

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

**THE RIVER WYE ROD AND LINE (SALMON AND SEA TROUT) (ENGLAND) BYELAWS
2021**

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under section 210 of, and paragraph 6(1)(b), 6(2)(aa) and 6(2)(c) of Schedule 25 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 make the following byelaws.

Byelaw 1 – Title

These Byelaws may be cited as the River Wye Rod and Line (Salmon and Sea Trout) (England) Byelaws 2021.

Byelaw 2 – Application and Exemption

(a) These Byelaws will apply to the River Wye and its tributaries save where expressly stated.

(b) These Byelaws shall not apply to any employee of the Environment Agency acting in their official capacity or to any person who, with the permission in writing of the Environment Agency and acting in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission, carries out work connected with the maintenance, improvement or development of fisheries or for scientific purposes.

(c) These Byelaws shall expire on 31 December 2029.

Byelaw 3 – Interpretation

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires:

“River Wye” means the area of the natural catchment of the River Wye and of all watercourses draining or flowing, directly or indirectly, into it, which are within England;

"the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995" means the Byelaws regulating fishing by means of rod and line and making certain general provisions relating to fishery matters made by the National Rivers Authority Welsh Region and confirmed on 1 September 1994;

"salmon" means both species Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and Pink salmon (*Onchorynchus gorbusha*);

"sea trout" means any migratory (anadromous) form of the species *Salmo trutta* which are commonly known as sea trout (migratory trout) or sewin and also includes part of a sea trout.

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 and sea trout)

- (a) Subject to the provisions contained with existing fisheries byelaws affecting the River Wye, any person who removes any live or dead salmon or sea trout taken by rod and line in the River Wye without the previous written authority of the Environment Agency shall be guilty of an offence.
- (b) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who lawfully takes a salmon or sea trout and returns it immediately to the water with the least possible injury.

Byelaw 5 - Close season

Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of Byelaw 3 of the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995 entitled "The Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line)" are substituted with —

"(b) In that part of the River Wye below Llanwrthwl bridge the period between 17 October and 3 March following.

(c) In all the tributaries of the River Wye and in that part of the River Wye above Llanwrthwl bridge, the period between 17 October and 3 March following.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
Was hereunto affixed on the 16th day of August 2021 in the presence of:-

Peter Kellett
PETER KELLETT
DIRECTOR OF LEAD SERVICES
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY



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