



Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fishery Board Conservation policy

**By law, in Scotland, it is now illegal to retain salmon caught before 1st April.
All salmon must be returned before this date, including fatally damaged fish.**

**By law it is illegal to retain salmon in the Kyle of Sutherland District east of
the Bridge in Bonar Bridge, including the Evelix system.**

Salmon

Aim to achieve:

- A 100% release rate, catchment wide, over the season.
- Definition; fish 65 cm (approximately 7 lbs) and over, measuring from the nose to the fork of the tail.

Grilse

Aim to achieve:

- All fish released before 15th June.
- A minimum of 80% release rate, catchment wide, over the season.

Sea Trout

Aim to achieve:

- All fish released before the 15th of June.
- All fish 50 cm (approximately 3 lbs) and over, measuring from the nose to the fork of the tail released.
- A minimum of 80% release rate, catchment wide, over the season.

Method

- Fly only by statutory instrument.
- Treble hooks prohibited.
- Barbless hooks should be used as best practise.

It is recommended that all salmon and grilse are returned in September