

EAW BYELAW SUMMARY & ADDITIONAL WUF RULES FOR COARSE FISHING

The following is only an abbreviated version of the Environment Agency's byelaws for river coarse fishing. For a full edition, including the game fishing byelaws, [please see the Environment Agency's website](#).

PLEASE NOTE - Stillwater rules vary, details are included in your beat documents.

Coarse Fishing Season Dates:

- RIVERS - 16th June to 14th March (inclusive).
- STILLWATERS – variable.

Bait restrictions:

- Livebait can only be taken from the water being fished and during the same period of fishing.
- Maggots, pupae or non-aquatic larvae can only be used between 15th September and 14th March (inclusive). No fish roe or crayfish baits.
- Each stillwater will have its own bait restrictions – details are in your beat documents.

Rod Restrictions:

- All anglers over 12 years of age must hold a valid EA rod licence.
- Rods cannot be left unattended.

Lead Restrictions:

- No lead weights except for:
 - Size 8 lead dust shot (0.06g) and smaller.
 - Lead weights of 1oz (28.53g) or more.
 - Lead within lures or weighted flies and within lead-core lines, swim feeders and self-cocking floats.

Net Restrictions:

- Landing nets must not to have any knotted or metallic meshes.

Additional Regulations for Coarse Fishing via WUF

As well as the byelaws and fishery specific regulations, there are a few other restrictions that apply to anglers fishing any Wye & Usk Foundation water:

- 1 rod only per angler.
- Your booking only allows you access to the water on the day of fishing from sunrise until one hour after sunset.
- No keepnets to be used at any time.
- Anglers must follow biosecurity instructions. These are given at the time of booking.
- A catch return/feedback must be submitted after fishing via [WUF's website](#) for each day fished.
- Barbless hooks at all times.
- Catch & Release for all species - all fish caught must be returned unharmed to the water immediately.
- No worm, prawn or shrimp baits.
- No spinners or lures under 6" (15cm). No spinners or lures on coarse still waters.
- No camping or night fishing.
- Anglers must take all litter and equipment with them after fishing. Please appreciate that the Foundation has opened up many new fisheries that were once salmon fishing only. Failure to remove rubbish & discarded tackle will result in owners withdrawing their water from the day ticket scheme.