

**Environment Agency**  
**Water Resources Act 1991**  
**Environment Act 1995**  
**Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975**

**SOLWAY FIRTH HEAVE OR HAAF NET FISHING BYELAWS**

**THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**, in exercise of its powers under Section 210 of, and paragraph 6(1)(b) of Schedule 25 to, the Water Resources Act 1991, makes the following Byelaws.

**Byelaw 1      Application**

- (i)      These Byelaws shall apply to the Solway Firth
- (ii)     These Byelaws shall expire 10 years after the date they come into force.

**Byelaw 2      Interpretation**

- (i) "Solway Firth" means those tidal waters and parts of the sea within the Environment Agency's area between a line drawn between the eastern extremity of Barnkirk Point (NGR NY19186433) to Scargravel Point (NGR NY 19786177) and:
  - (a) In the River Esk (Border), a line drawn across the river from NGR NY32456503 to NGR NY32456632.
  - (b) In the River Eden, a line drawn across the river from NGR NY33656182 to NGR NY33656155.
- (ii) Except as provided above, or where the context otherwise requires, all words and expressions used in these Byelaws shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, the Water Resources Act 1991 and Environment Act 1995

**Byelaw 3      Daily close time for Salmon and Migratory Trout (other than with rod and line)**

The daily close time for fishing for salmon and migratory trout (other than with rod and line) in the Solway Firth shall be the period from the hour of midnight in the evening to the hour of six on the following morning.

**Byelaw 4      Return of all salmon caught within the Solway Firth Heave or Haaf net fishery**



On the Solway Firth, during the period from, and including, the 1 June to, and including, the 9 September following, no person shall remove any live or dead salmon. Any salmon caught within the Solway Firth must be returned to the water with the least possible injury.

**Byelaw 5      Maximum number of migratory trout that may be killed within the Solway Firth Heave or Haaf net fishery**

On the Solway Firth, during the period from, and including, the 1 June to and including the 9 September following, for nets licensed under section 25 Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, each licence holder can only kill the number of migratory trout up to and including his or her equal share of the total of four hundred and twenty (420) migratory trout as shared equally between the licence holders.

**Byelaw 6      Amendments**

The amendments to existing Byelaws set out in Schedule 1 shall have effect.

**Schedule 1**

**Amendment of Existing Byelaws**

**Weekly close time for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line)**

For Byelaw 9(i) of North West Fisheries Byelaws confirmed on 13 November 2007 substitute

"The weekly close time for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line) shall be the period between the hour of six on Saturday morning and the hour of six on the following Monday morning with the following exceptions:

(i) In the Solway Firth there will be no weekly close period for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line).

**Revocation**

The Environment Agency River Eden and Solway Firth Time Limited Byelaws 2007 are hereby revoked.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

**Was hereunto affixed on the 15th day of December 2017 in the presence of:-**

PETER KELLET  
DIRECTIONS OF  
LEGAL SERVICES  
AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

*P. Kellett*

