

# River Spey: Fish Photography Guidelines

Atlantic salmon are now an endangered species, and we must all do everything we can to protect them.

When handling and photographing salmon, please follow these guidelines. Remember, put fish welfare first, only take a photo if necessary, release your salmon as quickly as possible and keep salmon wet!

## How to handle and photograph Atlantic salmon



*The perfect photo: salmon held briefly in the water.*



*Solo: salmon recovering in water.*



*More photos of salmon being handled well.*

1. **Keep your salmon wet** and touching the water.
2. **Minimise handling time.** “Three, Two, One, Lift Salmon, Click!”
3. **Eliminate all contact with dry surfaces.** Hold away from clothes, and do not allow salmon to touch dry rocks, sand or grass.
4. **Hold your salmon very carefully.** Gently support its body in front of tail and under pectoral fins, without gripping/squeezing.
5. If by yourself, take a photo whilst your salmon is recovering in the water.
6. If on the bank and getting into the river is impossible, kneel beside the river & hold your fish as close to water as possible.
7. In high temperatures, only take photos of salmon submerged in water, to limit stress and exposure to heat.

**Note:** Please do not take or share photos of injured salmon. These fish should be allowed to recover and released as quickly as possible.

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