

# Reisa River

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## - Fishing regulations 2011 -

### Brief information about the Reisa River

Reisa River in Northern Troms is a nationally protected salmon river, running through one of the most scenic valleys in Norway. From its source by the Finnish border, through the Reisa National Park, to its outlet into the nationally protected Reisa fiord, the river is approximately 200 km long. Travelling by plane from Tromsø will take approx. 20 minutes, by car approx. 3 hrs.

### Fishing regulations 2011

Before you start fishing, it is essential that you study the fishing regulations.

#### § 1. Fishing

- The fishing for salmon and sea trout in Reisa River starts at July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 a.m.
- Salmon fishing lasts until August 31<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. After this date, the wild salmon is preserved in the Reisa River.
- Daily fishing period is from 10.00 a.m. to 02.00 a.m.
- There is a preservation period each day from 02.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Zone 1 is excluded from the preservation period during fishing season.
- From September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12.00 p.m. including September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m., it is permitted to fish for sea trout – and farmed salmon – from sea to Bergmo bridge in Zone 5. During this period, there is no preservation period.
- It is allowed to fish Arctic char from July 1st at 10.00 a.m. to July 21 at 12:00 p.m.
- It's prohibited to catch arctic char in the outlet of the rivers "Fielbma" and "Joselva", or less than 40 meters from these rivers. You will find these regulations marked on signs on the specified spots.

#### § 2. Disinfection

**Disinfection of all equipment – rods, flies, knives, and other objects etc. must be done at the purchase of fishing licenses (see Purchase of fishing license).** Those who purchase the license using the Internet, must disinfect the equipment at either Joker Havna Handel in Sørkjosen or Halti Tourist Information at Storslett prior to fishing.

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#### § 3. Documentation

The following documents must be brought along and be available for potential inspections:

- Receipt for payment of fish licensing fee
- Fishing license
- Documentation for disinfection of equipment
- ID papers

#### § 4. Protection of large female salmon and arctic char

**All female salmon over 5 kg/80 cm in the Reisa River, is protected due to build up the spawning population in the river.** Fishing in the Reisa River should therefore be aimed to catch small salmon and sea trout. The equipment must for that reason be adapted to this type of capture. If you catch a large female salmon, you must bring the fish in quickly with steady pressure. Is it a female salmon, it must be treated with care and set out again. Loosen the hook carefully, and avoid lifting the salmon over water. Keep the salmon with the head counter flow will bring the salmon back and forth carefully to see that it can manage itself. Are you in doubt whether it is a female or male salmon, the fish must be released again (best characteristics of the male salmon is a distinct hook at the jaw). Any male salmon and farmed salmon over the minimum allowed size can be caught. If the fish is serious damaged, you should not release it.

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## § 5. Quota per day and age regulations

You may catch maximum three salmons and five sea trouts, and 3 arctic chars per 24 hours.

Every child under the age of 12 is allowed to fish for free in the Reisa River. Childs between the age of 12 and 16 years old can use their parents fishing license, as long as their parents aren't fishing at the same time.

## § 6. Minimum allowed size

It is prohibited to catch salmon smaller than 35 cm and sea trout smaller than 30 cm, and arctic char smaller than 30 cm.

## § 7. Fishing equipment

The use of the wobbler is prohibited all through the year. It is prohibited using worm as bait. Otherwise, it may be used only fishing equipment which is allowed in anadromous waterways by law/regulation. It is not allowed to fish from an anchored boat, if you by so doing are an obstacle for other fishermen.

Following equipment is allowed:

- Rod: 1 per fisherman, not fixed lines
- Line with max 3 hooks, or equipment with a triple hook (not 3 flies).
- Fly, spinning bait, spoon/lures (cast weight by line or float)
- Landing net (for landing according to allowed procedures only)

Exceptions from general rules:

- It is allowed to fish for trout with worms in zone 1 during the period 1<sup>st</sup> of September to 14<sup>th</sup> of September

## § 8. Mandatory catch report

**Reporting of catches is mandatory. If license purchaser does not submit catch reports by the following regulations, the purchaser will not have access to fishing licenses for the season of 2012.**

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The catch must be reported by SMS or at [www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg](http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg) after fishing has ceased. This also applies in case of no catch. You also have to report released and catch of farmed salmon. Reports must be provided regardless of catch yield, either over the Internet on [www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg](http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg) (log in with your card number) or by SMS to +47 41 71 60 30- Password: Reisa

Example: Salmon of approx. 5.5 kg, the fish is released:

Syntax	Code	Card number	Weight (kg)	Species	Catched (c) or released (r)
SMS	Reisa	IN3333/123	5,5	L	r

Other codes for SMS:

Species code	Equipment code	Catch code
L = salmon	F = fly	c = catched
S = sea trout	S = lure	r = released
J = artic char		
P = humpback salmon		

See the license card for further information.

If the catch is not reported as soon as possible, the license purchaser will be banned from fishing immediately and for the entire 2012 season. We encourage fishermen to send their catch reports in continuous by SMS or [www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg](http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg) if this is possible. Avoid reporting the same catch twice – check your reported catch on [www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg](http://www.laksefisk.no/fangstreg).

## § 9. Fishing zones

Fishermen are obliged to arrange matters according to the zonation. Zones are marked along all roads along the river, by signs along the riverbanks and on the map.

Zone no.	Stretch from–to	Number of rods
1	The river outlet–Røyeelva (Røyel River)	8
2	Røyeelva–Moskodalselva (Mosko River outlet)	4
3	Moskodalselva–Nybrua (the new bridge at Einevoll)	4
4	Nybrua at Einevoll–Geiraelva (Geira River)	4
5	Geiraelva–Vankaelva (Vanka River at Vinnelys sawmill)	4
6	Vankaelva–lower part of Veraniva	4
7	Lower part of Veraniva–Avtima pond	4
8	Avtima pond–Svartfoss bridge	4
9	Svartfoss bridge–the brook north of Bilto	4
10	The brook north of Bilto–Hedamukka	4
11	Hedamukka–southern part of Forraholmen (Forra island)	4
12	Southern part of Forraholmen–Hovenkivistryket (Hovinkivi rapids)	4
13	Hovenkivistryket–southern part of Sieimastilla	4
14	Southern part of Sieimastilla–Altaribekken (Altari brook)	4
15	Altaribekken–southern part of Rautosoantostilla	4
16	Southern part of Rautosoantostilla–Molliselv (the outlet of Mollis River)	4
17	Molliselv–lower end of the pond Vuomatakkastilla	4
18	Lower end of Vuomatakkastilla–Naustneset	4
19	Naustneset–Imofossen (The Imo water falls)	4

## § 10. Violations of fishing regulations

Anyone who want to fish in the Reisa river have to pay for fishing and have a valid fishing license. Lack of permits or other violations of fishing rules will be reported to the police.

## Other important information – must be read

### Gyrodactylus salaris

Reisa River has avoided infection of the salmon parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*. **Reisa Elvelag has high state of readiness. It is therefore essential that all equipment – rods, flies, knives, etc. – is disinfected prior to fishing.** This can be done at either Joker Havna Handel in Sørkjosen or Halti Tourist Information at Storslett. A potential inspection will claim documentation for disinfection of any equipment in use, along with a valid license and ID papers.

### Purchase of fishing license

From March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12.00 a.m., fishing licenses are available on the Internet at [www.laksefisk.no](http://www.laksefisk.no). Be aware that licenses are valid only if you can present documentation for prepaid fishing tax, valid ID papers and documentation for disinfection of any equipment. In cases where the licence owners name is changed during the season, a fee at 600NOK will accrue.

Prices for daylicense in NOK:

Period	1/7-15/7	16/7-31/7	1/8-31/8	1/9-14/9	Licences pr day
<b>Zone(s)</b>					
Zone 1	470	370	350		8
Zone 2-10	700	450	400		4
Zone 11-19	300	300	300		28
Sea Trout licence				150	Unlimited

## Alternating zones

In Reisa River there are 19 fishing zones. Property owners have exclusive rights to special zones at specific hours (see schedule below). In these zones, fishing is restricted to the property owners trading licence, that may be used by others by periodic sale or rent or the owner can use their own licence within their own riverside property. Property owner's property borders are marked at the riverside. For the period of September 3<sup>rd</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>, there is no zone alternating.

Date start		Date Stop		Zones lower part	Zones upper part
Friday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Thursday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	2 and 3	12 and 13
Thursday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	4 and 5	14 and 15
Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	6 and 7	16 and 17
Tuesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Monday, July 25 <sup>st</sup>	02.00 a.m.	8 and 9	18 and 19
Monday, July 25 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Sunday, July 31 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	1	10 and 11
Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Saturday, August 6 <sup>st</sup>	02.00 a.m.	2 and 3	12 and 13
Saturday, August 6 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Friday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	4 and 5	14 and 15
Friday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Thursday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	6 and 7	16 and 17
Thursday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Wednesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	8 and 9	18 and 19
Wednesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Tuesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 a.m.	1	10 and 11

## Access and use of fishing places and outlying fields

The right to access and trek nature must be handled with care and respect. Use existing trails in the terrain – some of these are marked along the roads. Close field gates and avoid trampling down fences. Ask the property owner prior to entering tilled land. Respect the owner's right to deny traffic on private roads. One should as a rule not camp close to houses/cottages, but this might be agreed with the owner. When leaving a site, you should always return it to the state it was originally. Waste is to be taken home or thrown in trash racks. You must always start your fishing above a fisherman which is present in the same pool. This also applies if the other fisherman is on the opposite riverbank. You must never start fishing below a fisherman who already is present in the same pool. Move 5 to 10 steps between each throw. Practise "gentlemanship"!

## Scale samples

Fishermen are requested to take samples of the scale. One will be given bags for storage of samples **Among the submitted scale samples, there will be drawn 5 winners who each receive NOK 2000 at the end of the season.** Samples must be marked with the fishing license number.

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## Important phone numbers

- Catch report: [www.laksefisk.no](http://www.laksefisk.no), [aht@laksefisk.no](mailto:aht@laksefisk.no), or tel.: + 47 38 10 80 40 / 952 23 070
- Police, Storslett, tel.: + 47 77 76 43 00
- River inspection, tel.: +47 **45 10 88 88**
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