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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 16:12
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, Oct 26, 2021 at 11:21 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

My name [REDACTED] a salmon angler who fishes the river Slaney in Co Wexford on a regular basis. I am writing to you in relation to the current opening dates for rod angling on the river (April 1st). I firmly believe that this date needs to be revised to allow angling and therefore anglers on to the river earlier in the season (March 1st). My reason for this is that currently with the delayed opening of the angling season the river is effectively open to poaching and the taking of the valuable resource that the Slaney is famous for – it's Spring Salmon. Were the date to be adjusted there would be anglers present on the riverbank during the early Spring effectively policing the water and acting as a deterrent to the taking of these fish, the legitimate anglers being on the river practicing catch and release, which 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, would in effect be protecting the Spring fish which I am sure the current opening date intends to do but it is evidently having the opposite impact.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my points.

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