

## **Fishing on the loW – FAQ's**

### **Q: Where can I fish on the loW without a licence?**

A: In tidal waters only but rules and regulations apply...see links below.

### **Q: Where do I need a rod licence to fish?**

A: All non tidal waters on the loW require a rod licence.

### **Q: Do I still require a rod licence if you own the river bank?**

A: Yes, all rod and line fishing in non tidal waters require a rod licence.

## **Reporting of Illegal Fishing**

### **River Incidents (upstream of tidal limit)**

Telephone the incident hotline number 0800 807060.

**Tidal Water Incidents** (other than incidents concerning Sea Trout & eels), report to the Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA) on 01202 721373.

The Southern IFCA don't operate a 24 hour phone line response, but if you leave a message, they will respond as soon as they can. The dedicated Island IFCA officer is Patrick Cooper.

### **How do the EA work with the IFCA?**

IFCA districts overlap with estuaries and coastal areas where the EA have responsibility for managing migratory fisheries (out to 6 nautical miles from coast) and where the EA are competent authority for the Water Framework Directive (out to 1 nautical mile).

### **Useful Links**

**The IFCA byelaws can be found here on this website:**

<http://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/byelaws>

**EA Rod Fishing Byelaws can be found at the link below:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-rod-fishing-byelaws-south-east-region>

**Cowes Harbour Commission:**

[http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general\\_directions](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions)

**Yarmouth Harbour:** <http://www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk/>

**Newport Harbour:** <http://www.harbours.co.uk/newport/newport.html>