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I wish to make a case to allow hunters to use crow & magpie decoys.

I applied again this year to renew my Section 35 Licence, permitting me to use crow decoys during derogation.

It was refused.

All my friends who attempted to renew their licences were also refused.

I queried the matter with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) at wildlifelicence@chg.gov.ie and a chap called Shane rang me back telling me that it was a mistake they were issued initially and they would not be issuing any more to anybody until the law was changed to allow it.

1. It seems silly that if there is a pigeon attack then pigeon decoys can be used but if there is a crow attack then crow decoys cannot be used!!!
2. Decoys can be used when hunting pigeons, duck & geese.
3. Under derogation, hunters are permitted to use a LIVE decoy (*Larsen trap*) to attract crows but cannot use a plastic decoy!!
4. In the UK, who were under the same EU laws and derogations, hunters were permitted to use crow decoys - so why not here?

Is there anything that could be done to allow the use of crow and magpie in the near future?

Thanks,

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