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# Fisheries Byelaws

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## Fisheries Byelaws for the Anglian Region

This booklet contains the byelaws which apply in the Environment Agency Anglian Region for fisheries purposes. They comprise The Lead Weight Byelaws of 1987; the Regional Fisheries Byelaws of 1988 (as amended); and the National Fisheries Byelaws.

If you wish to fish in the Environment Agency Anglian Region then you must comply with all of these byelaws.

The Environment Act 1995 established the Environment Agency, which took over the fisheries functions of the National Rivers Authority, that had been previously vested in the Anglian Water Authority.

In accordance with the provisions relating to the transfer of those functions, any references in these byelaws to the Anglian Water Authority, or to the National Rivers Authority, will have effect as if they were references to the Environment Agency.

In 1995 national provisions relating to the close season were introduced. Following confirmation of a number of consistent and standard national byelaws, the provisions relating to the close season for freshwater fish are now contained in the National Fisheries Byelaws.

## The Anglian Regional Fisheries Byelaws 1988 (as amended)

The Anglian Water Authority in exercise of their powers under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (as amended by the Anglian Water Authority (Fisheries) Order 1976) and the Salmon Act 1986 and of all other powers enabling them has made the following Byelaws:-

### Application

These byelaws shall apply to the Authority's Fisheries Area as defined by the Anglian Water Authority Constitution Order 1973, Statutory Instrument 1973, No. 1359.

### Interpretation

In these byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:-

"**Authority**" means Anglian Water Authority;

"**Fisheries Area**" means the Fisheries Area of the Authority as defined by the Anglian Water Authority Constitution Order 1973;

"**enclosed water**" means any lake, pond or reservoir into which fish cannot pass from a river, other than a river flowing thereinto.



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**Annual Close Season for Brown Trout**      *Anglian Byelaw 3(b)*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

The annual close season for rod and line for brown trout shall be the period from 30th October to the following 31st March, both dates inclusive.

**Annual Close Season for Rainbow Trout**      *Anglian Byelaw 3(c)*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

The annual close season for rod and line for rainbow trout shall be the period from 30th October to the following 31st March (both dates inclusive) for all rivers, streams, drains and canals in the Anglian Region.

**Annual Close Season for Salmon and Migratory Trout (rod and line)**      *Anglian Byelaw 3(d)*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

The annual close season for rod and line for salmon and migratory trout shall be the period from 29th September to the last day in the following February, both dates inclusive.

**Annual Close Season for Salmon and Migratory Trout (instruments other than rod and line)**      *Anglian Byelaw 3(d)(iii)*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

The annual close season for salmon and migratory trout for instruments other than rod and line shall be the period from 1st October to the following 31st March, both dates inclusive.

**Weekly Close Time**      *Anglian Byelaw 4*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

The weekly close time for salmon and migratory trout shall be the period between 06.00 hours on Sunday and 24.00 hours on the following day.

**Maximum number of fish that can be taken**      *Anglian Byelaw 5*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

Any person who, without the previous consent in writing of the Authority, takes or removes more than two fish in any one day shall be guilty of an offence

provided nevertheless that this byelaw shall not prevent a person:

- a) Taking more than that number of fish if the fish are immediately returned alive to the water, or if the fish are retained in a keepnet and released to the water alive within 5 metres of the place at which they were taken as quickly as possible after the person taking them has ceased to fish, or after the fish have been weighed in accordance with any recognised practice;
- b) Taking in any one day fish not exceeding ten in number (excluding minnows and bleak) of which no fish may exceed 20 cm length (measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail) or minnows and bleak for his own use for live or dead bait fishing in the water from which the fish were taken.

But this byelaw shall not apply to brown trout and rainbow trout in enclosed waters and to migratory fish, eels and zander.

#### **Eels**

*Anglian Byelaw 7*

*Confirmed 21/04/88*

*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

- i) A person shall be permitted to fish for eels with rod and line during the annual close season\* for freshwater fish:
  - a) in waters seaward of the demarcation points specified in the Schedule to these byelaws. (See the Schedule at the back of this Guide);
  - b) in any other waters provided that no hook or other metal appliance is attached to the line.
- ii) A person shall be permitted to fish for eels with rod and line during the annual close season for rainbow trout.

\* Byelaw 6(5) of the National Fisheries Byelaws 1996 refers.

#### **Prohibited methods of fishing**

*Anglian Byelaw 8(b) and (d)*

*Confirmed 21/04/88*

*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

Any person shall be guilty of an offence if without the previous consent in writing of the Authority he:

- fishes with rod and line for salmon or trout during the annual close season for freshwater fish with any lure or bait other than an artificial wet or dry fly;
- fishes with rod and line with any form of gorge bait.

**Use of nets and other instruments** *Anglian Byelaw 9*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation*  
*(a)(b) 22/04/88*  
*(c) 12/08/89*

It shall be an offence to use for the purpose of taking salmon, trout, freshwater fish and eels any instrument other than is permitted by this byelaw in relation thereto, namely;

For salmon, trout, freshwater fish and eels:

a) A rod and line and, as an auxiliary thereto, a landing net or tailer;

For salmon and migratory trout in tidal waters or in the sea;

b) A net provided that the dimensions of the mesh are not less than 3 cm in extension from knot to knot (the measurement to be made on each side thereof) or 12cm measured round each mesh, the measurements to be made when the net is wet;

For eels:

- c) i) An eel trap or hive not exceeding 1.2 metres in length with meshes not of metallic material; or
- ii) A Dutch Fyke net not exceeding 1 metre in diameter; or
- iii) An eel set; or
- iv) An eel rack or trap at or in connection with a weir or mill.

But this byelaw shall not apply to instruments used for taking eels in waters seaward of the demarcation points specified in the Schedule to the byelaws. (See the Schedule at the end of this section).

**Prohibited fishing** *Anglian Byelaw 11*  
*Confirmed 21/04/88*  
*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

Any person who fishes with any instrument other than a rod and line for salmon or migratory trout in those tidal and coastal waters South of a line drawn due West to East through the seaward end of Walton on the Naze Pier shall be guilty of an offence.

**Marking and numbering of nets**

*Anglian Byelaw 12*

*Confirmed 21/04/88*

*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

It shall be an offence for any person who has been supplied by the Authority with a label for the purpose of identifying a licensed instrument to use that instrument without the label being attached thereto in a conspicuous place.

**Exemptions**

*Anglian Byelaw 13*

*Confirmed 21/04/88*

*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

Nothing in these byelaws shall apply to any person who carries out any act for scientific or fisheries management purposes with the previous consent in writing of the Authority and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the Authority in that consent.

**Revocations**

*Anglian Byelaw 14*

*Confirmed 21/04/88*

*Date of Implementation 22/04/88*

Byelaws made under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1923 to 1975 hitherto in force in any part of the Fisheries Area are hereby revoked.

## The Schedule to the Anglian Regional Fisheries Byelaws 1988

Watercourse (1)	Demarcation Point (2)	National Grid Reference (3)
Middle Level Main Drain	St. German's Pumping Station	TF 588 143
Tidal Great Ouse	Stowbridge Road	TF 602 070
Mill Basin	The Sluice	TF 545 110
Smeeth Lode	Pumping Station Sluice	TF 575 144 (T)
Flood Relief Channel	Tail Sluice	TF 605 173 (T)
Nar Valley Drain	The Sluice	TF 615 187 (T)
Nar	Tidal Sluice, King's Lynn	TF 621 183 (T)
Middleton Stop Drain	Pumping Station Sluice	TF 622 187 (T)
Gaywood	Mill Fleet Sluice, King's Lynn	TF 618 197 (T)
West Lynn Drain	The Sluice	TF 612 198 (T)
North Lynn Drain	The Sluice	TF 611 215 (T)
Babingley	Tidal Sluice, The Saltings	TF 606 239 (T)
Ingol	Tidal Sluice, Wolferton Creek	TF 654 303 (T)
Heacham	Tidal Flap Valve, Heacham Harbour	TF 663 368 (T)
Stour (South Channel)	Judas Gap	TM 080 328 (T)
Stour (North Channel)	Cattawade Barrage	TM 101 330 (T)
Stutton Brook	Stutton Mill Tidal Sluice	TM 132 331 (T)
Holbrook	Tidal Sluice, near Lower Holbrook	TM 174 349 (T)
Ramsey	Dock Sluice, near Parkeston	TM 242 323 (T)
Holland Brook	Holland Sluice, Holland Haven	TM 219 172 (T)
Colne	East Mills, Colchester	TM 006 254 (T)
Salary Brook	Tidal Sluice	TM 021 238 (T)
Roman	Essex Water Company Dam	TL 997 201 (T)
Tenpenny Brook	Tidal Sluice	TM 082 194 (T)

Watercourse (1)	Demarcation Point (2)	National Grid Reference (3)
Blackwater	Beeleigh Long Weir	TL 839 084 (T)
Pennys Brook	Osea Road Sluice	TL 891 073 (T)
Bowstead Brook	Tidal Sluice	TL 928 087 (T)
Virley Brook	Tidal Sluice, Salcot	TL 951 136 (T)
Chelmer	Beeleigh New Sluice	TL 838 083 (T)
Asheldham Brook	Round Barn, Dengie	TM 017 015
Crouch	Wickford Gauging Station	TQ 748 934 (T)
Shotgate Brook	A129 Road Bridge	TQ 775 931
Rawreth Brook	Rawreth	TQ 778 932
Roach	B1013 Road Bridge	TQ 876 902
Prittle Brook	Rochford	TQ 880 894
Mardyke	War Department Sluice	TQ 548 786 (T)
Chelmer/Blackwater Canal	Heybridge Basin	TL 872 068
Winterton Beck	Winteringham Haven Sluice	SE 935 228 (T)
West Drain	Sluice at South Ferriby	SE 975 211 (T)
Ancholme	Sluice at South Ferriby	SE 975 211 (T)
East Drain	Sluice at South Ferriby	SE 975 211 (T)
Barton Haven	Barton Haven Sluice	TA 028 226 (T)
Barrow Beck	Barrow Haven	TA 064 225 (T)
New Holland Main Drain	New Holland Sluice	TA 080 243 (T)
Goxhill Haven	Goxhill Haven Sluice	TA 120 254 (T)
East Halton Beck	East Halton Skitter Sluice	TA 145 228 (T)
North Killingholme Drain	North Killingholme Haven Sluice	TA 166 201 (T)
Killingholme Marsh Drain	Killingholme Marsh Sluice	TA 177 187 (T)
South Killingholme Drain	South Killingholme Haven Sluice	TA 187 172 (T)
Habrough Marsh Drain	Habrough Marsh Drain Sluice	TA 207 157 (T)

Watercourse (1)	Demarcation Point (2)	National Grid Reference (3)
North Beck Drain	North Beck Sluice	TA 216 152 (T)
Middle Drain	Middle Drain Pumping Station	TA 229 140 (T)
Oldfleet Drain	Oldfleet Drain Sluice	TA 238 131 (T)
Mawmbridge Drain	Mawmbridge Drain Sluice	TA 246 124 (T)
New Cut Drain	Pyewipe Sluice	TA 263 109 (T)
Freshney	Flottergate Sluice	TA 267 095 (T)
Buck Beck	Buck Beck Outfall Sluice	TA 327 067 (T)
Louth Canal	Tetney Sluice	TA 354 031 (T)
Old Fleet Drain	Tetney Sluice (North Coates)	TA 354 031 (T)
Seven Towns North Eau	Grainthorpe Sluice	TA 395 007 (T)
Seven Towns South Eau	Pyes Hall Sluice	TA 409 006 (T)
Grayfleet Drain	Saltfleet Haven Sluice	TF 456 934 (T)
Great Eau	Great Eau Sluice	TF 459 933 (T)
Mablethorpe Cut	Mablethorpe Sluice	TF 508 854 (T)
Woldgrift Drain	Trusthorpe Sluice	TF 514 841 (T)
Boygrift Drain	Huttoft Sluice and Pumping Station	TF 533 798 (T)
Anderby Main Drain	Anderby Sluice and Pumping Station	TF 546 760 (T)
Willoughby High Drain	Chapel Sluice and Pumping Station	TF 560 729 (T)
Ingoldmells Main Drain	Ingoldmells Point Sluice and Pumping Station	TF 571 684 (T)
Steeping	Wainfleet Haven Clough Sluice	TF 543 596 (T)
Steeping Relief Channel	Steeping Relief Channel Sluice	TF 552 587 (T)
Cowbank Drain	Pumps at Wainfleet Haven	TF 553 585 (T)
Witham	Grand Sluice, Boston	TF 323 445 (T)
Maud Foster	Maud Foster Sluice, Boston	TF 336 430 (T)

Watercourse (1)	Demarcation Point (2)	National Grid Reference (3)
South Forty Foot Drain	Black Sluice, Boston	TF 327 428 (T)
Hobhole Drain	Hobhole Pumping Station and Sluice, Fishtoft	TF 365 402 (T)
Hun	Sluice	TF 721 446 (T)
Burn	Near Burnham Norton	TF 835 439 (T)
Stiffkey	Stiffkey Greens	TF 988 441 (T)
Glaven	A149 Road Bridge (Cley next the sea)	TG 043 438 (T)
Thorpeness Hundred	Sluice Cottage	TM 468 584 (T)
Lothingland Hundred	Benacre Pump	TM 536 845 (T)
Cove Run	B1127 Road Bridge	TM 509 791 (T)
Blyth	Blythburgh Bridge	TM 453 756
Wang	Wolsey Bridge, A1095	TM 472 768 (T)
Dunwich	Dunwich Bridge	TM 474 707
Minsmere	The Sluice	TM 477 662 (T)
Alde	Near B1069, The Maltings, Snape	TM 390 577 (T)
Butley	Butley Mills	TM 387 516 (T)
Deben	Wilford Bridge, Melton	TM 291 502 (T)
Fynn	Martlesham	TM 259 473 (T)
Shottisham Creek	Near Shottisham	TM 300 431 (T)
Mill	Kirton Creek	TM 291 415 (T)
Gipping/Orwell	Velocity Control Structure	TM 168 434
Belstead Brook	A137 Road bridge, South of Ipswich	TM 162 419 (T)
Bure (inc Ant and Thurne)	Five Mile House	TG 474 101
Yare	Six Mile House	TG 455 034
Waveney	Seven Mile House	TG 458 015
Mun	Mundesley Mill	TG 315 365

Watercourse (1)	Demarcation Point (2)	National Grid Reference (3)
Welland	At confluence downstream of Fulney Lock and Coronation Channel	TF 259 242 (T)
Glen	Surfleet Seas End Sluice	TF 280 293 (T)
Nene	Guyhirn Road Bridge	TF 400 035
Vernatt's Drain	Vernatt's Bridge	TF 282 293 (T)
Risegate Eau	Risegate Outfall	TF 304 316 (T)
Lutton Leam	Leamlands Sluice	TF 486 263 (T)
South Holland Main Drain	Confluence with River Nene	TF 477 200 (T)
North Level Main Drain	Confluence with River Nene at Foul Anchor	TF 468 182 (T)

Note T = Tidal Limit

## Lead Weight Byelaws

The Anglian Water Authority, under and by virtue of the powers and authority vested in them by Section 28 of Schedule 3 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and Section 36 of the Water Act 1973, do make the following Byelaws for prohibiting the use of certain instruments for taking salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels in any waters within the Authority area.

- 1) These Byelaws may be cited as the Anglian Water Authority (Lead Weight) Byelaws 1987.
- 2) In these byelaws, unless the context requires, the terms used shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and the following words and expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is to say:
  - “**Authority**” means the Anglian Water Authority.
  - “**Authority Area**” means the area of the Authority for the purposes of their functions under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.
  - “**fishing lure**” means any device, including a fishing fly, which is designed to attract fish and which incorporates a fishing hook.
  - “**lead**” includes any alloy or compound of lead.
  - “**lead weight**” means split shot or any other thing suitable for weighting fishing lines which is neither incorporated and fully enclosed in the core of a fishing line nor incorporated in the construction of a swim-feeder, a self-cocking float or a fishing lure.
- 3) (i) Subject to paragraph (2) below, no person shall on or after 25th July 1987 use for taking salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels in any waters within the Authority Area any fishing line to which is attached, directly or indirectly, any lead in the form of a lead weight.
  - (ii) Paragraph (1) above does not prohibit the use of a lead weight of 0.06 grams or less, or of more than 28.35 grams.

# National Fisheries Byelaws

The Environment Agency, in exercise of its powers under Section 210 and Schedule 25 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Byelaws.

## Application of byelaws

These Byelaws shall apply to the area (specified in Section 6(7) of the Environment Act 1995) in respect of which the Agency carries out its functions relating to fisheries.

## Interpretation

(1) In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires:-

“Agency” means the Environment Agency;

“Anglian Region” means the area of the Agency where the former Anglian Region of the National Rivers Authority carried out its functions in relation to fisheries under the Water Resources Act 1991 and which area was identified as the area of the Anglian Water Authority as provided by paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 17 to the Water Act 1989.

*[the remainder of this subsection does not apply to the Anglian Region]*

(2) Except where expressly stated or where the context otherwise requires all words and expressions used in these Byelaws shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, Water Resources Act 1991 and the Water Industry Act 1991.

## Migratory Salmonid Catch Returns *National Byelaw 3 Phase 1*

*Confirmed 18/12/96*

*Date of Implementation 31/12/96*

(1) Any person to whom a licence is issued by the Agency to fish by rod and line for salmon or migratory trout shall not later than the 1st day of January in the following year, make a return on a form provided by the Agency giving particulars of dates, the locations and the time spent fishing and the number and weight of any salmon or migratory trout caught (except in relation to small sea trout (500g or less) where only the number caught need be returned). This includes those returned alive giving details of whether they caught on fly, spinner or bait, or a statement that no salmon or migratory trout were caught by the licence holder.

(2) Any person to whom a licence is issued by the Agency to fish with any instrument other than rod and line for salmon or migratory trout shall within 7 days of the end of each month during the fishing season make a return on a

form provided by the Agency giving particulars of dates, the locations and the time spent fishing and the number and individual or aggregate weight of any salmon or migratory trout caught by each instrument, or a statement that no salmon or migratory trout were caught by the licence holder or his agents.

**Use of a Gaff**

*National Byelaw 4 Phase1*

*Confirmed 14/03/97*

*Date of Implementation 1/04/97*

The use of a gaff is prohibited at all times when fishing for salmon, trout, freshwater fish or freshwater eels.

**Keepnets, Keepsacks and Landing Nets**

*National Byelaw 5 Phase1*

*Confirmed 14/03/97*

*Date of Implementation 1/04/98*

- (1) Any persons shall be guilty of an offence, if after 1 April 1998, he uses:
  - (a) a landing net with any knotted meshes or meshes of metallic material;  
or
  - (b) a keepnet –
    - (i) with any knotted meshes or meshes of metallic material; or
    - (ii) having any holes in the mesh larger than 25mm internal circumference; or
    - (iii) of less than 2.0 metres in length; or
    - (iv) with supporting rings or frames greater than 40cm apart (excluding the distance from the top frame to the first supporting ring or frame) or less than 120cm in circumference.
  - (c) a keepsack –
    - (i) not constructed of a soft, dark coloured, non-abrasive, water permeable fabric; or
    - (ii) having dimensions of less than 120 cm by 90 cm, if rectangular; or
    - (iii) 150 cm by 30 cm by 40 cm if used with a frame or designed with the intention that a frame be used.
- (2) Any person shall be guilty of an offence if, after 1st April 1998, he retains more than one fish in a single keepsack at any time.
- (3) This byelaw shall not apply to any keepnet or keepsack used for retaining eels which have been legally taken by instruments other than rod and line.
- (4) This byelaw was made taking into account of the requirement for notification to the European Commission under Council Directive 83/189/EEC

## Coarse Fish Close Season

*National Byelaw 6 Phase1 (amended)  
Confirmed 14/03/2000 (England)  
Confirmed 2/03/2001 (Wales)  
Date of Implementation 15/03/2000 (Eng)  
Date of Implementation 15/03/2001 (Wales)*

- (1) The annual coarse fish close season (15 March to 15 June inclusive) applies to the following waters:
- All rivers, streams and drains;
  - In all waters in the Specified Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the Broads;

*Note 1. In March 2000 the annual coarse fish close season on canals was dispensed with, although the close season was retained at some wildlife conservation sites. Also, some waterways are termed canals but are actually rivers, and the close season will continue to apply; waters in this category in the Anglian Region are as follows:*

- The Fosdyke Canal*
- The Louth Canal*
- The Horncastle Canal*
- The Dilham and North Walsham Canal*

*Note 2. Eels - There is no close season on those waters where the statutory close season for freshwater fish has been dispensed with.*

## Rainbow Trout Close Season

*National Byelaw 7 Phase 1  
Confirmed 14/03/97  
Date of Implementation 1/04/97*

There is no close season for fishing for rainbow trout by rod and line in all reservoirs, lakes and ponds.

## Brown Trout Close Season

*National Byelaw 9 Phase 1  
Confirmed 14/03/97  
Date of Implementation 1/04/97*

All waters are subject to an annual brown trout close season, although dates vary according to local byelaw.\*

\* For Anglian Region the annual close season for brown trout is from 30 October to the following 31 March (both dates inclusive).

## Use of rods

National Byelaw 8 Phase 1

Confirmed 14/03/97

Date of Implementation 1/04/97

No person shall fish with more than one rod and line at the same time when fishing for salmon and trout in all rivers, streams, drains or canals.

No person shall fish with more than two rods and lines at the same time when fishing for salmon and trout in all reservoirs, lakes and ponds.

No person shall fish with more than four rods and lines at the same time when fishing for coarse fish or eels.

When fishing with more than one rod and line at the same time, the aggregate number must not exceed a total of four.

When fishing with multiple rods and lines, rods must be placed such that the distance between the butts of the end rods does not exceed three metres.

Note: The above rod limits are subject to the correct number of rod licences being held.

- A salmon & sea trout licence authorises only one rod per licence when fishing for salmon, sea trout or trout, or two rods per licence when fishing for coarse fish and eels.
- A trout and coarse licence authorises one rod when fishing for trout or two rods when fishing for coarse fish and eels.

## Rod limits

Types of fish	Rivers, streams, drains & canals	Reservoirs, lakes & ponds
Salmon Sea Trout (Migratory trout)	1 ROD	2 RODS*
Trout (Non-migratory) Char	1 ROD	2 RODS*
Coarse Fish & Eels	4 RODS*	4 RODS*

\* 2 licences required

### **Use of Crayfish as Bait**

*National Byelaw 3 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/05/ 2001*

*Date of implementation 27/05/2001*

Any person who in fishing for salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels, uses as bait crayfish of any species whether alive or dead, or parts thereof, shall be guilty of an offence.

### **Otter Guards**

*National Byelaw 4 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/5/2001*

*Date of implementation 27/05/2001*

- (i) Failure to fit an otter guard to all eel fyke nets and eel traps where the entrance to the net or trap is greater than 95 millimetres internal diameter shall be an offence.
- (ii) The otter guard shall consist of either :-
  - (a) tightly stretched flexible netting with a mesh size measured when wet of not more than 75 mm knot to knot or 300mm round the perimeter; or
  - (b) a rigid square grid with bars separated by not more than 85mm; or
  - (c) a rigid ring with internal diameter of not more than 95mm;and shall be fitted to the funnel leading to the first chamber of the net or trap.
- iii) The requirement for otter guards shall extend to the 6 mile limit in coastal waters.

### **Eel Net Catch Returns**

*National Byelaw 9 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/05/2001*

*Date of Implementation 27/05/2001*

Any person to whom a licence is issued by the Agency to fish with any instrument other than rod and line for eels shall, within 30 days of the expiry of the licence (or by 31 July for elvers), make a return on a form provided by the Agency giving details of the number of days fished, the location and type of water fished, the total weight of eels and/or elvers caught by that instrument and retained or (as the case may be) a statement that no eels or elvers have been caught and retained for each month during the licence period or be guilty of an offence.

### **Return of Foul Hooked Fish**

*National Byelaw 7 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/05/2001*

*Date of implementation 27/05/2001*

It shall be an offence to fail to return immediately all salmon, migratory trout or trout, hooked other than in the mouth or throat, to any river, stream, drain or canal.

**Use of Live Fish for Bait**

*National Byelaw 8 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/05/2001*

*Date of implementation 27/05/2001*

Any person who takes fish for use as live bait shall be guilty of an offence unless the fish are retained at and used only in the water from which they were taken.

This Byelaw shall not apply to any fish introduced as live bait under and in accordance with a consent issued under Section 30 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975

**Unattended rods**

*National Byelaw 10 Phase 2*

*Confirmed 26/05/2001*

*Date of implementation 27/05/2001*

Any person who leaves a rod and line with its bait or hook in the water unattended or so that the person shall be unable at any time to take or exercise sufficient control over said rod and line shall be guilty of an offence.

**Early Season Catch and Release for Salmon with Rod and Line**

*National Salmon Byelaw 5*

*Confirmed 9/01/99*

*Date of implementation 15/04/99*

Any person who removes any live or dead salmon taken by rod and line from any waters or banks without the previous written authority of the Agency before 16 June in any calendar year shall be guilty of an offence.\*

\* This Byelaw shall not apply to any person who lawfully takes a salmon and returns it immediately to the water with the least possible injury.

**Early Season Method Restriction for Salmon with Rod and Line**

*National Salmon Byelaw 6*

*Confirmed 9/01/99*

*Date of implementation 15/04/99*

Any person who fishes for, takes, or attempts to fish for or attempts to take any salmon with rod and line by any means other than an artificial fly or artificial lure before the 16th day of June in any calendar year shall be guilty of an offence.

### **Amendments and Revocations to existing byelaws**

- (1) The amendments to existing Byelaws (including Brown Trout Close Season) set out in Schedule 1 of the National Fisheries Byelaws of 1996 shall have effect.
  - (2) The revocations of existing Byelaws (including Brown Trout Close Season) set out in Schedule 2 of the National Fisheries Byelaws of 1996 shall have effect.
- (the relevant amendments and revocations have been incorporated in the Byelaws set out this Guide).

## Schedule 3 (National Byelaw 6)

### SPECIFIED SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

In this Schedule a group of two letters and six figures identifying or associated with any point represents the map co-ordinates of that point estimated to the nearest one hundred metres on the grid of the national reference system used by Ordnance Survey on its maps and plans.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
Felmersham Gravel Pits	(SP991584)
Houghton Regis Marl Lakes	(TL008235)
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
Fowlmere Watercress Beds	(TL406454)
Grafham Water	(TL150680)
Holme Fen	(TL205895)
Little Paxton Pits	(TL200637)
Stow-Cum-Quy Fen	(TL515527)
Wicken Fen	(TL555700)
Woodwalton Fen	(TL230840)
Dogsthorpe Star Pit	(TF213025)
Nene Washes	(TL200977, TF395029)
Ouse Washes	(TL393747, TL571987)
ESSEX	
Epping Forest	(TL475035, TQ405865)
Abberton Reservoir	(TL970180)
Colne Estuary	(TM075155)
LEICESTERSHIRE	
Blackbrook Reservoir	(SK458174)
Barrow Gravel Pits	(SK568166)
Buddon Woods & Swithland Reservoir	(SK560145)
Cave's Inn Pits	(SP538795)

**LEICESTERSHIRE continued**

Empingham Marshy Meadows	(SK956093, SK957087)
Frisby Marsh	(SK686174)
Groby Pool & Woods	(SK521083)

**NORFOLK**

Didlington Park Lakes	(TL777963)
Dillington Carr, Gressenhall	(TF971158)
East Wretham Heath	(TL910882)
Gunton Park Lane	(TG221345)
Sea Mere, Hingham	(TG035012)
Stanford Training Area	(TL870940)
Thompson Water, Carr & Common	(TL930955)
Wretham Park Meres	(TL902918)
Westwick Lakes (excluding Captain's Pond)	(TG273274)

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Higham Ferrers Gravel Pits	(SP945686)
Pitsford Reservoir	(SP780708)
Twywell Gullett	(SP947775)
Yardley Chase	(SP857540, SP841553)

**SUFFOLK**

Benacre to Easton Bavents	(TM537855)
Cavenham/Icklingham Heaths	(TL755733)
Lackford	(TL890710)
Lakenheath Pools Fen	(TL701827)
Minsmere/Walberswick Heaths & Marshes	(TM465662, TM465735)
North Warren & Thorpeness Mere	(TM460594)
Sizewell Marshes	(TM466638)
Stallode Wash, Lakenheath	(TL675853)

### Penalty Note

By Part 1 Schedule 4 Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, any person who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of the foregoing Byelaws is liable on summary conviction in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding the amount prescribed from time to time for Level 4 on the Standard Scale referred to in Section 37 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982.



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