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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 327**

**The Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Regulations 2014**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 9th January 2015.

**Annual close time, permitted periods of fishing for rod and line fishing and prohibition on the retention of salmon**

2.—(1) The dates of the annual close time for each salmon fishery district, or each part of a salmon fishery district, listed in column 1 of the Schedule are those listed in column 2 corresponding to the entry for that district or part of a district.

(2) The periods within the annual close time when it is permitted to fish for and take, or fish for, salmon by rod and line for each salmon fishery district, or part of a salmon fishery district, listed in column 1 are those periods listed in columns 3 and 4 respectively, corresponding to the entry, or part of the entry, in column 1.

(3) No person may retain any salmon caught by rod and line in a salmon fishery district, or part of a salmon fishery district, listed in column 1 during the periods listed in column 4 corresponding to that entry or part of that entry.

(4) The limits of each salmon fishery district, or part of a district, listed in column 1 are to be construed in accordance with the description of the designation listed in the corresponding entry in column 5.

(5) In this regulation—

“retain” means failing to return a fish at once to the river or other water from which it came and with the least possible injury,

and a reference to a numbered column is to the corresponding numbered column in the table in the Schedule.

St Andrew’s House, Edinburgh  
20th November 2014

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers