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Hi

In relation to above, i would like to make a submission in relation to the proposed Closing of the River Boyne to Salmon Fishing, i feel this is not the correct action considering the below points.

1. River is already Catch & Release for many years with no Fish Killed, so numbers not effected.
2. Redd counts on feeder streams on the Boyne were excellant for the end 2025 & early 2026 as opposed to the previous year, when there was a drought & conditions were unnatural for spawning, where fish could not access many spwning grounds due to low water.
3. Anglers on the River are great custodians of the water & are the eyes & ears, that know what is going on, be it water pollution ,Poaching, Illegal Nets etc anything that limits the number of Anglers, who are Conservationists by nature, on the River is a bad thing.
4. Anglers as well as IFI put in a lot of habitat work to encourage the return of Salmon to the Spawning ares & streams. Closing Salmon Angling would sure discourage many to get involved in theis type work.
5. i'm not sure if current system for counting Salmon returns is actually working, i do not believe there is a proper counting system for the River & without this how can any decision be made.
6. There are more serious obtacles to returning Salmon, that need to be addressed before taking anglers off the River - they include Pollution & weirs, in particular Balmorrel Weir in Navan, which is definately preventing fish accessing upstream of Navn an to 100's Km of spawning Habitat.

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