## WILTSHIRE FISHERY ASSOCIATION – WEED CUTTING DATES 2015 - FINAL

RIVER WYLYE – Bathampton to Chilhampton	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
RIVER WYLYE – Below Chilhampton	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
RIVER AVON - Above Crossing 'C'	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August
RIVER AVON - Below Crossing 'C'	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August
RIVER NADDER	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August

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## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 - 'Exempt Water Discharge Activity' – The Environment Agency allows members of the Wiltshire Fishery Association to cut weed on the agreed dates and in accordance with the conditions of the exemption. This programme of dates is now agreed for 2015 and there is no intention to amend it. However, circumstances may arise when this is necessary. In that event, the changes will be posted on the WFA website under "Announcements" and circulated to River Email Groups. Before you cut weed, it is your responsibility to check both the website and your email group.

- 1. Cutting must start at the beginning of the dates allowed.
- 2. You must please inform your downstream neighbour before cutting and when you have finished clearing down and of any subsequent problems. Regular communication with your upstream and downstream neighbours is essential to ensure trouble-free weed cutting and clearing down.
- 3. Cutting of weed outside of the authorised dates, without the Agency's consent, constitutes and offence under Section 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991.
- 4. Weed cutting should be undertaken in a manner which is sensitive to the needs of the river habitat. Overzealous or indiscriminate cutting of river weed or marginal vegetation can negatively impact habitat for healthy fly life, fish and other wildlife.
- 5. In all cases the final two days, as shown separately in the table above, must be regarded as 'clearing down only' days and any weed not cut before these days, left uncut.
- 6. Please report any unauthorised, late or inappropriate cutting to:

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