



## PRE-SEASON GEAR CARE CHECKLIST

### Waders & Clothing

- Check waders for leaks and repair puncture holes.
- Check wading boot laces for wear and replace if necessary.
- Replace missing wading boot studs.
- Wash and re-proof waterproof jacket.

### Rods, Reels & Fly Lines

- Wipe clean rod blanks and cork handles, making sure to remove any dirt from the eyes.
- Remove reel spools and wipe away any surface dirt.
- Check for corrosion within the drag system. If you find any major damage, bring your reels into Sportfish and our team can take a look at them.
- Do not** add lubricant or oil to a reel with a 'dry drag' system. **Do** add a small amount of GT85 oil to fly reels with an open cork drag system.
- Check over fly lines for damage or cracking. Replace if necessary.
- Strip lines off reels and clean in warm (not hot) soapy water.
- Check backing line for damage or degradation. Replace if necessary.
- Apply fly line dressing to cleaned lines with soft line cleaning pad.
- Check braided and welded loops for fraying or damage and replace if necessary.

### Don't Forget

- Check that floatants and sinkants haven't dried out. Replace if necessary.
- Replace old tippet spools with fresh leader material.