

## **Conditions (Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown Trout) For Aberdeenshire Council's Fishing's in the River Don at Alford**

- 1 Every person fishing must be in possession of a current permit issued on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council, and any person fishing without a permit will be liable to prosecution. Permits must be obtained prior to fishing.
- 2 Anglers must do everything possible to prevent illegal fishing or poaching.
- 3 Anglers must keep to the fishing paths and not be accompanied by dogs.
- 4 Anglers must allow any Bailiff, River Watcher, Warden or other person having authority from Aberdeenshire Council to inspect their permit, identification, fishing tackle and any fish in their possession.
- 5 Anglers must not take or kill any fish under twelve inches in length, salmon of any size or brown trout over eighteen inches. Any such fish which may be caught must be returned alive to the water. Any angler found in possession of such fish may be liable to prosecution and the immediate loss of permit.
- 6 Fishing using worm or other natural bait is prohibited.
- 7 Fishing rod to be held in hand at all times when fishing.
- 8 The holder of this permit must report, within 48 hours of the permit expiry date, full details of salmon, sea trout and brown trout caught by: sending a completed catch return form (including nil returns) to Aberdeenshire Council, Landscape Services, Gordon House, Blackhall Road, Inverurie, AB51 3WA or completing an on-line return form. Holders of season permits are required to submit two returns as specified on the form.
- 9 Anglers must respect others property, crops, fences etc. Gates should be left as found and no fires are permitted. All litter should be taken home.
- 10 At all times anglers will fish through the pools and must not continue to occupy these when following anglers approach. Anglers must not cut in front of another for at least 50 metres.
- 11 This permit is valid only for the person named and is not transferable. Season Permit holders should carry photographic ID at all times. Persons fishing on a day permit must carry identification on their person at all times.
- 12 The Council reserves the right to amend or make additions to the conditions.
- 13 All foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water.
- 14 Bag limit (fish that may be killed).  
A maximum of 1 sea trout per day, 2 maximum per season may be kept. A maximum of 2 brown trout per day, 8 per season may be kept. It should be noted, IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO KEEP SALMON CAUGHT ON THE

RIVER DON AND ALL SALMON SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RETURNED TO THE WATER. Aberdeenshire Council recommend the return of all fish to the river.

- 15 Fishing for brown trout permitted from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- 16 No night fishing for sea trout before the month of May.
- 17 **Sunday fishing for brown trout only using fly.**
- 18 No wading at Alford beyond one-third of river width.
- 19 No lure to have more than one treble hook.
- 20 Any person infringing any of these conditions or who is convicted of any illegal fishing or any offence under the Acts relative to trout or salmon fishing, will have their permit revoked and future issues of permits to said person will be reviewed.
- 21 Copy of the Don District Salmon Fishery Board Salmon and Sea Trout Conservation Policy is included on the reverse side of your catch returns sheet.

## **Conditions (Brown Trout) For Aberdeenshire Council's Fishing's in the River Don at Alford**

- 1 Every person fishing must be in possession of a current permit issued on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council, and any person fishing without a permit will be liable to prosecution. Permits must be obtained before fishing commences.
- 2 Anglers must do everything possible to prevent illegal fishing or poaching.
- 3 Anglers must keep to the fishing paths and must not be accompanied by dogs.
- 4 Anglers must allow any Bailiff, River Watcher, Warden or other person having authority from Aberdeenshire Council to inspect their fishing permit, identification, fishing tackle and any fish in their possession.
- 5 Anglers may kill a maximum of 2 brown trout per day and 8 per season between twelve and eighteen inches. Any angler found in possession of any trout out with the size range or in excess of the bag limit or any species not covered by their permit, will have their permit withdrawn and may not be granted a future permit. Aberdeenshire Council recommend the return of all fish to the river.
- 6 Fishing with lines over 6 lbs/2.72 kilos breaking strain strictly prohibited.

- 7 Fishing using worm or other natural bait is prohibited.
- 8 Fishing rod to be held in hand at all times when fishing.
- 9 Anglers are required to report brown trout caught by completing a catch return form and sending it to: Aberdeenshire Council, Landscape Services, Gordon House, Inverurie AB51 3WA or completing an on-line return form.
- 10 Anglers must respect others property, crops, fences etc. Gates should be left as found and no fires are permitted. All litter should be taken home.
- 11 At all times anglers will fish through the pools and must not continue to occupy these when following anglers approach. Anglers must not cut in front of another for at least 50 metres.
- 12 This permit is valid only for the person named and is not transferable. Season Permit holders should carry photographic ID at all times. Persons fishing on a day permit must carry identification on their person at all times.
- 13 The Council reserves the right to amend or make additions to the conditions.
- 14 All foul-hooked fish must be returned, alive, to the river.
- 15 Fishing for brown trout is permitted from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- 16 Any person infringing any of these conditions or who may be convicted of any illegal fishing or any offence under the Acts relative to trout and salmon fishing, will have their permit withdrawn and may not be granted future permits.
- 27 No wading at Alford beyond one-third of river width.
- 28 **Sunday fishing for brown trout only using fly.**