

River Tweed Commission

TWEED ANGLING CODE for Trout

A Code of Conduct for Boatmen, Trout Anglers & Salmon Anglers on Tweed and its tributaries

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INTRODUCTION

In the Code, the term "Trout Anglers" is inclusive of Grayling Anglers.

Specific waters may have rules additional to this Code.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE

The Code satisfies three major principles:-

1. Salmon anglers should always have priority.
2. It is a legal requirement that Trout anglers must have written permission to fish and must have it in their possession when fishing.
3. Trout anglers who have written permission or legal right to fish have a legitimate right of access to the water.

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TWEED CODE FOR TROUT ANGLERS

1. The Proprietor, or his Representative, may verify that the Trout angler has written permission or legal right to fish: this will establish social contact.
2. There should be **no** restrictions on where Trout anglers may fish if Salmon anglers **are not** present, providing they adhere to the conditions of the appropriate permit.
3. Trout anglers wearing chest waders must not wade deeper than hip height.
4. Trout fishing times are not restricted but may be subject to local Association or Club rules.
5. On the arrival of Salmon anglers, the Trout anglers should withdraw and ask the Boatman, if present, or Salmon angler for advice.
6. Trout anglers should take access upstream of a Salmon angler. This **must** be of sufficient distance to be clear of the Salmon backcast and **must** be at least 20 metres from the Salmon angler.
7. Access downstream of a Salmon angler should be discussed and agreed with the Boatman or the angler. An exception could be water that is clearly recognised as not Salmon water.
8. At all times Anglers and Boatmen should be courteous to one another and other river users.

There is plenty of water and bank distance. Common sense and common courtesy should ensure that everyone has room to fish and make this Code unnecessary.

Under The Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006, "Salmon" means "Sea-trout".