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Subject: Re: Slaney river 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 Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 8:31 PM [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan ,

My name is [REDACTED] from Enniscorthy .

I strongly believe the bylaws governing the opening date for fishing with rod and line on the river Slaney should be changed to March 1st 2022 .

It is my firm belief that having passionate anglers on the river during the early part of the spring ,will add much needed protection for the precious early spring run of our wild salmon.

Without genuine anglers on the river ,poaching at this time of the year is usually rife ,as i've personally witnessed myself on several occasions .

We as anglers practice catch and release ,we love trying to catching salmon ,and then releasing them ,to continue their journey to the spawning beds ,in doing so ,we can have the expectation of hopefully catching their progeny in years to come .
Poachers on the other hand ,hope to drag they out of the river ,bash them on the head and put them into a bin liner and into the booth of a car .

The Slaney also probably gets one of the best early spring salmon runs in the country ,leaving it closed till April would be similar to leaving our award winning beaches closed until August ,nonsensical to put it mildly .

The mortality rate for catch and released salmon is pretty close to zero ,the mortality rate for poached salmon is 100% ,please minister help assist us in protecting one of our most prized natural wonders .

Kindest regards,

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