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Re: Salmon tagging regulations amendment proposals 2026

I consider the latest proposals as unacceptable and very poorly thought out.
7 tags per season is too many in my opinion.

I suggest reducing the number of tags per season to 5 and allowing 1 of those tags to be used in the period up to may 31st. This would prevent a blanket ban on harvesting a single spring salmon on fisheries that have a harvestable surplus such as waterville (Lough Currane) my local fishery, a fishery that i have been a Ghillie on for over forty years. This would be a very important measure to help support rural tourism. I am the fourth generation of ghillie's in my family. No one has more interest than me seeing the iconic atlantic salmon survive for the next generation. Therefore the present proposal which would technecally see the possible harvesting of 7 spring salmon after may is very shortsighted and poorly thought out. It would be better to put a size limit of 65cm after may 31st to prevent anyone harvesting more than 1 spring salmon.

I would also suggest no river should be closed to to angling as this prevents young anglers from taking up the sport the absolute opposite to what we should be doing.

And finally i urge the imediate ban on all commercial draft net fishing. It is a disgrace that in 2026 we are willing to allow this practice to continue.

Thank you