

SLANEY RODFISHERS ASSOCIATION

Ballybawn lane
Rathnure,
Enniscorthy, co Wexford

March 24th, 2014

Dear Member,

Your annual subscription of €35 to Slaney Rod fishers Association is now due. As I am sure you are aware, salmon angling on the River Slaney will be open on a catch and release basis from 17th March this year.

In 2013 rod catches of salmon were better than expected. Spring 2013 was a very good start to the season with some excellent Springer's being caught all along the system Springer. However from June to August, when the river was a very low level, there was very little movement of salmon up along the system with all of the fish staying down in the tidal area . There is further good news for anglers in that the number of salmon spawning this winter was very good – details will be available soon and will be posted on the Slaney River Trust website - www.slaneyrivertrust.ie

Please keep a close eye on this site. We regularly update it with news of interest to Slaney anglers, including current catches during the season. If you think we don't have your email address, please email it to - secretary@slaneyrivertrust.ie - with your name and full address. You will then be certain to receive notice of events we intend to organize during the year.

Sea trout runs on the Slaney have improved in recent years. However in 2013 fishing was poor because of the low water. Despite this, some very good sea trout were taken in the upper reaches.

The subscription amount is unchanged at €35. It includes, as always, Public and Personal Accident insurance cover, also our windscreen sticker displaying your ongoing support will be sent to you on receipt of your sub

Payment can be made by posting to me (at the following address – **Thomas Mernagh, Ballybawn Lane , Rathnure , Enniscorthy , Co Wexford)** a cheque made payable to **Slaney Rodfishers Association** or via our PayPal facility which can be found on our website. If you have already paid via PayPal please ignore this subscription request. A section is attached on page two of this letter for you to remove and return so we can build a data base of our members email addresses so as to allow us to inform you of any upcoming events (AGM, casting class , etc ,,)

On receipt of payment you will be insured. You will find details of your cover on our website under the Membership section.

Thank you for your continued support and tight lines for the season ahead. Later this year we plan to send all paid up members a car window sticker for Slaney River Trust.

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Clohamon Weir Fish Passage Update

The Slaney River Trust in conjunction with funding from IFI via the Salmon and Conservation Fund are submitting a planning application for the upgrading of fish pass facilities and associated works at Clohamon Weir.

The prescribe works inter alia involve the retrofitting of a rock ramp fish pass and a smolt pass, both being fed by broadcrested hydrometric weirs to permit a minimum discharge of 2.5 cumecs (meters cubed per second) through the rock ramp and 0.5 cumecs through the smolt pass. The weir crest will be levelled where dips causing distractionary flow are present.

Works to date (completed) for the planning application are:

- Structural survey of bridge and foundations relative to construction of rock ramp
- A heritage audit and the impact of construction of rock ramp on listed structure
- A full Natura Impact Study under the Habitats Directive
- Flood Risk Assessment (in progress)
- Design Drawings (draft) and Fish Pass Report (draft)

Statutory authorities consulted in the planning application have included:

- IFI
- NPWS
- Wexford County Council
- OPW
- The Heritage Council

Non-Statutory Stakeholders consulted:

- Mr David Dobbs (fishery owner at Clohamon Weir)
- Mr and Mrs Hogg (operators of hydroelectric installation at Clohamon Weir)

Yours sincerely

Thomas Mernagh
Secretary

Please detach along this line and return along with your sub for the year

Name _____, Club or fishery _____

Contact number _____

Email address _____