

World Cup Trout Fly Competition Committee

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The following submission is on behalf of the World Cup Trout Fly Competition Committee, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo.

The 5 day annual Trout Fly Angling Festival takes place on Lough Mask each year since 1953 and has attracted over 800 competing anglers in the nineties and now has an annual entry of 450 to 500. Many are from Northern Ireland and despite an absence of marketing we have a good representation from the UK. It is the largest event of its kind in the country. That the competition has survived so long is proof of the drawing power of the Lough Mask wild brownies and a

tribute to those who work to support the existing wild trout stocks. The World Cup Committee are strongly supportive of the work over many years of the Inland Fisheries Trust, later the CFB, and now the IFI in the control and relocation of Pike numbers on the Lough. We can still claim to have the best wild brown fishing in this part of the country, and hope that with the ongoing work of the IFI in Predator control and other areas in support of our wild trout game fisheries that this claim will endure. We do not wish for or support any change of policy in this area.

Yours Sincerely

On behalf of all members of the organising committee.  
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