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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 11:25 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

My name is [REDACTED], an avid angler on the River Slaney.

My reason for writing to you regards the opening day for the River Slaney Salmon season. This past year, the opening day was not until April the First and I felt that many salmon were placed in jeopardy as it is my feeling that there were more poachers spread along the river than legal anglers before the opening date. My purpose for writing to you is to question the possibility of opening the river from the first of March 2022 on a catch and release basis.

My reasons for suggesting this are 3 fold.

- 1.To enable anglers to protect the river during this period when poachers are out in force.
- 2.Early-run spring salmon are particularly vulnerable to poaching and must be protected.
- 3.To strengthen the community of legitimate anglers by permitting them to fish at the one of the best times (March) of the year for Spring Salmon.

I would also add that a catch and release basis 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.

I look forward to your response on this.

Best regards
[REDACTED]

