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**From:** Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: 2022 Slaney Campaign -

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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 Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 2:09 PM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].co.uk> wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan

my name is [REDACTED] a doctor in Tallaght Hospital by profession and a Slaney angler by recreation .

As you may be aware the river open season has been delayed until April over the last number of years in the interest of conservation.

At the outset let me state that I am a conservationist and I love the joy of fishing and the appreciation of nature it brings .

The Slaney river trust and the anglers along the Slaney have made great efforts over the last number of years to both protect the river and its fish and with sole the intention of restoring the river to its former glory for the enjoyment of future generations .

We have operated a 'catch and release' policy for many years which does no harm to the Salmon . In conjunction with colleagues in Inland Fisheries the Slaney anglers have been the 'eyes and ears' on the river system through reporting their catches and their sightings of running fish and through reporting suspicious activity..

The Slaney is a 'Spring' river historically with many of the fish running early. Encouraging new anglers and having anglers back on the Slaney river from the historical opening date at the start of March would serve to benefit both monitoring the recovering stocks of Salmon and also in keeping a watchful eye for poaching during what is a crucial month for running fish on the Slaney.

I would urge for those reasons that strong consideration be given to opening the river to legitimate anglers on the Slaney from March 1st and also urge your office to support Inland Fisheries as much as possible through resources, legislation, Garda support and public education to end this blight of the illegal killing and trade in Salmon on our rivers . which is often conducted by violent criminal gangs.

Sincerely Yours

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