

New online service to submit catch returns

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www.gov.uk/catch-return

The Environment Agency has launched a new online service for salmon and sea trout anglers to submit their annual rod catch returns. It's free, is mobile-enabled and has added features over the old paper form.

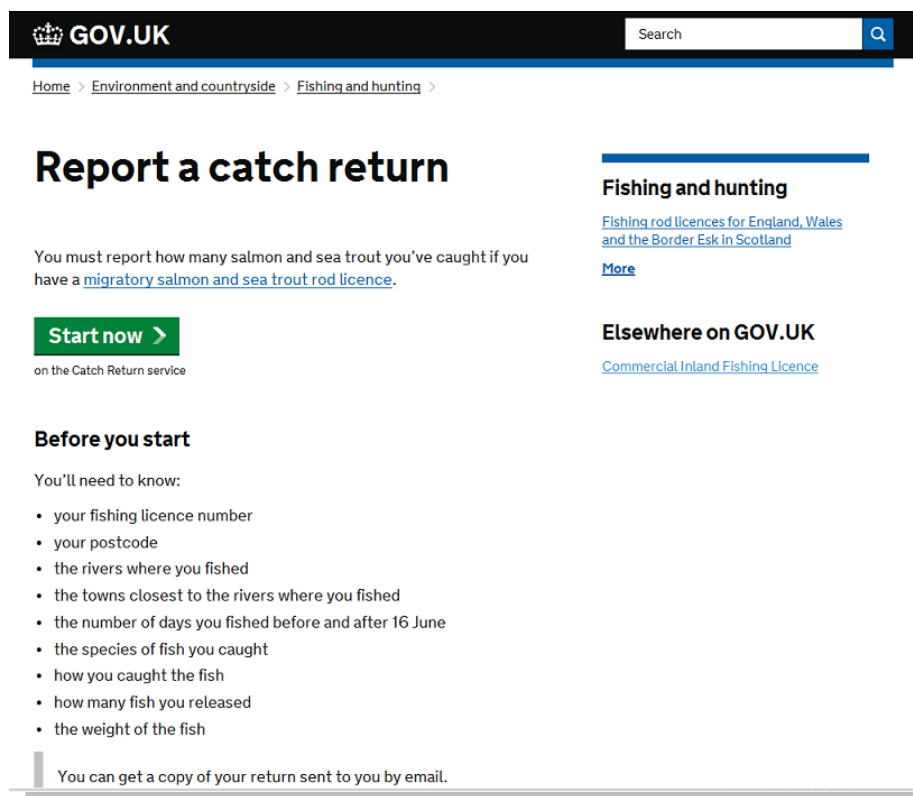
Key features

- you can record and submit catch return using your PC, tablet or smart-phone
- you can record your catches throughout the year
- you can download your submitted catch return for your records
- you receive an email confirmation of submission for peace of mind
- you do not need to register, just enter your rod licence number and postcode

We can only manage salmon and sea trout stocks and fisheries with your help. We rely on your catch return information to monitor exploitation of salmon and sea trout, to assess how different rivers are faring and to inform fishery management decisions.

Just log-on each time you have been fishing to enter your latest catch and fishing data. Then, when you've finished your fishing season, you can easily submit it. We hope anglers will find this a quick and simple way of providing crucial data as well as satisfying the legal requirement to submit a catch return.

While we hope most anglers will try the new service, paper forms will still be available for those who prefer to send their catch return by post.



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. The main heading is "Report a catch return". Below this, there is a sub-heading "Fishing and hunting" with a link to "Fishing rod licences for England, Wales and the Border Esk in Scotland". A "Start now" button is prominently displayed. Underneath, there is a section titled "Before you start" with a list of requirements for reporting a catch return, such as "your fishing licence number" and "the weight of the fish".

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