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Subject: Re: Opening fishing season; SLANEY River

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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 Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 3:21 PM Simon McCormick [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

I was introduced to salmon fishing on the SLANEY River by my father when I was about 10 years old - about 65 years ago . I have fished fairly regularly since then, albeit with no success over the last 20 years or so Fishing on the River is a wonderful release from every day stresses and the hooking, landing and releasing of a salmon brings enormous satisfaction to the angler. Even if no fish are seen, risen or hooked, a day on the riverside brings great pleasure and relaxation.

You will be aware from reports that the SLANEY in particular has been subject to a considerable amount of poaching in the last number of years, particularly in the spring when the larger salmon have entered the River. The SLANEY used to be renowned internationally for the quality of its spring salmon and brought numbers of overseas sportsmen to its banks and to local accommodation, especially in the earlier part of the season from the 26th February - its traditional opening date. Sadly those days are now gone, but there is still a chance that the existing spring run can be protected.

I believe that the best way to do this is by opening the season for angling to the 1st March when the fishers will act as bailiffs and act as deterrents to poaching and the preservation of the species . Remember that the legitimate fishers release any fish they are lucky enough to catch whilst the poachers certainly do not!

Yours sincerely,

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