



Dee District Salmon Fishery Board

THE DEE CONSERVATION CODE 2007

- A For 2007 the Fishing Season will be from 1st February to 30th September. However, the Dee DSFB is applying to change the Statutory Instrument governing the length of the fishing season on the Dee by delaying the closure of the season until October 15th of each year from 2007. This will initially be for a three-year trial period. The DDSFB will advise on the progress of this application. No application will be made to change the start of the season. In order to take a precautionary approach to this change, it is proposed that the Conservation Code restricts this extension to the portion of the river downstream of Aboyne Bridge and that no fishing takes place upstream of that bridge in the month of October.
- B Salmon and Grilse: There should be 100% catch and release for the entire season.
- C Spinning is permitted as an option for the whole river, at the beats' discretion, from the 1st February to the 15th April and, from the top of Maryculter Beat downstream only, spinning as an additional option in August and September. Any spinning lure must have only one single hook with a maximum size 4 that is crimped or barbless. It is recommended that fly fishing should always be given a fair try in preference to spinning.
- D All fly hooks should be barbless or crimped. Treble hooks should not be used.
- E Injured or damaged fish should be handed to the proprietor. This applies to all beats. (Time-share managers and Angling Associations to introduce an acceptable solution, which removes any temptation to declare a fish as being injured and, thus, an excuse for its retention).
- F Sea-trout and Finnock: All sea-trout under 1½ lbs (typically less than 15½" or 39 cm) and over 3lbs (typically greater than 20" or 51.0 cm) should be released. Anglers may kill the 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc. sea trout caught, within the prescribed weight limits, but are encouraged not to do so.
- G It is illegal to sell rod caught wild salmon or sea trout.

Remember, the DDSFB need the vital help and support of all proprietors, ghillies and anglers to realize the twin objectives of sustaining and enhancing the river's fish stocks and maintaining a viable thriving fishery.

John Foster, Chairman, Dee District Salmon Fishery Board

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