

REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1982

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During the year the Committee received 660 claims and ratified 598.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1982

(Dates of Capture 1982 unless otherwise stated)

SEA TROUT

WEIGHT		Record 14 lbs. 3 ozs.		Specimen Weight 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos	
lb.	ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9	1 7/8	Lough Currane Waterville	1st May	R. J. Smith (GB)	Rapala
9	1 3/8	Lough Currane	1st May	Patrick Bristowe (GB)	Rapala
7	10	Lough Currane	26th May	Patrick Donnelly	Wetfly
7	10	Lough Currane	14th April	Frank Donnelly	Minnows
7	5	Lough Currane	24th April	Ian Smits	Rapala
7	3	Derryclare,	24th September	Dr. H. B. Harendza (D)	Fly
6	8 1/2	Lough Curreel Inver Fishery	7th August	Robert Hackett	Sooty Olive
6	7 1/2	Lough Currane	19th June	Kevin Clayton	Wetfly
6	3	Lough Currane	1st May	R. J. Smith (GB)	Rapala
6	2	Lough Namona, Waterville	14th August	Edmond A. Kenny	Wetfly
6	1 1/2	Lough Currane	15th March	M. J. Gass	Fly
6		Lough Currane	30th June	Padraig Donnelly	Wetfly

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

WEIGHT		Record 20 lb.		Specimen Weight 5 lb. 2.268 kilos	
lb.	ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10	8	River Lee, Tralee	9th April	Michael Horgan	Shrimp Fly
9	4 1/4	River Erne	20th April	Michael Gaughan (GB)	Spoon
7	7	River Corrib	17th April	Joseph Mulry	Worm
6	1/2	River Greese	27th June	Samuel Taylor	Mepps No. 3
5	11	River Shiven	25th May	Comdt. Pat Keogh	Spent Gnat
5.56		River Inny	5th July	Paul Clibburn (GB)	Worm and Caster Cocktail

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

WEIGHT		Record 26 lbs. 2 ozs.		Specimen Weight 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos	
lb.	ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14	8	Lough Corrib	13th June	Anthony Youlton	Mepps No. 5
13.07		Lough Lein Killarney	15th May	Liam McHale	Copper Toby
12	2	Lough Erne	2nd April '81	Henry Grimsley	ABU Killer
10	12	Lough Mask	28th March	James Walsh	Mepps No. 3
10		Lough Mask	20th May	Liam Conroy	Copper and Silver Toby

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BREAM

Record, 11 lbs. 12 ozs.		Specimen Weight 7½ lbs.; 3.402 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 3¼	Ballinafid Lough, Mullingar	12th June	Fred Foster	Breadflake
10 3	Ballinafid	1st June	Michael Wyse	Worm & Maggot
10 1½	River Shannon, Lanesboro	26th April	Geoffrey Dawson (GB)	Bread Flake
9 13½	Ballinafid	10th May	Vincent Baker	Bread Flake
9 6	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
9 5	River Barrow	14th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Worms
9 2	Ballinafid	27th June	Vincent Baker	Bread
9.1	River Shannon, Lanesboro	19th April	M. Biggs (GB)	Bread Flake
9 1	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worm
9 ½	Monalty Lake	30th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
9	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worm
8 15	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley G. Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
8 14½	Ballyquirke Lakes	24th April	David A. Spokes	Maggot/Caster
8 14	Ballinafid	21st June	James Bennett	Cocktail
8 13 (8 drms)	Lanesboro	2nd May	Harry Harding (GB)	Bread/Maggot
8 12	Lough Ree	16th September	John Bodsworth (GB)	Cocktail
8 11	Monalty Lake	16th August	Neil McCabe	Worm/Bread
8 11	Ballinafid	13th June	Fred Foster	Cocktail
8 11	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Maggots
8 10½	Monalty Lake	29th September	Colm Crean	Bread
8 9½	Lough Ree	14th April	Roy Craig	Worm
8 8	River Barrow	14th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Maggots
8 8	Mucknoo, Castleblaney	27th July	Patrick McGrath	Bread Flake
8 8	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Lobworm
8 7	Lanesboro	2nd May	Harry Harding (GB)	Worm
8 7	River Barrow	15th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Bread/Maggot
8 7	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Cocktail
8 7	Monalty Lake	27th October	James McMahon	Lobworm
8 6	Ballinafid	27th June	Vincent Barker	Worm
8 6	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Maggots
8 6	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Bread
8 5½	Ballyquirke Lakes	24th April	Christopher Munroe	Worms
8 5	Ballyquirke Lakes	24th April	Burkhard Hobler	Worm
8 5	Ballinafid	12th June	Fred Foster	Worm
8 5	Kilnacarrow Bridge, Lanesboro	15th May	David S. Denham (GB)	Bread
8 4	River Barrow	9th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Bread Flake
8 4	Lough Ree	16th September	Martin James (GB)	Worms
8 4	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	White Maggots
8 4	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley G. Thompson (GB)	Maggot Cocktail
8 3	Lanesboro	2nd May	Harry J. Harding (GB)	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	30th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	29th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	6th May	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8 2½	Lanesboro	14th April	M. Biggs (GB)	Bread
8 2	Monalty Lake	28th September	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8 2	River Inny	25th April	Roy Pickersgill (GB)	Worm & Castor
8 2	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
8 2	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
8 2	Lanesboro	1st May	Harry Harding (GB)	Bread

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 2	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Worms
8.10	Lough Ree	16th September	Sean Egan	Worm
8 1½	Lough Na Glack	4th September	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8 1	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worms
8 1	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley G. Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
8 1	Monalty Lake	8th September	James McMahon	Maggots
8	Ballyquirke Lakes	24th April	Damien Munroe	Worm/Maggot
8	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
8	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
8	River Barrow	29th August	Arthur Lasenby (GB)	Worms
8	River Barrow	29th August	Arthur Lasenby (GB)	Worms
8	Lough Ree	19th September	Jeffrey Reast (GB)	Worm & Bread
8	Lough Ree	27th August	John McGowan (GB)	Bread & Worm
8	Lanesboro	22nd April	Richard Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
8	Lanesboro	14th April	Richard Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
7. 15	Monalty Lake	10th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
7. 15	Lough Na Glack	24th August	Norman Haworth	Worm/Maggot
7. 15	Lough Na Glack	2nd July	Colm Crean	Maggots
7.9	Lanesboro	23rd April	M. Biggs (GB)	Bread
7 14½	Lanesboro	19th April	W. A. Lister (GB)	Bread Flake
7 14½	Lanesboro	21st April	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
7 14½	Lanesboro	20th April	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
7 14	River Inny	26th April	Cyril G. Towers (GB)	Maggots
7 14	River Shannon, Tarmonbarry	3rd June	Rober Mackerell (GB)	Bread Flake
7 14	Lanesboro	20th April	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
7 14	Lanesboro	20th April	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
7.86	Monalty Lake	10th May	Barry Hill (GB)	Maggots
7 13½	Lanesboro	11th May	M. J. Kelly (GB)	Bread & Maggot
7 13½	Monalty Lake	3rd September	Fred Foster	Bread Flake
7 13	Co. Monaghan Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
7 13	Monalty Lake	22nd October	James McMahon	Maggots
7.75	Lough Ree	17th September	Mark Bell (GB)	Worm & Bread
7 12	Ballinafid	12th June	Fred Foster	Bread Flake
7 12	River Barrow	30th August	Tom Coster (GB)	Worms
7 12	Lanesboro	27th April	Richard Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
7 12	Lanesboro	12th April	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 12	Lanesboro	9th May	J. Bennett	Bread Flake
7 12	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Worms
7 12	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Worms
7 12	Lough Na Glack	24th August	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn
7 12	Lough Na Glack	29th August	Colm Crean	Worms
7 11	Lanesboro	17th April	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 11	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Worms
7 11	Monalty Lake	9th October	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 11	Monalty Lake	30th April	Joseph Magee	Maggots
7 11	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Worms
7 11	Monalty Lake	16th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 11	Monalty Lake	15th October	James McMahon	Maggots
7.67	Lough Ree	25th August	B. L. Andrews (GB)	Bread & Worm
7.64	Monalty Lake	15th May	Fred Foster	Bread Flake
7. 10½	Monalty Lake	22nd October	James McMahon	Maggots
7 10	Lanesboro	20th April	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
7 10	Monalty Lake	20th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 10	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Worms

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 10	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Worms
7 10	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Worm
7 9½	Lanesboro	19th April	Vincent Barker	Bread
7 9½	Monalty Lake	16th August	Neil McCabe	Maggots
7 9½	Monalty Lake	4th October	James McMahon	Maggots
7 9	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Steve Gilliver	Maggots & Worm
7 9	Lough Na Glack	20th August	Stanley Thompson (GB)	White Maggots
7 9	Monalty Lake	5th October	James McMahon	Maggots
7 9	Monalty Lake	29th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
7.58	Lanesboro	12th May	M. J. Kelly (GB)	Bread & Maggot
7.56	Lough Ree	25th August	B. L. Andrews (GB)	Bread & Worm
7.52	Lanesboro	13th May	M. J. Kelly (GB)	Bread & Maggot
7 8½	Monalty Lake	7th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 8½	Monalty Lake	29th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 8	Lanesboro	14th April	Mark McCleery	Bread
7 8	Monalty Lake	3th Spril	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 8	Lough Na Glack	29th August	Colm Crean	Worms

CARP

Record, 18 lb. 13 oz.

Specimen Weight 10 lb.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18 13	The Lough, Cork	9th September	Eddie Broughal	Sweetcorn
11	The Lough, Cork	25th September	David Mears	Maggots

EEL

Record, 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 4	Lough Naback, Co. Cavan	4th July	Kevin McAllister	Maggots
3.89	Kaats Strand Wexford	24th October	Anthony Hayden	Crab
3.85	Aughrisbeg Lake Clifden	12th September	Mattheus Eerdmans (NL)	Worms

PIKE (LAKE)

Record, 38 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32 2	Lough Allen	10th April	Lawrence Peile	Dead Roach

PIKE (RIVER)

Record, 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30 2	River Shannon, Tarmonbarry	13th September	Hans Matthias Munch (D)	Wobler
29	Tarmonbarry	30th September	Peter Hetzert (D)	Dead Roach
25.68	River Suck	7th May	David Dickinson	ABU Toby
25 8	River Shannon, Co. Roscommon	17th March	Lawrence Peile	Dead Roach
25	River Barrow Borris,	20th March	Maurice Laurent	Suissex

PIKE (RIVER) (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24 12	River Barrow Goresbridge	7th March	Maurice Laurent	Suissex
24	Borris	17th March	Maurice Laurent	Suissex
20 10	River Shannon Drumshanbo	9th July	Werner Bataille (B)	Dead Roach

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

Record

Specimen Weight 3 lb.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
	Royal Canal, Cabra	10th August	Kieran Reddin	Maggot

RUDD

Record, 3 lb.

Specimen Weight 2½ lb.; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	River Shannon, Athlone	13th September	Joseph Brill	Bread Crust
4½	River Shannon, Athlone	13th September	Joseph Brill	Bread Crust

RUDD BREAM HYBRID

Record, 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lb. 8 ozs.; .587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 8½	River Inny	23rd April	Alan Towers (GB)	Casters & Maggots
4 8	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
4 4	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
4 4	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worm
4 2	River Inny	18th April	Kenneth Whelan	Maggots
4 2	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
4 1½	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
4	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
4	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
4	River Inny	17th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 15	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Worm
3 15	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 14	River Inny	17th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 14	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 14	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3.84	River Inny	22nd April	Sean Egan	Worms & Castor
3 13	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 13	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 13	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 13	River Inny	17th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 12	Owenegarra River, Co. Westmeath	14th April	Michelle Lynch	Maggots
3 12	River Inny	17th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 11	Owenegarra River,	15th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 10	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worm
3 10	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 10	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 9½	River Barrow Goresbridge	18th April	Donal Corry	Maggots
3 9½	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 9	Lough Ree	19th April	Stephen McLoughlin	Worms

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID (Co)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 9	Lough Ree	19th April	Joseph Brill	Worms
3 9	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
3 9	Lough Ree	19th April	Barry Brill	Worm
3 8	River Inny	18th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots
3 8	River Inny	17th April	Peter Stone (GB)	Maggots

TENCH

Record, 7 lb. 1 1/4 ozs.		Specimen Weight 6 lb.; 2.721 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 2	River Shannon, Lanesboro	22nd May	Fred Foster	Bread
6 15	Lanesboro	28th May	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
6	Lanesboro	25th May	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread & Maggot Cocktail
6.49	Lanesboro	25th May	Richard Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
5.7	Lanesboro	1st June	Gary Rutherford	Bread Flake
5.56	Lanesboro	19th May	Leonard E. Colton (GB)	Maggots
5 8	Long Island, Athlone	4th June	Roger Benn (GB)	Castor & Worm
5 7	Lanesboro	23rd May	Hazel Foster	Sweetcorn
5 5	Lanesboro	23rd May	Fred Foster	Worm/Sweetcorn
5.34	Lanesboro	24th June	Michael Roche	Cocktail
5.32	Lanesboro	17th June	Graham Haynes (GB)	Bread
5 5	Lanesboro	23rd May	Hazel Foster	Bread Flake
5.25	Lanesboro	1st June	Gary Rutherford	Sweetcorn
5 2.7	Lanesboro	10th June	William Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
5.19	Lanesboro	25th May	Richard Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
5 2	Lanesboro	21st July '81	Charles McGee	Bread
5.13	Lanesboro	25th May	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
5 1	Lanesboro	20th May	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
	Lanesboro	20th May	Leonard Colton (GB)	Bread Flake

BASS

Record, 17 lbs., 1 1/4 ozs.		Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 10	Causeway Coast	24th October	Paul Divito	Ragworm
12 9	Salcens, Co. Waterford	5th September	Margaret Hoban	Mackerel
12 4	Rogerstown	8th September	John Sheery	Crab
12 2	Courtmacsherry Pier	3rd August	Pier Van Nieuwkoop (NL)	Mackerel Strip
5 kilos	Kinsale	22nd August	Richard O'Mahony	German Sprat
2 kilos	Jagoe's Point, Kinsale	13th October	Lt. Col. Louis Treacy	Silver Toby
4 1/2	Courtmacsherry Pier	3rd August	Piet Van Nieuwkoop (NL)	Mackerel Strip
14 7	Killiney	21st August	John Horn	Sandeel
	Garryvoe Strand, Co. Cork	28th August	Bruno Romefort	Rubber Eel
12	Waterville	21st September	Niall Barrett	Lugworm
10	Ballyteigue Bay, Co. Wexford	17th August	David Grey	Crab
8	Courtmacsherry Pier	3rd August	Piet Van Nieuwkoop (NL)	Mackerel Strip
18		5th July	Daniel Maguire	

BASS (

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 6	Causeway Coast	14th November	John Black	Ragworm
10.34	Garryvoe	26th July	Vincent O'Donovan	Mackerel Strip
10.28	Rosslare Strand	28th April	Philip Pierce	Squid
0 5	Dungarvan	4th November	Patrick Power	Lugworm
0 4	Rogerstown	23rd August	John Sherry	Sandeel
0 4	Garryvoe Strand	21st September	Maurice Griffin	Mackerel
0 3 1/2	Fermoyle Strand, Co. Kerry	1st November	John Wilson-Holstead	Razorfish
0 2	Killiney	28th August	John Horn	Sandeel
0 1	Burren Pier, Co. Cork	22nd August	Martin Lordan	Soft Crab,

COALFISH

Record, 24 lb. 7 ozs.		Specimen Weight 15 lb.; 6.804 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 4	miscrone	4th August	H. Rousset (F)	Mackerel

COD

Record, 42 lbs.		Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.340 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30 5	Rathlin Island	27th June	P. J. McFall	Pirk
28 8	Cork Harbour	30th May	Martin Fleming	Mackerel Strip
28	Causeway Coast	21st June	Sean Hughes	Pirk
27 12	Causeway Coast	24th July	Herbert Malcomson	Lugworm
27 3	Clifden	16th September	A. S. Loof (NL)	Mackerel Strip

CONGER

Record, 72 lbs.		Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
50	Donegal Bay	7th August	Jimmy Cunningham	Mackerel Strip
40 4	Portaferry	3rd August	Malachy Smith	Mackerel

DAB

Record, 1 lb. 1/2 ozs.		Specimen Weight 1 1/2 lb; .680 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 10	Causeway Coast	4th October	John Hartin	Baited Spoon
1 775 kilos	Killala Bay	3rd August	John Baugh	Mackerel Strip
3	Causeway Coast	9th September	Ronnie Cathcart	Ragworm
3	Causeway Coast	5th August	George A. Herron	Lugworm
3	Causeway Coast	25th July	Myles Cochrane	Ragworm

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 21 lbs. 4 ozs.		Specimen Weight 16 lbs.; 7.257 kilos		
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
20	Valentia	2nd August	Christopher Cloak	Mackerel
18 8	Sneem	1st Sept. '81	J. Antonissen (NL)	Mackerel
17 8	Valentia	5th June	Christopher Cloak	Mackerel Strip
17	Courtmacsherry	29th July	Gerard Toussant (NL)	Mackerel Strip
17	Sneem	21st July '81	H. de Groot (NL)	Mackerel

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 8	Sneem	29th Sept. '81	A. Ruysbroek (NL)	Mackerel
16 8	Valentia	6th August	Liam Kane	Mackerel Strip
16 1	Valentia	6th Aug. '81	Reinhold Roder (D)	Mackerel
16	Sneem	9th July '81	H. Hagemeier (NL)	Mackerel
16	Crosshaven	28th June	P. J. Hebels (NL)	Mackerel Strip

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 4 lb. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight 3 3/4 lbs.; 1.475 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 4	Valentia	26th July	Cor Heinis (NL)	Mackerel
3 15 1/2	Valentia	27th July	Rowdy Heinis (NL)	Mackerel
3 12	Courtmacsherry	3rd September	Paul Peeters (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 11	Valentia	27th July	R. Bommer (D)	Mackerel/Lug Cocktail
3 10 1/2	Portrush	18th September	David Glasser	Lugworm & Whiting
3 9	Valentia	8th August	C. Oelen (NL)	Mackerel
3 8	Courtmacsherry	20th July	Rob Smit (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 8 1/2	Broadhaven, Belmullet	3rd August	Ray Bannerman	Mackerel Strip
3 8 1/2	Valentia	2nd August	Tony Outmayjer	Mackerel
3 8	Valentia	24th July	Marcel Walbecq (F)	Mackerel
3 8	Valentia	20th May	Eckhard Gogsch	Mackerel
3 7 1/2	Valentia	20th May	Tony Outmayjer	Mackerel
3 7	Valentia	26th July	Anton P. Brouwer (NL)	Mackerel
3 7	Portrush	4th July	Samuel Burns	Mackerel
3 6 1/2	Valentia	20th June	J. B. Healy	Mackerel
3 6	Courtmacsherry	4th September	Rene v.d. Smecde (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Hook Area, Co. Wexford	26th June	Raymond Whelan	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Ennareilly, Co. Wicklow	14th November	Liam Tully	Mackerel Strip
3.48	Westport	22nd August	Michael Maher	Mackerel
3.47	Greystones	13th Sept. '81	Richard Butler	Mackerel
3.42	Belfast Lough	28th August	Greg Henderson	Lugworm
3 5 1/2	Hook Area	9th May	Eamonn Lyons	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Kilkeel, Co. Down	21st July	Garnett Coulter	Mackerel
3 5	Sneem	16th Aug. '81	Evert Van Nickerk (NL)	Mackerel
3 5	Courtmacsherry	14th July	R. U. Maanen (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 4 1/2	Ventry, Dingle Peninsula	6th October	Keith Eves (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Sneem	12th July '81	G. Kwakkel (NL)	Mackerel
3 4	Valentia	24th July	Jean Michel Walbecq (F)	Mackerel
3 4	Dungarvan	16th August	Brian Thomas	Ragworm
3 4	Valentia	14th August	C. Oelen (NL)	Mackerel

SPUR DOGFISH

Record, 18 lb. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight 12 lb; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16	Dingle Bay	27th August	Harald Otten (D)	Mackerel
14 14 1/2	Valentia	19th September	Tony Outmayjer	Mackerel
14	Lambay Island	19th June	Kenneth Rundle (Snr.)	Mackerel
14	Rush	21st March	Kenneth Rundle (Snr.)	Mackerel Strip

SPUR DOGFISH (continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 12	Port na Blagh	1st August	Billy McAuley	Mackerel
13 8	Wicklow Head	5th August	Liam Tully	Mackerel Strip
13 8	Sneem	3rd Aug. '81	J. M. Vos Kuyl (NL)	Mackerel
13 7 1/2	Silver Strand, Wicklow	3rd July	Martin McDermott	Mackerel Tail
13 4	Ballyconigar, Wexford	5th September	Edmund Dumbleton	Mackerel Strip
13 4	Skerries	26th July	Francis McMahon	Mackerel
13 4	Clifden	5th Sept. '81	T. K. Dykstra (NL)	Mackerel Strip
13 2	Sneem	5th Oct. '81	C. Van Etten (NL)	Mackerel Strip
13	Rush	25th July	Cormac Dennis	Mackerel
13	Sneem	8th Sept. '81	T. P. Andringa (NL)	Mackerel
13	Causeway Coast	27th June	Reg Perry	Mackerel
13	Sneem	19th July '81	T. Adriaansen (NL)	Mackerel
12 12	Rush	25th July	Jeanette Fenton	Mackerel
12 12	Rush	13th June	Eamonn Mulligan	Herring
12 12	Rush	18th July	Christopher Carrick	Mackerel
12 12	Loughshinny	28th February	Kenneth Rundle (Snr.)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	20th Aug. '81	P. Mosch (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	17th May	Johan Van Hoof (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	9th September	P. Stokuis (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	17th June 1981	Theo v.d. Cruys (NL)	Mackerel
12 6	Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo	10th July	Haus Horst (D)	Mackerel Fillet
12 6	Mullaghmore	21st June	Christoph Strobel (D)	Mackerel Fillet
12 6	Mullaghmore	9th June	Udo Schindler (D)	Baited Feathers
12 5	Broadhaven, Belmullet	3rd August	Michael Elliott	Baited Spoon
12 5	Bantry	20th Aug. '81	C. F. Bartlett (GB)	Feathers
12 4	Mullaghmore	3rd June	Walter Streich (D)	Baited Feathers
12 4	Sneem	17th May	Gerardus Vrans (NL)	Mackerel
12 4	Sneem	12th July '81	B. Noodweliet (NL)	Mackerel
12 1	Sneem	17th May	Gerardus Vrans (NL)	Mackerel
12 1	Courtmacsherry	14th July	Georges Backe (B)	Mackerel Strip
12 1	Sneem	20th Aug. '81	C. de Klerk-Wolters (NL)	Mackerel
12	Dingle Bay	27th August	Alle Mandou (F)	Mackerel
12	Sneem	16th June '81	Toon v. d. Cruys (NL)	Mackerel
12	Rush	25th July	Dino Andreucetti	Mackerel Strip
12	Howth	25th July	Damen Dorcy	Mackerel Strip
12	Sneem	17th June '81	Piet Warren (NL)	Mackerel

FLOUNDER

Record, 4 lb. 6 1/2 ozs. Specimen Weight 2 1/2 lbs.; 1.134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.557 kilos	Youghal	28th June	Rosanne O'Donovan	Crab
3 5	Cullenstown Strand, Wexford	23rd August	David Gray	Crab
3 5	Clonakilty	14th November	John Paul Ahern	Soft Crab
3 2	Courtmacsherry	28th November	Christy Lane	Soft Crab
3	Brandon Bay, Dingle Peninsula	6th October	Robert G. Smithson (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3	Silver Strand, Ballycotton	27th January	William Cunningham	Lugworm
2 14 1/2	Ardcavan	28th November	Marshall Beckett	Crab/Ragworm
2 14	St. Kierans, Co. Wexford	25th Nov. '81	Thomas O'Neill	Lugworm
2 13 1/2	Ballyteigue, Co. Wexford	19th July	Rev. Victor Dungan	Crab

FLOUNDER (continued)

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 12½	Ballinrannig Strand, Dingle Peninsula	7th October	Barry Graves (GB)	Lugworm
2 12½	Bannow, Co. Wexford	30th August	Michael Murphy	Lugworm
2 12	Clonakilty	14th November	John Paul Ahern	Soft Crab
2 12	Saleen	10th October	Christopher Lane	Peeler Crab
2 12	Ardcaven	16th October	Peter Owen (GB)	Crab
2 11½	Dungarvan	27th January	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 11½	Dungarvan	28th January	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 11	Ballinrannig Strand	7th October	Barry Graves (GB)	Lugworm
2 11	Saleens	25th October	John Ahern	Peeler Crab
2 10	Ballyteigue	25th April	Shay McDonnell	Peeler Crab
2 9½	Kinsale Estuary	6th June	Jerry Murphy	Peeler Crab
2.590	Bonmahon Strand, Co. Waterford	15th October	Patrick Kiely	Lugworm
2 9	Youghal	4th April	Anthony Gosnell	Peeler Crab
2 8½	Browns Bay, Larne	5th September	Neil Lytle	Ragworm
2;51	Saleens	10th October	John Ahern	Soft Crab
2 8	Youghal	27th June	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 8	Salcens	25th October	Christy Lane	Peeler Crab
2 8	Saleens	25th October	Christy Lane	Peeler Crab

GREY GURNARD

Record, 3 lb. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.57	Tory Island	20th June	John A. Amery (GB)	Lugworm/Mackerel
1 8½	Port-na-Blagh	31st July	Geoffrey Adams	Mackerel Strip
1 8½	Ballycastle Bay	6th June	Geoffrey Farrow	Baited Spoon
1 8	Belfast Lough	17th July	Jonathon Jackson	Lugworm

RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lb. 9½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 4½	Causeway Coast	13th July	Malachy Taggart	Mackerel Strip
2 3	Causeway Coast	4th September	Robert Johnson	Mackerel
2.19	Tory Island	19th June	Clive Drury (GB)	Squid
2 2½	Enniscrone	7th April	Wolfgang Mirler (D)	Baited Feathers
2 2	Galway Bay	5th September	Joseph Kiggins	Mackerel
2 2	Moville	29th August	Hugh Ferry	Mackerel
2 1	Downings	13th June	Hugh McLaughlin	Sandeel Strip
2 1	Port-na-Blagh	1st August	James Quirke	Mackerel Strip
2 0½	Causeway Coast	2nd August	Peter Kane	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD

Record, 12 lb. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 5 lb.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 9	Belderrig, Belmullet	4th July	Peter O'Donnell	Feathers
7 7	Killala Bay	6th June	Thomas J. Butler	Mackerel Feathers
6 5	Killala Bay	5th June	Pat Mee	Mackerel Feathers
6 4	Lough Swilly	18th July	Pat Curran	Baited Feathers
6 2	Achill	3rd August	Teresa Bourke (GB)	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11	Killala Bay	5th June	Eddie Flood	Mackerel
5 9	Killala Bay	6th June	Harry Dempsey	Mackerel Fillet
5 8½	Killala Bay	29th July	Joe Van Strien (NL)	Mackerel
5 8	Killala Bay	14th August	Terry Gibson	Mackerel
5 4	Port-na-Blagh	31st July	John Child	Mackerel Strip
5.18	Inisturk	8th June	Vincent Rigney	Baited Feathers

HADDOCK

Record, 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 1 1/8	Causeway Coast	10th July	Robert Lyons	Pirk
3.929 kilos	Causeway Coast	20th May	Philip Cochrane	Baited Spoon
7 15½	Causeway Coast	15th April	J. McCaughan	Baited Spoon
3.250 kilos	Portrush	15th May	Sydney Miller	Pirk

HAKE

Record, 25 lbs. 5½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14.06	Ballycotton	1st August	Padraig Mac Sweeney	Mackerel Fillet
12 12½	Tory Island, Donegal	2nd Aug. '81	Neil C. Armstrong	Mackerel
12 4½	Enniscrone	1st August	Philip R. Baugh	Mackerel Strip
12	Killala Bay	18th July	Bertie Samson	Baited Feathers
10 13	Port-na-Blagh	1st August	David Mulholland	Mackerel

HERRING

Record,

Specimen Weight ¾ lb.; .340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.350 kilos	Rathlin Island	14th June	Ross Smallwoods	Feathers

LING

Record, 46 lb. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 25 lb.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33	Causeway Coast	15th August	Raymond C. Ewing	Mackerel
30 6	Kinsale	29th August	Dr. Jerry Walsh	Mackerel Strip
13 kilos	Kinsale	1st August	Timothy Dunne	Mackerel
27	Kinsale	28th August	Martin G. Roest (NL)	Mackerel
12 kilos	Kinsale	11th August	Michael Bartrels (D)	Mackerel Strip
12 kilos	Kinsale	17th August	J. W. Stoluijk (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26	Sneem	24th Aug. '81	H. Liet (NL)	Mackerel
25 8	Valentia	8th Aug. '81	Dick Rooker (NL)	Mackerel Strip
25 4½	Sneem	8th September	A. de Winter (NL)	Mackerel

MONKFISH

Record, 73 lbs.

Specimen Weight 50 lbs.; 22.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
55	Fenit	15th July	Helmut Herbst (D)	Mackerel
53	Fenit	20th May	David Baldry (GB)	Mackerel
52	Fenit	5th June	Mrs. Brenda Packer (GB)	Mackerel
	enit	19th May	Stuart Matthews (GB)	Mackerel Strip

GREY MULLET

Record 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6	Rossaveal Pier, Co. Galway	23rd July	Bryan Casburn, Jnr.	Mackerel Strip
5 9	Purteen Harbour, Achill	14th August	John O'Shea	Dab Strip

PLAICE

Record 8.23 lbs.

Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8.23	Ballycotton	23rd January	Edmund Cull	Mackerel Strip & Lug
6 7	Portrush	19th September	Bryan Morrison	Mackerel Strip
6.01	Cork Harbour	12th September	Billy Broughal	Lugworm
5 8	Greystones	29th August	John Morris	Mackerel Strip
5 7½	Causeway Coast	19th September	Terence A. Angus	Mackerel Strip
5 3 1/8	Portrush	19th September	Keith Harvey	Mackerel
5 1¼	Greystones	8th August	Tommy Keogh	Rag & Clam Cocktail
4 15 7/8	Portrush	19th September	William Allen	Lugworm
2.2 kilos	Portrush	9th October	S. Miller	Ragworm
4 13	Causeway Coast	24th September	Grahame Foote	Mackerel/Ragworm
2.18 kilos	Causeway Coast	5th September	R. G. McGaffin	Lugworm
4 11¼	Causeway Coast	24th September	George Herron	Lugworm
4 10 5/8	Portrush	19th September	Lawrence McCluskey	Lugworm
4 10	Causeway Coast	24th September	George Herron	Lugworm
4 9½	Causeway Coast	23rd September	Robert McGowan	Lugworm/ Mackerel Strip
4 8	Causeway Coast	22nd August	Richard Lewis	Ragworm
4 7	Portballintrae	12th September	Bill Hamill	Ragworm
4 7	Causeway Coast	21st October	F. A. Mahood	Ragworm
4.42	Greystones	22nd August	Michael Kemple	Lugworm
4.40	Greystones	18th September	Thomas Falconer	Ragworm
1.950 kilos	Causeway Coast	19th September	John Hartin	Ragworm
4 4¼	Causeway Coast	24th September	Grahame Foote	Mackerel/Ragworm
4 4	Causeway Coast	18th September	W. J. Kerrigan	Baited Spoon
4 4	Cork Harbour	10th October	Sean McSweeney	Mussel/Lugworm
4 4	Portrush	3rd October	Mervyn Campbell	Lugworm
4 3	Causeway Coast	5th August	Grahame Foote	Lugworm/Mackerel
4 3	Causeway Coast	18th October	Brian Whitla	Baited Spoon
.873 kilos	Causeway Coast	3rd October	Derek McLeister	Baited Spoon
4 1½	Cork Harbour	8th Oct. '81	Aidan Manning	Mackerel Strip
4 1½	Causeway Coast	1st October	Irvine Tannahill	Baited Spoon
4 1¼	Greystones	8th August	Thomas Keogh Jnr.	Rag & Cockle Cocktail
4 1	Cork Harbour	10th October	Sean McSweeney	Mussel/Lugworm Cocktail
	Causeway Coast	31st October	M. Hawkes	Ragworm

POLLACK

Record 19 lbs. 3 ozs.

Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18	Ballycotton	9th Aug. '81	Johann Meidlinger (A)	Mackerel Strip
16 2	Cork Harbour	31st August	V. Veltkamp (NL)	Mackerel
14 8	Courtmacsherry	22nd August	Arie Hoogstad (NL)	Rubber Eel
14.52	Cobh	27th March	John Conroy	Baited Pirk
6.6 kilos	Kinsale	1st August	Frank Cooper (GB)	Mackerel Strip

POLLACK (Continued)

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 2	Courtmacsherry	19th September	Y. L. Bayens (NL)	Rubber Eel
14	Courtmacsherry	19th September	D. C. Tabbernee (NL)	Mister Twister
13 5	Crosshaven	20th June	P. J. Hebels (NL)	Rubber Eel
13 5	Courtmacsherry	19th September	Willy Hendrickx (B)	Red Rubber Eel
13	Courtmacsherry	26th July	Arie VV Fvinkel (NL)	Rubber Eel
13	Crosshaven	25th August	Audrey Tromp-Buisman (NL)	Red Gill
13	Courtmacsherry	29th July	Wil Franken (NL)	Rubber Eel
12 13	Ballycastle	2nd August	Paul Waddell	Eel
12.77	Crosshaven	29th July	Etienne Van Damme (B)	Rubber Eel
5.8 kilos	Kinsale	19th August	Arthur E. Long	Mackerel Strip
5.7 kilos	Kinsale	23rd August	Arthur E. Long	Mackerel Strip
12 7	Cork Harbour	31st August	J. Veltkamp (NL)	Mackerel
12 5	Ballycotton	26th Aug. '81	Manhart Kurt (A)	Mackerel Strip
12	Cork Harbour	20th June	John McMullan	Mackerel Strip

POUTING

Record 4 lbs. 10 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 13½	Kilmore Quay	7th August	Jackie Brady	Baited Feathers
3 9	Mullaghmore	3rd September	Rudi Schosland (D)	Baited Feathers
3 4	Howth	18th July	John O'Leary	Ragworm
3 1½	Kilmore Quay	5th August	Liam Devereux	Mackerel Strip
3 1¼	Causeway Coast	27th April	S. Lloyd Alexander	Ragworm
3 1	Ballycotton	1st August	Vincent O'Donovan	Baited Feathers
3 1	Valentia	8th September	Ad De Vroome (NL)	Mackerel
3	Causeway Coast	1st August	William Menaul	Mackerel Feathers

BLONDE RAY

Record, 36 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
35	Greystones	8th August	Damien Barrett	Mackerel
27 8	Cork Harbour	11th September	John Johnson	Mackerel Strip
26 12	Newcastle, Co. Wicklow	2nd August	Michael Ennis	Mackerel
25 1	Greystones	6th September	John Baugh	Mackerel Fillet

CUCKOO RAY

Record, 5 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 2½	Causeway Coast	11th July	Sam Harris (GB)	Jigger/Pirk
4 15½	Ballycotton	1st August	William Cunningham	Mackerel Strip
4 13	Causeway Coast	31st July	Philip Dickson	Ragworm
4 10	Causeway Coast	19th July	Brian McLaughlin	Mackerel
4 8	Causeway Coast	29th August	D. McGaffin	Ragworm/Mackerel

PAINTED RAY

Record, 14.37 lbs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11 6½	Brandon Bay	11th October	Philip N. Wesson (GB)	Squid Strip
10 8	Fenit	30th June	Brian Clark (GB)	Herring Strip

HOMELYN RAY

Record, 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 12	Causeway Coast	29th August	Joe Cochrane	Sandeel & Mackerel
7 4	Causeway Coast	17th August	R. Meekin	Mackerel
6 12	Causeway Coast	3rd October	Richard Patterson	Baited Spoon
6 8½	Causeway Coast	14th August	S. Collins	Mackerel/Ragworm
6 8	Cobh	4th September	Eoin Russell	Mackerel Strip
6 8	Causeway Coast	22nd August	Jack Amon	Herring
6 8	Causeway Coast	22nd August	John Johnston	Mackerel
6 5½	Cork Harbour	6th September	M. Foley	Mackerel Strip
5 12	Causeway Coast	15th August	Robert J. Kee	Mackerel Strip
5 8	Causeway Coast	29th August	Joe Cochrane	Sandeel & Mackerel
5 8	Cobh	12th September	Greg Manning	Mackerel
5 7	Causeway Coast	15th August	Adam Bones	Mackerel Strip
5 6	Causeway Coast	27th September	L. Wiggins	Mackerel
5 4	Causeway Coast	4th September	Philip Cochrane	Mackerel
5 4	Causeway Coast	15th August	Alan Smallwood	Mackerel Strip
5	Fenit	25th May	Des Brennan	Mackerel

THORNBACK RAY

Record, 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
25 8	Courtmacsherry	27th July	A. D. Van Kinderen (NL)	Mackerel Strip
24	Courtmacsherry	3rd August	Piet Van Nieuwkoop (NL)	Mackerel Strip
20 4	Lambay Island	1st September	Paul Farrell (GB)	Mackerel Strip
20 4	Greystones	13th June	Tony O'Connor	Mackerel Strip

UNDULATE RAY

Record, 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight 14 lbs.; 6.350 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15	Fenit	19th July	Heiner Heinrich (D)	Mackerel

RED SEA BREAM

Record, 9 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 13	Achill	7th August	Nora McMullan	Baited Spoon
5 3½	Achill	14th August	Tom Quinn	Mackerel
4 9	Achill	7th August	Sam Caul	Mackerel

BLUE SHARK

Record, 206 lbs.

Specimen Weight 100 lbs; 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
56 kilos	Kinsale	30th June	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
53.9 kilos	Kinsale	31st September	Peter Muller Horst (D)	Mackerel
118	Kinsale	6th Aug. '81	P. J. B. Klaver (NL)	Mackerel
49½ kilos	Kinsale	1st July '81	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
48.3 kilos	Kinsale	13th July	Stefan Schmid (CH)	Mackerel
46.6 kilos	Kinsale	5th July	Eric Van Voorst (NL)	Mackerel Strip

TOPE

Record, 66½ lbs.

Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
52 8	Kilmore Quay	8th September	Nicholas Sinnott	Mackerel Strip
44	Greystones	2nd August	Fergus Nolan	Mackerel
40 8	Greystones	15th August	Liam Kane	Mackerel Strip

TURBOT

Record, 34 lbs.

Specimen Weight 18 lbs.; 8.165 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
34	Cork Harbour	9th June	Frank Fleming	Mackerel Strip
25 12	Tory Island	30th May	Billy McAuley	Mackerel
22.58	Cork Harbour	29th July	John Johnson	Mackerel Strip
20 7	Cork Harbour	3rd September	Harold Bewey (GB)	Mackerel
20.30	Crosshaven	14th September	W. J. J. Coremans (NL)	Mackerel
19.95	Cork Harbour	4th August	Con Middleton	Mackerel Strip
18 12	Cork Harbour	19th June	Dan Cronin	Mackerel Strip
18 4	Courtmacsherry	25th April	T. A. P. U. Burgsteden (NL)	Mackerel Strip

WHITING

Record, 4 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.7	Schull	6th June	John G. Harrington	Mackerel Strip
3.36	Cobh	18th March	Edmund Cull	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Belmullet	1st September	Robert Seaman	Mackerel
3	Causeway Coast	23rd May	William Watton	Ragworm

BALLAN WRASSE

Record, 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 8½	Causeway Coast	4th July	David Boyd	Lugworm
5.255	Killybegs	1st September	Jennifer Scott	Lugworm
5.24	Doonbeg, Co. Clare	2nd July	Bill Ryan	Crab
5.22	Mullaghmore	16th September	Paddy Duffy	Lugworm & Limpet
5 3	Crookhaven, Co. Cork	23rd September	John Hewkin (GB)	Mackerel Strip
5.14	Kilmore Quay	2nd July	Val Molloy	Lugworm

BALLAN WRASSE (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5	Causeway Coast	4th July	Joseph Cochrane	Ragworm
2.175 kilos	Slade, Co. Wexford	7th June	Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr.	Lugworm
4 12	Courtmacsherry	30th March	J. Van Straaten (NL)	Mackerel Strip
4 11	Causeway Coast	29th August	William Watton	Baited Spoon
4.66	Doonbeg, Co. Clare	28th August	Bill Ryan	Crab
4 10	Dingle	9th October	Christopher Dean (GB)	Crab
4 9	Ventry	6th October	Bob Grady (GB)	Crab
4 9	Courtmacsherry	24th August	Arie Hoogstad (NL)	Mackerel Strip
4 9	Portrush	1st August	William Boal	Ragworm
4 8	Ballintoy	5th September	Ian McStraw	Ragworm
4 8	Causeway Coast	5th July	R. McMillan	Ragworm
4 8	Causeway Coast	4th July	Paul Fairley	Ragworm

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1 1/4 lbs.; .567 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12	Belfast Lough	16th September	P. A. Webb	Mackerel Strip
1 12	Causeway Coast	10th October	Richard Patterson	Mackerel Strip
.775 kilos	Portrush	7th August	S. Miller	Lugworm
1 7	Causeway Coast	15th August	Richard Lewis	Ragworm
1 6 1/4	Belfast Lough	1st August	Hugh McDonagh	Lugworm
1 6	Causeway Coast	15th August	John Johnson	Ragworm
1 5 1/4	Belfast Lough	16th September	Robert W. McMillan	Herring
1 5 1/4	Achill	5th June	Pat Ryan	Baited Feathers
1 4 7/8	Ballintoy	4th September	Christopher Benington	Mackerel Strip
1 4 1/2	Larne	28th August	J. Smyth	Ragworm
1 4 1/4	Larne	19th September	Samuel Hull	Ragworm
1 4	Rathlin Island	12th July	P. J. Robinson (GB)	Ragworm

TWAITE SHAD

Record, 2 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1 1/2 lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 11 1/2	St. Mullins, River Barrow	2nd May	Vincent Baker	ABU Toby
2 6.8	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
2 6 1/2	River Barrow	25th April	Michael Wyse	Silver Spinner
2 4	River Barrow	2nd May	Yvonne Lee	ABU Toby
2 3	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
2 2	River Barrow	31st April	Joseph Caffrey	ABU Wiggly
2 1 1/2	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
2 1 1/2	River Barrow	9th May	Desmond Brennan	Silver Mepps
2 0 1/4	River Barrow	1st April	James Cosgrave	ABU Toby
2	River Barrow	2nd May	Vincent Baker	ABU Toby
1 15	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
1 15	River Barrow	15th April	Joseph Doyle	Mepps No. 3
1 14 1/2	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
1 13	River Barrow	2nd May	Brendan Doran	ABU Toby
1 13	River Barrow	9th May	Declan Brennan	Toby
1 12	River Barrow	25th April	Peter Walsh	Mepps
1 12	River Barrow	15th April	W. R. Hodgins	ABU Krill
1 12	River Barrow	24th April	Colm Quinn	Mepps No. 3
1 12	River Barrow	25th April	Michael Wyse	Silver Spinner
1 11 1/2	River Barrow	1st April	James Cosgrave	ABU Toby
1 11 1/2	River Barrow	31st April	Joseph Caffrey	ABU Wiggly
1 10	River Barrow	1st April	Maurice Laurent	Silver Spoon
1 10	River Barrow	15th May	Mark McGurdy	Mepps No. 2

TWAITE SHAD (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. oz.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 10	River Barrow	2nd May	James Bennett	Silver Toby
1 10	River Barrow	2nd May	Vincent Baker	ABU Toby
1.60	River Barrow	8th May	William Hodgins	Mepps
1 9	River Barrow	15th May	Alan McGurdy	Mepps No. 2
1 9	River Barrow	15th April	W. R. Hodgins	ABU Krill
1 9	River Barrow	25th April	Michael Wyse	Silver Spinner
1 8	River Barrow	24th April	Michael Wyse	Silver Spinner
1 8	River Barrow	15th May	Mark McGurdy	Mepps No. 2
1 8	River Barrow	2nd May	Vincent Baker	ABU Toby
1 8	River Barrow	25th April	Michael Wyse	Silver Spinner

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record, 2 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1 lb. 4 ozs.; 566 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 4 1/2	Dunmore East, Co. Waterford	28th June	Raymond Beckett	Mackerel
1.95	Baginbun, Co. Wexford	26th September	David Bolger, Jnr.	Mackerel
1 3	Causeway Coast	9th May	Mark Linton	Mackerel
1 1	Dunmore East	23rd May	Jim Grant	Mackerel
10 1/2	Dunmore East	23rd May	Kevin Barry	Mackerel
10	Dunmore East	24th May	James Murphy	Mackerel Strip
9	Cobh	28th November	Donal Geary	Mackerel Strip
8 1/2	Causeway Coast	10th September	Mark Linton	Mackerel
8	Greystones	18th June	Hugh Hayden	Crab
6	Black Head Co. Clare	12th August	Walter Keane	Mackerel Strip
5	Boatstrand Pier Co. Waterford	8th July	Michael Fennelly	Mackerel Strip
4 3/4	Cobh	28th November	Ted Geary	Herring Strip
4 1/2	Dunmore East	18th July	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
4	Causeway Coast	5th January	Billy Magee	Mackerel Strip
4	Causeway Coast	7th February	Seamus Doherty	Ragworm

NEW RECORDS

Eight new Irish Records were established during 1982.

- (1) CARP, 18 lbs. 13 ozs. caught by Eddie Broughal, 9 The Acre, Pouladuff Road, Togher, Cork, in "The Lough", Cork, on September 9th, 1982.
- (2) LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, 4 lbs. 4 ozs. caught by Cor Heinis, Helmholtzstraat 9 HS, Amsterdam, Holland, off Valentia, on July 26th, 1982.
- (3) PLAICE, 8.23 lbs. caught by Edmund Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, at Ballycotton Pier on January 23rd, 1982.
- (4) HOMELYN RAY, 7 lbs. 12 ozs. caught by Joe Cochrane, 1 Whyns Crescent, Portstewart, Co. Londonderry, on the Causeway Coast on August 29th, 1982.
- (5) TURBOT, 34 lbs. caught by Frank Fleming, 25 Slieve Mish Park, Kinsale Road, Cork, in Cork Harbour on June 9th, 1982.
- (6) TWAITE SHAD, 2 lbs. 11½ ozs. caught by Vincent Baker, Pakenhamhall Street, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, in the River Barrow on May 2nd, 1982.
- (7) THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, 2 lbs. 4½ ozs. caught by Raymond Beckett, Baunfunne, Butlerstown, Co. Waterford, in Dunmore East on June 28th, 1982.
- (8) CUCKOO WRASSE, Two fish of equal weight tie for the new record, 1 lb. 12 ozs., caught by Richard Patterson, 30 Claggan Park, Ballybeen, Dundonald, Co. Down, at Larne, on October 10th, 1982, and 1 lb. 12 ozs. caught by P. A. Webb, 5 Mount Royal, Bangor, Co. Down, in Belfast Lough on September 16th, 1982.

TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1982 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Joseph Brill, 31, Battery Heights, Athlone, Co. Westmeath,
 Thomas Coster, Knightsbridge, 24, Finchley Road, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, England,
 Colm Crean, 34, Glenhill Park, Belfast, Northern Ireland,
 Brendan Doran, 69, Clonmore Heights, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath,
 Fred Foster, 6, Palmerstown Green, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20,
 Norman Haworth, 47, Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan,
 William R. Hodgins, 17, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11,
 Werner Kinderdick, Siepenstr. 18, 4330 Mulheim, West Germany,
 Bill Ryan, 3, Raheen Avenue, Tallaght, Co. Dublin,
 Peter Stone, 38, Elmthorpe Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, England,
 Michael Wyse, 13, Ginnell Terrace, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

Each year Dr. A. E. J. Went donated a special award for the best specimen taken by a juvenile who has not reached his or her fourteenth birthday on 1st January 1983. The award goes to David Bolger, 6, Abbey View, New Ross, Co. Wexford, for a Three Bearded Rockling weighing 1.95 lbs. taken at Baginbun, Co. Wexford, on 26th September 1982.

REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

For the 1983 season onwards, the Committee has decided to increase the specimen weight for BREAM (*Abramis brama*) from 7½ lbs. to 8 lbs., and for TWAITE SHAD (*Alosa fallax*) from 1½ lbs. to 1¾ lbs.

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 lbs. and ozs., claims are also accepted in lbs. 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 1980 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 a 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, 1980, 1981 and 1982.

YEAR	IRELAND	BRITAIN	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	FRANCE
1972	169	126	29	23	7	2
1973	235	91	23	40	9	5
1974	170	117	16	36	6	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	86	7	1
1979	235	126	18	52	6	5
1980	355	77	13	54	9	2
1981	390	111	19	31	6	2
1982	404	104	18	61	4	4

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 special fund raising efforts made on our behalf. The South Shore S.A.C. for the third year in succession organised and ran a special open shore competition in aid of the Committee at the South Beach, Greystones, on September 27th. The South Shore S.A.C. were the first club 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.

The Rush Sea Angling Festival also donated their proceeds which amounted to £25 to the Committee and we also wish to thank all involved for their help.

The Waterford Sea Anglers run a charity competition each year and in 1982 they donated the proceeds which amounted to £100 to the Committee. We very much appreciate their efforts on our behalf and are grateful for their help.

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 weight of 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 1981 was made at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. A Presentation was also held in Belfast during April for those anglers from Northern Ireland who were unable to attend the Dublin Presentation. The Presentation for the 1982 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel at 3.00 p.m. on March 12th, 1983. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1981 in Leicester, Liverpool, Leeds, Bristol and London. It is hoped that similar presentations will be held early in 1983 and award winners will receive invitations.

A Presentation of Awards for anglers from the Netherlands was held on board the Irish Continental Lines vessel, the "St. Patrick" in Rotterdam during March. Our grateful thanks are due to the Irish Intercontinental Lines for hosting and making this Presentation possible.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) and The Northern Ireland Tourist Board for making these Presentations possible, and to Aer Lingus (Irish Airlines) and B. & I. (British & Irish Steampacket Co. Ltd.) for their assistance during the year.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1981 is given in this Report. The 1982 accounts will only be available early in 1983, 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 captor's 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, and 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.

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 Central Fisheries Board; Bord Failte Eireann; Aer Lingus Teo; British and Irish S.S.Co; Irish Intercontinental Lines; Findlaters (Wine Merchants); Stephen Fallor Ltd., Williamsgate Street, Galway; Lough Arrow Fish Preservation Association; Carrickfergus and District A.C.; Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; Abbesside S.A.C.; Aghada S.A.C.; Ardmore S.A.C.; Argonaut S.A.C.; Bangor S.A.C.; Causeway Coast S.A.C.; Celtic S.A.C.; Cork S.A.C.; Dolphin Richview S.A.C.; Donaghadee S.A.C.; Dun Laoghaire S.A.C.; Garda S.A.C.; Hammond Lane S.A.C.; Irish Shark Club; Kenmare Bay S.A.C.; Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; Old Head S.A.C.; Royal Ulster Constabulary S.A.C.; Rush S.A.C.; Rush Sea Angling Festival; South Shore S.A.C.; Waterford Glass S.A.C.; John Ahern, 14 Park Road, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, Co. Cork; M. Anderson, 10 Storeyford Road, Lisburn, N.I.; Maurice de Backer, Av. Minerve 37, BTE 22, 1190 Brussels, Belgium; Emmet Bergin, 1 Springhill Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin; T. K. Blennerhasset, Claregate Street, Kildare, Co. Kildare; William Boal, 52 Upper Princes Street, Ballymena, Co. Antrim; Barry Brill, 31 Battery Heights, Athlone, Co. Westmeath; Joseph Brill, 31 Battery Heights, Athlone, Co. Westmeath; F. H. E. Buller, "Holy Tree", Woodland, South Heath, Gt. Middenden, Bucks, England; Richard Butler, "Seaview", 17 Newtown Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin; Leslie Chambers, 203 Barcroft Park, Newry, Co. Down, N.I.; Terence Cloughley, 15 Limekiln Close, Manor Estate, Dublin 12; Thomas Conlon, 21 Mullaghmore Park, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, N.I.; Robert Creber, 6 Glenthorn Mews, Dublin Hill, Cork; Edmund Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork; Eddie Cullen, 1 Glenview, South Douglas Road, Cork; Brian F. Curtin, 117 Clonkeen Road, Deansgrange, Co. Dublin; Jim D'Art, 36 Rathlin Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9; B. W. Doran, 69 Clonmore Heights, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; P. F. Dore, "St. Annes", Freshford Road, Kilkenny; E. W. Duggan, 3 Michael Collins Sq., Midleton, Co. Cork; Joseph Dunlop, 49 Anderson Crescent, Waterside, Derry, N.I.; W. I. K. Eakin, 34 Church Road, Castlereagh, Belfast BT6 9RZ, N.I.; J. Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6; Michael Fennelly, 13 Oriel Square, Lismore Lawn, Waterford; J. P. Fitzgerald, 1 South View, Llanfechain, Powys, SY22 6UH, Wales; Tony Flannery, 18 Rockmount Road, Highfield Park, Galway; I. G. Flintham, 10 Barley Mow Passage, Chiswick, London, England; Mattie Foley, Up. Lotabeg Road, Mayfield, Cork; Miss M. Forrest, 228 St. James's Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12; Clifford Fort, The Old Schoolhouse, Tubrid Cross, Ardfer, Co. Kerry; Fred Foster, 6 Palmerstown Green, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20; John Foy, 73 Crantock Drive, Heald Green, Cheshire, England; Richard Geraghty, 27 Brookwood Drive, Artane, Dublin 5; K. C. Green, Foxcovers, Lr. Peover, Nr. Knutsford, Cheshire, England; A. J. Hall, 12 Helmsdale Road, Rise Park, Romford, Essex, England; Timothy Hartnett, 26 Rathmore Ave., Kilmacud, Blackrock, Co. Dublin; Martin Healy, 44 Pearse Ave., Mervue, Galway; George Higgins, 201 Lower Braniel Road, Belfast, N.I.; Philip Hodgins, 27 Columbanus Ave., Milltown, Dublin 14; William R. Hodgins, 17 North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11; Burkhard Hobler, "Teach an Chuilinn", Clydagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway; Tony Horrigan, 11 McKelvey Road, Finglas East, Dublin 11; Fritz Hupfeld, Muehlrain No. 1, 6443 Sontra, West Germany; P. A. Keen, 195/197 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey, England; Gerry Kelly, 5 Coolrua Drive, Beaumont, Dublin 9; M. Kendrick, Coolmeen, Labasheeda, Kilrush, Co. Clare; T. Kennedy, Knockroe, Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon; Declan Kenny, Blackcastle, Mill Lane, Leixlip, Co. Dublin; Malcolm Killian, 7 Brookvale, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14; Hanz J. Kinzel, 85 Nurnberg-Eibach, Georginastrasse 12, W. 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O'Shea, 6 Raphoe Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12; Thomas O'Brien, Curraberd, Ballinacurra, Midleton, Co. Cork; L. O'Doherty, 10 Limekiln, Park, Manor Estate, Dublin 12; Karl O'Leary, 49 Gouldavoher, Dooradoyle, Limerick; Comdt. M. J. O'Connor, Kenmare, Co. Kerry; Dave O'Maolmhuaidy, 11 Myrtle Street, Broadstone, Dublin 7; Richard Patterson, 30 Cleggan Park, Ballybeen, Dundonald, Co. Down, Northern Ireland; A. Power, 286 St. John's Park, Waterford, Co. Waterford; Francois Peneau, Immeuble 2, 11 Terrasse St. Jerome, Ave. de la Cible, Aix en

Provence, France; Derek Phillips, 51 Martin Savage Park, Castleknock, Co. Dublin; Declan T. Quigley, B.Sc., Salmon Research Trust of Ireland, Newport, Co. Mayo; Colm Quinn, 57 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5; M. A. Roscoe, 33 Meadowside, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, England; Eoin Russell, c/o Liebig's (Ireland) Ltd., Ballast Quay, Sligo; Gary Rutherford, 88 Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin; Eoin Roche, 25 Willow Park Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9; Ruary Rudd, Waterville, Co. Kerry; Martin Sarney, 22 Ewan Way, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England; John Sherry, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin; Tom Sneyd, 32 Lorcan Ave., Santry, Co. Dublin; C. D. Smith, 6 Darlington Road, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, England; Michael Stafford, Trabolgan, Whitegate, Middleton, Co. Cork; Rev. J. Stone, 24 Glenfarne Road, Edenmore, Dublin 5; C. Thomas, 11 Kilmantain Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow; A. M. Toms, "Greenways", Pownall Ave., Bronhall, Cheshire, England; John Tunney, Annagh, Castlebar, Co. Mayo; Gerry Tuohy, 191 Tonlegee Road, Dublin 5; M. Wallace, 52 Brackenbush Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin; Master Andrew Walsh, "Linden", Landsend, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford; Jim Walsh, Belgrove, Bendemeer Park, Magazine Road, Cork; Michael Ward, 54 Sandyvale Lawn, Headford Road, Galway; Phillip W. Wesson, 145 Orton Ave., Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, England; A. B. Whitla, 27 Springhill Heights, Bangor West, Co. Down; Michael Wyse, 13 Ginnell Tce., Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT 1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER 1981

1980	EXPENDITURE	1981	1980	REVENUE	1981
31 Dec. '80					
£ 453.67	To Balance	£ 144.38		Incoming Balance	
£1,163.13	Printing	£1,108.61		Grants	£1,250.00
£ 296.45	Medals, etc.	£ 566.25	£ 750.00	Central Fisheries Board	£ 750.00
£ 767.22	Travel	£ 617.19	£ 750.00	Bord Failte	£ 243.89
£ 50.00	Miscellaneous		£ 337.40	Ditto towards expenses	£ 300.00
£ 25.57	Bank Charges	14.21		Estate of Dr. A. E. J. Went	
	Deposit Educational Building Society	£ 300.00	£ 509.88	Subscriptions	£ 351.97
			£ 264.38	Angling Clubs	£ 361.56
				Individual Donations	
	To Balance	£ 506.78	£ 144.38	Balance	
£2,756.04		£3,257.42	£2,756.04		£3,257.42
				31st Dec. 1981 By Balance	£ 506.78

We have examined all dockets, record books, lodgement and cheque books and certify that the accounts are correct

Signed: G. A. TIMMINS
CHRISTOPHER P. O'TOOLE

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.

UNUSUAL CLAIMS FOR SPECIMENS DURING 1982

by

P. FITZMAURICE

During the year, the Committee received three claims which warrant special notice. These claims were for a Torsk (*Brosme brosme*), a Plaice X Flounder hybrid (*Pleuronectes platessa* X *Platichthys flesus*) and for a Porpoise (*Phocaena phocaena*). The three claims were rejected because no categories exist for first two claims and the Porpoise, being a mammal, could never under any circumstances qualify under the rules of the Committee. Details of the claims are given below:

TORSK (*Brosme brosme*)

In August, Mr. George Hegarty, 27 Leenan Gardens, Derry captured a torsk weighing 1.9 kgs. The fish was caught at Fanad Head using paternoster gear with a mussel and mackerel cocktail.

PLAICE X FLOUNDER (*Pleuronectes platessa* X *Platichthys flesus*) HYBRID

Joseph Ryan, 21 R Pearse House, Pearse Street, Dublin 2 caught this hybrid at Cockle Lake, Sandymount Strand on the 20th April 1982. The terminal tackle used was a two hook leger with peeler crab as bait. The length of the fish was 49 cms. and it weighed 2.62 lbs.

Comparisons of the characteristics in the claimed specimen were made with those of a plaice and flounder. Identification of the hybrid was based on the characteristics shown in the table below.

Taxonomic Character	Plaice	Flounder	"Claimed Specimen"
No. of Dorsal Rays	65-79	52-67	67
No. of Anal Rays	48-59	35-46	50
No. of Vertebrae	42-43	36	41
Bony Knobs	4-7	1-2	2
Prickles on body	Nil	Present	Present

The number of dorsal fin rays (67) is the maximum recorded for a flounder but falls within the lower range for that of a plaice. There were more anal fin rays in the "specimen" than that recorded for a flounder and the number of vertebrae was intermediate between a plaice and a flounder. Two bony knobs were present on the dorsal side of the head at the beginning of the lateral line whilst prickles were present on the upper side beside the lateral line and also along the base of the dorsal and anal fins. Large well developed orange spots were present over the upper side of the body.

PORPOISE (*Phocaena phocaena*)

This was a most unusual capture and although the specimen is a mammal it certainly warrants comment. It is probably the first recorded incident of a porpoise being caught on rod and line in this country.

The claim was made by Mr. Richard O'Connell, Killeens, Ballynonty, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. The porpoise weighed 23.7 Kg. and was 47 inches long. The tackle used was a shore rod with a fixed spool reel having line with b.s. of 25 lbs. The terminal tackle consisted of a two hook paternoster connected to 3 feet of 30 lbs. b.s. gut. The bait was a mackerel strip. The porpoise was taken at the mouth of the Inny at Waterville, Co. Kerry. It would appear that Mr. O'Connell had a magnificent fight on his hands because in a letter he quoted that "As a matter of interest it took me 45 minutes to land the fish in very bad conditions".

We would like to sincerely thank the people who inform us of unusual captures. This information is invaluable to us in keeping records of our fish fauna and updating some of the information which has been collected over the last century.

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6th December 1982.

MOVEMENTS OF MONKFISH, *Squatina squatina* (L), ON THE WEST COAST OF IRELAND

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INTRODUCTION

Throughout the world there are 11 named species of Monkfish. There are many vernacular names for monkfish including angel ray, angel fish, angel shark, monk shark, fiddle fish, mongrel skate and sand devil. One species of monkfish is found in Irish waters, *Squatina squatina* (L.).

The species is common on the Irish coast and is found mainly in shallow depths. They are more abundant in depths of 2-4 fathoms and are occasionally found down to 40-50 fathoms. It is a bottom living species and often lies partially burrowed in mud, sand or gravel. The food of monkfish consists of bottom or near bottom living animals and includes flat fishes (plaice, dabs and flounders) rays, crabs, whelks and other molluscs (Wheeler 1969).

Monkfish are ovoviviparous, that is, they bring forth live young. The number of young vary from nine to sixteen depending on the size of the mother. The young appear to be born during summer off our coasts and a few incidents of adults giving birth, after being captured, have been recorded. The species appears to be more common in inshore situations during the summer than in wintertime. It grows to a size in excess of 73 lbs.

TAGGING PROGRAMME

A marine sport fish tagging programme was begun in 1970 by the Inland Fisheries Trust Incorporated. Since that time, the tagging programme has continued and is still being carried on by the Central Fisheries Board since the dissolution of the Inland Fisheries Trust. The main objectives of the tagging programme were to discover if species of fish being caught by rod and line constituted local or migratory populations and if they were migratory, to try and find out their range and pattern of migrations. Monkfish were one of the species included in the tagging programme.

Because most of species being tagged were longlived and because of the possibility of long term recaptures, the selection of the type of tags suitable for the project was given careful consideration. Jumbo Rototags and Petersen discs were chosen as being the tags most likely to give best results. In the early stages both types of tags were used singly and together. Shortly afterwards Jumbo Rototags were solely used because of later returns. Davies and Joubert (1967) evaluated Jumbo tags and found them suitable for a range of cartilaginous fish species. In England, Holden and Horrod (1979) found that for tope (*Galeorhinus galeus*) Jumbo tags gave far better returns than Petersen discs. They attributed this to the greater size of the Jumbo tag; which was thus easier to see and also carried a greater amount of information (full name and address). Petersen disc tagging was discontinued because of returns received from the fish which were tagged with both tag types. In some instances where double tagging occurred, returns were received only for Jumbo tags, the Petersen disc being missing (see Table 1).

Little is known about tag loss or mortality due to tagging. However, because of the experience of the people tagging, only fish which had an excellent chance of survival were tagged and then released thus giving the fish every opportunity of surviving. Only one tag has been found washed ashore indicating that there is some tag loss.

TAGGING LOCATIONS

The bulk of the tagging was carried out at the two angling centres in which monkfish are frequently captured. The major part of the tagging took place in Tralee Bay where 374 fish were tagged. 52 fish were tagged in Clew Bay, 8 off Castletownshend and a single fish in Manin Bay near Clifden. This gives a total of 435 monkfish tagged over a period of thirteen years.

RECAPTURES

To the beginning of December 1982 the total number of recaptures has amounted to 30. This represents a return rate of approximately 6.9%. Because of the time lag between tagging and recapture and because the tagging programme is a continuing one, the overall recapture returns will be higher. Details of the individual recaptures are shown in Table 1 whilst the migration patterns, location of tagging stations and location of recaptures are shown in Fig. 1.

From the data gathered so far it can be seen that 16 monkfish recaptures had travelled less than 15 miles, 10 of these were recaptured at the tagging location in Tralee Bay at time intervals varying from zero days to 2,909 days at liberty. To date, this latter fish has been the longest at liberty. This represents a time span of almost 8 years and indicates that the Jumbo tags being used are adequate for long term recaptures.

One fish tagged in Clew Bay, near Westport was subsequently recaptured in Newport Bay after being at liberty for a little over two years. Three fish travelled 22, 30 and 44 miles from Tralee Bay to Ballydavid Harbour, 20 miles west off Loop Head and Dingle Bay, respectively. All three were

Fig. 1. Recaptures of monkfish showing movement from tagging location. Numbers refer to Table 1.

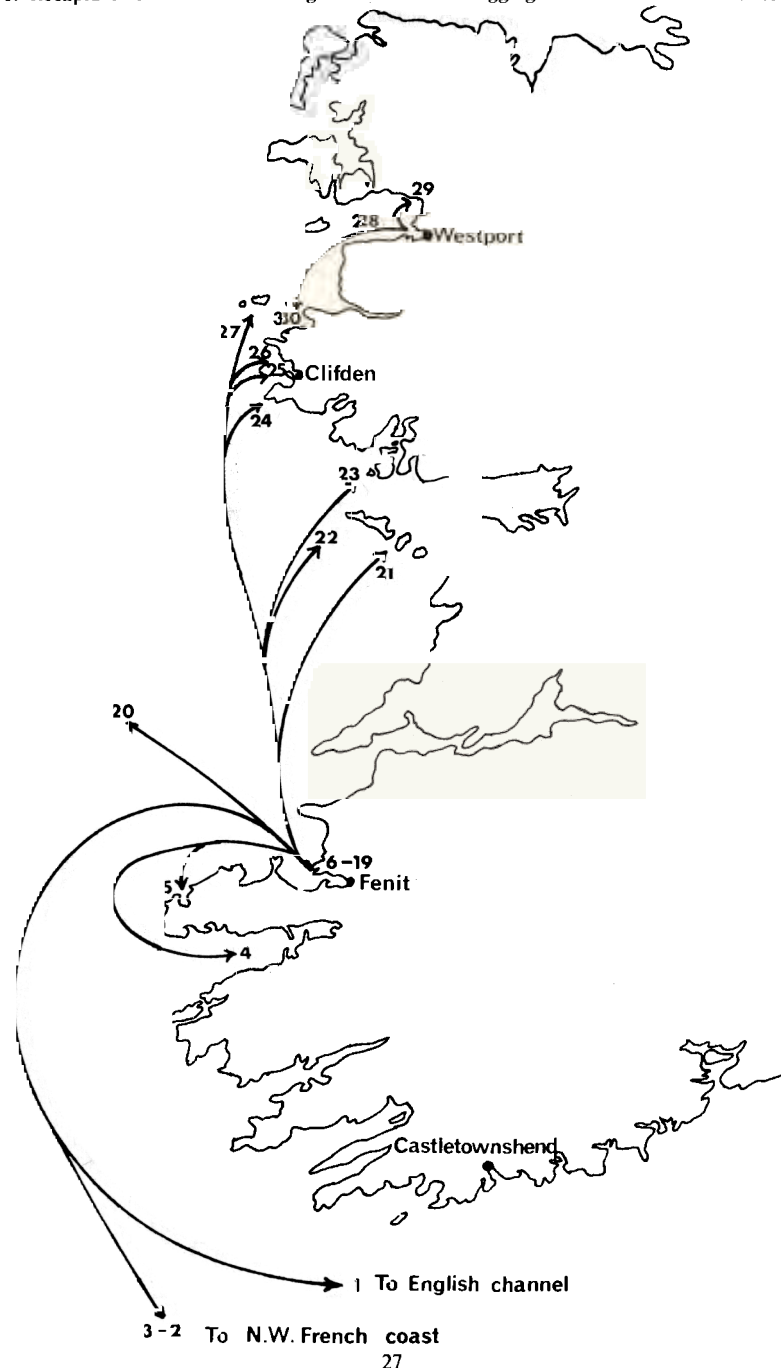


Fig. 2. Length frequency distribution of tagged monkfish.

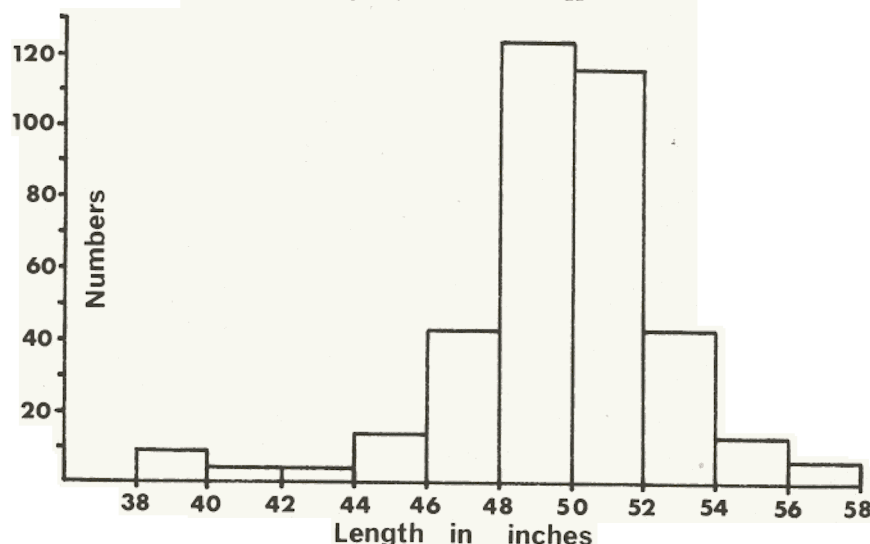
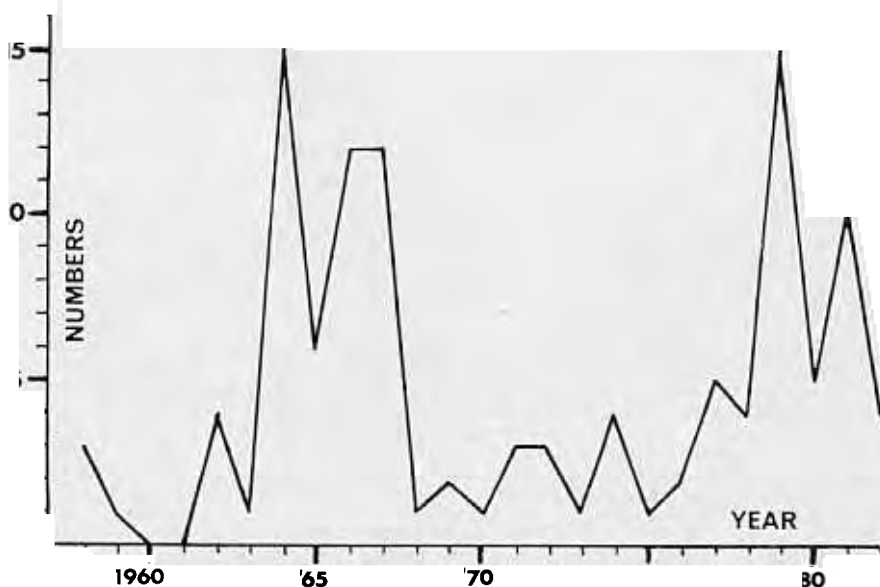


Fig. 3. Details of annual numbers of specimen monkfish recorded by the Irish Specimen Fish Committee.



recaptured after less than a year at liberty, two fish showed a general southerly movement whilst the third fish showed a northerly movement (Nos. 4, 5 and 20 in Fig. 2). One fish tagged in Clew Bay showed a movement southwards of 30 miles over 375 days.

Seven of the monkfish tagged in Tralee Bay showed a general northerly coastal movement of 50 to 100 miles. The recaptures were taken off the Aran Islands, Connemara coast and a single return off Inishbofin Island (Nos. 21-27 incl. Fig. 1).

Recaptures from the fish which undertook the longest migrations (Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Fig. 1) were recorded from the English channel off Goring-by-Sea, West Worthington, Sussex and two further fish were taken by French trawlers off the coast of Brittany. The English Channel recapture had travelled approximately 620 miles in 371 days and was taken on rod and line. The other two recaptures were at liberty for 317 and 333 days and had travelled 440 miles and 430 miles, respectively.

From the data available, particularly from Tralee Bay, there seems to be a general movement both northerly and southerly broadly following the outline of the continental land mass. Because so few returns have been obtained from the other tagging locations, it is too early to see or predict any migration pattern.

OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTED

The tagging programme also afforded us the opportunity of gathering ancillary information about the biology of monkfish. In Tralee Bay 119 fish were sexed, 94 were males and 25 were females. This gave a ratio of males to females of 3.75 : 1.

Figure 2 shows the length frequency distribution of the monkfish tagged. This figure represents the available sizes of monkfish for angling in the tagging locations. It can be seen that the majority of monkfish caught are between 48 inches and 52 inches in length. These would be regarded as large monkfish and indeed some specimens have been recorded from these tagged fish. The most remarkable point about the size distribution is the fact that there are very few small fish being caught in the angling locations. This would appear to indicate that juvenile nursery areas are located elsewhere. The fish currently being caught are mostly in the sub-specimen category but also straddling the specimen weight.

Figure 3 graphically represents the numbers of monkfish specimens recorded annually since 1958. Greater numbers of specimens were recorded in the period 1964-67, 1979 and again in 1981. It is very difficult to explain such anomalies. In the 1964-67 period angling pressure on the species certainly increased and at that stage the majority of specimens were killed. However in the early 1970's the campaign for conservation measures together with the tagging programme ensured that monkfish caught on rod and line were put back alive. The results of this programme could manifest itself by giving a greater number of specimens in 1979 and 1981. The specimens now being recorded, particularly from Tralee Bay are being weighed ashore and subsequently being put back alive. Perhaps in future years a clearer pattern may emerge.

The areas from which specimen monkfish have been recorded are shown in Table 2. All but one of the specimens recorded have been captured from the west coast of Ireland. The lone specimen from the east coast was taken at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow. Looking at the returns of specimens captured there is no doubt that Tralee Bay and Clew Bay, respectively, are the places most likely to yield specimen monkfish.

LENGTH/WEIGHT RELATIONSHIP

Details of the relationship between the length in inches and weight in pounds for monkfish are indicated in Figure 4. There was insufficient data to process the material separately for both males and females. The data were extracted from specimen fish claims, individuals which were weighed and tagged and data collected at Angling Festivals. As can be seen from the diagram there is a great spread of weights for any specific length, e.g., a fish measuring 50 inches in length can have a range in weight from approximately 30 lbs. to over 50 lbs. This does not take into account the sex of the species. If sufficient data were available it is more than likely that the variation in weight for a specific length would not be as great for either sex. This would be in keeping with other fish species.

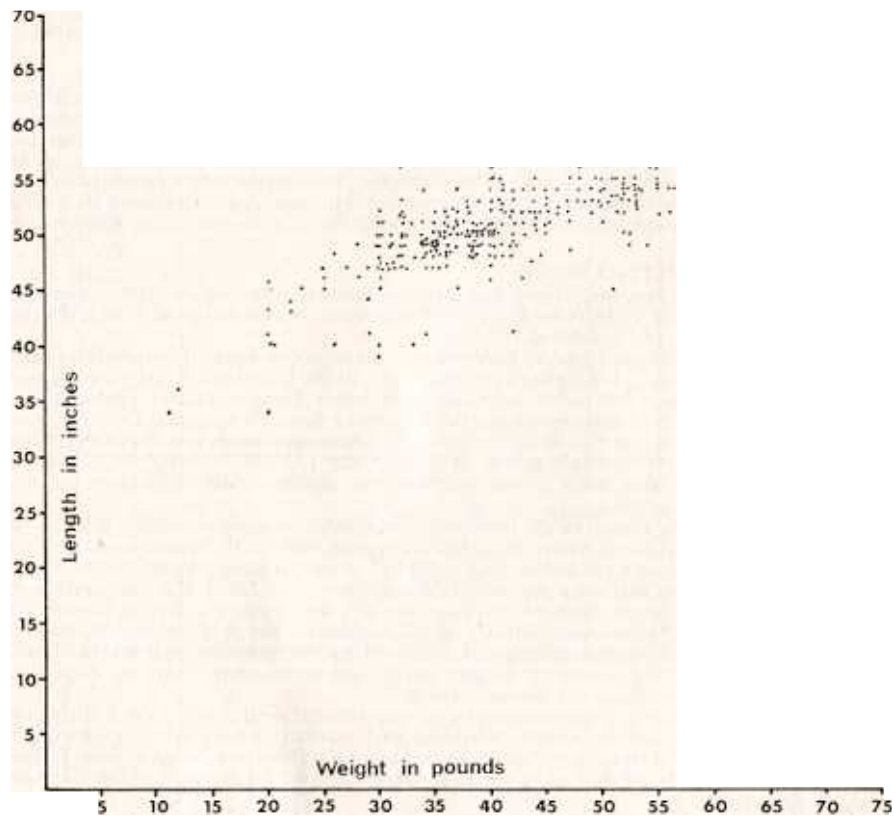
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Fig. 4. Length weight relationship of male and female monkfish.



Place of Capture	Number of Specimens	Place of Capture	Number of Specimens
Sneem	1	Clew Bay	31
Tralee Bay	73	Broadhaven Bay	1
Kilrush	1	Hussins, Donegal	1
Galway Bay	1	Newcastle, Wicklow	1

Table 2. Number of specimen monkfish caught at the different locations.

Fish No.	Place Tagged	Date	Place Recaptured	Days at Liberty	Miles Travelled	Observations
1	Tralee Bay	24.5.81	Goring-by-Sea	371	620	Tag found on beach
2	Tralee Bay	3.7.77	Off Finistere, Brittany	317	440	Caught by French Trawler
	Tralee Bay	11.7.81	Off Finistere, Brittany	304	430	Caught by French Trawler
4		25.5.81		324	42	Gained 2.3 Kg.
5	Tralee Bay	17.8.82	Ballydavid Harbour	60	22	Caught by Irish Trawler
+ 6	Tralee Bay	30.6.70	Tralee Bay	1,121	0	
	Tralee Bay	24.6.74	Tralee Bay	407	0	Tagged only with Petersen Disc.
+ 8	Tralee Bay	1.7.80	Tralee Bay	2,909	0	Petersen Disc missing *
+ 9	Tralee Bay	25.7.74	Tralee Bay	1,887	1/4	Gained 3.18 Kg.
+ 10		23.8.74			0	Caught by rod and line
11		15.8.79	Tralee Bay	277	0	Grew 5 cm.
12		3.9.79		714	2	Caught by rod and line *
13	Tralee Bay	1.8.79	Tralee Bay	662	2 1/4	Caught by rod and line *

Fish No.	Place Tagged	Date	Place Recaptured	Days at Liberty	Miles Travelled	Observations
14		1.8.79		662	2½	
15	Tralee Bay	15.8.78	Tralee Bay	1,092	0	Gained 2.7 Kg.
16		29.5.81		0	0	Caught by rod and line *
17		29.5.81		77	0	Caught by rod and line *
18	Tralee Bay	19.7.79	Tralee Bay	1,130	0	Caught by rod and line *
19		24.5.81		340	0	Caught by rod and line *
20	Tralee Bay	25.7.75	52° 30'N 10° 30'W	230	30	Caught by French Trawler
+ 21	Tralee Bay	17.8.78	Gregory Sound	90	60	Petersen Disc missing
22	Tralee Bay	14.9.78	16 miles West of Aran Islands	938	50	Caught by Irish Trawler
	Tralee Bay	11.7.82	Off Golam Head	115	68	Caught by Irish Trawler
+ 24	Tralee Bay	12.9.74	5 Miles East of Slyne Head	1,372	75	Petersen Disc too tight
25	Tralee Bay	22.8.74	Mannin Bay Clifden	392	100	Petersen Disc missing
+ 26	Tralee Bay	14.9.78	Mannin Bay	779	100	Gained 2.7 Kg. Retagged with Petersen Disc *

Fish No.	Place Tagged	Date	Place Recaptured		Miles Travelled	Observations
27	Clew Bay	19.9.78	Off Inishbofin Island	384	95	Caught in crayfish tangle net
28	Clew Bay	7.6.77	Bertragh Beach Mayo.			Tag found on beach.
29	Clew Bay	7.6.77	Newport Bay	743	7	Found dead in tangle net.
30	Clew Bay	7.6.77	Ballinakill Bay	375	30	

- Tagged with both Petersen Disc and Jumbo Rototag.

* - Returned alive.

Table 1. Details of all tag returns from monkfish.

IRISH RECORD FISH

Freshwater Species

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	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	River 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 13	9.9.1982	The Lough, Cork	Eddie Broughal
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 Hybrid	5 13½	12.4.1975	River Shannon, Lanesboro	P. J. Dighton
Tench	7 13½	25.5.1971	River Shannon, Lanesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	6 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

Marine Species

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	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	4 4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
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	Rossclare 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	56	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	Stanley Morrow
Mackerel		18.9.1979	Donegal Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann

Species	Weight lb. oz.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Monkfish	73 0	1.6.1980	Fenit, Co. Kerry	James Boyd
Grey Mullet	7 12	7.9.1975	Brittas Bay	Colm Quinn
Plaice	8.23	23.1.1982	Ballycotton Pier	Edmund Cull
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	P. 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 12	29.8.1982	Causeway Coast	Joe Cochrane
Painted Ray	14.37	18.6.1980	Garryvock, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Ray's Bream	5 4¼	26.8.1978	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	2 5	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Three Bearded Rockling	2 4½	28.6.1982	Dunmore East	Raymond Beckett
Iwaite Shad	2 1½	2.5.1982	River Barrow	Vincent Baker
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	56 8	15.7.1979	Carlingford Lough	Cyril Young
Turbot	34	2.6.1982	Cork Harbour	Frank Fleming
Whiting	4 4½	19.3.1981	Kenmare Bay	Comdt. M. J. O'Connor
Ballan Wrasse	7 8½	26.7.1964	Killybegs	A. J. King
Cuckoo Wrasse	1 2	10.10.1982	Larne	Richard Patterson
	1 2	16.9.1982	Belfast Lough	P. A. Webb

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	8	3.629
Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	18 13	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	40	18.144
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	17	10	4.536
Black Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	29		.907

	IRISH record		SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb. oz.		lb.	kilos.
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus Rhombus</i>)	—		8	3.629
Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	24 7		15	6.804
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</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
Dogfish — Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	18 0		12	5.443
— Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>)	4 4		3¾	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 10¾		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>)	8.23		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 12		5	2.268
— Undulate (<i>Raja undulata</i>)	18		14	6.350
— Painted (<i>Raja microocellata</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
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsaurus vulgaris</i>)	2 4½		1¼	.566
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	—		2	.907
Shad — Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	—		4	1.814
— Twaite (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	2 11½		1¾	.794
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
Smooth Hound (<i>Mustelas asterias</i>)	—		4	1.810
Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion 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>)	34 0		18	8.165
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4 14½		3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	7 6		4½	2.041
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	1 12		1¼	.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.

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, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, SMOOTH HOUND, 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 week-ends; (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).

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

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Species of Fish Weight
(see Rule 4)

Where caught Date of Capture

Length Girth/Wingspread/.....

[Note: Length measured in a straight line — not over curve of body — between tip of snout and end of middle rays of tail fin. Greatest girth, usually in front of dorsal fin. Wing spread, in case of rays and skate only — Horizontal distance — not over curve of body — from wingtip to wingtip).

NAME OF CLAIMANT (Block Letters)

ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH if 14 years or under

WITNESS TO CAPTURE

We the undersigned certify that we were witnesses to the capture by fair angling of the fish described in this claim, and confirm that the captor's certificate is correct. *(If there are no witnesses to the capture the Statutory Declaration on page 2 must be completed).*

Signed Address Occupation

WEIGHING: Details of type and make of weighing machine (see Rule 3) .

WHERE LOCATED .

WITNESSES TO WEIGHING AND MEASURING

We, the undersigned hereby certify that we were witnesses to the weighing and measuring of the fish described herein, and that the weight and measurements given are correct.

Signed..... Address Occupation

(To be completed by angler making claim)

I certify that the fish details of which are set out above, was taken by me by fair angling with single rod and line.

Signed Date

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date

Fish/Photograph received/examined

IdentifiedSignature

Tackle (*Type of rod and reel*)

Type of breaking strain of line

Nature of terminal tackle (*In case of trolling or bottom gear*)

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(In case of sea fishing, state whether paternoster, leger, etc.; number of hooks; whether wire trace used, and if so, length and breaking strain).

Bait or Lure

Important Note:

Many claims are rejected because the following rules are not strictly adhered to:

- (1) Rule 3 Weighing of the fish.
- (2) Rule 4 Identification of the fish.

Please read both of these Rules carefully

STATUTORY DECLARATION (*To be completed by angler if no witnesses to capture of fish. To be signed before Peace Commissioner*).

of .

do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars given in this claim form as to the capture of the fish described herein are correct. I make this solemn declaration solemnly and conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1938.

Declared before me by of
(Claimant)

who is personally known to me/who has been introduced to me

by of

who is personally known to me (*strike out whichever does not apply*)

this day of 19.....

(Peace Commissioner)

Issued by The Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen,
Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. (Phone 379206)