

Environment Agency

Water Resources Act 1991

Environment Act 1995

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975

RIVER RIBBLE NET FISHING BYELAW

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, hereby makes the following Byelaws.

Maximum number of salmon that may be killed

Byelaw 1

- (i) On the Ribble Estuary, during the period from, and including, the 1st day of June to, and including, the 31st day of August following, the number of salmon that may be killed, by all nets licensed under section 25 Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, will be limited to a total of 48 salmon.
- (ii) The total number of salmon, that are allowed to be killed, will be shared equally between licence holders and each licence holder can only kill the number of salmon up to and including his or her equal share of the total of 48 salmon. This equal share will constitute the licence holder's catch limit of salmon
- (iii) For the purposes of the this Byelaw, the Ribble Estuary is that part of the estuary of the River Ribble which lies seaward of a line drawn due South from the Naze at Freckleton, and landward of a line drawn from the seaward end of St Anne's Pier at Lytham to Gut Buoy then to the seaward end of Southport pier.

Byelaw 2

- (i) Any licence holder who has caught and killed their equal share of the 48 salmon in the circumstances set out in Byelaw 1 above must cease fishing immediately.
- (ii) If the last salmon in a licence holder's catch limit is caught at the same time as any additional salmon, these additional salmon must be released immediately to the water from which they were caught and with least possible injury.

This byelaw shall expire 10 years after the date it comes into force.