

These disinfection guidelines are a summary translated into English from the disinfection guidelines issued by the Lapland Elinvoimakeskus on 11 May 2026

DISINFECTION INSTRUCTIONS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM) has tightened regulations to prevent the spread of the *Gyrodactylus salaris* parasite to fish stocks and fish farms in the Finnish sections of the Teno, Näätämö, Paats, Tuuloma and Uutua rivers. MMM Decree 1376/2004 came into force on 10 January 2005.

Requirements for equipment and gear

Boats, canoes and fishing equipment and accessories, such as reels, rods, nets, lures, landing nets, boots, waders and gutting equipment, **must be thoroughly dried or disinfected before use.**

Bait fish must not be brought into the Upper Lapland waterways from other waterways, nor may they be transferred between these waterways. The use of bait fish in angling, ice fishing and lure fishing practised in the Upper Lapland waterways is prohibited. This ban also applies in particular to bait trolling, which has become increasingly common in recent years.

Gutting fish brought from other water bodies in natural waters, or disposing of fish offal in the Upper Lapland water system, is also prohibited.

When fishing in Norway, the Norwegian authorities may require fishing equipment to be disinfected even if it is dry. When fishing in Norway, a disinfection certificate must be carried in addition to other permits. It has been agreed with the Norwegian authorities that, at the permit validation/disinfection points on the Finnish side of the Teno River, fishing and other equipment can be disinfected or verified as being dry, which is also valid on the Norwegian side of the Teno River.

A disinfection certificate issued in Finland is not valid on the Norwegian side of the Näätämö River!

DISINFECTION POINTS

In Finland, disinfection facilities are available at all Teno River fishing licence confirmation/disinfection points, as well as at **Inari Camping (formerly the Inari fishing harbour disinfection point), the Neste service station in Inari, the Seo service station in Ivalo at Kerttuoja, and the Sevetti bar in Sevetijärvi during their opening hours.**

ACTIVATION OF TENO RIVER FISHING PERMITS

In Finland, disinfection facilities are also provided at all Teno River permit validation/disinfection points. To purchase a fishing licence or to activate a licence bought online, anglers must visit one of the licence validation/disinfection points **in person to verify that disinfection is required.** A fee is charged for this service in accordance with the practices of the licence sales point.

Permit verification/disinfection points on the Teno River:

- Aurora Holidays & restaurant, p. +35840762500, contact@auroraholidays.net
- Nuorgamin Lomakeskus, p. +358 400 294 669, info@visitnuorgam.fi

- Vetsikon Leirintämökit, p. +358 400 617 016 tai +358 40 756 9346 (Minna), info@vetsikonleirintamokit.net
- Tenon Lohituvat, p. +358 40 587 9097 (Maritta), maritta@tenonlohituvat.fi
- Camping Lapinkylä, p. +358 40 559 1542, nilla.tapiola@luukku.com
- Tenon Tunturituvat, p.+358 40 528 9167, tenon.tunturituvat@nic.fi
- Kylätalo Saivu, p. +358 40 728 6822, saivu.kylatalo@gmail.com

The sale of fishing licences for the River Teno is managed by the Teno Fisheries District. Further information:

<https://www.tenonkalatalousalue.fi/info/>

Instructions for carrying out disinfection for the purposes of the disinfection certificate:

- All fishing equipment, boots, boats, kayaks/canoes, etc. must be disinfected. A disinfectant called Virkon S is used for disinfection; its safety data sheet is kept on display at the disinfection point.
- Disinfection is carried out by the staff at the disinfection point.
- A spray bottle and, if necessary, a disinfection basin are used to carry out the disinfection. Equipment brought in for disinfection, such as lures, boots, fishing rods, reels, boats, kayaks/canoes, etc., is either sprayed with a garden sprayer or immersed in the disinfectant, ensuring that all parts are thoroughly wetted. The disinfectant is then left to take effect in accordance with the instructions on the container.
- The person carrying out the disinfection must ensure safety and rinse the disinfected equipment, etc., with clean water.
- The person checking the disinfection must activate the fishing licence for fishing on the Teno River by approving it in the licence sales system at the licence sales point.
- A fee may be charged to the customer for checking the need for disinfection or for disinfecting the equipment; this fee covers the costs of maintaining the disinfection site.

For further information, please contact the Lapland Elinvoimakeskus/Fisheries Department: Kare Koivisto, tel. 0400 211 898, or Jarmo Tuukkanen, tel. 050 396 2634.

If the fishing equipment is **completely dry in accordance with the regulations, disinfection may not be necessary**, but anglers are required to have their Teno River fishing licence validated at a licence sales point (a chargeable service) in order to activate it.

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