

Fishing rules for visiting anglers in the Tana watercourse 2026

The Tana watercourse's fisheries management (TF) has compiled all the fishing rules for visiting rod-fishermen in the Tana watercourse in one document to make the rules more accessible to fishermen. The document is as precise as possible, but under legal doubt, the regulations on fishing in the Tana watercourse and the TF statutes apply.

In 2026, all targeted fishing for salmon or migratory arctic char is not permitted. Any by-catch of these species must be gently released.

Fishermen must buy a fishing license from the Tana watercourse's fish management to fish on the anadromous part of the Tana watercourse. Fishing licenses can be acquired online or at one of [the retail outlets](#) (look the table at the end of the page). Fishing licenses must be carried during fishing along with ID cards.

Due to an excessive proportion of fishing licenses with lack of reporting in previous years, TF introduces a deposit scheme for all fishing license types. The fishermen pay a deposit of NOK 300 when acquiring a fishing license and get this refunded if reporting is done before the statutory date, i.e. 01.09.2026. Fishermen are required to report their catch regardless of the species.

Fishermen who fish for sea trout must, in addition to TF's fishing license, pay the [Norwegian Environment Agency's fishing fee](#).

A significant change for this year's season is that TF decided to introduce a quota for fishing for sea trout. Decision in case 031/2026, TF meeting 29.05.2026, Levajok. The background for the decision can be read in [this report](#).

Quota for sea trout fishing 2026

Local fishermen	Maximum 25 sea trout per season	No limit on the number of seasons licenses available
Visiting fishermen	Maximum 3 sea trout per day	Maximum 600 fishing days per season

Disinfection of equipment

Fishing equipment, boats and other objects that have been used in another watercourse must be dried and disinfected before they are moved to the Tana watercourse. This also applies to local fishermen. The reason for the requirement for both drying and disinfection is to avoid both deadly fish parasites and blacklisted invasive species such as the Canadian waterweed*.

* After an ever-increasing distribution of the black-listed Canadian waterweed (registered all the way to the upper parts of the Torneå watercourse towards Karesuando) and the serious negative consequences these have on the freshwater ecosystem, we encourage fishermen to ensure that all

organic materials that may have stuck from another watercourse are dried and washed in supplement to disinfection. Disinfectants alone are not sufficient.

Catch reporting

Reporting of catches is required by law according to the three fishing regulations for the Tana watercourse.

Fishermen are obliged to report catches on an ongoing basis to <https://tana.lakseelv.no/>. This also includes catching pike with a bounty scheme (only for Norwegian resident).

Alternatively, you can submit a catch to the Tana watercourse's fish management on a catch form, but here too the same information as on the website must be provided:

1. Which area/zone you have fished in
2. Date of fishing
3. Fishing gear
4. Gender, length and weight for each fish. If the fish must be released, this is not required and the fisherman can enter an estimate of length and weight with comment: *estimated length/weight*

- The catch for the season must be reported by 01. September 2025 at the latest.
- When catching farmed salmon, or rainbow trout, we ask the fishermen to inform TF on an ongoing basis, so that measures can be implemented if necessary.

Mass reporting is allowed, but should be avoided. Here, the total number of fish and total weight must be reported. For example: 8 July: 10 grayling/5 kg, Polmakelva, rod.

Fishing areas

Maps of fishing areas according to common fishing regulations, as well as TF's own statutes are available on <https://tanafisk.no/fiskeregler/kart-fiskeomrader-2026/>, where you can zoom in on the different areas.

Fishing times

RIVER	FISHING TIMES FOR VISITING ANGLERS
Tana River lower Norwegian part (from the border with Finland to the mouth)	15.06- 31.07
Area Biehtárjohka- Border river/sea	Sea trout: 23.06- 31.08
Tana River Border River Stretch	10.06- 10.08
Harrelva	Closed
Golggotjohka	Closed
Máskejohka	Closed
Geasis/ Sommerelva	Closed
Uvjalátnjá/ Dunkrattelva	Closed
Ciikojohka	Closed
Máskeluoppal	Closed
Máskejávri and Vuoksajávri	15.06- 31.07
Luovttejohka/ Luftjok	Inland fish: 15.06- 31.07/ Trout: closed
Ruossajohka/ Korselva	Inland fish: 15.06- 31.07/ Trout: closed
Buolbmátjohka/ Polmakelva (Norwegian part)	15.06- 31.07
Buolbmátjavri/ Polmakvannet	15.06- 31.07
Lákšjohka	Closed
Gurtejohka	Closed
Gurteluoppal and Soavveljávri	Closed
Deavkkehanjohka	Closed
Gárppejohka	Closed
Leavvajohka	Closed
Báišjohka	Closed
Váljohka	
Váljohka lake	15.06- 31.07
Váljohka river	15.06- 31.07
Ástejohka	Closed
Kárášjohka	Closed except for exceptions
Exception Kárášjohka: From Sámmáljohnjálbmi to 50 m upstream of the Kárášjohka/Ánarjohka confluence.	15.06- 31.07
Geaimmejohka	Closed
Bávttajohka	Closed
Iešjohka and tributaries	Closed
Exception: Šuoššjávri	15.06- 31.07
Exception: Luoppal from Iešjávri- Mollešjohka	15.06- 31.07

Anárjohka and Skiehččanjohka (border)	10.06- 10.08
Iškorasjohka	Closed
Goššjohka	Closed

All fishing is prohibited from Sunday at 18:00 to Monday at 18:00. Exceptions to this are fishing in lakes for fish species other than salmon, sea trout and migratory char when fishing takes place more than 200 metres from the outlet or inlet estuary, as well as in Tanamunningen.

Conservation zones, prohibited for rod fishing

From outlet rivers in tributaries	From the outlet river in the lower part of Norway	From the outlet river on the border stretch	Samløb Kárášjohka – Anárjohka
50 m upstream and 100 m downstream across the river	50 m upstream and 200 m downstream and 200 m across the river	50 m upstream and 100 m downstream to mid river hole	50 m upstream in both rivers and 200 m downstream in the main river across

- **In the following stretches, rod fishing is also prohibited (sign on land map on tanafisk.no)**
 - **Skiippagurrastryket/ Guivvašguoika**
 - **Seidastryket/Sieiddáguoika**
 - **Nedre Storfossen – Bildán across the river course**
 - **Galbajohka – Veahčajohtjálbmi from the Norwegian beach and out to the deep eel**
 - **Borsejohka – Leavvajohnjálbmi across the river.**

Allowed utensils

In tributaries, fishing is permitted from the beach with a fly without a sinker or dip. The maximum hook size is 6.

On the border river stretch, it is allowed to fish from the beach with a fly rod (max rod class # 6), with one fly with a maximum hook size 8. The line diameter at the tip should not be greater than 0.25 mm. A floating fly fishing line and a maximum of one single hook must be used. Children up to 16 years old with a beach fishing license can fish with a fly and a float on normal rod.

In the lower Norwegian part, it is allowed to fish from the beach with fly fishing equipment up to class 6. The maximum leader tippet thickness is 0.25 mm, and grayling and trout flies can be used without a float or sinker with hook size up to no. 8.

In The estuary (the river/sea border and to the outlet of Biehtárjohka (Beddarineset)) from both boat and beach, it is allowed to fish with flies, lures and wobblers adapted for sea trout fishing.

General: It is forbidden to use shrimp, fish and worms as bait. With the exception of the stretch from the border between river and sea to Biehtárjohka (Beddarineset) where it is allowed to use worms as bait.

	Max tendon diameter	Max hook size	Lure	Max fly rod class	Wobbler	Worm
Tributaries	None	No. 6	Not allowed	None	Not allowed	Not allowed
Border river stretch	0.25 mm	No. 8	Not allowed	# 6	Not allowed	Not allowed
Lower Norwegian part	0.25 mm	No. 8	Not allowed	# 6	Not allowed	Not allowed
Estuary (sea trout)	None	None	Allowed	None	Allowed	Allowed

The table summarizes the various technical regulations for local anglers.

Fishing from a boat

Rod fishing from a boat is only allowed for permanent local residents, with the exception of rod fishing on the stretch between the river/sea border and to the outlet of Biehtárjohka (Beddarineset), where visitors also have access to rod fishing from a boat, the boat must still be registered with a sign for the Tana watercourse.

Only people who are registered in the population register in the municipalities of Tana and Karasjok, as well as in salmon-bearing parts of the Tana watercourse in Kautokeino municipality, can register boats. Local anglers can register up to one boat, and fishing right holders, cf. Section 4 of the Tana Act can register up to 3 boats. Boats are registered by TF.

It is forbidden to fish and to release gear from a boat with the engine running, including from a boat that is anchored.

Everyone in the boat who actively participates in fishing must have a fishing license, including the rower. Fishing from a boat is only permitted with a boat that is marked with a nationality plate and number, and that is registered in the boat register for the Tana watercourse.