

THURSO RIVER CONSERVATION STRATEGY - 2016

Anglers are reminded that under the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Act 2001, it is illegal to sell salmon and sea trout caught by rod and line.

The catch and release provisions for 2016 will be:

- ***Period 11th January – 19th June***

In accordance with the Scottish Government's statutory catch and release regulations, all salmon caught prior to 1st April must be returned to the River.

From 1st April until 19th of June any fish incapable of being safely returned (ie bleeders) must be handed to either the Fishery Manager (Tim Hawes) or the Senior Ghillie (Geordie Doull) on the day the fish is removed from the River.

- ***Period 20th June – 5th October***

Anglers visiting for a week may retain up to two fish provided they do not exceed 8lbs in weight/70cm in length.

Anglers visiting for less than a week may retain one fish provided it does not exceed 8lbs in weight/70cm in length.

Hooks

- The use of treble hooks on the Thurso is no longer permitted.
- For the final five weeks of the season (1st September onwards) all hooks should be barbless.

I trust all fishermen who care for the river and its salmon will support our strategy.