



REPORT FOR YEAR 1975

BREAM

Record, 11 lbs. 12 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 7½ lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 8	River Shannon, Lanesboro	26th April	M. Kemp (GB)	Maggots
9 6	Stone's Lake, Co. Clare	31st July	Tim Queally	Worms & Maggots
9 4	Johnstown Lake, Co. Westmeath	31st May	MI. Sloane (GB)	Worms
9 1½	Lanesboro	25th April	MI. K. Frost (GB)	Bread Flake
9 0	Lanesboro	24th April	Master D. Gilmore	Bread Flake
8 12	Johnstown Lake	31st May	John Foy (GB)	Maggots
8 11	Johnstown Lake	6th June	John Foy (GB)	Lobworm
8 6	Johnstown Lake	6th June	John Foy (GB)	Redworm
8 4½	Lanesboro	7th May	M. K. Frost (GB)	Bread Flake
8 3½	Lanesboro	29th April	K. H. Mansford (GB)	Worms
8 2½	Stones Lake	19th July	Tim Queally	Maggots & Worms
8 2	Johnstown Lake	4th June	MI. Sloane (GB)	Lobworm
8 2	Lanesboro	24th May, '74	Keith Morley (GB)	Bread & Lobworms
8 0	Dick's Lake, Carrickmacross	3rd July	Andrew Gleeson	Bread Flake
8 0	Lanesboro	24th April	Master D. Gilmore	Bread Flake
7 14½	Lanesboro	7th May	Ronald Silk (GB)	Maggot & Bread
7 13½	Lanesboro	16th April	R. E. Flude (GB)	Maggots & Bread
7 10½	Lanesboro	25th April	MI. K. Frost (GB)	Bread Flake
7 10½	Lanesboro	12th April	John Dighton (GB)	Bread
7 10	Lanesboro	16th May	John Mills (GB)	Worms
7 9	Lanesboro	10th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
7 9	Lanesboro	5th May	MI. K. Frost (GB)	Bread Flake
7 9	Lanesboro	31st May, '74	P. H. Ward (GB)	Lobworms
7 8½	Lanesboro	16th May	M. K. Frost (GB)	Worms
7 8½	Lanesboro	5th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
7 8	Lanesboro	16th May	John Mills (GB)	Maggots
7 8	Lanesboro	5th May	Peter Moore (GB)	Bread Flake

CARP

Record, 18 lbs. 12 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 7	The Lough, Cork	27th September	Anthony Haynes	Maggots
14 8	The Lough	3rd September	Chris Hayes	Bread
14 4	The Lough	17th July	Chris Hayes	Bread Flake
14 4	The Lough	26th May	Chris Hayes	Crust
12 5	The Lough	20th April	Duncan Lennox	Bread Flake
11 11	The Lough	10th June	Anthony Haynes	Legered Crust
10 15	The Lough	10th June	Master C. Healy	Floating Crust

EEL

Record, 5 lbs. 15 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	Date	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 3½	River Blackwater, Mallow	6th July	Thomas Priestley	Worm
3 8	Toorenbog Lake, Co. Kerry	18th July	G. Verwer (NL)	Mackerel Strip

PIKE (LAKE)

Record, 38 lbs. 2 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	Date	CAPTOR	METHOD
35 4	Templehouse Lake, Ballymote	9th February	A. Kleinhenz (D)	Dead Perch
31 8	Lough Allen	19th March	Roy Smyth	Rapala Plug

PIKE (RIVER)

Record, 42 lbs.		Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32 0	Cong River, Co. Galway	7th July, '74	B. Farragher	Live Perch
28 0	Shannonbridge	24th August	S. O'Brien	ABU hi-lo
26 0	River Slaney	12th January	J. Glynn	ABU hi-lo
26 8	River Maine, Co. Antrim	18th April	S. McFarlane	Legered Herring
21 8	Woodford River	6th April, '74	F. Collomb (F)	Live Roach
	River Shannon, Drumsna	17th February	H. Pividori (F)	Copper Spoon

ROACH

Record, 2 lbs. 13½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 2¼ lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	Cappoquin	23rd February	Norman Berry	Maggots

RUDD

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz.		Specimen Weight, 2¼ lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8	River Shannon, Shannonbridge	31st August	Rex Harrison (GB)	Maggot
2 8	River Shannon, Lanesboro	7th May	J. Parkings (GB)	Maggots
2 8	Lanesboro	9th June, '74	P. H. Ward (GB)	Bread Flake
2 6	Athlone	5th September	MI. Daly	Bread
2 6	River Suck, Derrycabill	15th May	W. J. Smiles (GB)	Maggots
2 5½	Shannonbridge	26th September	M. J. Donegan	Bread Paste
2 5	Shannonbridge	20th August	Robert Galligan	Bread Crust
2 5	Athlone	7th July	Gabriel Powell	Brown Sedge
2 4½	Lanesboro	4th April	Sean Donohue	Bread

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record, 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 13½	River Shannon, Lanesboro	12th April	P. J. Dighton (GB)	Bread
5 4½	Lanesboro	12th April	P. J. Dighton (GB)	Bread
4 14	River Shannon, Athlone	1st September	Dave Phillips	Maggots
4 10	Athlone	28th August	MI. Daly	Bread
4 9	Athlone	28th August	MI. Daly	Bread
4 3½	Lanesboro	17th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
4 2½	Lanesboro	10th April	P. J. Dighton (GB)	Bread Flake
4 0½	Lanesboro	3rd June	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm & Bread
4 0	Athlone	1st September	Michael Daly	Bread
3 15½	Lanesboro	3rd June	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm & Bread
3 13½	Lanesboro	3rd June	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm & Bread
3 12	Athlone	1st September	Michael Daly	Bread
3 10½	Lanesboro	3rd June	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm & Bread
3 8½	Lanesboro	18th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm & Bread
3 6	Athlone	1st September	Michael Daly	Bread
3 4½	Athlone	1st September	Dave Phillips	Maggots
3 4½	Shannonbridge	20th July	Willie Owens	Worms
3 3½	Athlone	1st September	MI. Daly	Bread
3 2	Shannonbridge	31st August	R. Galligan (GB)	Bread Paste
3 2	Lanesboro	4th July	Harald Hoft (D)	Worms

TENCH

Record, 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11½	River Shannon, Lanesboro	2nd May	P. A. Simpson (GB)	Bread & Maggot
5 11	Lanesboro	25th May, '74	Keith Morley (GB)	Bread Flake

TENCH—continued				
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 8	Lanesboro	13th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
5 8	Lanesboro	24th April	ML. K. Frost (GB)	Bread Flake
5 6	Lanesboro	4th June	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
6 6	Lanesboro	5th May	Alan Rance (GB)	Maggots
6 5	Lanesboro	26th May	Donald Stodart (GB)	Bread Paste
6 4	Lanesboro	29th May	E. Harrison (GB)	Bread
6 3	Lanesboro	16th May	John Mills (GB)	Worm
6 2	Lanesboro	13th May	A. Russell (GB)	Bread Paste
6 1½	Lanesboro	20th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread Paste
6 1	Lanesboro	26th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread Paste
6 0½	Lanesboro	27th May	D. Stodart (GB)	Bread Paste
6 0	Lanesboro	5th June	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake

BASS

Record, 16 lbs. 6 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 10	Salthill, Galway	9th August	ML. Dunne	Mackerel Strip
11 13	Youghal	25th May	Joseph Forde	Salted Mackerel
11 12	Reenard Pier, Valentia	25th August	Rudolf Ewers (D)	Pollack Bait
11 1	Kinsale	31st August	S. O'Connor	Mackerel
11 0	Courtmacsherry	9th July	Gay Clery	Mackerel Head
10 11	Kilmore Quay	13th October	Joe Sinnott	Squid
10 10½	Cork Harbour	6th July	Don Kelly	Mackerel Strip
10 9½	Clonakilty	28th August	Roy Thompson	Rubber Eel
10 8	Lahinch	12th January	Daniel Keehan	Lugworm
10 6	Castlerock, Derry	9th October	E. McLaughlin	Clams
10 6	Cork Harbour	11th May	Ptk. Conlon	Mackerel Strip
10 6	Causeway Coast	2nd November	Colin Turner	Lugworm
10 5½	Clonakilty	22nd August	M. J. Wall (GB)	Sandeel
10 2½	Tramore	29th August	Ptk. Aylward	Mackerel Strip
10 0½	Katts Strand, Wexford	7th September	Wm. Curtis	Ragworm
10 0	Ballinaclash, Co. Wexford	27th June	Michael Nea	Peeler Crab

BLACK SOLE

Record, 3 lbs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8	North Beach, Greystones	17th August	Master N. Thompson	Ragworm
2 1	North Beach, Greystones	20th June	Tony O'Farrell	Ragworm

COALFISH

Record, 24 lbs. 7 ozs. Specimen Weight, 15 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
20 8	Kinsale	16th July	J. Mons Merle (F)	ABU Shiner
16 14	Clare Island	11th July	John Furness (GB)	Sand Eel
15 8	Courtmacsherry	5th July	Frans Mens (B)	Rubber Eel

COD

Record, 42 lbs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36 0	Enniscrone	17th July	J. V. Hattem (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26 8	Youghal	23rd May	Theo Vastenhou	Feathers
26 1	Valentia	3rd August	J. B. Healy	Mackerel
25 4½	Achill	12th August	John O'Shea	Eddystone Eel

DAB				
Record, 1 lb. 12½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Juncannon, Co. Wexford	15th Dec., '74	ML. Fennelly	Herring Strip

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 21 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 16 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21 4	Malin, Co. Donegal	13th September	Drew Alexander	Mackerel Strip
18 5	Killala Bay	9th July	Barbara Gartner (D)	Mackerel Strip
18 3	Valentia	11th August	Michel Roux (GB)	Mackerel
17 8	Valentia	7th September	Paul Keen (GB)	Mackerel
17 1	Valentia	7th September	Declan Kirby	Mackerel
17 0	Courtmacsherry	17th July	Charles Still (GB)	Mackerel Strip
16 12	Valentia	27th July	Frits Speudel (NL)	Mackerel
16 9	Valentia	3rd September	W. Teunisse (NL)	Mackerel
16 8	Valentia	2nd August	R. Dieter (D)	Mackerel Strip
16 4	Fenit	25th June	A. Usher (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
16 3	Valentia	2nd July	K. Stenson (GB)	Mackerel
16 2	Valentia	27th July	J. B. Healy	Mackerel
16 1	Valentia	12th August	R. Luttick (NL)	Mackerel
16 0	Courtmacsherry	16th September	A. C. Mertens (NL)	Mackerel

SPUR DOGFISH

Record, 16 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 2	Dunmore East	7th September	Joseph Butler	Mackerel
15 0	Fenit	25th June	A. Usher (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
14 8	Clare Island	12th July	J. Furness (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 4	Clare Island	9th July	G. W. Burry (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 4	Clare Island	12th July	J. Furness (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 0	Belfast Lough	3rd July	Wm. Snood	Mackerel
13 11	Enniscrone	19th May	E. Platzer (D)	Mackerel Strip
13 8	Greystones	20th September	George Keogh	Mackerel Strip
13 8	Youghal	30th August	H. Wunsche	Mackerel Strip
13 2	Strangford Lough	11th September	Spencer Lawson	Mackerel
13 2	Wicklow	5th July	V. Wallace	Mackerel Strip
13 0	Lambay Island	27th July	Paul Farrell	Mackerel Strip
13 0	Fenit	23rd June	C. Brake (GB)	Mackerel Head
12 9	Strangford Lough	11th September	Samuel Moody	Mackerel
12 8	Killala Bay	29th May	H. Brandenburg (D)	Mackerel
12 8	Courtmacsherry	3rd June	Mrs. J. Miller (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Strangford Lough	11th September	J. Bradley	Mackerel
12 6	Kenmare	8th May	L. B. Bresser (NL)	Pollack Strip
12 5	Belfast Lough	4th July	Alan McMaster	Mackerel Strip
12 5	Belfast Lough	4th July	Cecil Collins	Herring
12 4	Fenit	23rd June	Bill Howes (GB)	Mackerel Head
12 2	Valentia	12th October	John Darcey	Mackerel
12 2	Kenmare	8th May	G. Konijn (NL)	Pollack Strip
12 1	Causeway Coast	2nd August	James Campbell	Mackerel Strip
12 0	Youghal	15th Sept., '74	Dick Healy	Mackerel Strip

FLOUNDER

Record, 4 lbs. 3 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs. 8 ozs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 11½	Kilmore Quay	5th September	David Gray	Crab
3 1½	Cloghane Estuary, Dingle	25th October	Bernard Cribbins (GB)	Lugworm
3 0	Bannow Bay, Co. Wexford	14th September	Master Tony Foster	Crab
2 14	Jingle Pier	28th August	J. Browne	Mackerel Strip
2 13½	Cullenstown, Co. Wexford	3rd September	David Gray	Crab
2 12	Kilmore Quay	13th September	David Gray	Crab

FLOUNDER—continued

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 11½	Fenit	15th November	J. White	Lugworm
2 11	Ferrybank, Wexford	30th November	Nicholas Sinnott	Lugworm
2 10	Clonakilty	3rd July, '74	John O'Donovan	Crab
2 9	Kilmore Quay	13th September	David Gray	Crab
2 9	Cloghane Estuary	24th October	Peter Grundel (GB)	Lugworm
2 8½	Kinsale	6th July	Arthur Board	Crab
2 8½	Dunmore East	20th July	Master K. Fennelly	Lugworm
2 8½	Dungarvan	24th March	Miguel Garcia	Crab

GARFISH

Record, 3 lbs. 10½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 2½ lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 12	Youghal	31st August	K. H. Buchter (D)	Mackerel Strip
2 8	Kinsale	23rd June	Aidan F. Gibney	Mackerel Strip
2 8	Enniscrone	22nd September	Berger Werner (D)	Baited feathers
2 8	Kinsale	12th August	Giles Battcock	White Feather

GREY GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9½	Causeway Coast	23rd June	T. Allen	Mackerel
1 9½	3merwick Harb'dur, Dingle	5th August	R. Coventry	Mackerel
1 8	Causeway Coast	2nd August	H. Richmond	Baited feathers

RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 9½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 10½	Dingle	15th August	N. O'Mahony	Baited feathers
2 8	3elmullet	6th September	J. Thompson	Mackerel
2 6½	Causeway Coast	5th October	G. Prenter	Pirk
2 5	Moville	20th September	Ken Colhoun	ABU Spoon
2 3	Moville	30th August	Master B. McCann	Baited feathers
2 3	3elmullet	21st September	Roy Brown	Mackerel
2 3	Moville	24th August	B. Morris	Baited Spoon
2 3	Moville	24th August	MI. Larkin	Mackerel Strip
2 2½	Causeway Coast	24th August	Ian Henry	Mackerel
2 2½	3unbeg, Co. Donegal	29th September	Albert Gregg	Mackerel Strip
2 2	Causeway Coast	27th July	Bernard Frayne	Feathers
2 2	Moville	6th July	J. Bradley	Mackerel
2 0	Moville	28th August	Patrick Gillen	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD

Record, 12 lbs. 3½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 8	Killala Bay	11th September	P. Farohs (D)	Mackerel Strip
6 4	Enniscrone	11th August	E. Stettler (CH)	Mackerel Fillet
5 0	Enniscrone	2nd April	W. J. Willems (NL)	Feathers

HADDOCK

Record, 10 lbs. 13½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 8	Clare Island	30th June	J. Furness (GB)	Sand Eel
3 4	Kinsale	16th May	P. Dutoit (F)	Baited feathers
3 0	Valentia	18th August	J. B. Keeping (GB)	Mackerel
7 15	3elmullet	31st May	T. Doyle	Feathers
7 8	Youghal	27th July	M. Clancy	Feathers
7 4½	Causeway Coast	7th July	J. McCaughan	Ragworm
7 2	Kinsale	30th July	N. Den Ouden (NL)	Mackerel
7 1½	Achill	24th June	Denis Lynch	Mackerel strip

HAKE

Record, 25 lbs. 5½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.

Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 1	3lmullet	19th July	Joe Harper	Baited feathers

JOHN DORY

Record, 7 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.

Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 7½	Achill	12th August	Peter McCartin	Baited feathers
4 10	Achill	2nd August	Alfred Klumpp (D)	Red Gill Eel

LING

Record, 46 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
42 8	Kinsale	31st August	W. P. O'Connell	Baited feathers
40 0	Kinsale	31st August	W. Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
31 0	Youghal	6th September	Hendrikus A. F. Nab	Mackerel strip
29 12	Kinsale	1st September	W. Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
29 0	Valentia	26th July	G. J. Van de Wetering (NL)	Mackerel
28 8	Kinsale	27th August	MI. Bartels (D)	Mackerel Strip
28 8	Kinsale	31st August	W. O'Connell	Baited feathers
28 4	Killybegs	18th Aug., '74	B. McGilloway	Mackerel
28 4	Kilmore Quay	24th August	John McDonagh	Ragworm
27 8	Clare Island	4th July	G. W. Burry (GB)	Mackerel strip

MACKEREL

Record, 3 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2½ lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 12½	3elmullet	21st September	S. Totten	Feathers

MONKFISH

Record, 69 lbs. Specimen Weight, 50 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
52 8	Castlegregory	30th July	D. Lesser (D)	Mackerel

GREY MULLET

Record, 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.

Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 12	3rittas Bay, Co. Wicklow	7th September	C. Quinn	Bread Paste
5 6	3enmare	20th September	M. A. Haring (NL)	Mackerel
5 4	3entry Harbour, Dingle	16th August	M. Donnelly	Mackerel strip
5 4	River Lee, Cork	22nd July	A. Manning	Cheese

PLAICE

Record, 7 lbs. 2½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.

Weight b. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11½	Crosshaven, Cork Harbour	30th August	R. Browne	Mussel
5 2½	Greystones	27th July	G. K. Hudson	Mussel
5 1	Youghal	8th August	J. Leahy	Crab
5 0½	Greystones	27th July	E. A. Richards	Lug & Mussel
4 14½	Crosshaven	30th August	R. Browne	Mussel

PLAICE—continued

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 12	Greystones	22nd June	F. J. Moore	Mussel
4 8	Causeway Coast	7th September	S. Miller	Mussel
4 7	Crosshaven	3rd September	R. Browne	Mussel
4 1	Cobh	13th June	Mrs. E. Conlon	Lugworm

POLLACK

Record, 19 lbs. 3 ozs. Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 12	Cobh	27th August	Richard Good	Mackerel strip
15 8	Kinsale	15th July, '74	H. Schneider (D)	Toby
14 14	Achill	6th July	M. Leahy	Red Gill Eel
14 12	Kinsale	26th September	Van der Vorst (NL)	Mackerel
14 8	Kinsale	21st September	J. Wunderlich	Mackerel strip
14 6	Kinsale	30th June	Barnard Waldman	Feathers
13 8	Kinsale	7th October	F. Cooper (GB)	Baited Pirk
13 8	Valentia	31st August	M. S. O'Driscoll	Mackerel
13 8	Killybegs	18th August, '74	P. McGettigan	Mackerel
13 5	Achill	11th October	P. Lavelle	Eddystone Eel
13 0	Courtmacsherry	17th August	A. M. v/d Zande	Mackerel strip
13 0	Courtmacsherry	24th August	(NL)	Mackerel strip
13 0	Courtmacsherry	13th June	C. Lambillion (NL)	Feathers
12 15	Achill	22nd August	B. Galt (USA)	Mackerel
12 8	Courtmacsherry	21st June	K. Merkel (D)	Amber Eel
12 8	Kinsale	4th July	B. Galt (USA)	Red Rubber Eel
12 8	Kinsale	7th September	R. van Ouwkerk	(NL)
12 8	Kinsale	6th October	J. Shelton (GB)	Red Eel & Mackerel
12 8	Courtmacsherry	5th August	J. Bunning (GB)	Normark Pirk
12 8	Killybegs	16th August	C. Plomp (NL)	Rubber Eel
12 8	Clifden	15th October	M. McIntyre	Feather Jig
12 7	Cobh	22nd June	B. Cribbins (GB)	Mackerel
12 6	Achill	18th October	A. Manning	Artificial Sandeel
12 6	Kinsale	18th Nov., '74	J. O'Shea	Imitation Eel
12 4	Kinsale	23rd May	H. Ziliani (I)	Feathers
12 4	Achill	11th August	Mrs. M. Telford (GB)	Baited Feathers
12 4	Achill	2nd August	M. P. Heery	Baited Feathers
12 3½	Achill	2nd August	J. O'Shea	Red Gill Eel
12 3	Achill	2nd August	J. O'Shea	Red Gill Eel
12 1½	Belfast Lough	31st August	J. O'Shea	Red Gill Eel
12 0	Kinsale	26th September	L. Waterworth	Mackerel
12 0	Kinsale	13th September	R. Rapley (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 0	Kinsale	20th September	B. Scanlon (CH)	Mackerel Strip
12 0	Kinsale	20th September	A. M. Toms (GB)	Feathers
12 0	Kinsale	20th September	A. M. Toms (GB)	Feathers

POUTING

Record, 4 lbs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 0	Courtmacsherry	17th September	B. Galt (USA)	Mackerel strip
3 10	Belfast Lough	6th July	Miss D. Murray	Mackerel strip

BLONDE RAY

Record, 36 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
29 0	Cobh	7th August	J. Geary	Mackerel strip
28 2	Cobh	25th June	E. W. Cullinane	Sand Eel
27 10	Cobh	25th June	E. W. Cullinane	Mackerel
27 4	Cobh	19th July	P. J. Conlon	Mackerel strip
27 3	Cobh	6th July	Mrs. E. Conlon	Mackerel strip
27 2½	Cobh	2nd August	W. Cooke (GB)	Mackerel
26 14	Cobh	6th July	P. J. Conlon	Mackerel strip
26 9	Cobh	5th August	Mrs. E. Turrell (GB)	Mackerel
25 0	Cobh	9th August	T. Allum (GB)	Mackerel strip
25 0	Cobh	27th June	Raoul Hulpiau (B)	Mackerel strip

CUCKOO RAY

Record, 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11	Causeway Coast	3rd August	Vivian Morrison	Mackerel
5 2½	Causeway Coast	7th September	F. Fleming	Mackerel

PAINTED RAY

Record, 12 lbs. 12½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 12½	Garryvoe, Co. Cork	26th October	M. Wall	Lugworm
12 0	Brandon Bay, Dingle	18th September	I. R. Howcroft (GB)	Mackerel
10 8	Fenit	9th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel

HOMELYN RAY

Record, 7 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 10	Causeway Coast	7th September	J. McCollum	Mackerel strip
6 1	Causeway Coast	13th August	M. J. Donnell	Mackerel
6 1	Causeway Coast	6th September	I. Bell	Mackerel
6 0	Cobh	2nd July	H. B. Boulton (GB)	Mackerel strip
6 0	Causeway Coast	3rd August	J. Marcus	Mackerel strip
5 13	Causeway Coast	3rd August	F. Fleming	Mackerel
5 12	Causeway Coast	11th August	F. Fleming	Mackerel
5 12	Causeway Coast	17th August	F. G. Hunter	Mackerel
5 9½	Causeway Coast	10th August	P. Simpson	Mackerel
5 9½	Causeway Coast	5th September	M. McMullan	Mackerel strip
5 9	Causeway Coast	6th September	R. Welsh	Mackerel
5 4	Causeway Coast	3rd August	A. Ansfield	Mackerel
5 3	Belmullet	6th September	M. Marley	Mackerel
5 3	Causeway Coast	13th August	P. Barnard	Mackerel
5 0	Causeway Coast	7th September	G. Parker	Mackerel strip

THORNBARK RAY

Record, 37 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
23 8	Enniscrone	3rd August	W. Jones	Mackerel fillet
23 0	Youghal	28th August	H. Wunsche (D)	Mackerel strip
22 0	Lambay	2nd September	G. Sharkey	Mackerel strip
20 8	Causeway Coast	20th July	J. Finnegan	Ragworm
20 2	Causeway Coast	5th July	H. Garvin	Mackerel strip
20 0½	Carnlough	17th August	Master D. Elliott	Baited feathers

UNDULATE RAY

Record, 16 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 12	Fenit	24th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr.	Mackerel
15 0	Fenit	15th June	(D)	Mackerel
14 8	Fenit	22nd August	W. H. Danzer, Snr.	Mackerel
14 8	Fenit	19th June	(D)	Squid
14 8	Fenit	26th June	Mrs. B. Howes (GB)	Squid
14 8	Castlegregory	26th June, '74	M. J. Hook (GB)	Mackerel
14 6½	Fenit	16th June	J. Mason	Mackerel
14 6	Fenit	28th May	D. Voller (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 4	Fenit	21st June	S. Thompson (CAN)	Mackerel
14 3½	Brandon Bay, Dingle	19th September	Mrs. D. Butler (GB)	Squid
14 2	Fenit	14th June	M. G. Lane (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 0	Fenit	10th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr.	Mackerel Fillet
			(D)	
			W. H. Danzer, Snr.	Mackerel
			(D)	

UNDULATE RAY—continued

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 0	Fenit	10th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
14 0	Fenit	12th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
14 0	Fenit	8th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
13 12	Fenit	26th June	C. Brake (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
13 8	Fenit	21st June	Mrs. B. Howes (GB)	Squid
13 8	Fenit	14th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	Fillet
			(D)	
13 8	Fenit	15th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
13 8	Fenit	12th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
13 4	Fenit	26th June	T. Eley (GB)	Mackerel
13 4	Fenit	17th June	B. Howes (GB)	Squid
13 4	Fenit	12th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel Strip
13 0	Fenit	17th June	Mrs. B. Howes (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	18th June	Mrs. D. Butler (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	9th June	A. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	9th June	A. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	21st June	A. Butler (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	10th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
13 0	Fenit	25th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 12	Fenit	20th June	B. Howes (GB)	Squid
12 10	Fenit	22nd May	F. Benum (CAN)	Mackerel
12 10	Fenit	12th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
12 8	Fenit	17th June	B. Howes (GB)	Squid
12 8	Fenit	21st June	Mrs. B. Howes (GB)	Squid
12 8	Fenit	13th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 8	Fenit	24th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 8	Fenit	12th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 8	Fenit	25th May	J. Harvey (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Fenit	23rd June	A. Usher (GB)	Mackerel
12 8	Fenit	7th June	Mrs. W. E. Burrows (GB)	Mackerel
12 8	Fenit	7th June	Mrs. W. E. Burrows (GB)	Mackerel
12 8	Fenit	22nd May	R. A. Freeman (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Fenit	22nd May	R. Christol (F)	Mackerel Strip
12 5	Fenit	12th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 3	Fenit	10th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel
12 3	Fenit	12th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 3	Fenit	15th June	W. H. Danzer, Jnr. Mackerel	
			(D)	
12 2½	Fenit	13th July	Paul Sullivan	Mackerel Strip
12 2	Fenit	10th June	R. Scrafton (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 0	Fenit	24th June	D. W. Avery (GB)	Mackerel
12 0	Fenit	24th June	P. Cullum (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 0	Fenit	18th June	Mrs. D. Butler (GB)	Mackerel
12 0	Fenit	14th June	W. H. Danzer, Snr. Mackerel	
			(D)	

RAY'S BREAM

Record, 6 lbs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 0	Courtmacsherry	1st September	W. van der Zee (NL)	Mackerel Feathers
5 13	Clifden	18th September	P. J. De Wit (NL)	Mackerel
5 1½	Valentia	12th October	Michael Casey	Mackerel Fillet

RED SEA BREAM

Record, 9 lbs. 6 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 13½	Belmullet	17th August	Sean Gannon	Mackerel Strip

BLUE SHARK

Record, 206 lbs. Specimen Weight, 100 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
162 0	Kinsale	13th July	M. Torphy	Mackerel
128 0	Kinsale	27th June	F. Hammer (A)	Mackerel
125 0	Courtmacsherry	20th July, '74	P. Olsson (GB)	Mackerel
111 0	Kinsale	10th July	Frmgard Freund (D)	Mackerel
110 0	Achill	1st October	F. E. Whitcroft	Mackerel
109 0	Courtmacsherry	17th July	G. Riedmuller (D)	Mackerel
106 0	Kinsale	5th June	R. Hollins (GB)	Mackerel
104 0	Courtmacsherry	4th July	J. Torfs (B)	Mackerel
103 0	Kinsale	15th June	G. Tramm (D)	Mackerel
103 0	Youghal	6th July	R. D. Mooney	Mackerel
102 8	Killala	12th August	Heribert Kraus (D)	Mackerel
102 0	Kinsale	18th July	Beatrice Tyler (GB)	Mackerel
102 0	Youghal	29th August, '74	P. Noordermeer (NL)	Mackerel
101 0	Kinsale	29th June	Paul J. Delacoste	Mackerel
			(F)	
101 0	Kinsale	3rd August	E. Van Heese (NL)	Mackerel
100 8	Kinsale	29th June	Leo A. Duwel (NL)	Mackerel
100 0	Cobh	16th September	Romanus Wiegand (D)	Mackerel
100 0	Courtmacsherry	23rd June	Tony Duits (NL)	Mackerel
100 0	Courtmacsherry	6th July	P. Mongor	Mackerel
100 0	Kinsale	1st August	Julius Ramm (D)	Mackerel
100 0	Kinsale	15th June	Heinz Schade (D)	Mackerel

PORBEAGLE SHARK

Record, 365 lbs. Specimen Weight, 150 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
250 0	Jungarvan	5th June	Connie McGrath	Mackerel
228 0	Kinsale	26th June	K. Wright (GB)	Mackerel

COMMON SKATE

Record, 221 lbs. Specimen Weight, 130 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
163 8	Killala	31st July	Rudi Breuch (D)	Mackerel strip
156 0	Valentia	30th July	Don Wheeler (GB)	Mackerel
145 0	Westport	28th June	Miss R. McCabe	Mackerel
144 0	Valentia	17th September	R. Ogden (GB)	Mackerel
139 8	Kenmare Bay	22nd June	D. M. Sahetapy (NL)	Mackerel strip
137 0	Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry	27th August	P. Keen (GB)	Mackerel
136 0	Valentia	3rd August	O. Casey	Mackerel
135 8	Killala	23rd September	R. Adamezeski (D)	Mackerel strip
134 0	Valentia	31st July	T. E. Kershaw (GB)	Mackerel
133 8	Killala	22nd September	R. Nettekoven (D)	Mackerel strip
132 0	Valentia	26th July	Roux Monique (GB)	Mackerel
131 0	Kenmare Bay	25th June	G. Van der Ark (NL)	Mackerel strip

TOPE

Record, 60 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.

Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36 0	Strangford Lough	16th September	R. Mann (GB)	Mackerel
32 8	Castlegregory	26th August, '74	Rainer Howey (D)	Mackerel
18 0	Greystones	17th August	L. Mooney	Mackerel
13 0	Lambay Island	2nd September	E. Poyser	Mackerel strip
42 0	Strangford Lough	2nd August	T. Humphries	Feathers
41 8	Wicklow Head	17th August	R. Hopper	Mackerel fillet
40 0	Kilmore Quay	3rd August	M. Mahon	Mackerel
40 0	Kilmore Quay	10th August	T. Harnett	Mackerel

TURBOT

Record, 26 lbs. 8 ozs.			Specimen Weight, 18 lbs.	
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18 1½	Causeway Coast	10th August	Cecil I. Collins	Mackerel

WHITING

Record, 4 lbs. 8½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 3	Clare Island	25th August	J. Furness (GB)	Sandeel
4 0	Clare Island	3rd July	G. W. Burry (GB)	Sandeel
3 6	Kinsale	27th June	A. Raedler (A)	Baited Feathers
3 3	Kinsale	5th August	L. J. Braham (GB)	Mackerel strip
3 2	Kenmare Bay	29th August	Mrs. H. Boerse (NL)	Mackerel strip
3 1	Clare Island	25th August	J. Furness (GB)	Sandeel
3 1	Clare Island	28th August	Miss T. Merrick (GB)	Sandeel
3 0	Clare Island	25th August	Miss T. Merrick (GB)	Sandeel
3 0	Clare Island	28th August	J. Furness (GB)	Sandeel

BALLAN WRASSE

Record, 7 lbs. 6 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 0	Kinsale	10th May	A. Schrama (NL)	Feathers

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1 lb. 9½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs.		
Weight lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 8	Jingle Bay	16th August	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Baited Feathers
1 5½	Causeway Coast	8th August	Gary Shorter	Ragworm
1 4	Causeway Coast	5th July	James McKee	Ragworm

NEW RECORDS

Seven new Irish Records were established during 1975.

- (1) **RUDD BREAM HYBRID**, 5 lbs. 13½ ozs., caught by P. J. Dighton, 17 Pond Close, Pidley, Huntingdon, Cambridge, England, in the River Shannon, at Lanesboro, Co. Longford, on 12th April, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 8½ ozs.
- (2) **GREY MULLET**, 7 lbs. 12 ozs., caught by Colm Quinn, 57 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5, at Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow, on 7th September, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 2 ozs.
- (3) **GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH**, 21 lbs. 4 ozs., caught by Drew Alexander, 43 Knockwellan Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry, off Malin Head, Co. Donegal, on 13th September, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 1 lb.
- (4) **CUCKOO RAY**, 5 lbs. 11 ozs., caught by Vivian Morrison, 11 Broughshane Street, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, on the Causeway Coast, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, on 3rd August, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 5 ozs.
- (5) **PAINTED RAY**, 12 lbs. 12½ ozs., caught by Michael Wall, Whitegate, Midleton, Co. Cork, on Garryvoe Strand, Co. Cork, on 26th October, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 2½ ozs.
- (6) **UNDULATE RAY**, 16 lbs. 12 ozs., caught by W. H. Danzer, Snr., Druckerweg 3, Postfach 224, 401 Hilden, Germany, in Tralee Bay, Fenit, Co. Kerry, on 24th June, 1975. This fish exceeds the previous record by 3½ ozs.
- (7) **RAY'S BREAM**, 6 lbs., caught by Wietse van der Zee, Noorderhaven 48, Harlingen, Holland, at Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork, on 1st September, 1975.

PLAICE RECORD

The Committee is not now satisfied that the 10 lbs. 8 ozs. plaice accepted in 1973 as the Record was caught fully in accordance with the Rules and accordingly has decided to remove it from the list. The Committee has now decided that the next heaviest plaice, a fish weighing 7 lbs. 2½ ozs., taken by the late Cecil Pratt in Youghal on 27th May, 1973, is the Irish Record for the species.

FISH OF A LIFETIME AWARD

As no specimen fish below the Record weight taken during 1975 measured up to the Committee's criteria, it has been decided not to make this award for 1975.

TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1975 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:—

Michael Daly, Faggot Hill, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath;
Willi H. Danzer, Snr., Druckerweg 3, Postfach 224, 401 Hilden, Germany;
Fred Fleming, 3 Skerrybeg Avenue, Portrush, Co. Antrim;
John Furness, "Bymead", Axminster Road, Charmouth, Dorset, England;
Neil Mills, 395 Oldham Road, Failssworth, Manchester, England.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

The special award donated by Dr. A. E. J. Went for the best specimen taken by a juvenile, who has not reached his or her fourteenth birthday on 1st January, 1976,

was won by Sean O'Brien, 51 Cluainbarron, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, for a River Pike of 32 lbs. taken in the River Shannon at Shannonbridge, on August 24th, 1975. For this year only, the donor has decided to give a special prize to Miss Tina Merrick, Villa Solent, Coldes Lane, Hook Park, Warsash, Hants, England, in respect of her two specimen Whiting weighing 3 lbs. 1 oz. and 3 lbs. taken off Clare Island, Co. Mayo, on the 28th August and 25th August, respectively.

This will be an annual award, and a copy of the Birth Certificate should accompany any eligible claim.

NEW AWARD

The Committee has decided to recognise in future the angling prowess of those anglers who have had authenticated claims for specimens of ten separate species of fish by awarding a special medal.

REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHT

The Committee has decided to increase the qualifying weight for Undulate Ray from 12 lbs. to 13 lbs.

IDENTIFICATION

In future, where a claim is made in respect of Angler Fish it is essential that the actual fish be forwarded to the Committee for identification purposes.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMEN AWARDS

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, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

	Ireland	Britain	Germany	Netherlands	Belgium	France
1972	169	126	29	23		
1973	235	91	23	40		
1974	170	117	16	36		
1975	204	132	46	27		

REJECTED 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 certified. 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 storage until Monday. Fish 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. (See Rules on Claim Form.)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1974 was made at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. The presentation for the 1975 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, 28th February, 1976, at 3 p.m. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1974 in London and Manchester. It is hoped that similar presentations will be held early in 1976 and award winners will receive invitations.

Presentations were also held in Amsterdam and Rotterdam for anglers from the Netherlands during 1975 and it is hoped to make presentations to Continental anglers at suitable centres during 1976.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) for making these presentations possible.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1974 is given in this Report. The 1975 accounts will be audited early in 1976 and will be published in the next Report.

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 Brugha Street, Dublin 1 (phone 741121).

Fish taken in Northern Ireland should in future be sent to Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine (phone 4521), indicating that the fish has been sent for identification on behalf of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee.

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.

Please 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.

DONATIONS

The Irish Specimen Fish Committee is a voluntary body representative of all angling interests in Ireland. It depends for funds on the subscriptions of well-wishers and the Committee wishes to convey its sincere thanks to those who have already subscribed namely:—

Bord Failte Eireann; The Inland Fisheries Trust Inc.; Allied Irish Banks; ABU (Great Britain) Ltd., 40 Wellington Street, Glasgow, Scotland; Bank of Ireland; Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland; Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association; Dublin Coarse Fish A.C.; Lanesboro/Ballyleague A.A.; Shannonbridge A.A.; Bangor S.A.C.; Cobh S.A.C.; Dun Laoghaire S.A.C.; Greystones Ridge S.A.C.; Howth S.A.C.; Inchicore S.A.C.; Irish Shark Club; Kittiwakes S.A.C.; Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; The Lazy K. S.A.C.; Monsanto S.A.C.; Seacat S.A.C.; A. Ashworth, "Cedar Cottage", 15a Gronant Road, Prestatyn, North Wales; Rudi Breuch, 53 Bonn Buel 1; Friedrich-Breuer Strasse 46, West Germany; I. Black, 18 Arney

Close, Cregg, Belfast, N.I.; B. R. Brewer, 11 Whitehall Estate, Tullamore, Co. Offaly; J. W. B. Burry, Meads Croft, 94 Northfield Road, Hants, England; R. C. Cater, Main Street, Convooy, Co. Donegal; Lewis Clark, 28 Donnybrook, Douglas, Co. Cork; Miss Hilda Clinton, Lodge Road, Westport, Co. Mayo; Aidan Connolly, 19 Gransha Park, Glen Road, Belfast; Mr. & Mrs. S. Conlon, Pembroke, Passage West, Co. Cork; Michael Collins, 32 Endsleigh Estate, Carrigaline, Cork; Frank Devlin, 5 Dorchester Park, Portadown, Armagh, N.I.; Willy Danzer, Jnr., Druckerweg 3, Postfach 24, 401 Hilden West Germany; David Dobbyn, Flat 1, Montague Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, England; P. F. Dore, St. Anne's, Freshford Road, Kilkenny; N. S. K. Eakin, 2a Donegal Avenue, Belfast, N.I.; James Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6; M. Frost, 16 Kent Close, Cheylesmore, Coventry, England; James W. Fulton, 10 Roslin Gardens, Belfast, N.I.; John Furness, "Bymead", Axminster Road, Charmouth, Dorset, England; A. Gibney, 24 Monaloe Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin; E. Harrison, 8 Lime Street, Bradford, Yorks, England; Joseph Kennedy, Rathmeale, Dundrum Road, Beaumont, Cork; Donal Kelly, "Olivette", Camden Road, Crosshaven, Cork; Sir George Leeds, Roche Bois, Mons Es Tours, St. Aubin, Jersey, N.I.; Mrs. Una Lillis, O'Curry Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare; Denis J. Lynch, 6 Seaview Terrace, Donnybrook, Dublin 4; Brendan Norris, Gortin, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, N.I.; Robert Marshall, 55 North Circular Road, Belfast 15, N.I.; Joseph Mullan, Main Street, Portrush, Co. Antrim, N.I.; Raymond McSwiggan, 47 Glencam Road, Killybrack, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, N.I.; Anthony McEvoy, 8 Lower Grange, Waterford; Raymond McEvoy, 4 Marian Terrace, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary; A. Oakland, 138 Hilton Road, Nottingham, England; J. O'Reagan, 86 Collins Park, Dublin 9; Guy De Raemaecker, G. Gezellelaan 48, 2670 Puurs, Belgium; Jac W. Rigter, Cantharella Motel, Sneem, Co. Kerry; Daniel Rooney, 21 Brian Ave., Marino, Dublin; Victor Sefton, 34 Tully Road, Crumlin, Co. Antrim, N.I.; C. G. Seldon, "Carmyle", Heath Lane, Hants, England; A. M. Toms, "Greenways", Pownall Ave., Bramhall, Cheshire, England; S. Uprichard, 2 Coolderry Gardens, Rathcoole, Newownabbey, Co. Antrim, N.I.; Thomas Wren, 24 Westside, Togher, Cork; Herbert Waldbach, 5 Koln 91, Bendorferweg 12, West Germany; Josef Pytlik, 35 Kassel, Frankfurter Strasse 58, West Germany.

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

SPECIAL APPEAL

Towards the end of the year the Committee made a special appeal for funds to business firms and angling interests. The results of this appeal will be given in the 1976 Report.

Dr. A. E. J. WENT, Chairman.
D. BRENNAN, Hon. Secretary.

1st January, 1976.

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE Expenditure and Revenue Account for 1974*

	1972/73†	1974	1974/75	1974
£210.80 General Administrative expenses (including maintenance)		£305.41	£136.85	£367.07
40.00 Mounting of specimen	250.00
264.03 Medallions	...	33.08	550.00 Bord Failte	250.00
293.44 Travelling and presentation expenses	...	329.46	400.00 Inland Fisheries Trust	48.80
51.78 Miscellaneous	...	40.81	68.15 SUBSCRIPTIONS	69.70
2.00 Bank fees	69.97 Angling Clubs	3.15
			3.15 Individuals	986.72
			1229.12 Others	712.36
			862.05 less	£274.36
£862.05		£712.36	£367.07 Balance on 31st December, 1974	

* Account for calendar year 1974.

† Account for 14-month period 1st November, 1972, to 31st December, 1973.

I have examined all the dockets, bank books, receipt books, etc., and hereby certify that these accounts are correct.

C.P. O'TOOLE, Auditors.
A. E. J. WENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Irish Specimen Fish Committee

The Committee is a voluntary body and it depends for funds on the subscriptions of well-wishers. The Banker's Order is for the convenience of those who wish to participate in our work. If you cannot assist us financially **please** help us by making anglers aware of the work we are doing and by recording all specimen and record fish taken by fair angling.

BANKER'S ORDER

To:

On January 1st each year, please debit my account with the sum of £
being my annual subscription to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, c/o Allied Irish
Banks Ltd., Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

SIGNED

DATE

This form may be used by those who wish to pay their subscription through
their Bank.

Specimen Coarse Fish from Irish Waters

by

ARTHUR E. J. WENT, D.Sc., M.R.I.A.

The Irish Specimen Fish Committee each year provides information for anglers and others on the notable or specimen fish taken by fair angling in Irish waters and recent reports have reviewed various aspects of the work of the Committee as follows:—

- (a) Report for 1971. "Notes on specimen brown trout from Irish waters";
- (b) Report for 1972. "Skates and rays" and "Rudd";
- (c) Report for 1973. "Ireland's record and specimen trout"
and
- (d) Report for 1974. "Notes on specimen cartilaginous fishes".

This report deals with specimen **coarse fish**, that is to say bream, carp, dace, perch, pike, roach, rudd, often erroneously called roach in Ireland, rudd/bream hybrids and tench taken in the lifetime of the Committee and verified up to the end of 1974. Eels are not always included in the coarse fish but they have for convenience been included in this report.

Although larger fish of some species may have been referred to in the literature, after much consideration the Irish Specimen Fish Committee has adopted the following individuals as the record fish taken by fair angling in Irish waters.

Species	lbs.	Weight ozs.	kg.	Location of Capture	Date of Capture	Name of Captor
Bream ¹	11	12	5.23	Armagh Blackwater	1882	A. Pike
Carp	18	12	8.5	Abbey Lake	6 June, 1958	J. G. Roberts
Dace	1	2	0.51	Cork Blackwater	8 August, 1966	John T. G. Henry
Eel	5	5	2.4	R. Shannon (Clondra)	25 September, 1968	Edmund Hawksworth
Perch ²	5	8	2.5	L. Erne	1946	C. Drum
Pike (Lake)	38	2	17.3	L. Corrib	25 February, 1973	James Stafford
Pike (River)	42	0	19.1	R. Barrow	22 March, 1964	M. Watkins
Roach	2	13½	1.29	Cork Blackwater	21 August, 1970	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3	1	1.39	Kilglass L.	27 June, 1959	A. E. Biddlecombe
Rudd ¹ Hybrid/ Bream	5	13½	2.7	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	12th April, 1975	P. J. Dighton
Tench	7	13½	3.55	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	25 May, 1971	Raymond Webb.

BREAM

Since the Committee was established in 1955 the heaviest bream recorded was one weighing 10 lbs. 13 ozs. (4.9 kg.) taken from the River Shannon at Clondra on 5th May, 1969. The specimen weight was fixed at 7 lbs. (3.18 kg.) in 1955 when the Committee was established and this was increased to 7½ lbs. (3.41 kg.) as from the year 1967.

Since 1955 up to 31st December, 1974, a total of 174 specimen bream of 7½ lbs. or upwards were recorded from Irish waters as indicated in Table 1. More bream were taken in the Shannon system than any other river system (Table 2). The upper Erne system also yielded substantial numbers of specimen bream. The weight distribution in half pound groups as indicated in the Table below:—

Weight limits (lb.)						
7.50-7.99	8.00-8.49	8.50-8.99	9.00-9.49	9.50-9.99	10.00-10.49	10.50-10.99
93	44	21	7	4	3	2

TABLE 1.—Annual numbers of specimen bream weighing 7½ lbs. (3.40 kg.) and upwards taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, together with the maximum annual weights and location of capture.

Year	Number of Specimens	Heaviest fish Location of capture	Weight	
			lb.	oz.
1957	2	Lough-na-Clack (Carrickmacross)	11	
1958	2	R. Annalee	12	
1959	1	R. Shannon (Portumna)	12½	
1960	1	R. Owenmore (Ballymote)	8	
1961	2	R. Annalee	9½	
1962	3	Garnafailagh L. (Athlone)	2½	
1963	2	ditto	1	
1964	5	ditto	8	
1965	3	R. Shannon (Athlone)	12½	
1966	11	R. Shannon (Clondra)	2	
1967	15	ditto	5	
1968	32	R. Erne (Cavan)	12	
1969	26	R. Shannon (Clondra)	13	
1970	15	ditto	1½	
1971	6	Putiagh Lake (Belturbet)	0½	
1972	18	Lough Derry (Carrickmacross)	12	
1973	21	Ballinafid (Westmeath)	8½	
1974	9	ditto	3	
Total	174			

TABLE 2.—Number of specimen bream weighing 7½ lbs. and upwards in the different localities with the maximum weight for each locality.

Water	Number of Specimens	Maximum Weight	
		lb.	oz.
Shannon system			
R. Shannon (Portumna)	1	7	12½
R. Shannon (Athlone)	17	8	3
R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	38	8	12
R. Shannon (Clondra)	21	10	13
R. Shannon (Others)	3	8	6
R. Suck	2	8	6
L. Ree	5	8	2
Inner Lakes*	24	9	2½
R. Feorish (Drumsna)	2	8	12½
Ballinafid Lake (Mullingar)	3	9	8½
Fergus system			
Stones Lake	3	9	10
Corrib system			
Clare-Galway R.	1	7	14½
Ballyquirke Lake	1	7	12½
Erne system			
R. Erne (Cavan)	16	8	12
R. Annalee	4	9	12
L. Oughter	2	9	2½
Drumlane Lake (Killeshandra)	6	8	1
Putiagh Lake (Belturbet)	1	9	0½
L. Atray (Cavan)	1	8	8½
Garfinney L. (Killeshandra)	2		
Bann system			
Lower R. Bann	2	7	11
L. Beg	1	3	8
L. Neagh	1	3	2½
Glyde system			
L. Derry (Carrickmacross)	5	3	13
L. Na Glack (Carrickmacross)	1	10	11
Monalty L. (Carrickmacross)	8	3	2½
Other waters			
Owenmore R. (Ballymote)	2	3	6
Carnlough (Newry)	1	3	8
TOTAL	174		

*includes Coosan, Garnafailagh and other lakes east of L. Ree and near Athlone.

CARP

This species occurs only in a few localities in Ireland. It is not a native but was introduced on a number of occasions to various waters. Robert Boyle, the well-known scientist of the 17th century tells in a paper to the prestigious Royal Society of London how "my lord of Cork" (Richard, first and often called the great earl of Cork, his father) brought carp to Ireland³ Richard Boyle's diaries give full details of the introduction⁴.

The specimen weight for carp was fixed at 10 lbs. (4.54 kg.) in 1955 and the annual numbers taken from 1958 to 1974, together with the heaviest fish for each year and its location of capture are given in Table 3. Only three localities have provided specimen carp as indicated in Table 4. The weight distribution in pound groups was as follows:—

Weight limits (lb.)									
10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	Total
to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	Number
10.99	11.99	12.99	13.99	14.99	15.99	16.99	17.99	18.99	
16	13	9	9	7	2	2	3	4	65

TABLE 3.—Annual numbers of specimen carp 10 lbs. (4.54 kg.) and upwards taken from 1958 to 1974, inclusive, together with the heaviest fish and its location of capture.

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish Location of capture	Weight (lb.)
1958	1	Abbey Lake	18½
1967	4	Reynella Lake (Westmeath)	17
1968	2	ditto	15½
1971	1	ditto	13½
1972	15	The Lough, Cork	13
1973	22	ditto	17½
1974	20	ditto	18
TOTAL	65		

TABLE 4.—Location of capture of specimens.

Location	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish (lb.)
Abbey Lake	1	18½
Reynella Lake	7	17
The Lough, Cork	47	18½

DACE

This species is only to be found in the Cork Blackwater into which it was introduced in the year 1889⁵. The specimen weight was originally fixed at 1 lb. and 5 specimens weighing from 1.1 lbs. to 1 lb. 2 ozs. have been recorded.

EEL

Despite the fact that the eel is very widespread in Ireland and few waters lack eels this species is relatively not much sought after by anglers. The eel was only included in the list of specimen fish from 1966 and from 1966 to 1974, inclusive, 29 specimens were recorded as indicated in Table 5. Of these, more than half were from the Shannon system, including the record fish of 5 lbs. 15 ozs. (Table 6).

TABLE 5.—Annual numbers of specimen eels, weighing 2 lbs. (0.91 kg.) and upwards, taken from 1966 to 1974, inclusive, together with the maximum annual weight and location of capture.

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish Location of capture	Weight	
			lb.	oz.
1966	1	R. Bandon	2	13
1967	6	R. Shannon (Clondra)	3	4
1968	8	Caragh Lake	3	8½
1969	3	R. Shannon (Clondra)	5	15
1970	2	R. Blackwater	3	2
1971	2	R. Moy	4	10
1972	3	Dromtine Lake (Sneem)	4	11
1973	Nil	—	—	—
1974	4	Stoneyford R. (Boyne)	4	7
TOTAL	29			

TABLE 6.—Number of specimen eels weighing 2 lbs. in the different localities, with the maximum weight for each locality.

Water	Number of specimens	Maximum Weight	
		lb.	oz.
Cork Blackwater	5	2	13½
Bandon R.	1	2	13
Dromtine Lake (Sneem, Co. Kerry)	2	4	11
Caragh Lake	1	3	8½
Shannon system			
R. Shannon (O'Brien's Bridge)	1	3	12
R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	2	2	0
R. Shannon (Drumsna)	2	2	3½
R. Shannon (Clondra)	3	5	15
Little Brosna R.	2	3	2
Kilglass L.	1	3	4
Reynella Lake	1	2	5
Ballinafid Lake (Mullingar)	2	3	9
L. Sheeavor (Mullingar)	1	3	7
R. Corrib	1	3	1½
R. Moy	1	4	10
Stoneyford R. (Boyne)	1	4	7
Clea Lake, Co. Down	1	2	1
Pollamer Lake	1	2	12½
TOTAL	29		

PERCH

Over the past two centuries there is evidence that this species has spread, mainly because of man's activities, into new waters. For example, perch were first "planted" into Lough Rea, Co. Galway, about the year 1918. Despite its widespread distribution the number of specimen fish recorded since 1955 has only been six, weighing from 3 lbs. 6 ozs. to 3 lbs. 8½ ozs. Two from Lough Rea, one from Long Lough (Co. Down), two from the Erne system and one from White Lake near Castlepollard (Co. Westmeath). The heaviest of these fish from Lough Rea weighed 3 lbs. 8½ ozs. The record fish (5 lbs. 8 ozs.) was taken from Lough Erne before the Committee was founded in 1955.

PIKE

There is considerable evidence that the pike is not a native fish but that it was introduced into Irish waters many centuries ago. It has certainly spread in the past hundred years or so into new waters so that it is now widespread in its distribution

in the limestone regions of the country. When the Irish Specimen Fish Committee was founded in 1955 John Garvin's 53 lb. pike from Lough Conn was accepted as the Irish rod-caught record fish* but information came to hand suggesting that whilst the weight of the fish was correct there was considerable doubt as to its method of capture, that is to say whether it was taken by fair angling. The Committee, therefore, decided to declare the record open. From 1955 to the year 1969 the specimen weights for both lake and river pike were fixed at 30 lbs. but from 1970 onwards it was decided to lower the specimen weight for river pike to 20 lbs. Altogether 96 specimen pike (41 lake pike and 55 river pike) were recorded from 1955 to 1974. It is perhaps surprising that the present river record at 42 lbs. exceeds the lake record (38 lbs. 2 ozs.) by nearly 4 lbs.

The annual numbers of specimen pike taken from lakes and rivers from 1955 to 1974, together with the heaviest fish and its location of capture are given in Table 7 and the numbers of specimen pike taken in the different locations together with the heaviest fish are given in Table 8.

The weight distribution of specimen lake and specimen river pike were as follows:—

Weight limits (lb.)						
	20.00-24.99	25.00-29.99	30.00-34.99	35.00-39.99	40.00-44.99	Total
Lake Pike			31	10	—	41
River Pike	31	14	9	—	14	55

TABLE 7.—Annual numbers of pike, the heaviest fish, and its location of capture for both lake and river pike.

Year	Number of specimens		Heaviest fish Location of capture	Weight	
	LAKE	PIKE		b.	oz.
1955	1		L. Rea	32	8
1957	1		L. Rea	32	0
1960	1		Castlegrove L. (Tuam)	31	0
1961	4		L. Derg	35	0
1962	2		L. Mask	37	8
1963	1		L. Rea	30	8
1964	6		Templehouse L. (Ballymote)	37	0
1965	1		ditto	30	4
1966	1		Glasslough (Monaghan)	37	0
1967	3		L. Rea	38	0
1968	3		Muckno Lake	32	0
1969	1		Templehouse Lake	33	0
1970	2		L. Kinale	34	0
1971	4		ditto	36	0
1972	3		L. Sheelin	34	2
1973	5		L. Corrib	38	2
1974	2		L. Nahinch (Strokestown)	31	0
TOTAL	41				
Year	Number of specimens		Heaviest fish Location of capture	Weight	
	RIVER	PIKE		b.	oz.
1960	1		Dwenmore R. (Ballymote)	31	4
1961	1		ditto	30	2
1964	1		L. Barrow	12	0
1968	3		L. Blackwater (Enfield)	33	0
1970	11		L. Shannon	31	0
1971	12		L. Erne	32	2
1972	11		L. Shannon	31	0
1973	8		L. Shannon	35	8
1974	7		Grand Canal	26	0
TOTAL	55				

TABLE 8.—Number of specimen pike taken in the different locations together with the heaviest fish.

Water	Number of specimens	Maximum weight lb.	oz.
LAKE PIKE			
Shannon system			
L. Derg	1	35	0
L. Ree	1	38	0
L. Forbes	1	34	8
L. Scur (Carrick-on-Shannon)	1	30	1
L. Allen	3	36	0
L. Nahinch (Strokestown)	1	31	0
L. Sheelin	1	34	12
L. Kinale	3	36	0
L. Bracklagh	1	30	3½
Corrib system			
L. Corrib	1	38	2
L. Mask	1	37	3
L. Carra	1	33	3
Cloon L. (off L. Mask)	1	36	0
Castlegrove Lake (Tuam)	1	31	0
Other waters			
Muckno Lake (Carrickmacross)	2	32	0
Glasslough (Monaghan)	2	32	0
L. O'Grady (Clare)	1	33	0
Kilgory L. (Clare)	1	33	4
L. Rea	1	32	0
Templehouse L. (Ballymote)	1	37	0
L. Creeve (Tyrone)	1	35	4½
RIVER PIKE			
Shannon system			
R. Shannon	25	31	0
R. Suck	6	30	0
Breensford R.	1	22	12
Erne system			
R. Erne	3	32	2
Woodford R.	1	26	12
Castle River (Killeshandra)	1	20	8
Other waters			
R. Boyne	1	21	11½
R. Blackwater (Enfield)	2	33	0
R. Liffey	3	27	0
Grand Canal	3	26	0
R. Barrow	1	42	0
R. Suir	1	25	0
Owenmore R. (Ballymote)	2	31	4
R. Bann	2	25	0

ROACH

Like the dace the roach was first introduced into the Cork Blackwater in the year 1889⁹ and for many years the Cork Blackwater was its only Irish locality. Subsequently, about the year 1957, roach were identified from the Foyle system⁹, in the year 1968 from the Erne system also¹⁰ and more recently in 1973 from the upper waters of the River Shannon.¹¹ The specimen weight for the roach was fixed at 2 lbs. (0.91 kg.) when the Committee was formed and in 1971 this was increased to 2½ lbs. (1.1 kg.). The numbers of specimen roach recorded from 1963 to 1974, inclusive, was 90, the number of annual specimens being given in Table 9. All of these were taken from the Cork Blackwater, one at Fermoy and the rest at Cappoquin at the top of the tideway. The record rose from 2 lbs. 2½ ozs. in 1963 to 2 lbs. 8 ozs. in 1965, to 2 lbs. 10½ ozs. in 1969 and to 2 lbs. 13½ ozs. in 1970 at which it

remains. A fish taken in 1972 equalled the record. The weight distribution was as follows:—

Weight limits (1b)					Total
2.00-2.24	2.25-2.49	2.50-2.74	2.75-2.99		
61	19	6	4		90

TABLE 9.—Annual numbers of specimen roach, limit 2 lbs. (0.91 kg.) up to and including 1970 and 2½ lbs. (1.02 kg.) thereafter taken from 1963 to 1972, inclusive. All captures were made in the Cork Blackwater, one from Fermoy and the rest from Cappoquin.

Year	Number of specimens	Maximum weight	
		lb.	oz.
	3	2	2½
	Nil		
	11	2	8
	8	2	6½
	12	2	8
	6	2	4
	15	2	10½
	29	2	13½
	3	2	6
	3	2	13½
	90		

RUDD

The rudd, a closely related species to the roach, and as stated earlier often called roach in Ireland, is widely distributed throughout the country, often in small lakes and ponds. The specimen weight was fixed at 2 lbs. when the Committee was founded, but later in 1966 the weight was increased to 2½ lbs. The annual numbers of specimen rudd weighing 2½ lbs. and upwards taken from 1958 to 1974, inclusive, are given in Table 10. The record fish was taken in 1960 from Kilglass Lake, off the main Shannon, below Carrick-on-Shannon. The Shannon system accounted for the bulk of specimens, only 15 out of the total of 214 being taken outside that system (Table 11). The so-called "Inner Lakes", namely the small expansions of Lough Ree, north of Athlone, accounted for just over 45% of all specimens taken during the years in question. The weight distribution was as follows:—

Weight limits (lb.)					
2.00-2.24	2.25-2.49	2.50-2.74	2.75-2.99	3.00-3.24	Total
63	107	33	10	1	214

TABLE 10.—Annual numbers of specimen rudd weighing 2½ lbs. (1.02 kg.) and upwards taken from 1950 to 1974, inclusive, together with the maximum annual weights and location of capture.

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish		Weight	
		Location		lb.	oz.
1958	3	Lough-na-Clack (Carrickmacross)			
1959	4	R. Shannon (Portumna)			
1960	2	Kilglass L.			
1961	5	L. Atedaun			
1962	28	Garnafailagh L.			
1963	15	L. Sheelin			
1964	22	Garnafailagh L.			
1965	13	ditto			

TABLE 10—continued

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish Location	Weight	
			lb.	oz.
1966	27	Coosan L.	2	14
1967	16	R. Shannon (Athlone)	2	15
1968	5	Cloonfin L. (Strokestown)	2	8
1969	7	Dysart L.	2	14
1970	13	L. Finn (Strokestown)	2	11
1971	17	ditto	2	14
1972	4	Ballinfad Lake (Mullingar)	2	8
1973	19	L. Ree	2	11½
1974	14	Coosan L.	2	10
TOTAL	214			

TABLE 11.—Number of specimen rudd weighing 2 lbs. and upwards in the different localities with the maximum weight for each locality.

Water	Number of specimens	Maximum weight	
		lb.	oz.
Shannon system			
R. Shannon (Portumna)	5	2	6
R. Shannon (Shannonbridge)	1	2	4
R. Shannon (Athlone)	36	2	15
R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	11	2	7½
R. Inny	1	2	8
L. Ree	13	2	11½
Inner Lakes*	97	2	15
Kilglass L.	2	3	1
Strokestown Lakes	26	2	14
L. Sheelin	1	2	13
Dysart Lake (Mullingar)	3	2	14
Ballinfad Lake (Mullingar)	3	2	8
Other waters			
Royal Canal (Leixlip)	4	2	2½
L. Atedaun (Ennis)	6	2	13½
L. MacNein	1	2	1
L. Naglath (Carrickmacross)	2	2	2
Monalty Lake (Carrickmacross)	2	2	4½
TOTAL	214		

* Inner Lakes includes Coosan and Garnaifallagh Loughs.

RUDD/BREAM HYBRIDS

Fish hybrids in nature are not particularly common but the rudd/hybrid has been recognised from Irish waters for a very long time, although the extent of its abundance has only been recognised comparatively recently. The 6½ lbs. so-called rudd reported in "Stream and Field"¹³ was probably a rudd/bream hybrid but as its body was not seen by any competent person the Irish Specimen Fish Committee decided it should not be regarded as the record fish. The present record stands at 5 lbs. 13½ ozs. for a fish taken in River Shannon, Lanesboro, Co. Longford, in 1975. The annual number of specimen rudd/bream hybrids of 3 lbs. and upwards, taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, are given in Table 12 and the number of specimens from each locality are given in Table 13. The Shannon system again accounted for a very large percentage of the specimens.

The weight distribution of rudd/bream hybrids was as indicated in the following Table:—

Weight limits (lb.)				
3.00-3.49	3.50-3.99	4.00-4.49	4.50-4.99	5.00-5.49
80	51	31	10	4
				TOTAL
				176

TABLE 12.—Annual numbers of specimen rudd/bream hybrids weighing 3 lbs. (1.36 kg.) and upwards taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, together with the maximum annual weights and location of capture.

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish Locality	Weight	
			lb.	oz.
1957	1	R. Shannon (Portumna)	4	12½
1958	1	Lough-na-Clack (Carrickmacross)	5	1
1962	30	Coosan L. and Garnaifallagh L.*	5	1
1963	11	Garnaifallagh L.*	5	5
1964	10	Monalty Lake (Carrickmacross)	4	14
1965	2	R. Shannon (Athlone)	3	6
1966	9	Ballykeeran L.*	4	2
1967	16	L. Ree	4	12½
1968	10	L. Ree	4	0
1969	2	Coosan L.*	4	1
1970	9	Coosan L.*	4	3
1971	14	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	4	4½
1972	11	Monalty Lake (Carrickmacross)	4	8
1973	21	ditto	4	10
1974	29	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	4	14
TOTAL	176			

* Described as Inner Lakes in Table 13.

TABLE 13.—Numbers of specimen rudd/bream weighing 3 lbs. (1.36 kg.) and upwards taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, in the different localities with the maximum weight for each locality.

Water	Number of specimens	Maximum weight	
		lb.	oz.
Shannon system			
R. Shannon (Shannonbridge)	3	3	4
R. Shannon (Portumna)	2	4	12½
R. Shannon (Athlone)	10	4	4½
R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	44	4	9½
R. Inny	1	4	14
L. Ree	8	3	12½
Inner Lakes*	63	5	5
Cloonfin L. (Kilglass)	1	3	0½
Charleville Lake (Tullamore)	4	4	1
Ballinfad Lake	1	3	6
Erne system			
R. Erne (Cavan)	2	3	6½
Black Lake (Belturbet)	9	3	14
Bun Lake (Belturbet)	1	3	3
Derrygid Lake (Cavan)	1	3	3
Peartree Lake (Cavan)	2	3	5
Dee and Glyde system			
L. Bracken (Carrickmacross)	1	3	1
L. Na-Clack (Carrickmacross)	2	5	1
Monalty L. (Carrickmacross)	20	4	14
Other waters			
Ballycullin L. (Corofin, Co. Clare)	1	3	11½
TOTAL	176		

TENCH

Like the carp the tench was introduced into Irish waters.¹⁴ It is rather widespread in the Shannon system from Athlone upwards. When the Irish Specimen Fish Committee was formed the specimen weight was fixed at 5 lbs. but in 1965 it was raised to 6 lbs. In 1959 the record stood at 7 lbs. It rose to 7 lbs. 6 ozs. in 1963, to 7 lbs. 12 ozs. in 1966 and to 7 lbs. 13½ ozs. in 1971, at which it still remains. The annual numbers of specimen tench weighing 6 lbs. and upwards taken from

1957 to 1974, inclusive, together with the heaviest fish and its place of capture are given in Table 14.

A total of 230 tench of 6 lbs. and upwards was taken from 1957 to 1974 and of these only 12 were taken outside the Shannon system (Table 15). The Shannon at Lanesboro accounted for 138 (60%) specimens, including the record and there is an explanation for this figure. An electricity generating station is situated on the Shannon at Lanesboro and the cooling water discharges in raising the temperature level of the adjacent waters provide excellent conditions for tench.

The weight distribution of the specimens was as follows:—

Weight limits (lb.)

6.00-6.24	6.25-6.49	6.50-6.74	6.75-6.99	7.00-7.24	7.25-7.49	7.50-7.74	7.75-7.99
111	54	28	15	14	4	1	3

TABLE 14.—Annual numbers of specimen tench weighing 6 lbs. (2.72 kg.) and upwards taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, together with the maximum annual weights and location of capture.

Year	Number of specimens	Heaviest fish	Weight	
		Locality	lb.	oz.
1957	1	Dysart Lake	6	8½
1959	1	Clooncorrick L. (nr. Carrigallen)	7	0
1960	1	Clogher R.	6	0
1962	7	Garnafailagh L.	6	8
1963	8	ditto	7	6
1964	17	ditto	6	10
1965	11	Clooncorrick L.	6	8
1966	11	R. Shannon (Clondra)	7	12
1967	13	R. Feorish (near Clondra)	7	0½
1968	10	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	7	5
1969	13	Reynella Lake (Westmeath)	7	8
1970	16	R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	6	14½
1971	29	ditto	7	13½
1972	42	ditto	7	7½
1973	20	ditto	7	1½
1974	30	ditto	7	13
TOTAL	230			

TABLE 15.—Numbers of specimen tench weighing 6 lbs. (2.72 kg.) and upwards taken from 1957 to 1974, inclusive, from the different localities with the maximum weight for each locality.

Water	Number of specimens	Maximum weight
		lb. oz.
Shannon system		
R. Shannon (Athlone)	1	
R. Shannon (Lanesboro)	138	13½
R. Shannon (Clondra)	6	12
Albert Lock	6	1
Feorish R.	5	0½
L. Ree	4	2½
Inner Lakes*	55	6
Lowfield L.	1	0
Reynella L. (Mullingar)	1	8
Dysart Lake (Westmeath)	1	8½
Other waters		
Purtighan Lake (Belturbet)	8	
Clooncorrick L. (Carrigallen)	2	
L. Derry (Carrickmacross)	2	
TOTAL	230	

GENERAL COMMENTS

The number of specimens recorded from the different waters is determined by many factors, the most important of all are the biological factors. Obviously, if conditions are such as a particular species does not grow to a large size specimen fish will not be forthcoming. Likewise, even if fish do reach specimen size they will not be taken unless there are facilities for their capture. The extent to which proper accommodation for anglers is provided in an area will have an important bearing on whether specimens are taken from a particular water or not. A good example are the so-called Inner Lakes, and particularly Coosan and Garnafailagh Loughs, which are expansions of Lough Ree, just north of the town of Athlone, and which have provided large numbers of specimen bream, rudd, rudd/bream and tench as is indicated in the Table below.

Species	Number of specimens		Percentage of total from Inner Lakes
	From Inner Lakes	Total for whole country	
Bream	24	174	13.8
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	63	176	35.8
Rudd	97	214	45.4
Tench	55	230	23.9
TOTAL	239	794	30.1

The reason for the large number of specimens from this area was two-fold. Firstly, biological conditions were highly satisfactory for the growth of these species resulting in a rapid growth rate and the attainment of a large size but, secondly, the owner of a guest house near these waters catered for the coarse fish angler and encouraged him in every way, and particularly in ensuring that any specimen taken was properly recorded. Likewise, the very favourable conditions now prevailing in the Lanesboro region at the northern part of Lough Ree on the Shannon system has attracted anglers from abroad, who have been provided with good catering facilities and living accommodation in the area.

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RARE, SCARCE OR LOCAL SPECIES CAUGHT IN IRISH WATERS IN 1975

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In addition to the species mentioned in the foregoing lists the following interesting species, rare, scarce or local in Irish waters were recorded up to 20th November, 1975. Those fish indicated with an asterisk were taken by rod and line.

Species	Scientific Name†	Locality
Norway Haddock (Red fish)	Sebastes marinus marinus	Dingle Bay
Lesser forkbeard (Tadpole fish)	Raniceps raninus	Blasket Islands
Red band fish	Cepola rubescens	Dingle Bay, Smerwick Hrb.
Black Bream	Spondylusoma Cantharus	Dingle Bay
Black fish	Centrolopus niger	Slea Head, Dunmore East, Achill
Snake pipe fish	Entelurus aequorius	Slea Head, Kincasslagh
Boar fish	Capros aper	Brandon Bay
Streaked gurnard	Trigla lineata	Brandon Bay
Smooth Hound	Mustellus mustellus	Dingle Bay
Tile fish	Balistes carolinensis	Numerous on all coasts (except in Irish sea)
Wipe fish	Syngnathus typhle	Ventry Hrb.
Red Sea Bream	Pagellus centrodontus	Ballinskelligs
Short spined sea scorpion	Cottus scorpius	Greystones*
Ray's Bream	Brama brama	Courtmacsherry
Worm	Brosme brosme	Achill Sound
Red mullet	Mullus surmuletus	Broadhaven Bay

† As given in "List of Irish Fishes" by A. E. J. Went and M. Kennedy, National Museum, Dublin.

SCHEDULE (1976)

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN AND SETTING UP WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD lb. oz.	SPECIMEN lb.	SETTING UP lb.
SALMON (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	57 0	25	50
SEA TROUT (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	14 3	6	10
BROWN TROUT (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (river)	20 0	5	10
BROWN TROUT (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (lake)	26 2	10	—
SLOB TROUT (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	—	10	—
BREAM (<i>Abramis brama</i>)	11 12	7½	10
CARP (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	18 12	10	20
JACE (<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>)	1 2	1	1½
PERCH (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>)	5 8	3	4
PIKE (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (lake)	38 2	30	50
PIKE (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (river)	42 0	20	—
ROACH (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	2 13½	2½	3
RUDD (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>)	3 1	2½	3
RUDD X BREAM HYBRID	5 13½	3	—
ROACH X BREAM HYBRID	—	3	—
TENCH (<i>Tinca tinca</i>)	7 13½	6	—
EEL (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>)	5 15	3	—
SEA FISH			
ANGLER FISH (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	71 8	40	—
BASS (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	16 6	10	—
BLACK SOLE (<i>Solea solea</i>)	3 10	2	3
BILL (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>)	—	8	14
COALFISH (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	24 7	15	30
COD (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	42 0	25	40
CONGER (<i>Conger conger</i>)	72 0	40	70
LAB (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	1 12½	1½	2
DOG FISH—SPUR (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	16 4	12	—
LESSER SPOTTED (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>)	—	7	—
GREATER SPOTTED (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>)	21 4	16	—
FLounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	4 3	2½	3
GARFISH (<i>Belone belone</i>)	3 10½	2½	—
GURNARD—TUB (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>)	12 3½	5	12
GREY (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>)	3 1	1½	—
RED (<i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i>)	3 9½	2	—
HADDOCK (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	10 13½	7	—
HAKE (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25 5½	10	—
HALIBUT (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	158 0	50	—
HERRING (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	—	4	7
JOHN DORY (<i>Zeus faber</i>)	7 1	4	—
JING (<i>Molva molva</i>)	46 8	25	—
MACKEREL (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	3 8	2½	—
MEGRIM (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	—	3	—
MONKFISH (<i>Squatina squatina</i>)	69 0	50	—
MULLET—GREY (Thick Lipped) (<i>Crenimugil labrosus</i>)	7 12	5	8
RED (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	—	1	—
PLAICE—(<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	7 2½	4	—
POLLACK (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	19 3	12	16
ROUTING (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)	4 10	3	4
RAY—THORNBARK (<i>Raja clavata</i>)	37 0	20	40
BLONDE (<i>Raja brachyura</i>)	36 8	25	30
CUCKOO (<i>Raja naevus</i>)	5 11	4½	—
HOMELYN (<i>Raja montagui</i>)	7 1	5	—
UNDULATE (<i>Raja undulata</i>)	16 12	13	—
PAINTED (<i>Raja microcellata</i>)	12 12½	10	—
STING (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>)	51 0	30	40
RAY'S BREAM (<i>Brama brama</i>)	6 0	5	—
RED SEA BREAM (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9 6	4½	7
SCAD (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	—	2	3
SHAD—ALLIS (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	—	4	5
TWAITE (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	—	2½	3

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN AND SETTING UP WEIGHTS—continued

	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	SETTING UP "
	lb. oz.	lb.	lb.
SHARK—PORBEAGLE (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)	365 0	150	300*
BLUE (<i>Prionace glauca</i>)	206 0	100	—
THRESHER (<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>)	— —	120	—
MAKO (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	— —	200	200*
SIX-GILLED (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>)	— —	100	—
SKATE—COMMON (<i>Raja batis</i>)	221 0	130	—
WHITE (<i>Raja alba</i>)	165 0	120	—
LONG NOSE (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>)	— —	80	—
TOPE (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>)	60 12	40	80
TUNNY (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	— —	100	—
FURBOT (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>)	26 8	18	25
WHITING (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4 8½	3	4½
WRASSE-BALLAN (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	7 6	6	9
WRASSE—CUCKOO (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	1 9½	1½	—

* Head only.

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