



Fishing rules for STORELVA

Berlevåg Jeger- og fiskerforening is the manager of Storelva(river) in Berlevåg on behalf of Finnmarkseiendommen (FeFo). Kongsfjordelva(river) is a national salmon river appointed by Norwegian government. It is very important for the future salmon and char stock it is managed in a sustainable way. The rules for this river is adjusted based on the conditions in the river and the state if the salmon stock. It is crucial the rules are followed by fishermen. It is prohibited to fish and kill the char in this watercourse, as it is protected. It is only allowed to fish for salmon. To fish in the anadromous part of Storelva you must buy a valid license. Everyone from 18 years also must buy the national fishing fee (you can buy this at: <http://fiskeravgift.miljodirektoratet.no/>) for the current season. The license is personal and other may not fish on your license. The river guard, or other authorities, might demand to see your valid license, disinfection certificate, national fishing fee and ID.

Fishing time

The season is from 1st of July to 15th of august. It is prohibited to fish between 1pm and 6pm throughout the whole season.

3 protected zones – everyone marked by the riverside.

Sea zone – from the limit river/sea and 50 meters above the bridge.

Laksholla (the salmon pool at the cabin) from the sign and 100 meters downwards to a sign about 100 meters above “Laksholla”.

Upper part – from the sign about 100 meters north of the 2nd “Laksholla” and up the rest of the anadromous zone

Quota – for the entire watercourse

Season quota – 3 salmons. If 3 salmon caught and killed, the fishing license is no longer valid and the fisherman is done for the season. The license are to be filled and delivered with catch report.

Day quota – 1 salmon. The license is no longer valid if 1 fish is caught and killed.

Char, salmon that have stayed over the winter and salmon under 35cm are protected and are to be released during the whole season.

Farmed salmon and pink salmon are to be killed and immediately reported to the river guard. This do not count on your quota. Remember to take scale sample.

NB! Char

The char is protected in Storelva. This means it is not allowed to fish with the intention to catch char. If you still do get a char during your fishing – get it to land quick and gently, and then be careful when you release it. Do not keep the char at land or in the air but keep it in the river. Quickly release the hook and let it go. The stock is very weak and vulnerable, and we expect our fisherman to show respect to our char.

Catch report

Everyone buying a fishing license are obligated to deliver a catch report, even if you do not have any catch. To buy a new license your previous license with catch report must be delivered. If you have a season license you must deliver a catch report halfway through the season, but we prefer if you do it weekly. Everyone with a license is obligated to deliver catch report consecutively. Every salmon that is caught and killed, must be taken a scale sample of. This is because the stock in Stordalselva is new and under establishment. It is crucial to gather as much information as possible. Scale sample envelopes and guidelines are given by the river guard.

Disinfection of fishing tackle

Everyone who travel to Storelva must disinfect their fishing gear before the fishing starts. Fishermen living in Berlevåg also must disinfect their gear if it is used in other rivers.

Including Kongsfjordelva. Fishing nets, waders, and all other gear MUST be cleaned and disinfected before it is used in Storelva.

You can do the disinfection at the guard cabin for 100NOK.

If you have approved voluntary work, it is free of charge.

Tackle regulations for STORELVA

This tackle is allowed throughout the entire season:

- Fishing rod with floating line with one fly.
- Single hook maximum size 4-8. No heavy flies allowed.
- Double hook maximum size 6-10. No heavy flies allowed.
- Tubes made of plastic with single and double hook. No heavy tubes.
- Children below 14 years can fish with floating tip and fly.

Fly lines or tips with sinking parts are prohibited.

It is not allowed with triple hooks.

It is not allowed with worm, lures, wobblers, or any other tools.

Fluesnører eller fortommer med synkende deler er ikke tillatt.

Det er ikke tillatt med trippelkrok.

Det er ikke tillatt med mark, sluk, spinner, wobbler eller lignende redskaper.

Any other tackle is forbidden!

NB! It is forbidden to fish in a way that can hook and harm the fish

How we fish in our river

In our river we want everyone who has a valid license to be respectful towards other fishermen, and the fishing is "moving". It means that if a fisherman is the first to arrive at a pool, he/she has the right to begin fishing. It is normal to start at the beginning of a pool (or where it is natural to start) and fish downwards. If you arrive at a pool and there is already a lot of fisherman, you start above the fishermen presents. Wait until the fisherman is at a good distance before you start your fishing – so you do not prevent him/her from fishing.

Fisherman at a pool can also make a deal about how they would like to rotate.

NB! Storelva is a small and vulnerable river. Especially with low water flow the fish is vulnerable, and their migration might be negatively affected if we overfish. Some pools are very popular, and it is almost always someone fishing. It is normal to move from pool to pool, so the river is available for everyone. This creates a nice culture and good atmosphere. Be kind and respectful to each other, the fish and nature.

Nature and some rules

- Everyone must keep it nice and clean when they are in the river, garbage must be removed when you leave the site. The campfires are NOT a good place to throw your garbage.
- It is considered negligent to gut the fish by the river, because of risk of infection and a overall welfare and order. Do not leave the fish intestines by the river side. Take it with you or dig it deep – far away from campfire and fishing pools.
- it is not allowed to take healthy trees to make a fire. Bring your own logs or use trees that has fallen because of natural causes. Use the campfire places we already made.
- if you are sleeping in a tent, this should happen at a good distance from the river and popular fishing pools. Do not occupy a good camp site over a longer period of time.
- Call the river guard if you observe littering along the river side

Penal provision.

If you break either the local or national rules you can get a penalty (Norwegian law). When you buy a license you are obligated to know, understand and accept the current fishing rules for the river. if you break these, depending on the severity, you get a penalty. This ranges from a warning, a fine (2000-10000NOK), confiscation of license and/or catch, exclusion (1-5 seasons) and/or getting a police report. If you do not deliver you catch report you get a fine of 300NOK which has to be paid before you can buy a new license.