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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 16:19
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Opening date for the River Slaney 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 Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

I have been a very keen fly fisherman for Salmon all my life and I am a board member of the Slaney River Trust I have fished for Salmon on the Slaney for thirty seven years and have enjoyed every minute of it.

In 2007 the river was closed to fishing as the stocks of Salmon were considered to be too low, this in my opinion was a disaster as it opened the door to blatant poaching which has persisted to this day.

The state water keepers can only do so much and without the fishermen on the banks it has become a free for all, videos of Salmon being caught and killed posted on the internet with seemingly no consequences to these individuals is rampant.

It is not fair to expect these State water keepers to deal with these thugs without support and there is support in numbers, in general the fly fishermen on the Slaney are the guardians of the river and people on the banks are the way to stop these illegal fishermen.

Over the years the river opened in February but now has been postponed until April we have lost so many fishermen and obviously fisher women because of late opening this is a loss to IFI in revenue and a loss to the fishery owners who invest in improving the spawning beds and cleaning banks and generally improving conditions for the fish to reproduce.

Fly only catch and release is proven to be very effective and little damage to the fish it is sustainable .

I am asking for the opening date to be moved to the first of March as a compromise to accommodate everyone it will be good for the river and the fishers.

Regards

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