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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 15:38
To: IFD Public Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: River Slaney Opening Date 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 Wed, Oct 20, 2021 at 4:34 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan

The Slaney River runs through my farm and we are also lucky enough to own some fishing rights a few miles away.

Having fished it all my life I am astonished at the lack of trout or salmon in The Slaney compared to the abundance I used to find when much younger.

We have been well aware of poachers stealing the fish and feel that over many years our hands have been tied in trying to solve this problem.

Therefore I urge you to let legitimate fishers start the season from the 1st March 2022 using the catch and release method, a sustainable conservation measure, which all of the fishers I have engaged with are happy to employ. They can then put off the wrong doers by being on the banks and being our eyes and ears and this will then protect the very vulnerable early Spring run salmon.

If the Slaney was to finally have some more salmon in it surely there would be commercial benefit to the community at large? I would imagine that conservation and encouraging tourists to visit/fish would be high on your check list?

I much look forward to your response and hearing your thoughts

Best wishes
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