

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995

SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975

RIVER DART SALMON PROTECTION EMERGENCY BYELAW

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under Section 210 of, and paragraphs 6(1)(b), 6(2)(aa) and 6(2)(d) of Schedule 25 and Schedule 27 to, the Water Resources Act 1991, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following emergency byelaw for the protection and preservation of the fisheries within the River Dart catchment and the River Dart estuary.

Byelaw 1 Application

This Byelaw shall apply to the River Dart catchment and River Dart estuary

This Byelaw shall come into force on the date on which it was made and will expire on the 1 June 2016.

Byelaw 2 Interpretation

In this byelaw-

“the Agency” means the Environment Agency;

“River Dart catchment” means all of the rivers and streams which collectively form the main River Dart and which flow into the River Dart estuary at Totnes, Devon (SX 80047 61246).

“River Dart estuary” means those parts of the public tidal waters of the River Dart inshore of a line drawn straight from Combe Point (SX 88344 48650) to Inner Froward Point (SX 90200 49530).

“Salmon” means the species Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

“Sea trout” means the migratory form of the species brown trout (*Salmo trutta*).

Byelaw 3 Prohibitions

- a) No person shall retain a salmon that has been taken by any net or instrument within the River Dart catchment and River Dart Estuary from the date on which this byelaw was made and until it expires on the date stated in Byelaw 1.

- b) Any live or dead salmon taken from the River Dart or the River Dart estuary must be returned to the water immediately at the point of capture or removal with as little harm or injury as possible.
- c) No person shall fish for, take or attempt to fish for or attempt to take salmon, sea trout or brown trout with rod and line by any means other than by the use of artificial fly only.
- d) The salmon and sea trout net fishing season for the River Dart estuary shall end on the 31 July 2015.

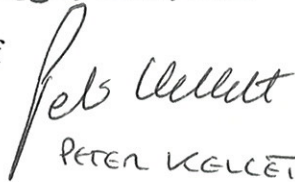
Byelaw 4 Exemptions

This byelaw shall not apply to any employee of the Agency acting in his or her official capacity or to any person who with the permission in writing of the Agency and acting in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission carries out work connected with the maintenance, improvement or development of a fishery or for some scientific purpose.

THE COMMON SEAL of the ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

was affixed on the 22nd day of July 2015

in the presence of


PETER KELLETT
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL
SERVICES

Authorised Signatory

