

## FISHING AND CONDUCT REGULATIONS FOR THE REPPARFJORD/SKAIDI WATERCOURSE

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### 1. FISHING SEASON

- **Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*):** Fishing season runs from 1st June at 00:00 to 31st August at 24:00.
  - **Sea Trout (*Salmo trutta*):** Fishing season extends from 1st June at 00:00 to 31st August at 24:00 throughout the entire watercourse, and from 1st September at 00:00 to 14th September at 24:00 in the stretch/beat from the Handicap area to the river/sea boundary.
  - All wild Atlantic salmon and sea run Arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus*) caught during this period must be released.
  - Farmed salmon, rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), and pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) must be removed from the watercourse upon capture.
  - Fishing for sea run Arctic char is strictly prohibited from 1st June through 14th September; any caught must be immediately released.
  - **Fishing Day:** Defined as a 24-hour period from 18:00 to 18:00 the following day.
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### 2. TACKLE REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Repparfjord River

- **1st June 00:00 – 10th July 24:00:** Permitted tackle includes fly, live and artificial worm (with or without lead/sinking aid), spoon, spinner, and wobbler/crank bait, equipped with only one hook (single, double or treble).
- **10th July 24:00 – 31st August 24:00:** Permitted tackle is limited to fly, live and artificial worm (with or without lead/sinking aid)).
- **1st September 00:00 – 14th September 24:00:** Fly fishing is restricted to a maximum hook size of #8; worm fishing is restricted to a maximum hook size of #6.
- Fishing methods that increase the risk of foul hooking are strictly prohibited; for example, using heavily weighted flies during low water conditions.
- When using tube flies, only one tube fly and one treble hook are permitted.
- Intentionally disturbing fish by throwing stones or other methods to provoke movement is not allowed.
- Fishing with shrimp as bait is not allowed.

### 2.1.1 Skaidi River

- Only fly and worm fishing without with or without lead/sinking aid are permitted throughout the season.
- Casting weight must be provided solely by a floating float or floating fly line, with a maximum of one dropper.
- Weighted flies, such as those with copper, brass, or tungsten tubes, are not allowed.
- Intentionally disturbing fish by throwing stones or other methods to provoke movement is not allowed.
- Fishing with shrimp as bait is prohibited.

## 2.2 BAG LIMITS

### For Anglers Residing in Hammerfest Municipality:

- **Season Bag Limit:** 12 salmon, with a maximum of 2 salmon over 80 cm (70 cm in the Skaidi watercourse) per season.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** 3 salmon per day. Released fish count towards the daily limit; once 3 salmon are landed, the fishing day is over, ***regardless of whether the fish are kept or released.***

### For Anglers Residing in Finnmark but outside the Hammerfest Municipality:

- **Season Bag Limit:** 9 salmon, with a maximum of 2 salmon over 80 cm (70 cm in the Skaidi watercourse) per season.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** 3 salmon per day. Released fish count towards the daily limit; once 3 salmon are landed, the fishing day is over, ***regardless of whether the fish are kept or released.***

### For all Anglers Residing outside Finnmark:

- **Season Bag Limit:** 6 salmon, with a maximum of 1 salmon over 80 cm (70 cm in the Skaidi watercourse) per season.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** 2 salmon per day. Released fish count towards the daily limit; once 2 salmon are landed, the fishing day is over, ***regardless of whether the fish are kept or released.***

In addition to the season bag limit for landed and killed salmon, each angler may release up to 10 salmon per season. ***Once both these limits are reached, fishing must stop.***

All bag limits apply collectively across the entire Repparfjord watercourse. If the daily bag limit is reached in the Skaidi River, anglers may not continue fishing in the Repparfjord River, and vice versa. The same principle applies to season and overall salmon bag limits.

## 2.3 Exceptions

*The board of VJFF reserves the right to modify bag limits and tackle regulations during the season. Such changes will be announced through postings at license vendors, on the association's website, and communicated by the association's wardens.*

### 3. CONSERVATION ZONES

- All protected areas are marked with signs, and all anglers must follow the instructions provided.
- The following zones are protected throughout the season:
  - **Cuovvarjohka:** Including its tributaries and associated pond, joining the Repparfjord River just above the reinforcement in the Milch bend (Blue Zone).
  - A 30-meter stretch on the north side of the river, above the suspension bridge in Knottheim (White Zone).
  - **Breidalselva (Govdavákjohka):** From its confluence with the Repparfjord River up to the waterfall (Orange Zone).
  - From the outlet of the waterfall pool to a sign approximately 100 meters above the fish ladder (Green Zone).
  - **Nadjetjohka:** From its confluence with the Repparfjord River up to Voggenestjernet (Yellow Zone).
  - **Skaidi River – Mellomfossen:** From Djupholla to Skumholla, approximately a 30-meter stretch. Marked with signs and spray-painted on rocks (Zone 9).

#### 3.2 Exceptions

*The board of VJFF may establish new temporary conservation zones during the season. Such changes will be announced through postings at license vendors, on the association's website, and communicated by the association's wardens.*

## 4. GENERAL

All individuals intending to fish must possess a valid fishing license, a valid state fishing license (proof thereof), and an identification. These documents must be presented upon request by wardens or association members.

- All fishing equipment and other items that may carry pathogens and have been used in other watercourses must be disinfected before use. A certificate of satisfactory disinfection must be carried during fishing and presented to fisheries supervision and other control authorities upon request.
- It is prohibited to leave fishing tackle unattended while fishing.
- Kelt (post-spawning salmon) and salmon under 35 cm must be carefully released upon capture.
- Fishing from boats, bridges, or cables is prohibited.
- Rotary fishing MUST be practiced. If you have fellow fishermen fishing the same pool and you land a fish - you must start at the top of the beat/be the last in the line when starting fishing again.
- In all tributaries where anadromous salmonids are present, the same rules regarding tackle, fishing seasons, and conservation zones apply to both inland fish and anadromous salmonids.
- In lakes with anadromous fish, ice fishing is permitted more than 200 meters from inlets and outlets from 1st January to 4th May. Bait such as earthworms, insect larvae, and squid is allowed. Fishing with set lines, long lines, or nets is not permitted. All wild salmon caught must be released.

Anglers are encouraged to release fish that are in advanced stages of spawning. Heavily colored fish of both sexes have reduced quality as food and are more beneficial in spawning grounds than in a freezer.

## 5. NATURE AND CONDUCT RULES

- All users of the river are required to keep the surroundings tidy and must take all litter with them upon leaving. ***For pink salmon that are caught but not intended for consumption, it is not permitted to leave them along the riverbank.***
  - It is strictly forbidden to transfer live fish between different watercourses.
  - Cleaning fish by the river is considered negligent due to the risk of infection and general cleanliness and well-being.
  - Cutting down healthy trees for firewood is generally not allowed. Bring your own firewood or use fallen trees. Use existing fire pits.
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## 6. MANDATORY CATCH REPORT

- Anyone who has fished for anadromous salmonids MUST submit a report of the catch for use in public statistics.
- Fishermen with season tickets must report catches preferably daily, at least weekly as described on the fishing license.
- Released fish must be reported in the same way, but with a note that they have been released.
- Catches must be reported continuously. Guidance for reporting can be found on the fishing license or where you purchase the fishing license.
- If you do not have data or internet available, get help from our fishing license sellers Kleven Jakt and Fiske in Hammerfest or Arcticflies in Skaidi.

BE RESPONSIBLE!! INCOMPLETE REPORTING FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, EVEN DURING THE SEASON MAY RESULT IN THE RIVER BEING CLOSED FOR FISHING.

Failure to submit catch reports within the specified deadlines and failure to report catches continuously during the season will result in the loss of fishing rights the following season. The same applies if false catch reports are intentionally made to circumvent approved bag limits.

Report violations of the rules mentioned above to the guard telephone 92020753 or email [vaktvfjff@gmail.com](mailto:vaktvfjff@gmail.com). Violations of the rules may result in anything from a warning to being sent off the river - as well as the loss of fishing rights for shorter or longer periods.

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