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Subject: Re: 2022 Slaney opening Date

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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 12:09 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan,

I am writing to you to make a request for the 2022 opening date for fly fishing on the River Slaney to revert to 1st of March.

As a fly fisher woman who has fished Delphi, the Boyne and the Slaney for over 20 years, I fail to see the justification of the need for late opening of the river Slaney.

The Slaney requires permits, most of which are allocated by fly fishing clubs. These clubs all have regulations by which members must comply in the same way that

Golf club Members do. Non compliance results in exclusion from the club. Most clubs only allow fly fishing only, unless in exceptional water conditions.

All clubs advocate catch and release of fish. the numbers of salmon caught on the Slaney is documented on the return of the Salmon licence.

The presence of these legitimate anglers acts as a deterrent for poachers. Members can notify the authorities of the presence of nets or unusual activity on the river

A net cast across the river after the March spring tide could possibly yield more fish than members of a fishing club could catch in the full season.

The safe return of these Springers is vital to the survival of our wild salmon stocks.

It is imperative that the Slaney is opened for legitimate fishing from March 1st in 2022 and subsequent years.

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