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**From:** Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday 20 November 2021 16:26  
**To:** IFD Public Consultations  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Opening Date for the River Slaney in 2022

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Below please see submission in relation to the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations 2021, to provide for the management of the wild salmon and sea trout fishery by Inland Fisheries Ireland from 1st January 2022.

This submission relates to THE RIVER SLANEY and in particular to the opening date for salmon anglers. In the absence of a date published within the draft we have been left with no choice but to make the assumption that opening and closing dates will be in line with 2021.

On Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 9:38 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:  
Dear Minister Ryan

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to you as an angler with a keen interest in Salmon conservation. I wish to express my concern about the late opening of the river Slaney for Salmon and Seatrout fishing in recent years. In this regard, I strongly believe that the Byelaws should be amended for the River Slaney to change the opening date to 1<sup>st</sup> March in 2022.

My reasons for this are as follows:

The presence of anglers on the riverbank during the peak run of salmon in March will deter poachers who would otherwise act with impunity and continue to kill large numbers of Salmon.

Legitimate Anglers are happy to practice catch and release, many doing so by choice. This method of angling is widely accepted to be an excellent and sustainable conservation measure. It has been shown to result in an extremely low mortality rate for fresh run salmon, particularly in cold water conditions as is the case in March.

Opening the river for Spring Salmon fishing in March, one of the best times of the year, will strengthen the community of legitimate anglers, thereby giving new life to the river and its surrounds. It will encourage new anglers to get involved, thereby supporting the conservation effort. And all to the detriment of the poacher whose only interest is to kill fish for personal profit.

I would therefore encourage you to open the River Slaney for salmon and seatrout angling (**on a catch and release basis**) on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.

Yours sincerely

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