

FISHING AND SAFETY.

The Teign offers a good range of fishing, which many people come and enjoy.

There are a number of conservation and safety measures which need to be observed to ensure stocks are maintained at a reasonable level as well as having due regard to the safety of navigation.

A summary of these is as follows:

- As the estuary is bass nursery area fishing from a boat (for bass) between the 1st of May and the 31st of October inclusive is prohibited. (The area is inside a line between the Ness headland and the Den Lighthouse.)
- The use of sand eel as bait when fishing from a boat is prohibited throughout the estuary from the 1st of May and the 31st of October inclusive.
- Rod licences are required to fish for salmon or sea trout. These are available through local Post Offices.
- Rod and line fishing of sea fish except bass as stated is allowed as long as minimum landing sizes are observed. (Size details are available from DEFRA)
- Salmon and sea trout netting is prohibited except by those who hold a valid licence.
- All vessels commercially fishing must be licensed and registered through the appropriate authorities and agencies.
- Fixed or anchored nets of any description are prohibited throughout the estuary.
- **Fishing from the Bridge is prohibited over the main fairway where it constitutes a danger to navigation.**
- **Rule 9 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea states, "A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway".**

This particularly applies to the entrance and estuary of the Teign.