

UNWANTED



*Two Zander, with smaller Zander half their length in their stomachs –
Photo R. Campbell*

THE ZANDER (*Stizostedion lucioperca*)

This large predatory species of fish is a native of central and eastern Europe, but was introduced to England in 1878 and 1910 and is now spreading through eastern and central areas. It is a voracious predator of fish and is legally classed as a dangerous animal which it is **ILLEGAL** to introduce to new areas. Its arrival in the Tweed catchment would be a disaster for all the existing fisheries. Once established, alien freshwater species of any sort are extremely difficult to eradicate and their presence permanently changes the natural identity of the area, making it less distinctive and more like any other place. TO HELP SAFEGUARD THE NATURAL IDENTITY AND THE FISHERIES OF THE TWEED, **PLEASE** :

*** DO NOT BRING ANY LIVING COLD FRESHWATER FISH, SHRIMPS, CRAYFISH OR OTHER PLANT OR ANIMAL THAT COULD SURVIVE IN THE WILD INTO THE CATCHMENT:- IF IN DOUBT, PHONE SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE, 01896 756652**

*** DO NOT TIP WATER BROUGHT FROM OUTSIDE THE CATCHMENT INTO ANY POND, LOCH OR STREAM - POUR IT AWAY ON THE GROUND**