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Good Morning

I appreciate this issue might not fall into your constituency, but I live in Cullies (currently building beside) outside Shercock so you might be able to mention this issue to your colleagues or . As someone who grew up fishing the Boyne river with my family all my life this is a matter I feel strongly about.

The River Boyne salmon fishing has been earmarked to be shutdown in April by Irish Fisheries/Inland fisheries based on completely inadequate/inaccurate information. The river has been a full catch and release river for the past 18 years and millions have been spent (from the anglers licence fees) on habitat restorations.

This move will remove anglers from the river and this will be, in effect, the end of the wellbeing of the river as we are the only ones who currently manage and maintain the rivers and carry out salmon reintegration works.

Closure would effectively make it open season for poaching which is a real threat to salmon but not the main issue (water quality as is the issue in Mullagh is the biggest problem). Navan anglers have to report to Meath County Council regularly when the river floods as they bypass raw sewage from the treatment plant at the ramparts. This can be seen by the unsightly tissues and sanitary pads that line the river banks downstream even as recently as yesterday 01/03/26.

The theory behind this crazy decision is further highlighted by the awarding of new netting licences this year in Galway and Kerry which will be extremely dangerous to our wild stocks.

Any help at all on this would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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