

THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

**THE SALMON AND SEA TROUT (PROHIBITION OF NET FISHING) (RIVER DEE)
(WALES) BYELAWS (2025)**

Natural Resources Body for Wales in exercise of powers vested in it by section 210 of, and paragraphs 6(1)(b) and 6(2)(c) of Schedule 25 to, the Water Resources Act 1991 makes the following byelaws.

Byelaw 1 – Title

These Byelaws may be cited as the Salmon and Sea Trout (Prohibition of Net Fishing) (River Dee) (Wales) Byelaws (2025).

Byelaw 2 – Application of Byelaws

- (a) These Byelaws apply to those parts of the River Dee, its estuary and tributaries that fall within Wales.
- (b) These Byelaws shall be read in conjunction with the following byelaws (as modified):
 - (i) the Salmon and Sea Trout Netting Byelaws 1995;
 - (ii) the National Salmon Byelaws 1999;

Byelaw 3 – Interpretation

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires:

“Wales” means the whole of Wales, together with such part of the territorial sea adjacent to Wales as extends for six miles from the baselines from which the breadth of that sea is measured;

all words and expressions used in these Byelaws shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, the Water Resources Act 1991 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof.

Byelaw 4 – Prohibition of Net Fishing for Salmon or Sea Trout on the River Dee

From 1 July 2025 byelaw 5(b)(i) of the 1995 Salmon and Sea Trout (Net Fishing) Byelaws is revoked.

Byelaw 5 – Amendments

The amendments set out in the Schedule have effect.

SCHEDULE
AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING BYELAWS

1. The 1995 Salmon and Sea Trout Netting Byelaws

(a) In paragraph (ii) of Byelaw 4, for “Rivers Dee and Clwyd”, substitute “River Clwyd”.

(b) In paragraph (c)(v)(a) of Byelaw 5, omit “in the River Dee”.

(c) For paragraph (d)(iv)(e) of Byelaw 5 substitute –

“(e) In the Rivers Teifi and Towy, no draft net shall be shot or paid out from any point within 91 metres from the point at which any draft net is being or had been drawn in and landed until after the expiration of 15 minutes from the time when such last mentioned net has been fully drawn in and landed.”

2. The 1999 National Salmon Byelaws

In paragraph (1) of Byelaw 4, omit “River Dee;”.

EXECUTED as a Deed by

NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

by affixing the Common Seal in the presence of:

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