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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 17:10
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: River 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, Oct 25, 2021 at 12:57 PM [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan

I have fished the River Slaney as an angler for many years.

I strongly believe the Byelaws should be amended for the River Slaney to change the opening date to 1st March in 2022.

The reasons for this are:

- the presence of anglers on the riverbank during the time of the peak run of salmon in March will deter poachers who would otherwise act with impunity and kill large numbers of salmon
- anglers are happy to practice catch and release (the mortality rate with catch and release is very low indeed, particularly in the cold water of March)
- catch and release is a proven conservation method worldwide.

For the sake of salmon conservation on the River Slaney I hope you will consider this request favourably.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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