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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 16:44
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Salmon season opening date on the 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 24, 2021 at 5:03 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am concerned that by keeping the opening date of April 1st for salmon on the river Slaney we are causing more harm than good to the fish. As has been clearly demonstrated by social media over the past few years the poachers act with impunity and are so unconcerned with prosecution that they brag about their exploits online.

I feel that by maintaining a presence from the legitimate anglers and the ifi and the river keepers from March 1st we can work together to reduce the harm done by the poachers. Indeed we should be able to work together to help to improve and protect the spring salmon stocks in this magnificent river. Another factor to consider is that we are the first to notice any environmental issues such as agricultural runoff and industrial pollution both of which are running rife through Ireland's rivers today.

Please consider this when you are deciding on the opening date for 2022.

Thankyou very much for your time and consideration,
[REDACTED]

