

**WILTSHIRE FISHERY ASSOCIATION – WEED CUTTING DATES 2018 – DRAFT**

<b>RIVER WYLYE – Bathampton to Chilhampton</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>	<b>Days</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	16
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	18
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<b>RIVER WYLYE – Below Chilhampton</b>		
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	16
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	18
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<b>RIVER AVON - Above Crossing 'C'</b>		
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April - Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	17
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	15
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	12
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<b>RIVER AVON - Below Crossing 'C'</b>		
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	17
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	15
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	12
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<b>RIVER NADDER</b>		
<b>CUTTING</b>	<b>CLEARING DOWN</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	14
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	17
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	13
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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 2018 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 "NEWS" 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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