

The Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme is administered by the Central and Regional Fisheries Boards.

This leaflet provides information for anglers on tagging their catch and recording the relevant details in their logbook.

All salmon rod licence holders must affix a gill tag to:

- all salmon (any size), or
- sea trout (over 40 cm)

they catch and retain.

BAG LIMITS

There is an angling bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40 cm) on rivers where you may catch and retain salmon (Table 1). The bag limits are subject to any quota allocated to a river and its tributaries.

Subject to the maximum annual bag limit of ten fish an angler may take:

- A total of one salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) for the period beginning January 1st to May 12th (**one fish in total may be retained for this period**),
- Daily Bag Limit:** Three salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from May 13th to August 31st,
- Daily Bag Limit:** One salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from 1st September to the close of the season,
- Please note that no sea trout of any size caught in the Western Region or the Clew Bay area of the North Western Region can be retained.**

After the daily bag limit has been taken, anglers are permitted to fish catch and release, using single, barbless hooks and there is a ban on the use of worms.

On rivers where catch and release is permitted (Table 2):

- there is a ban on the use of worms,
- anglers must use single, barbless hooks,
- the fish must be handled carefully and should not be removed from the water prior to release.

On all other rivers (Table 3) angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm) is prohibited. On the Liffey and the Slaney, angling for all salmon (any size) and all sea trout (any size) is prohibited.

OBTAINING A LICENCE

Anglers can obtain their licence from Regional Fisheries Board headquarters or any rod licence distributor. On payment of the rod licence fee, the angler will be given:

- The relevant rod licence
- A logbook
- 1 gill tag up until May 12th and additional allocations after this date provided they demonstrate that they have completed their logbook appropriately
- A business reply envelope will be provided for return of the logbook and unused tags to the relevant Regional Fisheries Board
- A plastic wallet for the logbook.

THE TAG

The tag to be used by anglers is a blue or brown plastic self-locking device. Each tag is embossed with a code identifying the region (or river and district) in which the tag was issued, the year in which the tag can be used and a tag number.

Fishermen should carefully note the following concerning the use of these tags:

- Each rod licence holder will be issued tags for his/her use only. Tags are not transferable between licence holders
- These tags shall not be re-used
- One tag shall be attached to each salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40 cm) caught and retained
- Tags must be attached immediately on landing the fish
- Tags shall be attached through the gill opening and mouth and securely locked around the gill cover
- Additional tags shall be issued on presentation of logbook information showing that the licence holder has used the gill tags issued to him or her, subject to bag limits
- Lost and accidentally destroyed tags may be replaced upon presentation of a signed declaration completed by the angler and signed by an Authorised Officer of a Regional Fisheries Board
- Gill Tags shall only be removed from the fish at the time of processing in accordance with the Tagging Scheme Regulations. For the purposes of this scheme processing includes: smoking, marinating or cooking the fish, gutting and freezing the fish or cutting any steaks, cutlets or portions of the fish.

THE LOGBOOK

On receipt of tags the angler will also receive a logbook. Details of the gill tags issued to an angler will be entered into the angler's logbook by the issuing agent.

Each fisherman shall:

- Have the logbook in his/her possession while fishing for salmon or sea trout
- Record all details of their catch in their logbook immediately after tagging the fish
- Make a catch record even if the fish is released
- Record details of any lost or damaged tags
- Declare lost or damaged logbooks to the relevant Regional Fisheries Board



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Salmon Angling Regulations 2007

Includes information on bag limits, mandatory Catch & Release, rivers which are open and closed, gill tags, and returning your completed logbook and unused tags to your Regional Fisheries Board by **19th October of the relevant year**.



Please note that these regulations and bye-laws are subject to change. Contact your Regional Fisheries Board for information on individual rivers.

RETURNING LOGBOOKS AND UNUSED TAGS

In accordance with the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Regulations anglers are required by law to return their completed logbook (even if there is no catch recorded) and all unused tags to the issuing Regional Fisheries Board by the **19th October of the relevant year**. A business reply envelope is provided for this purpose.

Anglers are required to obtain proof of postage and to retain such proof for 12 months.

Anglers are prohibited from selling salmon (any size) or sea trout (any size) caught by rod and line.

These guidelines have been prepared for information purposes only and do not purport to be a legal interpretation. The holder of a rod licence should familiarise himself or herself with Part 3 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1999 (No. 35 of 1999), the current Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations and the Salmon and Sea Trout Conservation Bye-laws.

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Table 1 - Open Fisheries

No. 4 or Lismore District,	No. 10 (1) or Ballinakill District,
(a) Blackwater (Munster),	(a) Owenglin (Clifden),
No. 5 or Cork District,	(b) Bundorragha,
(a) Bandon,	(c) Erriff,
(b) Coomhola,	(d) Dawros,
(c) Lower Lee (Martin, Shornach, Bride),	(e) Common Estuary [1]
(d) Ilen,	No. 10 (2) or Bangor District,
(e) Mealagh,	(a) Owenmore River,
(f) Owenacurra,	(b) Carrowmore Lake,
No. 7 or Kerry District,	(c) Lough Furnace,
(a) Roughty,	(d) Owenduff,
(b) Blackwater (Kerry),	No. 11 or Ballina District,
(c) Sneem,	(a) Moy,
(d) Waterville,	(b) Easkey,
(e) Caragh,	No. 12 or Sligo District,
(f) Laune,	(a) Ballysadare,
(g) Owenmore R.,	(b) Drumcliff,
No. 8 or Limerick District,	(c) Glencar Lough,
(a) Feale,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District,
(b) Mulkear,	(a) Duff,
No. 9 (1) or Galway District,	(b) Drowes,
(a) Corrib,	(c) Eany,
No. 9 (2) or Connemara District,	(d) Glen,
(a) Cashla,	No. 14 or Letterkenny District,
(b) Screebe,	(a) Owenea,
(c) Ballynahinch,	(b) Gweebarra,
	(c) Tullaghobegly,
	(d) Crana,
	(e) Clady,
	No. 17 (2) or Dundalk District,
	(a) Fane,

Table 2 - Open Fisheries – Catch & Release Only

No. 3 or Waterford District,
(j) Nore,
(k) Suir,
No. 10 (1) or Ballinakill District,
(a) Owenwee (Belclara),
(b) Bunowen,
No. 10 (2) or Bangor District,
(a) Glenamoy River,
(b) Newport River,
(c) Lough Beltra,
No. 17 (2) or Dundalk District,
(a) Castletown,

Table 3 - Closed Fisheries

In the No. 1 or Dublin District,	in the No. 9 (1) or Galway District,
(a) Vartry,	(a) Clarinbridge,
(b) Liffey,	(b) Knock,
(c) Dargle,	(c) Aille,
in the No. 2 or Wexford District,	(d) Owenboliska R. (Spiddal),
(a) Avoca,	(e) Kilcolgan,
(b) Owenavorrhagh,	in the No. 9 (2) or Connemara District,
(c) Slaney,	(a) Stream (L. Nafurnace),
in the No. 3 or Waterford District,	No. 10 (1) or Ballinakill District,
(a) Corock,	(a) Culfin,
(b) Owenduff,	(b) Carrownisky,
(c) Pollmounty,	in the No. 10 (2) or Bangor District,
(d) Lingaun,	(a) Owengarve,
(e) Clodiagh,	(b) Muingnabo,
(f) Mahon,	in the No. 11 or Ballina District,
(g) Tay,	(a) Brusna,
(h) Barrow,	(b) Leaffony,
(i) Colligan,	(c) Ballinglen,
in the No. 4 or Lismore District,	(d) Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)
(a) Lickey,	in the No. 12 or Sligo District,
(b) Finnisk,	(a) Grange River,
(c) Glenshelane,	(b) Garravogue River,
(d) Tourig,	(c) Lough Gill,
(d) Womanagh,	(d) River Bonet,
(e) Bride,	in the No. 13 or Ballyshannon District,
in the No. 5 or Cork District,	(a) Abbey,
(a) Argideen,	(b) Ballintra (Murvagh),
(b) Ovwane,	(c) Laghy (Stream),
(d) Adrigole,	(d) Owenwee Yellow River,
(e) Upper Lee,	(e) Oily,
(f) Glengarriff,	(e) Bungosteen,
in the No. 7 or Kerry District,	(f) Eske,
(a) Owenshagh,	(g) Erne Estuary,
(b) Finnihy,	in the No. 14 or Letterkenny District,
(c) Owenascaul,	(a) Bracky,
(d) Feohanagh,	(b) Isle (Burn),
(e) Kealincha,	(c) Mill,
(f) Ardgroom, (Lough Fadda),	(d) Clonmany,
(g) Cloonee,	(h) Straid,
(h) Owenreagh,	(f) Owentocker
(i) Emlaghmore,	(g) Owennamarve,
(j) Cottoners,	(h) Glenna,
(k) Emlagh,	(i) Swilly,
(l) Milltown,	(j) Donagh,
(m) Lee (Kerry),	(k) Glenagannon,
(n) Croanshagh,	(m) Culoort,
(o) Sheen,	(n) Lackagh,
(p) Maine,	(o) Leannan,
(q) Carhan,	(p) Gweedore (Crollly R)
(r) Ferta,	(q) Ray,
(s) Behy,	in the No. 17 (2) or Drogheda.
(t) Inny,	(a) Boyne,
in the No. 8 or Limerick District,	in the No. 17 (2) or Dundalk.
(a) Brick,	(a) Flurry,
(b) Galey,	(b) Glyde,
(c) Deel,	(c) Dee,
(d) Owenagarney (Ratty),	
(e) Skivileen,	
(f) Aughyvackeen,	
(g) Doonbeg,	
(h) Annageeragh,	
(i) Inagh,	
(j) Fergus,	
(k) Maigne,	
(l) Shannon (excl Mulkear Catchment),	