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Subject: Re: River Slaney fishing

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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 11:21 AM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan,

The Slaney River runs through my family's farm near Enniscorthy, and we are also lucky enough to own some fishing rights a few miles away near Bunclody.

Sadly poaching has become a major problem on the river, leading to a significant decline in the number of legitimately caught fish. Allowing legitimate fishers to fish the river will deter poachers, surely this is the only sustainable long term means of doing this. Therefore I urge you to allow legitimate fishers to begin the season from the 1st March 2022 using the catch and release method, a sustainable conservation measure. By being on the banks legitimate fishers will protect the very vulnerable early spring run salmon.

No doubt if the Slaney was to finally have some more salmon there would be commercial benefits to the overall community. I presume conservation and encouraging tourism is one of your ministerial objectives.

With best wishes, [REDACTED]