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**Subject:** Re: River Slaney

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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 Sun, Oct 31, 2021 at 10:25 PM [REDACTED] wrote:  
Dear Minister Ryan,

My name is [REDACTED] and I fish the River Slaney.

I am writing to you to request that the opening date of the Slaney is changed to 1 March 2022 on a catch and release basis so that anglers can protect the river at this time as otherwise poachers have the free run of the river. As long as the river remains closed for the month of March the early run of spring salmon is at the mercy of these poachers.

This is one of the best times of the year for Spring Salmon and the only ones who benefit from this run at the moment are the poachers rather than the legitimate anglers who fish on a catch and release basis which is acknowledged to be an excellent and sustainable conservation measure particularly in the cold water in March.

I strongly urge you to open the river in March 2022.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

