

**Bill Goggins**

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**From:** Minister Ryan <Minister.Ryan@decc.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Sunday 21 November 2021 16:05  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Slaney River Poaching prevention

**From:** Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday 20 November 2021 16:27  
**To:** IFD Public Consultations <IFDPublicConsultations@decc.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Slaney River Poaching prevention

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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 10:44 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

I am writing to appeal to you to adjust the opening day for angling on the river Slaney to the date of 1st March 2022 as proposed by the Slaney Rivers Trust. The Slaney is known to have a significant run of early spring Salmon and having legitimate anglers on the river as early as possible will assist with the protection of the Salmon run. I have witnessed appalling levels of illegal poaching on the river in recent years. Anglers are vitally important caretakers of the river Slaney and its fish and have proven to be of great help to IFI with countering illegal poaching and pollution.

Recent studies by Irish fisheries scientists (Dr Paddy Gargan et al) have demonstrated that catch and release angling has little to no impact on fish mortality. This is especially the case in the higher flows and colder water temperatures of Spring.

As a professional game angling instructor and conservationist, I have more than a keen interest in playing my part in maintaining an abundance of Salmon in this wonderful river. I would ask you to adjust the opening day to allow us on to the river banks to aid in protecting this 'Queen' of Irish angling rivers for future generations to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

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