



Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business



IFI Guidance to Anglers

Inland Fisheries Ireland offers the following information to anglers as a guideline only. Government advice to stop the spread of coronavirus is **STAY AT HOME**.

General Guidance for everyone

- Follow Government **protocols** and public health guidelines.
- **STAY LOCAL** within a 5km radius of your home (Phase 1).
- Exercise with members of your household or a maximum of 3 people from outside your household if you can maintain physical distancing.
- Observe **physical distancing** by keeping at least 2 metres apart.
- Park legally and responsibly if driving to outdoor amenities.
- Respect our emergency services and avoid activities that could potentially lead to emergency call outs.
- Respect the environment, animals & wildlife and dispose of waste properly.
- Travel separately and visit outdoor areas at off peak times if possible.

It should be noted, any change to the over-arching ‘[Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business](#)’ may result in an amendment(s) to this table. Anglers must follow up-to-date Government advice at all times. We strongly advise the **suspension of all angling competitions** until further notice. To stay safe and keep fishing, stick to protocol, strictly no contact with other anglers and always practice good:

- [Hand Hygiene](#) ➤ [Cough Etiquette](#) ➤ Physical Distancing 2m ➤ Equipment Disinfecting (not sharing) ➤ STAY home if you have [symptoms](#)

	Phase 1 18th May Within 5km	Phase 2 8th June Within 20km	Phase 3 29th June Within 20km	Phase 4 20th July Outside your region	Phase 5 10th August Outside your region
Bank Anglers Trout Salmon Pike Coarse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 5km from your home. ✓ In groups up to four with physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ In small groups with physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ In small groups with physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing.
Boat Anglers Game Coarse Pike Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 5km from your home. ✓ With max. 2 persons in a boat unless from same household. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ In small groups with physical distancing. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ In small groups with physical distancing. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing. ✓ Maintain physical distancing at slipways and access points.
Sea Anglers Shore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 5km from your home. ✓ Avoid busy piers or where physical distancing is difficult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ Avoid busy piers or where physical distancing is difficult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Up to 20km from your home. ✓ Avoid busy piers or where physical distancing is difficult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can travel with no restrictions. ✓ In groups with physical distancing.

As Business Owners you can determine when your business may reopen in accordance with the Government's 5 Phases in the 'Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business'. In Phase 1 (current Phase, from 18th May 2020), only essential businesses permitted to reopen are listed. The Roadmap gives a list of other businesses which can reopen in subsequent Phases.

Once you have determined the Phase under which you can reopen your business, please ensure you adhere to 'Return to Work Safely Protocol'.

Guides/Ghillies

Angling guides and ghillies should refer to Government's 'Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business' to determine when they may open. Businesses should ensure that they are able to offer the level of service and experience their clients would expect under current COVID-19 restrictions. For those who decide to offer services we would advise the following, as a guideline only, to help you plan for a safe operation of business.

- ✓ Guides, ghillies and instructors must not make physical contact with clients and maintain physical distancing guidance at all times.
- ✓ A dummy rod or set up must be used to explain techniques from a safe distance, no direct contact with client or equipment.
- ✓ No sharing of cars, equipment or physical contact of any sort.
- ✓ Care should be taken to ensure that the same person throughout the day ties all knots, lands all fish and handles their own equipment only.
- ✓ Weighing and/or photographing of fish should be carried out within physical distancing guidelines.
- ✓ All payments should be contactless using electronic or alternative means.

Charter Boats

Charter boat owners should refer to the Government's 'Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business' to determine when they may operate. Charter boat operators should ensure they are able to operate safely under the current Covid-19 restrictions. They should refer in the first instance to any guidance on passenger vessels from the Department of Transport. For those who decide to offer services we would advise the following, as a guideline only, to help you plan for safe operation of business.

- ✓ Limit number of passengers to allow for physical distancing.
- ✓ No passengers allowed in wheelhouse/cabin.
- ✓ Hand sanitiser should be provided and passengers encouraged to use it.
- ✓ No sharing of rods or equipment.
- ✓ Hire rods should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- ✓ All payments should be made electronically where possible.