

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO THE
CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED
AMMENDMENTS TO THE FOYLE
AREA AND CARLINGFORD AREA
(ANGLING) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2001,**



14th January to – 15th April 2009

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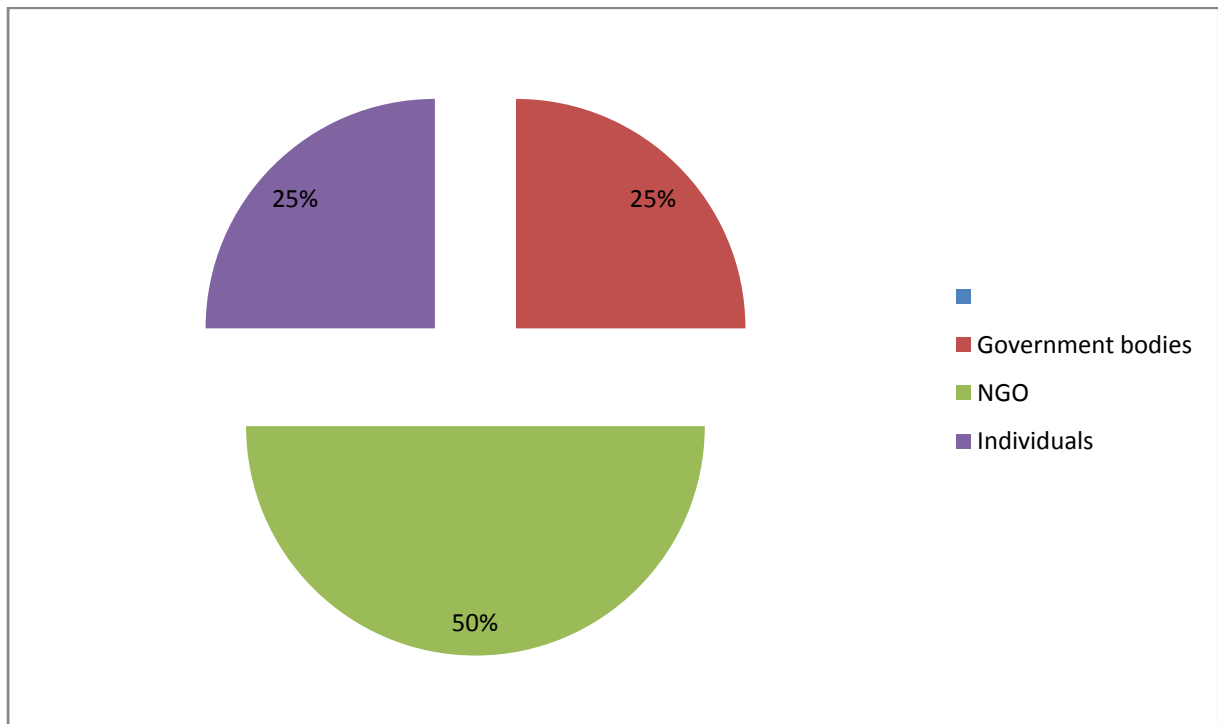
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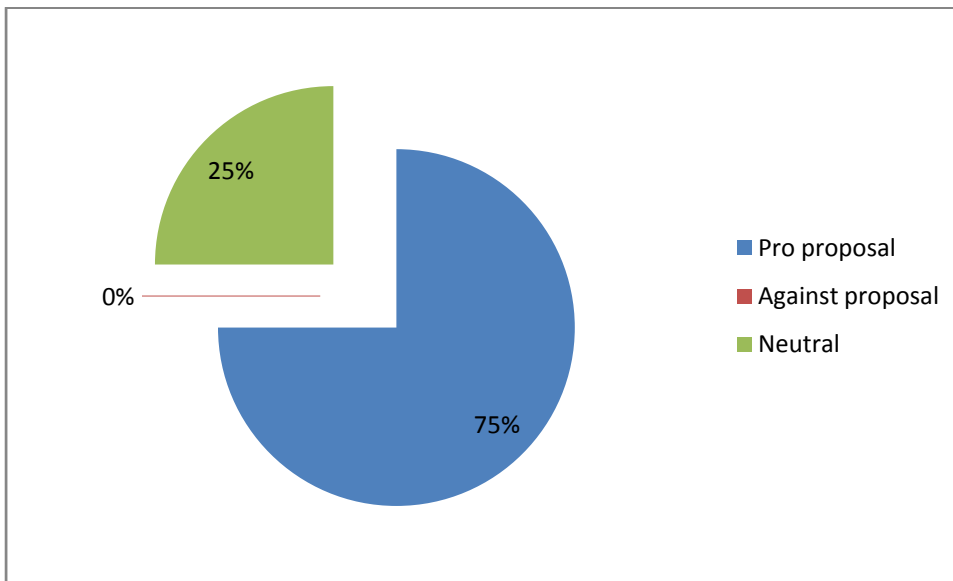
On 14th January 2009, Loughs Agency launched a consultation on proposed amendments to the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, the consultation ran for 12 weeks and ended on 15th April 2009. This document summarises the 4 responses received.

The size and nature of respondents varies enormously and some Organisations represent many member companies, authorities or other individuals. For this reason the statistical analysis does not necessarily provide an accurate view of how widespread views are held.

Summary of respondents



Summary of Consultee responses



Recommendation

The recommendation is to implement the proposals outlined in the consultation document.

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Consultation on the Proposed Amendments of The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) Regulations 2001 (12 WEEKS ENDING 15th April 2009)

Consultee	Date Received	Comments
1) Limavady Borough Council	18 th March 2009	Council expressed no views on the proposed Regulations.
2) Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside	1 st April 2009	<p>CNCC broadly welcomes these proposals to protect salmon in the vicinity of fish counters where they are particularly vulnerable to anglers.</p> <p>However, we did not find the attached maps very helpful, since they did not clearly show the position of the fish counters or the exact limits of the existing and proposed and closed areas.</p>
3) Countryside Alliance Ireland	15 th April 2009	<p>Option 1: Do Nothing Countryside Alliance Ireland <u>rejects</u> this Option.</p> <p>Option 2: Amend Regulations Countryside Alliance Ireland fully endorses these new amendments.</p> <p>Conclusion Countryside Alliance Ireland welcomes these new proposed amendments. However, ongoing communications with local angling clubs, Fissta and the Ulster Angling Federation will play an important role in education and enforcement within these new designated areas.</p> <p>Therefore, we recommend that Option 2 is implemented.</p>
4) Respondent name held by the Loughs Agency.	22 nd January 2009	<p>I can only refer to the proposed closure of that section of the River Strule in Omagh mentioned in the Consultation Documentation.</p> <p>I fully agree with this proposed closure. I have personally witnessed “anglers” trying to hook salmon in the section downstream of the weir by methods akin to “grapple-iron fishing”, i.e. trying to foul-hook fish using heavy spinners dragged along close to the riverbed. Large numbers of salmon lie in this stretch of water and need protection.</p> <p>Incidentally, I think the new weir in Omagh is an abomination which appears to have been built the wrong way round. I can confirm that more salmon cross this weir on either side of the counter than do</p>

		<p>through the counter itself. I have personally seen more fish going over the top than the counter has suggested on the website over 2 separate time-spans. I believe this so because the shape of the weir does not present a good, solid flow of water from the counter. Rather, it creates a confusing “boil” of currents all along the bottom of the weir and fish have no indication of which route to take. This results in the majority of salmon leaping the weir at either extreme side, along the walls at the banks, particularly at the right-hand side looking downstream. This is very easily observed from the new footbridge over the river, just above the weir.</p>
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