FISHING REGULATIONS

for fishing in the lower part of Stordal river (Below Stordalsvatnet) managed by Opplysningsvesenets Fond (OVF) and Mælan Elveierlag.

1. General:

All license holders MUST adhere to these regulations

All fishing equipment, landing net, waders, boots, boats, and other equipment which have been used in any other waters at the current season, must be disinfected before used in Stordalselva (Stordal River) and Nordalselva (Nordal River).

All license holders and others roaming along the river will NOT leave any trash in or along the river.

Camping is prohibited along the riverbank. All movement in and around the are must adhere to The Norwegian Outdoor Recreation Act (Friluftsloven).

All fishing will be dynamic. Meaning a maximum of 20 minutes of fishing on the same spot before you have to move to the next. This also applies between the northern and the southern side of the river on the famous "kassen" in Støvelfossen, where license holders from both sides of the river are allowed to stand.

2. Area of fishing

From Mælan Bridge to boundary markers on both sides of the river. Fishing from the bridge is not permitted. The distance open for fishing is approximately 2 kilometers. There is a preservation zone in the waterfall Støvelfossen, where fishing is prohibited. See map at www.stordalselva.com.

3. Times of fishing

The season starts on the 15th of May and ends on the 15th of August.
One day of fishing is 24 hours, which is defined from 17 o`clock to 17 next day.

4. Bag limit / Size restrictions

Salmon: May: 1 salmon each day. June, July and august 2 salmon for each day of fishing, .
Sea trout: None

When the maximum bag limit of salmon is reached, fishing is prohibited until new fishing day starts.
Bagging of anadromous fish (such as salmon and sea trout) below 35cm is prohibited.

5. Catch and release

Catch and release is prohibited

6. Fishing tools

Fishing is allowed only with fishing rod. From 1st of June, the only bait/lures allowed are **fishing flies** and **worms**. **Fishing with spoon and wobbler is allowed in May month only.**
Flyfishing is only permitted with flyfishing rod and a flyfishing line. When flyfishing the only permitted casting weight is the line itself. This meaning that the fly or any other equipment attached will not be of significant weight affecting the throwing dynamics of the line. Sinkers or any other heavy material on the flyfishing line is prohibited.

Fishing with sinker is only allowed when fishing with worms. The sinker is to be fastened with a suspension of its own and with thinner gut. In this way only the sinker is lost if the line gets stuck.

Children from the age 0 to including 16 years old are allowed to use a float.
The use of fishing spoon and wobbler is ONLY allowed in May. After May the use of fishing spoon and wobbler is prohibited.
Fishing with worms is NOT allowed in Støvelfossen.
Only one bait per rod is permitted.

7.
Anyone breaking these rules can be sent away from the river by the police, inspector, or landowner. Anglers without a valid licence will be sent away, the catch will be confiscated, and fishing must terminate at once. Landowners may report violations to the police.

8.
Mælan Elveierlag and OVF disclaim any responsibility for accidents or damage that may occur related to fishing and moving along the shore.

9.
By very low water or other special circumstances there may be restrictions regarding the use of equipment allowed during fishing.

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An evaluation of the number of salmon travelling upstream will be made approximately halfway through the season. The number will then be compared to the numbered goal of spawn-capable salmon in the river. If that goal is not met, there might be extraordinary measures taken to preserve the salmon in the river.

To be able to get good data and reach this goal, **ALL LICENSE HOLDERS WILL FILE AND HAND IN A FISHING REPORT** after each day of fishing.

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