

UNWANTED



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THE KILLER SHRIMP (*Dikerogammarus villosus*)

The Killer Shrimp is a highly invasive non-native species that originates from Eastern Europe. They can reach up to 30mm in length, so are often larger than the native Freshwater Shrimp, can appear striped and have large mandibles. They are a voracious predator, feeding on native invertebrates and small fish, including Salmon and Trout, and can have a significant negative impact on whole ecosystems. In 2010 Killer Shrimp were found for the first time in the UK in the South of England. They are not present in the Tweed but if introduced could seriously impact on the local ecology and economy. Once established, alien freshwater species of any sort are extremely difficult to eradicate and their presence permanently changes the natural identity of the area, making it less distinctive and more like any other place. TO HELP SAFEGUARD THE NATURAL IDENTITY AND THE FISHERIES OF THE TWEED, **PLEASE:**

- **DO NOT BRING ANY LIVING COLD FRESHWATER FISH, SHRIMPS, CRAYFISH OR OTHER PLANT OR ANIMAL THAT COULD SURVIVE IN THE WILD INTO THE CATCHMENT.**
- **DO NOT TIP WATER BROUGHT FROM OUTSIDE THE CATCHMENT INTO ANY POND, LOCH OR STREAM - POUR IT AWAY ON THE GROUND.**
- **ENSURE KIT IS CLEANED AND/OR DISINFECTED PROPERLY BEFORE BEING USED IN THE TWEED IF IT HAS BEEN USED IN OTHER CATCHMENTS.**