

Guidance: Developing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) if there's no Brexit deal

If the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 without a deal, find out how this would affect controls on the release into the environment of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Guidance: Producing and processing organic food if there's no Brexit deal

If the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 without a deal, find out how this would affect anyone who grows, processes, imports or exports products labelled as organic. This applies to products including food, animal feed, livestock (including bees and farmed fish) marketed as "organic".

Guidance: Nuclear research if there's no Brexit deal

If the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 without a deal, find out how this would affect the UK's participation in the Euratom (the European Atomic Energy Community) Research and Training Programme, and future civil nuclear research in the UK.

Guidance: State aid if there's no Brexit deal

Find out how state aid givers and beneficiaries will be affected if the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 with 'no deal'.

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[Press release: Three fined for illegal fishing in the North East](#)

Three people from Teesside have been fined a total of almost £1,500 after Environment Agency officers on Bank Holiday boat patrol with Cleveland Police caught them fishing illegally.

Maria Blyth, 30, and Adam Wakefield, 33, of Newtown Avenue in Stockton, were both fined a total of £270 and ordered to pay costs of £127.47 and a victim surcharge of £30 for fishing without a licence, fishing during the coarse fishing close season, and using bait prohibited during the close season.

In a separate case Thomas Stocker, 25, of Laurel Road in Stockton, was fined £440 and ordered to pay costs of £127.47 and a victim surcharge of £30 for fishing during the coarse fishing close season, and using bait prohibited during the close season.

Their cases were proved in their absence at Hull Magistrates' Court on 9 August.

On Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 5 May, Environment Agency Fisheries Enforcement Officers were on boat patrol with Cleveland Police on the River Tees, upstream of the Tees Barrage, when they saw Blyth and Wakefield fishing at Bowesfield.

They saw Stocker fishing separately on the same stretch of river.

The fishing close season prevents fishing for coarse fish for 3 months to give the fish a chance to breed. It runs from 15 March to 15 June inclusive.

Regular partnership work

David Shears, from the Environment Agency's Fisheries Enforcement Team in the North East, said:

These boat patrols are part of the regular partnership work we do with the police to combat both rural and urban fisheries and other environmental crime.

Combining forces in this way allows us to target crime effectively

and efficiently in locations where land-based patrols don't allow for easy access.

The majority of anglers, who fish legally, rightly demand that we take action to catch offenders. This is another example of how working with our partners results in successful court action.

The Environment Agency urges people to report illegal fishing as quickly as possible by calling the incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

Anyone who wants to go fishing needs to buy a fishing licence. A full annual licence costs from just £30 (short term and some concessionary licences are also available) and are [available online](#)