Fishing regulations in Blekinge

Important to remember:

• Never catch more fish than you and your family can eat.
• It is prohibited for recreational fishers to sell their catches.
• Immediately kill fish you have caught and want to keep.
• Carefully release fish you can’t keep or don’t want to keep back into the water.
• Leave the area clean and tidy.
• Follow the fishing regulations to avoid damage to fish stocks.
• Fish is not covered by the legal right of access to private land.
• Protect the natural environment!

More information available at
www.lansstyrelsen/blekinge
www.svenskafiskeregler.se

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• You **always** require a permit to fish in fresh water (lakes and watercourses). You can, for example, buy a fishing permit.
• You do not need a fishing permit to fish with a rod at sea.
• You are personally responsible for finding out what regulations apply where you are fishing.

Prohibited fishing tackle and methods
It is prohibited to fish with sharp tools. All snagging is prohibited. Snagging is when fish are caught using a hook to catch the body of the fish. It is prohibited to use live fish as bait.

Prohibited fish
- Eel
- Catfish

Protected area (area where it is prohibited to fish at certain periods of time)
Special regulations apply in such areas. In Blekinge, the areas where creeks run out into the sea are protected. It is prohibited to fish in this area from 15 September to 31 December.

Protection periods (times of the year when it is prohibited to fish for certain species)
- It is prohibited to fish for salmon and sea trout in coastal waters from **15 September to 31 December**.
- It is prohibited to fish for salmon and sea trout in fresh water from **1 October to 31 December**.

Fish you can catch and keep in coastal waters
- Pike: Shall be between 40-75 cm. Max. three pike can be caught per day
- Sea trout: minimum 50 cm
- Salmon: minimum 60 cm
- Cod: minimum 38 cm

Fish measurements are taken from the tip of the nose to the outer tip of the tail fin. You must always release fish that do not meet the above-mentioned measurements.

Breach of fishing regulations
A breach of the fishing regulations may result in a fine or imprisonment. Fishing tackle and catches can be confiscated by the Swedish Coast Guard, the Police, the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management and Fisketillsynsmän (fishing inspectorate).