

**WILTSHIRE FISHERY ASSOCIATION – WEED CUTTING DATES 2016 – FINAL**

<b>RIVER WYLYE – Bathampton to Chilhampton</b>	
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>RIVER WYLYE – Below Chilhampton</b>	
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>RIVER AVON - Above Crossing 'C'</b>	
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
<b>RIVER AVON - Below Crossing 'C'</b>	
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>RIVER NADDER</b>	
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9 <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 2016 and there is no intention to amend it, unless circumstances arise when this is necessary. In that event, the changes will be posted on the WFA website <http://wiltshirefisheryassociation.org> 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 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 an offence under Section 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991.
4. Unauthorised cutting should be reported immediately to the Environment Agency using their Pollution Hotline Tel: 0800 80 70 60 – Note the exact location (grid reference), date & time & take photographs. Do not enter neighbouring property unless you have their permission to do so.
5. Weed cutting should be undertaken in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the river habitat. Overzealous cutting of in-river weed (or marginal vegetation) can significantly reduce water levels, which can have a negative impact on invertebrates, fish and other wildlife.
6. 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. In some circumstances, especially in low water periods, you may need to extend the period of clearing down beyond two days, to ensure there's plenty of time for cut weed to move through the system.
7. Report all blockages and any other weed related issues immediately to:

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