

# REISA RIVER

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## Fishing rules valid for the 2019 salmon fishing season

### Brief information about the Reisa River

Reisa River in Northern Troms County is a nationally protected salmon river located in one of Norway's most scenic valleys. The river runs through the Reisa National Park and is approximately 200 kilometres long, of which the salmon section is 85 kilometres. Reisa River flows into the Reisa Fjord, which is a national salmon fjord. It takes approximately 20 minutes by air or three hours by car from Tromsø. Visit [www.reisaelva.no](http://www.reisaelva.no) for more information.

The trustees of Reisa River are committed to carry out the fishery management in a proper and orderly form and that it is conducted in accordance with the adopted rules. The fishing must be carried out by moving gradually downstream to allow other anglers to follow on from behind. Prior to fishing starts, everyone participating in the fishing MUST read the fishing rules with notes and other important information that follows the fishing rules.

### § 1. Fishing Times, species and zones

The following fishing times apply:

Species	Fishing times	Zones
Salmon	1. July at 10:00 a.m./morning - 31. August at 12:00 p.m./midday	1-19
Sea-trout	1. July at 10:00 a.m./morning - 31. August at 12:00 p.m./midday 1. September at 12:00 p.m./midnight -14. September at p.m./midnight	1-19 1-5 (to Bergmo bridge) <sup>1</sup>
Arctic char	10. July at 10:00 a.m./morning - 10. August at 12:00 p.m./midnight	1-19 <sup>2</sup>

### § 2. Daily Protection period

It is a No-fishing protection period each day from 02:00 a.m./midnight to 10:00 a.m./morning in zones 2-19 the entire fishing season. Zone 1 is excluded from the protection period during fishing season.

### § 3. Requirements for disinfection of equipment

All equipment - rods, reels, lines, flies, knives, nets, waders, coffee pots and other equipment that may have been in other rivers, etc., must be disinfected when buying a fishing permit, ref. § 45 of the Regulations on sales of aquaculture animals and products of aquaculture animals, prevention and combating of infectious diseases in aquatic animals.

### § 4. Documentation when exercising fishing and additional provisions

The following documents must be brought and must be available for control:

- Valid permit
- Valid documentation for disinfection of equipment
- Mandatory Government license
- Personal ID

Other provisions:

- All day permits can only be used by the named person
- Re-registration of fishing permits is not allowed
- If closure of the river due to poor runs of salmon, paid permits will not be refunded.

### § 5. Age at acquisition of fishing permits

All children under 12 years of age fish for free on the Reisa River. Children/adolescents from the age of 12 to the age of 16 can fish using parental permits but cannot fish simultaneously while guardians are using the same permit.

<sup>1</sup> In this period it is not preservation period on this stretch

<sup>2</sup> It is prohibited to fish char at the end of the rivers Fielbma and Joselva or less than 40 meters from these. Conservation areas are marked near the river.

## § 6. Protection of large hen and cock salmon

All hen and cock salmon over 5 kilo/80 centimetres are protected in 2019. This is to build up the spawning stock and maintain the large salmon's gen material. If you catch a hen or cock salmon above the beforementioned measures, the salmon must be released back to the river. Farmed salmon should be removed. Salmon that is badly damaged and presumably going to die should be culled.

## § 7. Protection of kelt

All kelt is protected on the Reisa River. Kelt must be treated carefully as described in § 1 of additional information. If in doubt that it is a kelt caught, the fish must be released (the best characteristics of a kelt is that the fish is very lean and is most likely to be caught during the period of 1<sup>st</sup>. July till 10<sup>th</sup>.July<sup>3</sup>. Kelt that is damaged and probably going to die should be culled. If this occurs, the fish should not be included in the daily or annual quota. A caught kelt should be reported.

## § 8. Permitted day quota

There are days' quota of one salmon, 5 sea trout and 3 char per angler per fishing day. Daily bag limit includes the number of fish that are killed. The Main and male salmon that is damaged and cannot be released, is included in the daily limit. If the daily limit is met by one salmon is killed, ending the day fishing for salmon. Fishing for char and trout can continue within the framework of the current fishing rules after the daily limit for salmon are taken. Released salmon are not included in the daily limit.

## § 9. Allowable annual quota

Every type of permit has an annual quota of 5 salmon under 5 kilo/80 centimetres. All killed salmon are counted for in the annual quota. That means that hen and cock salmon that is damaged and cannot be released, except kelt, are included in the annual quota. When the annual quota is met, the season's fishing for salmon is terminated. Released salmon are not included in the annual quota. Fishing for arctic char and sea-trout can continue within the framework of the current fishing rules and regulations, after the annual quota for salmon is reached.

## § 10. Minimum sizes

It is prohibited to catch and keep salmon under 35 centimetres and sea-trout and arctic char under 30 centimetres.

## § 11. Permitted use of fishing gear

It can only be used fishing gear that is allowed in anadromous waterways by law/regulation. The following permitted and prohibited methods and equipment mentioned particular in the table below:

Permitted fishing equipment and methods	NOT permitted equipment and methods
Fly, spoon, spinner, with maximum 1 treble hook or 3 single hooks	Wobbler
One rod per angler	Fishing from a boat if you are impeding other anglers
A net for netting a fish	More than 2 flies per line
Alle types of flyfishing lines (sinking speed)	Gaff
Exception from main rules: Worming is allowed for sea-trout from Zone 1 to Moskoelvmunningen in zone 2/3 during the period 1 – 14 September.	Fixed line
	Organic bate/lure (worm, prawn/shrimp or similar)

<sup>3</sup> A kelt is a salmon that has spawned the previous autumn and is an important resource for the river. Some of these survives and will come back to spawn again.

## § 12. Requirements for mandatory reporting of catches

Reporting of catches is **mandatory** cf. Salmon fishing Act § 44.

Duty to report: Both killed and released salmon shall be reported. A catch report must be provided regardless of the catch result, also at zero (0) catch. If the fishing/catch result is not reported as soon as possible, the permit holder could be excluded from fishing immediately and for the rest of the 2019 season. Note: It is imperative that all catches are recorded and updated prior to 21 July 2019 (mid- season-reporting) and final reporting prior to 20 September 2019.

## § 13. Zone arrangement and number of permits per zone

Anglers are required to abide by the zone arrangement. The zones are marked along all roads that run along the river, by signs near the riverbank and on maps. Number of rods relates to day permits.

From 1. July 2019 at 10.00 till 31. August 2019 at 24.00:

ZONE	BEAT FROM-TO	VISITOR PERMITS/DAY	LOCAL PERMITS/DAY
1	Sjøen–Røyelelva	21-22	14-15
2	Røyelelva–Moskodalselva (munningen)	6-7	4-5
3	Moskodalselva (munningen)–Nybrua ved Einevoll	10-11	6-7
4	Nybrua ved Einevoll–Geiraelva	5-6	3-4
5	Geiraelva–Vankaelva (Vinnelys sagbruk)	7-8	5-6
6	Vankaelva (Vinnelys sagbruk)–Nedre del av Veraniva	7-8	5-6
7	Nedre del av Veraniva–Avtimakulpen	4-5	3-4
8	Avtimakulpen–Svartfoss bru	9-10	6-7
9	Svartfoss bru–bekk nord for Bilto	8-9	5-6
10	Bekk nord for Bilto–Hedamukka	5-6	3-4

ZONE	SONE MARKED	BEAT FROM-TO	VISITOR PERMITS/DAY	LOKAL PERMITS/DAY
11-18	11-18	Hedamukka – Naustneset	38-39	25-26
19	19	Naustneset – Imofossen	5	3-4

## § 14. Violation of the fishing rules

Anyone can go fishing on the Reisa River to perform fishing in accordance with applicable regulations. Violations of fishing rules will be prosecuted when necessary. The Reisa River Board may also sanction against violations cf. § 13 of the Trust's Bylaws.

## Additional Information

### Must be read!

#### 1. Catch and release

##### **REMEMBER!**

Freshly run salmon are more susceptible to damage scales with subsequent fungal infection. Be extra cautious. Don't release salmonid fish when water temperature is above 18 C when it is damaged or does not swim off on their own.

Before you start fishing,

##### **Do this:**

- Have a strong enough leader/line
- Bring a hook releaser in your pocket
- Bring a large mesh and knotless net
- Decide early if the fish you catch are to be released again and take it in as quickly as possible
- Find a landing spot where twigs and stones cannot damage the fish
- Use hook pliers and remove the hook gently
- Keep the fish in the water with one hand around the tail and one under the belly till it swims off by itself
- Report your catch to be registered (legal requirement)

##### **Don't do this:**

- Do not lift the fish out of water unnecessarily
- Do not squeeze the fish
- Do not pull it back and forth to pump water over the gills, just keep it in the water hold the fish in the current
- Do not weigh the fish – check the length using a tape measure or a marker on the rod!

#### 2. Gyrodactylus salaris

Reisa River has avoided to be infected by the salmon parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris* and Reisa River trust is on high alert to avoid this. Therefore, all equipment - rods, reels, lines, flies, knives, nets, waders, boats and other equipment for use in the river – MUST be disinfected before use. If such equipment is used without disinfection certificate can be shown, the angler is will be removed from the river. On suspicion of such use, contact the Reisa river trust. Any fishing equipment boats/canoes can be disinfected at Joker in Sørkjosen, Reisa Friluftssenter AS in Sappen, Reisa Boat in Svartfoss or Haugseth Gård .

#### 3. Scale samples

Anglers are requested to take scale samples of the catch if the salmon has been killed. Scale samples are put in a separate envelope and can be placed in mailboxes that have been deployed at different locations along the river and at a mailbox at Halti; They can also be posted to Reisa Elvelag (Hovedvegen 2, 9151 Storslett). From the submitted scale samples we will draw five winners who will receive NOK 2,000 each at the end of the season. Please mark the samples envelopes with the fishing permit number.

#### 4. Purchase of licenses

Day permits are being sold on reisaelva.no, Scanatura.no or directly of landowners.

**Day permits purchased in the open 11 – 18 zones apply to all zones 11-18!**

## 5. Guidance on the reporting of catch

Catch reporting is a very important part of the local management of the Reisa River and forms the basis for statutory mid-season assessment and end final reports to the administrative authorities.

### 5.1 Reporting of cards purchased from Reisa Elvelag - [www.laksefisk.no](http://www.laksefisk.no) or [www.scanatura.no](http://www.scanatura.no)

Catch report must be submitted regardless of outcome, either over the Internet at [www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg](http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg) or [www.scanatura.no](http://www.scanatura.no) (log in with your permit number).

It is also possible to report by SMS to +47 417 16030 Password: Reisa. Here is an example of a 5.5 kilo released salmon:

Syntax	Code word	Permit No.	Weight (kilo)	Species	Killed or released
SMS	Reisa	IN3333/123	5.5	L	r

The message will look like this: Reisa IN3333/123 5.5 L r  
Remember space between words/numbers!

Species code	Redskapskode	Catch code
L = salmon	F = fly	r = released
S = sea trout	S = spoon/spinn	c = killed
J = sea char		
O = farmed salmon		
P = pink salmon		

### 5.2 Reporting of day pass purchased at Statskog – [www.Inatur.no](http://www.Inatur.no)

Sign in to [www.inatur.no](http://www.inatur.no), click Deliver catch report on the main page and follow the procedure as follows. In case of problems, call 07800.

## 6. Approaches, behaviour and the use of fishing areas and backwoods

### The use of in- and outfields

People have access rights to in- and outfields in Norway but have to be approached with care and respect. Use existing trails in the terrain - some of these are marked along the roads. Close gates and entrances and avoid trampling down fences. Ask the landowner for permission prior to entering farmland. Respect the owner's right to refuse motorised traffic on private roads, cf Countryside Act § 4

### Camping

As a rule, camping should not take place closer than 150 meters from houses/cottages and a maximum of two days, cf Countryside Act § 9. Longer stays require the landowner's consent. Furthermore, the tent should be placed at a designated place to avoid camping on the landowner's infields.

### Keep the nature clean

Garbage must be taken home or thrown in the trash bins. Everyone is committed to leave a camp in a state that cannot be unappealing or cause damage or inconvenience to anyone, cf Countryside Act § 11.

### Fishing etiquette

Always start above an angler who is already in the same pool. This also applies if the angler is fishing on the opposite bank. **Never start fishing below an angler who already is fishing in the same area no matter which side he/she fishes from.** Always PRACTICE MOVING FISHING - no matter what type of equipment being used. **Don't 'root' to a spot!** Move 5 to 10 steps down the river between each cast. Where the possibility of movement is limited, change position every 15 minutes. Show good manners/behaviour. Behave in and near the river as you want others to behave towards you. Contact River supervision if situations arise where it is unwanted behaviour or fishing regulations are not complied with, so that supervision can report to Reisa elvelag .

## 7. Travelling with motorised boat

Boat driver should reduce the speed and if possible keep a good distance where the fishes from the river bank. A motorised boat driving ban is in place:

- All year, Bilto - Imo: Friday night and Saturday night from midnight to 06:00.
- 1.9. -31.12., Old Bridge (Storslett) - Bilto: Friday night and Saturday night from midnight to 06:00.
- You are allowed to fish from the boat as long as it does not inconvenience others.

## 8. River Inspection – phone +47 928 20 744

It is particularly important that the River Service Authority is contacted for suspected breaches of the regulations and by other unwanted behaviour, so that adverse events are documented and reported to Reisa Elvelag.

## 9. Other important phone numbers

Contact	Phone number	Internet	E-mail address
Catch reporting	38 10 80 40 / 952 23 070	<a href="http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg">www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg</a>	<a href="mailto:aht@scanatura.no">aht@scanatura.no</a>
Mountain service	922 43 096 / 922 41 426	-	-
Reindeer Police	957 50 664	-	-
Police	02 800	-	-
Reisa Elvelag	45 20 77 49	<a href="http://www.reisaelva.no">www.reisaelva.no</a>	<a href="mailto:post@reisaelva.no">post@reisaelva.no</a>
Halti turist information	77 77 05 50	-	-