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**COMMENTS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF TROUT, SALMON
AND GRAYLING IN POLISH WATERS IN THE PAST**

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ABSTRACT

The author discusses historical information on the occurrence of trout (*Salmo trutta trutta* m. *fario*, *Salmo trutta trutta* m. *trutta* and *Salmo trutta* m. *lacustris*), salmon (*Salmo salar*) and grayling (*Thymallus thymallus*) in Polish waters until the beginning of the XX century. Various sources – literature, as well as geographical and family names – indicate that trout and salmon existed in many running and still waters in the past, especially in Central Poland. Their gradual extinction in the XVIII and XIX century may be linked to changes in the environment, as a result of human activity – development of agriculture, stream and river channeling, drainage and pollution.

On the other hand, there is no information of the occurrence of grayling in waters, others than today. Low propensity to migrate may be responsible for restriction of this species only to rivers of southern and northern Poland. The author also discusses some references to grayling in the rivers Narew and Bug, which in his opinion are erroneous.