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# **NORTHUMBRIAN ANGLERS' FEDERATION**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Federation shall be known as the 'NORTHUMBRIAN ANGLERS' FEDERATION'.
2. The President of the Federation shall be the Duke of Northumberland.
3. The objects of the Federation are as follows:
  - (a) To lease or acquire fishing rights on any waters in Northumberland and vicinity;
  - (b) The preservation within waters under their jurisdiction, of game fish in all their stages and their protection against poaching, illegal possession and sale;
  - (c) The carrying out of all such matters and things from time to time as shall be considered conducive to and in the best interests of the art of game fish angling.
4. The business of the Federation shall be conducted by a Board of Management consisting of the President and Trustees appointed by the President.
5. The right to fish Federation waters shall be acquired by purchasing a current Federation permit and shall be subject to rules and regulations laid down by the Board from time to time.
6. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of all monies received or paid on account of the Federation.
7. Permit holders may submit proposals concerning the fishing on Federation waters to the Trustees. Such proposals shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary.
8. All matters of detail or dispute, in any way arising, shall be left to the Trustees for settlement, and the Trustees' decision shall be final.

## **FISHING PERMITS**

1. A valid permit allows a person to fish with one rod and line only on waters under the control of the Federation during the legitimate times and seasons.
2. The Federation reserves the right, without giving any reason, to refuse any applicant a permit to fish, or to cancel any permit that may have been issued. All money paid for a permit that is cancelled shall be forfeited.
3. The following permits are available:
  - (a) A season's Salmon Permit valid for salmon, sea trout and brown trout.
  - (b) A season's Trout Permit valid for brown trout.
  - (c) 7 day Visitor's Permits valid for all fish or trout only.
  - (d) 1 day Visitor's Permits valid for all fish or trout only.
  - (e) A season's Coarse Permit valid for coarse fish only on the River Tyne.Season permits are only available to residents of the counties of Northumberland, Durham and Tyne and Wear.

The Salmon and all fish Visitor's Permits entitle the holder to fish all of the Federation's waters on the Rivers Tyne and Coquet, including the tidal section of the River Coquet below Coquet Lodge. Trout Permit Holders may fish all waters excluding the tidal section of the River Coquet.

4. A juvenile under the age of 12 years may fish Federation waters without a permit provided he or she is accompanied at all times by a responsible adult holding the appropriate Season Permit.
5. Concessionary Season Permits are available to registered disabled persons (30% disability), persons in receipt of state retirement pension and persons under 16 years of age.
6. Holders of Salmon and Trout permits may also fish for coarse fish in the River Tyne during the appropriate open season.
7. All applications for Salmon and Coarse Permits, must be made in writing to the Head Bailiff, and must be accompanied by the correct fee and s.a.e. Any previous year's permit with the catch record properly completed must be returned to the Head Bailiff with the application. Trout permits are available from the distributors listed on page 12. All permits include the issue of the Federation Handbook and Guide. Visitor permits are also available from the Head Bailiff.
8. In the event that any tenancy held by the Federation is terminated before the end of the fishing season, all permits for the relevant water will be void from the date of such termination and no refund of fee will be made. Notice of such termination will be published in a local newspaper.

### PERMIT PRICES 2015

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Concessionary</b>
Salmon Season	£135.00	£90.00
Trout Season	£70.00	£50.00
Coarse Season	£35.00	-
Visitor 7 days all fish	£150.00	-
Visitor 1 day all fish	£60.00	-
Visitor 7 days trout only	£80.00	-
Visitor 1 day trout only	£20.00	-

The extent of the Federation's waters are shown on the maps in this Handbook and although accurate at the date of publication are subject to revision from time to time. The boundaries of such waters are marked with white posts or some other feature, if in doubt as to the rights to fish, anglers should seek confirmation to avoid risk of prosecution. Where the Board considers it necessary, changes to the extent or boundaries of Federation waters will be published in a local newspaper.

## ANGLING RULES

**N.B.** These rules are subject to all relevant Environmental Agency bylaws and anglers must familiarise themselves with all new bylaws particularly relating to catch and release method of fishing and permitted tackle.

### 1. Rod Licence

A valid Environmental Agency Rod Licence must be held by all anglers in addition to a Federation Permit.

### 2. Close Season dates:

- (a) Salmon: 1st November to 31st January
- (b) Sea Trout: 1st November to 2nd April
- (c) Brown Trout: 1st October to 21st March
- (d) Coarse Fish: 15th March to 15th June

All dates are inclusive.

### 3. Salmon & Sea Trout Rules

- (a) All Salmon caught before 16th June in any year are to be returned immediately to the water with the least possible injury.
- (b) Fly or lure only are to be used for salmon fishing before 16th June in any year.
- (c) No more than two barbless hooks (single, double or treble) shall be used for salmon or sea trout fishing before 16th June in any year.  
A team of flies may be used provided there is a minimum distance of 30cm between each fly.

### 4. Methods:

- (a) Fly only to be used for brown trout before 1st June and no spinning for brown trout after 31st August.
- (b) Bank lines, trimmers or night lines are not allowed, and only one rod to be used at a time.
- (c) The use of prawn, shrimp or natural minnow baits is prohibited on all Federation waters.
- (d) No treble hooks are allowed for worm-fishing for salmon or sea trout.
- (e) No worm fishing is allowed from Warkworth Dam to Warkworth Harbour.
- (f) No worm fishing is permitted for any fish on the River Coquet and its tributaries before 1st June and no ground baiting is permitted on that river at any time.
- (g) One treble-hook only is allowed on spoon baits on all waters.
- (h) The use of gaffs is prohibited at all times.
- (i) Fly fishing only is permitted from 1st February to 31st August within 100 metres below the dam at Thrum Mill and no leaded lines or flies are permitted.

- (j) Spinning for any fish upstream of Pauperhaugh Bridge before 1st June is prohibited and fly fishing only is permitted at any time downstream of the bridge to the white posts.
- (k) The use of rods exceeding 13ft in length on the River Coquet is prohibited.
- (l) The use of full sinking lines on the River Coquet is prohibited - only floating or intermediate lines, sinktips and leaders may be used.

#### **5. Special restrictions:**

- (a) No fishing is permitted:
  - (i) at any time between the posts situated approximately 20 metres upstream and downstream of the dam between Warkworth and Amble.
  - (ii) at any time within a distance of 25 metres upstream and 100 metres downstream of the crest of the dam at Warkworth.
  - (iii) during October within a distance of 150 metres below the crest of the dam at Thrum Mill, Rothbury.
- (b) Fly only permitted at Felton and Mouldhaugh downstream to the limit shown on map 2 unless river height exceeds 1ft marker on Felton Bridge.
- (c) Anglers are reminded of the provisions in the National Rivers Authority Bylaws prohibiting fishing within 25 metres upstream and 100 metres downstream of dams, weirs, artificial obstructions (e.g. bridge footings) and Thrum Mill Falls during September and October and at all times between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.
- (d) All fishing is prohibited on the River Coquet below Warkworth Dam in extreme low water conditions as determined by the Head Bailiff. It is the responsibility of every angler to ensure that fishing is not prohibited and if in doubt advice should be sought from one of the Federation's bailiffs before fishing.

#### **6. Statutory provisions:**

All anglers should be familiar with:

- (a) the current EA bylaws which apply to all anglers fishing Federation waters; and
- (b) the provisions of the Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975. A breach of any of these statutory provisions will result in the cancellation of a permit and risk of prosecution.

#### **7. General:**

- (a) The bag limit per angler per day for brown trout is 2 brace.
- (b) No coarse fishing is permitted in the River Coquet or its tributaries and any coarse fish caught must be killed and removed from the water.
- (c) All sea trout measuring less than 10 inches, and brown trout measuring less than 9 inches from the nose to the fork of the tail are to be returned immediately to the water, whether alive or dead.

- (d) No fishing is permitted in any mill race or fish pass.
- (e) Permits must be carried at all times when fishing, and be produced for inspection at the request of any Federation bailiff or officer, EA employee, Northumberland Estates employee or other Federation permit holder.
- (f) All tackle, baits, equipment and fish caught must be produced for inspection at the request of any Federation officer or bailiff.
- (g) No fish caught in Federation waters shall be sold or offered for resale.
- (h) No camping, boating, bathing or fires are permitted.
- (i) All foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water immediately, causing as little harm as possible.
- (j) All waters must be approached by recognised access without committing trespass.
- (k) All breaches of Federation Rules or statutory provisions must be reported to the Head Bailiff or the Secretary without delay.
- (l) Any angler fishing with worm shall withdraw from the water when required to allow any angler fishing with fly or spinner to pass down stream.

#### **SAFETY**

All anglers should take care whilst fishing, particularly when wading. Be careful when back casting if there are other persons behind you, particularly non-anglers.

Be extra careful if there are overhead wires or cables nearby, especially when using carbon fibre rods. Carbon fibre is a high conductor of electricity, and contact with electric power lines can kill or cause severe burns.

#### **COURTESY**

Anglers should keep moving when fishing all waters and not start to fish in front of an angler already fishing - start behind.

Avoid trespass and close all gates behind you.

Keep any dog on a leash.

Park your car with care and consideration. Do not obstruct any gates, openings, roads or ways.

Take all litter, including discarded line, home with you.

Observe the Country Code and the Game Angling Code.

#### **POLLUTION**

Any incident of pollution on Federation Waters should be reported immediately to the Head Bailiff and the Environmental Agency. The Pollution Incident Hotline No. is 0800 807060.

#### **CATCH AND RELEASE**

Anglers are encouraged to return undamaged fish to the water, particularly hen salmon and sea trout and any coloured fish.

Coloured fish, especially in October represent the future of the river and the Trustees are keen to see these fish being returned to the water as carefully as possible and not killed.



## COMPETITIONS

1. The angler proven to have caught the first fresh salmon of the season on the river Coquet will hold the Coquet Trophy for one year and receive three year's free permits and a replica of the Trophy to retain.
2. The anglers proven to have caught the heaviest salmon and brown trout on any Federation water in each year will hold the Centenary Cup for such fish for one year and receive a free salmon or trout permit for one year.
3. From 2013 a new trophy in memory of Jim Hardy, former Federation Chairman for many years, will be awarded to the angler catching the heaviest sea trout on Federation waters, to be held for one year.

## GENERAL

It is in the interests of all anglers that permit holders should observe Federation Rules and all relevant statutory provisions, and anglers are reminded that the Board has unlimited discretion to cancel permits without refund of fees paid and to refuse future applications for permits. The presence of nets, fixed lines or other illegal devices should be reported immediately to the Head Bailiff or EA. Do not touch or remove them as this can prevent a successful prosecution.

## CENTENARY CUP WINNERS

Year	Salmon	Trout
1994	J. Hall 20lb 9oz	D. Chrisp 2lb 10oz
1995	T. Smith 21lb 8oz	B. Ellwood 3lb 1½ oz
1996	T. Barker 26lb	B. Telford 4lb 4oz
1997	S. Robinson 20lb 8oz	R. McCormack 5lb 4oz
1998	W. Rutherford 16lb 4oz	R. Morgan 4lb 14oz
1999	P. Hodgson 18lb 5oz	D. Murray 5lb 4oz
2000	B. Ellwood 30lb	A. Fraser 4lb 3oz
2001	N. Robinson 32lb 8oz	T. Carlisle 4lb 5½ oz
2002	S. Cochrane 20lb 7oz	G. Nicholson 2lb 9oz
2003	C. Humble 21lb	C. Rosemorgan 4lb 14½ oz
2004	C. Bailey 18lb 6oz	A. Young 4lb 5oz
2005	N. Robinson 26lb	I. Longstaff 4lb 2oz
2006	N. Robinson 22lb	K. Harding 5lb 5oz
2007	D. Newton 18lb 8oz	M. Goward 3lb 9oz
2008	C. O'Reilly 19lb	D. Ewart 6lb 2oz
2009	M. Ruddick 18lb 1oz	J. Stafford 3lb 8oz
2010	M. Dodds 19lb 8oz	C. Richardson 4lb 8oz
2011	J. Bumby 22lb	B. Wade 1lb 12oz
2012	J. Thompson 24lb	D. Murray 5lb 7oz
2013	C. Makepiece 16lb 4oz	K. Young 4lb 12oz
2014	A. Simons 16lb 2oz	C. Pearson 4lb 12oz

# RIVER COQUET TROPHY

Instituted 1957

Year	Recipient	Address	Date	Weight	Bait
1957	W.Dodd	Ashington	2nd Feb.	15lbs.	Norwich Spoon
1958	T.L. Newton	Broomhill	1st Feb.	13lbs. 8ozs.	Sand Eel
1959	W.H. Waddes	Newcastle	3rd Feb.	15lbs.	Black & Gold Devon
1960	G. Hakin	Chevington	6th Feb.	15lbs. 14ozs.	Spoon
1961	E.J. Gair	Amble	1st Feb.	14 lbs. 8ozs.	Eel Tail
1962	H. D. Burn	Whitley Bay	1st Feb.	11lbs.	Brown & Gold Devon
1963	L. Williams	East Herrington	20th Mar.	12lbs.	Eel Tail
1964	J. McLeod	Amble	8th Mar.	14lbs.	Eel Tail
1965	E. Bolam	Prudhoe	1st Feb.	7lbs.	Silver Sprat
1966	A. Douds	Bedlington	12th Feb.	11lbs.	Silver Sprat
1967	W. Gilliard	Broomhill	8th Feb.	12lbs. 8ozs.	Prawn
1968	G.W. Bennett	Ponteland	1st Feb.	9lbs.	Golden Sprat
1969	J. Dodd	Amble	6th Mar.	11lbs. 8ozs.	Silver Sprat
1970	D.W. Cormack	Newcastle	1st Feb.	12lbs.	Golden Sprat
1971	W.A. Hankin	Warkworth	2nd Feb.	8lbs. 8ozs.	Silver Sprat
1972	W. McLeod	Gosforth	1st Feb.	13lbs.	Silver Sprat
1973	A. Douds	Bedlington	10th Feb.	8lbs. 8ozs.	Small Prawn
1974	M. Evans	Amble	28th Mar.	12lbs. 14ozs.	Prawn
1975	J. Armstrong	Throckley	2nd Feb.	8lbs. 6ozs.	Black & Gold Devon
1976	J. Hart	Lynemouth	1st Feb.	8lbs. 4ozs.	Silver Sprat
1977	T.P. Young	North Seaton	5th Feb.	9lbs. 4ozs.	Toby Spoon
1978	J. Hogg	Wallsend	11th Feb.	16lbs. 7ozs.	Yellow Belly
1979	Mrs. R. Hutton	Bedlington	2nd Feb.	12lbs. 8ozs.	Yellow Belly
1980	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	1st Feb.	10lbs.	Sand Eel
1981	C. Pearson	Ellington	20th Feb.	8lbs. 4ozs.	Brown & Gold Devon
1982	D. Douds	Bedlington	1st Feb.	20lbs.	Blue & Silver Devon
1983	K. Graham	Wallsend	1st Feb.	12lbs.	Golden Eel Tail
1984	D. Burrell	Ashington	12th Feb.	13lbs. 8ozs.	Green & Yellow Devon
1985	A. Dickinson	Newbiggin	2nd Feb.	7lbs. 10ozs.	Black & Gold Devon
1986	J. Foster	Hadston	5th Feb.	17lbs.	Black & Yellow Devon
1987	J. Foster	Hadston	4th Feb.	7lbs. 6ozs.	Sand Eel
1988	M.G. Wilson	Bedlington	4th Feb.	8lbs. 8ozs.	Eel Tail
1989	A. Manderson	Broomhill	7th Feb.	7lbs. 8ozs.	Black & Gold Devon
1990	A. Herron	Pegswood	1st Feb.	7lbs. 8ozs.	Black & Silver Devon
1991	E. Iveson	Wideopen	1st Feb.	8lbs. 4ozs.	Black & Gold Devon
1992	S. Farrington	Amble	1st Feb.	18lbs.	Natural Sprat
1993	D. Tait	Lynemouth	2nd Feb.	10lbs. 8ozs.	Black & Yellow Quill Minnow
1994	E. Iveson	Wideopen	1st Feb.	11lbs. 11ozs.	Yellow Belly
1995	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	4th Feb.	13lbs.	Black & White Devon
1996	C. Briggs	Lynemouth	5th Feb.	14lbs. 8ozs.	Black & Gold Devon
1997	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	1st Feb.	6lbs. 8ozs.	Prawn
1998	C. Rosemorgan	Lynemouth	1st Feb.	7lbs.	Black & Yellow Devon
1999	D. Easton	Amble	12th Mar.	11lbs.	Silver Mepp
2000	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	11th Feb.	15lbs.	Toby Spoon
2001	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	15th Feb.	8lbs. 8ozs.	Black & White Devon
2002	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	16th Feb.	7lbs. 8ozs.	Long Bladed Mepp
2003	M. Hughes	Birtley	5th Mar.	12lbs.	Rapala
2004	J. Lee	Amble	20th April	10lbs.	Mepp
2005	B. Bonner	Dinnington	18th Mar.	9lbs.	Silver Shrimp Fly
2006	J.H. Smith	Blyth	7th April	9lbs.	Shrimp Fly
2007	D. Ewart	Ashington	1st Feb.	11lbs.	Conrad
2008	J. Foster	Warkworth	8th Feb.	10lbs.	Black & Yellow Devon
2009	R. Newton	Hadston	4th May	7lbs.	Fly
2010	B. Douglas	Shilbottle	1st Feb.	6lbs.	Black & White Devon
2011	M. Allison	Walkerdene	4th Feb.	8lbs. 8ozs.	Black & Red Flying C
2012	S.Hawthorne	Amble	8th April	7lbs.	Black & Yellow Tosh
2013	G. Black	Hadston	8th April	6lbs.	Rapala
2014	R. Stephenson	Seaton Delaval	19th Feb.	9lbs.	Odin Spoon

## THE JIM HARDY TROPHY

Year	Recipient	Weight
2013	M. Bradbeer	10lbs.
2014	D. Burrell	11lbs 1oz

## Trout Permit Distributors

Name	Address
BAGNALL & KIRKWOOD	52 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
THOS. McDERMOTT	112 Station Road, Ashington
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# MAP 2. RIVER COQUET

## FEDERATION WATERS (MID SECTION)

Footpaths from Felton along South Bank and from High Park to the river bank. (No footpath from North End to Federation Waters.)

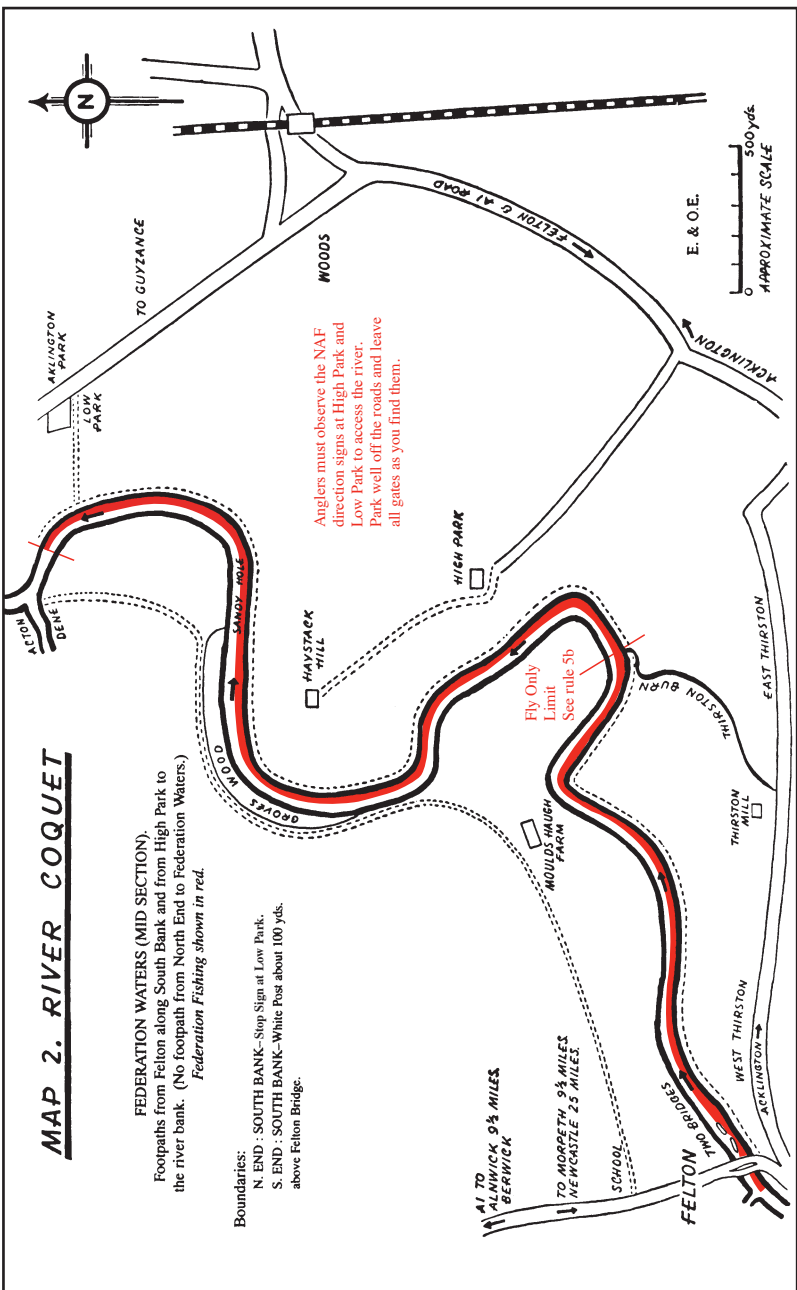
*Federation Fishing shown in red.*

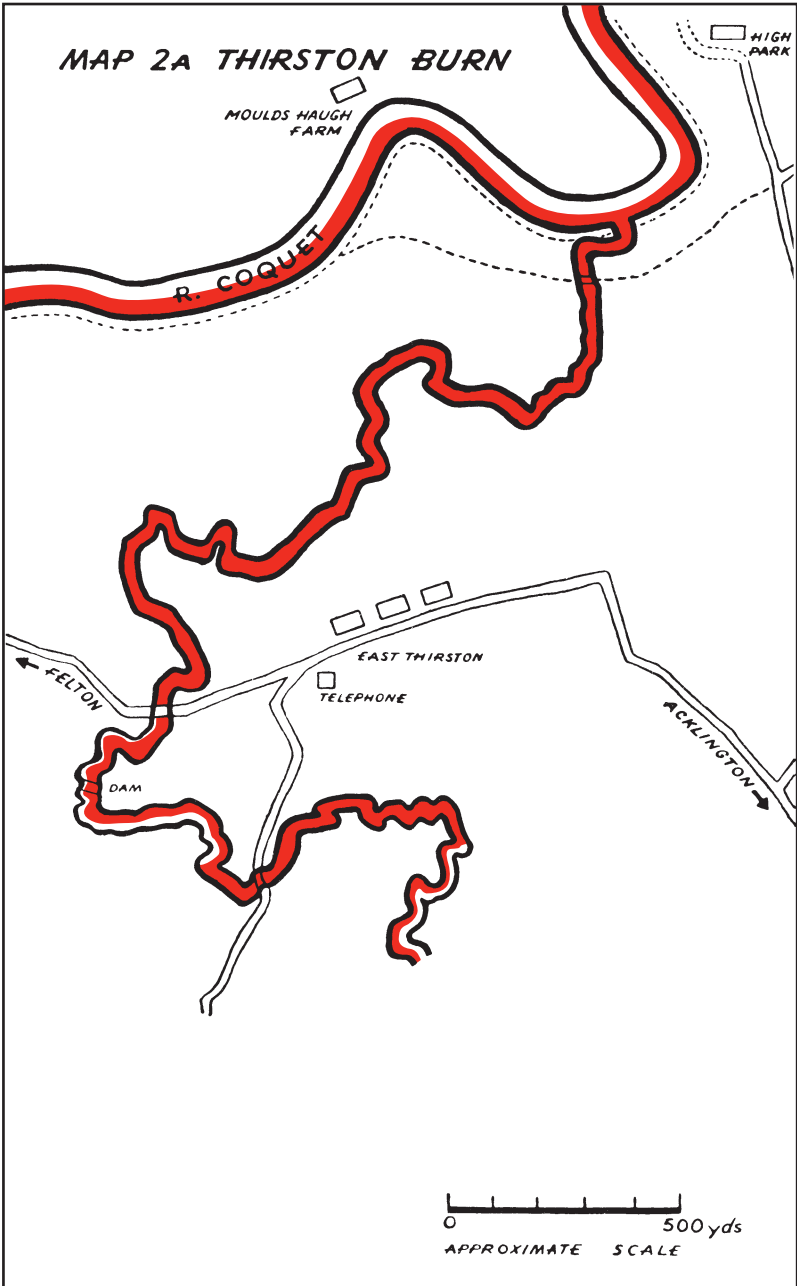
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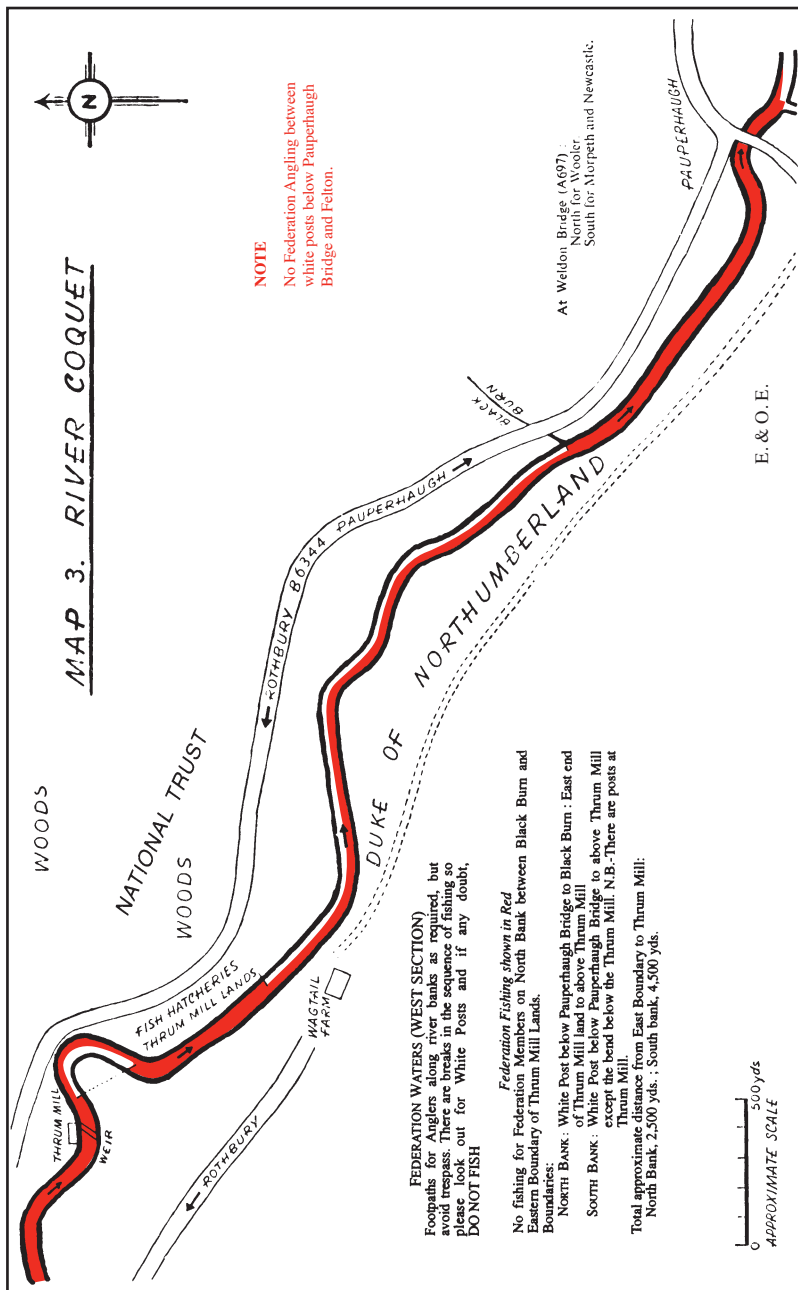
- N. END : SOUTH BANK--Stop Sign at Low Park.
- S. END : SOUTH BANK--White Post about 100 yds. above Felton Bridge.

Anglers must observe the NAF direction signs at High Park and Low Park to access the river. Park well off the roads and leave all gates as you find them.

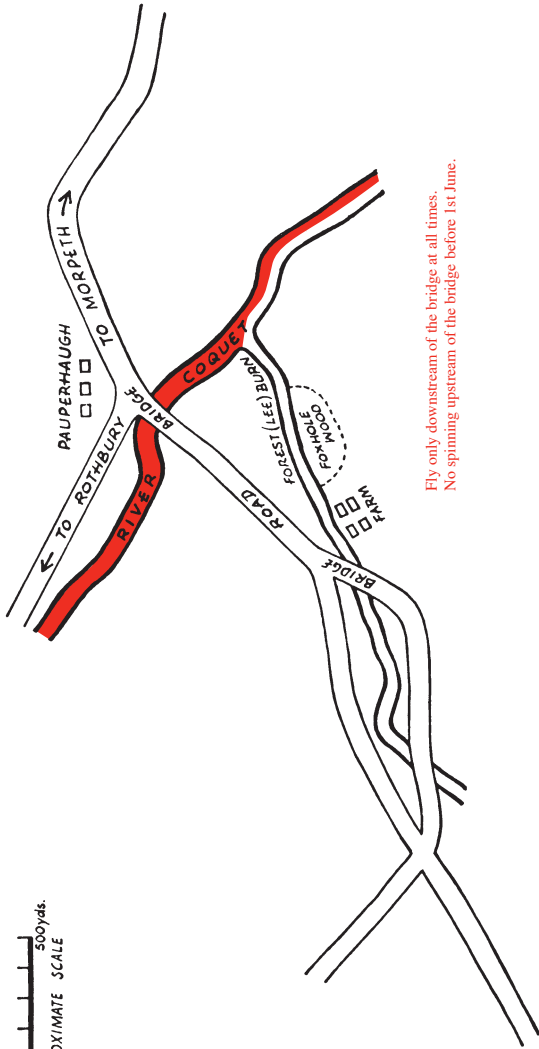
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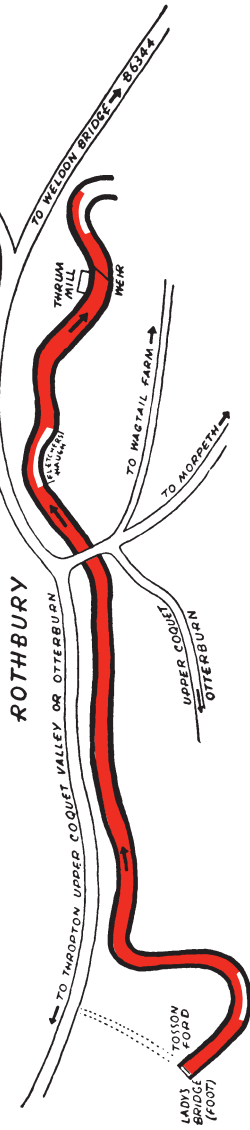
**MAP 3A. RIVER COQUET**  
**FOREST LEE BURN**  
**BOTH BANKS**



Fly only downstream of the bridge at all times.  
 No spinning upstream of the bridge before 1st June.

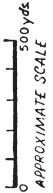


# MAP 4. RIVER COQUET



**FEDERATION WATERS (WEST SECTION-continued)**  
 There are breaks in the sequence of fishing, so please look out for White Posts, and if in any doubt, DO NOT FISH

*Federation Fishing shown in Red*  
 Total approximate distance - North Bank : 3,000 yds. South bank, 2,500 yds.



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