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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 16:17
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: Slaney Fishing [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: River Slaney - 2022 season

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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 6:08 PM Slaney Fishing [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan

My name is [REDACTED]

I am the Secretary of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

I am concerned about the river Slaney, in particular, the levels of early season poaching being observed from february through march. Our club has made the suggestions to IFI on numerous occasions that the opening day be returned February 1st, as was the case for many years, however no progress was ever made, so, we are writing to you and asking for serious consideration be given to the matter.

My associates are asking for the dates to be pushed back to march 1st, I strongly feel this does not go far enough to prevent what can only be described as "carnage" that takes place on the river during the february run of Salmon, which is one of the stronger the river sees.

Catch and release has proved a success, and numbers of running salmon this year were excellent, along with salmon catches along the river. I feel the river cannot be protected solely by the IFI and that anglers provide the first point of disturbance to any poacher. The Tullow anglers have now recruited 5 water keepers for 2022 and we hope to have more before the start of the season.

The early run spring salmon must be offered every protection available, and with the seemingly excellent upturn in salmon numbers this year it is imperative we act now and keep the rivers numbers of fish as high as possible going forward, with as little loss due to illegal fishing as possible

I hope you will seriously consider the points laid out in this email and afford the river the protection it deserves, hopefully together we can return the slaneys' status as one of Europe's best spring Salmon rivers.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]