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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 21, 2021 at 8:57 PM Dan Dobbs <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Dear Minister Ryan,

My name is [REDACTED], joint owner of the [REDACTED] fishery on the River Slaney.

I am writing to you to express my concern over the potential delay in opening the River Slaney for the 2022 season. I strongly feel that the opening date should be moved to the 1st March 2022 and no later.

The reasons for this are as follows;

Effectively stopping poaching along the river Slaney requires active members of the fishing community along with bailiffs, to be on the River to ensure that no salmon are being illegally killed. March can see big runs of fish and unless the anglers are there to monitor the river, these fish are greatly in danger.

The opportunity to fish in arguably the best month (March) of the year for spring salmon in Ireland would be of huge benefit to the angling community. The season and the spring run is short enough as it is and allowing people to get on the river a little earlier will promote wellbeing in the Slaney rod anglers and boost tourism in the surrounding towns and villages

It's in the angler's interests to maintain and improve salmon stock levels- they play their part in practicing effective catch and release which is proven to have a minimal impact on the fish and their migration. What little impact it may have would be totally overshadowed by their presence on the river in the early part of the season- stopping poachers, enjoying fantastic fishing and preserving salmon stock levels.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards

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