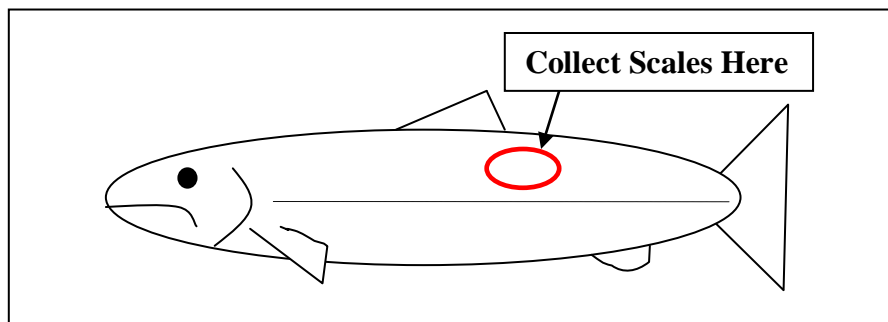


## Collecting Sea Trout Scales

1. Scales can be collected from killed fish as well as returned fish. It causes no lasting harm to the fish and the scales will be replaced. Until you get experienced it may be best to only take scales from killed fish
2. Collect scales from the area shown in the diagram. If they are missing from this area take them from the other side of the fish.



3. Remove excess mucus from the area using the back of a knife.
4. Run the blade of a knife gently back against the scales to lift and remove 10-20 scales.
5. Insert the blade into a **scale packet** (not plastic bag) and pinch the packet against the blade so the scales are left in the packet as the blade is withdrawn.
6. Clean the blade between samples
7. Record the details on the outside of the packet:
  - a. Length from nose to fork of tail (*please tick accurate measurements*)
  - b. Weight
  - c. Date
  - d. Place caught
  - e. sex
  - e. Remarks (condition, injuries etc)
8. Please store all packets in a warm place to dry and return all sea trout scale samples to:

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