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River Tweed Commission

TWEED GUIDANCE ON SPINNING

**A Code of Conduct for Spinning
when fishing on the Tweed and its
tributaries**

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INTRODUCTION

With more people fishing for Salmon, and the many environmental pressures on salmon increasing, as well as exploitation continuing to make high demands on wild stocks, it becomes ever more important for the salmon angler to set a good example in the standard of sportsmanship.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE

The River Tweed Commission expects all proprietors, managers, associations and clubs to ensure that the principles of these rules are applied to their beats and to withdraw permission to fish from those who contravene them.

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SPINNING : THE LAW

Salmon & Sea-Trout fishing is with artificial fly only before February 15th and after September 14th.

SPINNING : TWEED RULES

These rules have been carefully drafted to ensure their effectiveness whilst minimising any disruption to the legitimate fisherman. We hope that the latter will understand the need for action and accept any inconvenience to them as their part of ensuring that the Tweed as a whole is responsibly fished.

There is a view that old Springers are more likely to be caught in low water after 1st July (when the Spring Conservation Measures end) by spinning.

Rules which the Commission expects beat owners to impose: -

a. Spinning should NOT be the method of first choice in low and clear water conditions.

b. Rules for spinning are determined by individual beats. However particular care should be taken where a beat has different owners on opposite banks. *In such cases, good etiquette is that fly fishers should have the opportunity to fish the water first and only when this opportunity has passed should spinning be used.*

c. Where proprietors wish to do so, they can restrict spinning on their beats to comparatively high and coloured water conditions, and perhaps especially in the period 1st July to 14th September (after which spinning is illegal) and when the Spring Conservation Measures are not applicable.

d. Old spring fish, caught by any fishing method after 30th June, should be returned as they will have become coloured and increasingly mature.

The River Tweed Commission will investigate any reported instances of anglers ignoring these Tweed rules.