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Face to Face Communication

On-Water Hand Signals

To avoid confusion among anglers and paddlers on what hand signals should be used, the following are recommended as standard signals for use on rivers:

Anglers

Point to route - the angler must always point to where the paddler should pass. The angler should not point to where the line is.



Raised hand with palm towards paddler – this indicates to the paddler that they should wait until you have secured your line. Please allow the paddler to pass at the earliest opportunity remembering that it will be difficult for paddlers to maintain their position in flowing water.

NB. In some conditions e.g. fast running, noisy water; it may be difficult for paddlers to attract the angler's attention. You may wish to consider using a whistle.

