

The River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board

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DEVERON ANGLING CODE FOR SALMON & TROUT 2022

Your Board remains extremely concerned over fragile levels of fish stocks in the river and in particular spring salmon and sea trout. Anglers are asked, therefore, to observe the following statutory regulations and guidelines throughout the season:

Salmon & Grilse

- 1. From 11th February to 31st May (Inclusive) all salmon to be returned
It is illegal to take any salmon (dead or alive) from 11th February to 31st March (inclusive) each year.**

The River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board will donate one bottle of Scotch Whisky per angler, for safely returning a spring salmon between the 1st April and 31st May (Follow set claim procedure and Call 01466 711 388 to claim) (Strictly Over 18s Only).

- 2. From 1st June to 31st October (Inclusive), weekly rods may retain one salmon or grilse per rod per week.
Day rods to return all salmon.**

Anglers are asked to observe the Board's aspiration that all hen fish, and any cock salmon over 10lbs be returned. Therefore, the Board requests that only male fish under 10lbs be retained.

Sea Trout

- 3. All sea trout to be returned throughout the season.**

The guidance on sea trout will be in place until stocks recover to acceptable levels.

Brown Trout

- 4. From 15th March to 6th October (Inclusive), all Brown Trout under 10 inches in length to be returned. No more than 4 brown trout per rod per week to be retained.**

Spinning lures should have only one single set of hooks with a maximum sized 4 crimped or barbless

All fish should be played quickly and retained in the water whilst hook is removed

It is illegal to fish without legal right or written permission from the beat owner or representative

It is illegal to kill unclean or unseasonable fish (baggots, gravid fish, kelts)

It is illegal to sell or buy wild salmon roe

It is illegal to attempt to deliberately foul-hook fish

Only knotless landing nets to be used – it is illegal to use gaffs or tailers

It is illegal to fish with prawns, shrimps or salmon roe throughout the catchment and throughout the year

Fishing for salmon and/or sea trout on a Sunday is prohibited

Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to sell rod caught salmon or sea trout

Injured or damaged fish out with the above limits must be handed to the Ghillie / Proprietor

*All farmed salmon and pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorboscha*) must be retained and notified to the RDevDSFB*

*All visiting anglers must read, act upon and sign a *Gyrodactylus salaris* declaration form immediately prior to going fishing. If disinfectant is required, please contact RDevDSFB Office (01466 711 388) or your beat Ghillie/Manager/Agent*