

The River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Proprietors
From: Malcolm C. Hay, Chairman of the Board
Date: 14th December 2012
Subject: River Deveron Conservation Code for Trout and Salmon 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

While the 2012 season seems to have been reasonable, with the latest estimates of our total rod catch being around the 10 year average, the level of fish stocks in the river are still giving cause for concern. In particular, our sea trout stocks seem to have collapsed once again to catastrophically low levels.

Your Board has, therefore, revised the Conservation Code (see attached) to reflect this situation and I would encourage all of you to ensure that your anglers observe the new guidelines. As you are all aware, the Conservation Code is a bare minimum and many beats employ much stricter measures for their own fisheries. #I appreciate that a revision at this juncture may be awkward for some who may already have their beats let. However, your Board must act on the information available to it at the time, and this course of action is being taken in the best interests of our river for the future.

While the numbers of fish retained have been tightened up, I should point out that our Code remains significantly more generous to the visiting angler than most other rivers in Scotland and certainly among our peer group of the more successful, and, dare I say, better managed fisheries.

I am sure you will all join with your Board in endorsing this necessary measure and I am, as ever, available by telephone, email or in person to address any concerns you may have (telephone Tel. 01466 700274. Fax 01466 700374. e-mail malcolm.hay@btinternet.com)

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RIVER DEVERON CONSERVATION CODE FOR TROUT & SALMON 2013

Your Board remains extremely concerned over fragile levels of fish stocks in the river and in particular spring salmon and sea trout. Anglers are asked, therefore, to observe the following guidelines during the forthcoming season:

Salmon & Grilse

- 1. All salmon to be returned up to the end of May**

In conjunction with Chivas Regal, The Deveron Bogie & Isla Rivers Trust will donate a bottle of 12 year old whisky for every salmon returned up to May 31st (01466 711388)

- 2. From June 1st to October 31st, anglers may retain one salmon or grilse per rod per day with a maximum of two fish per rod per week**

Anglers are asked to observe the Board's aspiration that all hen fish, and any cock salmon over 10lbs be returned. Therefore, the Board requests that only male fish under 10lbs be retained

- 3. All coloured fish to be returned at all times**

Sea Trout

- 4. All sea trout to be returned throughout the season**

The guidance on sea trout will be in place for a minimum of three years or until stocks recover to acceptable levels

Brown Trout

- 5. From 15th March to 30th September, all Brown Trout under 10 inches in length to be returned. No more than 2 brown trout per rod per week to be retained**

Anglers are encouraged to fish with a fly only except in exceptionally coloured or high water

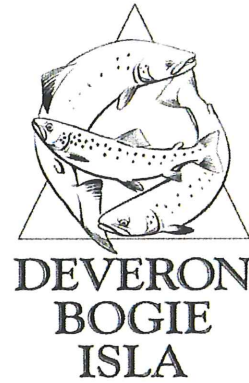
Spinning lures should have only one single set of hooks with a maximum sized 4 crimped or barbless

Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to sell rod caught salmon or sea trout

Injured or damaged fish out with the above limits should be handed to the proprietor

All farmed fish must be retained and notified to the DBIT (01466 711 388)

All visiting anglers must read, act upon and sign a Gyrodactylus salaris declaration form immediately prior to going fishing. Please contact the DBIT or your beat Ghillie/Manager/Agent.



2013 Spring Salmon Reward Scheme

Help conserve Deveron spring salmon by returning your catch to the river and claim a bottle of

*Chivas Regal Whisky (70CL /12 Yrs old)**

To claim call: 01466 711 388

Claim Procedure:*

- 1. Take a scale sample (6-10 scales from behind and below dorsal fin) from salmon, place in scale packet/dry envelope and record details of fish to allow fish to be verified.*
- 2. Take photo of fish (If possible)*
- 3. Safely return salmon to river*

The scheme operates from 11th Feb to May 31st

Fish should be kept in water at all times to assist recovery

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