

Weybridge.—From Shepperton Lock along the course of the river to the weir, a distance of about eight hundred and thirty yards or thereabouts.

Chertsey.—From a point eighty yards below the bridge to the weir, a distance of four hundred and forty-five yards or thereabouts.

Penton Hook.—From the weir round the island and up to the lock at Penton Hook, being a distance of one thousand one hundred and fifty yards or thereabouts.

Staines.—From a point below the Road Bridge, Staines, to the City Stone, a distance of two hundred and ten yards or thereabouts.

27. In any of the above-mentioned places no person shall do or aid or assist in doing any of the following things :—

(a.) Take up, remove, injure, or destroy any stake, burr, boat, punt, or any other thing placed for the purpose of impeding fishing or the protection of fish.

(b.) Disturb the said preserves or the fish therein, or any spawning bed or place to which fish resort before, during, or after spawning in any of the said preserves.

(c.) Fish for, take, or attempt to take fish in any of the said preserves by any mode whatsoever except angling with a rod and line. Provided that any duly registered fisherman may use in such preserves grig wheels for taking eels during the time the same may be lawfully used.

#### Sizes of Fish.

28. No fish of the species hereinafter mentioned shall be taken in or out of the River Thames, or having been taken shall be had in possession or exposed for sale on the River Thames, or on the shore thereof or on any lands adjoining or near to the river, of less than the sizes and dimensions hereinafter respectively mentioned (that is to say) :—

Pike or jack, extreme length eighteen inches.

Perch, extreme length eight inches.

Chub, extreme length ten inches.

Roach, extreme length seven inches.

Dace, extreme length six inches.

Barbel, extreme length sixteen inches.

Trout, extreme length sixteen inches.

Grayling, extreme length twelve inches.

Bream, extreme length ten inches.

Carp, extreme length ten inches.

Tench, extreme length eight inches.

Rudd, extreme length six inches.

Gudgeon, extreme length four inches.

Flounders, extreme length seven inches.

Smelts, extreme length six inches.

Lamperus, extreme length seven inches.

Soles or slips, extreme length eight inches.

Whiting, extreme length seven inches.

Plaice or dab, extreme length eight inches.

All shrimps to be sifted when alive through a sieve of three-eighths of an inch between the wires all which wires shall be placed either vertically or horizontally and no shrimp that will pass through such sieve shall be kept or retained.

But this Bye-law shall not apply—

(a.) To any person who takes any undersized fish accidentally and at once returns such fish alive to the water without injury ;

(b.) To any roach dace gudgeon bleak or minnows taken for use as bait provided that except for the purpose of baiting eel baskets no person shall be entitled to have in his possession or under his control more than fifty of such fish for use as bait at any one time or to take by himself his servants or agents more than fifty of such fish on any day.

29. Any person who shall have in his posses-

sion on near or adjoining the River Thames any fish of less dimensions than those specified in the last preceding Bye-law shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against such Bye-law unless he prove to the satisfaction of the Court before which he is tried that he was lawfully in possession of such fish. Provided that this Bye-law shall not apply to the person in charge of any boat entering Hadleigh Ray in order to land at Leigh fish on board such boat which have been taken outside the limits of the jurisdiction of the Conservators.

#### General.

30. Any person following the business of a fisherman on the River Thames or letting for hire for fishing any boat punt or other vessel to be used on the River Thames shall be subject to the following regulations :—

(a.) His name and place of abode shall be duly registered in a book kept for that purpose by the Secretary to the Conservators of the River Thames at their London office for the time being which office is now situate at 41 Trinity-square Tower Hill ;

(b.) On the registration of his name he shall pay a fee of one shilling in respect of each boat punt or other vessel ;

(c.) The Secretary shall give to every such person on his registration a certificate thereof ; such certificate shall contain the number of every such boat punt or vessel ;

(d.) Such person shall cause to be painted and kept painted and legible in characters not less than two inches long and half an inch broad on the starboard bow and on the port quarter of every such boat punt or vessel such number together with his name and place of abode. Any person neglecting to have such number name and address painted on each such boat punt or vessel and to keep the same so painted or shall permit the same to be defaced or removed shall be guilty of an offence against this Bye-law and shall in addition to any other penalty on conviction for such offence forfeit his certificate of registration. Provided that this Bye-law shall not apply to cases in which any vessel is already marked in accordance with any existing law or regulation in force in the River Thames.

31. No person shall follow the business of a fisherman nor shall let or use any boat punt or vessel for hire for fishing on that part of the River Thames as is situate above London Bridge without being registered in respect thereof and without having the same marked with the registered number and his name and place of abode as provided by the last preceding Bye-law.

32. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall prevent any person provided he has the previous consent in writing of the Conservators under their common seal from obtaining fish for the purpose of artificial propagation and other scientific purposes from any part of the River Thames or from having in his possession salmon roe or trout roe for any of these purposes or from taking or attempting to take salmon or trout when spawning or near the spawning beds.

33. Nothing in these Bye-laws except the provisions relative to the fence season and to the sizes of fish shall take away or abridge the right of the owner or occupier of a private fishery or any person having authority in writing from any such owner or occupier to do any of the following things within the limits of such private fishery only : that is to fish for or to take or attempt to take fish and eels by means of nets commonly called cast nets and crayfish nets or by grig or ground wheels for eels or by night lines or by