



Local fishing regulations for Saltdal river w/tributaries

Salmon: 15.07 – 31.08 in the whole river.
Sea trout: 15.07 – 31.08 in the whole river.
Sea char: 15.07 – 31.08 in the whole river.

The fishing day starts at 00:01 (midnight) and ends at 23:59 (next midnight).

In case of low water level or too few fish entering the river to spawn, we will consider immediate closing of the whole river, or parts of it. Purchased fishing licenses will not be refunded in such cases.

Quotas and modicum

Salmon:

Seasonal quota: 3 salmons smaller than 65 cm length, per fisherman.

Daily quota: 1 salmon smaller than 65 cm length, per fisherman.

All salmon above 65 cm length must be released. Modicum 35 cm.

Sea trout:

Seasonal quota: 8 sea trouts smaller than 75 cm length, per fisherman.

Daily quota: 2 sea trouts smaller than 75 cm length, per fisherman.

All sea trout above 75 cm length must be released. Modicum 35 cm.

Sea char:

Seasonal quota: 5 sea chars per fisherman.

Humpback salmon (“pink salmon”):

No quotas. If caught, it must be killed and the catch reported.

Farmed salmon:

When reliably identified, farmed salmon must be killed. Catches of farmed salmon must be reported to the supervisors. A supervisor will visit you to inspect the fish. Farmed salmon

which has not been inspected and identified as farmed will be subtracted from your quota. Reliable identification can only be done by personnel from Saltdal Elveveierlag.

Farmed salmon does not count against your quota and may be retained by the fisherman after inspection.

Catch and release quota

For catch and release, there is a quota of 3 fish per fishing day. After the quota is reached, you are not allowed to continue fishing until the next fishing day starts. This applies for salmon and sea trout.

Disinfection

If used in other rivers, all equipment including boots/waders must be disinfected before you can enter Saltdalselva and its tributaries. This applies regardless of where the equipment was last used. Disinfection also applies to canoes/boats/floatation devices and other equipment being used in the river.

Reporting

1. Both kept and released fish must be reported within 24 hours. Even “no catch” must be reported when the fishing license terminates.
2. Catches of farmed salmon must be reported by SMS immediately, before leaving the riverbank. The SMS must contain the following details: “Farmed salmon, name of fisherman, location/zone and time”. The fish must be inspected and submitted to a river supervisor.
3. Salmon above 65 cm length and sea trout above 75 cm length which is euthanized must be reported by SMS immediately, before leaving the riverbank. The SMS must contain the following details: “Euthanized fish, species, name of fisherman, location/zone and time”. The fish must be inspected and submitted to a river supervisor.
4. Salmon above 65 cm length and sea trout above 75 cm length which is euthanized does not count against the fisherman’s quota, given that the rules for catch reporting and submission are obeyed.

Scale samples

Scale samples must be taken from all killed fish. This even applies to farmed salmon. Scale sample envelopes are available at Nordnes Kro & Camping, at the disinfection stations, or by inquiry to the river supervisors. Guidance on how to take a correct sample is written on the scale sample envelopes. Samples must be submitted to Nordnes Kro & Camping, or to a mailbox at the disinfection stations. The river supervisors can also guide you and receive samples.

Released fish

Fish that are being released into the river must be treated as gently as possible to reduce mortality. If possible, the fish must not be taken out of the water. It is mandatory for the

fisherman to be familiar with the correct way to release a fish. The river supervisors have handouts available and can also guide you in this regard.

Bait and tackle

1. Fishing is allowed with tackle having up to one treble hook. Max. gap from hook stem to hook tip is 14 mm.
2. Using worms for bait is allowed.
3. When using worms for bait, the max. sinker size is 10 grams.
4. One fishing rod is allowed per fisherman. The rod must not be left unattended during fishing.
5. Use of gaff hooks is not allowed.
6. Electronic aids for locating fish are not allowed.
7. Use of fly with sinker is not allowed. When using a fly as bait, a floater or the line itself shall constitute the throwing weight.
8. All fishermen are required to bring a pair of needle-nosed pliers for releasing hooks from caught fish

Mobile fishing

“Mobile fishing” implies that a fisherman must not be stationary at a site, but instead move a few steps between each throw. Please observe the following requirements:

1. Keep moving downstream during fishing.
2. Give way to other fishermen and agree upon waiting time and distances by dialogue.
3. Always start fishing upstream of fishermen already in the river. This even applies when the other fisherman is on the opposite riverbank.
4. Never start fishing downstream of a fisherman already in the river, regardless of which riverbank you are both on.
5. Mobile fishing must be exercised regardless of fishing gear type.
6. Keep your distance to other fishermen.

Observed violations of these regulations must be reported to the supervisors. All fishermen are required to allow inspection by Saltdal Elveierlag’s supervisors in regards of fishing regulations and fishing practice. Violation of these regulations may cause the loss of fishing rights.

If you have questions or need guidance you should contact one of the supervisors or the chairman of Saltdal Elveierlag. Please contact us, we are happy to help!

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