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**From:** Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>  
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**To:** IFD Public Consultations  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: River Slaney Opening Date 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 Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 10:23 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

To begin this email I would like to thank you for your pivotal role in wild salmon conservation when you brought the end to the indiscriminate drift netting of wild salmon in our waters in 2007. It was the first step in the rehabilitation of our wild salmonoid stocks, however, there is much more work to be done.

My name is [REDACTED] I am a wildlife conservationist first but also an avid fly fisherman I believe that the bylaw should be amended to return the opening date for legitimate catch and release rod fishing on the river Slaney to the 1st of March in 2022.

The reasons that I strongly feel that this should occur is based on the rampant poaching and killing of fish by poachers who have the river banks to themselves in the early season until legitimate fishing is allowed in April. This has been happening since the bye law was introduced. Inland fisheries Ireland do an admirable job in difficult circumstances, however, they are under resourced and unable to police the rivers by themselves. It is for this reason that the citizen angler can assist in deterring poaching activity by there presence on the river banks.

Every multi-sea winter, early-run spring salmon is extremely precious and highly valuable to the survival and proliferation of this iconic species. The run has collapsed compared to the numbers of these fish running the Slaney 50 years ago. Every spring salmon must be protected to reach the spawning beds.

Studies have also found that catch and release is accepted to be an excellent and sustainable conservation measure with an extremely low mortality rate for fresh run salmon, improved even further by cold water which it will be in March.

I do hope that you consider this application. I appreciate your time in reading this.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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