

# PAIGNTON SEA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

## CATCH AND RELEASE TRIAL

The Fishing Committee has considered that the Catch and Release Trial has been successful and in February 2017 has extended the rules to cover Boat Angling, plus Competitions, and after discussions with Angling Trust, the AT Medal Award Scheme. This further demonstrates the PSAA commitment to conservation. If the trial is successful, adding Bye Laws to club rules regarding Catch and Release will be considered.

### **Details**

1. The Trial is extended from January 2017 to 30<sup>TH</sup> November 2017, and will be reviewed by the Fishing Committee in August 2017. No changes to Anglers Handbook Bye Laws until the review.
2. The Trial is operating for shore fishing, and will now be extended to freshwater and boat fishing.
3. Fish entered for Catch and Release Trial can qualify for the Associations Cups, Trophies, Fish of the Month, Leagues and Monthly Day Competitions and Evening Competitions. To qualify for club records the fish must be brought to the PSAA Club HQ scales for weigh-in.
4. The Angling Trust confirm PSAA Anglers wishing to enter fish for Angling Trust Medals Award Scheme can enter fish caught under the PSAA Catch and Release Trial, if their own electronic scales have been verified/recorded regularly against PSAA Club HQ scales that are certified by Department of Weights and Measures. Scales to have a dated sticker and records log. The fish must also be weighed on land.

### **Rules**

1. To Catch and Release your fish you will need :- a set of digital/electronic scales, a digital camera or mobile phone camera, a Catch and Release entry form and pen, and at least one adult witness to the catch and release of your fish.
2. The digital/electronic scales must be checked/tested yearly, and recorded for accuracy at PSAA HQ against weights tested on the fully certified Club HQ scales prior to entering any fish for the Catch and Release Scheme. Scales reading more than 0.5oz above PSAA Certified Scales will not be accepted. Entry Forms will be issued when your scales have been tested/recorded at PSAA Club HQ.
3. To qualify from Shore the fish must be captured and weighed alive on the tested digital/electronic scales and photographed and released alive at the place of capture. The witness must an adult angler who is present at the time of capture and release of the fish.
4. To qualify from Boat the fish must be captured and weighed alive on land on the tested digital/electronic scales and photographed and released alive at the place of weighing. The witness must an adult angler who is present at the time of capture and release of the fish.
5. The photographic or video record of the captured fish is to be made available to be viewed as necessary at Club HQ by the Records Officer to verify the capture/weight/species/release.
6. The Shore angler and witness complete and sign the Catch and Release Entry Form to confirm that the fish has been caught, weighed and released alive as soon as possible at the place of capture. The Boat angler and witness complete and sign the Catch and Release Entry Form to confirm that the fish has been caught, weighed on land and released alive as soon as possible at the place of weighing.
7. The captor of the fish is responsible for the accuracy of the details recorded, and submitting the completed Entry Form and photograph to the Records Officer at PSAA Club HQ within 24 hours of the capture of the fish.
8. For the monthly Day and Evening Competitions, anglers who use Catch and Release must submit the completed Entry Form to the PSAA weigh-in room between 7.00 and 7.30pm on the competition day.