

As a keen angler fishing on the upper beats of the Annan for over 40 years I believe a total ban is wrong more effort should be put into ensuring that beats stick to the 2 fish limit, would the haff netters support a ban ? I don't think so living in the Gretna area I hear many tales of how many sea trout they TAKE from every tide before any fish even reach the river, I also think the tourist trade would suffer as many anglers travel to our area for sea trout and salmon fishing, many fish are returned safely and most anglers I believe would like to see the 2 fish limit remain in place. Restrictions YES total ban No.

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catch and release brown trout why you are breeding cannibal fish which feed on small fish etc. rainbow trout a total menace eat everything as for a total ban for five years that's suicidal for sea trout no one will fish your water anymore it is bad enough traveling a lot of miles to fish even if people do i doubt if they are returning fish ,fishing is a sport also a food supply not for some pathetic person just to injure fish just for the fun of it.I fish myself take a bag limit according to club rules you will let the poachers have a field day drop of by car no one knows they are there pick up again later we used to fish this river but no longer do so because of the brown trout rule sea trout was a bonus if you ever happened to catch one the first fish you should have been allowed to keep it make you own decision it may be the only one you ever get As for ban on sea trout i would say no or consider fishing for salmon only starting from beginning of September to end of November that would let any sea trout brown trout get total peace to recover but i think that would upset many, I would like to think how much revenue the Annan has lost through permits over the last few years even so the ones who are buying them are they actually returning the fish.