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## **Environment Agency (EA) national fisheries byelaw 9: Hook size restriction for salmon and migratory trout (England and Wales)**

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### Message

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FRISTERNE INDLEDES IKKE -KEIN FRISTBEGINN - DOES NOT OPEN THE  
DELAYS - NO ABRE EL PLAZO - N'OUVRE PAS DE DELAIS - NON FA  
DECORRERE LA MORA - GEEN TERMIJNBEGIN - NAO INICIA O PRAZO  
MÄÄRÄAIKA EI ALA TÄSTÄ - INLEDER INGEN FRIST.

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

United Kingdom

3A.Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical  
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3B.Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**



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#### **6. Products Concerned**

Hooks used by anglers to catch salmon and migratory trout

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The draft byelaw forms part of a package of measures intended to give extra protection to salmon stocks. It makes it an offence to use any hook with a gape exceeding 8 mm when measured from the hook point to the nearest part of the hank when fishing for salmon or migratory trout with rod and line. It aims to help increase the chances of survival for any salmon caught and released by reducing the risk of a hook penetrating deeply enough to cause fatal damage, for example by puncturing a major blood vessel, or if deep-hooked, a major organ such as the heart. The byelaw does not apply to anyone fishing with an artificial fly or artificial lure because studies have shown that fish caught on bait are more likely to

be deep-hooked than those caught on fly or lure. The hook restriction applies to both salmon and sea trout as anglers fishing for sea trout may accidentally take salmon and need to return them with as little injury as possible.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The measure is being introduced for conservation purposes in response to evidence that stocks of early-run, multi-sea-winter salmon, in particular, have fallen to unprecedentedly low levels throughout Great Britain. The decision to take additional measures to protect salmon was also influenced by advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) which recommended that extreme caution should be exercised in the management of multi-sea-winter salmon and that the level of exploitation should be significantly reduced.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

- a. A copy of the draft byelaw is sent with this notification.
- b. -
- c. -

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**



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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

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