

THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

THE RIVER SEVERN ROD AND LINE (SALMON AND SEA TROUT) (WALES) BYELAWS 2018

The Natural Resources Body for Wales in exercise of its powers under section 210 of, and paragraph 6(1)(b), 6(2)(b) and 6(2)(d) of Schedule 25 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 makes the following byelaws.

Byelaw 1 – Title

These Byelaws may be cited as the River Severn Rod and Line (Salmon and Sea Trout) (Wales) Byelaws 2018.

Byelaw 2 – Application

These byelaws shall be read in conjunction with the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995 as amended.

These Byelaws will apply to the River Severn save where expressly stated.

These Byelaws will cease to have effect on 31 December 2028

Byelaw 3 – Interpretation

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) “artificial fly” means a fishing fly that is primarily constructed from natural or synthetic fur and feather materials and which is designed to attract fish and which incorporates a fishing hook
- (b) “artificial lure” means any device including spoons, spinners, wobblers and plugs, or artificial imitation fish baits made of any material which is designed to attract fish and which incorporates a fishing hook.
- (c) “migratory trout” means trout of the species *Salmon trutta* that migrate to, and from, the sea and also includes part of a migratory trout.

- (d) “Natural Resources Wales” means the Natural Resources Body for Wales.
- (e) “River Severn” means those parts of the River Severn and its tributaries in Wales, other than the River Wye and tributaries of the River Wye.
- (f) “Salmon” means all fish of the salmon species and includes part of a salmon.
- (g) “the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995” means the Byelaws regulating fishing by means of rod & line and making certain general provisions relating to fishery matters made by the National Rivers Authority Welsh Region
- (h) Except as provided above 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, the Water Resources Act 1991 and Environment Act 1995 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof.

Byelaw 4 - early season catch and release for salmon with rod and line

No person shall remove any live or dead salmon taken by rod and line from the River Severn before 16 June in any calendar year.

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.

Byelaw 4 of the Wales Rod and Line (Salmon and Sea Trout) Byelaws 2018 does not apply to the River Severn.

Byelaw 5 – early season method restriction of salmon with rod and line

No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or attempt to take any salmon with rod and line from the River Severn by any means other than an artificial fly or artificial lure before 16 June in any calendar year

Byelaw 6 – method restrictions for taking salmon or sea trout with rod and line

After paragraph (a) (2) of Byelaw 10 of the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995 (Hooks and Hooking of Fish) (Barbless or de-barbed hooks) there shall be inserted –

“(3) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any salmon or migratory trout with rod and line from the River Severn:

- i) Using prawn or shrimp as a bait other than by means of a single, double or treble hook with a gape (measured from shank to hook point) of 7 millimetres or less.
- ii) By means of an artificial lure other than using a single hook with a gape (measured from shank to hook point) of 13 millimetres or less.
- iii) By means of an artificial fly with a treble hook with a gape (measured from shank to hook point) greater than 7 millimetres.

Byelaw 7 **Revocations of Existing Byelaws**

- (1) The revocations of existing Byelaws set out in Schedule 1 shall have effect.
- (2) This Byelaw and Schedule 1 apply in Wales.

SCHEDULE 1

Revocation of Existing Byelaws

Byelaw number	Date of Confirmation
National Salmon Byelaws 2009 (the whole Byelaws as they apply in Wales)	15 December 2008

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL
OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES**

Was hereunto affixed on the day of 2018

AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY