Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p> <p>2. Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a Natura impact assessment so that the public considering the draft can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on. There appears to be no such appropriate assessment screening/ Natura impact assessment accompanying this.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
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as above	as above	as above	<p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). O'Grady advised the best way to manage Lough Arrow in his "Management Proposal for the Lough Arrow Resource"(Dr Martin O'Grady PhD).</p> <p>"The significant failure of these fish to survive in Lough Arrow to adulthood in repeated years may well be as a consequence of the greatly increased population of adult pike in the lake in 2002, compared to previous years. A comparison of fish numbers in the 1979 and 2002 surveys suggests a 4.5 fold increase in the pike stock over this period. Research has shown that the pike in question (predominantly fish in the 50 to 80cm length range) specifically target trout, 25 to 40cm in length, as prey items. It is therefore hardly coincidental that it is this size range of trout which are most poorly represented in the 2002 survey (Figure 2). The authors would recommend the following management initiatives:- 1- Purchase the finest mesh braided nylon gill-nets available to increase pike capture efficiency rates. 2- Increase the number of crews gill-netting for pike to three if possible for the next three years – thereafter a smaller number of staff would suffice. 3- Use the lake electrofishing equipment regularly on Lough Arrow once every few weeks for a year to see if there are specific times and/or locations where pike can be harvested efficiently - on Lough Corrib, over the last year up to 900 0+ and 1+ pike per day have been removed using this equipment. The pike in Lough Corrib were living in the charaphyte beds at depths of 3 to 3.5m. On Lough Corrib the most critical factor limiting the success of this technique would appear to be weather conditions, i.e. small stunned Pike in circa 3m of water can only be seen and captured efficiently during very calm sunny periods (M. Butler, pers com.)</p> <p>"The native species such as salmon, trout and eels are generally considered to be impacted negatively by some of the introduced, non-native fish species. The level of impact on native fish appears to vary from one lake to another may depend on the relative abundances of different species, water quality, habitat deterioration and predation".(p37 Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by non-native pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition (see above).</p> <p>"The management of pike stocks has been ongoing for over 5 decades, on the western lakes. This has always been regarded as an important management tool for the conservation of salmonids. Research by IFI and AFBINI on Lough Erne indicated that lake entry is believed to be a pike predation bottleneck for salmonids in natural systems, further suggesting that targeted stock management may be more beneficial".p43 Long Term Management Plan for the Great Western Lakes March IFI/2023/1-4674)</p>				
SD.LA.PC.189	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft bye law simply because there no supporting scientific data, or evidence provided that's required under the European habitat directive legislation and Irish legislation. Stop blaming trout anglers.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.190	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I say no to this bye law as there is no stipulation to return to the original 4 bag limit should the stocks improve.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.191	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with new recommendations of Daily bag limit & size limit	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.192	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft by law because theres no scientific papers or data provided first of all, secondly theres no invasive pike removal plan provided also in Lough Arrow Special Area of Conservation. This Breaks European habitat directive law and Irish law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.193	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with the proposed new by-laws under the above mentioned public consultation.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.194	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this bye law, no science, screenings and supporting documents. Contradictory to EU law where these documents are required.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.195	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this bye law, wheres the pike management, science, report, screenings and supporting documents.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.196	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	This Bye Law is completely ridiculous on a lake that has no pike management, trout anglers are not the issue here, planned marketing tactic for guides and IFI, seems like a business plan and nothing to do with conservation.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.197	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the bye law on lough arrow, anglers are not the issue.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.198	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the bye law on lough arrow as there is no documented surveys, assessments or science to support it.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.199	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	PDF of proposed byelaw	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.200	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with the 2 fish bag limit reduced from 4 fish and I agree with the size limit been increased from 12 inch's to 14 inch's	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.201	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I am in total agreeance with this proposal of reducing bag limit and increasing size. Without these measures stocks will continue to be depleted.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.202	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I am sending in my submission to this public consultation to totally object to this proposed Bye-Law . Brown Trout are not in danger from Angling on Lough Arrow..	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.203	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.204	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to formally submit my objections regarding the proposed Bye Law no. XXX, 2024/25, concerning the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow, including the Unshin River.</p> <p>1. **Objection to the Proposed Bye Law**: I strongly object to the proposed reduction of the trout bag limit from four to two fish and the increase of the minimum size limit to 14 inches. These changes may not only restrict angling opportunities but can potentially lead to further limitations in the future.</p> <p>2. **Impact on Western Lakes Management Plan**: Lough Arrow is designated as one of the seven lakes to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. Implementing a Bye Law of this nature undermines the objectives outlined in the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which aims to balance the conservation and recreational value of our fisheries.</p> <p>3. **Lack of Appropriate Assessment**: I would like to raise concerns regarding the lack of an appropriate assessment screening and a Natura Impact Assessment accompanying this proposed Bye Law. It is vital for the public to have access to the scientific evidence that justifies these proposed changes, especially given the implications for a Special Area of Conservation.</p> <p>4. **Effect of Fishing Pressure on Trout Stocks**: The assertion that reducing the bag limit will significantly improve trout stocks is not substantiated by evidence. Research, such as the findings of O'Grady (2003), indicates that rod and line pressure does not have a proven impact on trout stock levels.</p> <p>5. **Need for Alternative Management Practices**: I believe that the best approach to improving trout stocks lies in effective predation control, particularly with respect to pike populations. Methods such as gill netting and electrofishing should be employed, in addition to controlling perch populations that threaten salmonid species through competition and predation.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the stakeholders involved to reconsider the proposed regulations. The fishing community, alongside conservation efforts, should collaboratively seek solutions that genuinely benefit the ecology of Lough Arrow and the Anglers that enjoy its beauty.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.205	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the River Unshin) Bye-law No. XXX, 2025.</p> <p>Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this would undermine the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>The appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment is not there? Any draft bye-laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>The traditional methods of protecting Trout numbers that have been proven over time to have worked is by controlling Pike and other predator numbers, such as netting etc. These methods should continue to be the preferred methods to use and not by putting controls on Anglers for any type of rod and line fishing.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.206	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to express my strong objections to the proposed Bye Law no. XXX, 2024/25 concerning the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow, including the Unshin River.</p> <p>1. **Opposition to Proposed Bye Law**: I firmly oppose the plan to reduce the trout bag limit from four to two fish and raise the minimum size limit to 14 inches. These changes not only restrict fishing opportunities for anglers but may pave the way for additional limitations in the future.</p> <p>2. **Implications for the Western Lakes Management Plan**: Lough Arrow is recognized as one of the seven lakes intended to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. Adopting a Bye Law like this would undermine the goals outlined in the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which seeks to harmonize conservation efforts with recreational fishing.</p> <p>3. **Absence of Appropriate Assessment**: I am concerned about the lack of an appropriate assessment screening and a Natura Impact Assessment associated with this proposed Bye Law. It's crucial for the public to have access to the scientific evidence that supports these proposed changes, especially considering their potential impact on a Special Area of Conservation.</p> <p>4. **Questioning Fishing Pressure Impact**: The claim that reducing the bag limit will significantly enhance trout stocks is not backed by substantial evidence. Research, including findings by O'Grady (2003), shows that rod and line fishing pressure does not have a proven effect on trout population levels.</p> <p>5. **Advocacy for Alternative Management Strategies**: I believe the most effective way to bolster trout populations is through targeted predation control, especially concerning pike. Employing methods such as gill netting and electrofishing, along with regulating perch populations that pose a threat to salmonid species, should be prioritized.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge all involved parties to reconsider the proposed regulations. It is essential for the fishing community and conservationists to work together to find solutions that truly benefit the ecosystem of Lough Arrow while enhancing the experience for anglers.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.207	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this bye law it is nothing to do with conservation. Should be called Barry and Larry's law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.208	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes, I agree with this proposal.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.209	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to object to the proposed Lough Arrow Bye Law.</p> <p>I base my objection on the fact that I do not believe that this will lead to a sustainable future for trout.</p> <p>The impact that invasive species in particular Pike are having on our native stocks is detrimental.</p> <p>What impact is this proposal going to have on the Western Lakes Plan.</p> <p>I question why an appropriate assessment has not been published as part of this bye law. Lough Arrow is a special area of conservation.</p> <p>There is no proven science that states that rod and line has a serious impact on trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.210	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the River Unshin) Bye-law No. XXX, 2025.</p> <p>Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this would undermine the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>The appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment is not there? Any draft bye-laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>The traditional methods of protecting Trout numbers that have been proven over time to have worked is by controlling Pike and other predator numbers, such as netting etc. These methods should continue to be the preferred methods to use and not by putting controls on Anglers for any type of rod and line fishing.</p> <p>Having a reduced bag limit and an increasing size limit will NOT encourage or promote Trout fishing in the West of Ireland, which obviously effects overseas Trout and Salmon Angler Tourism.</p> <p>If similar proposed bye-laws are adopted in the other lakes it would have a detrimental effect on promoting fishing for the next generation and beyond.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.211	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the bye law, as all records of guides and gillies show a successful trout fishery, if trout were in decline on lough arrow, im sure the gillies would be applying for seasonal fisheries jobs in IFI.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.212	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose the bye law, as all records of guides and gillies show a successful trout fishery, if trout were in decline on lough arrow, im sure the gillies would be applying for seasonal fisheries jobs in IFI.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.213	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I agree with the proposal to limit the bag on lough arrow to 2 fish per bag and to extend the fish size to the proposed size.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.214	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this bye law it is nothing to do with conservation. Should be called Barry and Larrys law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.215	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the new bye law and welcome a reduced bag limit and increased size limit for Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.216	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I am fully in favour of the new Bye Law. However, I would encourage IFI to consider, in the future, introducing slot limits in place of size limits on all of our wild brown trout waters.</p> <p>Size limits focus harvest on the mature fish that lay the highest proportion of wild ova, whereas slot limits encourage a modest (bag limit controlled) harvest of the smaller trout.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.217	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to object to the proposed bylaw in its entirety .</p> <p>The proposal will do nothing to secure the trout stock . Better to control invasive species specially pike.</p> <p>Lough arrow is a special area of conservation and should be treated as such</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.218	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft by law because there's is no relevant science provided to support it under the the habitats directive	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.219	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to vote yes.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.220	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft by law because there's is no invasive pike removal plan, plus also there's no relevant science provided to support this draft bye law under the European habitat directive.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.221	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to this proposed draft Bye-Law on lough Arrow.</p> <p>I do not agree with bringing the trout Bag limit from four down to two. Angling has no impact on the trout stocks on lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.222	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft bye law because it's illegal there's NO scientific data on this document to support it as required under the European habitat directive and Irish legislation.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.223	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	No to this bye law, pure madness. How many trout were caught on rod and line over the last 10 years and wheres the evidence in decline in stocks, no science to support this.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.224	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.225	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Director, I would like to submit my objection to this proposed Bye Law on Lough Arrow. I base my objection on the fact that Rod and Line has never been identified Scientifically as a major impact on Trout stocks, I attach an excerpt from Dr Martin O'Grady's PhD recommendations which were published by the Central Fisheries Board in February 2003, this research clearly identifies the increased in numbers of Pike and there predation as being the reason for the lack of recruitment of Juvenile Trout to Lough Arrow, he does not mention angling pressure as a problem.</p> <p>It is unfortunate that no Appropriate assessment screening or Natura Impact Assessment, accompanies this proposal which should be considered as part of the knowledge necessary to assess the Bye Law.</p> <p>Stakeholders should not have to trade off their rights to try to get IFI to do the job they are paid to do. Management by majority vote is not fisheries management, the word Conservation is a powerful tool for IFI, nobody wants to be on the wrong side of Conservation.</p> <p>In the Q&A section on the IFI web pages it states (These Conservation measures aim to halt declines in Brown Trout number but may take many years to take effect) I put it to IFI that this will have no effect whatsoever and find it strange that such and unscientific statement would appear on an official Web page.</p> <p>Lough Arrow is an SAC and should be managed on a Scientific basis, adhering to the objectives of this Legislation. Salmon, Brown Trout and Eels are the main Native Fish in Lough Arrow and should be protected by proper management, that management regime is outlined in Dr O'Gradys proposal.</p> <p>(Management Proposal for the Lough Arrow Resource) Dr Martin O'Grady PhD.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
		As above	<p>The significant failure of these fish to survive in Lough Arrow to adulthood in repeated years may well be as a consequence of the greatly increased population of adult pike in the lake in 2002, compared to previous years. A comparison of fish numbers in the 1979 and 2002 surveys suggests a 4.5 fold increase in the pike stock over this period. Research has shown that the pike in question (predominantly fish in the 50 to 80cm length range) specifically target trout, 25 to 40cm in length, as prey items. It is therefore hardly coincidental that it is this size range of trout which are most poorly represented in the 2002 survey (Figure 2). The authors would recommend the following management initiatives:- 1- Purchase the finest mesh braided nylon gill-nets available to increase pike capture efficiency rates. 2- Increase the number of crews gill-netting for pike to three if possible for the next three years – thereafter a smaller number of staff would suffice. 3- Use the lake electrofishing equipment regularly on Lough Arrow once every few weeks for a year to see if there are specific times and/or locations where pike can be harvested efficiently - on Lough Corrib, over the last year up to 900 0+ and 1+ pike per day have been removed using this equipment. The pike in Lough Corrib were living in the charaphyte beds at depths of 3 to 3.5m. On Lough Corrib the most critical factor limiting the success of this technique would appear to be weather conditions, i.e. small stunned Pike in circa 3m of water can only be seen and captured efficiently during very calm sunny periods (M. Butler, pers com.)</p>				
SD.LA.PC.226	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I totally object to the proposed Bye Law to reduce the Trout bag limit from four trout down to two on Lough Arrow.</p> <p>If Anglers want to return trout to lough Arrow it can be done voluntarily .</p> <p>Brown Trout are not an endangered species.</p> <p>Manage the Pike problem on lough Arrow,Angling has no impact on the trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.227	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to reduce daily bag limit to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river. I support the proposal to increase the current size for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.228	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the proposed by-law on Lough Arrow for the reduction of trout bag limit to 2 from 4.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.229	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to totally object to the proposed draft Bye-Law for lough Arrow. I do not agree with bringing the trout bag limit down from four to two . The trout population on lough Arrow are not affected from Trout Angling and pike are a bigger issue. Manage them properly.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.230	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I am writing to express my objection to the proposed bye-law regarding the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River. As someone who travels from the UK each year to enjoy the exceptional fishing opportunities in the area, I believe this proposal could have unintended negative consequences. Personally, I practise my own conservation methods, which I believe are more effective and sustainable when compared to a four bag limit. Encouraging voluntary conservation and responsible fishing practices would be a far better approach than imposing restrictive laws that may alienate dedicated anglers. We have seen similar regulations introduced here in the UK, which unfortunately led to a significant decline in opportunities for wild trout fishing. I would not wish to see the same happen in this region.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.231	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I strongly object to the proposed new bye law for the conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow, this objection includes the reduction in the bag limit from 4 to 2 brown trout + the increase in the size limit for brown trout as there is no scientific evidence to prove that rod and line angling has any effect on trout stocks in lough Arrow. The real issue that needs to be tackled is the lack of predator control on lough Arrow and the removal of bye laws 806/809 which protect invasive species on lough Arrow that are predating on the trout all year round.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.232	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law No. 2024/25 2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023. 3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on. 4. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). 5. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.233	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition enhance streams / rivers with gravel etc and protect our water quality that's declining year by year , see attached photos of enrichment in the Cong river which is getting worse every year from over farming / forestry.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.234	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition enhance streams / rivers with gravel etc and protect our water quality that's declining year by year , see attached photos of enrichment in the Cong river which is getting worse every year from over farming / forestry.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.235	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the proposed new chsnages to the fishing laws on Loch Arrow for the reduction of trout fishing (take) limit to 2 from 4.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.236	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the Bye Laws on lough Arrow 👍	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.237	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25.</p> <p>As we know, Lough Arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this totally undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>Has there been an appropriate assessment screening or natural impact assessment carried out ?</p> <p>Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressures are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>The best way to improve trout stocks is to carry out and increase predation control, particularly by pike using gill netting and electro fishing etc.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.238	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.239	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the Bye Law as proposed.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.240	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the by proposed bye law on lough arrow. Invasive non native fish are a huge problem on all our western lakes. Trout are not under threat from Angling on lough arrow. I am not in favour of this proposed draft.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.241	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the proposed Bye Law on Lough Arrow. The reason being, Trout fishing is part and parcel of the Traditional and Cultural life of Ireland West for generations and any further erosion of the peoples Traditional rights is unacceptable. This bye law undermines those rights and will do nothing to offset predation from Pike and competition for other Invasives, the Lough Arrow; Special Area of Conservation should be exclusively managed for Annex species.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.242	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to express my objection to the above. I find this abhorrent. There is no evidence that retaining a few trout on Lough Arrow has any effect on the overall trout population. If I.F.I. continue to do their jobs and remove more pike, it would more that compensate for the few fish trout anglers retain. Your logic is tuned in to some p.c. marketing tool that has not worked in England or elsewhere. Wild trout are not goldfish!! I fail to see the purpose of I.F.I. if they cannot manage an SAC correctly.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.243	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by-law regarding reduced bag limits and increased size limits on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.244	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to increase the size of trout to help with the regeneration of the above,	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.245	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25 2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023. 3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on. 3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). 4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.246	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed byelaws and a new bag limit for Trout on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.247	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	1 I totally against a 2 bag limit on the lough arrow system 2 Pike are doing serious damage to al lake 3 What is been about pollution 4 More Predation control of pike perch roach and Cormorants 5 Rod and line has never done damage to stocks	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.248	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the incoming bye-law for Lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.249	Galway City Salmon Angling Association	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Galway City Salmon Angling Association wishes to strongly object to the proposed Bye Law to reduce the current Brown Trout bag limit from four to two.</p> <p>We know for many years that Inland Fisheries Ireland has been trying to implement a policy of total catch and release on all disciplines of angling. This has nothing to do with conservation of fish stocks but to make it easier for IFI staff on the ground to control anglers and dish out more fines to fill the IFI coffers. Catch and release has become an elitist theory put forward by pike anglers and people who don't know how to catch fish or haven't got the time to do so. Catch and Release does not work as most fish released die shortly afterwards, to witness this, all you have to do is stand on the High Bank downstream of the Galway Salmon Weir any day when water levels are low and see salmon floating belly up after being caught and released in the Weir, I am sure this is the case on most rivers.</p> <p>Trout and salmon anglers are being made the scapegoats for IFI failures to manage the rivers and lakes of the country properly, they have failed to stop agriculture, domestic and industrial pollution of our rivers and lakes. They have failed to control predation of trout and salmon by invasive pike, perch, roach, cormorants, mink, etc. The majority of these predators are protected, this protection should cease immediately if IFI are serious about increasing trout and salmon stocks.</p> <p>IFI have not produced any scientific research documents to prove that a reduction in the bag limit on Lough Arrow is warranted.</p> <p>Game angling for trout and salmon has, for decades, sustained the local and national tourist economies in times of recession and by implementing these unwarranted reduction in trout bag limits, tourist angling will suffer resulting in a loss of revenue to local economies.</p> <p>Galway City Salmon Angling Association ask that this Bye Law proposal be scrapped and not implemented as there is no proof that angling pressure has reduced stocks of trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin River. END</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.250	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to give my support to Inland Fisheries Ireland seeking submissions in relation to the proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.251	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to object to this proposal. It is unwarranted and unnecessary. Please remove the pike and it will compensate for the losses to rod and line. Why did IFI stop controlling them?</p> <p>This is very simple, there is no need to remove our rights.</p> <p>Why are IFI still insisting on pushing Mc Loone Report? The CEO said that IFI were not going to use it as a reference anymore.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.252	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to to draft bye law for Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (including the UNSHIN River) because I have not seen any scientific evidence or study to support it. There has been no submission made to update the European habitat directive legislation or Irish legislation. Furthermore there is no plan in place to remove invasive species that may be impacting the trout population on Lough Arrow special area of conservation.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.253	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed Sligo District Bye-Law No. [XXX], 2024/25, regarding the Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow, including the Unshin River.</p> <p>Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. This proposed bye-law undermines the objectives of the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which outlines the strategic priorities for conserving these important trout fisheries.</p> <p>Furthermore, I note the absence of an Appropriate Assessment Screening or Natura Impact Assessment accompanying the draft bye-law. Any regulatory changes affecting a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) must be supported by robust scientific evidence. The inclusion of such assessments is crucial to ensure transparency and to allow the public to evaluate the rationale and potential ecological impacts of the proposed actions.</p> <p>Current evidence does not support the assertion that angling pressure from rod and line significantly impacts trout stocks. For example, O'Grady (2003) demonstrates that such pressures are not a proven determinant in the decline of trout populations. Instead, effective conservation efforts should prioritize the management of predatory species, particularly pike, through methods such as gill netting and electrofishing. Controlling perch populations, which threaten salmonid species through predation and competition, should also be a key focus.</p> <p>I strongly urge a reconsideration of the proposed measures and recommend that resources be directed towards evidence-based strategies to enhance trout populations sustainably.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.254	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I do not support the above proposal.</p> <p>How many trout are in Lough Arrow? How many trout are the pike eating? How many trout are being taken by rod and line? Is this how you manage an SAC? Without these answers, this is just senseless.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.255	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to register my objection to the above proposed legislation.</p> <p>It is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A deliberate misrepresentation of the trout stocks on Lough Arrow. b) A deliberate misrepresentation of the pike control measures on Lough Arrow. c) A deliberate attempt to reduce traditional trout anglers' rights. d) A deliberate attempt to sell off our rights in a vein attempt to provide a marketing tool to angling businesses at the expense of traditional angling ad our heritage. e) A deliberate attempt to legitimise existing conservation concepts being floated by IFI Management. f) An attempt to avoid the fact that IFI have not controlled pike numbers on Lough Arrow or any of the Great Western Lakes to the extent where the measures would provide a meaningful increase in salmon numbers. g) Remarkable that IFI can promote the harvesting of 20% of returning Wild Atlantic Salmon and at the same time impose ridiculous conservation measures based on empty science. 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.256	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to proposed bylaw (Sligo district)</p> <p>The decline of trout stocks is of a result of lack of predator control ie. pike The Pike need to be controlled in our trout lakes before it is too late Introducing a reduced bag limit will be of no benefit Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have any effect on trout stocks as seen in survey by O Grady in 2003</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.257	Ballisodare Fishing Club	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I write this email on behalf of the Board of Ballisodare Fishing Club CLG (160 members) in support of the proposed Bye Law to increase the size limit and reduce the number of fish that are allowed to be killed etc.</p> <p>We are all aware of the pressure that wild trout are under in most lakes and rivers in Ireland and Lough Arrow / River Unshin is no exception. Therefore, any efforts to help the trout population must be commended.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.258	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for conservation on lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.259	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to you just to say that I am an angler that fishes for trout in the region and have noticed a decline of fish in the western/north western waters .</p> <p>I want to state that I support the proposed bye law , in order to help the fish stocks recover .</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.260	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to formally submit my objections regarding the proposed bye law</p> <p>I base my objection on the fact that no science has been supplied to back up this bye law, that purports to increase trout numbers, rod and line has never been proven to be detrimental to trout stocks</p> <p>It is off my concern no appropriate assessment screening or natura impact assessment has been supplied so what am i to base my opinion on?</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.261	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Public consultation sligo district conservation of Trout on lough arrow Inc unshin river I support the proposed buy law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.262	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to object to the above proposed legislation for the following reasons.</p> <p>a. IfI and some businesses are deliberately attempting to impose this on all the Great Western Lakes. They are deliberately undermining traditional trout anglers' rights.</p> <p>b. Trollong and dapping are being targeted. These businesses should look at their own impact.</p> <p>c. This is a waste of time and it will not provide any increase in trout numbers.</p> <p>d. IfI are not controlling pike on Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.263	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	"I support the proposed bye law"	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.264	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing as regular angling visitor to Ireland's trout fisheries and as a fisheries professional for the last 45 years.</p> <p>I support and applaud the foresight of IFI in putting forward the reduced bag limit for Lough Arrow and Unshin River. I have the following comments in support of the plan:</p> <p>1) Despite comments by some that there is little evidence to support the impact of angling on fish stocks, this is not the experience across much of the Western world. Bag restrictions have been shown to have a positive impact on trout populations in many countries, most particularly the US.</p> <p>2) Bag limits do not restrict angling freedom. Rather they restrict the ability to kill fish in excess of the population's ability to recruit. As such they serve to protect both recreational angling and the ecological resource of the brown trout population.</p> <p>3) The proposals show Irish fishery management at a state level in a positive, modern and proactive light. As a visitor it is refreshing to see this, after a long period where such an approach has been missing.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.265	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to submit my objection to the proposed bye law .</p> <p>The removal of the Angler's rights in the name of conservation is nothing short of conservation for conservation sake, the reason for this is it will not secure the future of the trout stock unless management of the real issues like pollution and invasive species are not addressed rod and line has never been scientifically proven to affect the viability of the trout stock.</p> <p>Until we have healthy waterways and healthy Soil i.e. stop the use of chemicals and liquid slurry we are going nowhere so stop disenfranchising the Angling community.</p> <p>Please send acknowledgement.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.266	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.267	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law on lough arrow and the unshin river.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.268	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>"I support the proposed bye law",</p> <p>Also is their any chance you could look into all the seals on lough gill sligo as this is not good for the lake</p> <p>3 seals on the lake on the same day and travelling up the bonnet river no wonder the salmon stocks are down along with other species</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.269	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>As I sit here today writing this submission with regard to the proposed draft Conservation of trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin river- Sligo district.</p> <p>We are fighting for our right to fish on our lakes and rivers every time we have to make submissions .</p> <p>My name is [REDACTED]</p> <p>I am [REDACTED] and have lived beside the Lough Corrib for the majority of my life to date.</p> <p>I object to the proposed Sligo District Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow(incl The Unshin River) Bye Law no.Xxx,2024/2025</p> <p>Lough Arrow is one of the 7 lakes designated to be managed as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan 2023.</p> <p>Where is the appropriate assessment screening/natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate screening and or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes or actions are based.</p> <p>Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not to have an effect on trout stocks(O' Grady 2003)</p> <p>In my opinion and that of many fishers we believe the best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control , particularly by Pike using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonides through direct predation and competition.</p> <p>As I concluded my submission with regard to the Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow I am reminded that our fishing season is from February to September for Trout each fishing season but the predators in our lakes and rivers eg. Pike and Perch are there 365 days.</p> <p>We as Fishers care for our Lakes and rivers the best we can and if we can work together with Inland Fisheries Ireland to make our lakes and rivers better without the reduction in the bag limits and increased size we are willing to do so.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.270	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>As I sit here today writing this submission with regard to the proposed draft Conservation of trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin river- Sligo district. My name is [REDACTED] I am [REDACTED] and have lived beside the Lough Corrib all my life to date. I object to the proposed Sligo District Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow(incl The Unshin River) Bye Law no.Xxx,2024/2025 Lough Arrow is one of the 7 lakes designated to be managed as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan 2023. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate screening and or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes or actions are based. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not to have an effect on trout stocks(O' Grady 2003) In my opinion and that of many fishers we believe the best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control , particularly by Pike using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonides through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.271	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>-Iam against the 2 bag limit on lough arrow -the pike are doing serious damage not the angling man with rod and line - not enough man power (staff)to control the lakes (ifi) - pollution is also a major problem</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.272	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to formally object to the proposed Sligo District Bye-Law (2024/25) regarding the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River. Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes in the Western Lakes Plan designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. The introduction of this bye-law directly undermines the objectives set out in the 2023 Western Lakes Plan, which aims to sustainably manage these waters for future generations of anglers. I would like to raise the following points in my submission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of Appropriate Scientific Evidence The proposed bye-law lacks transparency in terms of scientific justification. There is no evidence provided to demonstrate that rod-and-line angling pressure is negatively impacting trout stocks in Lough Arrow. In fact, previous studies (O'Grady, 2003) have shown that rod and-line angling is not a significant factor in the decline of trout populations. Before any conservation measures are implemented, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) must provide a Natura Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment Screening to show the scientific basis for the proposed changes. Lough Arrow is part of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and any actions that could affect the SAC must be properly assessed to ensure they do not have unintended consequences on the ecosystem. Pike and Perch Control as a Priority A primary threat to trout stocks in Lough Arrow is predation by pike and competition from perch, not rod-and-line angling. We urge IFI to focus on active predator management, including the use of gill netting, electrofishing, and other measures to reduce pike and perch populations. Without proper predator control, trout stocks will continue to suffer regardless of angling regulations. The Importance of Local Engagement The proposed bye-law seems to have been developed without meaningful consultation with local stakeholders, including angling clubs, local residents, and businesses that depend on the lake's fisheries. Local angling clubs have been the stewards of these waters for generations, and have a deep understanding of the challenges facing trout stocks. It is disappointing that IFI has not engaged more closely with local clubs in a collaborative effort to improve the fishery. Economic and Cultural Impact 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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		as above	<p>4. Economic and Cultural Impact Lough Arrow is a key part of the local economy and heritage. Angling tourism brings vital income to the area, supporting local businesses such as B&Bs, shops, and guides. Any conservation measures that reduce angling opportunities risk harming the local economy without clear evidence that they will improve trout stocks. Additionally, angling is a cultural tradition in the area, passed down through generations. Restrictive bye-laws that do not address the core issues of trout stock decline will alienate local anglers and erode this tradition.</p> <p>5. Balanced and Sustainable Fisheries Management I believe that a balanced and science-led approach to fisheries management is essential. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritising predator control (pike and perch). • Improving habitat restoration efforts in the Unshin River and Lough Arrow. • Collaborating with local stakeholders to create a sustainable management plan that protects trout stocks while preserving angling traditions. <p>Conclusion In conclusion, I strongly oppose the proposed bye-law as it stands. Inland Fisheries Ireland must prioritise science-based, practical measures to improve trout stocks, including predator control and habitat management, rather than placing restrictions on rod-and-line anglers. I urge IFI to work collaboratively with local angling clubs and stakeholders to ensure the long term sustainability of Lough Arrow as a trout fishery while preserving the local economy, culture, and heritage. I kindly request acknowledgment of my submission.</p>				
SD.LA.PC.273	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law .</p> <p>Been fishing this wounderfull lake since 1980 , good year and bad . Surely time to look after it better for the future of all .</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.274	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I strenuously object to the proposal on the following grounds...</p> <p>a) IFI did their jobs correctly the trout population would not be in any trouble. The lake is full of pike!!! Do you just want to run down the lakes in order to take our rights away!!!</p> <p>b) IFI is sending millions back into central government every year... why is it being spent on proper invasive species management?</p> <p>c) IFI not able or unwilling to conduct proper science on our river and lake systems. The only scientific reference that exists is the science done under the Water Framework Directive. That doesn't apply here.</p> <p>All of this is utter mismanagement and a complete failure to correctly manage an SAC</p> <p>I say NO!!!</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.275	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the Lough Arrow Bye Law as this is not a viable management option , pike and pollution are the main threat to trout</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.276	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.277	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to this draft bye, you haven't any supporting scientific evidence, data, This is the law when introducing a draft bye law under the European Habitats Directive legislation and Irish legislation when dealing with an SAC lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.278	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I totally object to this conversation draft Bye Law on lough Arrow to reduce the Trout daily bag limit from four down to two.</p> <p>This makes no sense while non native invasive fish species are protected.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.279	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the proposed Bye Law for Lough Arrow , as this is not the problem, better management options exist</p> <p>Pike and pollution are the main threat to trout .</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.280	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the proposed bylaw xxx.2024/25 on Lough Arrow and the river Ushin No restrictions need to be implemented on those areas because the invasive species in those areas are the root causes of the problem, they are in the lake and the river 24/7/365, implement an eradication program for those invasive species and the trout stocks will come back 100%.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.281	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow, as this is not the problem. However pike and pollution are the main threat to tr	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.282	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to formally object to the proposed Sligo District Bye-Law (2024/25) regarding the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River. Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes in the Western Lakes Plan designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. The introduction of this bye-law directly undermines the objectives set out in the 2023 Western Lakes Plan, which aims to sustainably manage these waters for future generations of anglers.</p> <p>I would like to raise the following points in my submission:</p> <p>1. Lack of Appropriate Scientific Evidence The proposed bye-law lacks transparency in terms of scientific justification. There is no evidence provided to demonstrate that rod-and-line angling pressure is negatively impacting trout stocks in Lough Arrow. In fact, previous studies (O'Grady, 2003) have shown that rod and-line angling is not a significant factor in the decline of trout populations. Before any conservation measures are implemented, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) must provide a Natura Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment Screening to show the scientific basis for the proposed changes. Lough Arrow is part of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and any actions that could affect the SAC must be properly assessed to ensure they do not have unintended consequences on the ecosystem.</p> <p>2. Pike and Perch Control as a Priority A primary threat to trout stocks in Lough Arrow is predation by pike and competition from perch, not rod-and-line angling. We urge IFI to focus on active predator management, including the use of gill netting, electrofishing, and other measures to reduce pike and perch populations. Without proper predator control, trout stocks will continue to suffer regardless of angling regulations.</p> <p>3. The Importance of Local Engagement The proposed bye-law seems to have been developed without meaningful consultation with local stakeholders, including angling clubs, local residents, and businesses that depend on the lake's fisheries. Local angling clubs have been the stewards of these waters for generations, and have a deep understanding of the challenges facing trout stocks. It is disappointing that IFI has not engaged more closely with local clubs in a collaborative effort to improve the fishery.</p> <p>4. Economic and Cultural Impact</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
		as above	<p>4. Economic and Cultural Impact Lough Arrow is a key part of the local economy and heritage. Angling tourism brings vital income to the area, supporting local businesses such as B&Bs, shops, and guides. Any conservation measures that reduce angling opportunities risk harming the local economy without clear evidence that they will improve trout stocks. Additionally, angling is a cultural tradition in the area, passed down through generations. Restrictive bye-laws that do not address the core issues of trout stock decline will alienate local anglers and erode this tradition.</p> <p>5. Balanced and Sustainable Fisheries Management I believe that a balanced and science-led approach to fisheries management is essential. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritising predator control (pike and perch). • Improving habitat restoration efforts in the Unshin River and Lough Arrow. • Collaborating with local stakeholders to create a sustainable management plan that protects trout stocks while preserving angling traditions. <p>Conclusion In conclusion, I strongly oppose the proposed bye-law as it stands. Inland Fisheries Ireland must prioritise science-based, practical measures to improve trout stocks, including predator control and habitat management, rather than placing restrictions on rod-and-line anglers. I urge IFI to work collaboratively with local angling clubs and stakeholders to ensure the long term sustainability of Lough Arrow as a trout fishery while preserving the local economy, culture, and heritage.</p>				
SD.LA.PC.283	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to this proposed bye law for Lough Arrow and the Unshin River to reduce the Daly Trout bag limit from Four down to two.</p> <p>You couldn't call this a conservation Bye law when non native pike are protected on Lough Arrow (SAC)</p> <p>Local Anglers on lough Arrow deserve a proper pike management program.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.284	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed Bye law being introduced and should be implemented as soon as possible to help sustain the native stocks of trout which are in serious decline.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.285	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	To whom it may concern I fully support the proposed Bye lay being introduced.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.286	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the reduction of the 4 trout limit / size increase limit as proposed under the Sligo district Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow for the following reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no data to back up this change, and no evidence that it will have any positive impact other than to further reduce interest in trout angling. The problem to be fixed is not over fishing. There are plenty Irish small lakes where invasive species have wiped out salmonoid stock. No reduction in bag limit would have helped these lakes. Reduction in trout rod and line catches will only give the impression that something is being done 2. Predation control of invasive species to the lake should be the key method of protecting native fish stock, using gill netting and electrofishing 3. Granting commercial licences for invasive species should be permitted as is done in other countries. 4. No change should be implemented without appropriate impact assessment backed up with data 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.287	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed by- law being introduced.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.288	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to acknowledge my support for Bye-law No. XXX, 2025.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.289	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to offer my support for the implementation of the proposed bylaw.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.290	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the Lough Arrow Bye Law as this is not the problem</p> <p>The main threats to trout are pike and pollution .</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.291	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	3 MB PDF submitted - REFER TO APPENDIX 11	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.292	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed Bye-Law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.293	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.294	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow, as this is not the problem, pike and pollution are the main threat to trout.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.295	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Including the Unshin River) Bye Law No. Xxx, 2024/25. I believe that this measure will not effectively address the underlying issues impacting trout stocks and could have unintended negative consequences on the local fishery.</p> <p>Firstly, Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes designated as primarily trout fisheries, and the proposed bye-law seems to undermine the Western Lakes Plan of 2023, which has broader objectives for sustainable management. Such changes need to align with, rather than contradict, these long-term plans for the benefit of the entire ecosystem.</p> <p>Furthermore, I am concerned that the consultation lacks an appropriate assessment screening or a Natura Impact Assessment. As this proposal could impact a Special Area of Conservation, it is vital that the public is provided with scientific evidence demonstrating the necessity and effectiveness of these proposed changes. Without such assessments, it is difficult to justify the measures based on sound scientific data.</p> <p>Moreover, the proposal to reduce the trout bag limit is unlikely to improve trout stocks, as rod and line pressure has not been shown to have a significant impact on stock levels, as referenced in O'Grady (2003). Instead, I believe the focus should be on controlling predation, particularly by pike and perch, through measures such as gill netting and electrofishing, which have proven more effective in maintaining a healthy trout population.</p> <p>In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative measures that address the root causes of trout stock depletion, particularly focusing on predation control.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.296	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	To whom it may concern,I wish to formally submit my objection regarding the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.297	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>My name is [REDACTED]</p> <p>As I sit here today writing this submission with regard to the proposed draft Conservation of trout on Lough Arrow including the Unshin river- Sligo district</p> <p>I firmly object to the proposed Sligo District Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow(incl The Unshin River) Bye Law no.Xxx,2024/2025 Lough Arrow is one of the 7 lakes designated to be managed as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan 2023.</p> <p>Where is the appropriate assessment screening/natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate screening and or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes or actions are based.</p> <p>Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not to have an effect on trout stocks(O' Grady 2003)</p> <p>In my opinion and that of many fishers we believe the best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control , particularly by Pike using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonides through direct predation</p> <p>My family and myself have fished Lough Arrow for many years</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.298	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I strenuously object to this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I will decide whether I want to practise Catch and Release or not. •I have always protected our lakes. •If I have not. They have allowed the pike population on Lough Arrow to go unchecked and then they have the audacity to blame me. •I only catch around one trout per day which is the same as most trout anglers. Every now and again I get a red letter to make up for the blank days. •I am a conscientious angler. I don't need government interference. 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.299	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed bye law.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.300	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to express my concerns and objections to the proposed Sligo District Bye-Law regarding the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow (including the Unshin River). While I fully support efforts to protect and enhance trout stocks, I believe that the measures outlined in the draft bye-law are flawed and may not achieve their intended goals.</p> <p>Specifically, I would like to make the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objection to the Proposed Bye-Law I object to the proposed "Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Including the Unshin River)" Bye-Law No. XXX, 2024/25. 2. Conflict with the Western Lakes Plan Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. The proposed bye-law undermines the objectives and commitments outlined in the Western Lakes Plan of 2023, which prioritizes the management and conservation of trout fisheries in these important waters. 3. Lack of Scientific Basis The draft bye-law does not appear to be supported by appropriate scientific assessments. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the Appropriate Assessment Screening or Natura Impact Assessment? Any proposed bye-law that could affect a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) must be accompanied by these assessments to ensure the public can review the scientific basis for the proposed actions. • Research indicates that rod-and-line angling pressure does not have a significant impact on trout stocks (O'Grady, 2003). Implementing stricter bag and size limits without addressing the actual causes of stock depletion is unlikely to yield results. 4. Focus on Predation Control The primary threat to trout stocks in Lough Arrow is predation by pike and other species, such as perch. Efforts to conserve and enhance trout stocks should prioritize effective predation control measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of gill netting and electrofishing to manage pike populations. • Targeted control of perch, which pose a significant threat to salmonid populations through both direct predation and competition for resources. <p>In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed bye-law and instead focus on science-based conservation measures that address the root causes of trout stock depletion. Engaging with stakeholders and conducting the necessary assessments will ensure a balanced and effective approach to trout conservation in Lough Arrow and the Unshin River.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.301	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>██████████ object to the bye law Xxx, 2024/25 for Lough Arrow and the Unshin River. The angler is not the problem here and the angler should not accept any blame for declining trout stocks in L Arrow, and indeed in any of the great Western Lakes.</p> <p>Rod and line is not the problem.</p> <p>These lakes need to be appropriately managed as Wild brown trout fisheries by IFI before it's too late.</p> <p>Invasive pike need to be controlled appropriately or these lakes will turn into the small lakes dotted around the country that were once full of trout and are now full of pike.</p> <p>Please protect our native fish.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.302	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the Lough Arrow proposal	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.303	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	i support the proposed change to the bye-law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.304	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.305	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Regarding the Sligo district Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (incl the Unshin River) Bye law, I object to the reduction of the 4 trout limit and increase in size limit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overfishing is not the cause of the problem, so a reduction in trout caught under rod and line will have little or no impact 2. Where is evidence to back this proposal? Without scientific evidence, what justification does the IFI have for making the change? 3. Redation control of invasive species needs to be the key method of protecting native fish stock, using gill netting and electrofishing 4. An appropriate impact assessment backed up with data should accompany any proposal 5. A commercial licence for invasive species should be permitted countrie's such as Italy 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.306	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	13/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.307	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow, as this is not the problem, pike and pollution are the main threat to trout.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.308	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am sending this email on behalf of myself and my family members who don't have access to emails. We all want to outline that we object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law 2024/25.</p> <p>We have seen first hand that the best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase pike control.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.309	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I fully support the proposed bye laws on size limit and bag limit on Lough Arrow. Current limits are destructive to decreasing stocks and outdated.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.310	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by- law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.311	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the proposed bye law for lough Arrow in its entirety.</p> <p>I am totally opposed to this so-called conservation bye law as i do not believe it will do anything to improve the trout stock.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.312	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.313	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.314	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to support the efforts of the Lough Arrow club to conserve wild trout numbers on Lough Arrow. I am aware that the Lough Arrow Club are committed to habitat conservation and maximising the spawning capacity for wild trout in Lough Arrow. The proposed byelaw to reduce the bag limit to two trout per day and increase the size limit to 14 inches will assist in the conservation efforts. In addition it will allow anglers the choice to bring a trout or two for the table if they so wish.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.315	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the above proposed law.</p> <p>As a regular angler at Lough Arrow over the last 15 years I firmly believe there has been a decline in fish stocks due to a number of reasons.</p> <p>One of these reasons I believe is due to increased angling pressure during Arrows prolific mayfly hatches of late and the lack of catch and release practiced by visiting anglers and availing of maximum bag limits.</p> <p>In my opinion It is also evident that there is a decline in grown on fish as fish are being killed before they are reaching the 2 pound category.</p> <p>I believe that a reduced bag limit as well as an increased size limit will help the re-population of arrow as well as an increased number of larger sized trout.</p> <p>These measures, combined with stream rehabilitation works would hopefully leave the future of brown trout in Lough Arrow in good order.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.316	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye-law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.317	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the above proposed bye law for Lough Arrow.</p> <p>Should this bylaw be passed/imposed I would also like to see greater monitoring on the lake to ensure this bylaw is adhered to.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.318	N/A	Not specified	<p>The angler is not the problem here and the angler should not accept any blame for declining trout stocks in L Arrow, and indeed in any of the great Western Lakes.</p> <p>Rod and line is not the problem.</p> <p>These lakes need to be appropriately managed as Wild brown trout fisheries by IFI before it's too late.</p> <p>Invasive pike need to be controlled appropriately or these lakes will turn into the small lakes dotted around the country that were once full of trout and are now full of pike.</p> <p>Please protect our native fish.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.319	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law in relation to the subject of this email.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.320	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.321	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to set the bag limit at two trout per angler per day on Lough Arrow and to increase the minimum length of trout taken from twelve inches to fourteen inches.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.322	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow, as this is not the problem.</p> <p>However pike and pollution are the main threat to trout.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.323	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law in relation to the subject of this email.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.324	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye-law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.325	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>object to the reduction of the 4 trout limit and 14" increase in size limit as part of the Sligo district Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (incl the Unshin River) Bye law</p> <p>- The key measure to protect the native trout needs to be the removal of nvasive species. Examples available online where this has worked include -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sea Lamprey Control in the Great Lakes:** A combination of lampricides, barriers, and traps reduced lamprey populations by over 90%. 2. Asian Carp Management in the Mississippi River Basin:** Electric barriers, netting, and public awareness campaigns. 3. Zander Eradication in Scotland:** Targeted gill netting successfully removed invasive zander populations from specific lakes. <p>- An appropriate impact assessment backed up with data should accompany any proposal</p> <p>- A commercial licences for invasive species should be permitted. As simple question online gives you the following –</p> <p>### **Key Examples of Commercial Licenses for Invasive Species Control**</p> <p>### **1. United States**</p> <p>#### **Asian Carp Control (Mississippi and Illinois River Basins)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Bighead carp, silver carp, black carp, and grass carp. - **Method:** Commercial fishing licenses are issued to professional fishers to harvest Asian carp. - **Purpose:** Reduce their population density to limit their spread to the Great Lakes and other freshwater systems. - **Outcome:** Programs have resulted in the removal of millions of pounds of carp annually, and the fish are processed for animal feed, fertilizer, and even human consumption. - **Example States:** - **Illinois:** Commercial fishing programs along the Illinois River. - **Kentucky:** Offers financial incentives alongside licenses to encourage fishers to target carp. <p>### **2. Australia**</p> <p>#### **Tilapia Harvesting (Queensland and Western Australia)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Mozambique tilapia (<i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i>) and other tilapia species. - **Method:** Licensed fishers are allowed to harvest tilapia from certain waterways where they have become invasive. - **Purpose:** To reduce competition with native fish species and minimize ecological damage. - **Outcome:** Commercial tilapia harvest supports local industries while reducing population pressures on native ecosystems. <p>### **3. Europe**</p> <p>#### **Wels Catfish Control (Germany and France)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Wels catfish (<i>Silurus glanis</i>), an invasive predator in certain European waterways. - **Method:** Commercial licenses are granted to fishers to catch and remove Wels catfish, particularly from regions where they threaten native species like trout and smaller endemic fish. - **Purpose:** Contain the population and limit ecological disruption. - **Outcome:** Populations are kept in check in localized areas where fishing is prevalent. 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
		as above	<p>### **4. Africa**</p> <p>#### **Nile Perch Harvesting (Lake Victoria)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Nile perch (<i>Lates niloticus</i>), introduced in the mid-20th century. - **Method:** Commercial fishing permits allow removal of Nile perch, which has caused dramatic declines in native cichlid populations. - **Purpose:** Control its population while supporting the local fishing industry. - **Outcome:** Despite overfishing concerns, these programs help mitigate ecological damage while providing an economic resource. <p>### **5. Canada**</p> <p>#### **Smallmouth Bass and Chain Pickerel Control (Nova Scotia)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Smallmouth bass and chain pickerel. - **Method:** Licensed anglers and commercial fishers are allowed to harvest these species in areas where they threaten native species, such as trout. - **Purpose:** Protect vulnerable ecosystems in freshwater lakes and rivers. - **Outcome:** While not fully eradicating the species, controlled fishing helps reduce their impact on native fish populations. <p>### **6. New Zealand**</p> <p>#### **Koi Carp Harvesting**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Species Targeted:** Koi carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>). - **Method:** Commercial licenses are granted to fishers to catch and process koi carp, typically for use as fertilizers or pet food. - **Purpose:** Minimize habitat degradation caused by their feeding habits, which disturb sediment and harm water quality. - **Outcome:** Koi carp populations are significantly reduced in targeted areas, improving water quality and native species' habitats. <p>### **Benefits of Commercial Licensing for Invasive Species Control**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **Economic Incentives:** Creates market-driven solutions to control invasive populations. - **Localized Impact:** Effective in reducing populations in heavily impacted areas. - **Dual Purpose:** Provides economic opportunities while addressing ecological challenges. 				
SD.LA.PC.326	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I have reviewed the information provided within the consultation exercise. I can confirm I fully support all the proposed changes detailed within this consultation exercise.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.327	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Regarding the Sligo district Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (incl the Unshin River) Bye law, I object to the reduction of the 4 trout limit and increase in size limit</p> <p>Predation control of invasive species needs to be the key method of protecting salmonoid fish stock, not a reduction in angling.</p> <p>Local Trout anglers are very important to the long term protection of the lake, as their interest aligns with the protection of the trout. By lowering the bag size AGAIN, less trout anglers will participate, Lough Arrow will turn into another course only lake</p> <p>Where is evidence to back this proposal? Without scientific evidence, what is the justification for making the change?</p> <p>An appropriate impact assessment backed up with data should accompany any proposal</p> <p>A commercial licence for invasive species should be considered. I can buy dried European caught Roach on the shelf in Ireland, why not be able to see pike in the local fish monger?</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.328	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.329	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to formally submit my formal objections regarding the proposed Bye Law, concerning the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow, including the Unshin River.</p> <p>Lough Arrow is designated as one of the seven lakes to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. Implementing a Bye Law of this nature undermines the objectives outlined in the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which aims to balance the conservation and recreational value of our fisheries.</p> <p>I strongly object to the proposed reduction of the trout bag limit from four to two fish and the increase of the minimum size limit to 14 inches. These changes may not only restrict angling opportunities but can potentially lead to further limitations in the future.</p> <p>The assertion that reducing the bag limit will significantly improve trout stocks is not substantiated by evidence. Research, such as the findings of O'Grady (2003), indicates that rod and line pressure does not have a proven impact on trout stock levels.</p> <p>I believe that the best approach to improving trout stocks lies in effective predation control, particularly with respect to pike populations. Methods such as gill netting and electrofishing should be employed, in addition to controlling perch populations that threaten salmonid species through competition and predation.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the stakeholders involved to strongly reconsider the proposed regulations. The fishing community, alongside conservation efforts, should collaboratively seek solutions that genuinely benefit the ecology of Lough Arrow and the Anglers that enjoy its beauty.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.330	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to submit my formal objections regarding the proposed Bye Law, concerning the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow, including the Unshin River.</p> <p>Lough Arrow is designated as one of the seven lakes to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. Implementing a Bye Law of this nature undermines the objectives outlined in the Western Lakes Management Plan of 2023, which aims to balance the conservation and recreational value of our fisheries.</p> <p>I strongly object to the proposed reduction of the trout bag limit from four to two fish and the increase of the minimum size limit to 14 inches. These changes may not only restrict angling opportunities but can potentially lead to further limitations in the future.</p> <p>The assertion that reducing the bag limit will significantly improve trout stocks is not substantiated by evidence. Research, such as the findings of O'Grady (2003), indicates that rod and line pressure does not have a proven impact on trout stock levels.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the stakeholders involved to strongly reconsider the proposed regulations. The fishing community, alongside conservation efforts, should collaboratively seek solutions that genuinely benefit the ecology of Lough Arrow and the Anglers that enjoy its beauty.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.331	Butlersbridge Trout Anglers Club	In favour of the draft bye-law	On behalf of Butlersbridge Trout Anglers Club I wish to support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.332	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>As a regular angler of the wild trout lakes of Ireland I would like to offer my full support to the proposed bye law which recommends a reduction in the bag limit of Lough Arrow from 4 to 2 fish per day.</p> <p>I believe that an angler should be allowed to keep a fish for the table if a lake can sustain this, however I think in Lough Arrows case the fishing has diminished in recent years to a point whereby a concentrated effort must be made to increase trout stocks.</p> <p>This would be helped by reducing the bag limit from 4 to 2.</p> <p>The proposed byelaw along with the stream rehab work proposed by the local club can only have a positive impact on wild trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.333	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.334	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I, [REDACTED] wish to object to the proposed reduction to the bag limit from four to two trout on Lough Arrow. In his 2002 report, Martin O' Grady made three recommendations on how to conserve trout numbers on Lough Arrow. All three were pike control measures. In 2025 this still remains the case. Control the pike and the Trout numbers will increase and trout will flourish.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.335	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to express my support for the proposed bye law relating to reduction of bag limit from 4 trout to 2 trout and increase in size limit from 12 inches to 14 inches for Lough Arrow, including the Unshin river.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.336	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to the proposed reduction in bag limits from 4 to 2 trout.</p> <p>In Martin O'Grady's report (2002) he stated to keep trout numbers improving in Lough Arrow, his three recommendations were all pike control measures. Trout are great survivors given a chance.</p> <p>Curb the pike, help the trout.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.337	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the bye law Xxx, 2024/25 for Lough Arrow and the Unshin River.</p> <p>The angler is not the problem here and the angler should not accept any blame for declining trout stocks in Lough Arrow, and indeed in any of the great Western Lakes.</p> <p>Invasive pike need to be controlled appropriately or these lakes will turn into the hundreds of small lakes dotted around the country that were once full of trout and are now full of pike.</p> <p>These lakes need to be appropriately managed as Wild brown trout fisheries by IFI before it's too late.</p> <p>I repeat , rod and line is not the problem.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.338	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I want to disagree with this by law .</p> <p>I don't think it will do anything worthwhile to improve the fish stocks on lough Arrow as so many people don't even catch 4 trout a day let alone kill 4 trout a day . I'm on the lake a lot and it's very very rare to see a boat with 3 or 4 trout in it , in fact I can't remember when .</p> <p>This is masking the real bigger problem of eutrophication/ pollution which is getting worse year on year nationwide and also on lough Arrow , this is evident in the poor and sporadic hatches of green Peter for example which are drowned out on the bottom of the lake with a layer of green algae snot like substance all summer . There is slurry spread right beside the lake every year .</p> <p>As lakes move towards catch and release it also plays into the hands of the anti fishing/shooting brigade as it's seen as pure pleasure then in my opinion</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.339	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I, [REDACTED] wish to object to the proposed reduction in bag limits from 4 to 2 trout.</p> <p>I believe there were recommendations made already in 2002. They were all pike control measures. Trout are great survivors given a chance. Rod and line fishing will have little or no effect on overall trout numbers. Anglers cannot be blamed for reduction in trout numbers.</p> <p>It is imperative that the pike are controlled.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.340	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the proposed new by-law</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.341	Braithreacht Na Coiribe Angling Club	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>On behalf of all the members of Braithreacht Na Coiribe Angling Club we want to object to all parts of the proposed new bye law for the conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow as there is no scientific evidence to prove that rod and line angling has any effect on trout stocks in lough Arrow.</p> <p>From reading Inland fisheries Ireland's own report "A Fish Stock Assessment of Lough Arrow, 2002" written by M. O'Grady PhD. K. Delanty MSc. the real issue on Lough Arrow is the predation of trout by nonnative pike. The only way to help the trout stocks in lough Arrow is the removal of bye laws 806/809 which protect invasive species on lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.342	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to all parts of the proposed new bye law for the conservation of trout on Lough Arrow as there is a lack of scientific evidence to prove rod and line angling has any effect on trout stocks. The failure to address the issue of predation by pike is the real issue and the removal of bye laws 806 & 809 appears to be the only way to save the native wild brown trout of Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.343	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed bye law for the following reasons.</p> <p>Lough Arrow, as one of the 7 western lakes designated as a primary trout fishery needs to be managed as such and not in isolation. This individual bye law will undermine the western lakes plan of 2023, which needs to be bolstered.</p> <p>Rod caught trout have not been shown to impact on trout numbers.</p> <p>The plan of managing these 7 western lakes and their river tributaries as trout fisheries through preferential culling of predatory species needs to be promoted as the main method of supporting trout fishery numbers. Gill netting and electrofishing of pike and controlling perch numbers needs to remain as the main focus.</p> <p>Any bye law that dilutes the priority and impact of these methods needs to be resisted. Otherwise the trout fisheries purely become a food source for predatory non native species in the western salmonid (predominantly trout) lakes.</p> <p>Predation control , alongside water quality and habitat preservation need to remain the focus of all efforts to protect the trout populations on these designated trout fisheries.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.344	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I Support the new bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.345	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I am writing to express my objection to the proposed Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow Bye Law No. XXX, 2024/25. I believe the proposed bylaw raises significant concerns that need to be addressed before any changes are implemented.</p> <p>Acknowledgment of the Proposal I understand that the proposed bylaw aims to conserve trout stocks in Lough Arrow, which is one of Ireland's premier trout fisheries. While I appreciate the intention to protect this valuable resource, I have serious concerns regarding the scientific basis and potential implications of this proposal.</p> <p>Objections to the Proposed Bylaw Conflict with the Western Lakes Plan (2023). Lough Arrow is one of seven lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery under the Western Lakes Plan of 2023. Introducing a bylaw of this nature undermines the commitments and management objectives outlined in that plan. Any measures that deviate from this strategy risk weakening the overall framework for trout conservation in Ireland's western lakes.</p> <p>Lack of Appropriate Scientific Assessments There is no evidence that an appropriate assessment screening or a Natura Impact Assessment has been conducted for this proposal. Given that Lough Arrow and its surrounding areas may include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), any actions or bylaws that could affect these habitats must be accompanied by comprehensive assessments. This transparency is essential to ensure that any proposed actions are scientifically sound and legally compliant.</p> <p>Insufficient Evidence Supporting the Measures Research, such as O'Grady (2003), indicates that rod-and-line pressure does not significantly impact trout stocks. Without evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of such measures, it is difficult to justify the introduction of this bylaw.</p> <p>Focus Should Be on Predation Control The most effective way to improve trout stocks is through active predation control, particularly targeting species such as pike and perch that directly threaten salmonid populations through predation and competition. Methods such as gill netting and electrofishing should be employed to manage predator populations effectively, which would have a far greater positive impact on trout conservation.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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		as above	<p>Addressing Water Quality Issues</p> <p>Another critical factor impacting salmonid populations, including trout, is water quality. Poor water quality, caused by issues such as agricultural runoff, untreated wastewater, and habitat degradation, can have severe consequences for the health of trout stocks. Efforts to improve water quality in Lough Arrow and the Unshin River catchment should be prioritized, as this will create a healthier ecosystem and enhance the resilience of salmonid populations. Addressing these issues would align with broader environmental and conservation goals.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct and publish a Natura Impact Assessment or appropriate assessment screening to ensure transparency and scientific validity. • Reconsider the bylaw and align any proposed measures with the objectives of the Western Lakes Plan (2023). • Prioritize targeted predation control methods to enhance trout stocks, focusing on pike and perch populations in Lough Arrow. • Implement strategies to address water quality issues, including improving agricultural practices, upgrading wastewater treatment infrastructure, and restoring riparian habitats to reduce pollution and improve aquatic ecosystems. <p>Conclusion</p> <p>In summary, while I support the conservation of trout stocks in principle, I strongly object to the proposed bylaw as currently outlined. I urge Inland Fisheries Ireland to revisit this proposal with a stronger scientific basis, transparent assessments, and alignment with the broader objectives of the Western Lakes Plan. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this consultation and am willing to provide further input if needed.</p>				
SD.LA.PC.346	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I'm in full support of Inland Fisheries Ireland seeking submissions in relation to the proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.347	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the attached bylaw for conservation limit on lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.348	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I'm in full support of Inland Fisheries Ireland seeking submissions in relation to the proposal to (a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.349	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to this draft bye law, very clearly your blaming the trout anglers, and not invasive pike for eating trout. Inland Fisheries Ireland know what's in pike stomachs, it's trout.. fact. Where the legal documents for screenings to give the scientific evidence to for us to read? Inland Fisheries Ireland are breaking the law and well you know it.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.350	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to support the proposed bye law to reduce the daily bag limit of brown trout on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.351	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I do not agree with the above proposal for the following reasons... 1. Where is the science? Where are the stock density assessments? Where are the annual assessments? 2. Where are the pike predation numbers? How many pike are there in Lough Arrow? Where are results on pike control? 3. You state that a local club approached IFI. Who pushed this agenda? Is this business motivated? 4. If my club asked for derogations on the current legislation, would IFI oblige? This is a ridiculous approach to SAC management.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.352	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I do not agree with drafted by law. Sort out pollution, eutrophication first. It s a long time since I caught 4 trouts on Lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.353	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to register my support of the bye law as proposed in the interest of preserving the wild stock in Lough Arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.354	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	This proposal is very dissatisfying. Does this mean that IFI have failed to protect the trout on Lough Arrow? It certainly seems so... If IFI hadn't failed, this wouldn't be required. I object to this and will continue to object to this while IFI fail in their remit.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.355	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed bye law to reduce the bag limit for trout on Lough Arrow from 4 to 2. Yet again, trout anglers are being scapegoated for the failures of the many organisations who have either full responsibility (IFI) or a major role to play (OPW, Uisce Eireann, Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, etc) in protecting and improving trout stocks in our 7 designated wild trout fisheries. We have seen the failure of reduced bag limits and 100% C&R in trying to save the sea trout populations in the once prolific connemara sea trout lakes.</p> <p>Rather than focusing on mandatory bag limits (and all the resources required to implement them), I propose that the IFI concentrate on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spawning habitat restoration - the biggest negative changes in the last 30/40 years is to be seen in the destruction of once pristine spawning streams. In some cases, entire streams are now totally incapable of hosting spawning fish and in most, fish that are looking to spawn are competing for a very small no. of suitable redds. This is the single biggest game changer and if we had miles more suitable spawning streams, we wouldn't even have to consider bag limits - which was the case one time. • predation control - there are 3 main predators who need either control or elimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o mananants who take conservatively 1.5lb of fish per day need to be controlled especially as they are now to be found far inland on the smaller rivers, streams predating on spawning fish and returning fingerlings o minck (invasive species) need to be eliminated for the damage they do to all wildlife....where is this plan from the govt agencies? o pike need to be controlled and special focus on streams where they are now found more and more due to weed growth & silting. Ironically as streams have become more unsuitable for trout to spawn they have become suitable for pike and this must be reversed. <p>I would ask that the IFI look to address trout populations by actions 'on the ground' outlined above and once again reiterate my objection to bag limit reductions which in isolation will not make the required difference in the long term,</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.356	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.357	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>██████████ wish to register my objection to any changes to bag limits on Lough Arrow. Pike are fish that if given free rein will wipe out the trout population of any lake no matter how big or small. Pike need to be controlled through gill netting and electro fishing, control the pike and no bag limits are needed.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.358	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.359	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I do not agree with reducing the bag limit from 4 to 2. It will have no impact on the lake as almost nobody is catching not alone keeping 4 fish. This is the first step towards compulsory catch and release which I think is wrong. It would be better to put more resources into the far bigger issues like eutrophication/pollution</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.360	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>My Name is [REDACTED] and i want to make the following points: I was in the B&B business for many years and half of my guests were visiting anglers coming to fish on the Corrib. Therefore: No.1 - I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25 2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023. 3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on. 3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). 4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation 5. Most fishermen would not fish for more than 70 days in the angling year at an average of 8 hours per day.. Compare this with trout predators who can pounce on trout 24 hours a day for 365 days a year. Therefore how in God's name can you come to the conclusion that rod & line has a more detrimental effect on the reduction of trout stocks ??????? If this reduction in catch is implemented the visiting anglers will not come to our Lakes and Rivers. Throw our angling tourism a buoy and leave the daily individual trout catch at 4.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.361	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.362	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Having read the proposal of new bye law for lough Arrow & Unchin river I am totally convinced that this is not the correct action to protect the Trout stocks of Lough Arrow. The Trout stocks would be better protected by concentrating on the plague of invasive species,pike, Roach etc that have infested the lough in recent years. Seemingly as their is no concentrated action by I.F.I. on this serious matter i will be totally opposing the formation of a new bye law Very concerned angler</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.363	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed by law, seems entirely reasonable as a conservation measure in this day and age.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.364	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>To Whom it concerns, I wish to confirm the following: 1) Object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25 2) Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023. 3) Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on. 4) Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). 5) The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.365	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the change. Public consultation ~Sligo district conservation of trout on Lough Arrow (including the river Inchon)	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.366	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Please note, I support the proposed bye law in relation to Lough Arrow and the Unshin River	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.367	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p> <p>5. Predation surely has a bigger effect in reducing trout stocks than any angler; after all, our anglers are restricted to 32 weeks of fishing in any calendar year whereas the predators can operate unrestricted day & night for 52 weeks.</p> <p>To me it looks like you want to kill off Angling Tourism on which many people in my area depend: PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS !</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.368	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>This proposal is absolutely ridiculous. This will achieve nothing. Catch and Release is just a nice idea... the science behind it proves that it is not very successful. The released fish looks great in a picture swimming away... but the truth is that huge numbers die soon after, others suffer slow deaths and other weakened fish are quickly preyed upon by pike.</p> <p>I don't agree with the timing of this proposal i.e. between governments.</p> <p>This reeks of business influences and IFI attempting to impose their mantras on the public.</p> <p>Obviously, I object to this.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.369	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I fully support the proposed Bye Law, and the vision underpinning this whole approach,</p> <p>This proactive approach to Conservation is definitely the way forward,</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.370	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to this proposed Conservation trout bag limit from four trout down to two trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin river.</p> <p>The current protection of non native fish species on Lough Arrow is a contradiction to this proposed conservation bye law.</p> <p>There is no evidence to show angling by rod and line has an impact on trout stocks on Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.371	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to this draft bye law. This does not meet the legal requirements under the European habitat directive legislation and the Irish legislation that effects the Special Area of Conservation that is Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.372	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I support the new proposed bylaws for Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.373	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>I would like to add my support to the proposed bye law to</p> <p>a) reduce the daily bag limit of four brown trout to two brown trout on Lough Arrow and the Unshin River and (b) increase the current size limit for the taking of brown trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.374	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the the bye law conservation of Lough and Unshin River Sligo District . As I believe with Lough Arrow been one of the 7 designated lakes . A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023 . And such measure will not improve the trout stocks as rod and line are not proven to have an effect on stocks (O'Grady 2003) .And I believe the best way to improve stocks is to continue and increase predation control particularly of pike , using gill netting and electro fishing</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.375	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	<p>Re IFI proposal to put in place a separate new Bye-law for Lough Arrow including the Unshin River in relation to bag limits and the new Bye-law will also provide for an increase in size limit.</p> <p>As a keen trout angler, I wish to voice my support for this proposal</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.376	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to submit my objection to the two trout limit on Lough Arrow. What is the scientific reasoning for this and what surveys have been carried out.in this Sac. Maybe pike might be a better species to look at . Proper management of this and many other lakes would be more advantageous.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.377	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would to strongly object to the proposed bio. This is not fisheries management as I understand it things need to be done differently more consultation with the public needed	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.378	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I write in support of the draft bye law for the Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow. Having fished Lough Sheelin for the last 35 years, the fishery is now reaping the rewards from various conservation measures including a smaller bag limit and catch and release etc.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.379	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	Are we headed closer to the “Nanny State”? Are we saving trout for local businesses? Do they now get priority over traditional anglers? This is a disgraceful development. It has no merit. It is just an attempt at legitimising the IFI mantra of Catch and Release. C&R has failed in England. It is just a sales pitch. Why don't IFI come clean and inform anglers about how poorly C&R actually performs? It looks great but the statistics tell us something else. Who do you think that you are fooling? Apart from Minister Eamon Ryan!!!! Can you please get the management of Lough Arrow right and stop prevaricating.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.380	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to support the proposed bylaws to change the bag limit and fish size for lough arrow and the river	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.381	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I disagree with the by law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.382	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the proposed draft Bye-Law for lough Arrow and the Unshin River to reduce the daily trout bag limit from four trout down to two. Lough Arrow is an ,(SAC) The Department of Environment are protecting non native invasive pike and non native invasive Coarse fish, The protecting Bye-Laws for these non native fish are supported by inland fisheries ireland. The proposed western lakes plan 2023 classify these fish as non native and effecting the ecology of the native salmonids. Inland Fisheries Ireland must intensively increase their pike management programme on lough Arrow. By bringing the daily trout bag limit from four down to Two is not a conservation tool,it will only mean that inland fisheries ireland will do less pike management.. This is not what the late Dr Martin O Grady (I.F.I.) advised for lough Arrow in his 2002 report. Angling for Trout on lough Arrow or any of the western lakes with rod and line has no effect on trout stocks. Catch and release is a personal choice for all Anglers and can be done on a voluntary basis..	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.383	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to object to the proposed bylaw in its entirety. This SAC should be protected by proper management.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.384	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I object to the the bye law conservation of lough and Unshin river Sligo district . As I believe with lough Arrow been one of the 7 designated lakes . A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023 . And such measure will not improve the trout stocks as rod and line are not proven to have a effect on stocks (o Grady 2003) .And I believe the best way to improve stocks is to continue and increase predation control particularly of pike , using hill netting and electro fishing	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.385	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to strongly object to the proposed bye – law 24/25 regarding Lough Arrow and the conservation measures advocated for it and the Unshin River.</p> <p>What scientific evidence have you that the proposal suggested, 2 bag limit and a 14 inch size limit, will have an impact on the trout population? Are there any verified scientific data papers available to support the proposed bye – law?. To my knowledge there are none. Has an appropriate assessment been carried out?</p> <p>These proposals are not consistent with the objectives of the Western Lakes Management Plan 2023 and Lough Arrow is one of the seven designated lakes.</p> <p>Conservation is a holistic approach. It involves protection and development, in this case, of the spawning areas and its habitats. It involves proper control of all predators and in this instant pike and perch so the young have a proper protected habitat in order to make it to the lake. It involves pollution control and water quality. It involves the enforcement of legislation in these areas.</p> <p>In order to achieve these goals there is an urgent need for a totally new and radical approach as to how our fisheries are being managed. Unless decisive action is taken there is no future for our lakes and rivers. Most have been destroyed already and we are fast approaching the point of no return. I urge you to reconsider.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.386	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish it to be recorded that I object to the above proposed legislation.</p> <p>There has been no appropriate assessment carried out to support this proposal. It is essential, and only logical, that proposed management measures are backed up by good transparent and publically available science. IFI have failed in this regard.</p> <p>Until pike are controlled in a meaningful way the proposed measures are of zero consequence.</p> <p>There is a strong suspicion that IFI are ignoring traditional trout angling rights and are favouring commercial interests.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.387	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the above for the following reasons:</p> <p>a. The lake is full of pike and IFI are not doing their job in removing them.</p> <p>b. IFI and the DECC are trying to remove our traditional trout angling rights for years. It's a rod license by the back door.</p> <p>c. There is no scientific evidence that the trout stocks on Lake Arrow are down because of rod and line pressure.</p> <p>d. I don't want people who are motivated by business to dictate to my rights. Just because anglers don't get involved in these processes doesn't mean that their rights should be taken away.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.388	Commercial Boat Club	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>We at the Commercial Boat Club would like to register our comments below as part of the Public Consultation - Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25 2. Lough arrow is one of seven lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. The introduction of a bye law like this would undermine the western lakes plan of 2023. 3. Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes / actions are based on. Currently there is no evidence of such an appropriate assessment in this regard. 4. The introduction of a reduced bag limit will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). 5. It is our belief that the best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly of pike , using gill netting, electrofishing etc. The control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition is also very important. 	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.389	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River)</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A by law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft by laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.390	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I would like to support motion to introduce the bylaw of lough Arrow fishing club	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.391	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.392	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BYE LAW.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.393	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.394	Galway & Corrib Anglers Association	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I wish to object to this byelaw for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no factual evidence to support that rod and line trout catches have significant impacts on the total trout population. Without the appropriate environmental assessment I believe it is wrong to introduce these measures without the supporting data. It is wrong to assume that anglers through their passion contribute a significant impact on trout stocks. 2. High trophic status species such as salmon, sea trout and brown trout require effective management to protect their habitats and maintain their priority in designated salmonid waters. Evaluation and control of spawning streams, predators and pollution is the key to ensure the conservation of these species. There are numerous examples of trout lakes throughout Ireland where no management was introduced and in the space of 30 - 40 years trout have been completely replaced by pike and coarse fish. <p>I believe introducing unevaluated measures in a system which is not being currently managed with the necessary resources available is undermining the habitat and the local population associated with it. I would hope stakeholders reconsider the proposed bye law and that an evaluated solution is found to ensure the conservation of Lough Arrow and the Unshin River trout population as a whole.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.395	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the proposed Sligo District of the IFI - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25 Lough arrow is one of only 7 lakes within the country designated to be managed primarily as a trout / salmonid fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>There has been no appropriate assessment screening / natura impact assessment. Bye Laws that affect special area of conservation (SACs) should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and / or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes / actions are based on. The merits of such a proposal is in question without this.</p> <p>The reduction of trout bag / catch limits will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have any effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003). Indeed the number of rod and line fishers around the country are declining year by year in line with tourism numbers, and the effect of rod and line fishing on trout stocks is minimal.</p> <p>The largest problem with trout stocks is pollution, loss of spawning grounds, and increased predation by pike. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, such as using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition. Investment in resources and money into improving and protecting spawning streams is also necessary and continued actions against polluters such as Coillte, farmers and Irish Water. There has been little or no action from the IFI in these areas with focus more so being on introduction of bye laws such as these that are punitive and restrictive on traditional anglers whom catch few and far between fish.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.396	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I want to object to the proposed Sligo district conservation of trout on lough Arrow bye law.</p> <p>Is there any scientific evidence that reducing the rod catch on a fishery results in increased stock levels ?</p> <p>There has been a ban on killing sea trout in the Connemara district for over 20 years have the stocks improved?</p> <p>Artic char have disappeared from a number of lakes in the last number of years were they fished out?</p> <p>In my opinion inland fisheries need to get back to the basics of fishery development, water quality, stream development, control of invasive species, a proper stock management programme.If you don't no amount of unnecessary bye laws will save our fisheries.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.397	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law"	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.398	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow. I also object to any further changes to bye laws regarding the harvesting of trout. The best way to deal with low trout stocks is predator control in my opinion.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.399	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1. I object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2. Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3. Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>3. Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>4. The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.400	Ballindiff Bay Angling Club	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>We totally object to this proposed draft Bye-Law for lough Arrow and the Unshin River to reduce the daily trout bag limit from four down to Two Trout.</p> <p>No supporting documents or Environmental impact assessment statements to explain to the public why the Department of Environment and inland Fisheries want to introduce such a Bye-Law on an SAC.</p> <p>The public are entitled to scientific evidence why a conservation tool is been rolled out on an SAC like lough Arrow. Angling has no impact on trout stocks.</p> <p>Their should be a huge effort to support the trout Angling clubs on lough Arrow by inland Fisheries Ireland by having an intensive pike management programme on lough Arrow.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.401	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I strongly object to the proposed new bye law for the conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow, this objection includes the reduction in the bag limit from 4 to 2 brown trout + the increase in the size limit for brown trout as there is no scientific evidence to prove that rod and line angling has any effect on trout stocks in lough Arrow. The real issue that needs to be tackled is the lack of predator control on lough Arrow and bye laws 806/809 need to be removed as they protect invasive species on lough Arrow that are predated on the trout all year round.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.402	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Please accept my submission to the proposed draft bye-law for Lough Arrow to reduce the trout bag limit from four down to two.</p> <p>I totally object to this proposed conservation bye-law.</p> <p>Please address the non-native fish species on Lough Arrow. They are affecting the ecology of Lough Arrow (SAC).</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.403	N/A	Not specified	<p>I note a public consultation currently underway regarding the proposed introduction of a bye-law preventing the taking of more than 2 brown trout from the waters of Lough Arrow and the River Unshin.</p> <p>In researching the evidence for the introduction of the proposed new bye-laws, I note that Inland Fisheries Ireland National Brown Trout Programme claims that the Brown Trout "are widespread geographically and are found in every catchment around the country" and that "Many of the larger lakes support excellent populations of brown trout." The website for the Programme claims that developments in brown trout research at Inland Fisheries Ireland include stock assessments of large lakes. Would it be possible to get the most recent data on the assessment of the brown trout stock at Lough Arrow?</p> <p>The Water Framework Directive Fish Stock Survey of Lough Arrow in July 2012 claimed that "Lough Arrow is an important game fishery with good stocks of brown trout" noting that although "the mean brown trout CPUE and BPUE appeared slightly lower in 2012 than in 2009, these differences were not statistically significant" and recognising that "mean brown trout CPUE and BPUE for Lough Arrow was not significantly different from the other similar lakes surveyed."</p> <p>Similarly, the Fish Stock Survey of Lough Arrow, August 2018 didn't present any conclusion that indicated decline in the stock level of the Brown Trout on Lough Arrow. Can I also ask for a copy of the AA relative to the introduction of the bye-law.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.404	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I'd like to submit my objection to the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow. What impact will this have on the western lakes plan? There is no appropriate assessment or natura impact statement with this bye law. Why is this when this is a special area of conservation? Fishing pressure has never been proven as a significant impact on overall trout stocks. In conclusion environmental solutions should be found to benefit the ecology of Lough Arrow and Unshin river.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.405	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Bye Law for Lough Arrow in its entirety. I strongly object to any further changes to Bye Laws regarding the harvesting of trout. Every angler knows the best way to deal with low trout stock is predator control. I can't understand why Inland Fisheries Ireland won't put in a greater effort to control predator no native species in our Salmonid lakes and rivers	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.406	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.407	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to support the proposed bye law for Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.408	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I wish to express my support for the proposed new by law for Lough Arrow and Unshin river for the reduced bag limit, increased size and rod number for trolling. I would also encourage a further by law to restrict all fishing to single hook usage to protect the trout on all wild brown trout fisheries in Ireland if we truly want to protect them .	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.409	Secretary Glencorrib Cross Anglers Association	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposal to reduce the daily bag limit to two brown trout on lough Arrow and the river unshin. I support the proposal to increase the current size for the taking of Brown Trout from 12 inches to 14 inches on Lough Arrow.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.410	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish it to be recorded that I object to the above proposed legislation. Until pike are controlled in a meaningful way the proposed measures will have no impact. There has been no appropriate assessment carried out to support this proposal. It is essential, and only logical, that proposed management measures are backed up by good transparent and publically available science. IFI have failed in this regard. Until pike are controlled in a meaningful way the proposed measures are of zero consequence. There is a strong suspicion that IFI are ignoring traditional trout angling rights and are favouring commercial interests.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.411	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I strongly OBJECT to this ILLEGAL draft bye law. You are breaking the law and WELL you know it as the statutory body to protect our SAC's. I am a Law Abiding Citizen and your asking me to Break the law with the IFI with this draft bye law. Where's your supporting relevant scientific data, plus documents that's required for an SAC which is under the protection of the European habbitat directive legislation and the irish legislation?.. Well where is it tell me and show me.? This is a crime that you are promoting your breaking the law. Well as the present Chairman of the inland fisheries ireland Board Professor Mr Tom Collins told you all in last year. Quote " I'm realy struggling to see the purpose of IFI." unquote.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.412	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>1) Object to the proposed Sligo District- Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (Inc the Unshin River) Bye Law no. Xxx, 2024/25</p> <p>2) Lough arrow is one of 7 lakes designated to be managed primarily as a trout fishery. A bye law like this undermines the western lakes plan of 2023.</p> <p>3) Where is the appropriate assessment screening/ natura impact assessment? Any draft bye laws which could affect a special area of conservation should be accompanied by appropriate assessment screening and/or a natura impact assessment so that the public can see the scientific evidence the proposed changes/ actions are based on.</p> <p>4) Such measures will not improve trout stocks as rod and line pressure are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks (O'Grady 2003).</p> <p>5) The best way to improve trout stocks is to exercise and increase predation control, particularly by pike, using gill netting, electrofishing etc. and to control perch which threaten salmonids through direct predation and competition.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.413	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	I support the proposed bye law for lough arrow	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.414	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I hereby object to the above proposed measures for the following reasons:</p> <p>IFI have failed miserably and are not controlling pike in the system. There is little point in these proposed measures without a comprehensive effort to limit the trout taken by this predator.</p> <p>There is no scientific evidence that anglers are having any effect on the numbers of trout in the system.</p> <p>Anglers have traditional rights - licencing through the back door is unacceptable</p> <p>IFI have not produced any scientific evidence that an increase in catch and release will enhance trout stocks.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.415	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>██</p> <p>Object to the proposed Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on lough Arrow Inc the Unshin river Bye Law 2024/2025, this plan undermines the Western lake plan of 2023.</p> <p>The proposed plan will not improve trout stocks as rod and line are not proven to have an effect on trout stocks as (O Grady 2003).</p> <p>The best way to increase the trout stock is to decrease / control the pike population.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.416	Ballindiff Bay Angling Club	Object to the draft bye-law	I oppose this bye law as there is no science to support these measures	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.417	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I do not agree with these measures as they are completely pointless when IFI do no pike management.	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.418	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I wish to OBJECT to the proposed by law bag limit for Lough arrow . Pike are doing alot of damage to the lakes. Fishing with rod and line never damaged stocks in the lakes. More control on pike and course fish will improve stocks .	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.419	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I object to the above proposed bye law Xxx, 2024/25.</p> <p>The angler is not the problem here and the angler should not accept any blame for declining trout stocks in L Arrow, and indeed in the great Western Lakes.</p> <p>These lakes need to be appropriately managed as Wild brown trout fisheries by IFI before it's too late.</p> <p>Invasive pike need to be controlled appropriately or these lake will turn into the small lakes dotted around the country that were once full of trout and are now full of pike.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.420	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I would like to register my objection to the proposed by law on lough arrow. I don't believe this is an effective conservation method and oppose	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.421	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	I want to express my objection to the by laws on lough arrow. In my opinion I think it's not effective	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.422	Lough Corrib Angling Federation	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>Our Federation totally objects to the proposed draft Bye-Law for Lough Arrow and the Unshin River to reduce the daily trout bag limit from four down to Two.</p> <p>Our Federation consists of Nine clubs with over a thousand members and we do not agree that this is a conservation tool for Trout stocks on Lough Arrow.</p> <p>We are very disappointed that inland fisheries Ireland have not submitted any supporting documents for people to understand what the consultation on the draft Bye-Law is about and also to produce scientific evidence to the public for the consultation process and also not producing any environmental impact statements .</p> <p>As Lough Arrow is an SAC an intense pike management programme should be in place to address the predation of native salmonids on the fishery. It should be managed properly.</p> <p>Brown Trout are not endangered but it is mind blowing for trout Anglers to see that non native pike and non native Coarse fish are protected by questionable Bye-Laws on an (SAC)</p> <p>The Department of Environment and their officials have unfairly put this public consultation out to the trout Angling communities which in our opinion seems to be deliberately designed to divide Anglers opinion...</p> <p>If Anglers wish to return trout it can be done voluntarily..</p> <p>Catch and release is a personal choice and should not be a rule on a wild fishery.</p> <p>Four Trout down to two will lead to one and will eventually lead to none, this is inland fisheries Irelands policy.. and that will mean Inland Fisheries will do less management of the fisheries.</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.423	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.424	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.425	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.426	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Yes	Lough Arrow	Sligo	12/1/25	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.427	N/A	Not specified		Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.428	N/A	Not specified		Lough Arrow	Sligo	13/1/2025	15/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.429	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p><i>To whom it concerns,</i></p> <p><i>My name is [redacted] and I have fished Lough Corra since the 1940s. During that time period when the Corrib System was being developed under T.A.M. I met directly with the late Mr. Martin D. Brady especially in relation to works to be carried out on Lough Corra. Martin's professional evaluation of the essential work which was required to develop Lough Corra as a premier trout fishery comprised two complementary elements; stream enhancement and pike removal. His advice was clear and to the point to the extent that he stated that any expenditure on stream enhancement works without the removal of the predator species, i.e. pike, on Lough Corra was a waste of money.</i></p> <p><i>Following the successful implementation of comprehensive upgrading works on the Corra Stream coupled with an extensive pike removal programme,</i></p> <p><i>I, like many within the trout angling fraternity regard the benefits with the excellent trout angling which followed. At that time I operated an angling center and had the privilege of guiding angling guests on one of Europe's remaining wild brown trout fisheries of significance where the fly fishing was excellent.</i></p> <p><i>It mystifies me why anyone would suggest that a bye-law on Lough Arrow which restricts the number of trout which can be taken to two per rod per day will in any way reduce the fortunes of this wonderful wild brown trout fishery. I would contend that the benefits gained by the late Mr. Martin D. Brady were most more applicable i.e. develop the spawning streams to their maximum potential and use every available means stated and proven to remove pike from Lough Arrow.</i></p> <p><i>In that context, I object to the proposed Sligo District - Conservation of Trout (Lough Arrow - (inc. the Unshin River) Bye Law.</i></p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025

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SD.LA.PC.430	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>To who it may concern I wish to inform you that I DO NOT agree with changing the current laws on Lough arrow & hope this will be taken into consideration</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.431	N/A	Object to the draft bye-law	<p>I do not agree with changing the current laws on Lough arrow</p>	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	14/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.432	Lough Corrib Pike Research & Control Group	Object to the draft bye-law	2 part document included - REFER TO APPENDIX 111	Lough Arrow	Sligo	14/1/2025	17/1/2025
SD.LA.PC.433	N/A	In favour of the draft bye-law	Public consultation-sligo district-conservation of trout on lough arrow and unshien river I support the above proposed by law	Lough Arrow	Sligo	6/1/25	23/1/2025