

Submission from

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To

Wild Salmon and sea trout Tagging scheme

(Ammended) Regulations 2026

Inland Fisheries section

Dept of Climate, Energy and the environment.

Leave all regulations as of last year.

Two decades of your efforts have failed to stem the decline in Salmon numbers. Further restrictions, by your own evidence, will do nothing more than remove this sport/Hobby with no improvement, less anglers taking part, and the commercial value of rivers devastated.

You will leave the river open solely to poachers.

In my previous submission I outlined the main and unrecognised problem (Confirmed by your own research) as being in our spawning streams, which effects not only fish numbers but also fly life on which they depend. If your board of Salmon Experts (and I.F.I itself) cannot recognise this problem, or in fact if they had not known of this problem to start with, and did nothing about it, then perhaps it is time to understand they may not in fact be experts.

I have spoken several IFI agents over the years and find they can be very off hand about suggestions from Non Experts.

The big question is what happens if I am correct,(and I assure you I am,) are you prepared with this information in hand to preside over declining salmon stocks, and at worst the elimination of salmon in Irish (And European) rivers, due to inaction and lack of understanding or willingness to accept outside help.

I am more than happy to demonstrate at any time.

Regards