

**THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

**WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991**

**THE CROSS BORDER RIVERS ROD AND LINE (SALMON AND SEA TROUT) (ENGLAND)  
BYELAWS 2017**

The Environment Agency 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 make the following byelaws.

**Byelaw 1 – Title**

These Byelaws may be cited as the Cross Border Rivers Rod and Line (Salmon and Sea Trout) (England) Byelaws 2017.

**Byelaw 2 – Application**

These Byelaws will apply to the Cross Border Rivers save where expressly stated.

These Byelaws will cease to have effect on 31 December 2027.

**Byelaw 3 – Interpretation**

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) "Cross Border Rivers" means those parts of the River Dee and River Wye and their tributaries in England.
- (b) "salmon" means salmon of the species *Salmo salar* and also includes part of a salmon.
- (c) "sea trout" means any fish of the salmon family commonly known as trout or sewin, including migratory trout and also includes part of a trout.
- (d) "bait" means worm, prawn and shrimp whether natural or artificial.

- (e) "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.
- (f) "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.
- (g) 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 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof.

#### **Byelaw 4 – Catch and release with rod and line (salmon)**

Any person who removes any live or dead salmon taken by rod and line from the River Dee and its tributaries in England, without the previous written authority of the Environment Agency granted under paragraph 6(5A) of Schedule 25 to the Water Resources Act 1991, 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.

#### **Byelaw 5 – Size limit (sea trout)**

Any person who removes any live or dead sea trout of a size larger than 60 centimetres with rod and line from the River Dee and its tributaries in England shall be guilty of an offence.

The size shall be ascertained by measuring from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.

This byelaw shall not apply to any person who lawfully takes any live or dead sea trout of a size larger than 60 centimetres and returns it immediately to the water with the least possible injury.

**Byelaw 6 – No bait fishing**

(1) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any salmon from the Cross Border Rivers with rod and line by means of any bait.

(2) No person shall before the 1 May fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any sea trout from the Cross Border Rivers with rod and line by means of any bait.

**Byelaw 7 – Hooks**

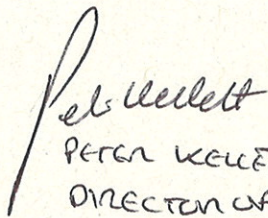
(1) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any salmon or sea trout with rod and line from the Cross Border Rivers except with barbless or de-barbed hooks.

(2) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any sea trout with rod and line from the Cross Border Rivers by means of any bait furnished other than by a single worm baited on a single barbless or de-barbed hook with the gape of any such hook measured from the shank to the point restricted to 8 millimetres or less.

(3) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or take any salmon or sea trout with rod and line from the Cross Border Rivers using a bait or artificial lure or artificial fly furnished with one or more treble hooks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Was hereunto affixed on the 8th day of November 2017 in the presence of:-

  
Peter Keenan  
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES

AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY



