

Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association

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To: POLICYREVIEW  
Subject: Public Consultation Process - Management of Pike in Designated Wild Brown Trout Fisheries

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in response to the Public Consultation Process- Management of Pike in Designated Wild Brown Trout Fisheries.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association (ITFFA) wish to make the following points. The Ulster ITFFA represents all of the trout anglers in Ulster, north and south of the border.

There is clear scientific evidence that the removal of pike from wild trout waters is essential in order to maintain good trout angling.

There are only 12 remaining wild trout waters in Ireland. There are over 4000 coarse and pike lakes where pike angling can be carried out.

Lough Sheelin is one of the remaining wild trout fisheries in Ireland. The ITFFA use Lough Sheelin as one of its venues for holding competitions both national and international. The continuation of pike control is essential to maintaining good trout angling on Lough Sheelin. Lough Melvin one of our other venues in Ulster does not contain any pike.

It is essential that pike removal is continued on lough Sheelin using all methods available. It is also essential that all possible measures are taken to ensure that pike are not introduced into Lough Melvin. We are aware that pike have been introduced into other trout fisheries within Donegal and other areas of the Republic of Ireland.

Yours Sincerely

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Secretary  
Ulster ITFFA on behalf of the membership of ITFFA