Dept of C, E&E.

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Re: Draft Wild Salmon and Sea Trout
Tagging regulations 2026.

27/02/26.

Dear Sirs,

It is my opinion that putting further restrictions on Salmon Rod Licence holders in order to prevent the fall in Salmon & Sea Trout stocks is false.

What have past restrictions achieved on this issue so far? I would suggest nothing only some division amongst anglers, and a complete lack of confidence in the current rules and regulations presently in force which in my personal opinion are largely cosmetic.

I would suggest you dismantle all this Bunk of Brown Tags, Closed Rivers, Catch & Release Rivers etc and start all over again.

Much of the problems with falling Salmon stocks are outside our control in my opinion, and Rod angling is not a primary cause. I would suggest you can start to look elsewhere for a practical and positive outcome.

A start could be made by undertaking the removal of the current population of Cormorant Birds which are wreaking havoc on our fish stocks on every river and estuary every day in full public view.

Kind Regards

P.S. Issue 3 tags up to 5 mm / 5l and a further 5 until end of Season.