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Submitted to **Proposed National Salmon and Sea Trout Protection Byelaws**

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1 What is your name?

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3 Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or representing a group.

Responding on behalf of an organisation or group

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or group, please tell us who you are responding on behalf of and include its type e.g. business, angling club, environmental group.:

Northern Farmers & Landowners Group - representing farmers and landowners in the North East.

If you have selected other, please specify.:

4 If your response is relating to particular rivers or fisheries, please list them here.

Which river or fishery?:

Rivers in teh North East

5 Please tell us how you found out about the proposed Salmon and Sea Trout Protection Byelaws.

From the Environment Agency

If Other, please specify:

6 Can we publish your response (excluding personal details)?

Yes, you can publish my response (excluding personal details)

Renewal of existing byelaws protecting spring salmon stocks

7 Please tell us if you object to, or support, the renewal of the byelaws to protect spring salmon stocks, and provide your reason why.

Please tell us if you object or support the byelaws to protect spring salmon stocks and provide your reason why.:

I support the proposed extension. However.....

.....it does seem very odd that all seem to agree on the importance of maintaining the spring stock, but there is so little agreement over the best date to be used. Here in the North East, we have 3 applicable dates: 1st June for netsmen, 16th June for anglers south of the Tweed catchment and 1st July for those in the Tweed catchment. Not very logical!

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New byelaws for net and fixed engine fisheries

8 Please tell us if you object to, or support, the proposed byelaws for net and fixed engine fisheries and provide your reason why.

Please tell us if you object or support the byelaws to protect spring salmon stocks and provide your reason why.:

I very much support the proposed byelaws for the net and fixed engine fisheries.

Here in the North East, the existence of the mixed stock drift net fishery has been a national disgrace and it is quite correct that it is to be terminated earlier than originally planned.

The proposals for the fixed engine nets also make sense. The release of most salmon will protect the spring stock, whilst the shorter season for killing sea trout should enable this species to recover. The net free period will also allow for the development off a salt water sport fishery.

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New byelaws requiring the catch and release of salmon by rod fisheries

9 Please tell us if you object to, or support, the proposed byelaw requiring the catch and release of salmon caught by rod and line on specified rivers and provide your reason why.

Please tell us if you object or support the byelaws to protect spring salmon stocks and provide your reason why.:

I support the proposed byelaw.

Here in the North East, those rivers that will be 100% C&R do have very low populations of migratory fish and such a measure will hopefully help them recover.

It would seem an opportune time to fund the provision of additional fish counters on rivers where they can be installed cost effectively. I would be thinking of the AIn and the Wansbeck in particular. This would allow for some proper measurement of the, hopefully, recovering fish stock.

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New byelaw restricting certain rod angling methods

10 Please tell us if you object to, or support, the proposed byelaw restricting rod angling methods and provide your reason why.

Please tell us if you object or support the byelaws to protect spring salmon stocks and provide your reason why.:

I support the proposed byelaw.

However, I am not entirely clear on the proposal for spinning lures. Does this mean that there can only be one single hook per lure, or is it one set of hooks per lure? This could do with confirming.

There does not seem to be any mention of worm fishing, so presumably there will be no further restrictions on worm fishing for salmon? This seems odd given that it is not very compatible with C&R.

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Further comments

11 If you would like to provide us with any further comments then please do so here .

Please provide further comments below:

In general, I thoroughly welcome and support these byelaws. I do hope that their introduction will be supported by the installation of more fish counters, where ever practical, to provide better information for the future management of stocks.