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From: Slaney River Trust SRT <slaneyrivertrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 20 November 2021 15:39
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 5:48 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Minister Ryan,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am an angler whom fishes on the River Slaney.

I believe the current bylaws for the River Slaney should be amended to allow opening from March 1st 2022 for catch and release angling. This would allow anglers to protect the Slaney Spring Salmon from poachers.

Poachers know they have a 'free period' when the river is closed to anglers as the Fisheries Protection Officers, despite their tireless efforts, do not have the resources to protect the river sufficiently during this period. No Slaney Spring Salmon would be harvested by anglers during this period as it would be catch and release. As your advisers will tell you, catch and release has been proven the world over to have an extremely low mortality rate, particularly so in Spring time.

I hope you follow the evidence and change the bylaws to allow the Slaney to open for catch and release angling from March 2022.

Yours Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

