

## RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FLY FISHING – SEA SHORE

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HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	PRE-ACTION RISK H/M/L	PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN	POST-ACTION RISK H/M/L	FURTHER ACTIONS
Water Hazard (Drowning)	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site familiar to guide and suitable for group.</li> <li>• Guide is qualified Lifesaver.</li> <li>• Auto-inflation life jacket worn by all group members and guide at all times.</li> <li>• Throw-line carried by guide.</li> <li>• Group members briefed on emergency action should they fall into water.</li> <li>• Vigilance by guide and group at all times.</li> <li>• Suitable footwear for terrain worn by all.</li> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• CPR Mask, 'emergency only' hot drink and 'bothy bag' shelter carried by guide.</li> <li>• Guide is First Aid trained.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group, weather and water conditions.</li> </ul>
Fly hooks & rods	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye-wear/protection to be worn at all times a peaked cap and a hood is also desirable but not essential.</li> <li>• Barbed hooks will be used – Group briefed on the added danger. Hooks may be de-barbed if requested.</li> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• Group members positioned safely.</li> <li>• Vigilance by guide and group at all times.</li> <li>• First Aid kit and pliers/snips carried by guide.</li> <li>• Guide is First Aid trained.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group.</li> </ul>
Overhead power cables	ALL	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fishing in the vicinity of overhead power cables.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing and vigilance by guide and all in group.</li> </ul>

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Medical emergency or serious injury.	ALL	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully charged mobile phone in waterproof case carried by guide, group briefed on its location and use.</li> <li>• Emergency procedures in place for late return and loss of communications.</li> <li>• Comprehensive First Aid kit carried by guide, group briefed on its location and use.</li> <li>• Group asked to declare any medical conditions and to ensure that they are in possession of any medication.</li> <li>• Abandonment of activity if deemed necessary by guide.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual close monitoring of group by guide.</li> <li>• Vigilance by all.</li> </ul>
Wet and slippery, uneven, rocky and steep terrain. Seaweed, lichen and algae-covered rocks. Steep grassy slopes.	ALL	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The route to, from and between fishing locations is carefully selected by guide to minimise risk of slips, trips and falls. <b>This risk cannot be completely eliminated and the group be aware of this fact.</b></li> <li>• Specific hazards immediately and continually highlighted to all of the group.</li> <li>• Changes in weather and ground conditions taken into account.</li> </ul>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual close monitoring of group by guide.</li> <li>• Continual monitoring of group and weather conditions.</li> <li>• Vigilance by all in group.</li> </ul>
Fly hooks & rods	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye-wear to be worn at all times.</li> <li>• <b>Barbed hooks may be used but must also have 'weed guards' to minimize the risk of injury.</b></li> <li>• Specific hazards highlighted to group.</li> <li>• Group members positioned safely.</li> <li>• Vigilance by guide and group at all times.</li> <li>• First Aid kit carried by guide.</li> <li>• Guide is First Aid trained.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual monitoring of group.</li> </ul>

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Risks particular to the marine environment	ALL	M-H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group briefed on the hazards presented by:</li> <li>• Waves – Unexpected 'rouge' waves or sets of waves, safely exiting the water by selecting an appropriate site and using the wave action to your advantage.</li> <li>• Tide – Strength and direction, undertows, eddies and whirlpools.</li> <li>• Fishing from exposed positions – Use of the 'Confidence Rope'.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual close monitoring of group by guide.</li> <li>• Vigilance by all in group.</li> </ul>
Increased or emphasised risks associated with participants with limited abilities (e.g. children, elderly or disabled).	SEE HAZADRD	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The guide will endeavour to thoroughly ascertain the abilities of each individual within the group, paying particular attention to persons with limited abilities.</li> <li>• Each individuals' ability must be carefully considered by the guide and the activity planned and conducted accordingly.</li> <li>• Participants under sixteen years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times and that adult must ensure that the child or young person fully understands the risks and will adhere to the precautions given in the risk assessments.</li> <li>• Persons with disabilities that significantly hinder their ability to safely undertake the activity must be accompanied by a carer who - through reading, understanding and adhering to the risk assessments - will be responsible for the safety of the individual.</li> </ul>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should limited abilities, or more severely limited abilities than previously disclosed, become apparent during the activity, the activity may be modified or abandoned.</li> <li>• Thorough briefing and Q&amp;A by the guide prior to commencing the activity.</li> <li>• Openness and honesty continually encouraged by the guide to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all participants.</li> </ul>