



Länsstyrelsen
Västra Götaland



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Angling regulations in Lake Vänern

Both Swedish and foreign citizens are welcome to fish with rods in Lake Vänern. You can jig or angle – or spin, reel or fly fish. Such fishing is unrestricted in Lake Vänern with the exception of certain bird and fish protection areas.

Trolling is permitted in public waters – in other words, waters 300 metres from land or from an island that is at least 100 metres long. If the curve at three metres depth goes farther out, it serves as the boundary between private and public waters. For trolling in Lake Vänern, each boat may use only ten pieces of bait. An angler may catch and keep up to three salmon or salmon trout per day. Certain species may be caught only if they have the following minimum length:

Species and minimum length

Salmon, 60 cm, Salmon trout 60 cm, Pike perch 45 cm.

If the haul is shorter than the minimum length, it must be returned to the lake immediately. The above species may not be taken on land in chopped-up shape. All fish that are put out in Lake Vänern have their adipose fins cut off. This is done to protect the original threatened fish stock. That is why it is **illegal** to catch salmon and salmon trout with whole adipose fins.

As of 1 May 2007, it is illegal for anglers and recreational fishermen to catch and keep eel in Lake Vänern.

When fishing, keep in mind that:

- Carefully release any fish that you cannot or do not want to keep.
- Asp should be released because they are a threatened species.
- The person who arrives at the fishing site first has priority if it is not possible for more than one person to fish at the same time.
- Show respect for nature. Always leave the fishing site in the shape that you would like to find it in.
- Fishing is illegal closer than 100 metres from fixed equipment or a fish breeding station.

Fishing regulations are intended to protect the fish population and must be respected. If you violate the regulations, your fishing gear and boat can be confiscated and forfeited. You can also be sentenced to a fine or two years imprisonment.

Remember that fishing laws are always changing and that the information on this board is only general in nature and has no legal status. Every fisherman is **obliged** to find out what regulations apply in his particular fishing area.