

# REISA RIVER

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## Fishing rules valid for the 2021 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. - 1. August at 12:00 p.m.	1-18
Sea trout	1. July at 10:00 a.m. - 1. August at 12:00 p.m. 18. August at 10:00 a.m. - 14. September at midnight	1-18 1-5 (to Bergmo bridge)
Arctic char	10. July at 10:00 a.m. - 1. August at 12:00 p.m.	1-18 <sup>1</sup>

### § 2. Daily Protection period

**The river has a protection period Monday and Tuesday throughout the season.** This means that the fishing ends on Sunday at midnight and begins on Wednesday at 10.00. It is a no-fishing protection period each day from Wednesday to Sunday from midnight to 10:00 a.m. in zones 1-18 through the salmon season. From 18 August-14. September zone 1-5 (Bergmo bridge) the protection period is from midnight-10.00 am.

### § 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 and/or high-water temperatures, paid permits will not be refunded.

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<sup>1</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.

**§ 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.

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

All hen and cock salmon over 5 kilo/80 centimetres are protected in 2021. 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 early in the season. 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 5 sea trout in the sea trout season. The salmon that is damaged and cannot be released, is included in the daily limit. The fishing day ends when the day quota is reached.

**§ 9. Allowable annual quota**

**The annual quota will not apply during the sea trout season.** Personal annual quota of 3 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, 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. In the sea trout season from 18. August - 14. September there are custom rules. 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, lures, 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
	Fixed line
	Organic bate/lure (worm, prawn/shrimp or similar)

In the sea trout season from 18. August – 14 September following supplements apply:

- Fishing with worm is allowed from zone 1 to Moskoelvmunningen in the zone boundary 2/3 from 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Maximum weight of sinker is 20gram and hook size 1.
- Maximum spoon size is 12 gram and hook size 8.
- Only allowed with floating line, maximum hook size 6.

## § 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 2021 season. Note: It is imperative that all catches are recorded and updated prior to 20 July 2021 (mid- season-reporting) and final reporting prior to 20 September 2021.

## § 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 2021 at 10.00 to 1. August 2021 at 24.00:

ZONE	BEAT FROM-TO	VISITOR PERMITS/DAY	LOCAL PERMITS/DAY
1	Sjøen-Røyeelva	20-21	13-14
2	Røyeelva-Moskodalselva (munningen)	6-7	4-5
3	Moskodalselva (munningen)-Nybrua ved Einevoll	9-10	6-7
4	Nybrua ved Einevoll-Geiraelva	5-6	3-4
5	Geiraelva-Vankaelva (Vinnelys sagbruk)	7-8	5
6	Vankaelva (Vinnelys sagbruk)-Nedre del av Veraniva	6-7	4-5
7	Nedre del av Veraniva-Avtimakulpen	5-6	3-4
8	Avtimakulpen-Svartfoss bru	8-9	5-6
9	Svartfoss bru-bekk nord for Bilto	7-8	5
10	Bekk nord for Bilto-Hedamukka	9-10	6-7

ZONE	ZONE MARKED	BEAT FROM-TO	VISITOR PERMITS/DAY	LOKAL PERMITS/DAY
11-16	11-16	Hedamukka – Molliselvmunningen	25-26	17-18
17-18	17-18	Molliselvmunningen -Naustneset	11-12	7-8
19	19	Naustneset – Imofossen	CLOSED	CLOSED

Zone 19 is closed for fishing in the season 2021.

## § 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 too high, when it is damaged or does not swim off on their own. In periods with high water temperature Reisa Elvelag will consider the need of closing the river.

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 Elvelag 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 will be removed from the river. On suspicion of such use, contact Reisa Elvelag. Any fishing equipment boats/canoes can be disinfected at Storslett. More info will come when the disinfection station is up and running (look at [www.reisaelva.no](http://www.reisaelva.no)).

#### **3. Scale samples**

Anglers are requested to take scale samples of the catch. 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 some winners who will receive NOK 2,000 each at the end of the season. Please mark the samples envelopes with the fishing permit number. The shell samples are sent to the Veterinary Institute for analysis. By writing your mobile number on the shell envelope, you agree to receive a text message from the Veterinary Institute in response to your shell test. Phone numbers are not used for any other purpose and are deleted at the end of the project season.

#### **4. Purchase of licenses**

Day permits are being sold on [reisaelva.no](http://reisaelva.no), [Inatur.no](http://Inatur.no), [Scanatura.no](http://Scanatura.no) or directly of landowners.

#### **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). If this doesn't work the catch report can be send to [post@reisaelva.no](mailto:post@reisaelva.no).

## 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.

It is recommended to do as little boating as possible during the spawning period, during the protection days (Monday and Tuesday) and in zone 19, which is closed in the 2021-season.

## 8. River Inspection

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>
River inspection	91 11 83 99	-	-