

## WHAT WE STILL NEED TO DO

We have made a start but most of what we are doing needs long term commitment and there is much more that we need to do.

We are recognised by, and consult with the Environment Agency on all aspects of our river projects. With the aid of regulatory bodies, Trusts, National Parks, private companies and sponsors we will continue to help restore the Exe and its tributaries to their former glory and represent the interests of its fishery.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our ability to protect and enhance our river relies, to a large extent, upon your help. Quite simply, the bigger our membership, the stronger our voice in so many areas where it is needed. By joining RETA at a nominal membership fee of £20 per annum (at the time of going to print), you are helping us to help every fisherman on the Exe.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

You get the opportunity to voice and vote on your views relating to current and future issues on our river.

You get a newsletter twice a year giving you updates on all current matters relating to our river

You will receive a membership card entitling you to discounts at various outlets which will be announced from time to time in the newsletters.

You receive an invitation to the RETA AGM.

WE ARE WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER – PLEASE JOIN US



## Application Form

### Your Support is Vital - Join us now

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for the full amount of £20.00

Please complete, cut off and send your application to:  
Ben Simpson, Upexe Mill, Upexe, Exeter, Devon EX5 5NE

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RETA is a member of the Southwest Rivers Association

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## RIVER EXE & TRIBUTARIES ASSOCIATION

‘RETA is dedicated to maintaining, improving and developing the indigenous fishery, ecology and wildlife habitat of the River Exe and its tributaries’.

**Join us now and help us deliver**

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## WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR?



RETA have launched a scheme to open up more of the River Exe to visiting fishermen, whereby Riparian Owners give up some days per year on their water which can be purchased on a day ticket basis. (See back page for contact details). This allows more anglers to enjoy our river for salmon, brown trout and grayling fishing.



### Catch & Release Code

With salmon stocks at an historic low, a measure of catch and release (C & R) beyond the National Byelaw (which prohibits the killing of all fish before the 16th June) is necessary to secure the future health of our fishery. Accordingly RETA discussed and agreed a new C & R code from 2006 as follows:

- At least 60% of salmon caught to be released
- No more than 1 salmon over 27" (8 lbs) to be killed per season
- All salmon over 27" to be returned after 16th August
- All coloured salmon to be returned



### The River Exe Project

RETA is driving a major, long-term programme to restore the Exe salmon fishery. To date, over £100,000 has been raised in partnership with the Westcountry Rivers Trust, The Exe Foundation and Exmoor National Parks Authority which has allowed a full time Exe Project Officer to be employed. The bulk of the work to date has been focused on the Little Exe, which has been underperforming as habitat for salmon breeding.



### Net Buy Out

In 2005, the Net Limitation Order for the Exe estuary salmon nets was reduced from 18 to 11. In 2006, RETA led negotiations on behalf of the Exe Mitigation Group, leading to the buy out of 5 of the 11 Exe salmon nets for the 2006 season. The buy out was for one season but negotiations will continue for a more extensive arrangement.

### Salmon Stocking Programme

There are substantial areas of the Exe and its tributaries that offer a good and improving habitat for juvenile salmon, but for one reason or another are not generally accessed by adult salmon. RETA has commenced a



stocking programme in conjunction with The Exe Foundation aiming to raise 25,000 to 50,000 juveniles per season for stocking these areas, starting in the spring of 2007.

### Season Extension

RETA has negotiated a 2 week extension from 1st to 14th October in 2004, 2005 and 2006 with the Environment Agency on a trial basis in order to ascertain if due to recent dry summers, fresh salmon are running later in the season. It is hoped that in future this extension will be placed on a more permanent footing.

### Political Representation

RETA is a key member and supporter of the South West Rivers Association which represents all the rivers in the area. This ensures that our river and the interests of riparian owners and anglers are represented at the highest political levels at Whitehall!

