



River Findhorn Biosecurity

The River Findhorn is pristine and healthy- help us keep it that way.

Anyone who goes fishing should be aware of the risks of transferring diseases and invasive non-native species (INNS) on clothing and equipment. By practising good biosecurity, you are helping to minimise the spread of non-native species, plant and animal pests, as well as their parasites and diseases.

- **Prevent** the spread of American Signal Crayfish from the River Nairn- their eggs are tiny and can survive on your boots and tackle for several days. Signal crayfish prey on young fish and their eggs, and compete for food and habitat. Their extensive burrows can destabilise banks, causing erosion, and bank collapse.
- **Prevent** the introduction of the Gyrodactylus salaris parasite from Europe- they can survive for several days in damp conditions. Gyrodactylus has wiped out salmon stocks in some Norwegian rivers- the only cure is to poison whole rivers and then allow them to restock naturally.

- Check** your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particular in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.
- Clean** wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly. Use hot water where possible. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.
- Dry** all equipment and clothing at 20° or more for at least 2 days or deep freeze for at least 1 day

For more information www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry or www.fnlft.org.uk/how-you-can-help/preventing-gs/

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Date of fishing:

I confirm that I have read and understood the information above and that I have cleaned and dried my equipment and clothing.

Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Please return this declaration to your proprietor before your arrival and prior to fishing. If you or your guests anticipate difficulty in cleaning your equipment prior to arrival, please inform your proprietor so they can help.

(These forms will be retained by your proprietor for the duration of the current season and then destroyed. Forms will be retained and passed on to the FNLFT, if required for information, in the event of an outbreak of disease or introduction of invasive species.) www.fnlft.org.uk