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Minister Eamonn Ryan,  
Inland Fisheries Division,  
Department of Environment,  
Climate and Communications,  
Elm House,  
Earles Vale Road,  
Cavan Town.

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Re: Opening of Salmon Fishing in the River Slaney.

Dear Minister,

I have fished the River Slaney for the last 50 years and have witnessed the ups and down of the runs of Salmon in the River.

I am very pleased to say that the last couple of years the River has been returning whilst not to its former glory to having a very good run of spring Salmon in it.

The traditional opening day of the 26<sup>th</sup> February has long being changed with it changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> May and lately the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

I am writing to express my view that the date should be changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> March as primarily that will put Anglers on the bank of the river which will go some way towards in its own way policing the rivers to offset the persistent episodes of poaching and illegal fishing that I have witnessed over the last few years. I myself with two other fishing colleagues had unfortunate runs in's with groups of people who were on private fisheries spinning for salmon and killing them. On most occasions it was desisted and for that reason alone there is great merit in opening the fishing on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and in particular the river is catch and release.

I very much appreciate if you could consider my recommendation as I note that this is expressed by numerous people who fish the River Slaney.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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