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## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FISH THE EXE**

- See individual beats for specific rules applying to that stretch.
- Dogs are allowed under strict control unless specifically excluded.
- Where evening tickets are allowed fishing is only bookable on the day and is from 4pm onwards.
- Trout tickets are sold on salmon beats in good faith and on the understanding that the rod is to fish for trout only, and the onus is on rods to carry this spirit through.
- Banks – right hand bank means the right hand bank as viewed downstream.

### **Byelaws-legally binding**

- Salmon season 14th February to 30th September
- Sea trout season 15th March to 30th September
- Brown trout season 15th March to 30th September
- Grayling 16th June to 14th March
- National Rod Licences- Before you fish for salmon, sea trout, trout, freshwater fish or eels in any water in England and Wales, you need to have both a current Environment Agency rod fishing licence and permission to fish from the owner of the fishery.
- ALL salmon caught before the 16th June must be released
- Fishing before 16<sup>th</sup> June is by fly or spinning only
- No worm or maggot fishing is permitted.

A minimum of 90% of salmon caught on the Exe must be released. To guarantee 90% catch and release the best course of action is to release all salmon. We must treat every salmon as part of the future.

### **RETA code-obligatory for Fish the Exe Beats. All anglers must:**

- Release ALL salmon before the 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- Release all MSW fish throughout the season ( fish 7lbs or over ).
- Not use treble hooks in any form of fishing.
- Ensure barbs are fully closed on double and single hooks.
- Only use single hooks when spinning.
- Play the fish as quickly as possible.
- Always carry an appropriate knotless net, never beach a fish.
- Always carry a Ketchum or forceps or similar appropriate hook remover.
- Before starting to fish look to ensure a suitable place to net it.
- Keep the fish in the net in the water whilst unhooking and photographing.
- Never pick the fish up by the wrist (tail).
- When releasing gently hold the fish with its head upstream and be patient, it will swim off when it is ready.
- Not fish during extended hot weather and low flows as salmon will be stressed anyway and we recommend not fishing in these conditions.