

# REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE For the Year 1980.

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During the year the Committee received 603 claims and ratified 514.

## SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1980

(Dates of capture 1980 unless otherwise stated)

### SALMON

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	oz.				
Record, 57 lbs.				Specimen Weight 25 lbs.: 11.339 kilos	
26	4	River Slaney	9th March	John Bolger, Jnr.	3" Yellow & Green Devon

### SEA TROUT

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	oz.				
Record, 14 lbs. 3 ozs.				Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.: 2.721 kilos	
8	7	Ballinahinch River, Connemara.	28th June	Malachy O'Callaghan	Wetfly
7	5½	Lough Currane	18th August	K. V. Lauchert (D)	Wetfly
7	1	Lough Currane	24th July	J. O. Baller (GB)	Wetfly
6	15½	Lough Currane	25th June	Theo Ripplinger (D)	Wetfly
6	13½	Lough Currane	29th May	J. Woodhead (GB)	Wetfly
6	11	Lough Currane	12th April	Leslie McAlpine	Mepps
6	9½	Lough Currane	18th April	Werner Zirngibl (D)	Rapala Plug
6	7	Lough Currane	4th August	Joseph Slevin	Wetfly
6	4½	Lough Currane	1st July	Sylvester Donnelly	Wetfly
6	4	Lough Currane	1st June	Dermot Halpin	Wetfly
6	2	Margy River	7th July	R. Ramsey	Worm
6	1½	Lough Currane	8th June	Dr. P. O'Meara	Wetfly

### BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	oz.				
Record, 20 lbs.				Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.: 2.268 kilos	
8	4	River Clare, Kilcreevanty	16th April	Martin Martyn	Worms
3.6 kilos		River Shannon, Ballintra	6th March	Maurice Cullen	Golden Devon
6	9	River Shiven	24th May	Matthew Cunningham	Fly
6	8	Colebrooke River	15th April	J. Martin	Dead Perch
5	5½	Little Brosna River	1st March	John Delaney	Worm
5	1½	Little Brosna River	5th March	Jim Hynes	Worm

# BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record, 26 lbs. 2 ozs.					Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.: 4.536 kilos				
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD					
10 12	Upper Lough Corrib	20th August	Martin Walsh	Wetfly					
BREAM					Record, 11 lbs. 12 ozs.				
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	Specimen Weight, 7½ lbs.: 3.402 kilos				
9 9	Ballinafid Lake, Mullingar.	20th May	John Foy (GB)	Maggot Cocktail					
9 8	Ballinafid Lake	31st May	John Foy (GB)	Bread Paste					
9 2½	River Shannon, Lanesboro.	4th April	M. Biggs (GB)	Bread					
9 2	Lanesboro	26th April	Damian Gilmore	Bread Flake					
9 1½	Lanesboro	13th May, '79	Alan Coates (GB)	Bread					
9	Lanesboro	29th April	Oliver Purcell	Bread Flake					
8 12½	Ballinafid Lake	30th May	John Foy (GB)	Bread Paste					
8 12	Lanesboro	13th May, '79	Alan Coates (GB)	Bread					
8 10	Lanesboro	5th May	Geoffrey Dawson (GB)	Bread Flake					
8 8	Monalty Lake, Carrickmacross.	21st June	Mark McCleery	Bread and Maggot					
8 5½	Monalty Lake	5th June	R. Forty (GB)	Bread Flake					
8 5	Lough Ree, Athlone.	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Worm					
8 4	Monalty Lake	24th May	John Burrows	Worms					
8 4	Lanesboro	27th April	Michael Reynolds	Bread					
8 4	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Worm Cocktail					
8 3	Ballinafid Lake	21st May	John Foy (GB)	Lobworm					
8 2½	Lanesboro	15th May, '79	P. C. Hart (GB)	Bread Flake					
8 2	River Shannon, Athlone.	26th July	Maurice English (GB)	Bread Flake					
8 2	Lanesboro	23rd April	Vincent Baker	Bread					
8 1	Lanesboro	21st May	Nigel Mewlett (GB)	Bread Flake					
8 1	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Worm Cocktail					
8 1	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Worm Cocktail					
8	Lanesboro	14th May, '79.	P. C. Hart (GB)	Bread Flake					
7 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Worm Cocktail					
7 13½	Lanesboro	6th April	Barry Lister (GB)	Bread					
7 13¼	Lanesboro	7th April	Wilfred Lister (GB)	Bread					
7 12½	Lanesboro	7th April	Barry Lister (GB)	Bread					
7 12	Lanesboro	5th May	B. R. Staveley (GB)	Red Worms					
7 12	Lough Ree	5th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail					
7 11	Lough Derry, Carrickmacross.	13th August	Nigel Bowley (GB)	Maggots & Caster					
7 10	Lough Derry	14th August	Stan Thompson (GB)	Caster					
7 10	River Suck	10th May	Trevor Gunning (GB)	Brandlings					
7 10	Lanesboro	3th May	Peter Kay (GB)	Worms					
7 10	Lanesboro	15th May	Geoffrey Dawson (GB)	Bread Flake					
7 10	Lanesboro	5th May	Peter Walsh	Bread Flake					
7 10	Lanesboro	5th May	Paul Harrison (GB)	Red Worms					
7 9½	Lanesboro	23rd April	Vincent Baker	Bread & Worms					

# BREAM (continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 9	Lanesboro	6th May	Colm Quinn	Bread
7 9	Lough Derry	14th August	Dean Guest (GB)	Maggots
7 9	Lanesboro	27th April	Oliver Purcell	Bread Flake
7 9	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Worm Cocktail
7 8¼	Lanesboro	26th April	Michael Wyse	Bread Flake
7 8	Lough Derry	13th August	Nigel Bowley (GB)	Maggots & Caster
7 8	Lanesboro	20th May	Thomas Warner (GB)	Bread Flake

# EEL

Record, 6 lbs. 15 ozs.					Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.: 1.361 kilos				
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD					
3 3½	Aughrusbeg Lake, Clifden.	7th Sept.	Peter Walsh	Worms					

# PIKE (RIVER)

Record, 42 lbs.					Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.: 9.072 kilos				
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD					
41	River Suck, Athleague.	22nd May	Alan Underhill (GB)	Dead Jack Pike					
29 4	River Bann	11th Feb., '79	John Lowry	Dead Roach					
27 8	River Awbeg	2nd June	Barrie Stephens (GB)	Dead Bait					
27	River Slaney, Enniscorthy	3rd February	James Dean	Plug					
25 2	River Liffey	13th April	Colm Higgins	Dead Bait					
25	River Fergus	24th February	Martin White	2½" Brown & Gold Devon					
25	River Erne, Cavan	11th April	Jean Aubegny (F)	Dead Roach					
23 5	River Slaney	13th January	James Dean	Plug					
22 1	Movanagher Canal	30th Dec., '79	John Johnston	Dead Rudd					
20 12	River Shannon, Leitrim.	10th May	Roy Smyth	Dead Bait					
20 8	River Shannon, Drumshanbo.	16th April	Joachim Wulf (D)	Dead Roach					
20 4	River Shannon, Drumshanbo.	16th April	Erich Skirde (D)	Spinner					
20	River Shannon, Leitrim	10th May	Roy Smyth	Dead Bait					

# PIKE (LAKE)

Record, 38 lbs. 2 ozs.					Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.: 13.608 kilos				
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD					
33 4	Lough Allen	12th Oct., '79	Michael McEwen (GB)	Hi-Low					
32	Mount Cashel Lake, Co. Clare	7th April	Desmond Deegan	Toby					
30 12	Lough Oughter	20th July	Clive Lipscomb (GB)	Dead Roach					

# RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record, 5 lbs. 13 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs. 8 ozs.: 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 12	Lough Ree, Athlone.	26th April	Barry Brill	Bread/Maggot Cocktail
4 10	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 8	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
4 8	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 8	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 7	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Worm Cocktail
4 5	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 4	Lough Ree	19th April	Steve McLoughlin	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
4 4	Lough Ree	26th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 3	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 2	Lough Ree	26th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 2	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4 1	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
4	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 15	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 14	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 13	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 13	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 12	Lough Ree	26th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 12	Grand Canal, Prosperous.	8th April	Aidan Moore	Dough
3 11	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 11	Lough Ree	18th May	Stewart Collier (GB)	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
3 11	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 10	Lough Ree	6th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail

# RUDD/BREAM HYBRID (continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 9	Charleville Lake	24th July	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 9	Lough Ree	5th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 9	Lough Ree	5th April	Barry Brill	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 9	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Charleville Lake	24th July	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 8	Charleville Lake	24th July	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 8	Lough Ree	26th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Lough Ree	20th May	Michael Cullen (GB)	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Lough Ree	19th April	Steve McLoughlin	Worm & Maggot Cocktail
3 8	Lough Ree	6th April	Steve McLoughlin	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
3 5	Charleville Lake	25th July	W. J. Mahoney (GB)	Maggots
3 4½	Lough Ree	18th May	Martin Dixon (GB)	Worms
3 1	Charleville Lake	24th July	Matthew Nolan	Maggots
3 1	Charleville Lake	24th July	Matthew Nolan	Maggots
3 0½	Lough Ree	20th May	Michael Cullen (GB)	Worm & Maggot Cocktail

# TENCH

Record, 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.: 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 12	River Shannon, Lanesboro.	6th May	William Haslam (GB)	Worms
6 11½	Lanesboro	16th May	Chris McKechnie (GB)	Bread Flake
6 11	Lanesboro	2nd June, '79	John Green (GB)	Bread Flake
6 10½	Lanesboro	18th June	Erno de Bruyn (NL)	Maggots
6 9½	Lanesboro	12th May	Alan Coates (GB)	Bread Flake
6 7½	Lanesboro	12th May	Arthur Russell (GB)	Bread Paste
6 7½	Lanesboro	28th May	Robin Russell (GB)	Bread
6 7	Lanesboro	11th July	Jack Heath (GB)	Bread Flake
6 7	Lanesboro	30th May	Ross Nursey (GB)	Bread
6 6½	Lanesboro	26th April	Damian Gilmore	Bread Flake
6 5½	Lanesboro	17th May, '79	Alan Rance (GB)	Bread
6 5	Corgar Lake, Ballinamore.	23rd June	Raymond Bows (GB)	Maggots
6 4	Corgar Lake	16th June	Dennis Goodison (GB)	Maggots
6 3	Lanesboro	13th May	Chris McKechnie (GB)	Bread Flake
6 3	Corgar Lake	17th June	Dennis Goodison (GB)	Worms
6 2½	Lanesboro	25th May	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
6 2	Lanesboro	14th May	David Watson (GB)	Bread Flake
6 2	Lanesboro	26th April	Geoffrey Dawson (GB)	Bread Flake

# ANGLER FISH

Record, 71 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.: 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
40. 8	Belfast Lough	6th July	Robert Haggan	Mackerel Strip

# BASS

Record, 17 lbs. 1½ oz.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.: 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12. 1½	Clonakilty	20th July	Charles Chambers	Crab
11. 13	Ballybunion	16th September	Brian Martin	Lugworm
11. 10	Katt's Strand, Co. Wexford.	27th October	Michael Fennelly	Ragworm
11. 7	Kilgorman, Co. Wexford.	17th May	Henry Cottell	Lugworm
11. 5½	Valentia	25th August	Derrick McKenna	Red Gill
11. 3½	Waterville	1st September	Michael Crawford (GB)	Razorfish
11. 1	Tramore	8th October	James O'Brien	Red Gill
11. 0¾	Cork Harbour	3rd July	John Curtin	Mackerel
11.	Malahide	8th August	Paul Wickham	Ragworm
11.	Rogerstown, Co. Dublin.	31st August	Dermot Kiely	Ragworm
10. 15	Rush	18th August	John Sherry	Toby
10. 14	Rosscarbery	28th September	Colin Barnes	Peeler Crab
10. 14	Lisselty, Co. Waterford.	16th August	Dominick Kearns	Mackerel Strip
10. 12	Garryvoe	15th September	Pat O'Flaherty	Lugworm
10. 8	Dungarvan	21st May	Paul Needham	Crab
10. 8	Tramore	23rd September	Frank Power	Sandeel
10. 8	Baltray	4th June	Sidney Norris	Crab
10.5	Baltray	3rd August	Hugh Hayden	Crab
10. 6	Bannow, Wexford	29th June	Dominic Murphy	Lugworm
10. 5	Dun Laoghaire	5th May	Owen Matthews	Lugworm
10. 4	Cobh	29th August	W. Mayes (GB)	Mackerel Strip
10. 3	Youghal	8th September	Peter McCartin	Peeler Crab
10. 2	Cork Harbour	2nd September	George Stockley	Mackerel Strip
10. 2	Tramore	10th August	John O'Brien	ABU Egon

# BLACK SOLE

Record, 4.29 lb.

Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.: .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.29 lb.	Ballycotton	14th November	Edmund Cull	Squid Strip
3. 6	Ardmore	29th September	Michael Dunne	Lugworm
2. 4	Red Bay, Co. Antrim.	8th October	James Cosby	Ragworm

# COD

Record, 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.: 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
31. 8	Kinsale	24th August	C. Coppenrath (NL)	Mackerel Strip
28. 8	Causeway Coast	24th July	F. G. Hunter	Feathers
28. 4	Causeway Coast	15th June	David McClelland	Lugworm

# COD (continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
28	Ballycotton	12th July	Vincent O'Donovan	Mackerel Strip
26. 4	Valentia	26th August	Derrick McKenna	Mackerel
26	Courtmacsherry	16th May	Arie Tabbernee (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26	Courtmacsherry	9th October	Ch. Roling (NL)	Mackerel Strip
25	Portrush	24th July	Bryan Glasser, Jnr.	Baited Sandeel

# CONGER EEL

Record, 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.: 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
47	Teelin Pier, Co. Donegal	6th September	Sean McGroggan	Mackerel
19 kilos	Sneem, Co. Kerry.	29th June	P. Van Aalst (NL)	Mackerel
41	Dungarvan	21st August	Hank Van Zanten (NL)	Mackerel
41	Courtmacsherry	11th July	Gerard Triep (NL)	Mackerel Strip
41	Dungarvan	27th June	Tony Hotchkiss (GB)	Mackerel
40. 7	Cleggan	10th September	A. Van Oostenbrugge (NL)	Mackerel Strip
40	Dungarvan	25th August	A. De Ligt (NL)	Mackerel
40	Dungarvan	8th August	Hank Van Zanten (NL)	Mackerel

# DAB

Record, 1 lb. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.: .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1. 12½	Ballycotton	23rd February	Michael Hennessy	Lugworm
1. 12	Ballycotton	12th July	Stanley Maher	Lugworm
1. 11½	Dungarvan	26th July	Kevin Bolster	Mackerel
1. 8	Cobh	4th September	Jack O'Flaherty	Mackerel

# GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 21 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 16 lbs.: 7.257 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
19. 8	Valentia	30th July	H.A. Outmaijer (NL)	Mackerel
18	Courtmacsherry	26th August	N. Koldewyn (NL)	Mackerel Strip
17. 7	Valentia	25th August	Frans Mens (B)	Mackerel
7.7 kilos	Kinsale	30th September	Arthur Long	Mackerel Strip
16. 9	Ballinskelligs	3rd August	Paddy Maguire	Mackerel
16. 8	Killala Bay	26th August, '79	Moir Kieran	Mackerel Strip
16.4	Clew Bay	1st September	John Foy	Mackerel Strip
16. 5	Dingle	15th August	C. Vermeerbergen (B)	Mackerel
16. 5	Valentia	21st August	Caesar Moerenhout (B)	Mackerel
16. 4	Ballycotton	7th September	Michael Roche	Mackerel Strip
16. 2	Cobh	4th September	Jack O'Flaherty	Mackerel
16. 2	Courtmacsherry	5th August	J. Van Gulik (NL)	Mackerel

# LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 3 lbs. 15 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 3¼ lbs.: 1.475 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 15	Bunbeg, Co. Donegal	27th May, '79	Robert Smart	Mackerel Strip
3 14	Ballybrannigan, Co. Cork.	1st October	Bernard Daly	Lugworm
3 13½	Causeway Coast	17th September	Master W. Parke	Mackerel
3 12	Killybegs	3rd July	Gerald J. Nyssen (NL)	Mackerel
3 11½	Courtmacsherry	9th April	Harry Dortwegt (NL)	Coalfish
3 10	Courtmacsherry	22nd July, '79	A.H. van Wijk (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 9	Courtmacsherry	20th April	N. Bogert (NL)	Pollack Feathers
3 8½	Ballinskelligs	10th August	Paul Keen (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3 8	Hook Head, Wexford.	19th July	Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr.	Mackerel Strip
1.550 kilos	Causeway Coast	16th November	Dave Glasser	Coalfish Strip
3 6	Enniscrone	15th April	Hans Mikschl (D)	Herring
3 6	Enniscrone	2nd August	Roy Tynan	Baited Feathers
3 6	Red Bay, Co. Antrim.	4th October	W. A. Eades	Ragworm
3 5½	Greystones	19th September	Michael Doyle	Mackerel Strip
3 5½	Valentia	24th August	Frans Smets (B)	Mackerel
3 5½	Killala Bay	4th August	Robert Troy	Mackerel Strip
3 5½	Enniscrone	4th September	John O'Regan	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Portrush	6th August	Edward Reid	Herring baited spoon
3 5	Belfast Lough	9th August	James Brown	Mackerel
3 5	Courtmacsherry	24th June	Keith Wright (GB)	Mackerel
3 5	Courtmacsherry	3rd October, '79	Brian Furphy	Mackerel Strip
3 4½	Garryvoe	21st April	Bernard Daly	Lugworm & Mackerel Cocktail
3 4½	Garron Point, Co. Antrim.	20th August	Thomas Logan	Mackerel Strip
3 4½	Courtmacsherry	5th July, '79.	C. Oerlemans (NL)	Baited Feathers
3 4	Slade, Co. Wexford.	4th October	Jimmy Murphy	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Causeway Coast	9th August	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Red Bay	27th September	W. Irvine	Ragworm
3 4	Ballinskelligs	10th August	Master Tom Keen (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Garryvoe	3rd February	Liam Broderick	Lugworm
3 4	Courtmacsherry	7th August, '79	J. Bohm (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Rathlin Island	19th July	William McLaughlin	Mackerel Strip

# SPUR DOGFISH

Record, 18 lbs. 12 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.: 5.443 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 12	Skerries	2nd July	Mrs. P. Fitzgerald	Mackerel Strip
6½ kilos	Sneem	31st August	Th. T.G. Pas (NL)	Mackerel
4 4	Killybegs	2nd August	Enda O'Callaghan	Mackerel Strip
4 3	Kenmare Bay	2nd June	A. Capstick (GB)	Mackerel
4	Bundoran	29th June	Noel Mills	Mackerel Strip
3 7½	Greystones	17th May	Denis Horgan	Mackerel Strip
6 kilos	Sneem	13th July	L.M. Rennen (NL)	Mackerel
3	Ballycotton	5th September	Hans Manhart (A)	Mackerel Strip
3	Cobh	28th September	Edward Cullinane	Mackerel Strip
2 12	Greystones	17th May	Denis Horgan	Mackerel Strip
2 8	Dingle	3rd July	Rex Smith (GB)	Mackerel
2 2	Bundoran	10th June	Robert Graf	Mackerel last
2 2	Fenit	23rd August	Master Simon Wayne (GB)	Mackerel last

# FLOUNDER

Record, 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 2½ lbs.: 1.134 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 1¼	Ballyteigue Bay Co. Wexford.	20th January	William McLoughlin	Lugworm
3 12	Ardcavan, Co. Wexford	25th October	Billy McLoughlin	Ragworm
3 10½	Dungarvan	29th November	Miguel Garcia	Lugworm
3 9½	Ballinrannig, Dingle	7th October	C. J. Woodley (GB)	Peeler Crab & Lugworm
3 6	Ballinrannig	3rd October	Oliver Ginty	Lugworm
3 2½	Ballyteigue Bay	8th July	Graham Dungan	Crab
3 2	Ballyteigue Bay	22nd April	Joe Sinnott	Lugworm
3 2	Ballyteigue Bay	13th January	John Byrne	Ragworm
2 14½	Ballyteigue Bay	22nd April	Joe Sinnott	Lugworm
2 14	Courtmacsherry	10th August	Herbert Thiel (D)	Crab
2 14	Ardcavan, Co. Wexford.	2nd November	Thomas Keogh	Crab & Lugworm
2 13½	Dungarvan	24th January	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 13	Ballyteigue Bay	25th April	Colm Kehoe	Lugworm
2 13	Tramore	20th October	James Heffernan	Lugworm
2 13	Ballyteigue Bay	25th April	Colm Kehoe	Lugworm
2 13	Dungarvan	16th February	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 12½	Inch Strand, Whitegate	21st November '79	Nicholas McEvoy	Lugworm
2 12½	Courtmacsherry	9th June	Colman O'Sullivan	Crab
2 12	Dungarvan	17th June	John Regan	Crab
2 11	Garretstown Strand	6th January	John Sullivan	Lugworm
2 11	Dungarvan	20th January	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 10	Castlegregory	10th October	Kenneth Johnston	Lugworm
2 9½	Fethard on Sea	15th May	Marshall Beckett	Peeler Crab
2 9	Whitegate	31st Dec., '79	Michael Hennessy	Lugworm
2 9	Courtmacsherry	14th August	Master F. Burns (GB)	Lugworm
2 9	Kilmore Quay	3rd July	Michael Higgins	Crab
2 9	Ferrybank, Wexford.	1st Dec., '79.	Master B. Cantwell	Ragworm
2 9	Ardcavan	26th October	Nicholas McEvoy	Lugworm
2 8½	Crosshaven	11th May	Eric Gosnell	Peeler Crab
2 8½	Dungarvan	20th January	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 8½	Ardcavan	25th October	G. S. Roche	Crab
2 8	Causeway Coast	16th Dec. '79	Charles Martin	Ragworm
2 8	Ardcavan	26th October	Thomas Keogh, Jnr.	Crab & Ragworm

# GARFISH

Record, 3 lbs. 10½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 2½ lbs.: 1.134 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 4	Courtmacsherry	16th Sept.	H. v. Jansen (NL)	Garfish Strip
2 8	Kinsale	11th Sept.	P. Lemein (NL)	Mackerel Strip

# GREY GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz.		Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.: .680 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9½	Killala Bay	5th August, '79.	William Keogh	Mackerel Strip
1 8	Causeway Coast	5th September	Boyd Anderson	Razor Fish



# RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 9½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.: .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 0½	Lough Swilly	28th September	Garvan McElhinney	Mackerel Strip
2 9	Tory Island, Co. Donegal.	1st June	John Hartin	Mackerel
2 1	Causeway Coast	5th August	Donald Morrow	Ragworm
2 1	Causeway Coast	15th August	J. Heaney	Mackerel
2 1	Enniscrone	29th July	Max Renggli (CH)	Mackerel Feathers
2 1	Killala Bay	26th August	J. Carnal (NL)	Mackerel Strip
2	Causeway Coast	26th August	Mrs. Patricia Eakin	Mackerel Strip

# TUB GURNARD

Record, 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.: 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 7	Downings, Co. Donegal.	7th June	Tommy Ross	Mackerel Strip
6 10	Tory Sound	24th May	Willie Duffy	Mackerel Strip
6 10	Downings	7th June	Peter Carberry	Mackerel Baited Trailer
6 6½	Enniscrone	5th September	Richard Butler	Baited Feathers
6 4	Killala Bay	26th August, '79	Kieran Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
6 3	Enniscrone	1st September	Leslie Dean	Baited Feathers
6 2	Killala Bay	10th August	John Walkin	Mackerel Strip
5 12½	Enniscrone	5th September	Liam Hayes	Baited Feathers
5 8	Killala Bay	24th August	Hubert Gallagher	Mackerel & Baited Feathers
5 6	Killala Bay	25th Aug. '79	Josie Barrett	Mackerel Strip
5 4	Enniscrone	28th August	Alan Reynolds	Baited Spoon
5 4	Killala Bay	3rd September	Manfred Schuster (D)	Mackerel
5 2	Enniscrone	25th August	Kieran Savage	Baited Feathers

# HADDOCK

Record, 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.: 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 8	Port Ballintrae, Antrim.	10th August	Alan Reynolds	Ragworm
8 1	Causeway Coast	25th September	Adrian Murray	Ragworm
7 12	Causeway Coast	10th August	Paul Harkness	Lugworm
7 12	Causeway Coast	3rd May	Martin Cassidy	Lugworm
7 8	Causeway Coast	8th August	Master Gary Wilson	Mackerel Strip
7 2½	Causeway Coast	3rd July	William Yeaman	Lugworm Baited Spoon

# HAKE

Record, 25 lbs. 5½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.: 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11	Enniscrone	14th August	Erwin Frost (D)	Mackerel Fillet
10 3	Quilty, Co. Clare	2nd July	Peter Green	Mackerel

# JOHN DORY

Record, 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.: 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 13	Enniscrone	3rd July	Sean Walsh	Mackerel Feathers

# LING

Record, 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.: 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
35 12	Cobh	4th October	Michael Smith	Mackerel Strip
30 12	Valentia	16th August	M.A.Braber (NL)	Mackerel
29 8	Ballycotton	1st June	Denis O'Brien	Mackerel Strip
29	Cobh	1st October	Edward Cullinane	Baited Feathers
13.1 kilos	Kinsale	21st July	A. Schellekens (NL)	Mackerel Strip
28 8	Achill	19th October	William McGonigle	Herring Fillet
12.4 kilos	Kinsale	29th June	Declan Fogarty	Mackerel Strip
27 4	Cobh	6th July	John Byrne	Mackerel Strip
27	Kinsale	5th Sept. '78	Louis Mampaey (B)	Mackerel Strip
12 kilos	Kinsale	22nd August	P.C. Weekhout (NL)	Mackerel
26 2	Cobh	6th July	Gerard v. Dissel (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26	Kenmare Bay	29th July	Th. D. Pil (NL)	Mackerel
26	Causeway Coast	26th July	H. A. McIlrath	Baited Feathers
26	Ballycotton	7th September	William Cunningham	Mackerel
25.98	Valentia	14th August	Brian Thomas	Mackerel
25 8	Dungarvan	22nd August	L. de Groot (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
25 7	Clifden	2nd July	R. Kelly (NL)	Mackerel Strip
25 4½	Youghal	29th June	P. Watson	Mackerel
25 4	Cobh	12th November	J. van de Wouw (NL)	Mackerel Strip
25	Dungarvan	24th July	W. Van Den Eeckhaut (B)	Mackerel
25	Courtnacsherry	26th August	B. Molenaar (NL)	Mackerel Strip

# MONKFISH

Record, 73 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 50 lbs.: 22.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
73	Fenit, Co. Kerry	1st June	James Boyd (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
26.762 kilos	Fenit	19th August	Tim Eley (GB)	Mackerel
24.7 kilos	Fenit	8th July	D. Maggs (GB)	Mackerel
52 8	Fenit	11th July	Leslie Packer (GB)	Mackerel
23.587 kilos	Fenit	19th August	C. Oxley (GB)	Mackerel

# GREY MULLET

Record, 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.: 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 5	Kilmore Quay	1st August	Graham Dungan	Squid

# PLAICE

Record, 7 lbs. 2½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.: 1.814 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
5 10½	Greystones	8th June	John Harmon	Lugworm & Mussell	
5 6½	Causeway Coast	15th August	Catherine Foote	Lugworm	
5.79	White Bay, Co. Cork.	8th May	Edmund Cull	Mackerel Strip	
5.35	Greystones	17th July	Tony O'Connor	Lugworm	
5 5	Greystones	2nd August	Noel Dowling	Baited Spoon	
5	Portrush	17th September	John McKay	Baited Spoon	
4 12½	Greystones	28th September	Thomas Keogh, Jnr.	Baited Spoon	
4 10	Greystones	4th August	Michael Russell	Peeler Crab	
4 9.4	Greystones	14th July	Michael O'Driscoll	Lugworm	
4 6	Causeway Coast	8th August	Norman Green	Baited Spoon	
4.33	Greystones	17th July	Maurice Brady	Lugworm	
4 2½	Cobh	25th June	Patrick Leahy	Mackerel	
4 7	Greystones	8th May	Nigel Campbell	Lugworm	
4.4	Greystones	27th July	E. Richards	Lugworm	
4 4	Roches Point	5th August	Michael Roche	Cockle	
4.27	Greystones	27th July	Maurice Brady	Lugworm	
4 2	Causeway Coast	26th August	W. J. Kerrigan	Lugworm	

# POLLACK

Record, 19 lbs. 3 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.: 5.443 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
16 12	Causeway Coast	2nd November	Jesse Edgar	Cod Feathers	
14 8	Clifden	16th June	J. J. Smits	Sandeel	
14 3	Cobh	8th August	Hugh Abrams (GB)	Baited Feathers	
6.2 kilos	Kinsale	1st July	Dermot Houlihan	Baited Feathers	
13 8	Cobh	26th May	Finbarr Barry	Mackerel Strip	
6 kilos	Kinsale	8th Aug. '78	Kevin O'Herlihy	Mackerel Strip	
6 kilos	Kinsale	22nd August	R.P.A. Sporry (NL)	Mackerel Strip	
13 3	Achill	5th July	John O'Shea	Artificial Eel	
13	North Western Approaches, Donegal	17th May	Sam Moody	Pirk & Rubber Eel	
13	Courtmacsherry	8th June	Claude Jarno (F)	Mackerel Strip	
12 11	Cobh	26th May	Peter Feyen (NL)	Mackerel Strip	
12 10	Achill	6th August	Pat Lavelle	Red Gill	
12 8	North Western Approaches, Killala Bay	17th May	Joe Bradley	Pirk	
12 7½	Killala Bay	19th Aug. '79	Robert Donaldson	Mackerel	
12 7	Clifden	15th May	T. Van Buren (NL)	Feathers	
5.55 kilos	Kinsale	2nd October	Charles O'Sullivan	Mackerel	
12 3	Achill	13th June	Pat Lavelle	Eddystone Eel	
12 2	Clifden	22nd September	N. Ruis (NL)	Feathers	
12 1	Cobh	6th July	Finbarr Barry	Troller	
5.49 kilos	Kinsale	1st Sept., '79	Charles O'Sullivan	ABU Sextet	
12	Crosshaven	17th June '79	P. J. Hebels (NL)	Red Gill	
12	Valentia	14th August	Cornelis Plomp (NL)	Rubber Eel	

# POUTING

Record, 4 lbs. 10 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.: 1.361 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
4 1	Cork Harbour	3rd Sept.	Robert O'Flaherty	Mackerel	
4	Kenmare Bay	28th July	T. P. u. Rooyen (NL)	Mackerel	
3 4	Courtmacsherry	11th July	Jap v. Burgsteden (NL)	Mackerel	

# POUTING (continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
3 3	Port Ballintrae	21st Sept.	David Steele	Mackerel Strip	
3 2	Courtmacsherry	29th July	Sipko Auke Sipkens (NL)	Mackerel Strip	
3 1	Courtmacsherry	7th September	J. Tabbernee (NL)	Mackerel	
3 0½	Valentia	25th August	Frans Smets (B)	Mackerel	
3.02	Valentia	17th August	Caesar Moerenhout (B)	Mackerel	
3	Causeway Coast	25th May	A. Bones	Lugworm	
3	Valentia	26th August	F. Van Schoubroeck (B)	Mackerel	

# BLONDE RAY

Record, 36 lbs. 8 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.: 11.340 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
30 11	Cork Harbour	21st August	Siegfried Schmidt (D)	Mackerel	
28 4	Cork Harbour	21st August	William Cunningham	Sandeel	
27 14	Cobh	5th September	P.A. Veltkamp (NL)	Mackerel	
26	Kilcoole	24th June	Michael Phelan, Jnr.	Mackerel Strip	
25 12	Cobh	3rd September	Edward Cullinane	Mackerel Strip	

# CUCKOO RAY

Record, 5 lbs. 11 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.: 2.041 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
5 4½	Causeway Coast	14th August	Christopher Little	Mackerel	

# PAINTED RAY

Record, 14.37 lbs.		Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.: 4.536 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
14.37	Garryvoe	18th June	Edmund Cull	Mackerel Strip	

# HOMELYN RAY

Record, 7 lbs. 7½ ozs.		Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.: 2.268 kilos			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
5 8	Fenit	20th June, '79	Edgar Angermann (A)	Mackerel	
5 6	Causeway Coast	28th August	Christopher Little	Ragworm	

# THORNBACK RAY

Record, 37 lbs.		Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.: 9.072 kilos.			
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
lb. oz.					
25	Courtmacsherry	24th June	Keith Wright (GB)	Mackerel Strip	
21 12	Greystones	25th May	Nicholas Whelan	Mackerel	
21 4	Courtmacsherry	28th July	A. Van Der Velde (NL)	Mackerel Strip	
21	Cork Harbour	3rd September	Edward Kelly	Mackerel Strip	
21	Greystones	26th April	Thomas Matthews	Mackerel	
20 8	Courtmacsherry	7th August	Martin Zivama (NL)	Mackerel Strip	
20 3	Enniscrone	4th August	Nicholas Whelan	Mackerel Fillet	

# UNDULATE RAY

Record, 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 14 lbs.: 6.350 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17	Fenit	1st June	John Gordon (GB)	Mackerel Strip
16 4	Fenit	26th May	A.P. Slipper (GB)	Mackerel Strip
15	Fenit	27th June	Svenolof Hagglund (S)	Mackerel

# STING RAY

Record, 51 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.: 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17.9kilos	Fenit	7th April	P.J. de Wilde (NL)	Mackerel Strip
36 7	Fenit	26th May	K. Lipscombe (GB)	Mackerel

# TWAITE SHAD

Record, 2 lbs. 1½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.: .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 1½	River Barrow, St. Mullins.	4th May	Paul Cullen	Silver Mepps No. 3
1 15½	River Barrow	3rd May	Barrie Cooke	Voblex
1 15	River Barrow	3rd May	Hugh Gough	Voblex
1 15	River Barrow	10th May	Declan Brennan	Flat Spinner
1 14½	River Barrow	2nd May	Hugh Gough	Voblex
1 14	River Barrow	24th May	Declan O' Flanagan	Silver Toby
1 14	River Barrow	4th May	Paul Cullen	Silver Mepps No. 3
1 13½	River Barrow	17th May	Declan Brennan	Flat Spinner
1 12	River Barrow	3rd May	Hugh Gough	Voblex
1 12	River Barrow	4th May	Hugh Gough	Voblex
1 11½	River Barrow	24th May	Joseph Caffrey	Silver Toby
1 10½	River Barrow	17th May	Des Brennan	Mepps No. 3
1 10½	River Barrow	17th May	Gerard Brennan	Flat Spinner
1 9½	River Barrow	17th May	Des Brennan	Mepps No. 3
1 9½	River Barrow	17th May	Gerard Brennan	Flat Spinner
1 9	River Barrow	3rd May	Hugh Gough	Voblex
1 8½	River Barrow	17th May	Des Brennan	Mepps No. 3
1 8	River Barrow	7th May	Declan Brennan	Flat Spinner
1 8	River Barrow	7th May	Declan Brennan	Flat Spinner

# BLUE SHARK

Record, 206 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 100 lbs.: 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
52.3 kilos	Kinsale	9th Sept.	W.H. v. Zadelhoff (NL)	Mackerel
50 kilos	Kinsale	16th Sept.	Kees v.d. Plas (NL)	Mackerel
108	Kinsale	5th July	Leslie Hanlon	Mackerel
48.41 kilos	Kinsale	18th August, '79	Walter Fahnke (D)	Mackerel
48 kilos	Kinsale	11th Sept., '79	Albert Zylstra (NL)	Mackerel
102	Courtmacsherry	15th Sept.	M.C. Obels (NL)	Mackerel
46 kilos	Kinsale	2nd October	Paul Robinson	Mackerel
100	Dungarvan	10th August	Winfried Hobelmann (D)	Mackerel

# PORBEAGLE SHARK

Record, 365 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 150 lbs.: 68.038 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
190	Galway Bay	2nd Sept.	William Payton (GB)	Mackerel

# TOPE

Record, 66 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.: 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
50 7	Carlingford Lough	6th July	A. McKeown	Mackerel Strip

# TURBOT

Record, 32 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 18 lbs.: 8.165 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32 8	Belmullet	6th Sept.	Robert Seaman	Mackerel Strip
28	Cork Harbour	1st Sept.	Bill Stuart	Mackerel Strip
22 14	Causeway Coast	15th June	Derek Connor	Sandeel
21	Dungarvan	31st August	William Magan (NL)	Mackerel
21	Courtmacsherry	30th October	George Stockley	Mackerel Strip
21	Courtmacsherry	11th July	Jap v. Burgsteden (NL)	Mackerel
20	Cobh	30th October	George Stockley	Mackerel Strip
19 4	Belmullet	1st Sept., '79	Padraig O' Ceileachair	Mackerel
18 8	Ballinskelligs Co. Kerry.	24th August	Robert Partington (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
18 5½	Belmullet	7th Sept.	William Nicholl	Mackerel Strip

# WHITING

Record, 4 lbs. 8½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.: 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 9	Clifden	14th August	H.A. Beewders (NL)	Mackerel Feathers
3 8	Causeway Coast	4th May	Master B. Gorman	Lugworm
3 4	Belfast Lough	27th August	James McKinney	Rubber Eel
3 4	Belfast Lough	5th Sept.	Simon Kirk	Mackerel
3 2	Valentia	8th August	James D'Art	Mackerel Strip
3 2	Belfast Lough	24th August	Ivan Reddick	Mackerel Strip
3 0½	Belfast Lough	27th Sept.	Duncan Saunders	Mackerel Strip

# BALLAN WRASSE

Record, 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.: 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 4	Kilmore Quay	5th April	Edward McCormack	Ragworm
6 4	Kilmore Quay	5th April	John Cunningham	Baited Feathers
6 2	Port Ballintrae	26th August	Master N. Adair	Ragworm
5 1	Donegal Bay	27th May	Dr. G. Mayer (D)	Feathers
5	Dunmore East	14th July	Martin Lucas	Ragworm
4 13½	Kilmore Quay	6th April	Martin Goff	Ragworm
4 13	Portrush	22nd June	A.G. Smallwood	Lugworm



# BALLAN WRASSE (continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 12½	Killybegs	12th October	Noel McGettigan	Crab
4 11	Kilmore Quay	13th July	Robert Pierce	Feathers
2.120 kilos	Slade, Co. Wexford	24th August	Tom Byrne	Lugworm
4 10	Kilmore Quay	18th July	Rev. Victor Dungan	Lugworm
4 9½	Kilmore Quay	13th July	Joe Monaghan	Baited Feathers
4 8	Kilmore Quay	19th July	Graham Dungan	Lugworm
4 8	Kilmore Quay	18th July	Joe Sinnott	Lugworm
4 8	Kilmore Quay	5th April	Edward McCormack	Ragworm

# CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1 lbs. 11½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs.: .567 kilos

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9¼	Causeway Coast	28th Oct., '79	Damian Rohdich	Ragworm
1 8½	Causeway Coast	5th June	Colum Holldway	Mackerel
1 8	Portrush	7th Sept.	Robert Kee	Ragworm
1 7	Portrush	15th August	Ivan Parkhill	Ragworm
1 7	Ballintoy	26th July	John Savill	Feathers & Mackerel Strip Leger
1 6	Rathlin Island	29th August	Ian McCook	Mackerel Strip
1 6	Rathlin Island	20th Sept.	Ian McCook	Mackerel Strip
1 6	Causeway Coast	20th Sept.	Wallace McCurdy	Baited Feathers
1 5½	Rathlin Island	25th May	Richard Patterson	Ragworm
1 5	Rathlin Island	20th Sept.	Ian McCook	Mackerel Strip
1 5	Rathlin Island	29th August	Ian McCook	Mackerel Strip
1 5	Portrush	7th Sept.	George Murray	Ragworm
1 5	Causeway Coast	3rd November	W. F. McLaughlin	Mackerel
1 5	Causeway Coast	14th July	Benny Carson	Mackerel Strip
.567 kilos	Rathlin Island	19th July	Dave Glasser	Mackerel & Lugworm Cocktail
1 4	Westport	10th August	Mrs. Mary Tarmey	Mackerel Strip

# NEW RECORDS

Six new Irish Records were established during 1980

- (1) **LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH**, 3 lbs. 15 ozs. caught by Robert Smart, 7 Glenvarna Walk, Ballyhenry, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, N.I., at Bunbeg, Co. Donegal, on 27th May, 1979.
- (2) **PAINTED RAY**, 14.37 lbs. caught by Edmund Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, at Ardnahinch, Garryvoe, Co. Cork on 18th June, 1980.
- (3) **MONKFISH**, 73 lbs. caught by James Boyd, 21 Maple Drive, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, at Fenit in Tralee Bay, Co. Kerry on 1st June 1980.
- (4) **TWAITE SHAD**, 2 lbs. 1½ ozs. caught by Paul Cullen, Main Street, Monastereven, Co. Kildare, at St. Mullins on the River Barrow on 4th May, 1980.
- (5) **TURBOT**, 32 lbs. 8 ozs. caught by Robert Seaman, 109 Belvoir Drive, Belfast, N.I., at Porturlin, Belmullet, Co. Mayo, on 6th September, 1980.
- (6) **BLACK SOLE**, 4.29 lb. caught by Edmund Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, from Ballycotton Pier, Co. Cork, on 14th November, 1980.

# TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1980 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:—

Des Brennan, 154 Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3.  
David Lewis, B.I.M. Navigational Station, Ardmore, Co. Waterford.  
Steve McLoughlin, c/o Mrs. Mary Byrne, Longford Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.  
J. J. Smits, Little Portland, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

# FISH OF A LIFETIME AWARD

This award is being made for:—

- (1) **A TURBOT** weighing 28 lbs. caught on the Turbot Bank in Cork Harbour by Bill Stuart, Carrig View, Monkstown, Co. Cork, on 1st September, 1980. This fish broke the Irish Record which had stood since 1915 only to be beaten five days later by the new Irish Record.
- (2) **A RIVER PIKE** weighing 41 lbs. caught by Alan Underhill, Thorn Tree Inn, Gibbet Street, Halifax, Yorks, England, at Athleague on the River Suck, Co. Galway, on 22nd May, 1980.

# SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

Each year Dr. A. E. J. Went donates a special award for the best specimen taken by a juvenile, who has not reached his or her fourteenth birthday on 1st January, 1981. Two fish were very close in merit and in the circumstances, Dr. Went has decided to make two awards this year. They go to:—

Bryan Glasser, 6 Roe Mill Walk, Limavady, Co. Londonderry, for a Cod weighing 25 lbs. taken at Portrush on July 24th, 1980.

Nigel Adair, 12 Heronshaw, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, for a Ballan Wrasse weighing 6 lbs. 2 ozs. taken at Port Ballintrae on August 26th, 1980.

# REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

For the 1981 season onwards, the Committee has decided to increase the specimen weight for **Rudd/Bream Hybrid** from 3 lbs. to 3 lbs. 8 ozs. Due to the large number of specimen Rudd/Bream Hybrids recorded during 1980, pressure of space does not permit us to list all the accepted claims. All anglers who had specimens accepted are mentioned in the list but where an angler caught a number of fish weighing both above and below the new specimen weight, those fish weighing under 3 lbs. 8 ozs. are not listed in the Report.

## NEW CATEGORIES

A number of species which are considered rare have been occurring in angler's catches with some regularity. While there are no categories as yet for these species, the Committee would welcome claims from anglers for the following: (1) **Smooth Hound** (*Mustelus* sp.); (2) **Torsk** (*Brosme brosme*); (3) **Three Bearded Rockling** (*Gaidropsarus vulgaris*); (4) **Black Sea Bream** (*Spondyliosoma cantharus*).

In the case of all the above species, the actual body of the fish should be sent to the Committee for examination.

## METRIFICATION

As and from 1978 the schedule of specimen weights on the Specimen Fish Claim Form has given the weight in lbs. and ozs. and also in kilos and grammes. Claims will be accepted under either system until we eventually go metric altogether. As many weighing scales also weigh in decimals instead of lb. and ozs. claims are also accepted in lb. and decimals of lb.

## COMMON SKATE

In the interest of conservation of the species, the Committee during 1976 decided to remove the Common Skate (*Raja batis*) from the list of eligible fishes for three years, i.e. 1977/1979, and not to consider any claims whatsoever, except a possible new record (i.e. a fish weighing in excess of 221 lbs.) during the three-year period. The Committee has been delighted with the response to its appeal and it is gratifying to know that in most angling centres throughout the country, common skate are returned unharmed to the water. The situation came up for review at the Committee's final meeting for the year and it was decided to extend the ban for a further three-year period at the end of which it is hoped that the position will have further improved. The Committee in the meantime will keep the situation under annual review and looks forward to the continued co-operation of anglers in the conservation of the species.

## "SETTING UP" CLASSES

The Committee would like to get together a national collection of exceptionally big fish, and so, in the case of fish of or above the weights listed below, if the angler so wishes, the Committee will accept the fish for setting up as part of such national collection. Where a fish of marketable species is accepted by the Committee for setting up, the market value of the fish will be paid to the donor, if requested. Freight charges will also be paid by the Committee.

The following is a list of species (with minimum weights) which the Committee would like to receive for "setting up":—

COD (40 lbs.); CONGER (70 lbs.); JOHN DORY (7 lbs.); GREY MULLET (8 lbs.); POLLACK (16 lbs.); POUTING (4 lbs.); RED SEA BREAM (7 lbs.); SHAD ALLIS (5 lbs.); SHAD TWAITE (3 lbs.); PORBEAGLE SHARK (300 lbs.); MAKO SHARK (200 lbs.); WHITING (4½ lbs.); BALLAN WRASSE (9 lbs.); CUCKOO WRASSE (1½ lbs.)

## 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, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

	IRELAND	BRITAIN	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	FRANCE
1972	169	126	29	23	7	2
1973	135	91	23	40	3	5
1974	70	117	16	36	3	9
1975	204	132	46	27	3	6
1976	214	123	40	36	2	5
1977	272	135	35	47	4	4
1978	281	126	19	36	7	1
1979	135	126	18	52	5	5
1980	155	77	13	54	3	2

## FUND RAISING

A list of those who contributed so generously to the funds of the Committee is given at the end of this Report but we feel that special mention must be given to two special fund raising efforts made on our behalf. Four young boys, Ciaran Coughlan, Jim O'Connell and brothers Gerard and Philip Casey, all members of the Shannonbridge Anglers Association (Co. Offaly) assisted by the Hon. Secretary of the Shannonbridge A. A. Dermot Killeen, held a 48 hour "non stop" sponsored fishing exercise in the River Shannon at Shannonbridge and collected a sum of £135 on our behalf.

The South Shore S.A.C. (Dublin) organised and ran a special open shore competition in aid of the Committee at Kilcole, Co. Wicklow on June 13th. The proceeds which came to £120 were donated to the Committee.

These were the first efforts made by anglers to raise funds in this manner on our behalf and the Committee extends its grateful thanks to all those who assisted and gave so generously of their time.

## 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 1979 was made at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. The Presentation for the 1980 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel Dublin at 3.00 p.m. on 28th February 1981. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

### ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1979 in London, Bolton, Leeds, Leicester and Birmingham. It is hoped that similar presentations will be held early in 1981 and award winners will receive invitations.

Presentations were also held in Rotterdam for anglers from the Netherlands during 1980 and it is hoped to make presentations to Continental anglers at suitable centres during 1981.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Fáilte Éireann (Irish Tourist Board) for making these presentations possible and to Aer Lingus (Irish Airlines) and B & I (British & Irish Steam Packet Co. Ltd.) for their assistance during the year.

## ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1979 is given in this Report. The 1980 accounts will only be available early in 1981 and will be published in the next Report.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The transfer of the Department of Fisheries & Forestry Laboratory to Abbotstown, Co. Dublin and the fact that there are no Saturday postal deliveries in Dublin caused difficulties during the year with fish sent for identification. In future all fish for identification must be sent to the Committee at Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. (Phone 379206). All correspondence should also be sent to this address.

Fish taken in Northern Ireland should be sent as heretofore to the 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 captors name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of the fish.

In the case of the following freshwater species — Dace, Rudd, Roach, Rudd/Bream Hybrid, Roach/Bream Hybrid, where the actual body is required for identification by our biologists, it should be noted that these fishes can be presented to us alive and not necessarily dead. Many live fish are presented to the Committee at Balnagowan House for identification and arrangements made to return the fish safely to the water.

## OBITUARY

As we went to press, the tragic news reached us of the sudden death of our Chairman, Dr. Arthur E. J. Went, on the 8th December, 1980. He was born in London in 1910 and came to Ireland in 1936 as Assistant Inspector of Fisheries. He was appointed Scientific Adviser and Chief Inspector of Fisheries in 1946. Dr. Went was elected to the Royal Irish Academy in 1942 and was the youngest person to gain that honour. He also served on the Science Committee of the Royal Dublin Society and on the council of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland which he later served as President for a three year period.

His work for international fisheries through the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (I.C.E.S.) was widely known and he was President of that body from 1968 to 1971. In Ireland he was best known for his work on Salmon fisheries. He was Scientific Adviser to the Foyle Fisheries Commission from 1957 until his retirement in 1975. He assisted in the formation of the Salmon Research Trust of Ireland in 1955, served as director of research until 1975 when he became honorary consultant and in 1977 became chairman of the Committee of Management.

He was a founder member of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee which he served faithfully since 1955. Everything he did, he did wholeheartedly and it was his proud boast that he never missed or was late for a meeting of the Committee since its inception. His death is a great loss to the many organisations he served so well and we express the Committee's sympathy and that of a host of his friends who support our Committee, to his daughter, Janice and his son, David.

## 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:

The Inland Fisheries Trust Inc; Bord Failte Eireann; Aer Lingus Teo (Irish Airlines); Moorkens Fishing & Shooting, 11 Upper Abbey St., Dublin 1; The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association; Lough Arrow Fish Preservation Association; Waterville Anglers Association; National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland; Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation; Mohill Angling and Tourist Association; Northern Ireland Pike Committee; East Belfast Coarse Anglers Club; Lanesboro and Ballyleague Industry and Tourist Development Association; Dublin Coarse Fishing Club; Shannonbridge Angling Association; The Tench Fisher's; The Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; Aghada Anglers Association; Bangor S.A.C.; Borough S.A.C.; Ardmore S.A.C.; Causeway Coast S.A.C.; Courtmacsherry S.A.C.; Dunlaoire S.A.C.; Hammond Lane S.A.C.; Howth S.A.C.; Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; Malahide S.A.C.; Michelin S.A.C.; Old Head S.A.C.; South Shore S.A.C.; Tramore and Waterford S.A.C.; John Ahern, 14, Park Road, Murkerry Estate, Ballincollig, Co. Cork; F. H. E. Buller, "Holy Tree", Woodland, South Heath, Gt. Middenden, Bucks, England; V. Barker, Pakenhamhall St., Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath; Michael F. Boyd, 30 Waverly Drive, Bangor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland; T. Brennan, 2, St. Patrick Ave., Clondalkin, Co. Dublin; M. Byrne, Bolland Kilnaboy, Co. Clare; Paul Beukenkamp, Hanleys Cottage, Goleen, Co. Cork; P. G. Carberry, 23 Castle Road, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland; T. Conlon, 21 Mullaghmore Park, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland; D. Crowley, Seaview, Fenit, Co. Kerry; E. Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Middleton, Co. Cork; W. Cunningham, Saleen, Cloyne, Co. Cork; Michael Daly, Athlone, Co. Westmeath; P. F. Dore, "St. Annes", Freshford Road, Kilkenny; E. Duggan, 3 Michael Collins Square, Middleton, Co. Cork; Pierce Duffy, 46 Meadow Vale, Blackrock, Co. Dublin; Peter Dohmen, Obrehtstraat 9 bis, Utrecht, Holland; J. Dineen, 22 Laburnam Place, Coleraine, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland; Norman Dunne, Flat 2F, Ballyhalbert Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland; J. K. Eakin, 59, Roddens Crescent, Belfast, Northern Ireland; Ross Eccles, 106 Watson Drive, Killiney, Co. Dublin; James Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6; Fred Foster, Palmerstown Green, Palmerstown Court, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20; John Foy, 73, Crantock Drive, Herald Green, Cheshire, England; C. C. Fort, The Old Schoolhouse, Tubrid Cross, Ardfer, C. Kerry; E. Furlong, 98 St. Annes Square, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin; G. Foote, Ormeston House, 48 Horthornden Road, Knock, Belfast, Northern Ireland; D. J. Gray, 2 Parkmount, Belsize Road, Lisburn, Northern Ireland; J. J. Gormley, "The Bungalow", Urney Road, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland; R. Graff, Drumnacrin House, East End, Bundoran, Co. Donegal; Liam Holmes, Goolds Hill, Cork Road, Mallow, Co. Cork; H. Harty, 12, Walnut Drive, Caherdavin Heights, Limerick; P. Hodgins, 27, St. Columbanus Ave., Milltown, Dublin 14; Burkhard Hobler, 43 Hampton Cove, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin; L. P. Keay, 40 O'Rourkes Park, Sallynoggin, Dunlaoire, Co. Dublin; Paul Keen, 195/7 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey, England; Sir G. G. M. Leeds, "Roche Bois", Mont Es Tours, St. Aubin, Jersey, C.I.; Denis J. Lynch, 6 Seaview Tce., Donnybrook, Dublin 4; P. L. Lavell, The Pines, Keel, Achill, Co. Mayo; H. M. A. Van Loenen, 1231 AK. N. W. Loosdrecht, Netherlands; Nicholas McEvoy, 33 Morrisons Ave., Waterford, Co. Waterford; William McGonigle, 26 Marian Crescent, Ballina, Co. Mayo; M. Murphy, 13 Sunny Hill, Killarney, Co. Kerry; P. Murphy, 13 Gweedore Drive, Mayfield, Cork; Raymond McEvoy, 4 Marian Tee., Cashel Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary; Anthony McEvoy, 10 New Houses, Ballytruckle, Waterford; David Loughlin, 3 Bannview Tce., Portlengone, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland; John O'Shea, 6 Raphoe Rd., Crumlin Dublin 12; C. O'Sullivan, 50 Cahergall Lawn, St. Lukes, Cork; Karl O'Leary, 40 Gouldavoher, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick; John O'Connor, 27 Curragh Rd., Kildare; T. O'Donovan, 29 Owenacurra Court, Togher, Cork; K. O'Malley, 22 Chalfont Ave., Malahide, Co. Dublin; Dermot O'Brien, Gurrane, Jamesbrook, Middleton, Co. Cork; B. Ryan, 3 Raheen Ave., Tallaght, Co. Dublin; Danny Rooney, Brian Ave., Marino, Dublin; T. Riordan, Baltrasna, Ashbourne, Co. Meath; J. M. Sarney, 22 Ewanway, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England; D. A. Spokes, 72 Castletown Heights, Headford Rd., Galway; Daniel Santry, 25 Uam-Var Ave., Bishopstown, Cork; Brian Sherwin, 10 Ballyloughlan Park, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland; D. Stodard, 24 Benhilton Gardens, Sutton, Surrey, England; R. M. Smith, 90 Mansfiel Rd., Clipstone, Nr. Mansfield, Notts., England; A. M. Toms, "Greenways", Pownall Ave., Bromhall, Cheshire, England; M. Tighe, Carrick Rd., Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim; Philip Wesson, 145 Orton Ave., Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 8JN, England; Alan Wrangles, "Pennycourt", The Court, Calstock, Cornwall, England.

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

**IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE**  
**EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT 1st JANUARY      DECEMBER 1979**

1978	EXPENDITURE	1979	1978	REVENUE	1979
£ 190.80	To balance	£ 425.74	£ 425.74	Incoming balance	
47.50	Printing	£1,336.76		GRANTS	£ 750.00
786.59	Medals, etc.	48.00	£ 500.00	Inland Fisheries Trust	750.00
40.00	Travel	661.40	500.00	Bord Failte	167.14
26.55	Miscellaneous	43.98		Ditto towards expenses	240.24
	Bank Charges	45.83		SUBSCRIPTIONS	200.66
			£ 127.69	Angling Clubs	
			£ 127.79	Individual Donations	
			16.22	Miscellaneous	
255.08	Excess of expenditure over income	453.67	255.08		
				Bank Overdraft	
£1,952.52		£2,501.71	£1,952.52		£2,108.04
£ 425.74	To balance	£ 453.67			453.67
					£2,561.71

We have examined all dockets, record books, lodgement and cheque books and certify that the accounts are correct.  
Signed: C. P. O'TOOLE, F. A. GIBSON.

**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 specimens 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.



# IRISH RECORD FISH

## Freshwater Species

Species	Weight lb. oz.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Salmon	57 0	1874	River Suir	M. Maher
Sea Trout	14 3	15.5.1973	Dooagh Beach, Achill.	Dr. Eoin Bresnihan
Brown Trout (River)	20 0	22.2.1957	R. Shannon, Corbally	Major Hugh Place
Brown Trout (Lake)	26 2	15.7.1894	Lough Ennell	Wm. Meares
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	18 12	6.6.1958	Abbey Lake	John Roberts
Dace	1 2	8.8.1966	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	John T. Henry
Perch	5 8	1946	Lough Erne	S. Drum
Pike (River)	42 0	22.3.1964	River Barrow	M. Watkins
Pike (Lake)	38 2	25.2.1973	Lough Corrib	Brendan Hardiman
Roach	2 13½	11.8.1970	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3 1	27.6.1959	Kilglass Lake	A. E. Biddlecombe
Rudd/Bream	5 13½	12.4.1975	R. Shannon, Lanesboro	P. J. Dighton
Hybrid				
Tench	7 13½	25.5.1971	R. Shannon, Lanesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	6 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

## Marine Species

Species	Weight lb. oz.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Angler Fish	71 8	5.7.1964	Cork Harbour	Mr. Fitzgerald
Bass	17 1½	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore,	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	4.29	14.11.1980	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Coalfish	24 7	26.8.1967	Kinsale	J. E. Hornibrook
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	I. L. Stewart
Conger	72 0	June 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Dab	1 13½	20.10.1979	Ballycotton	P. Curtin
Spur Dogfish	18 12	10.9.1977	Bantry	John Murnane
Greater Spotted Dogfish	21 4	13.9.1975	Malin, Co. Donegal	Drew Alexander
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	3 15	27.5.1979	Bunbeg, Co. Donegal,	Robert Smart
Flounder	4 6½	21.8.1979	Ballyteigue Co. Wexford.	David Gray
Garfish	3 10½	16.9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Tub Gurnard	12 3½	8.8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21.9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9½	17.7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott
Haddock	10 13½	15.7.1964	Kinsale	F. A. E. Bull
Hake	25 5½	28.4.1962	Belfast Lough	H. W. Steele
Halibut	156	23.7.1972	Belmullet	Frank Brogan
Ling	46 8	26.7.1965	Kinsale	A. J. C. Bull
John Dory	7 1	6.9.1970	Tory Island, Donegal.	Stanley Morrow,
Mackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton Co. Cork	Ulrich Passmann
Monkfish	73 0	1.6.1980	Fenit, Co. Kerry	James Boyd

Species	Weight lb. oz.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Grey Mullet	7 12	7.9.1975	Brittas Bay	Colm Quinn
Plaice	7 2½	27.5.1973	Youghal	Cecil Pratt
Pollack	19 3	1904	Ballycotton	J. N. Hearne
Pouting	4 10	1937	Ballycotton	W. G. Pales
Thornback Ray	37 0	28.5.1961	Ling Rocks, Kinsale	M. J. Fitzgerald
Blonde Ray	36 8	9.9.1964	Cork Harbour	D. Minchin
Sting Ray	51 0	8.8.1970	Fenit, Co. Kerry	John White
Cuckoo Ray	5 11	3.8.1975	Causeway Coast	V. Morrison
Undulate Ray	18	11.6.1977	Fenit	Ann-Mari Liedecke
Homelyn Ray	7 7½	7.7.1976	Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.	John Kerr
Painted Ray	14.37	18.6.1980	Garryvoe, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Ray's Bream	6 4½	26.8.1978	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	9 6	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Twaite Shad	2 1½	4.5.1980	River Barrow	Paul Cullen
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donel Brown
Blue Shark	206	7.10.1959	Achill Head	J. McMonagle
Six Gilled Shark	154	28.8.1968	Kinsale	Andrew Bull
Common Skate	221	1913	Ballycotton	T. Tucker
White Skate	165	7.8.1966	Clew Bay, Westport	Jack Stack
Tope	66 8	15.7.1979	Carlingford Lough	Cyril Young
Turbot	32 8	6.9.1980	Belmullet, Co. Mayo	Robert Seaman
Whiting	4 8½	4.8.1969	Kinsale	Eddie Boyle
Ballan Wrasse	7 8½	26.7.1964	Killybegs	A. J. King
Cuckoo Wrasse	1 11½	23.9.1979	Larne	Graeme Denny

## SCHEDULE (1981)

### SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH record lb. oz.	SPECIMEN lb.	WEIGHT kilos.
Salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )	57 0	25	11.339
Sea Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> )	14 3	6	2.721
Brown Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> ) (river)	20 0	5	2.268
Brown Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> ) (Lake)	26 2	10	4.536
Slob trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> )	-	10	4.536
Bream ( <i>Abramis brama</i> )	11 12	7½	3.402
Carp ( <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> )	18 12	10	4.536
Dace ( <i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i> )	1 2	1	.454
Perch ( <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> )	5 8	3	1.361
Pike ( <i>Esox lucius</i> ) (Lake)	38 2	30	13.608
Pike ( <i>Esox lucius</i> ) (River)	42 0	20	9.072
Roach ( <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> )	2 13½	2	1.021
Rudd ( <i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i> )	3 1	2½	1.021
Rudd Bream hybrid	5 13½	3½	1.587
Roach/Bream hybrid	-	3	1.361
Tench ( <i>Tinca tinca</i> )	7 13½	6	2.721
Eel ( <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> )	6 15	3	1.361
SEA FISH			
Angler fish ( <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> )	71 8	40	18.144
Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )	17 1½	10	4.536
Black sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	4.29	2	.907
Brill ( <i>Scophthalmus Rhombus</i> )	-	8	3.629
Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	24 7	15	6.804
Cod ( <i>Gadus morbus</i> )	42 0	25	11.340
Conger ( <i>Conger conger</i> )	72 0	40	18.144
Dab ( <i>Limanda limanda</i> )	1 13½	1½	.680



	IRISH record	SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb. oz.	lb.	kilos.
Dogfish—Spur ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )	18 0	12	5.443
—Lesser Spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i> )	3 15	3½	1.475
—Greater spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i> )	21 4	16	7.257
Flounder ( <i>Platichthys flesus</i> )	4 6½	2½	1.134
Garfish ( <i>Belone bellone</i> )	3 10½	2½	1.134
Gurnard — tub ( <i>Trigla lucerna</i> )	12 3½	5	2.268
— grey ( <i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i> )	3 1	1½	.680
— red ( <i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i> )	3 9½	2	.907
Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	10 13½	7	3.175
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	25 5½	10	4.536
Halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )	156 0	50	22.680
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	—	¾	.340
John Dory ( <i>Zeus faber</i> )	7 1	4	1.814
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	46 8	25	11.340
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	4 2	2½	1.134
Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i> )	—	3	1.361
Monkfish ( <i>Squatina squatina</i> )	73 0	50	22.680
Mullet—Grey, thick lipped ( <i>Crenimugil labrosus</i> )	7 12	5	2.268
—Red ( <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> )	—	1	.454
Plaice—( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	7 2½	4	1.814
Pollack—( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	19 3	12	5.443
Pouting ( <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> )	4 10	3	1.361
Ray — Thornback ( <i>Raja clavata</i> )	37 0	20	9.072
— Blonde ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> )	36 8	25	11.340
— Cuckoo ( <i>Raja naevus</i> )	5 11	4½	2.041
— Electric ( <i>Torpedo nobiliana</i> )	—	20	9.072
— Homelyn ( <i>Raja montagui</i> )	7 7½	5	2.268
— Undulate ( <i>Raja undulata</i> )	18	14	6.350
— Painted ( <i>Raja microcellata</i> )	14.37	10	4.536
— Sting ( <i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i> )	51	30	13.608
Ray's Bream ( <i>Brama brama</i> )	6 0	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> )	9 6	4½	2.041
Scad ( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	—	2	.907
Shad — Allis ( <i>Alosa alosa</i> )	—	4	1.814
— Twaite ( <i>Alosa fallax</i> )	2 1½	1½	.680
Shark — Porbeagle ( <i>Lamna nasus</i> )	365 0	150	68.038
— Blue ( <i>Prionace glauca</i> )	206 0	100	45.359
— Thresher ( <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> )	—	120	54.431
— Mako ( <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> )	—	200	90.718
— Six-Gilled ( <i>Hexanchus griseus</i> )	154	100	45.359
Skate — Common ( <i>Raja batis</i> )	221 0	suspended	
— White ( <i>Raja alba</i> )	165 0	120	54.431
— Long Nose ( <i>Raja oxyrinchus</i> )	—	80	36.287
Stone Basse ( <i>Polyprius americanus</i> )	—	8	3.628
Tope ( <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> )	66 8	40	18.144
Tunny ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> )	—	100	45.359
Turbot ( <i>Scophthalmus maximus</i> )	32 8	18	8.165
Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )	4 8½	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan ( <i>Labrus bergylta</i> )	7 6	4½	2.041
Wrasse Cuckoo ( <i>Labrus mixtus</i> )	1 11½	1½	.567

Scientific names in accordance with the "List of Irish Fishes (Third edition, 1976) 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).

## RULES

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- (1) **IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE.** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its object is to verify, record and publicise the capture of large fish on rod and line in Irish waters. A list of Specimen Fish is published annually by the Committee. Only fish which can be fully vouched for as to weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee.
- (2) **FAIR ANGLING.** "Fair Angling" means any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method. A fish must be hooked in or in the immediate vicinity of the mouth when it has taken the bait or lure; fish which have been foul-hooked, even accidentally, are not eligible. A fish in respect of which a claim is made must be hooked, played and brought to gaff or net by the angler UN-AIDED, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- (3) **WEIGHING:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on uncertified scales, e.g., anglers' spring balances or in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 2 to 5 lb. range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lb. or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which have been weighed on board a boat.
- (4) **IDENTIFICATION.** The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason the Committee in respect of some species insists on scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body as actual proof of identification before it will consider claims. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim.

The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, in the case of fish taken in the Republic of Ireland, and to the Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I., in the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland.

The actual body must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species — DACE, RUDD, ROACH, RUDD BREAM HYBRID, ROACH BREAM HYBRID, MACKEREL, WRASSE, SCAD, HERRING, SHAD, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, RAYS BREAM, and "RIVER" eels taken in tidal waters. CLEAR, SHARP, CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHS, showing the entire fish with its fins and other features easily seen, and not fore-shortened or obscured by shadows or bystanders, must be provided in the case of:—

TOPE, SHARKS, SKATE, RAYS, MONKFISH, POLLACK, COALFISH.

If necessary, the fish should be hung up. In the case of skates and rays, photographs of both back and belly surfaces should be provided and particulars of the colouration given (with particular reference to the presence of dark or grey spots, or streaks or patches on the belly side). Samples of the teeth should be furnished in the case of Porbeagle and Mako Sharks. In addition, there should be a clear close-up photograph showing the jaws with teeth exposed.

- (5) "SETTING UP" CLASSES. The Committee would like to get together a national collection of exceptionally big fish, and so, in the case of fish of or above the weights listed below, if the angler so wishes, the Committee will accept the fish to setting up as part of such national collection. Where a fish of marketable species is accepted by the Committee for setting up, the market-value of the fish will be paid to the donor, if requested. Freight charges will also be paid by the Committee.
- The following is a list of species (with minimum weights) which the Committee would like to receive for "setting up":—
- COD (40 lbs.); CONGER (70 lbs.); JOHN DORY (7 lbs.); GREY MULLET (8 lbs.); POLLACK (16 lbs.); POUTING (4 lbs.); RED SEA BREAM (7 lbs.); ALLIS SHAD (5 lbs.); TWAITE SHAD (3 lbs.); PORBEAGLE SHARK (300 lbs.); MAKO SHARK (200 lbs.); WHITING (4½ lbs.); BALLAN WRASSE (9 lbs.); CUCKOO WRASSE (1½ lbs.)
- (6) SENDING FISH TO COMMITTEE:
- Please (1) Notify Committee when a fish is being sent in for identification or setting up (telephone Dublin 379206).
- (2) Do not send fish on their travels before Bank Holidays or weekends; (keep in a cold store if fish cannot be delivered quickly on or before Friday afternoon).
- (3) Please attach a label to each fish forwarded for identification giving the captor's name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of the fish.
- (4) Fish (except small examples which have been previously soaked in formalin for at least 12 hours) should not be sent in polythene bags or wrapped in aluminium foil as this causes very rapid decomposition. They should be wrapped first in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper.
- (7) AWARDS. Anglers whose claims have been accepted by the Committee will be awarded special 'Merit Badges' in the case of Specimen Fish, and Silver Medals in the case of Record Fish. Specimen Fish Certificates will also be issued in respect of all ratified claims. Special badges are also awarded to anglers who have captured ten or more specimen fish, special medals to anglers who have caught specimens of ten different species, and special badges are issued each year for fish of exceptional merit though not of record size.

**\*IMPORTANT** — Correspondence to Balnagown House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Rd., Glasnevin Dublin 9 (phone 379206). FISH should be sent to Balnagown House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. In the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland to Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I. (phone 4521).