

THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

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

The Natural Resources Body for Wales in exercise of its powers under section 210 of, and paragraph 6(1)(b), 6(2)(a), 6(2)(aa) and 6(2)(b) of Schedule 25 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 makes the following byelaws.

Byelaw 1 – Title

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

Byelaw 2 – Application

These byelaws shall be read in conjunction with the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995 as amended and the Cross Border Rivers Dee and Wye Rod and Line (Salmon and Sea Trout) (Wales) Byelaws 2017.

These Byelaws will cease to have effect on the 31st December 2029.

Byelaw 3 – Interpretation

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) “Natural Resources Wales” means the Natural Resources Body for Wales.
- (b) “River Wye” means those parts of the River Wye and its tributaries in Wales.
- (c) “Salmon” means salmon of the species *Salmo salar* and includes part of a salmon;

“sea trout” means any fish of the salmon family commonly known as sea trout or sewin, (migratory trout) and also includes part of a sea trout.

- (d) “the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995” means the Byelaws regulating fishing by means of rod & line and making certain general provisions relating to fishery matters made by the National Rivers Authority Welsh Region.
- (e) Except as provided above or where the context otherwise requires all words and expressions used in these Byelaws shall have the meanings 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 Natural Resources Wales 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 - The Annual close season for salmon (rod and line)

- (1) Paragraph (b) and (c) of Byelaw 3 of the Rod and Line Byelaws 1995 The Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line) is substituted with—

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

EXECUTED as a Deed by
NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES
by affixing the Common Seal in the presence of:

Signature: S. Abrey

Print name: S. ABBREY

Address: TY CAMBRIA
CARDIFF

Occupation: HEAD OF LEGAL
SERVICES

