

## Consultation on three draft codes of conduct for inland water activities

# Consultation Response Form

This form is for recording your views on the style and content of three activity specific codes of conduct. The draft Angling, Canoeing and Wild Swimming codes can be found on the Countryside Council for Wales Website.

**Please feel free to answer as many or as few questions as you wish.**

### General information

What water based activities do you take part in?

***Angling and environmental improvement works: habitat restoration and the like.***

### The structure of the codes of conduct

The codes use the same three point structure as the Waterside Code and the refreshed Countryside Code. They will also use the same style and branding as the aforementioned codes to bring them together as a “family of codes”.

If you have any comments on the structure or the “family of codes” approach then you can enter them here:

***They appear to be clear and simple: easy to read and follow.***

## The content of the codes of conduct

Under each of the 3 headline points of the codes are further messages outlining responsible behaviour. Do you feel that there are points that have been missed out or that shouldn't be included?

### Angling Code

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about personal safety under "Respect other People"

***None***

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about respecting the local community under "Protect the Natural Environment?"

***Yes: there is no mention of the game fishing season. I suggest you add the following:***

***The angling season for trout, sea trout and salmon runs from the 3<sup>rd</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, although there are some regional variations. During this period anglers may be wading in the river and casting long overhead lines, which may extend out behind the casting angler, who is likely to be facing downstream. Politely make such anglers aware of your approach and try to keep well clear.***

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about protecting nature under "Enjoy the Outdoors and Stay Safe"?

***I should like to see added: You may also report illegal activity or wildlife crime unanimously by visiting the Campaign for the Protection of Welsh Fisheries web site [www.cpwf.co.uk](http://www.cpwf.co.uk) all such reports are sent directly to the Environment Agency Wales.***

## Canoeing Code

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about personal safety under “Respect other People”

***Yes, I should like to see the following added in a paragraph following the "People may be fishing on the bankside..... As follows:***

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Do you think there are points missing / not needed about respecting the local community under “Protect the Natural Environment?”

***None***

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about protecting nature under “Enjoy the Outdoors and Stay Safe”?

***None***

# Wild Swimming Code

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about personal safety under “Respect other People”

***I should like to see the following added in a paragraph following "Be aware of anglers..... As follows:***

***The angling season for trout, sea trout and salmon runs from the 3<sup>rd</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, although there are some regional variations. During this period anglers may be wading in the river and casting long overhead lines, which may extend out behind the casting angler, who is likely to be facing downstream. Politely make such anglers aware of your approach and try to keep well clear.***

***It may also be wise to add something to the effect:***

***Anglers often fish with lures, which they cast across rivers and lakes. These lures may include an array of hooks, which are dangerous. If you swim into any fishing line be aware that the line will have hooks attached. Stop swimming, hold the line tightly and attract the attention of the angler to ensure he does not pull in the line whilst it is still attached or near to you***

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about respecting the local community under “Protect the Natural Environment?”

Do you think there are points missing / not needed about protecting nature under “Enjoy the Outdoors and Stay Safe”?

## The language of the code of conduct

The language used in the draft code of conduct is intended to be simple, clear and easy to understand. Would you say that the style of language used in the code needs to be changed in any way?

***No comment***

## Examples of good practice guidance

Are you aware of any relevant activity codes of conduct or guidance that you consider to be good practice?

***The Countryside Code.***

Do you have any other comments that you would like to make about the code of conduct?

***I think it may be helpful to add amore "inclusive" introduction to the Codes broadly stating that..The countryside and its many pleasures are open to all to enjoy with respect for each other, the countryside itself and all the plants and animals that live in or on it. Please allow others to enjoy their own pursuits in as much peace and quiet as you would like to enjoy yourselves. Thank you.***