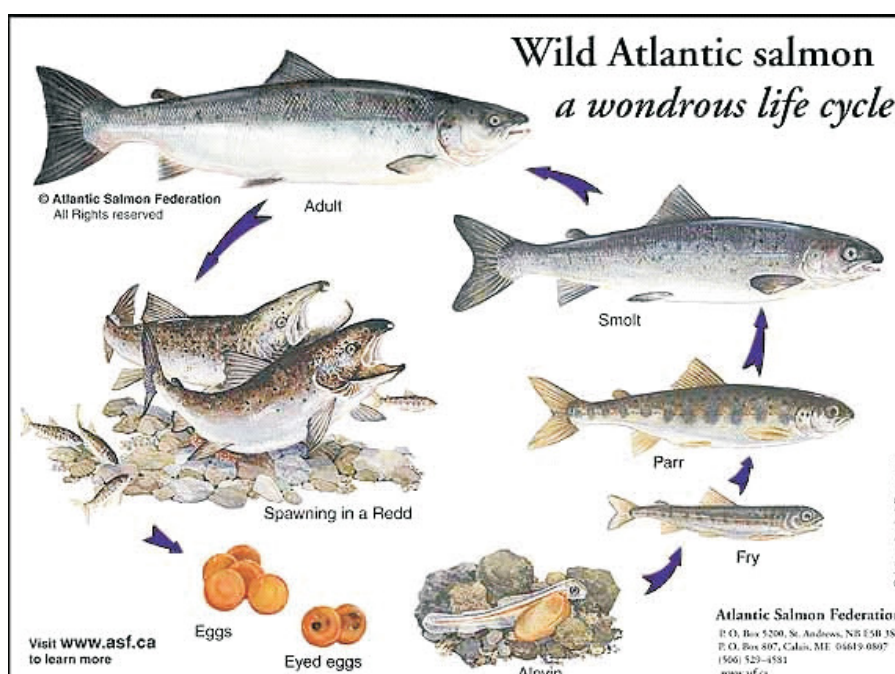




ATTENTION CANOEISTS

Dear Canoeists, this area of the upper Wye is a sanctuary for Salmon and other species. Are you aware that Salmon spawn (lay their eggs in a nest or redd) in the gravel bed of the river mainly during the months of November, December and January. In medium to low water conditions it is very easy to disturb the fish whilst they are spawning which may cause the female (hen) to abandon the redd or nest before it is covered with the subsequent loss of all her babies. Walking in the gravels and pushing paddles in gravels may also disturb the nests with fatal consequences.

The life of the river is in our hands please care for it.



Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 1975 CHAPTER 51

2. Roe, spawning and unclean fish, etc

(4) Subject to subsection (5) below, any person who, except in the exercise of a legal right to take materials from any waters, **wilfully disturbs any spawn or spawning fish, or any bed, bank or shallow on which any spawn or spawning fish may be**, shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under this section in respect of any act, if he does the act for the purpose of the artificial propagation of salmon, trout or freshwater fish or for some scientific purpose or for the purpose of the preservation or development of a private fishery and has obtained the previous permission in writing of the water authority