



Revised Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business



IFI Guidance to Anglers

Inland Fisheries Ireland offers the following information to anglers as a guideline only.
Government advice to stop the spread of coronavirus is **BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE**.

General Guidance for everyone

- Follow Government **protocols** and public health guidelines.
- From Phase 3, 29th June 2020, you can travel anywhere in Ireland.
- Outdoor gatherings for group exercise of up to 200 people when conducted in line with public health advice are permissible.
- Observe **physical distancing** by keeping at least 2 metres apart.
- Park legally and responsibly if driving to outdoor amenities.
- Respect our emergency services and avoid activities that could potentially lead to emergency call outs.
- Respect the environment, animals & wildlife and dispose of waste properly.
- Travel separately and visit outdoor areas at off peak times if possible.

Our revised guidelines to anglers reflect the changes to the Government's '[Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business](#)' however please note any changes to the over-arching Government advice may result in amendment(s) to this table. Anglers must follow up-to-date Government advice at all times. Currently, we strongly advise the suspension of all angling competitions involving international competitors. Local club competitions may be held in Phase 3 from 29th June, while following public health guidelines on the use of club facilities and maintaining 2m physical distancing at all times. To stay safe and keep fishing, stick to protocol, **strictly no contact** with other anglers and always follow public health guidelines:

- **STAY home** if you have [symptoms](#) ➤ [Hand Hygiene](#) ➤ [Cough Etiquette](#) ➤ Physical Distancing **2m** ➤ Equipment Disinfecting (**not** sharing)

		Phase 3	Phase 4
		29th June 2020	20th July 2020
		Anywhere in Ireland	Anywhere in Ireland
Bank Anglers	Trout/Salmon/Pike/Coarse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ Maintain physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ Maintain physical distancing.
Boat Anglers	Game/Pike/Coarse/Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ With max. 2 persons in a boat unless from same household. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ With max. 2 persons in a boat unless from same household. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points.
Sea Anglers	Shore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ Avoid busy piers or where physical distancing is difficult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing.

In Phase 3, from 29th June, most businesses are permitted to reopen while adhering to [‘Return to Work Safely Protocol’](#).

Guides/Ghillies

Angling guides and ghillies should refer to Government's [‘Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business’](#) to determine when they may open. Businesses should ensure that they are able to offer the level of service and experience their clients would expect under current COVID-19 restrictions. For those who decide to offer services we would advise the following, as a guideline only, to help you plan for a safe operation of business.

- ✓ Guides, ghillies and instructors must not make physical contact with clients and maintain physical distancing guidance at all times.
- ✓ A dummy rod or set up must be used to explain techniques from a safe distance, no direct contact with client or equipment.
- ✓ No sharing of cars, equipment or physical contact of any sort.
- ✓ Care should be taken to ensure that the same person throughout the day ties all knots, lands all fish and handles their own equipment only.
- ✓ Weighing and/or photographing of fish should be carried out within physical distancing guidelines.

All payments should be contactless using electronic or alternative means.

Charter Boats

Charter boat owners should refer to the Government's [‘Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business’](#) to determine when they may operate. Charter boat operators should ensure they are able to operate safely under the current Covid-19 restrictions. They should refer in the first instance to any guidance on passenger vessels from the Department of Transport. For those who decide to offer services we would advise the following, as a guideline only, to help you plan for safe operation of business.

- ✓ Limit number of passengers to allow for physical distancing.
- ✓ No passengers allowed in wheelhouse/cabin.
- ✓ Hand sanitiser should be provided and passengers encouraged to use it.
- ✓ No sharing of rods or equipment.
- ✓ Hire rods should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after use.

All payments should be made electronically where possible.