

Collection: Vehicle seizure notices

Updated: Added vehicle seizure notice for white Ford Transit pick up, registration ND53 OBJ.

The Environment Agency can seize and impound a vehicle, trailer or mobile plant without a warrant if it suspects:

- waste is being carried without a valid waste carriers licence
- the vehicle has been or is about to be used in an alleged waste crime offence
- the waste duty of care is being or has been breached

When a vehicle is seized the police and the registered keeper will be notified in writing.

To claim the vehicle you must register your claim within 15 working days of the date of the notice. Read the actual seizure notice to find out what documents you need to claim the vehicle.

We may need to keep the seized vehicle and any contents for the duration of an investigation or criminal proceedings.

If the vehicle isn't claimed, or nobody is entitled to it, we may sell, destroy or dispose of the vehicle and its contents.

If you can't see any notices listed here then there are no current notices.

Guidance: MCERTS: performance standard for laboratories testing samples from stack emissions monitoring

Updated: Amended some performance targets in Annex A. Minor corrections to text to add clarity.

This MCERTS standard requires laboratories that analyse stack emissions monitoring samples to be accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) to ISO 17025 and to the requirements set out in this document.

Guidance: M9: environmental monitoring of bioaerosols at regulated facilities

This technical note is for regulators, process operators and those with interests in monitoring. It is one of a series produced to provide a standardised approach for monitoring bioaerosols. It is applicable to facilities that have both ambient and point source emissions.

Policy paper: UK statement on sustainable palm oil: final progress report

How organisations in the UK are meeting their various commitments to source sustainable palm oil and reporting key developments within their sectors.

This is the final update to commitments made in the [sustainable production of palm oil: UK statement](#).

Press release: New Northumberland fish passes open up stream

Two new fish passes on a Northumberland stream are giving salmon and sea trout easier access to 22km of watercourse.

The work by the Environment Agency and Northumberland Rivers Trust at South Low, in north Northumberland near Berwick, is making it easier for fish to migrate and spawn.

Two large weirs were preventing fish movement upstream, but both weirs have been changed to make it easier for sea trout and salmon to make their way to their spawning grounds.

It follows work to make it easier for fish to pass through Environment Agency tidal gates at the coast, where the sea meets the stream.

Since then, work has been taking place to make it easier for fish to move

further upstream.



Upstream weir before it was altered to make it easier for fish migration



The new upstream fish pass after alterations were made to the weir to make it into a rock pass

Easier for fish

Robbie Stevenson, Fisheries Technical Officer with the Environment Agency, said:

We've worked closely with partners to carry out a lot of positive work in this area, to look at issues which might be having an impact on fish populations.

The alterations to the weirs will open up 22km of watercourse for fish and make it far easier for them to travel upstream.

We've worked really hard together with our partners over the years to make dramatic improvements to water quality.

But there is always more we can do and this project at South Low is the sort of work which is taking place right across the North East and the country to protect and enhance our rivers and streams.

The £100,000 project has been part funded by the Environment Agency, supplemented by private landowner contributions and the work carried out by volunteers.

Important fish passes

Peter Kerr, Director of Northumberland Rivers Trust, who was also designer and project manager for this project, added:

We are delighted to have been able to add these two important fish passes by working in partnership.

The contractors, WL Straughan and Son, did an excellent job in some challenging weather conditions, including the floods following Storm Angus.

After we completed the lower of the passes we saw some big sea trout trying to get past the upper weir, so we are confident that the lower one works well and that there are many migratory fish trying to return to the South Low.

The recent completion of the upper pass will now let these fish access many miles of spawning gravels.