

Fishing regulations for Øverbygd JFF zones in the Målselv watercourse 2023

The fishing regulations are based on the Collaboration Committee for Målselv watercourse on 12 April 2023 with additions adopted at the Øverbygd JFF board meeting on 22 March 2022.

Fishing license, fishing day and daily quota

The daily quota follows the fishing license period (18:00 to the next day at 17:59).

Fishing license day in Øverbygd JFF zones runs from 18.00 to the next day at 17.59

Fishing license period for Øverbygd JFF zones is stated on the fishing license (From date / To date)

The fishing license is personal and cannot be transferred to others. Upon inspection, the card must be presented together with a valid fishing fee and ID.

It is NOT permitted to purchase several *fishing licenses* with the same fisher's name in the same zone or in several different zones valid for the same fishing day.

Fishing licenses acquired by circumventing a time limit for the purchase of licenses (24 h block), will have to be expected to be deleted without notice.

§1 Fishing times:

Fishing **starts on 15. June at 00:00 AM** in the entire watercourse.

From the waterfall pool down the watercourse, fishing for salmon lasts until **August 17th**.

From the confluence between Barduelva and Målselva and down the watercourse, sea trout can be fished for up to and including **14 September**. Other migrating fish species are to be released.

Above the waterfall, the fishing season for salmon lasts from **15. June to 26. August**.

§2 Conservation areas and fish conservation:

Sea char conservations

Sea char is protected throughout the whole season and must be immediately released in a gentle manner.

If there is any doubt about the species of the fish, the fish must be immediately released alive in a gentle manner and must be registered/reported as re-released.

§3 Mid-season evaluation

The Målselv waterway is a national salmon river. One or more evaluations may be made during the season, and based on these, other regulations / quotas may be introduced for parts of the fishing season if the joint administration (SUM) so decides. **These regulations/quotas will normally start 25. July.**

§4 Quota regulations:

Salmon: The daily quota for each fishing day is **2 (two)** salmon per fisherman and follows the fishing license from (18:00-17:59).

If you take a large FEMALE SALMON over 7 kg, the daily quota is taken regardless of quota.

Re-released female salmon and winter noise do not count towards the daily quota (but must be registered/reported as re-released). Other released salmon count towards the quota.

Sea trout: The daily quota for sea trout is **5 (five) fish** per fisherman.

The daily quota follows the fisherman and applies to the fishing license (18:00 to 17:59). This means that it is not permitted for fishermen to fish their quota on one zone (property), and then continue fishing on other zones/properties or fishing licenses within the same day if the daily quota is filled.

The quota provisions may be changed during the season, and the mid-season evaluation will be the basis for any changes.

§4.1 Compulsory release:

All reintroduction of fish must be done gently and according to current guidelines (see www.lakseelver.no and the Norwegian Food Safety Authority).

Sea char is protected throughout the season and shall be released. Kelts (salmon that have already spawned) shall also be released. **Must be registered/reported as re-released**

Winter noise shall be released and must be registered/reported.

Salmon and **sea trout** below the **minimum size** (35cm and 30cm respectively) must be released. It is strongly recommended that fish showing **incipient spawning suit** be released.

It is not compulsory to release female salmon. Released female salmon and kelts do not count towards the daily quota **but must be registered**. Other released salmon count towards the quota. It is recommended that fish showing signs of spawning should be released.

When fishing for **sea trout** downstream of the outlet of the Barduelva in the period 18 August - 14 September, all other anadromous fish species must be released.

§5 Tools and equipment:

Fishing with shrimp, bait fish, or multiple spinner lines are not allowed. Otherwise, the general regulations for fishing gear apply as set out in The Salmon Act. It is not permitted to use a gaff when landing salmon.

§6 Reporting:

*All catches must be reported continuously (including 0 catches) immediately, and **no later than 5 days** after the end of fishing.*

The reporting obligation also applies to re-released anadromous fish, also during sea trout fishing in the lower part in the period 18 August-14 September.

Farmed salmon, rainbow trout, and humpback salmon must be killed, registered and documented with a photo.

The fishing obligation for fishermen who have bought a fishing license via "Inatur" is the responsibility of the fisherman. Failure or late reporting may result in the fisherman not being given the opportunity to purchase additional fishing licenses.

The reporting obligation where fishermen have bought fishing rights directly from the landowner/licensee without registration online is the responsibility of the landowner/licensee.

Shell samples must be taken of ALL salmon and sea trout in 2023

§7 Disinfection:

Everyone coming from other waterways must disinfect their fishing gear (rods, wading pants, utensils, nets, and other equipment). This shall be done at the disinfection stations before they start fishing. There are self-service disinfection stations available 24 hours a day and in addition, there are some serviced stations that are open during the day.

§8 Exception rules in special circumstances

SUM may decide to close the river to all fishing if extreme conditions arise in relation to animal welfare, such as low water levels, high **temperatures** or other critical conditions.

§9 Behaviour in the river

- Mobile fishing must be practised. Start above the fishermen who are on the ramparts.
- Handle all fish bearing in mind that they may need to be restocked.
- Show consideration for other fishermen.
- Report rule violations to the fishery inspectors or the river owner group
- Leave the fishing spot the way you want to find it.
- All travel at your own risk.
- It is desirable that fishermen wear life vest.

§10 Fishing regulations and following up of these:

When buying a fishing license, fishing rules and reactions in the event of a breach are accepted.

The owner/landlord/permit seller is obliged to inform fishermen about the current regulations in the river. The individual fisherman must get to know the fishing rules that apply in the waterway.

All violation of the fishing rules or the regulations stipulated by the Salmon Act, may be fined a fee of NOK 2.000 for each violation. Expulsion and exclusion can also be relevant reactions, depending on the severity of the violation.

All fishermen **MUST** follow the instructions and orders given by the Fisheries Inspectorate. This includes obligation to provide valid ID, paid government fishing fee and fishing license to the supervisory staff.

Øverbygd JFF fish supervision can be uniformed and will be able to identify themselves by presenting an ID card.

All violations of public regulations will also be reported to the police.