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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to express my opposition to the decision to keep the River Slaney closed until the 1st of June.

Keeping the river closed during this period makes it more vulnerable to poaching, as the absence of responsible anglers means fewer eyes on the water. Legal anglers play a key role in deterring and reporting illegal activity.

Scientific evidence shows that only around 2% of catch-and-release salmon die. Last year, out of approximately 50 recorded salmon on the Slaney, legal anglers killed just two fish. In contrast, our presence on the river likely prevented far greater losses from illegal fishing. Without anglers on the river, there is little doubt that more salmon would be taken unlawfully.

For these reasons, I believe controlled access to the river would better protect the fishery than an extended closure.

Kind regards,