# Code of conduct angling at Barry dock

- Respect the property you are on and the people around you.
- Report any safety issues, damage to railing/safety equipment, pollution etc.
- Fishing only to take place in the designated areas.
- All fishing to take place to the landward side of the railings.
- Ensure everything is clean and tidy when you leave. No line, hooks, leads, unused bait, litter, food or cans etc left behind.
- Remember discarded nylon lines are particularly hazardous to wildlife. Discarded line should be cut into short lengths before disposal to avoid entangling wildlife at waste tips.
- Never leave rods on the bank with hooks still baited, as these food items could be picked up by animals.
- Keep noise and intrusion to a minimum and respect others.
- Always consider the peace and quiet enjoyed by residents on or close to the dock at all times
- Always park your vehicle considerately and safely.
- All anglers are ambassadors representing their community and as such should show courtesy and consideration to everyone that they come into contact with.
- Show consideration to other anglers, water users, visitors and residents. It is good angling practice to minimise bankside noise and to avoid fishing in a way which interferes with other water users.
- Be aware of birds swimming into your line or picking up surface baits, as major entanglements can follow. Remember too that swans can easily reach food a metre below the surface.
- Practice safety first especially when casting.
- When long casting, always use an adequate breaking-strain line when using heavy weights. Shock leaders are recommended.
- Fish to be returned should be handled as little as possible and placed gently back in the water.

- Care to be taken with all accidentally caught critically endangered/protected species, European eels, sewin etc and returned. (See below advise on unhooking European eels)

- Fish to be kept should be quickly and efficiently dispatched, with a single accurate blow to the head using a suitable priest/cosh.

- All national size limits to be followed.

- Be sure to read and understand the current Regulations regarding recreational bass fishing at www.gov.uk site before bass fishing.

- Drop nets and long handled landing nets (4 metres long plus) are recommended to land large fish in the designated areas.

- **Anglers should be aware of the dangers of Weil's Disease,** which is transmitted through rats' urine on the bankside. Cover any open cuts, however small, with waterproof dressings. Food must not be put on the ground and hands must be as clean as possible when eating and preparing food. (It is very important not to leave litter, especially food, as there is a fairly large population of rats especially on the northern edge of the dock but care must be taken in all areas).

- **All European eels (Anguilla anguilla) should be returned alive.** Once on the bank all eels should be handled with care. It is particularly important that the protective mucus is not removed in handling; **never use newspaper to hold them** but lay them on their backs and gently hold in this position for a few moments. The eel will calm down and is unlikely to move from this position. Unhook with forceps, if the eel is hooked in the lips or scissors. **If the eel is deeply hooked, cut the line or trace as close to the eel's lips as possible and release immediately**. The eel, under these circumstances, will lose the hook very quickly. **Do not attempt to remove deep hooks from eels.** The heart and other vital organs are very close to the back of the throat and you may cause fatal injuries if you damage them.