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Subject: Re: 2022 River Slaney Campaign

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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 1:27 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Minister Ryan

My name is [REDACTED] and an avid salmon angler and conservationist, and I'm in total agreement with a catch and release policy that is accepted as an excellent sustainable conservation measure. However, over the last few years with fluctuating and later season opening dates, I've witnessed the damage that poaching can have during the unprotected period from the original opening date to the revised later opening dates of recent years when no anglers are on the water. Blatant use of fishing methods contrary to the buy laws and posting catches on social media raises the blood pressure of all anglers and particularly IFI who haven't the resources to be everywhere at once! To bring the opening date back to March 1st would have great benefit in combatting the presence of poaching on the river and also enable anglers to fish during the better months of the year and get value from their state licence. Its also widely known that the mortality rate for catch and release of fresh run salmon in the earlier months when water temperatures are lowest is minimal.

Please look kindly on my submission above as we try to bring this once great river back to being one of the best spring salmon rivers in the country.

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