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Dear Minister and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) representatives,

Please find below an Addendum to my Round 1 Submission [attached] from December 2025.

The forementioned was my submission for round 1 of the 2026 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations

Subsequently, I discovered, as per email from Sean Long, River Basin District Director, Munster Blackwater that there is now a TEGOS Calculated Surplus of 1317 harvestable catch for the Munster Blackwater for the coming season. However, IFI claim that this surplus has an "Unmanageable risk of over exploitation".

Given that traditional net fishing on the River Blackwater takes place in a very confined and localised area, bounded by public roads and easy river accessibility, surely IFI's inability to "manage" this surplus is a very poor reflection on the organisation.

Precedent has been set on rivers with far less quotas, such as the 'Lower River Lee, Co. Cork' and 'Castlemaine Harbour Co. Kerry', and these are deemed "manageable" and will be open for harvest this season. There is a legitimate expectation that should a surplus exist, then fishing should be permitted. Where is the consistency and transparency from this IFI approach?

The Blackwater has the last remaining 20-yard Snap Net Fishing Tradition in Ireland. This is our heritage, not financially motivated, that runs the risk of being wiped out at the stroke of a pen!

Yours sincerely,