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Subject: Re: Slaney Opening 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 Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 2:36 PM [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan,

I am a passionate fisherman and believe that catch and release is the only future for salmon angling in Ireland. I believe all rivers and lakes, regardless of whether there is a so-called "surplus" of salmon or a deficit, should be open to salmon fishing to the recreational angler.

Catch and Release is effective. IFI should be promoting this at every opportunity and should be promoting angling as a sustainable pastime. It seems however that IFI don't believe this to be the case by closing rivers that fall below a certain level of fish numbers. This makes no sense whatsoever as we all know, as should IFI, that anglers are by far the most important group when it comes to trying to protect salmon numbers. No one else really cares enough.

A rod caught salmon, even when returned, is worth a lot to the economy. This then feeds back to the water system in which it was caught in many ways including the employment of water keepers, restoration of habitat, improvement of fish passage etc.

By opening the river Slaney on the 1st March in 2022, rather than the 1st April, you will be providing a welcome boost to those who fish and protect the wonderful Spring run it has.

Please amend the opening date in order to make a positive difference.

Thank you.

Regards

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