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To whom it may concern,

It is my firm opinion that the proposed closure of the River Slaney for salmon angling during spring 2026 is an ill-informed and ill-thought-out approach to salmon conservation.

If lawful anglers are discouraged from having a regular presence on the riverbank, the salmon population will be exposed to unlawful anglers and unlawful methods.

These methods can capture greater numbers of salmon than the lawful methods used by lawful anglers.

Unlawful anglers are only interested in killing fish.

Furthermore, there are insufficient fisheries officers available to provide adequate protection, and it is essential that the presence of lawful anglers on the riverbank is encouraged in order to operate as a source of dependable and up-to-the-minute information for fisheries staff, and as a deterrent to unlawful fishing.

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone