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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 16:48
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Earlier Opening Date for Salmon Fishing on the River Slaney 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 Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 7:58 PM Robin Harvey [REDACTED] > wrote:

I set out hereunder why in my opinion the Opening Date for Salmon Fishing on the River Slaney should be brought forward.

1. The Slaney by tradition and reputation was an Early Spring River.
2. The original date for opening was the 26th February.
3. The reason for this date was because the spring run of salmon were in the river at this time.
4. I have seen no evidence to indicate that this spring run has changed in any dramatic manner, so whilst the numbers over the years have been depleted, the months of January, February, March are still the run of the true Spring Fish, on the Slaney.
5. Accepting that the above paragraph is correct it is now more urgent than ever that the Season Opening Date be brought forward to a more realistic date.
6. A Closed river to the genuine fisherman is frustrating , but to the Poacher this is Heaven as there will be no Angler to stop him.
7. We know that our Salmon numbers in the Slaney are at a dangerous level, continued closure will only reduce these numbers, for the Poacher does not believe in Catch and Release, he has a ready market to dispose of his ill gotten gains.
- 8 I accept that the Department within its resources does its best to counter Poaching and, to their credit have had good success.
- 9 In a nut shell, river open earlier, Genuine Anglers on the river, deterrent for Poachers, result the Salmon have a better change of making it to the headwaters in the Wicklow mountains.
10. Thank you for allowing myself space to urge the Department to have a serious deliberation on the new Opening Date for the season of 2022 on the River Slaney.

Yours Sincerely

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(interest in the Kilbride and Tullow Angling Beats on the Slaney)

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