

National Rivers Authority BYELAW 5 – USE OF INSTRUMENTS

(a) Prohibition of Instruments

Subject to the provisions of this Byelaw, the use of any instrument for taking sea fish is hereby prohibited in the whole of the Authority's area.

(b) Permitted areas and kinds of instrument

The parts of the Authority's area where fishing for sea fish is permitted, the kinds of instrument which may be lawfully used therefor and the times when those instruments may be used shall be as follows:

1. Nets

Any person may use:-

- (a) (i) trammel nets in that part of the River Dee which lies between the Saltney Ferry Footbridge at NGR (3)369(3)658 (latitude 53 degrees 11.30' North, longitude 2 degrees 56.80' West) and a line drawn across the river at right angles to the training wall intersecting the Flint Channel Light at NGR (3)264(3)731 (latitude 53 degrees 15.10' North, longitude 3 degrees 06.40' West) between the 31st day of August and the 1st day of February following;
- (ii) trammel and trawl nets in that part of the River Dee which lies between the said line intersecting the Flint :channel Light and a line drawn from Sally's Cottage at NGR (3)236(3)835 (latitude 53 degrees 20.58' North, longitude 3 degrees 08.92' West) in the Wirral in the County of Merseyside to a mid-channel point at NGR (3)206(3)840 (latitude 53 degrees 20.80' North, longitude 3 degrees 11.58' West) thence through to the funship at Llanerchymor NGR (3)177(3)795 (latitude 53 degrees 18.30' North, longitude 3 degrees 14.09' West) in the County of Clwyd, throughout the year.

PROVIDED THAT the operation of all nets for fishing for sea fish in the River Dee permitted under a(1) and a(ii) above shall only be permitted at any point under a(1) during the period commencing one hour before high water and ending one hour after high water and under a(ii) during the period commencing three hours before high water and ending three hours after high water in any tidal cycle and in the manner following.

- (A) A trammel net shall be shot or paid out from a boat. One end of the net shall be fastened by a rope to the boat and the other end to a floating buoy or float, and the boat, float and net shall not remain stationery at any time or in any shall be allowed to drift with the tide with the net working from the bed of the river upwards;
- (B) No fish shall be removed from the net otherwise than by hand and no trammel net shall be used within 200 metres of any other part of another trammel net already in use.

(b) OMITTED

(c) a beam trawl in the following parts of the Authority's area:

- (i) River Dee

A single beam trawl where the length of the beam does not exceed 7.62 metres;

(d) A single otter trawl in the following parts of the Authority's area:

(a) River Dee

A single otter trawl, provided that the length of the headline between the otter boards measured net end to net end shall not exceed 9.14 metres;

2. Rod and Line – OMITTED (*Not applicable to NWIFCA District*)
3. Gaff – OMITTED (*Not applicable to NWIFCA District*)
4. Any Instrument

Subject to the provisions of these byelaws and byelaws made by the Board of Conservators of the Dee Fisheries District, any person may use any instrument in that part of the River Dee which lies downstream of the said line from Sally's Cottage at NGR (3)236(3)835 (latitude 53 degrees 20.58' North, longitude 3 degrees 08.92' West) in the Wirral in the County of Merseyside to a mid-channel point at NGR (3)206(3)840 (latitude 53 degrees 20.80' North, longitude 3 degrees 11.58' West) thence through to the funship at Llanerchymor NGR (3)177(3)795 (latitude 53 degrees 18.30' North, longitude 3 degrees 14.09' West) in the County of Clwyd, throughout the year.