

# THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

## WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

### THE RIVER SEVERN ROD AND LINE (SALMON) (WALES) EMERGENCY BYELAWS 2021

The Natural Resources Body for Wales in exercise of its powers under section 210 of, and paragraph 6(1)(b) of Schedule 25 and Schedule 27 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following emergency byelaws for the protection and preservation of fisheries within the River Severn in Wales.

#### **Byelaw 1 – Title**

These Byelaws may be cited as the River Severn Rod and Line (Salmon) (Wales) Emergency Byelaws 2021.

#### **Byelaw 2 – Application**

- (a) These Byelaws will apply to that part of the River Severn and its tributaries in Wales where Natural Resources Wales carries out its functions relating to fisheries.
- (b) These Byelaws will come into force on the 1 March 2021.

#### **Byelaw 3 – Interpretation**

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) "Natural Resources Wales" means the Natural Resources Body for Wales.
- (b) "the River Severn" means the area of the catchment of the River Severn and of all watercourses draining or flowing, directly or indirectly, into it, which are wholly within Wales.
- (c) "Salmon" means the species Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo Salar*).
- (d) "Wales" means the whole of Wales, together with such part of the territorial sea adjacent to Wales as extends for six miles from the baselines from which the breadth of that sea is measured.

- (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 – Prohibition on the retention of salmon from the River Severn taken by rod and line**

- (a) No person shall remove or retain a salmon that has been taken by rod and line in the River Severn.
- (b) Any salmon that has been taken by rod and line shall be returned immediately to the river at the point of capture with the least possible injury.

**Byelaw 5 – Early Season Method Restriction for Salmon with Rod and Line**

Any person who fishes for, takes or attempts to fish for or attempts to take any salmon with rod and line by any means other than an artificial fly or artificial lure before the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in any calendar year shall be guilty of an offence.

**Byelaw 6 – Exemptions**

These Byelaws shall not apply to any employee of Natural Resources Wales acting in their official capacity or to any person who, with the permission in writing of Natural Resources Wales 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL  
OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES**

Was hereunto affixed on the 24 day of February 2021

**AN AUTHORISED SIGNATORY**

*S. Abbey*

