

CONSERVATION POLICIES For 2018 season

Forth District Season		
Rod & Line	Start: 1st February	Finish: 31st October
Nets	Start: 1st June	Finish: 26th August
Generally		
At any time:	No killing of Salmon before 1st June	
	No killing of Salmon greater than 28" (70cm)	
	No killing of Sea Trout smaller than 14" (35cm)	
	No killing of Sea Trout larger than 20" (50cm)	
	No killing of hen fish in September and October	

Baits and Lures:	
Between 1st February - 31st May and between 27th August - 31st October	No Organic Baits
At all times	Hooks are restricted to one single, double or treble.
Before 1st June and on category 3 rivers	Barbless hooks to be used.
Additional Recommendations:	
FDSFB would prefer all sea trout to be returned.	
FDSFB will consider lowering the numbers of fish which can be retained if the C&R figures are not met.	
Proprietors and clubs should make submission of catch returns a condition of sale of permits (and/or provide incentives)	

Recommendations for the retention of salmon and sea trout

Catchment	Salmon		Catch & Release Target
	Conservation Code	Dates	
Allan	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	85%
Almond	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Avon	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Carron	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Devon	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Esk	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Leven	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Teith	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 3/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	85%
Forth	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	85%
Tyne & Biel	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Water of Leith	0	01/04 - 31/10	100%

Catchment	Sea Trout		Catch & Release Target
	Conservation Code	Dates	
Allan	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Almond	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Avon	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Carron	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Devon	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Esk	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Leven	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Teith	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Forth	0	01/02 - 31/05	100%
	1/day/angler (to max 2/season/angler)	01/06 - 31/10	75%
Tyne & Biel	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%
Water of Leith	0	01/02 - 31/10	100%

All subject to confirmation of Scottish Government regulations on the management of killing of salmon
 Crown Estates leases enforce the recommendations, some Local Authority leases enforce the recommendations.
 These recommendations are in addition to any regulation or legislation currently in force.

Local restrictions to fishing:

Within 50m of a manmade obstruction which limits the upstream migration of fish

Above location stated below to conserve fragile salmon spawning areas:

Biel	Belhaven	
Tyne	Knowes, Cascades, Victoria Bridge, Westmill, Clerkington	
Esk	InverEsk, Dalkeith, Montagu Bridge	
WofL	Dean Village,	
Almond	Fair-a-Far, Dowies, MidCalder, Howden Bridge, Rugby Club, Kirkton	Canal feeder Bridge (NT0864068532)
Avon	Glenavon Weir, Westfield	
Carron	Carron Dam, Fankerton	Fankerton Weir (NS7893583242)
Bannockburn	Bannockburn, Iron Weir	
Teith	Deanston	
Allan	Ashfield	
Devon	Cambus	
Leven	Kirkland Dam, Methil, Windygates, Westmill, Tullis Russell, Mill Deans, Balgonie	