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During 1973 the Committee was composed of Dr. A. Gibson, and Dr. A. E. J. Went (Fisheries Division Department of Agriculture and Fisheries), Dr. M. Kennedy and D. Brennan (Inland Fisheries Trust Inc.), Noel Kavanagh (Bord Failte Eireann), D. Kent-Ring (The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association), Capt. C. P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers) and James Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Sea Anglers) tion of Ireland).

During the year the Committee received 480 claims and ratified 406.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1973

(Dates of capture 1973 unless otherwise stated)

SEA TROUT

Monalty Lake

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	Record, 14 lb. 3 oz.		√ Specimen we	eight, 6 lb.
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 3 9 2	Dooagh Beach, Achill Lough Currane, Waterville	8th June 8th April	Ectn Bresnihan E. H. Appleby	Mackerel 3" Silver Spoon
		BROWN TROUT	(LAKE)	
	Record, 26 lb. 2 oz.		Specimen we	ight, 10 lb.
	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 14 12 0 1 12 0	Lough Erne Lough Mask Lough Erne	22nd July 20th September 26th August, '72	Irvine Wilson T. O'Malley A. L. McCracken	Abu Toby Copper & Silver Brass/Silver Abu
11 10 10 13 10 12 10 10 10 4 10 3 10 0	Lough Mask Lough Mask Lough Mask Lough Mask Lough Mask Lough Mask Lough Mask	5th June 21st June 4th June 19th September 4th August 6th June 23rd May	R. Webster Marcel Doriath Dr. T. Strevens David O'Connor Ian Meneely W. Smith Dr. G. A. Kane	Toby Spoon Copper/Silver Tob No. 4 Silver Mepp Mepps Black Fury Abu Killer 4½" Spoon 2½" Lane Green Minnow
		BREAM		
	Record, 11 lb. 12 oz.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Specimen we	ight, 7½ lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
ib. oz. 9 8 1	Ballinafid, Co. Westmeath	24th July	B. W. Clark	Bread Flake
∋ 2‡	Monalty Lake,	9th June	H. Pattison	Bread
2 0	Carrickmacross	Out. Inc.		

G. Dickenson

Bread

9th June

Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 8 12 1 8 12	Monaity Lake	3th June	G. Dickenson	Bread
B 12	Monalty Lake	9th June Bth June	H. Pattison Edmund Hawksworth	Bread Brandlings
B 9 B 8	Garfinney, Cavan Camlough Lake, Co. Armagh	4th June	Gervas Hughes	Spinner
3 7½	Garfinnev, Cavan	€th June	Edmund Hawksworth Harold Pattison	Balanced Worm Bread
3 7½ 3 7 8 6	Monalty Lake Monalty Lake River Shannon,	∋th June ∋th June	Gordon Dickenson	Bread
3 3 1	Athlone	24th August	A. E. Walker	Worm
8 3 1 7 13 1	Monaity Lake River Shannon, Athlone	9th June 24th August	Gordon Dickenson E. Wigginton	Bread Worm
7 11	Ballinafid, Co. Westmeath	29th August	T. S. Pilbrow	Maggiots
7 11	Drumlane Lake	11th August	W. J. Ashby	Fopmor úm
7 11	(Lough Oughter) River Shannon, Lanesboro	15th May	T. Butrym	Worm
7 10	River Shannon,	16th May	T. Butrym	Worm
7 10	Lanesboro River Shannon Lanesboro	3th June	P. H. Ward	Red Worms
7 8 1 7 8	Monalty Lake River Shannon,	≱th June 2nd June	Harold Patitison P. H. Ward	Bread Bread Flake
	Lanesboro River Shannon,	3th June	Keith Norley	Bread & Worms
7 8	Lanesboro	oth June	Keitii Norrey	Bleed & Wolling
		CARP		
	Record, 18 lb. 12 oz.	<u></u> -	Specimen weig	ht, 10 lb.
		DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Weight Ib. oz.	PLACE	DATE		-
17 12	The Lough, Cork City	2nd November 2nd November	Paddy Higgisson Paddy Higgisson	Anchored Crust Bread Paste
17 0 16 4	The Lough The Lough	2nd November	Dominick McCartny	Bread Paste
14 12	The Lough	15th April	Paddy Higgisson	Floating Crust Maggots
14 8 14 6	The Lough The Lough	7th May 3rd November	Tadhg Crowley Paddy Higgisson Kevin Daly	Anchored Crust
i4 ŏ	The Lough	3rd November 15th April	Kevin Daly	Floating Crust
14 0 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 13 12 12 12 12 4 12 0 11 3	The Lough The Lough	3rd March 27th April	Michael Murray Paddy Higgisson	Floating Crust Floating Crust
13 12	The Lough	6th January	Richard Peard	Anchored Crust
iš Ö	The Lough	3rd November	Paddy Higgisson	Bread Paste Bread Paste
12 12	The Lough The Lough	24th October	Anthony Havnes Anthony O'Regan Paddy Higgisson Paddy Higgisson	Bread Flake
12 4	The Lough	24th July 2nd November	Paddy Higgisson	Bread Paste
11 3	The Lough	27th April	Paddy Higgisson	Floating Crust Anchored Crust
11 0 11 0	The Lough The Lough	6th January 15th April	Richard Peard	Floating Crust
11 0 10 12	The Lough	17th April	Michael Murray	Bread Paste Bread Paste
10 10	The Lough	3rd November	Michael Murray Paddy Higgisson	Bread Paste Bread Crust
10 6 10 4	The Lough	18th July 15th April	Anthony O'Regan B. James	Floating Crust
iŏ 4	The Lough The Lough	25th July	James Baker	Bread Flake
		PIKE (LAKE		
	Record, 38 lb. 2 oz.		Speimen weigh	
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 38 2	Lough Corrib	25th February	Brendan Hardiman	Dead Bait
34 8	L. Forbes, R. Shannon	28th April 19th August	Oberthur Walter	Perch 3" Devon
32 4 31 0	L. Allen L. Allen	20th August	Patrick J. Reynolds Sean Revnolds	Dead Perch
30 3 1	Lough Bracklagh,	27th March	Sean Reynolds Dr. Wohlfarth-	Dead Perch
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PIKE (RIVER)

	Record, 42 lb.		Specimen weigh	ght, 20 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 25 8	River Shannon, Drumshanbo	10th April	Theo. M. Ulmainis	Mepps No. 5
24 8	Ballintra Bridge,	20th July	Piraprez Jaques	Live Perch
24 6	River Shannon River Shannon,	6th March	Roy Smyth	2½" Brass Spoon
24 4	Drumshanbo River Shannon, Clondra	9th June	Joe Morgan	Spinner
24 0 24 0	River Suck, Ballygar River Shannon,	21st April, '72 14th May	Rene Scalvino Konrad Link	Live Pike Spoon
23 0 22 12	Drumsna River Liffey Breensford River, Athlone	27th May 31st May	Joseph Winder Michael Sloane	Dead Sprat Live Rudd
		RUDD		
	Record, 3 lb. 1 oz.		Specimen weig	ght, 2¼ lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	метнор
lb. oz. 2 11⅓ 2 11⅓	ough Ree River Shannon,	7th September 21st August	L. J. Gooding Michael Daly	Maggots Bread
2 11	Athlone River Shannon,	22nd August	Michael Daly	Bread
2 11	Athlone River Shannon,	21st August	Michael Daly	Bread
2 10 1	Athlone River Shannon,	18th September	Barry Brill	Bread
2 9 2 8 1	Athlone Lough Ree River Shannon,	6th September 14th September	A. J. Hall Barrie Cooke	Bread Flake Bread Flake
2 8 . 2 8 2 7 2 7 2 6 1	Athlone Lough Ree River Inny, Mullingar Lough Ree Lough Ree River Shannon,	4th September 7th June 7th September 7th September 23rd September	A. J. Hall J. L. Willcock L. J. Gooding L. J. Gooding Barry Brill	Bread Flake Worm Maggeots Maggeots Bread
2 6 1	Athlone River Shannon,	18th September	Barry Brill	Bread
2 6 1	Athlone River Shannon,	14th May	Alan Woodworth	Bread
2 61	Athlone River Shannon,	20th September	Barry Brill	Bread
26	Athlone River Shannon,	15th August	Michael Daly	Maggots
2 4 1	Athlone River Shannon,	25th September	Daniel Smollens	Bread
2 41	Athlone River Shannon,	20th September	Barry Brill	Bread
2 41	Athlone River Shannon, Athlone	21st August	Michael Daly	Bread
	<u>.</u>	RUDD/BREAM	HYBRID	
	Record, 5 lb. 5 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 3 lb.
Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 10	Monalty Lake, Carrickmacross	20th June	Hugh Gough	Bread Flake
4 4 3 14 3 14 3 14	Vonalty Lake Vonalty Lake Vonalty Lake Viver Inny Viver Shannon, Lanesboro	20th June 24th June 9th June 16th May	Ray Webb Aidan Drumgoole Fred Carter L. R. Bisson	Bread Flake Bread Flake Worm Maggot & Caster
3 10	River Shannon, Lanesboro	15th June	G. Dickenson	Bread Flake
3 10 3 8	Vionalty Lake River Shannon, Lanesboro	20th June 16th May	Hugh Gough L. R. Bisson	Bread Flake Maggot & Caster

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	eight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
}	. oz. 8 7 1	Monalty Lake River Shannon,	20th June 12th June	Ray Webb G. Dickenson	Bread Flake Bread Flake
3	7 1 61/2	Lanesboro Vionalty Lake River Shannon, Athlone	24th June 25th July	John Conlon Barry W. Clark	Bread Paste Bread Flake
3	51	River Shannon, Lanesboro	12th June	G. Dickenson-	Bread Flake
3	5 3 1	Monalty Lake River Shannon,	21st June 20th August	John Mills L. F. Jeremiah	Bread Flake Worm
3	3	Lanesboro River Shannon, Lanesboro	15th June	P. Boniface	Bread
3	2½ 2	Monalty Lake River Shannon,	20th June 20th August	Ray Webb L. F. Jeremiah	Bread Flake Bread
3 3 3	1 1 01	Lanesboro Monalty Lake Monalty Lake River Shannon,	21st June 20th June 15th June	John⊣Mills Ray Webb John Mills	Bread Flake Bread Flake Bread Flake
	•	Lanesboro			

TENCH

		Record, 7 lb. 131 oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 6 lb.
	oight oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPT O R	METHOD
	1 1	River Shannon, Lanesboro	3rd May	Ray Webb	Bread Flake
3 1	5	River Shannon, Lanesboro	22nd May	R. Barry	Bread Flake
5 1	21/3	River Shannon, Lanesboro	13th May	A. Woodworth	Maggots
5 1	113	River Shannon, Lanesboro	11th June	J. Sinfield	Bread
5 1	114	River Shannon, Lanesboro	16th June	R. W. Horrocks	Bread
6	71	River Shannon, Lanesboro	7th May	Ray Webb	Flake
Ĝ	41	River Shannon, Lanesboro	4th May	Paul Norris	Bread Paste
6	4	River Shannon, Lanesboro	12th May	D. G. Roe	B _r ead
6	31	Coosan Lough, Athlone	21st June	E. G. Kershaw	Bread Flake
6	31	River Shannon, Lanesboro	4th July	W. J. Janik	Bread Flake
6	3	Coosan Lough,	23rd June	E. G. Kershaw	Bread Flake
6	2	River Shannon, Lanesboro	23rd May	V. F. Jackson	Bread
6	13	River Shannon, Lanesboro	11th May	R. Sturmey	Maggots
6	11	Killenure Lough, Athlone	28th June	D. B. Farrar	Lobworm
6 6	1	Coosan Lough	23rd June	R. C. Kershaw	Bread Paste
6	01	River Shannon, Lanesboro	24th June	Keith Thompson	Bread
6	01/2	River Shannon, Lanesboro	15th June	Michael White	Bread
6	01/4	River Shannon, Lanesboro	12th May	Ray Webb	Flake
6	0	Coosan Lough, Athlone	23rd June	E. G. Kershaw	Bread Flake
6	0	Coosan Lough, Athlone	24th June	E. G. Kershaw	Bread Flake

BASS

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	Record, 16 lb. 6 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 10 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 12 12 12 11 1	Garryvoe, Co. Cork Brandon Bay	4th March 22nd October	Thomas Deady Mrs. H. Glenday	Lugworm Lugworm

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Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 12 8 11 14½ 11 10	Brandon Bay Brandon Bay Garryvoe, Co. Cork	23rd October 21st October 7th August	Frank Maunsell C. C. Glenday Michael Wa l l	Lugworm Lugworm Mackerel/Lugworm Cocktail
10 15 10 10 1 10 7	Brandon Bay Dun Laoghaire Ballybrannigan,	14th November, '72 11th September 29th October	Garry Partington Brian Kavanagh William Cunningham	Lug Cocktail Macker el
10 4	Co. Cork Blackhall, Co.	3rd June	Joseph Monaghan	Ragworm
10 4 10 4 10 3½ 10 2 10 0	Wexford Killiney, Co. Dublin Brandon Bay Youghal Harbour Rosscarbery Cromane, Co. Kerry	8th October 30th October 18th June 11th August 15th September	Laurence McCann Des Brennan Mrs. K. V. Cooper E. B. Kelly John Nolan	Peel Crab Lugworm Plug Sandeel Lugworm
		BLACK SOL	E	
	Record, 3 lb. 10 oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 2 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 2 11	Waterford Estuary	21st May	4. J. McEvoy	Lugworm
		COALFISH	ļ	
	Record, 24 lb. 7 oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 15 lb.
Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 19 4 17 8 16 8 15 0	Kinsale Achill Kinsale Courtmacsherry	16th September 2nd August 30th May 14th July	Sarah Saunders D. J. Lynch R. Andre W. Hessing	Feathered Jig Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		COD		
	Record, 42 lb.		Specimen weig	jht, 25 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Neight lb. oz. 33 2 32 8 30 4 30 0 29 10 29 0 27 8 26 10 26 8 26 2	Kinsale Killala Bay Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kenmare Bay Causeway Coast Belfast Lough Greystones Belfast Lough	5th July 13th September 2nd October 5th July 12th September 4th July 16th August 3th July, '72 24th June 5th May	J. H. Suykens Fritz Muller Lionel George N. W. Den Ouden Geof. Saunders Dirk Verhey John McAuley Carson Craig Thomas Keogh John G. McKay	Mackerel Mackerel Whole Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Sand Eel Pirk Mackerel Lugworm
		CONGER E	<u>EL</u>	
	Record, 72 lb.		Specimen weig	jht, 40 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
45 2 45 2 41 0 40 4	Kenmare Bay Killala Bay Killybegs	30th October 3th August 19th August	Hugo Speytegroot Klaus Schumann S. Wilmott	Mackerei Mackerei Mackerei
		DAB		
	Record, 1 lb. 121 oz.	,	Specimen weig	ght, 1 ½ l b .
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 1 101 1 101 1 81	Belfast Lough Youghal Belfast Lough	1th September 28th October 3th September	S. A. Esdale Sean White Oon C. Stewart	Ragworm Crab Lugworm
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GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

	Record, 20 lb. 4 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 16 lb.	Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Weight b. oz. 20 4 19 0 17 12 16 91 16 8 16 7 16 0	PLACE Dunmore East Valentia	DATE 29th July 25th August	CAPTOR James Monaghan Sean Murphy	METHOD Mackerel Mackerel	lb. oz. 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 2 2 0	Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale	23rd September 22nd July 3th September 18th August	W. M. D. Clements G. Van Dulmen George F. J. Otte Walter Huenlein	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
i7 12 16 9 1	√alentia Killala	29th July 25th August 25th August 16th September	Thomas O'Brien Edward Farrell	Mackerel Mackerel	2 1 2 0 2 0	Kinsale Countmacsherry Courtmacsherry	18th August 5th July	Walter Huenlein Hank Veldman Rene Lolkema	Feathers Feathers
16 8 16 7	Valentia Valentia Clonakilty	29th July 7th October 23rd October	C. J. Banks Owen Casey- Bas Roukama	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel	2 0	Courtmacsherry Kinsale	18th August 5th July 28th July 29th July	Wilhelm A. Voigt Paddy Kelly D. Y. Kruyskamp	Mackerel Feathers Feathers
10 0	Sionakity	231d October	Das noukama	MIGCKOIGI	2 0	Dungarvan	23rd August	D. 1. Killyskamp	reathors
		SPUR	DOGHISH				GREY GURN	ARD	
	Record, 16 lb. 4 oz.		Specimen wei	•	Weight	Record, 3 lb. 1 oz. PLACE	DATE	Specimen weig CAPTOR	ght, 1½ lb. METHOD
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	lb. oz.		23rd September	Finbar O'Neill	Mackerel
15. oz. 15. 5 14. 0 13. 8 13. 1 13. 0 12. 11. 12. 8 12. 4 12. 4 12. 4 12. 4 12. 4 12. 4 12. 4 12. 2 12. 2 12	Cork harbour Kenmare Bay Fenit Kenmare Bay	26th August 26th July 30th August, '72 28th July	Mrs. M. Punch F. Van Oers Frank Siddall Th. C. Breg	Baited feathers Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel	2 8 2 2 1 11	Youghal Causeway Coast Belfast Lough	12th July 12th August	David Taylor S. Cunningham	Ragworm Mackerel
13 1 = 13 0	Kenmare Bay Strangford Lough Dungarvan	2nd December 9th September 31st August, '72	John Nixon Maurice Dee	Squid Mackerel			RED GURNA	<u>.RD</u>	
13 0 12 11	Valentia Dingle	31st August, '72 6th October	Frans Berkhout Ron Toovey	Mackerel Red Gill		Record, 3 lb. 9½ oz.		Specimen wei	~
12 10 12 8 1	Greystones Killala	19th August 10th September	James Ryan Joseph Uhlhaas	Mackerel Mackerel	Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 8 12 8 12 8	Killala Caherciveen soci Kinsale	6th October 19th August 10th September 5th August, '72 20th August, '72 11th May	Mrs. A. M. Dufton	Mackerel Herring Mackerel	b. oz. 2 6½ 2 4 2 1	Belfast Lough Dingle	23rd September 21st September	J. McFerran Rex M. Smith	Ragworm Mackerel
12 8 12 8	Kinsale Greystones	2nd July 19th August	Joseph Uhlhaas Frank Lavery Mrs. A. M. Dufton Derek Hart C. H. S. de Reeder George Smith David Baxter H. U. Plassmann Alan McGurdy Raymond P. Vale William J. McKee Thomas Meehan Daniel Devine P. Abernethy	Mackerel Ragworm	2 1	Dingle Culdaff Bay, Co. Donegal	28th August, '72	Frank Lavery	Mackerel
12 8 12 7 12 6	Fenit Daunt Rock, Cork Skerries	22nd August, '72 10th September 2nd September	David Baxter H. U. Plassmann	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel			TUB GURNA	ARD.	
12 5 12 4	Strangford Lough	18th November 2nd December	Raymond P. Vale	Squid Squid		Record, 12 lb. 3½ oz.,		Specimen wei	ght, 5 lb.
12 4 12 4	Strangford Lough Strangford Lough Dublin Bay Dublin Bay	27th May 27th May	Thomas Meehan	Mackerel Mackerel	Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 4 12 4	Public Bay	9th September 27th May 18th November	P. Abernethy Daniel Devine Raymond P. Vale	Mackerel	b. oz. 12 3½	Bullsmouth, Achill	3th August 3th September	Robert J. Seaman	Spoon Bait Baited spoon
12 3 12 2 = 12 2	Strangford Lough Valentia Belfast Lough	18th November 14th October 23rd July	Raymond P. Vale J. B. Healy Robert McMillan	Squid Mackerel Mackerel	Weight b. oz. 12 3½ 8 2 6 1 5 3 5 2½	Belmullet Killala Killala Killala	16th September 16th September 15th September 16th September	Pat Beirne Hilda Clinton Eric Pouse Shay Marlin	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		FLOUNDER	₹		V -2		·		
	Record, 4 lb. 3 oz.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	━ Specimen weight	, 2 lb. 8 oz.			HADDOCI	<u>(</u>	
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD		Record, 10 lb. 131 oz.		Specimen wei	- :
b. oz. 3 2 2 14	Dun Laoghaire	7th April 16th September	George Appleby Sidney Norris	Ragworm	Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 131 2 91	Baltray, Co. Louth Clonakilty Causeway Coast	2nd September 1st October	Robert Browne Jim Taylor	Crab Crab Ragworm	b. oz. 8	√alentia √alentia	4th July 4th July 3rd July	G. M. Coles R. E. Smith M. V. D. Zwan	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
 	•				7 4	Kinsale Valentia Valentia	13th July	Brian Gwyne Miss P. R. Watts John C. Sheehan	Mackerel Mackerel
		GARFISH	i		/ 3 7 1½	Kinsale Valentia	13th July 22nd August 24th August 22nd August	John C. Sheehan	Mackerel Mackerel
	Record, 3 lb. 101 oz.		Specimen wei		7 i 7 i	Valentia Valentia	11th July 13th July 4th July	A. Klump A. A. Sellers A. A. Sellers	Mackerel Mackerel
Weight Ib. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	<i>i</i> i 7 0	Valentia Valentia	4th July 29th July 23rd July	Desmond G. B. King Gerald Fitzgerald	Baited Feathers
Weight Ib. oz. 3 21 3 0 3 0 2 8 2 8	Kinsale Courtmacsherry Kinsale	28th August I3th July I1th September	B. J. Kooy E. Thiele W. Kinderdick	Mackerel Feathers Mackerel	į ō	Valentia	23rd July	Robert Galley	Mackerel
2 8 2 8	Kinsale Courtmacsherry	2nd August 5th September	W. Kinderdick Ta. A. Zoethout Carl W. Schmidt-	Mackerel Mackerel			HAKE		
	Courtmacsherry		Luche	Mackerel		Record, 25 lb. 51 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 10 lb.
2 8 2 6 2 5 2 4 ¹ 2 4	Kinsale Fenit Dungarvan	22nd July 14th September '72	Wilhhelm A. Voigt P. Van Dulmen Mrs. K. Steuart	Mackerel Mackerel	Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 4 2 4	Courtmacsherry Killala	l7th August 19th July 16th September	E. Egbers T. Van Der Brink Joe Moran	Mackerel Feathers Sand Eeel	b. oz. ∣7 8 ∣0 0	Belfast Lough Dungaran)th September 19th August	Joseph Doran Brian T. Fuller	Mackerel Mackerel
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	Record, 46 lb. 8 oz.	<u> </u>	Specimen wei	ght, 25 lb.	_		21.405	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	, !!	Veight b. oz. 2 12	PLACE		Hans-Joachim	Mackerel
bb. oz. 36 4 30 4 28 10 28 8 28 8 28 0 27 8 27 8 27 0 26 0 25 0	Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale Zinsale Zalentia Cinsale Cinsale Cinsale	21st August 2nd August 21st August 21st August 4th November 5th July 9th October 14th September 9th October 19th September 4th September 23rd September	John C. Sheehan Andre Van der Meel J. F. Sheehan Arie Oudshoorn Leon Stanford Van Schodield Patricia Wharton John Schofield Jack Torfs Mrs. R. Burgess Klaus Wiggers	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Herring Mackerel	1:	12 112 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Cinsale Kilsale Kilsale Kilsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale Kilsala Kilsala	19th September 3th June 25th August 26th September 1st October 15th August 30th July 15th July 12th September 3th June 3th September 24th September 5th August 14th September 23rd September	Herbers R. A. Morrison Bonnet Mirielle M. Kelly Lionel George J. Steel G. Edwards Wiss C. Byrne W. Reynolds G. F. J. Otte rans Quaegebeur Werner Kawallik A. M. van Hetteren T. J. Newman	Red Gill Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Red Gill Red Gill Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		MACKERE	iL		1	2 2	Cork Harbour Kinsale	23rd September 14th August	Gregory Manning H. J. Beek	Red Gill Sandeel Red Gill Sandeel Mackerel
	Record, 3 lb. 8 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 2½ lb.	į	2 2	Smerwick Harbour Courtmacsherry	27th July	Guy De Raemaecker Dietmat W. Gorbach	Mackerel Black rubber eel
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	i	2 0	Kinsale	4th August 10th June 13th July, 72	W. Kop Jamsem Mrs. J. Cunliffe	Mackerel Mackerel
b. oz. 2 8 1 2 8	Courtmacsherry Cungarvan	1st August 29th July	Nilhelm A. Voigt Rudolf Van Bemme	Spinner el Mackerel	i: 1	2 0 2 0 2 8	Kinsale Kinsale Kinsale	5th September 23rd June	Sidney Morey Bobbie Melding	Mackerel Red rubber eel
		MONKFIS	<u>H</u>					POUTING	_	
	Record, 69 lb.		Specimen wei	ght, 50 lb.			Record, 4 lb. 10 oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 3 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	Ų	Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. öz. 54 8	⁼ enit	20th July	Otto Husermann	Mackerel	3	b. oz. 4 1 0	Valentia Baltimore	24th June 28th August	Patrick O'Donoghue Robert O'Neill	Mackerel Mackerei
	THI	CK LIPPED GRE	Y MULLET					BLONDE RA	7.	
	Record, 7 lb. 10 oz.		Specimen we	ght, 5 lb.			Record, 36 lb. 8 or		Specimen weig	ht 25 lb
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD		44-1-64	PLACE	 DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 5 9½ 5 12	Malahide, Co. Dublin Brittas Bay, Co. . Wicklow	8th September 23rd September	Niall O'Meachair Paul Coghlan	Ragworm Bread flake		Weight b. oz. 5 1	Cork Harbour	7th September	Michael Fitzgerald	
		PLAICE						CUCKOO_R	<u>AY</u>	
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Neight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	11	Veight b. oz.		15th September		Mackerel
b. oz. 10 8 7 2½ 1 8 1 4	Achill Youghal	5th September 27th May	James Stafford Cecil Pratt	Baited Spoon Lugworm & mussel	4 4 4	11 1 9 1 9	Cillala Causeway Coast Belfast Lough	9th September 10th August, '72	Thomas Marshall Samuel Bailie	Mackerel Baited Spoon
1 8	Dun Laoghaire Greystones	4th Juné ∋th September	M. P. Floyd John Mullen	Ragworm Lugworm				PAINTED R	<u>AY</u>	
		POLLACK	,				Record, 12 lb. 10 oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 10 lb.
	Record, 19 lb. 3 oz.	OLLACK	Specimen wei	aht 10 lb		Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14/-:-b4	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	!! !	b. oz. 0 14	Whiting Bay,	28th August	Patrick O'Riordan	Mackerel
b. oz.		6th September	J. McAulev	Mackerel	1	0 12 0 2	Ardmore Whiting Bay Whiting Bay	28th August	John C. Casey	Mackerel
Weight b. oz. 15 1½ 14 8 14 3½ 13 9½ 13 4 13 0 13 0 13 0 13 0	Causeway Coast Killala Bay Belfast Lough	26th August 7th October	Rolf Loreth A. Walton	Mackerel Strip Pirk	1	0 2	Whiting Bay	28th August	Philip Clarke	Mackerel
13 9 1 13 4	Causeway Coast Kinsale	12th September 26th August	Fom Lyle 3. den Otter	Mackerel Baited feathers				HOMELYN F	<u>AY</u>	
13 4 13 0	Kinsale Kinsale	23rd June 26th August	३०bbie Melding २. Klos	Red rubber eel Mackerel			Record, 7 lb. 1 oz.		Specimen wei	ght, 5 lb.
13 0 13 0	Kinsale Kinsale	18th March 17th September	T. King Ray Boland	Red Gill Mackerel		Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 0 12 14 1 12 13	Kinsale Causeway Coast Killala	2nd August 12th September 14th July	A. Don N . Reynolds Dr. K. Danzer	Red eel Mackerel Mackerel	18 7 6 8	b. oz. 1 6 1 6	Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Causeway Coast	7th September 3rd September 9th September	H. Jamieson Harry Garvin Thomas Marshall	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel

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		THORNBACK	RAY	
	Record, 37 lb.		Specimen weigh	ht, 20 lb.
Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Weight b. oz. 25 0 24 8 22 4 22 0 21 12 21 8 20 6 20 0	Greystones Greystones Bray Causeway Coast Cobh Lambay Island Causeway Coast Causeway Coast	3th July 28th April 3th July 4th October 4th September 26th August 27th July 10th September	Denis B. Green Arthur Curley Arthur Farrell Joseph S. Mullan Christopher Burton Gerard Sharkey I. B. Anderson Harry Garvin	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		UNDULATE I	RAY	
	Record, 16 lb. 81 oz.		Specimen weig	
Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 8 16 6 1 15 4 1 14 8 12 10 1	Fenit Fenit Fenit Fenit Fenit	28th May 18th June 22nd June 21st July 22nd June	Alan Scrafton Alec Swanson Tim Eley Michael Wilcox Mrs. Dixie Butler	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		RED SEA BRE	AM	
	Record, 9 lb. 6 oz.		Specimen weight,	4 lb. 8 oz.
Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Achilf	26th August	Miss Ann Burke	Mackerel
		BLUE SHAF	<u>RK</u>	
	Record, 206 lb.		Specimen weigh	nt, 100 lb.
lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
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		PORBEAGLE SI	HARK	
	Record, 365 lb.		Specimen weigh	ht, 150 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 166 0 161 0	Galway Bay iscannor Bay, Co. Clare	9th September 22nd August	Richard Conlan Bela Blanca	Mackerel Mackerel
		COMMON SK	ATE	
	Record, 221 lb.	<u></u>	Specimen weig	ht, 130 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
Neight 171 0 168 0 168 0 1664 0 1644 0 1443 0 142 0 140 0 137 0 137 0 132 0	Valentia Valentia Westport Valentia Kenmare Bay Fenit Dungarvan Strangford L. Killala Valentia Westport Valentia Kenmare Bay Killala	4th July 25th June 22nd July 20th August, '72 8th May 15th September '7 20th September, '7 2nd August 2nd August 14th October 2nd August 21st June 8th July	Eric S. Chalmers Peter Brown Maureen McGovern Dr. John Dufton P. J. Noordermeer Mrs. Kay Steuart James O'Shea William J. McKee Manfred Bouer Frederick Boylett Thomas Kavanagh John B. Robinson C. Van De Laar Erich Seidl	Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Ballan Wrasse Mackerel Mackerel Squid Mackerel Helf a Dogfish Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel
		WHITE SKA	<u>TE</u>	
	Record, 165 lb.		Specimen weig	ht, 120 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. oz. 149 0	Westport	1st July	Mrs. Mai Conton	Mackerel
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	Record, 60 lb. 12 oz.		Specimen weig	ght, 40 lb.
Veight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 19 0 17 0 10 0	Strangford L. Strangford L. Castlegregory, Co. Kerry	4th November 4th November 21st August	John McKee Gerald Donaldson Butzen Roland	Squid Squid Mackerel
		TURBOT		
	Record, 26 lb. 8 oz.	<u>; </u>	Specimen weig	ght, 18 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1b. oz. 18 5½	Killala	Oth September	Heinrich Kindgen	
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	Record, 4 lb. 8½ oz.		Specimen weig	tht, 3 lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 4 0 3 13 3 8 3 44 3 1½ 3 0 1 2 3 0	Kinsale 3elmullet Kinsale Valentia Kinsale Achill Cinsale 3ullsmouth, Achill Cinsale Causeway Coast	25th August 12th July 10th August 26th July 23rd July 19th August 18th August 26th July 20th August 12th August	J. A. Kouveld Norman Dunlop Seffoffrey J. W. Knees John B. Lush Leon Mertens Patrick McKee S. J. Den Boer A. E. Hopkins Michel Jacquet Drew Alexander	Mackerel Baited Spoon 6 Mackerel Mackerel Baited Feathers Mackerel Baited Feathers Mackerel Baited Feathers Mackerel
		CUCKOO WR	ASSE	
	Record, 1 lb. 9½ oz.		Specimen weig	ht, 1¼ lb.
Weight	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
b. oz. 1 9½ 1 8½ 1 8 1 8 1 7½ 1 6	Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Bałtimore, Co. Cork Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Causeway Coast Causeway Coast	3th September 10th September 3th September 3th September 28th August 10th September 10th September 3th September	Anthony W. Roberts Robert Snodden G. Gill L. Wilson Robert C. O'Neill William Reynolds William Reynolds W. E. Arnott	Ragworm Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel Pirk Mackerel Mackerel Mackerel

NEW RECORDS

- (1) Sea Trout, 14 Jb. 3 oz., taken on Dooagh Beach, Achill, on the 15th May, 1973, by Dr. Eoin Bresnihan, 23 Meyrick Ave., Wetherby, Leeds, Yorks.
- (2) Pike (lake), 38 lb. 2 oz., taken in Lough Corrib on 25th February, 1973, by Brendan Hardiman, Mace, Corrandulla, Oo, Galway,
- (3) Plaice, 10 lb. 8 oz., taken at Archill on the 5th September, 1973, by James Stafford, 4 Seafield Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR4 8AU.
- (4) Greater Spotted Dogfish, 20 lb. 4 oz., taken at Dunmore East, on 29th July, 1973, by lames Monaghan, 2 Dean Street, Kilkenny.
- (5) Tub Gurnard, 12 lb. 3½ oz., taken at Bullsmouth, Achill, on 8th August, 1973, by Robert J. Seaman, Duke of Cumberland Arms, Henley Village, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey.
- (6) Homelyn Ray, 7 lb. 1 oz., taken on the Causeway Coast on 7th September, by H. Jamieson, 87 Station Road Portstewart, Co. Derry, N.I.
- (7) Cuckoo Wrasse, 1 lb. 9½ oz., taken on the Causeway Coast, on the 9th September, 1973, by Anthony W. Roberts, 5 Springwell Drive, Bangor, Co. Down, N.I.

FISH OF A LIFETIME AWARD

The fish of a lifetime award is being made in respect of a Plaice weighing 7 lb. $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz., taken at Youghal, Co. Cork, on 27th May, 1973, by the late Cecil Pratt, Arcade Stores, Main Street, Youghal, Co. Cork, This fish exceeded the previous record for the species by $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1973 for the special award made to anglers who have caught ten or more specimen fish.

Richard Peard, Hawthorne Place, College Road, Cork, Paddy Higgisson, Dun Berra, Hartlands Road, Cork, Joseph S. Mullian, 70 Main Street, Portrush, Co. Antrim. The number of specimen fish taken by visiting anglers in recent years may be of interest for purposes of comparison. The details are listed below for 1972 and 1973.

	IR	ELAND	BRITAIN	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	FRANCE
1972		169	126	29	23	7	2
1973		235	91	23	40	9	5

SPECIAL AWARD FOR IUVENILES

For the 1974 season Dr. A. E. J. Went, a founder member of the Committee, is providing a prize for the best specimen taken by a Juvenile Angler during the 1974 season. All those are eligible who have not reached their 14th birthday on the date of capture of their specimen fish and the prize will be a book of the captor's choice. Birth Certificates should accompany all claims made for this special award.

REIECTED CLAIMS

As in every year since its inception, the Committee, with considerable regret, has had to reject a number of claims because of incomplete or inadequate documentation.

These included instances where fish were weighed on balances which were not or could not be checked for accuracy. Some photographs submitted as evidence of identity of species of fish were inadequate for identification purposes because they were out of focus, or obscured by spectators or were taken at such an angle that the important diagnostic features could not be made out. Some claims were also rejected because the actual fish, or its scales (where required under the Rules), were not sent to the Committee's Biologists for identification, or if the fish was sent, it was in such a state of advanced decomposition as to render positive identification impossible. In some cases the fish were not delivered at all but were destroyed by the Postal Authorities.

Fish must not be sent before Bank Holidays or week-ends. If they cannot reach the Committee before Friday afternoon then they should be kept in cold store until Monday. They must not be wrapped in aluminium foil or polythene bags as this hastens decomposition. They should first be wrapped in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper. Please also attach a label to each fish giving the captor's name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of the fish.

Where photographs are requested as proof of identification it is essential that these be sharp, clear and close-up showing the entire fish with its fins and other features easily seen. They must not be foreshortened or obscured by shadows or bystanders.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Committee wishes to thank all those who co-operated in submitting claims during 1973. The annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims had been accepted during 1972 was made in the New Jurys Hotel, Dublin. It is the intention of the Committee to present its awards for the 1973 season in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, 23rd February, at 3 p.m. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend. It is hoped to hold similar presentations in Britain during January, 1974, and later in the Netherlands. Presentations were held in London and Manchester for British anglers who had qualified for Record and Specimen Awards during 1972, and in Rotterdam in April for anglers from the Netherlands. Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Failte Eigeann for making these Presentations possible.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the period up to 31st October, 1972 was published in the report for 1972. The statement of account for the period 1st November, 1972, to 31st December, 1973, will be published in the report for 1974.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Fish taken in the Republic of Ireland and forwarded for identification purposes should be sent, as heretofore, to Fisheries Division, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, 3 Cathal Burgha Street, Dublin 1 (phone 41/121).

Fish taken in Northern Ireland and forwarded for identification purposes should in luture be sent to Dr. David Cragg-Hine, Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine (phone

l**52**1).

A label must be attached to each fish giving the captor's name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of the fish.

Blease note that since 1970 the Committee's address has been Balnagowan House,

Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (phone 379206).

All correspondence should be sent to the above address.

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Further subscriptions will be gratefully received from any society or individual desirous of helping the committee in its work.

Dr. A. GIBSON, Chairman.
D. BRENNAN, Hon. Secretary.

'st Ianuary, 1974.

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Signed

Date

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Ireland's Record and Specimen Sea Trout

Bu ARTHUR E. I. WENT, D.Sc.

In some of the older angling books there are many references to large sea trout taken in Irish waters but these must be viewed with considerable reserve because even experienced anglers may mistake a stale or coloured salmon on occasion for a sea trout or even a brown trout. Consequently, when the Irish Specimen Fish Committee was established in 1955 it made a rule that no claim for a sea trout, or a brown trout, would be accepted unless a set of scales was submitted with each claim. This insistence of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee on sets of scales of sea trout and brown trout has provided us with a large amount of information on the subject of the histories of specimen fish of both varieties of trout. A report on the brown trout material collected up to the end of the year 1970 was published as an Appendix to the 1971 report of the Committee. Now in view of the new record for the sea trout it seems an appropriate time to prepare a report on the sea trout accepted as specimens by the Committee since its foundation, together with details of a number of other sea trout, which either my predecessor, the late Rowland Southern, or I had seen the scales and/or the fish itself. Details of the 49 specimen sea trout recorded up to the end of 1973 are given in Table 1.

The present Irish record rod caught sea trout was taken by Dr. E. Bresnihan at Achill on 8 June, 1973. It weighed 14 lb. 3 oz. at capture and measured almost exactly 30 inches in length. Scale and fin ray counts, together with other charactristics, indicate that the fish was a sea trout, just over seven years of age, which had spent two years in the river before going to the sea as a smolt, followed by just over three years' feeding in the sea. It had returned to fresh water to spawn in its sixth year and after a further sojourn in the sea it had returned to spawn on the second occasion. At the time of capture it had been feeding in the sea and had fully recovered from spawning, being then a little over seven years of age. The fish was in excellent condition having a condition coefficient (K) on

Nall's scale of 1.23.

In Fig. 1, the relationship between the weight and length is given for all fish for which both these details are available. In general, these specimen fish were in poor condition, these fish indicated above the broken line having a lower condition coefficient than unity on Nall's scale (Nail, 1931). Three notable exceptions are the present record and the 102 lb. fish taken from the River Boyne on 2 September, 1959, and the 9 lb. 2 oz, fish from the Currane River taken on 8 April, 1973, which had condition coefficients (K) well above unity.

Our investigations have shown that few maiden or unspawned Irish sea trout weigh more than three pounds and very few more than four pounds. As will be seen from Table I all but one of the specimen sea trout were previous spawners, having I to 8 spawning marks on their scales, with an average of 3.3 marks. The exception was a maiden or unspawned 6 lb. 2 oz. sea trout taken from the Eriff River on 13 August, 1961.

All the specimen sea trout returned on the first occasion to spawn after at least a full year feeding in the sea, with some up to more than three years. None entered on the first

occasion as finnock or whitling (only a few months' feeding in the sea).

There is, as will be seen from Fig. 2 a very wide range of age for the same weight. For example, at the 6½ lb. level the age might fall within the range 5 to 11 years. The heavier

fish, 10 lb. and upwards, tend to be in their seventh or eight year of age.

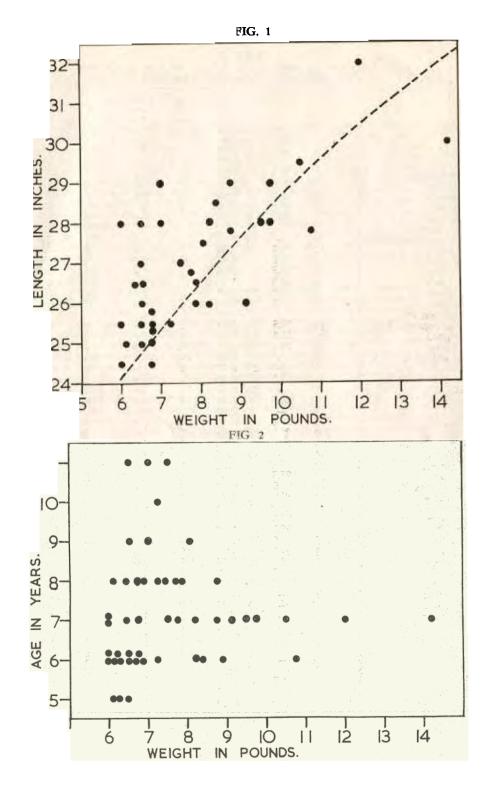
Generally, those fish which spawned first after just over three years' feeding in the sea tended to be faster growing than those which spent just over two or just over one year (see Fig. 3).

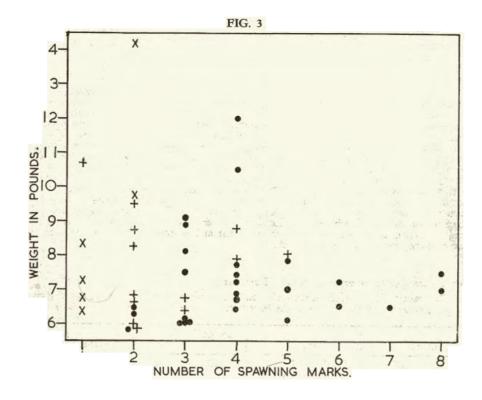
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TABLE 1 Details of specimen sea trout taken on rod and line from Irish waters. (Arranged in order of weights downwards)

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Water	Weight	oz.	Length in inches	n Date of capture	years	in sea in years	marks	
Achill	10. 14	3	30.0	8/ 6/73	2	3+	2	7+
R. Dargle	12	ŏ	32.0	3/10/58		Ĭ+	$\overline{4}$	7+
Loughnahiska	10	1ž	27.8	10/ 8/67	3	2+	1	6+
R. Boyne	10	8	29.5	2/ 9/59	2	1+	4	7+
Dhulough	9	12	28.0	23/ 7/69	2 3 2 2 3	3+	2 2	<u>7</u> +
Dhulough	9	8	28.0	30/ 8/69		2+	2	7+
L. Currane	9	2	26.0	8/ 4/73	3	1+	3	7+
Palmerston or	0	14		10/ 9/66	•	1+	3	6+
Cloonaghmore Rive	ero 8	12	29.0	7/10/64	2 3	2+	$\overset{3}{2}$	7+
R. Dargle R. Boyne	8.	12	27.8	2/ 8/66	2	2+	$\frac{2}{4}$	8+
L. Currane	8	6	28.5	21/ 9/66	2 2 2 3	3 +	i	6+
Dhulough	8	4.	28.0	23/ 8/69	$\bar{2}$	2+		6 +
Dhulough	8	3	26.0	22/6/67	3	1+	2 3 5	7+
Tawnyard L.	8	1	27.5	24/ 8/64	2	2+	5 🤄	9+
Palmerston or								
_ Cloonaghmore Rive	r <u>7</u>	141		18/ 8/67	2 2	2+	. 4	8+
Tawnyard L.	7	14	26.0	24/ 8/64	2	1+	5 4	8+
R. Boyne	7 7	12	26.8	14/ 8/60 12/ 7/27	2	1+	4	7+
Cloonaghlin L.	7	8 8		28/ 9/45	2	-1 ₊	8	11 +
Easkey R. Fin L. (Delphi)	7	8	27.0	17/ 8/68	2 3	1+	3	7 ÷
Erriff R.	7	7	_	29/ 5/65	3	i+	4	8+
Dhulough	7	4	25.5	16/ 7/54	3	1+	6	10+
Erriff	7	4	 ,	7/ 9/64	2 3	3+	1	6+
Furnace L.	7	4	25.5	9/ 9/66	3	1+	4	8+
Glencar L.	7	0	28.0	28/ 5/47	ž 3	l+	. 8	11+
Bangor, Co. Down	7	.0	29.0	29/ 7/68	3	1+	5	9+
Luggeen L.	6	14	<u></u> 25.8	10/ 8/66	3	1+	4	8+
L. Currane	6	12 12	25.5 25.5	/ 6/24 25/ 8/67	2 2 2 3	2+ 2+	2 2 1	6+
Dhulough	6 6	12	24.5	න/ 8/67	2	3+	1 .	6+ 6+
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Glengariff R.	6	12	25.3	18/ 5/72	$\tilde{2}$	2+	3	7+
Invermore Lake	ŏ	81		8/ 9/67	2 2	$\bar{1}+$	6	9+
Erriff R.	6	8	28.0	16/ 8/43	- 3	1+	7	11+
Erriff R.	6	8	25.0	18/ 8/5I		_		+=
R. Ilen	6	8 8 8 7	27.0		2 3	1+	2	5+
L. Currane	6	8	26.5	11/ 8/66	3	2+		6+
Dhulough	6	8	25.5	24/ 8/67	2	3+	1	6+
Curreel L.	6 6	7	26.5	29/ 8/67 1945	2	1 + 2+	3	7+ 8+
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RARE, SCARCE OR INTERESTING FISHES TAKEN ON ROD AND LINE FROM IRISH WATERS 1958-1972 INCLUSIVE

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Since the year 1958 annual lists of rare, scarce or interesting fishes taken in Irish waters have been published in The Irish Naturalist's Journal and the information in the lists published up to 1968 was incorporated in the List of Irish Fishes by the National Museum, Dublin, in 1969. Since that time further specimens of fishes have been identified and it is hoped to incorporate the information in a revised List in due course. Of course most of the specimens of rare or scarce fishes have been derived from commercial operations but some very interesting specimens have been taken on rod and line. This note gives details of some of these specimens taken in the period 1958 to 1972 inclusive. During this period rod and line catches included some rare (not recorded more than ten times for Irish waters) as well as some species which, although less scarce, are nevertheless interesting for a variety of reasons. The following list does not, however, include those species, such as undulate, painted or sting rays and white skate for which there are categories under the rules of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee. In the following the scientific names used are those given in the List of Irish Fishes (Went and Kennedy, 1969). All the measurements given are to the fork of the tail.

SIX-GILLED SHARK, Hexanchus griseus (Bonnaterre).

This species is recorded occasionally on the south and south-west coasts and was obtained once off Achill. Six specimens have been obtained on rod and line as follows:—

Place	Date	Length (cm)	Weight kg	Reference
Four miles S.E. Ballycottin	31 July, 1963	130	9.5	Went, 1964
Lighthouse Kinsale Kinsale Kenmare Bay Smerwick Harbour Kinsale	30 July, 1965 30 July, 1965 12 August, 1966 1 August, 1968 28 August, 1968	208 173 127 171	56 29 12.1 25 70	Went, 1966 Went, 1966 Went, 1967 Went, 1969 Went, 1969

MAKO SHARK, Isurus oxyrinchus, Rafinesque-Schmaltz.

Only two specimens of this shark have been identified from Irish waters and both were taken on rod and line as follows:

Place	Date	Weight (kg)	Reference
Kinsale	20 July, 1965	79	Went and Kennedy 1969
Kinsale	21 August, 1969	45	Went, 1970

This species may have been taken at other times but mistaken for the porbeagle Lamna rasus (Bonnaterre) which it resembles somewhat.

ELECTRIC RAY, Torpedo nobiliana Bonaparte.

This species is occasionally captured on the south and west coasts. A specimen taken on rod and line, weighing 8.3 kg, was captured at Kinsale on 8 August, 1965 (Went, 1966).

Torsk, Brosme brosme (Ascanius).

Only one specimen of the torsk had been recorded up to 1973 from Irish waters and this was taken on rod and line. The details are as follows:—

Place	Date	Length (cm)	Weight kg	Reference	įĸ	
	13 September, 1968	71	3.9	Went, 1969		

GREATER FORK-BEARD, Phycis blennoides (Brünnich).

This species is occasionally captured, sometimes in large numbers on various parts of the coast, particularly in Dingle Bay and a specimen weighing about 980 g and measuring 46 cm in length was taken on 15 August, 1969, off Kinsale (Went, 1970) on rod and line.

LESSER FORK-BEARD OF TADPOLE FISH, Raniceps raninus (L.)

The lesser fork-beard is not a scarce fish in Irish waters but it is seldom taken on rod and line. Five specimens taken in this way have been brought to our notice as follows:—

Place	Date	Length (cm)	Weight g	Reference
Tarbert Pier Dunlaoghaire Bullock Harbour Valentia Dunlaoghaire	29 November, 1959 27 August, 1961 30 August, 1962 11 September, 1963 30 July, 1964	29 — 25 24	290 210 	Went, 1960 Went, 1962 Went, 1963 Went, 1964 Went, 1965

SHORE ROCKLING, Gaidropsarus mediterraneus (L.)

This species is often not distinguished from the three-bearded rockling, G. vulgaris (Cloquet), A specimen measuring 29 cm was taken at Dalkey, Co. Dublin, on 25 July, 1972 (Went, 1973).

COMBER, Serranus cabrilla (L.)

Only two specimens of this species have so far been recorded from Irish waters, one by commercial methods from Dingle Bay in 1973 and the other was taken on feathers at Ballycotton on 22 August, 1969 (Went, 1970). The latter specimen weighed 250g and measured about 25 cm.

STONE BASSE OF WRECK-FISH, Polyprion americanus (Bloch and Schneider).

This species, which usually accompanies wrecks or floating objects, has been recorded occasionally from the south and south-west coasts, and six have been taken at Kinsale on tod and line as follows:—

Date	Length (cm)	Weight (kg)	Reference
17 October, 1961	59	3.9 (gutted)	Went, 1962
1966	53	2.9	Went, 1967
30 August, 1967	51	3.1	Went, 1968
30 August, 1967	48	2.7	Went, 1968
7 November, 1967	54	2.6	Went, 1968
11 September, 1968	62	4.1	Went, 1969

RAY'S BREAM, Brama brama (Bonnaterre).

This species is of sporadic occurrence, sometimes in fair numbers, on the south and south-west coasts. It has been taken also at Spiddal and Achill on the west coast and also at Ballycormick Point (Belfast Lough). Two specimens have been recorded as having been taken on rod and line as follows:—

Place	Date	Length (cm)	Weight kg	Reference
Tramore Strand Valentia	l6 July, 1965 31 July, 1967	51	2.5	Went, 1966 Went, 1968

BLACK BREAM OF BLACK SEA-BREAM, Sponduliosoma cantharus (L.)

Specimens have been recorded from the Irish Sea from Belfast southwards and from the south and south-west coasts. It has only once been recorded on rod and line at Ballycottin on 10 May, 1967, when a specimen measuring 31 cm in length and weighing 540g was taken (Went, 1968).

GILTHEAD, Sparus aurata L.

The only complete specimen known from Irish waters was taken on rod and line at Ardmore on 30 April, 1972. It measured 28 cm in length and weighed 460g (Went, 1973).

Greater Weever, Trachinus draco L.

The greater weever is perhaps more common than the number of specimens recorded would suggest. A specimen measuring 28 cm and weighing 125 g was taken on 13 July, 1963, at Valentia (Went, 1964) on rod and line.

GOLDSINNY, Ctenolabrus rupestris (L.)

This species is common in Irish waters but it has seldom been taken on rod and line, a specimen weighing 84 g and measuring 15.6 cm was captured at Dunlaoghaire in that way on 23 July, 1966 (Went, 1967).

BLACK FISH, Centrolophus niger (Gmelin).

This fish has been recorded on a number of occasions on the Irish coasts outside the Irish Sea. On 16 July, 1970, a specimen, measuring 33 cm in length and weighing 307g, was taken on feathers off Helvick, Co. Waterford (Went, 1971).

STREAKED GURNARD Trigloporus lastoviza Bonnaterre.

This is one of the less common gurnards and two specimens were taken on rod and line from Broadhaven on 11 August, 1970 (Went, 1971) and exactly two years later as well (Went, 1973). The first specimen weighed 976 g and measured 48 cm.

LUMPSUCKER, Cyclopterus lumpus (L.)

Lumpsuckers are common in most areas but are seldom taken on rod and line. On 10 April, 1971, a specimen was taken on rod and line at Kilfenora Strand, Fenis, Co. Kerry (Went, 1972). It weighed 1.37 kg and measured 37.2 cm.

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RARE, SCARCE OR LOCAL SPECIES CAUGHT IN IRISH WATERS IN 1973

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In addition to the undulate and painted rays and the white skate referred to in this report the following species, rare, scance or local in Irish waters were recorded up to 6th November, 1973. Those fish indicated with an asterisk were taken on rod and line. Those interested may eventually find full details of these fish in "Interesting fishes taken in Irish water in 1973" which is to be submitted to The Irish Naturalist's Journal.

Species	Scientific Name	Locality
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Six-gilled shark	Hexanchus griseus	Dingle Bay
Undulate ray	Raja undulata	Brandon Bay
***	Raja alba	Dingle Bay
Humpback salmon	Oncorhynchus gorbuscha	River Moy
Pollan	Corgenous pollan elegans	R. Shannon (Athlone)
Great silver smelt	Argentina silus	Dingle Bay and Sybil Head
Saury pike	Scomberesox saurus	Dingle Bay
Torsk	Brosme brosme	Keem Bay Achill*
Greater fork-beard	Phycis blennoides	Dingle Bay
Monkfish or Opah	Lampris guttatus	Killybegs
Stone basse or wreck-fish	Polyprion americanus	Valentia*
Comber	Serranus cabrilla	Dingle Bay
Pilot fish	Naucrates ductor	Inishowen Head
Ray's bream	Brama brama	Kilkee,* Mayo coast, Lough Swilly
	*	and 30 speciments from Dingle Bay
Black bream	Spondyliosoma cantharus	Dingle Bay
Red band or red snake-fisl	h Cepola rubescens	North Irish Sea (8 specimens)
	•	Dingle Bay (4 specimens)
Goldsinny	Ctenolabrus rupestris	Dingle Bay (2 specimens)
Greater Weever	Trachinus draco	Dingle Bay (2 specimens)
Oceanic Bonito	Katsuwonus pelamis	Helvick Head
Cattfish	Anarhichas lupus	Killylbegs
Bluemouth	Helicolenus dactylopterus	Dingle Bay
Sea Smail	Liparis liparis	River Fergus Estuary
Piper	Trisla lyra	Inistooskert
Streaked Gunnard	Trigloporus lastoviza	Outer Dingle Bay (numerous specimens)
Armed Bullhead	Agonus cataphtractus	Dingle Bay
Scaldfish	Arnoglossus imperialis	Dingle Bay (14 specimens)
Solenette		Dingle Bay, Irish Sea (2 specimens)
File or trigger fish	Balistes carolinensis	Fethard, Co. Wexford, Dunmore East, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford, Glen- gariff, Brandon Bay (3), Fenit,* Olifden.
Sunfish	Mola mola	Kilmore Quay

In addition a specimen of a catfish (Ictalurus melas), presumably accidentally introduced with tropical fish, was caught in Cork Lough in June, 1973.

^{*} As given in List of Irish Fishes by A. E. J. Went and M. Kennedy (National Museum, Dublin).

SCHEDULE (1974)

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN AND SETTING UP WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRIŠH RECORD Ib. oz.	SPECIMEN lb.	SETTING UP '
SALMON (Salmo salar) SEA TROUT (Salmo trutta) SROWN TROUT (Salmo trutta) (river) BROWN TROUT (Salmo trutta) (lake) SLOB TROUT (Salmo trutta) BREAM (Abramis brama) CARP (Cyprinus carpio) DACE (Leuciscus leuciscus) PERCH (Perca fluviatilis) PIKE (Esox lucius) (river) ROACH (Rutilus rutilus) RUDD (Scardinius erythrophthalmus) RUDD X BREAM HYBRID ROACH X BREAM HYBRID TENCH (Tinca tinca) EEL (Anguilla anguilla)	57 0 14 3 20 2 26 2 11 12 18 12 1 8 12 1 2 5 8 38 2 42 0 2 13 3 1 5 5 7 13 5 15	25 6 5 10 10 10 7 10 30 20 21 24 33 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31	50 10 10 10 20 11 4 50 3 3
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PAINTED (Raja microocellata) STING (Dasyatis pastinaca) RAY'S BREAM (Brama brama) RED SEA BREAM (Pagellus bogaraveo) SCAD (Trachurus trachurus) SHAD-ALLIS (Alosa alosa) TWAITE (Alosa fallax)	12 10 51 0 9 6 — —	10 30 5 4 <u>1</u> 2 4 2 <u>1</u>	40 30

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SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN AND SETTING UP WEIGHTS-continued

	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	SETTING UP
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SHARK—PORBEAGLE (Lamna nasus) BLUE (Prionace glauca) THRESHER (Alopias vulpinus) MAKO (Isurus oxyrinchus) SIX-GILLED (Hexanchus griseus) SKATE—COMMON (Raja batis) WHITE (Raja alba) LONG NOSE (Raja oxyrinchus) TOPE (Galeorhinus galeus) TUNNY (Thunnus thynnus) TURBOT (Scophthalmus maximus) WHITING (Merlangius merlangus) WRASSE—BALLAN (Lebrus bergylta) WRASSE—CUCKOO (Labrus mixtus)	365 0 206 0 	150 100 120 200 100 130 120 80 40 100 18 3	300*

Head only.

Scientific names in accordance with the "List of Irish Fishes (second edition, 1969)" by A. E. J. Went, D.Sc., M.R.I.A., and M. Kennedy, Ph.D. Published by the Stationery Office for the National Museum (1969).

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