

## Bill Goggins

---

**From:** Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday 20 November 2021 15:53  
**To:** IFD Public Consultations  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: River Slaney Opening Date 2022

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

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 22, 2021 at 11:33 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com> wrote:  
Dear Minister Ryan,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a keen angler and conservationist who has fished the Slaney for many years. On my trips to the Slaney I spend a lot of money locally. In recent years my youngest son has accompanied me and I hope he will not be among the last generation to see Atlantic Salmon swim our rivers.

I think the Bylaws should be amended for The River Slaney changing the opening date to the 1st March in 2022 because it is in the best interests of Salmon Conservation.

I believe this because moving the opening date to 1st March will enable anglers to protect the river during this period when poachers are out in force. Early-run spring salmon are particularly vulnerable to poaching and can best be protected by feet on the riverbank.

I also believe an earlier start to the season will 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. Catch and release 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.

Is Mise Le Meas,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]