

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RULES OF LOWER ITCHEN FISHERY LTD - ("THE COMPANY")

COMBO FORTNIGHTLY TROUT & SALMON SEASON RODS

A "Combo" trout and salmon season rod entitles you to 6 days salmon fishing from 1st April to 1st October 2017 (you may bring a guest on each visit), alternating with trout fishing on 6 days from 18th April to 7th October 2016 with 2 guest tickets. It is not possible to change the number of salmon or trout days with this option or the dates allocated which will be in strict rotation i.e. once a fortnight salmon with the following fortnight being trout.

THE TROUT FISHING

1. Season: 18th April 2017 to 7th October 2017
2. Fishing may not commence before ** 9.00 a.m. (unless by prior arrangement) and shall cease 1 hour after sunset
3. Beats: The trout fishing is divided into 5 beats the appropriate position of which are shown for illustrative purposes on the plan on the reverse of this form. Beats are allocated in rotation and rods will be sent a beat rota prior to the commencement of the season. **Rods must keep strictly to the beat allocated to them and not under any circumstances stray onto other beats.**
4. Methods of Fishing: Upstream dry fly. Maximum size of hook permitted - size 12. (Barbless hooks to be used when releasing fish). Upstream nymph may be allowed, at the discretion of the bailiff.
5. No fish under 12" in length to be killed unless diseased or in very bad condition. **Any salmon or grayling caught must be returned.**
6. Guest Tickets: You are entitled to 2 guest tickets on the trout beats for the whole season. Not more than one of these shall be used on any one day. A guest ticket entitles the bearer to fish with or without his host present. That is to say, 2 rods (but only 2 rods) may be used on the same beat when a ticket is used. Guest tickets must be handed to the Bailiff before fishing starts on that day and rods should inform the Bailiff if a guest is coming.
7. Limits: The bag limit for the day is 4 fish killed. The beat holder may then continue fishing but must release all fish caught. The bag for 2 rods (one of whom must use a guest ticket, is limited to 6 fish per day).
8. **Records: All catches must be recorded on the day of capture in the Fishing Record book in the Fishing Lodge.**

THE SALMON FISHING:

1. Season: 1st April 2017 to 1st October 2017.
2. Fishing may not commence before **9.00 a.m. (unless by prior arrangement) and shall cease at 8 p.m.
3. Beats: The salmon fishing is divided into 3 beats the appropriate position of which are shown for illustrative purposes on the plan on the reverse of this form. Beats are allocated in rotation and rods will be sent a beat rota prior to the commencement of the season. **Rods must keep strictly to the beat allocated to them and not under any circumstances stray onto other beats.**
4. If a beat holder has not arrived on his beat by noon and has not notified the Bailiff or the Company previously of late arrival the Company reserve the right to either fish the beat or let the beat for that day and keep the rod fee.
5. Methods of Fishing: No worms, and as per Environment Agency Byelaws and Fishery/Company rules which may come into effect.

6. All fish to be netted.
7. To ensure that salmon fishing continues, the fishery now operates a Catch & Release policy for all salmon caught.
8. Brown trout fishing on the salmon beats s restricted to fly only, and **two fish per beat** per day only may be taken. Any grayling caught must be returned.
9. Records: A return of all fish caught giving date, number, approx. weight and lure must be made to the Bailiff or, in his absence, recorded on the day of capture in the Fishing Record Book, in the Fishing Lodge. **This must include sea trout and brown trout.**
10. All catch and release fish **must** be recorded in the record books (including sea trout).

NB In order to preserve salmon stocks, in exceptional years during prolonged very hot spells it may be necessary to suspend salmon fishing at 1pm should the water temperature at 9.00 a.m. that morning be 19°C or Above or cease fishing when temperatures reach 20 °c. (Depending on current advice from the Environment Agency). During such hot spells we suggest you contact the keeper in the morning before setting off to check the water temperatures and if they are too hot to change your fishing day if wished

****In order to assist with weed cutting on the river, we reserve the right to postpone the starting time for fishing until 10.30am during weed cut and clearing down days in May, June, July and August, as set by the Test & Itchen Association (a copy of these dates is available on request). PLEASE RING THE DAY BEFORE TO CHECK during these periods.**

GENERAL:

- a) Payment: Full payment or a 50% deposit with the booking form will secure your booking, subject to availability (returnable if your chosen day is unavailable). Any balance due must be received by 1st March 2017. If full payment has not been received by the above date, the management reserves the right to re-let the rod and no monies paid will be returned.
- b) No person may sub-let his beat or rod.
- c) Cancellations: Once a booking is accepted by the Company no monies paid are refundable. However, the Company may, at their discretion, refund all or part of the rod fees if the relevant days are re-let as a season rod.
- d) The Bailiff is allowed to fish when asked explicitly to do so by the Rod holder.
- e) The Fishing Lodge and Huts are available to all rods and their guests. (There may be occasions when the company require the use of the Lodge/huts and prior notice will be posted in the Fishing Lodge). The Fishing Lodge must be kept locked when not in use.
- f) Environment Agency Byelaws to be strictly observed at all times.
- g) All rods and their guests must hold a current Environment Agency rod licence.
- h) Dogs are permitted provided that they are kept under strict control at all times. The Company can accept no responsibility for dogs. All persons bringing dogs will be held liable for all damage caused by such dogs.
- i) The Company cannot be held responsible for any fishing tackle or other property left at the fishery. Cars, with their contents, taken on the fishery are entirely at owners risk and responsibility.
- j) All beat holders and guests enter upon the river banks, staging, sluices, bridges, roadways, buildings and all parts of the property of the Company and fishery entirely at their own risk.
- k) Gates on the fishery should be left open or closed/locked as found.
- l) 10mph speed limit on the fishery's roads. There is a height restriction of 8' 2" (2.45m) under the Motorway bridge.
- m) Weed cutting may take place during the set weed cutting dates (a copy of which will be sent out with beat cards). The Company will not be held responsible for any matters affecting the fishing for circumstances entirely beyond its control.

Rods are responsible for showing these rules to their guests. In the event that any rod or guest of a rod breaks these rules the Company reserves the right to immediately terminate their agreement and no refund of rod fees will be made.