

Press release: Call for anglers to submit their salmon and trout catch returns

The Environment Agency are calling upon all migratory salmon and sea trout rod licence holders to submit their catch return records by 1 January 2018.

The submission of angler's reports plays a vital role in the assessment and management of salmon and sea trout stocks in England. The information submitted forms part of the wider Environment Agency's Salmon 5 Point Approach, which aims to conserve and enhance England's salmon populations.

The submission is a legal requirement for all salmon and sea trout anglers, and each submission will go towards securing the future of the sport.

Lawrence Talks, National Senior Advisor for Salmonid Management, said:

Salmon are a highly valued fish in the world of angling and we ask all migratory salmon and sea trout rod licence holders to complete a 'catch return' in order to help us secure the future of this sport.

The Environment Agency, Government and partners are committed to taking action to conserve and enhance England's salmon populations. We use the catch return data to assess and manage salmon and sea trout stocks in a sustainable way.

Catch returns can be completed online at [GOV.UK/catch-return](https://gov.uk/catch-return) and need to be submitted by 1st January 2018.

Anglers can fill in their catch returns online: www.gov.uk/catch-return

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Policy paper: Shoreham Adur tidal walls scheme: construction

Updated: Update to data 15 December 2017.

Issues that may arise during construction of the Shoreham Adur tidal walls scheme.

Climate through time online

Climate through time (CTT) online is an interactive version of the popular poster map, but includes examples of where you might find some of the rock types in the UK and Ireland.