

**Policy for Recreational Rod and Line Fisheries
In NASCO Countries**

Country	Angling Policy
England & Wales	Various close seasons between December 15 th and February 1 st . Compulsory catch and release until June 16 th . Local compulsory/voluntary fishery restrictions on some rivers thereafter. Approximately 55% of all salmon caught by rod and line now returned alive. Sale of rod caught fish banned as from 31.1.09
Scotland	Various close seasons between November 30 th and January 12 th . Compulsory/voluntary fishery restrictions on most rivers, particularly to protect early running fish. Approximately 55% of all salmon caught by rod and line now returned alive. Sale of rod caught fish banned.
Irish Republic	Various close seasons. Rivers not meeting 75% of CL closed to all fishing, while some others are compulsory catch and release. 1 fish limit between January 1 st and May 12 th . Daily bag limit of 3 fish between May 13 th and August 31 st . Daily bag limit of 1 fish from September 1 st to end of season. Single hooks and no worms after daily/season limit caught. 50% addition to licence fee for conservation funds.
Northern Ireland – FCB	Various close seasons between October 31 st and February 1 st . Catch and Release until May 31 st , 2 fish limit thereafter. Tagging and log book system applies.
Loughs Agency	Various close seasons between October 31 st and March 1 st . One salmon daily until May 31 st . Four fish daily limit thereafter. Tagging and log book system applies.
Russia	Emphasis placed on increasing quotas and promotion of recreational angling. Some catch and retain fisheries still operated, but increasing promotion of catch and release, mainly with barbless hooks. (2005 – 3,409 killed, 23,592 returned).
Norway	Angling effort mainly regulated by close season, although some rivers with threatened stocks closed completely. National culture of catch and retain, but catch and release beginning to become more widespread. Approximately 50% of total catch

	attributed to rod fishery. Only 7 of 446 salmon rivers considered to have overexploitation problem.
Finland	Season from May 20 th to August 31 st . Anglers licensed but no restrictions or quotas on rod and line fishery.
Sweden	Local regulation based on clubs and special Fishery Management Areas within 23 salmon rivers. Total rod and line catch 2928 in 2005 (75% of total catch)
Denmark	Limited data. Wild salmon remain in only 4 rivers. Catch and release compulsory in two, and quotas regulate the others.
Iceland	Angling now responsible for more than 90% of total catch. Season from early June to end of September, although each river can only be fished for 3 months. 17% of fish caught are released. No Iceland stocks presently considered threatened. Exploitation controlled by limiting rod numbers on each river – average 350 per day for 100 days pa. Emphasis on voluntary release of 2+SW fish. Some rivers also have bait limitations.
Canada	All anglers must be licensed. Rod fishing closely controlled, with some rivers closed to fishing and others subject to in-season assessment of returns to date. Retention of large salmon is rarely allowed, with bag limits usually permitting only small salmon to be retained. Eg. New Brunswick 8 small fish per season, Newfoundland ranging from 6 per season to compulsory catch and release, depending on river. Catch and release reached 58% of total catch in 2005.
USA	Last recreational fishery closed in 2000, although experimental catch and release fishery opened for 30 days in Maine in 2006, which caught one fish. Ongoing educational programme to enable anglers to identify salmon by-catch in other fisheries and immediately return those fish alive.
France	No data.
Spain (Asturias)	Season from March to July. Allocation of permits carried out through public draw. Angling is closely regulated by daily and season quota system (8 salmon per angler/year since 2007).
Faroe Islands	Licenses issued by Faroese Anglers Association. Only 4 small salmon rivers, producing annual catch of 400-600 fish per year, mainly grilse. Fishing prohibited by executive order in spawning season.
Greenland	Some sport fishing takes place at sea with rod and line.

	Only inhabitants of Greenland may participate, and the activity is not regulated by quota.
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