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From:	Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent:	Saturday 20 November 2021 16:30
To:	IFD Public Consultations
Cc:	████████████
Subject:	Re: Amendment of the Slaney River Bylaws to change the opening date to March 1st, starting in 2022

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 Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 8:45 AM ████████████████████████ wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan,

As a resident and long time Irish salmon angler, I am writing to you to request your support in changing the Slaney River by laws to move the the opening date to March 1st, starting in 2022.

To do so is an act to protect and benefit the wild Atlantic salmon populations of Ireland. The best salmon runs on the Slaney are typically in March. Without the presence of anglers on the river during this time, practicing the recognised conservation measure of Catch & Release, poachers are at liberty to continue their illegal activity largely without being accosted. These early spring fish must be protected as they are highly prized and targeted by poachers. The presence of anglers on the river complements the IFI's efforts to mitigate poaching. Active, interested, and passionate anglers on the rivers of Ireland are one of the best hopes to secure the future health and vitality of water quality and wild fish stocks in Ireland. This has the knock-on effect of boosting national and international retail sales, tourism, etc.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Best regards,

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