

# *Slaney River Trust*

## *2010 News*

### **Judge pledges jail for illegal fishing**

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Comparing illegal fishing to cattle rustling, a district court judge said he was issuing warrants and intended to impose six-month jail terms on people who did not turn up in court.

Judge Seán MacBride was dealing with several cases at a sitting of the District Court in Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan, at which he issued warrants for six-month sentences on a number of east Europeans who failed to appear on charges relating to alleged illegal fishing at lakes in the region during the summer.

The prosecutions were initiated by the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board against the accused, who have addresses in the Drogheda and Dublin areas.

They had failed to appear in court, despite the judge being informed that all the summonses had been served and all the individuals had been notified of the hearings by Finian Brannigan, a lawyer prosecuting on behalf of the fisheries board.

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