

## **BANNED BAIT ON THE TAY** (PRAWNS & SHRIMPS)

Prawns and shrimps will be banned as bait in the Tay Salmon Fishery District throughout the angling season, Scottish Fisheries Minister Lord Sewel announced on 18 February 1999.

Lord Sewel said: - "This action follows a request from the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board. It will help the Board to conserve, improve and develop salmon and sea trout stocks at a time when there is real concern about declining numbers."

The ban became effective on 1 March 1999, and will remain in place for the full fishing season each year thereafter.

- Under the 1986 Salmon Act, District Salmon Fisheries Boards (DSFB) can ask the Secretary of State to prohibit specific baits or lures for salmon and sea trout fishing in their districts or any part of their district. This ban follows such an application from the Tay DSFB.
- The prohibition on the use of prawns and shrimps relates to the whole of the Tay Salmon Fisheries District and will supercede the existing prohibition which only applies from 1 September each year.

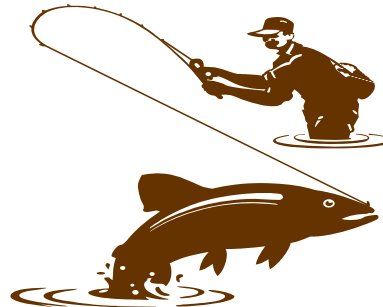


### **Be Water Wise**

All water features are inherently dangerous due to the risk of drowning. This risk is enhanced by the tidal nature of the River Tay along the Council's fishing beats. The banks of the river can be very slippery, particularly after high tides. Some banks may be undermined and prone to collapse after flood and frost. The nature of the tidal fishery makes it unsuitable for elderly or infirm anglers.

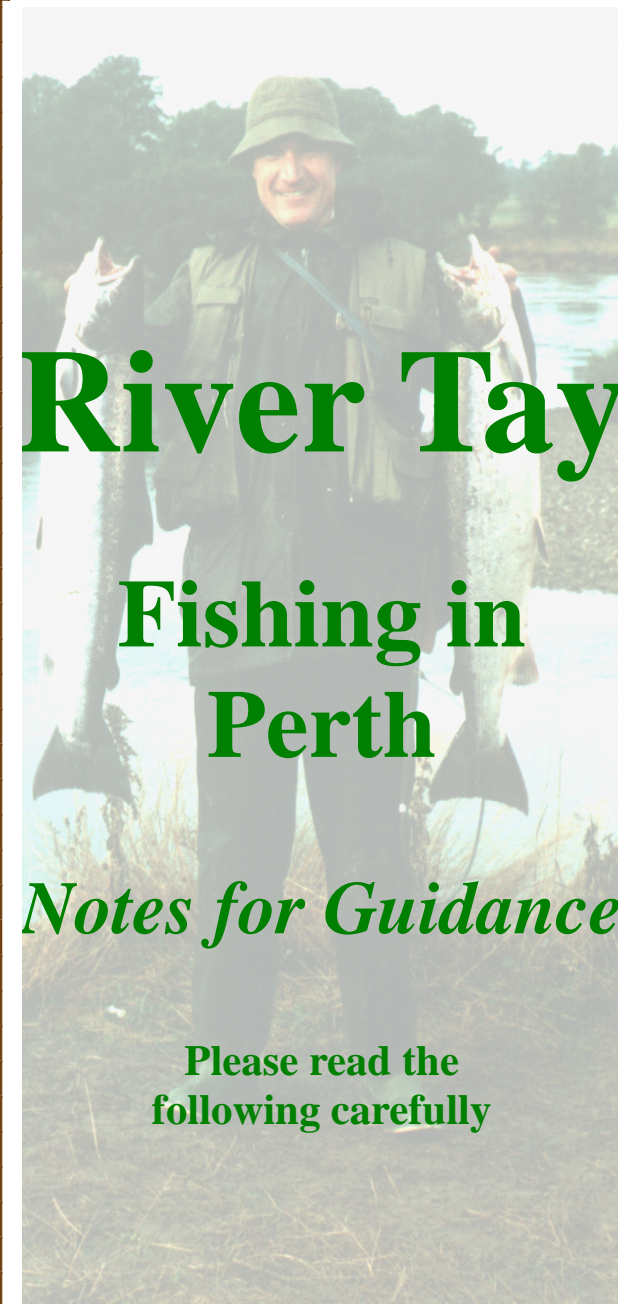
Some beats may require anglers to wade into the water in order to fish. Where this is required, anglers are advised to only wade to a depth where the water does not extend beyond the knees unless the angler can touch the bank with their fingertips. In addition, anglers are strongly encouraged to test the nature of the river bed with a stick or landing-net handle prior to wading.

It is advised that an escape buoyancy aid is worn at all times.



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# **River Tay**

## **Fishing in Perth**

### *Notes for Guidance*

**Please read the  
following carefully**

## THE FISHING RETURN

With the papers given to you accompanying your permit, you have been issued with a fishing return.

It is most important that you complete this at the end of the season, or day if you have a day permit. The Council itself is required to make an annual return of catches to several sources. This is then used to monitor trends in salmon and sea trout in the Tay - information which can be of direct benefit to anglers in future.

Please make sure that you keep your return in a safe place and that you record details of catches as you go along. It is important to stress that the return is not a 'policing' or negative device; it is a positive device aimed at keeping the appropriate bodies informed about salmon levels in the Tay so they can tell if fish conservation or enhancement programmes are working.

Even, therefore, if you have not fished, fished very little, or failed to make a catch, your completed return is of great importance.

**You are respectfully reminded that**

## GOOD PRACTICE POINTS

- Please ensure the breaking strain of your terminal leader is at least 5 lbs less than that of your main line - this will minimise line breakage in the event of entanglement.
- Please regularly check, and, if necessary, change your line if it is becoming worn. Buy as good quality line as you can afford. To do less may be false economy and may lead to the problems we are trying to avoid.
- Please look out for, and pick up and take away, any broken or snagged line which you might find. Cut the line into small pieces, or incinerate at home.
- Please remove all personal litter for disposal in a bin or at home. Please remove any manageable litter which you may find on the riverbanks for similar disposal.

**To help conserve fish stocks, the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board has requested that**

**At the start of the Season to 31 May:**

- The first fish caught each day by each individual angler be returned. Each individual angler then has the option of keeping one subsequent fish only, per day.
- Anglers should not fish with worms during this period anywhere in the district.

**From 1 June to end of Season:**

- All hen fish to be returned. The aim should then be to return at least 50% of cock fish caught, in particular cock fish weighing over 15 lbs.
- All coloured fish are to be returned.