

**REPORT  
OF  
IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE  
FOR THE YEAR 1984**

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During 1984 the Committee was composed of A. Gibson (Chairman), and Miss E. Twomey (Department of Fisheries & Forestry); D. Brennan and P. Fitzmaurice (Central Fisheries Board); J. Greene (Bord Failte Eireann); C. P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers); J. Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland); G. Moorkens (Angling Council of Ireland); G. Timmins (Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association) and P. Byrne (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland).

During the year the Committee received 715 claims and ratified 633.

**SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1984**

(Dates of Capture 1984 unless otherwise stated)

**SEA TROUT**

Record 16 lb. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                        | DATE           | CAPTOR              | METHOD      |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 10 8               | Boyne River                  | 10th August    | William C. Ryan     | Worm        |
| 7 11               | Lough Currane,<br>Waterville | 29th April     | Odran Lucey         | Rapala      |
| 6 10               | Lough Currane                | 20th August    | Diarmuid A. Linehan | Fly         |
| 6.56               | Lough Namona,<br>Co. Kerry   | 27th September | Ian C. McKechnie    | Fly         |
| 6 7½               | Lough Currane                | 16th April     | Kevin Nagle         | Rapala      |
| 6 7¼               | Whitewater,<br>Kilkeel       | 28th October   | Patrick G. McManus  | Mepps       |
| 6.37               | Colligan River,<br>Dungarvan | 18th September | Tony Crowe          | Mepps No. 2 |

**BROWN TROUT (RIVER)**

Record 20 lbs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                          | DATE       | CAPTOR          | METHOD      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 7.35               | Cong Canal                     | 17th March | Martin Gibbons  | Worm        |
| 5 4                | Blackwater River,<br>Co. Meath | 1st March  | Michael McGuane | Toby        |
| 5                  | River Liffey                   | 11th June  | Stuart Greene   | Mepps No. 2 |

**BROWN TROUT (LAKE)**

Record 26 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD      |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 14                 | Lough Corrib | 2nd May        | Bill Palmer (GB)  | Dead Minnow |
| 13 12½             | Lough Erne   | 11th September | James R. Connolly | ABU Killer  |
| 13.29              | Lough Mask   | 8th June       | Peter Hapke (D)   | Toby        |
| 13                 | Lough Mask   | 15th June      | Hughie McDonnell  | Toby        |
| 12.77              | Lough Corrib | 3rd July       | David W. Browne   | Mepps No. 3 |
| 12 - 12            | Lough Corrib | 10th June      | Andy Walsh        | Mepps No. 4 |
| 12.48              | Lough Mask   | 31st August    | John Walsh        | Toby        |

**BROWN TROUT (LAKE) (Continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD       |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 12.13              | Lough Corrib     | 28th May       | Robert Saar (D)    | Mepps        |
| 11 12½             | Lower Lough Erne | 27th September | George V. Magowan  | Salamander   |
| 10 15              | Lough Sillan     | 10th June      | Bernd Volkmer (D)  | Jointed Plug |
| 10 14              | Lough Corrib     | 3rd June       | Jim Syme           | Mayflies     |
| 10 7               | Lough Derrig     | 16th May       | Sean Hickey        | Spent Gnat   |
| 10 3               | Lough Mask       | 15th June      | Dietrich Neese (D) | ABU Killer   |
| 10 3               | Lough Erne       | 22nd April     | Michael McDowell   | Rapalla      |

**BREAM**

Record 11 lb. 12 oz

Specimen Weight 7½ lbs.; 3.402 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE           | CAPTOR                     | METHOD                    |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 8               | River Barrow     | 28th April     | Tom Coster (GB)            | Paste & Worm              |
| 10 1½              | Monalty Lake     | 23rd September | Colm Crean                 | Maggots                   |
| 10 ½               | Lough Na Glack   | 21st August    | Norman Haworth             | Maggots & Caster          |
| 10 ¼               | Lough Na Glack   | 23rd June      | Colm Crean                 | Maggots                   |
| 9 13               | Lough Na Glack   | 20th August    | James McMahon              | Sweetcorn                 |
| 9 12               | Lough Na Glack   | 26th February  | James McMahon              | Maggots                   |
| 9 11               | Lough Na Glack   | 3th August     | James McMahon              | Sweetcorn                 |
| 9 9½               | Lough Na Glack   | 30th June      | Ken Wilkes (GB)            | Bread                     |
| 9 9½               | Lough Na Glack   | 21st August    | Norman Haworth             | Maggots                   |
| 9 9                | Monalty Lake     | 26th May       | Don Wheeler (GB)           | Maggots                   |
| 9 9                | Lough Na Glack   | 30th July      | Brendan Doran              | Sweetcorn                 |
| 9 8                | Ballinafid Lough | 4th June       | Vincent Baker              | Bread                     |
| 9 8                | Lough Na Glack   | 31st July      | Vincent Baker              | Worm & Maggots            |
| 9 7                | Lough Na Glack   | 7th August     | Colm Crean                 | Sweetcorn                 |
| 9 6½               | Lough Na Glack   | 6th August '83 | Vincent Baker              | Maggots & Corn            |
| 9 6                | Lough na Glack   | 31st May       | Mick Bonshor (GB)          | Maggots                   |
| 9 6                | Lough Na Glack   | 26th June      | M. C. Haley (GB)           | Maggots                   |
| 9 6                | Lough Na Glack   | 12th August    | Norman Haworth             | Caster                    |
| 9 6                | Monalty Lake     | 1st September  | Roger Berry (GB)           | Maggots                   |
| 9 6                | Lough Na Glack   | 3rd September  | Thomas Russell (GB)        | Caster & Worms            |
| 9 5                | Lough Na Glack   | 7th June       | Don Dambrosio (GB)         | Maggots                   |
| 9 5                | Monalty Lake     | 20th June      | David Franklin (GB)        | Bread                     |
| 9 5                | Lough Na Glack   | 2nd August     | Jim Nurse (GB)             | Maggots                   |
| 9 4                | Monalty Lake     | 30th March     | Roy Craig                  | Maggots                   |
| 9 4                | Ballinafid Lake  | 4th June       | Vincent Baker              | Lobworm                   |
| 9 4                | Monalty Lake     | 12th September | Michael Haley (GB)         | Maggots                   |
| 9 2                | Monalty Lake     | 24th May       | Ian Short (GB)             | Maggots                   |
| 9 2                | Monalty Lake     | 3rd September  | Michael Haley (GB)         | Maggots                   |
| 9 2                | Monalty Lake     | 11th September | Peter Warrilow (GB)        | Maggots                   |
| 9 2                | River Barrow     | 2nd October    | Tom Coster (GB)            | Sweetcorn & Worm Cocktail |
| 9 1                | Monalty Lake     | 26th April     | Richard A. Cartwright (GB) | Maggots                   |
| 9 1                | Lough Na Glack   | 31st May       | Mick Bonshor (GB)          | Maggots                   |
| 9 ¼                | Monalty Lake     | 30th September | Alastair Smyth             | Maggots                   |
| 9 ¼                | Ballinafid Lake  | 11th October   | John Foy (GB)              | Lobworm                   |
| 9                  | Monalty Lake     | 24th May       | Roland Hawkins (GB)        | Sweetcorn                 |
| 9                  | Ballinafid Lake  | 23rd August    | Barrie Sayers (GB)         | Lobtail                   |
| 9                  | Monalty Lake     | 31st August    | Graham Haynes (GB)         | Bread                     |
| 8 15               | Monalty Lake     | 24th May       | Roland Hawkins (GB)        | Sweetcorn                 |
| 8 14½              | Lough Na Glack   | 1st August     | Brendan Doran              | Sweetcorn                 |
| 8 14½              | Monalty Lake     | 22nd September | John Conlon                | Maggots                   |
| 8 13               | Monalty Lake     | 25th July      | Jeffrey Edwards (GB)       | Maggots                   |
| 8 12               | Monalty Lake     | 26th April     | Richard A. Cartwright (GB) | Maggots                   |

| WEIGHT<br>b. ozs. | PLACE                      | DATE           | CAPTOR                     | METHOD           |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 8 12              | Lough Na Glack             | 31st May       | Stephen W. Gilliver (GB)   | Maggots          |
| 8 12              | Lough Na Glack             | 7th June       | Don Dambrosio (GB)         | Maggots          |
| 8 12              | Lough Na Glack             | 7th June       | David Ward (GB)            | Maggots          |
| 8 12              | Lough Na Glack             | 30th July      | Brendan Doran              | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 12              | Lough Na Glack             | 31st July      | Mrs. Colette Baker         | Maggots          |
| 8 11              | Lough Na Glack             | 7th June       | Don Dambrosio (GB)         | Maggots          |
| 8 11              | Monalty Lake               | 19th July      | Ian Short (GB)             | Maggots          |
| 8 10              | Monalty Lake               | 30th March     | Robert McMaster            | Maggots          |
| 8 10              | Lough Na Glack             | 9th April      | Neil McCabe                | Maggots          |
| 8 10              | Monalty Lake               | 24th May       | Ian Short (GB)             | Maggots          |
| 8 10              | Lough Na Glack             | 28th June      | Ken Wilkes (GB)            | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 9½              | Lough Na Glack             | 17th August    | William Colton             | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 9               | Lough Na Glack             | 15th August    | Frank Golligly (GB)        | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 8               | Monalty Lake               | 31st March     | Roy Craig                  | Maggots          |
| 8 8               | River Barrow               | 27th April     | Tom Coster (GB)            | Worm             |
| 8 8               | River Barrow               | 28th April     | Tom Coster (GB)            | Worm             |
| 8 8               | Lough Na Glack             | 30th June      | Ken Wilkes (GB)            | Bread            |
| 8 8               | Monalty Lake               | 31st August    | Roger Berry (GB)           | Maggots          |
| 8 8               | Monalty Lake               | 1st October    | Mrs. Carol McMahon         | Maggots          |
| 8 7½              | Lough Na Glack             | 30th June      | M. C. Haley (GB)           | Bread Flake      |
| 8 7               | Lough Na Glack             | 31st May       | Mick Bonshor (GB)          | Maggots          |
| 8 7               | Monalty Lake               | 15th July      | John Conlon                | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 7               | Monalty Lake               | 29th October   | John Conlon                | Maggots          |
| 8 7               | Lough Na Glack             | 1st August     | Jim Nurse (GB)             | Sweetcorn        |
| 8.39              | R. Shannon, Lanesboro      | 6th May        | B. Lister (GB)             | Bread            |
| 8 6               | Monalty Lake               | 30th March     | Robert McMaster            | Maggots          |
| 8 6               | Monalty Lake               | 24th May       | Roland Hawkins (GB)        | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 6               | Lough Na Glack             | 26th June      | M. C. Haley (GB)           | Maggots          |
| 8 6               | Monalty Lake               | 26th August    | Roger Berry (GB)           | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 6               | Lough Na Glack             | 2nd September  | Fred Foster                | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 5               | Monalty Lake               | 31st March     | Robert McMaster            | Maggots          |
| 8 5               | Lough Na Glack             | 31st May       | Stephen W. Gilliver (GB)   | Maggots          |
| 8 5               | Monalty Lake               | 21st June      | Paul Frewin (GB)           | Maggots          |
| 8 5               | Monalty Lake               | 26th June      | Roy Wheeler (GB)           | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 5               | Capragh Lake, Co. Monaghan | 24th September | Richard Hancox (GB)        | Maggots & Caster |
| 8 4½              | Lough Na Glack             | 23rd August    | Dave Phillips (GB)         | Sweetcorn        |
| 8.25              | Lough Ree                  | 26th April     | Martin Bernard (GB)        | Bread            |
| 8 3               | Monalty Lake               | 18th June      | Malcolm C. Thorne (GB)     | Maggots          |
| 8 3               | Monalty Lake               | 21st June      | James W. Miller (GB)       | Maggots          |
| 8 2               | Monalty Lake               | 31st April     | Richard A. Cartwright (GB) | Maggots          |
| 8 2               | Monalty Lake               | 21st June      | R. G. Rosier (GB)          | Maggots          |
| 8 2               | River Barrow               | 30th August    | A. Lasenby (GB)            | Bread Flake      |
| 8 2               | Monalty Lake               | 30th September | Neill Kellett              | Maggots          |
| 8 2               | Lough Na Glack             | 6th Aug. 1983  | Vincent Baker              | Maggots          |
| 8 1               | Monalty Lake               | 30th March     | Roy Craig                  | Maggots          |
| 8 1               | Monalty Lake               | 18th June      | Malcolm C. Thorne (GB)     | Maggots          |
| 8 1               | Lough Na Glack             | 6th Aug. 1983  | Vincent Baker              | Maggots          |
| 8 1               | Lough Na Glack             | 22nd August    | Richard Caplice            | Sweetcorn        |
| 8 1               | River Barrow               | 28th August    | Arthur Lasenby (GB)        | Bread Flake      |
| 8.13              | Monalty Lake               | 30th August    | Graham Haynes (GB)         | Sweetcorn        |
| 8.13              | Monalty Lake               | 31st August    | Graham Haynes (GB)         | Maggots          |
| 8 ½               | Lough Na Glack             | 30th July 1983 | Neil Fitzsimons            | Maggots          |

**BREAM (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                     | DATE           | CAPTOR                   | METHOD                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 8                  | Lough Na Glack            | 31st May       | Stephen W. Gilliver (GB) | Worms & Caster         |
| 8                  | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | Paul Frewin (GB)         | Maggots                |
| 8                  | Monalty Lake              | 30th September | Alastair Smyth           | Maggots                |
| 8                  | Ballinafid Lake           | 4th October    | John Foy (GB)            | Lobworm                |
| 7 15½              | Lough Na Glack            | 8th August     | Jacqueline Haworth       | Maggots                |
| 7 15               | Lough Na Glack            | 24th March     | Fred Foster              | Maggots                |
| 7 15               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | R. G. Rosier (GB)        | Maggots                |
| 7 15               | Monalty Lake              | 25th July      | Jeffrey Edwards (GB)     | Maggots                |
| 7 14½              | Lough Na Glack            | 9th September  | Michael Connell          | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 14½              | Lough Na Glack            | 2nd August     | Geoffrey Fowkes (GB)     | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 14               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | Paul Frewin (GB)         | Maggots                |
| 7 14               | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | David Franklin (GB)      | Bread                  |
| 7 14               | Lough Derry, Co. Monaghan | 26th June      | Richard Hancox (GB)      | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 14               | Lough Na Glack            | 2nd August     | Geoffrey Fowkes (GB)     | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 13               | Monalty Lake              | 27th May       | Don Wheeler (GB)         | Maggots                |
| 7 13               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | R. G. Rosier (GB)        | Maggots                |
| 7 13               | Monalty Lake              | 5th July       | Malcolm Newton (GB)      | Maggots                |
| 7 13               | Monalty Lake              | 30th September | Alastair Smyth           | Maggots                |
| 7 13               | Ballinafid Lake           | 10th October   | Mike Sloane (GB)         | Lobworm                |
| 7.81               | Lanesboro                 | 11th May       | K. G. Abrams (GB)        | Bread crumbs & Maggots |
| 7 12               | Lough na Glack            | 5th March      | Jeremy Salisbury (GB)    | Maggots                |
| 7 12               | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | Malcolm Newton (GB)      | Maggots                |
| 7 12               | Monalty Lake              | 1st July       | Richard Handcox (GB)     | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 12               | Lough Na Glack            | 1st August     | Geoffrey Fowkes (GB)     | Maggots                |
| 7 12               | Lough Na Glack            | 20th August    | Mrs. Carol McMahon       | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 11               | Lough Na Glack            | 19th August    | Patrick Crossan          | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 11               | River Barrow              | 1st September  | John Mole (GB)           | Bread flake            |
| 7.67               | Lanesboro                 | 7th May        | W. A. Lister (GB)        | Bread                  |
| 7.62               | Lanesboro                 | 8th May        | B. Lister (GB)           | Bread                  |
| 7 10               | Lough Na Glack            | 7th June       | David Ward (GB)          | Maggots                |
| 7 10               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | James W. Miller (GB)     | Maggots                |
| 7 10               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | James W. Miller (GB)     | Maggots                |
| 7 10               | Monalty Lake              | 21st June      | David Worby (GB)         | Maggots                |
| 7 9                | Lough Na Glack            | 5th March      | Jeremy Salisbury (GB)    | Maggots                |
| 7 9                | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | Roy Wheller (GB)         | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 8½               | Lough Na Glack            | 5th March      | Ray Bazeley (GB)         | Maggots                |
| 7 8½               | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | David Franklin (GB)      | Bread                  |
| 7.57               | Lough Ree                 | 5th May        | John Muldoon             | Bread                  |
| 7.56               | Lough Ree                 | 29th April     | Martin Bernard (GB)      | Bread                  |
| 7.55               | Lough Ree                 | 29th April     | Martin Bernard (GB)      | Bread                  |
| 7 8                | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | Malcolm Newton (GB)      | Maggots                |
| 7 8                | Monalty Lake              | 26th June      | Roy Wheeler (GB)         | Sweetcorn              |
| 7 8                | Lough Na Glack            | 31st July      | Jim Nurse (GB)           | Sweetcorn              |

**PERCH**

Record 5 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD      |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 4                  | River Barrow | 30th April     | Tom Coster (GB)   | Dead bait   |
| 3 2                | River Barrow | 28th August    | John Lasenby (GB) | Worm        |
| 3 2                | River Barrow | 24th September | Tom Coster (GB)   | Dead Minnow |

**EEL**

Record 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                          | DATE           | CAPTOR        | METHOD                 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 3 1                | Westport Quay                  | 10th September | Eoin McGreal  | Herring & Small Mullet |
| 3                  | Gollierstown Pond, Co. Dublin. | 28th August    | Sean Hennessy | Mackerel fillet        |

**PIKE (RIVER)**

Record 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                          | DATE           | CAPTOR              | METHOD        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 31                 | River Suck, Mount Talbot       | 12th June      | Joseph Connor       | Plug          |
| 28                 | River Suck                     | 11th Dec. 1983 | Charles Keighery    | Herring       |
| 26 8               | River Barrow, Athy             | 9th June       | Seamus Robinson     | Mepps No. 3   |
| 24.81              | River Liffey, Osberstown       | 25th November  | Patrick Fennessy    | Herring       |
| 24.52              | River Barrow                   | 26th February  | Shay McDonnell      | Rudd          |
| 23 8               | River Liffey, Naas             | 15th October   | Peter McGlynn       | Dead Herring  |
| 23.02              | River Barrow                   | 26th February  | Shay McDonnell      | Rudd          |
| 23                 | River Shannon, Drumshanbo      | 17th July      | Bataille Werner (B) | Dead Perch    |
| 22 8               | River Liffey, Millicent Bridge | 9th April      | Christopher Kelly   | Bobex Spinner |
| 22 8               | River Barrow                   | 24th September | Tom Coster (GB)     | Toby Spoon    |
| 20 10              | Maine River, Co. Antrim        | 24th March     | Bill Hamill         | Herring       |

**ROACH/BREAM HYBRID**

Record 3 lbs. 15½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE     | CAPTOR      | METHOD    |
|--------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 3.24               | Drumreask Lake | 1st July | Joe Caffrey | Sweetcorn |
| 3.06               | Drumreask Lake | 29th May | Joe Caffrey | Sweetcorn |

**RUDD**

Record 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight 2¼ lbs.; 1.021 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE        | CAPTOR              | METHOD            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 14               | River Shannon, Athlone   | 23rd July   | Barry Brill         | Bread Crust       |
| 2.62               | River Shannon, Lanesboro | 27th May    | Peter Walsh         | Bread             |
| 2 7½               | River Shannon, Athlone   | 23rd July   | Joseph Brill        | Bread Crust       |
| 2.45               | Lanesboro                | 27th May    | Alan Ivory          | Bread             |
| 2 4¼               | Lough Ree                | 10th August | Aedan Conleth Quinn | Maggots & Casters |

**RUDD/BREAM HYBRID**

Record 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE     | DATE    | CAPTOR     | METHOD |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|
| 3 15               | Lough Ree | 8th May | Hugh Gough | Worms  |
| 3 12               | Lough Ree | 8th May | Hugh Gough | Worms  |

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID (Continued)

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE        | CAPTOR            | METHOD    |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 3.51               | River Shannon, Lanesboro | 3rd May     | Karin Stich (D)   | Bread     |
| 3 2                | Ballycullinan, Co. Clare | 27th August | Oliver O'Laughlin | Bread     |
| 3                  | River Liffey, Leixlip    | 25th June   | Bernard J. Kenny  | Sweetcorn |

TENCH

Record 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs. Specimen Weight 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE           | CAPTOR               | METHOD      |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 6.79               | River Shannon, Lanesboro | 5th May        | Geoff Dawson (GB)    | Sweetcorn   |
| 6 12               | River Barrow, Clashganny | 28th September | Tom Coster (GB)      | Lobworm     |
| 6.61               | Lanesboro                | 19th May       | John Mills (GB)      | Bread Flake |
| 6.61               | Lanesboro                | 19th May       | Guenther Stich (D)   | Bread       |
| 6.54               | Lanesboro                | 28th May       | Mrs. Karin Stich (D) | Bread       |
| 6.47               | Lanesboro                | 12th May       | John Mills (GB)      | Bread Flake |
| 6.38               | Lough Ree                | 12th May       | Martin Bernard (GB)  | Bread       |
| 6.29               | Lanesboro                | 5th May        | John Mills (GB)      | Bread Flake |
| 6.27               | Lanesboro                | 24th May       | Mrs. Karin Stich (D) | Bread       |
| 6.25               | Lanesboro                | 19th May       | Guenther Stich (D)   | Bread       |
| 6 4                | River Barrow             | 30th September | Tom Coster (GB)      | Sweetcorn   |
| 6.21               | Lanesboro                | 5th May        | Geoff Dawson (GB)    | Sweetcorn   |
| 6 3                | Monalty Lake             | 18th June      | Malcolm C. Thorne    | Maggots     |
| 6 2                | River Barrow             | 3rd May        | John Lasenby (GB)    | Bread Paste |
| 6.12               | Lanesboro                | 23rd May       | Damian Gilmore       | Bread Flake |
| 6.05               | Lanesboro                | 22nd May       | Damian Gilmore       | Bread Flake |
| 6.05               | Lanesboro                | 9th May        | B. Lister (GB)       | Bread       |
| 6 1½               | Lowfield                 | 24th May       | R. Barber (GB)       | Redworm     |
| 6 1                | Lough Na Glack           | 24th June      | Colm Crean           | Maggots     |

BASS

Record 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs. Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 13.88 lbs.         | Cobh                     | 11th September | Patrick O'Shea        | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13 12              | Courtown, Co. Wexford    | 27th May       | John E. Shiel         | Mackerel        |
| 13.07              | Ballyteigue, Co. Wexford | 1st May        | Joe Sinnott           | Lugworm         |
| 13                 | Park Point, Wexford      | 7th October    | Arthur Cox            | Peeler Crab     |
| 12 12              | Valentia                 | 14th July      | Giovanni v/d Ark (NL) | Baited Feathers |
| 11.86              | Dollymount, Dublin       | 7th October    | Patrick Conlon        | Ragworm         |
| 11.75              | Dun Laoghaire            | 19th August    | James Kelly           | Mackerel        |
| 11 6               | Rush                     | 15th April     | Anthony Fenton        | Ragworm         |
| 11 5½              | Fimoleague, Co. Cork     | 26th Dec. 1983 | Barry Lordan          | Sandeel         |
| 11                 | Wexford Harbour          | 1st July       | Michael Furlong       | Ragworm         |
| 11                 | Valentia                 | 2nd September  | C. P. G. Martens (NL) | Mackerel        |
| 10 14              | Corballis, Co. Dublin    | 16th May       | Patrick Teeling       | Ragworm         |

BASS (Continued)

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                  | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD         |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 10 8               | Roches Point, Co. Cork | 12th July      | Michael Roche         | Soft Crab      |
| 10.49              | Killiney, Co. Dublin   | 2nd September  | Karl Presch           | Mackerel Strip |
| 10.35              | Clonakilty             | 22nd September | Anthony J. Tower (GB) | Sandeel        |
| 10 4               | Clonakilty             | 1st June       | John McDermott        | Soft Crab      |
| 10 3½              | Courtmacsherry         | 9th September  | Nicholas Wall         | Lugworm        |
| 10.13              | Rogerstown, Co. Dublin | 2nd August     | Henry Lynam           | Ragworm        |

BRILL

Record 9 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                  | DATE          | CAPTOR        | METHOD                      |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 8                | Causeway Coast         | 8th September | Deborah Gregg | Mackerel & Ragworm Cocktail |
| 9 6                | Cushendall, Co. Antrim | 6th July      | Boyd McMullan | Wondershine Lure            |
| 5.51               | Ardmore, Co. Waterford | 16th July     | John Cronin   | Crab                        |

COALFISH

Record 12.5 kilos Specimen Weight 15 lbs.; 6.804 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE        | CAPTOR                   | METHOD           |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 9.250 kilos        | Youghal        | 12th August | Pierre de Winter (B)     | Mackerel Strip   |
| 19                 | Courtmacsharry | 21st July   | Robert Woudman (NL)      | Artificial Squid |
| 18.03              | Achill         | 24th August | John O'Shea              | Red Gill         |
| 18 8               | Kinsale        | 14th August | John Cronin              | Feathers         |
| 17                 | Dingle         | 26th August | Ian C. Nicholls (GB)     | Rubber Eel       |
| 16.85              | Kinsale        | 25th July   | Grainne Coen (GB)        | Mackerel Strip   |
| 7.1 kilos          | Kinsale        | 3rd June    | Martin Van Der Zwan (NL) | Baited Feathers  |
| 15.56              | Achill         | 9th July    | John O'Shea              | Redgill          |
| 15 4               | Clew Bay       | 13th July   | Peter R. Gillison        | Mackerel         |

COD

Record 42 lbs. Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE           | CAPTOR              | METHOD          |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 14.6 kilos         | Kinsale        | 25th June      | Charles O'Sullivan  | Mackerel Strip  |
| 30 9               | Belfast Lough  | 23rd July 1983 | James Taylor        | Mackerel        |
| 30                 | Causeway Coast | 12th July      | Ivan King           | Baited Feathers |
| 26 4               | Causeway Bank  | 16th June      | John Parke          | Pirk            |
| 25.96              | Causeway Coast | 1st September  | James Falconer (GB) | Cockle          |

CONGER EEL

Record 72 lbs. Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE          | CAPTOR           | METHOD   |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| 46 5               | Dunmore East | 12th August   | Pat Whelan       | Mackerel |
| 44 12              | Cobh         | 3rd September | J. S. Mowat (GB) | Mackerel |
| 19.9 kilos         | Youghal      | 14th July     | William Waterman | Mackerel |

**CONGER EEL (Continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE          | CAPTOR             | METHOD         |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 42 8               | Ballycotton    | 1st July      | Liam Hyde          | Mackerel       |
| 42 8               | Ballycotton    | 22nd August   | Dietmar Scharf     | Mackerel Strip |
| 42                 | Courtmacsherry | 31st July     | Rini Anemaet (NL)  | Mackerel Strip |
| 41 13              | Ballycotton    | 18th July     | Paul Pasch (NL)    | Mackerel Strip |
| 40 4               | Cobh           | 2nd September | T. C. Buckley (GB) | Mackerel       |

**DAB**

Record 2 lbs.

Specimen Weight 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                  | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD           |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2                  | Cobh                   | 28th January   | Timothy O'Shea    | Mackerel Strip   |
| 1 14               | Cobh                   | 30th January   | Noel Walsh        | Mackerel & Squid |
| 1 12½              | Causeway Coast         | 18th August    | Robert Kerr       | Ragworm          |
| 1.68               | Achill                 | 4th August     | Stephen D. Miller | Mackerel         |
| 1 10½              | Monkstown,<br>Co. Cork | 15th December  | John Twomey       | Lugworm          |
| 1 10               | Ballycotton Pier       | 7th January    | Peter Walsh       | Squid Cocktail   |
| 1 10               | Causeway Coast         | 25th August    | John Eakin        | Baited Spoon     |
| 1 9                | Causeway Coast         | 12th August    | John B. Scullion  | Ragworm          |
| 1 9                | Causeway Coast         | 25th September | Nick McCreedy     | Ragworm/Mackerel |
| 1.51               | Belmullet              | 1st July       | John Murphy       | Ragworm & Cockle |
| 1 8                | Cobh                   | 8th January    | S. McSweeney      | Herring Strip    |
| 1 8                | Cobh                   | 5th January    | Christy Lane      | Clam             |
| 1 8                | Cobh                   | 4th November   | Joe Roe           | Lugworm          |

**GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

Record 23½ lbs.

Specimen Weight 16 lbs.; 7.257 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                       | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 19 12              | Carbery Centre,<br>Co. Cork | 8th August     | David Edwards (GB)    | Mackerel Fillet |
| 18.39              | Valentia                    | 18th August    | Des O'Connell         | Mackerel Strip  |
| 17 8               | Valentia                    | 7th August     | Ray Bannerman         | Mackerel        |
| 17 8               | Valentia                    | 4th September  | C. P. G. Martens (NL) | Mackerel        |
| 17 2               | Rush, Co. Dublin            | 25th August    | Pat Coscoran          | Mackerel Strip  |
| 17                 | Valentia                    | 20th September | J. F. Monch (NL)      | Cod Strip       |
| 16 9               | Valentia                    | 25th September | Henk Van Asselt (NL)  | Mackerel        |
| 16 8½              | Schull                      | 29th July      | Leo Werner            | Mackerel Strip  |
| 16 8               | Valentia                    | 2nd September  | W. T. Y. Smit (NL)    | Mackerel        |
| 16 1½              | Courtmacsherry              | 30th August    | Brian Furphy          | Mackerel Strip  |

**LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

Record 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3½ lbs.; 1.587 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE         | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD         |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 3 13               | Arklow        | 23rd September | Derek Evans        | Ragworm        |
| 3 10               | Valentia      | 17th July      | Tom Morrell (B)    | Mackerel       |
| 3 6                | Belfast Lough | 7th Aug. 1983  | Kenneth Kilpatrick | Mackerel       |
| 3 4½               | Cork Harbour  | 14th Aug. 1983 | Wilfried Lange (D) | Mackerel Strip |

**SPUR DOGFISH**

Record 18 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                   | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 16 8               | Dingle                  | 1st September  | M. P. de Pree (NL)    | Mackerel        |
| 15 12              | Rush                    | 13th May       | John Donnelly         | Mackerel Strip  |
| 14 12              | Dundalk                 | 22nd July      | Teddy McCrave         | Mackerel Lask   |
| 14 2               | Dundalk                 | 8th July       | John G. Clarke        | Mackerel Strip  |
| 14                 | Valentia                | 23rd August    | A. M. Schoemaker (NL) | Mackerel Strip  |
| 13 11              | Valentia                | 15th September | C. J. Monch (NL)      | Mackerel        |
| 13 10              | Howth                   | 15th July      | Liam Tully            | Mackerel        |
| 13 8               | Rush                    | 26th August    | Joseph Harford        | Mackerel        |
| 13 4               | Cahore, Co. Wexford     | 29th September | James Cosgrave        | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13 1               | Wexford                 | 26th August    | John Chambers         | Mackerel        |
| 13                 | Dingle                  | 1st September  | A. M. Smits (NL)      | Mackerel        |
| 12 14½             | Cushendall              | 24th June      | George Pottswoorth    | Mackerel        |
| 12 12              | Howth                   | 15th July      | Robert Tully          | Mackerel        |
| 12 12              | Blacksod                | 9th August     | Norman Dunlop         | Mackerel Last   |
| 12 12              | Howth                   | 19th August    | Robert Dow            | Mackerel        |
| 12.66              | Bantry Bay              | 22nd Aug. 1983 | H. G. Mahoney (USA)   | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12 8               | Rush                    | 23rd June      | Kevin Farrell         | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12.40              | Skerries,<br>Co. Dublin | 6th June       | Gerard A. Miller      | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12 4               | Greystones              | 17th June      | Paul Campbell         | Whitebait       |
| 12 4               | Lough Swilly            | 2nd June       | John Windle (GB)      | Mackerel        |
| 12 3               | Valentia Island         | 27th September | P. den Boer (NL)      | Mackerel        |
| 12 2½              | Valentia                | 25th August    | David W. Clark (GB)   | Mackerel        |
| 12 ½               | Schull                  | 11th May       | Malcolm Dosssett (GB) | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12                 | Kinsale                 | 7th September  | Henk Lansbergen (B)   | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12                 | Rush                    | 8th July       | Christopher Carrick   | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12                 | Fenit                   | 8th July       | Brian Redmond         | Mackerel        |
| 12                 | Portballintrae          | 29th April     | William Cowan         | Mackerel Strip  |

**FLOUNDER**

Record 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                       | DATE           | CAPTOR               | METHOD      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 3 8                | Ballyteigue                 | 28th Dec. 1983 | Shay McDonnell       | Lugworm     |
| 3 6                | Bannow Bay,<br>Co. Wexford  | 21st October   | David Fay            | Lugworm     |
| 3 3½               | Timoleague                  | 2nd June       | Barry Lordan         | Crab        |
| 3 3                | Cullenstown,<br>Co. Wexford | 1st April      | William Fox          | Ragworm     |
| 3 2                | Ballyteigue                 | 22nd January   | David Fay            | Lugworm     |
| 3 1½               | Ballyteigue                 | 30th Dec. 1983 | Martin Lucas         | Lugworm     |
| 3 1                | Courtmacsherry              | 29th September | Daniel K. Cronin     | Soft Crab   |
| 3.09               | Tramore,<br>Co. Waterford   | 25th January   | Liam Jacques         | Ragworm     |
| 3 0½               | Cullenstown                 | 8th January    | Michael Murphy       | Lugworm     |
| 3                  | Bannow                      | 18th Dec. 1983 | John Cullen          | Lugworm     |
| 3                  | Quans                       | 2nd December   | Master Mark Crowe    | Peeler Crab |
| 2.90               | Dungarvan                   | 31st Dec. 1983 | Master David Lewis   | Lugworm     |
| 2 12½              | Courtmacsherry              | 4th Aug. 1983  | Maurice Buckley      | Peeler Crab |
| 2 12               | Cullenstown                 | 30th Dec. 1983 | Thomas Keogh Jnr.    | Lugworm     |
| 2 10               | Ballyteigue Bay             | 29th Dec. 1983 | Frank Cranks         | Lugworm     |
| 2 10               | Tramore                     | 31st Dec. 1983 | Nicholas McEvoy Jnr. | Lugworm     |
| 2 10               | Ballyteigue                 | 28th Dec. 1983 | Robbie Coventry      | Lugworm     |
| 2.68               | Garryvoe, Co. Cork          | 4th Dec. 1983  | Edmund Cull          | Soft Crab   |
| 2 9½               | Ballyteigue                 | 29th Dec. 1983 | Michael Elliott      | Lugworm     |
| 2 8½               | Ballyteigue                 | 29th Dec. 1983 | Michael Elliott      | Lugworm     |
| 2 8½               | Ballyteigue                 | 28th Dec. 1983 | Shay McDonnell       | Ragworm     |

**GARFISH**

Record 3 lbs. 10½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 2¼ lbs.; 1.134 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD                    |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 15½              | Kinsale        | 4th September  | Danny de Stigter (NL) | Toby                      |
| 2 12               | Carbery Centre | 21st August    | Master David Murphy   | Mackerel Strip            |
| 2 9½               | Kinsale        | 27th August    | Desmond O'Neill       | Feathers & Mackerel Strip |
| 2 9                | Clifden        | 5th August     | J. J. Smits           | Mackerel Strip            |
| 2 7½               | Schull         | 16th September | Alan O'Mahony         | Mackerel Strip            |
| 2 7                | Ballycotton    | 10th August    | Thomas J. Black       | German Sprat              |
| 2 5½               | Schull         | 16th September | John Sheehan          | Mackerel Strip            |

**GREY GURNARD**

Record 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                 | DATE        | CAPTOR                   | METHOD            |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 10               | Downings, Co. Donegal | 21st August | H. M. A. Van Loenen (NL) | Baited Feathers   |
| 1 9                | Killala               | 5th May     | Norman G. McPetridge     | Mackerel Feathers |
| 1.64               | Achill                | 13th August | John O'Shea              | Mackerel          |
| 1 8½               | Valentia              | 14th August | Pim Pos (NL)             | Baited Feathers   |
| 1 8                | Valentia              | 18th July   | Henk Daniel Breukel (NL) | Feathers          |

**RED GURNARD**

Record 3 lbs. 9¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                   | DATE           | CAPTOR               | METHOD            |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1.2 kilos          | Glengad, Co. Donegal    | 25th Sept. '83 | Anthony Doherty      | Mackerel          |
| 2 8½               | Moville, Co. Donegal    | 24th August    | Barry Bowstead       | Mackerel Strip    |
| 2 8                | Mullaghmore             | 23rd July      | Gunter Sievers (D)   | Baited Feathers   |
| 2 7                | Killala                 | 12th August    | Simon Daly           | Mackerel          |
| 2 6                | Portrush                | 8th July       | Bryan Morrison       | Lugworm           |
| 2 4                | Killala                 | 6th May        | Norman G. McPetridge | Mackerel Feathers |
| 2.25               | Innishmurray, Co. Sligo | 28th Aug. '83  | Alan McGurdy         | Mackerel Strip    |
| 2 2½               | Killala                 | 7th July       | Cleona Walkin        | Baited Spoon      |
| 1 kilo             | Killybegs               | 26th August    | Derek Bates          | Mackerel          |
| 2 1½               | Causeway Coast          | 9th June       | James Burns          | Ragworm           |
| 2 1½               | Killala                 | 7th July       | John Walkin          | Baited Feathers   |
| 2 1                | Lough Swilly            | 19th August    | Owen Toomey          | Lugworm           |
| 2 1                | Killala                 | 17th November  | Thomas Hennigan      | Baited Feathers   |
| 2 1                | Killybegs               | 14th August    | Colin Brady          | Baited Feathers   |
| 2                  | Belmullet               | 13th July      | Pierre Leffer (F)    | Mackerel          |

**TUB GURNARD**

Record 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE   | DATE        | CAPTOR         | METHOD       |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 10 12              | Killala | 19th August | Daniel Glackin | Baited Spoon |

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**TUB GURNARD (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE    | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD            |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 7 7                | Killala  | 12th August    | Kieran Kennedy        | Mackerel Strip    |
| 7.41               | Achill   | 23rd August    | Master Allen Kingston | Mackerel Strip    |
| 6 15               | Killala  | 18th July      | John K. O'Keefe       | Baited Feathers   |
| 6 10½              | Achill   | 15th June      | Norman Dokoupil (D)   | Mackerel Feathers |
| 6 4                | Blacksod | 9th August     | Colin Shaw (GB)       | Mackerel Strip    |
| 5 10               | Killala  | 1st July       | Neville Latimer       | ABU Rauto         |
| 5.38               | Clew Bay | 12th August    | John Nugent           | Mackerel          |
| 5 5                | Killala  | 16th September | Patrick Kennedy       | Mackerel Strip    |

**HADDOCK**

Record 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE          | CAPTOR              | METHOD        |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 7 9                | Portrush       | 27th October  | John D. Lowry       | Baited Spoon  |
| 7 8                | Causeway Coast | 10th June     | Ken Drew            | Haddock Spoon |
| 3.375 kilos        | Causeway Coast | 27th May      | Master Stuart Smyth | Lugworm       |
| 7 6                | Causeway Coast | 2nd June      | James Walker        | Lugworm       |
| 3.2 kilos          | Causeway Coast | 10th November | John Hartin         | Lugworm       |

**HAKE**

Record 25 lbs. 5½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE  | DATE        | CAPTOR         | METHOD   |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 10.15              | Achill | 25th August | Vincent O'Hora | Mackerel |

**JOHN DORY**

Record 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                   | DATE        | CAPTOR              | METHOD         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 7 8                | Killala                 | 12th August | Cleona Walkin       | Mackerel Strip |
| 6.20               | Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare | 27th August | Kurt Rasmussen (DK) | Pirk/Jig       |
| 5.76               | Newport Bay, Co. Mayo   | 20th August | Tom Moran           | Horse Mackerel |

**LING**

Record 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                     | DATE          | CAPTOR               | METHOD          |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 42 10              | Kinsale Gas Field         | 8th March     | Patrick B. Doyle     | Flatfish        |
| 37                 | Portrush                  | 10th June     | Alastair Smyth       | Herring         |
| 30.5               | Youghal                   | 26th August   | Pat Sullivan         | Baited Feathers |
| 30                 | Cobh                      | 5th August    | Walter Emmen (D)     | Mackerel Strip  |
| 28 5               | Ballycotton               | 15th August   | Hugh O'Donovan       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 28                 | Dunmore East              | 12th August   | Joseph Butler        | Mackerel        |
| 27 12              | Cork Harbour              | 29th May      | P. C. Feyen (NL)     | Mackerel Strip  |
| 12.2 kilos         | Kinsale                   | 6th September | Keith Browne         | Mackerel        |
| 27 2               | Youghal                   | 14th August   | Pierre de Winter (B) | Mackerel Strip  |
| 27                 | Schull                    | 18th July     | Roger Brace (GB)     | Coalfish Strip  |
| 26 7               | Youghal                   | 26th August   | Des O'Connell        | Mackerel Strip  |
| 26 5               | Dungarvan                 | 28th July     | Bill Mullins         | Mackerel Strip  |
| 25 7               | Cobh                      | 6th September | J. S. Mowat (GB)     | Mackerel        |
| 25 3               | Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry | 7th Aug. 1983 | John Bowler          | Mackerel        |
| 25                 | Schull                    | 26th July     | Nick Dent            | Mackerel Strip  |

| MEGRIM                |                            |                                       |                           |                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Record                |                            | Specimen Weight 1¼ lbs.; .794 kilos   |                           |                                |
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                      | DATE                                  | CAPTOR                    | METHOD                         |
| 2 1                   | Belmullet                  | 26th August                           | John Reynolds             | Mackerel                       |
| MONKFISH              |                            |                                       |                           |                                |
| Record 73 lbs.        |                            | Specimen Weight 50 lbs.; 22.680 kilos |                           |                                |
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                      | DATE                                  | CAPTOR                    | METHOD                         |
| 55                    | Fenit, Tralee Bay          | 5th May                               | David Baldry (GB)         | Mackerel                       |
| GREY MULLET           |                            |                                       |                           |                                |
| Record 7 lbs. 10 ozs. |                            | Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos   |                           |                                |
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                      | DATE                                  | CAPTOR                    | METHOD                         |
| 5.49                  | Lough Furnace,<br>Co. Mayo | 31st July                             | Salzman Michel (F)        | Bread Flake                    |
| 5.43                  | Lough Furnace              | 9th July                              | Declan T. Quigley         | Bread Flake                    |
| 5 6½                  | Furbo, Co. Galway          | 15th September                        | Michael Naughton          | Mackerel Strip                 |
| 5.34                  | Lough Furnace              | 19th August                           | Declan T. Quigley         | Bread Flake                    |
| 5 4.6                 | Fenit                      | 17th August                           | G. D. C. Pitcher (GB)     | Bread                          |
| 5.25                  | Fenit                      | 8th July                              | Colm Quinn                | Mackerel                       |
| 5.21                  | Lough Furnace              | 16th August                           | Declan T. Quigley         | Bread Flake                    |
| 5 2                   | Portrush                   | 30th September                        | David McGaffin            | Fillet Herring                 |
| PLAICE                |                            |                                       |                           |                                |
| Record 8.23 lbs.      |                            | Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos   |                           |                                |
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                      | DATE                                  | CAPTOR                    | METHOD                         |
| 6 14¼                 | Causeway Coast             | 14th October                          | Samuel Hull               | Ragworm                        |
| 6 4                   | Causeway Coast             | 5th September                         | Robert J. Wilson          | Ragworm                        |
| 5 13                  | Causeway Coast             | 21st August                           | William Menaul            | Baited Spoon                   |
| 5 6                   | Portrush                   | 21st October                          | S. A. Caul                | Crab/Mackerel<br>Cocktail      |
| 5.28                  | Causeway Coast             | 1st September                         | Jim McCormick             | Baited Spoon                   |
| 5 4                   | Causeway Coast             | 1st August                            | Ronan Mullan              | Ragworm                        |
| 5 2                   | Causeway Coast             | 4th October                           | Robert Jackson            | Mackerel                       |
| 5                     | Causeway Coast             | 13th August                           | Wilbur Gracey             | Mackerel & Lugworm<br>Cocktail |
| 4 14                  | Causeway Coast             | 20th August                           | Master Clifford<br>Mahood | Lugworm                        |
| 4 13                  | Causeway Coast             | 13th August                           | David Pawlak              | Mackerel/Lug<br>Cocktail       |
| 4 13                  | Causeway Coast             | 16th September                        | George Creighton          | Mackerel                       |
| 4 13                  | Causeway Coast             | 15th October                          | Peter McCartin            | Baited Spoon                   |
| 4.85                  | Cork Harbour               | 3rd October                           | Christy Lane              | Lugworm                        |
| 4 12                  | Portrush                   | 7th October                           | Denis N. Collins          | Ragworm/Mackerel<br>Cocktail   |
| 4 10                  | Causeway Coast             | 12th August                           | William H. Quee           | Lugworm                        |
| 4 10                  | Causeway Coast             | 11th October                          | Earl Catherwood           | Rauto Spoon                    |
| 4 9¾                  | Portrush                   | 14th October                          | John Molloy               | Ragworm/Mackerel<br>Cocktail   |
| 4 9                   | Causeway Coast             | 16th September                        | Roy Brown                 | Lugworm                        |

| PLAICE (Continued)    |                           |                                      |                    |                              |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                     | DATE                                 | CAPTOR             | METHOD                       |
| 2.100 kilo            | Causeway Coast            | 13th September                       | John Hartin        | Lugworm                      |
| 4 8½                  | Portrush                  | 5th August                           | Phillip Dickson    | Baited Spoon                 |
| 2.05 kilos            | Portrush                  | 4th September                        | Phillip Dickson    | Ragworm &<br>Mackerel        |
| 2.05 kilos            | Causeway Coast            | 27th August                          | John Hartin        | Lugworm                      |
| 4 8½                  | Causeway Coast            | 27th September                       | Norman Green       | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4 8¼                  | Causeway Coast            | 19th August                          | Ronald Butler      | Mackerel Strip               |
| 4 8                   | Portrush                  | 12th August                          | Vincent Logan      | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4 8                   | Causeway Coast            | 25th September                       | G. A. Wilson       | Ragworm                      |
| 4 7 3/8ths            | Cushendall                | 27th March                           | John A. Fisher     | Lugworm                      |
| 4 7                   | Causeway Coast            | 5th August                           | Phillip Cochrane   | Ragworm                      |
| 4 7                   | Causeway Coast            | 26th August                          | John Bush          | Ragworm                      |
| 4 7                   | Portrush                  | 3rd October                          | R. M. Patterson    | Ragworm/Mackerel             |
| 4.41                  | Roches Point,<br>Co. Cork | 8th August                           | David Rylands      | Lugworm                      |
| 4 6½                  | Causeway Coast            | 9th July                             | James Hutchinson   | Lugworm                      |
| 4 6                   | Causeway Coast            | 20th August                          | Ronan Mullan       | Ragworm                      |
| 4 6                   | Causeway Coast            | 19th August                          | Ken Morrow         | Rauto Spoon<br>& Ragworm     |
| 4 5                   | Causeway Bank             | 14th July                            | Geoffrey Farrow    | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4 5                   | Causeway Coast            | 27th September                       | Grahame Foote      | Ragworm/Mackerel<br>Cocktail |
| 4 5                   | Causeway Coast            | 14th October                         | E. Kirk            | Ragworm                      |
| 4 5                   | Causeway Coast            | 27th October                         | Christy Humphries  | Lugworm/<br>Squid Spoon      |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 28th September                       | David Bell         | Ragworm                      |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 27th September                       | Grahame Foote      | Ragworm/Mackerel<br>Cocktail |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 16th September                       | Paul McConnell     | Lugworm                      |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 6th September                        | Roger Greeves      | Razor Fish &<br>Mackerel     |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 5th August                           | John Black         | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 4th August                           | Derek Shanks       | Sandeel & Ragworm            |
| 4 4                   | Causeway Coast            | 4th August                           | Ronnie Elliott     | Herring & Ragworm            |
| 4 3                   | Causeway Coast            | 1st September                        | J. Black           | Ragworm/Mackerel             |
| 4 2 3/8ths            | Portrush                  | 18th July                            | Bertie Greer       | Orange Muppet<br>& Ragworm   |
| 4 2                   | Causeway Coast            | 25th September                       | G. A. Wilson       | Ragworm                      |
| 4 2                   | Causeway Coast            | 6th September                        | Andrew Wright      | Lugworm/Mackerel             |
| 4 2                   | Causeway Coast            | 6th September                        | David Bell         | Lugworm                      |
| 4 2                   | Causeway Coast            | 6th September                        | Steven P. Andrews  | Lugworm/Mackerel             |
| 4 2                   | Ballintoy                 | 9th June                             | Samuel Tomelty     | Toby                         |
| 4 2                   | Portstewart               | 27th May                             | Gerald Richie      | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4 1                   | Portrush                  | 19th August                          | Phillip Dickson    | Ragworm &<br>Mackerel        |
| 4 ½                   | Portrush                  | 19th August                          | Wallace Bevan      | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4.04                  | Causeway Coast            | 14th October                         | Roy Brown          | Lugworm &<br>Mackerel        |
| 4 ¾                   | Causeway Coast            | 19th July                            | David Gordon       | Lugworm/Mackerel             |
| 4                     | Causeway Coast            | 14th August                          | Dominic Rihan      | Baited Spoon                 |
| 4                     | Causeway Coast            | 22nd August                          | Robert H. Anderson | Ragworm/Mackerel<br>Cocktail |
| POLLACK               |                           |                                      |                    |                              |
| Record 19 lbs. 3 ozs. |                           | Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos |                    |                              |
| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs.    | PLACE                     | DATE                                 | CAPTOR             | METHOD                       |
| 15                    | Cobh                      | 8th July                             | Aidan Manning      | Red Gill                     |
| 14.17                 | Achill                    | 5th September                        | Farrell O'Malley   | Red Gill                     |
| 13 11                 | Cobh                      | 5th September                        | John Barry         | RedRubber Eel                |

**POLLACK (Continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE          | CAPTOR                 | METHOD         |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 13 7               | Portrush         | 29th July     | Paul McConnell         | Mackerel       |
| 13 3               | Cobh             | 5th September | Colm O'Mullane         | Red Gill       |
| 13 5               | Cobh             | 5th September | J. Veltkamp (NL)       | Red Gill       |
| 6.1 kilos          | Kinsale          | 25th June     | Tom Penders (NL)       | Jensen Spinner |
| 13                 | Blacksod         | 15th August   | Graeme Pullen (GB)     | Red Gill       |
| 12 12              | Causeway Coast   | 19th August   | Patrick Joyce          | Red Gill       |
| 12 4               | Cobh             | 27th May      | John Conroy            | Red Gill       |
| 12.60              | Achill           | 5th September | John O'Shea            | Red Gill       |
| 12 4               | Cobh             | 5th September | Ian Bracegirdle (GB)   | Red Gill       |
| 12 3               | Guileen, Co.Cork | 28th June     | Michael O'Brien        | Rubber Eel     |
| 5.5 kilos          | Kinsale          | 5th September | C. J. Van Goethem (NL) | Baited Spinner |

**POUTING**

Record 4 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE       | CAPTOR             | METHOD                 |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 3 15½              | Causeway Coast | 7th June   | Colvin Burton      | Baited Spoon           |
| 3 11½              | Courtmacsharry | 9th August | Alfons Hengst (NL) | Mackerel Strip         |
| 3 10 7/8ths        | Causeway Coast | 2nd June   | William Marcus     | Mackerel               |
| 3 5%               | Portrush       | 8th June   | Jim Kennedy        | Herring/Lugworm strips |
| 3 4                | Causeway Coast | 20th May   | John Black         | Ragworm                |
| 3 3                | Kilmore Quay   | 21st April | Frank Kearney      | Mackerel Strip         |
| 3 3                | Courtmacsharry | 7th July   | Dan Monaher        | Mackerel Strip         |
| 3 1                | Kilmore Quay   | 21st April | Eric Montgomery    | Rubber Eel & Mackerel  |
| 3.04               | Kilmore Quay   | 1st July   | John Devereux      | Ragworm on Feathers    |

**BLONDE RAY**

Record 36 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD          |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 35 7               | Cobh         | 20th October   | Patrick O'Shea     | Mackerel        |
| 32 4               | Cork Harbour | 21 Aug. 1983   | William Cunningham | Mackerel Strip  |
| 29                 | Cork Harbour | 24th June      | Philip Barry       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 29                 | Cork Harbour | 3rd October    | Norman Lomas       | Squid Strip     |
| 25 8               | Cork Harbour | 25th July      | Patrick O'Shea     | Mackerel Strip  |
| 25.24              | Crosshaven   | 17th Aug. 1983 | Tony Gosnell       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 11.4 kilos         | Greystones   | 26th August    | Stephen Whelan     | Mackerel Fillet |

**CUCKOO RAY**

Record 5 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD                        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 9%               | Causeway Coast | 10th August    | William Lovell    | Mackerel Cocktail             |
| 4 14               | Causeway Coast | 1st September  | James Walker      | Sandeel                       |
| 4 9%               | Belfast Lough  | 14th July 1983 | Samuel J. C. Boyd | Baited Pirk<br>Mackerel Strip |

**HOMELYN RAY**

Record 8.28 lbs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE               | DATE           | CAPTOR              | METHOD                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 7                  | Causeway Coast      | 31st August    | Billy Telford       | Ragworm                  |
| 6 14               | Portrush            | 3rd October    | R. M. Patterson     | Mackerel                 |
| 6 12               | Causeway Coast      | 14th August    | Norman Brashaw      | Mackerel & Ragworm       |
| 6 9                | Causeway Coast      | 17th October   | Ronnie Welsh        | Baited Spoon             |
| 6 3                | Causeway Coast      | 13th August    | David Pawlak        | Worm/Mackerel            |
| 6                  | Causeway Coast      | 1st September  | R. H. Bennett       | Cocktail                 |
| 5 14               | Causeway Coast      | 17th August    | J. S. Mullan        | Mackerel                 |
| 5 14               | Causeway Coast      | 8th September  | Herbert Malcomson   | Ragworm & Mackerel       |
| 5 13¾              | Portrush            | 15th September | Robert Paul         | Ragworm/Mackerel         |
| 5.75               | Sligo Bay           | 4th July       | Master Mark McGurdy | Mackerel                 |
| 5 11½              | Cork Harbour        | 11th June      | William Cunningham  | Mackerel Strip           |
| 5 8                | Causeway Coast      | 20th August    | Robert Johnston     | Ragworm & Mackerel       |
| 5 8                | Causeway Coast      | 4th October    | John M. Bishop      | Ragworm & Mackerel       |
| 5 6                | Causeway Coast      | 9th August     | Jack Kirkpatrick    | Mackerel Strip & Ragworm |
| 5 6                | Cahore, Co. Wexford | 19th August    | Liam Kane           | Herring                  |
| 5                  | Cork Harbour        | 11th September | Christy Lane        | Mackerel Strip           |
| 5                  | Causeway Coast      | 31st August    | Gerard Bell         | Ragworm                  |

**THORNBACK RAY**

Record 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE          | CAPTOR           | METHOD         |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 23                 | Portrush       | 5th September | James Martin     | Ragworm        |
| 10.05 kilos        | Causeway Coast | 16th June     | Joe Cochrane     | Herring        |
| 20 2               | Greystones     | 17th August   | George Whittle   | Mackerel       |
| 20                 | Portballintrae | 29th April    | Denis N. Collins | Mackerel Strip |

**UNDULATE RAY**

Record 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight 14 lbs.; 6.350 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE             | DATE     | CAPTOR      | METHOD   |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| 15 8               | Tralee Bay, Fenit | 30th May | P. N. Young | Mackerel |

**BLUE SHARK**

Record, 205 lbs.

Specimen Weight 100 lbs; 45.359 kilos

| WEIGHT   | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR              | METHOD   |
|----------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| 125      | Clare Island | 30th July      | Reg Roynan          | Mackerel |
| 122      | Killybegs    | 20th August    | Klaus Bojahr (D)    | Mackerel |
| 55 kilos | Kinsale      | 3rd July       | Pat McManus         | Mackerel |
| 120      | Mullaghmore  | 23rd August    | Walter Druckes (D)  | Mackerel |
| 115      | Dungarvan    | 23rd Aug. 1983 | Rein Scheffers (NL) | Mackerel |
| 110      | Blacksod     | 10th August    | Bob Burchett (GB)   | Mackerel |
| 106      | Clifden      | 25th Aug. 1983 | Nico Jongejans (NL) | Mackerel |
| 105      | Clew Bay     | 26th August    | Richard Crozier     | Mackerel |
| 104      | Clew Bay     | 26th August    | Patrick Rankin (GB) | Mackerel |



**BLUE SHARK (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD   |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 104                | Carbery Centre | 25th August    | Paul Rice (GB)        | Mackerel |
| 47 kilos           | Kinsale        | 19th July      | Martin McDermott      | Mackerel |
| 46 kilos           | Kinsale        | 20th September | Tony Sol (NL)         | Mackerel |
| 101                | Courtnacsherry | 16th July      | Piet Broek (NL)       | Mackerel |
| 45½ kilos          | Kinsale        | 19th July      | Patrick Mausfield (D) | Mackerel |
| 100                | Donegal Bay    | 13th July 1983 | Walter Druckes (D)    | Mackerel |

**SMOOTH HOUND**

Record 10 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.810 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>b. ozs. | PLACE                         | DATE      | CAPTOR           | METHOD                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|
| 10 1              | Mauricecastle,<br>Co. Wexford | 7th May   | Thomas Kinsella  | Ragworm                |
| 4.375 kilos       | Cahore,<br>Co. Wexford        | 30th May  | Chris Denvir     | Peeler Crab            |
| 4.3 kilos         | Cahore                        | 30th May  | Chris Denvir     | Peeler Crab            |
| 2.550 kilos       | Cahore                        | 1st July  | John L. O'Brien  | Crab                   |
| 2.450 kilos       | Cahore                        | 1st July  | John L. O'Brien  | Crab                   |
| 2.350 kilos       | Blackwater<br>Co. Wexford     | 20th May  | M. Kearney       | Crab                   |
| 2.3 kilos         | Mauricecastle                 | 8th June  | Michael Dixon    | Peeler Crab            |
| 1.900 kilos       | Blackwater                    | 20th May  | M. Kearney       | Ragworm Tipped<br>Crab |
| 8.27              | Tinnabearna,<br>Co. Wexford   | 15th June | Bill Ryan        | Soft Crab              |
| 7 4               | Mauricecastle                 | 7th May   | Michael Kearney  | Crab                   |
| 7                 | Cahore                        | 17th June | Anthony Byrne    | Crab                   |
| 6 14½             | Tinnabearna                   | 15th June | Henry Lynam      | Peeler Crab            |
| 6 13¾             | Cahore                        | 13th July | Ray Bannerman    | Crab                   |
| 6 12              | Killoughter,<br>Co. Wicklow   | 25th June | Matthew Buckley  | Crab/Mackerel          |
| 6 10½             | Cahore                        | 14th July | Peter McCartin   | Crab                   |
| 6 10              | Greystones                    | 15th July | Noel Fogarty     | Crab                   |
| 6 2               | Cahore                        | 23rd June | James Cosgrave   | Crab                   |
| 5 14              | Cahore                        | 4th June  | Nuala Denvir     | Peeler Crab            |
| 5 10              | Cahore                        | 17th June | Eamonn Fogerty   | Crab                   |
| 5 8               | Greystones                    | 20th July | Patrick Lynch    | Ragworm                |
| 5 5½              | Tinnabearna                   | 9th June  | Tony Ebbs        | Peeler Crab            |
| 5 ½               | Cahore                        | 14th July | Peter McCartin   | Ragworm                |
| 5                 | Cahore                        | 27th July | Shay McDonnell   | Peeler Crab            |
| 4 11¾             | Tinnabearna                   | 10th June | Tony Ebbs        | Peeler Crab            |
| 4 9               | Cahore                        | 14th July | Peter McCartin   | Ragworm                |
| 4.4               | Cahore                        | 10th June | William O'Reilly | Peeler Crab            |
| 4.38              | Tinnabearna                   | 30th May  | Norman Dunlop    | Peeler Crab            |

**TOPE**

Record 66½ lbs.

Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>b. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE          | CAPTOR          | METHOD   |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| 51                | Cahore       | 23rd June     | James Cosgrave  | Herring  |
| 43                | Cahore       | 22nd June     | James Cosgrave  | Herring  |
| 42                | Wicklow Head | 2nd September | Robert Troy     | Mackerel |
| 41                | Cahore       | 22nd June     | Maurice Laurent | Herring  |

**TURBOT**

Record 34 lbs.

Specimen Weight 18 lbs.; 8.165 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD         |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 21.22              | Cork Harbour | 22nd September | Bill Howie         | Mackerel Strip |
| 21.15              | Cork Harbour | 15th July      | John G. Harrington | Mackerel Strip |

**WHITING**

Record 4 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                     | DATE         | CAPTOR            | METHOD   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| 3 3                | Ballycotton               | 19th July    | Anne Manhart (NL) | Feathers |
| 3 2¼               | Black Head,<br>Co. Antrim | 27th October | Alan Johnston     | Mackerel |

**BALLAN WRASSE**

Record 4.3 kilos

Specimen Weight 4¾ lbs.; 2.154 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE           | CAPTOR                       | METHOD         |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 7.48               | Kilmore Quay             | 29th September | Billy McLoughlin             | Ragworm        |
| 6 11               | Dunmore East             | 13th August    | Paul O'Brien                 | Crab           |
| 3.050 kilos        | Ballydavid, Dingle       | 14th September | Chris Denvir                 | Peeler Crab    |
| 5 12               | Dunmore East             | 26th August    | Michael Roche                | Ragworm        |
| 5 10½              | Dingle                   | 12th September | Enda O'Callaghan             | Lugworm        |
| 2.55 kilos         | Killybegs                | 25th September | Werner Kriesi (CH)           | Mackerel Strip |
| 5 8                | Causeway Coast           | 26th August    | John A. Black                | Ragworm        |
| 5.45               | Kilmore Quay             | 18th August    | T. M. Harries (GB)           | Ragworm        |
| 5 5                | Dingle                   | 12th September | Norman Dunlop                | Lugworm        |
| 5 3¾               | Killybegs                | 10th July      | Master Pierce<br>O'Callaghan | Crab           |
| 5 0½               | Dingle                   | 14th September | Jim Quinn                    | Lugworm        |
| 5                  | Ballymacaw,<br>Waterford | 25th August    | Martin Lucas                 | Ragworm        |
| 5                  | Dingle                   | 14th September | Peter Green                  | Lugworm        |
| 4 15¾              | Roches Point             | 27th May       | William Cunningham           | Crab           |
| 4 15½              | Dunmore East             | 27th August    | Martin Lucas                 | Ragworm        |
| 4 13½              | Dunmore East             | 30th June      | Walter Flynn                 | Ragworm        |
| 4 12               | Dunmore East             | 25th August    | Liam Williams                | Ragworm        |
| 4 12               | Dingle                   | 12th September | Steve Gillett (GB)           | Peeler Crab    |
| 4 12               | Causeway Coast           | 2nd September  | Joseph Nelson                | Ragworm        |

**CUCKOO WRASSE**

Record 1 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1¼ lbs.; .567 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                  | DATE        | CAPTOR               | METHOD                    |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 11               | Carne, Co. Wexford     | 22nd July   | T. J. Butler         | Ragworm on<br>Feathers    |
| 1 9½               | Rathlin,<br>Co. Antrim | 29th July   | John McAuley         | Herring Baited<br>Feather |
| 1 8                | Causeway Coast         | 19th August | Myles Cochrane       | Ragworm                   |
| 1 6                | Causeway Coast         | 1st July    | John Molloy          | Ragworm                   |
| 1.34               | Portmagee Channel      | 24th August | Master Michael Wylie | Eel strip                 |
| 1 4 7/8ths         | Causeway<br>Coast      | 10th June   | John Boyd            | Lugworm                   |

CUCKOO WRASSE (Continued)

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE          | CAPTOR             | METHOD         |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 4¾               | Rathlin Island | 1st August    | Vincent McLaughlin | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 4                | Causeway Coast | 1st September | Brendan Connolly   | Lugworm        |

TWAITE SHAD

Record 2 lbs. 11½ ozs. Specimen Weight 1¾ lbs.; .794 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                     | DATE       | CAPTOR            | METHOD          |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2.29               | River Barrow, St. Mullins | 4th May    | Bill Ryan         | ABU Toby        |
| 2.25               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | Nicholas Whelan   | ABU Toby        |
| 2.24               | St. Mullins               | 17th May   | Peter McCartin    | Silver Spoon    |
| 2.19               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | David Glass       | Silver Crusader |
| 2.11               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Peter McCartin    | Silver Spoon    |
| 2.11               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | Nicholas Whelan   | ABU Toby        |
| 2.08               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Stephen Whelan    | ABU Toby        |
| 2.08               | St. Mullins               | 8th May    | Gerard Bradley    | Toby            |
| 2 2                | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Brian Kavanagh    | ABU Toby        |
| 2.05               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Liam Kane         | Jensin Tobis    |
| 2 1                | St. Mullins               | 27th May   | Maurice Laurent   | ABU Spoon       |
| 2.01               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Norman Dunlop     | Silver Koster   |
| 2                  | St. Mullins               | 19th May   | Anthony Byrne     | Silver Toby     |
| 2                  | St. Mullins               | 30th April | Bill Ryan         | ABU Toby        |
| 2                  | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Francis Cranks    | Jensen Tobis    |
| 1 14               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Brian Kavanagh    | ABU Toby        |
| 1.97               | St. Mullins               | 7th May    | Brian Kavanagh    | ABU Toby        |
| 1.97               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Joseph Nolan      | Silver Toby     |
| 1.96               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Christopher Cloak | Jensin Tobis    |
| 1.95               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Ray Bannerman     | Cruiser         |
| 1.94               | St. Mullins               | 30th April | Bill Ryan         | ABU Toby        |
| 1.93               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Mick Kearney      | Silver Toby     |
| 1.88               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Kenneth Whelan    | Silver Toby     |
| 1.86               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | Nicholas Whelan   | ABU Toby        |
| 1.85               | St. Mullins               | 12th May   | Francis Cranks    | Jensen Tobis    |
| 1.84               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | Neil Whelan       | ABU Toby        |
| 1.84               | St. Mullins               | 12th May   | James Cosgrave    | Silver Toby     |
| 1.84               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Ray Bannerman     | Toby            |
| 1.83               | St. Mullins               | 6th May    | Ray Bannerman     | Toby            |
| 1.83               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | Kenneth F. Whelan | Silver Toby     |
| 1.82               | St. Mullins               | 16th May   | Neil Whelan       | ABU Toby        |
| 1.80               | St. Mullins               | 12th May   | Joseph Caffrey    | ABU Koster      |
| 1.80               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Neil Whelan       | Toby            |
| 1.79               | St. Mullins               | 13th May   | Stephen Whelan    | ABU Toby        |
| 1.76               | St. Mullins               | 10th May   | William K. Roche  | Silver Toby     |
| 1 12               | St. Mullins               | 27th May   | Stephen Murphy    | Spinner         |

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record 2 lbs. 9 ozs. Specimen Weight 1¾ lbs.; .794 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE                     | DATE         | CAPTOR               | METHOD         |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 2 1.5              | Arklow                    | 31st October | Master Carl Cutland  | Mackerel Strip |
| 2.01               | Haulbowline, Cork Harbour | 9th November | Justin O'Halloran    | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.82               | Hook Head, Co. Wexford    | 2nd June     | Joe Sinnott          | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 14               | Portrush                  | 30th August  | John Cupples         | Mackerel       |
| 1 13               | Kilmore Quay              | 12th October | Master Shane Jackman | Lugworm        |
| 1.75               | Tramore                   | 28th May     | Raymond Whelan       | Mackerel Strip |

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING continued -

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE  | DATE         | CAPTOR              | METHOD         |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 13               | Cobh   | 21st July    | Michael Keogh       | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.75               | Cobh   | 19th October | Master Mark Cummins | Mackerel       |
| 1 7¼               | Arklow | 16th October | Billy Meyler        | Mackerel Strip |

STONE BASSE

Record 9 lbs. 6 ozs. Specimen Weight 8 lbs.; 3.628 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lb. ozs. | PLACE   | DATE        | CAPTOR       | METHOD         |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 4.25 kilos         | Kinsale | 16th August | Adrian Ryder | Mackerel Strip |

## NEW RECORDS

Five new Irish Records were established during 1984.

- 1) BRILL 9lb 8oz. caught by Deborah Gregg, Rock House, Carr Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N. I. on the Causeway Coast, on the 8th September 1984.
- 2) DAB 2lb caught by Timothy O'Shea, 12 Silver Dale Grove, Ballinlough, Cork, at Cobh on the 28th January 1984.
- 3) JOHN DORY 7 lb. 8 oz. caught by Cleona Walkin, Bohernasap, Ballina, Co. Mayo, in Killala Bay on the 12th August 1984.
- 4) SMOOTH HOUND 10lb 1oz. caught by Thomas Kinsella, 26 Whitechurch Avenue, Ballyboden, Dublin 16, at Mauricecastle Strand on the 7th May 1984.
- 5) STONE BASSE 9lb 6oz caught by W. R. Bohmermann, Herenweg 252, Wilnis, Netherlands at Kinsale on the 31st August 1983.

## TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1984 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Ray Bannerman, 58 Park Avenue, Castleknock, Dublin.  
Joseph Caffrey, 112 Huntstown Wood, Mulhuddart, Co. Dublin.  
William Cunningham, Saleen, Cloyne, Co. Cork.  
Norman Dunlop, 326 Swords Road, Santry, Co. Dublin.  
Brian Furphy, Old Head Guesthouse, Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork.  
Roland Hawkins, 6 Beech Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 5HZ, England.  
Martin Lucas, Adamstown, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford.  
Shay McDonnell, 45 Tamarisk Avenue, Kilnarnagh Estate, Tallaght, Co. Dublin.  
Michael Sloane, Old Griffin Farm, Cheadle, Cheshire, England.  
Peter Walsh, 5 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

## 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 1985. The award goes to:  
Deborah Gregg, Rock House, Carr Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N.I., for a 9 lb. 8 oz. Brill caught on the Causeway Coast on the 8th September 1984.

## SPECIAL AWARD

In 1976, the Committee decided to recognise the angling prowess of those anglers who have had authenticated claims for specimens of ten separate species of fish. Only six of these awards have been made to date and those who qualified during 1984 are:  
Norman Dunlop, 326 Swords Road, Santry, Co. Dublin.  
Peter Walsh, 5 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

## LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS

A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, provision will be made that when an angler achieves this target and subsequently captures larger fish, these will be taken into account but the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three awards. By including this latter provision, it will ensure that the anglers competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.

## REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

The Committee has decided to make the following alterations to specimen weights.

- (1) SALMON (*SALMO SALAR*) reduced from 25 lb to 20 lb (9.072 kilos).

## REVISED IDENTIFICATION RULE

Heretofore when claiming for a specimen BALLAN WRASSE (*Larbus bergylta*) the actual body had to be submitted for positive identification (see Rule 4). For the 1985 season onwards if suitable clear, sharp, close-up photographs showing the entire fish, from which it is possible to identify the species, are submitted there will be no necessity to send the actual fish for identification.

## EXCLUSION FROM SPECIMEN STATUS

Where species of fish are introduced to a fishery at or above existing specimen weights, those species from that particular fishery shall not be considered for specimen or record status.

## WEIGHING OF FISH

The Committee insists that all fish be weighed on scales which are certified for accuracy. Shop scales normally used in trade are checked regularly by the Department of Weights and Measures and are acceptable for weighing specimen and record fish. Some scales not normally certified by the Weights and Measures Authority for trade can be certified by them for accuracy. Such scales if certified in advance are acceptable to the Committee for weighing purposes and the certification will be valid for one year from the date of issue of the certificate of accuracy. Scales which are not certified at the time of weighing will not be accepted nor will certification in retrospect for such scales.

## METRIFICATION

As and from 1978, the schedule of specimen weights on the Specimen Fish Claim Forms 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 decimal 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 until further notice. 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, 1982, 1983 and 1984.

| 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      |
| 1983 | 532     | 116     | 15      | 31          | 2       | 4      |
| 1984 | 442     | 131     | 17      | 29          | 5       | 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 special fund raising efforts made on our behalf. The South Shore S.A.C. once again ran a very successful angling competition on our behalf and donated the proceeds which amounted to £424 to our funds. The Rush Sea Angling Festival also donated part of the proceeds of their Festival to us. To both Committees and to all the members who worked so hard to make these events successful, we tender our sincere and grateful thanks. Seven anglers from Co. Westmeath, Brendan Doran, Ned Singleton, Declan Quigley, Vincent and Collette Baker and James and Anna Bennett fished a 25-hour marathon on our behalf and collected the sum of £110 which they donated to our funds. Our grateful thanks to all who participated and contributed.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1983 was made at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. A Presentation was also held in Belfast for those anglers from Northern Ireland who were unable to attend the Dublin Presentation. The Presentation for the 1984 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd February 1985. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

### ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1983 in Leeds, Leicester, Gloucester, Reading and London. It is hoped that similar presentations will be held early in 1985 and award winners will receive invitations.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Fáilte Éireann (Irish Tourist Board) and the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for making these presentations possible and also 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 1983 is given in this Report. The 1984 account will only be available early in 1985 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, 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 for identification and arrangements made to return the fish safely to the water.

## 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 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.)

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Many anglers have changed their address over the past decade and this causes the Committee great difficulty in sorting out the Ten Species and Ten Specimen Award Winners. If you have changed your address, would you please advise the Committee of your new address.

**DONATIONS**

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

The Central Fisheries Board, Bord Failte Eireann, National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland, The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Assoc., The Ulster Provincial Council of the Irish Federation of Sea Anglers, Rush Sea Angling Festival, Aer Lingus S.A.C., Ardmore, S.A.C., Bangor S.A.C., BBC (Belfast) Club Angling Society, Blanchardstown S.A.C., Carrickfergus & District A.C., Cork A.C., Celtic S.A.C., Dolphin Richview S.A.C., Drogheda & District A.C., Dundonald S.A.C., Dunlaoghaire S.A.C., Dunlaire Motor Yacht Club, Greystones Ridge S.A.C., Kilmore S.A.C., Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C., Royal Ulster Constabulary S.A.C., Rush S.A.C., South Shore S.A.C., Waterville A.A., Thomas J. Black, 573 Lisburn Road, Belfast, N.I., T. R. Bewes (Sidmouth S.A.C.) 8 Moor View Close, Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Devon, England, James Bennett, Green Road, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath, J. Burrell, 236 Elmton Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts, England, Emmet Bergin, 1 Springhill Ave., Blackrock, Co. Dublin, T. Bagnall, 972 Frehall Park, Castlerock, Co. Derry, N.I., F. H. E. Buller, "Holy Tree", Woodland, South Heath, Gt. Middenden, Bucks, England, Garrett Coulter, 86 Union St., Portadown, Co. Armagh, N.I., Robert Creber, 6 Glenthorn Mews, Glenthorn Estate, Dublin Hill, Cork, Tim Cole, 14 Penny-croft Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol, England, C. Cloak, 236 Belgard Heights, Dublin 24, Bryan F. Curtin, 36 Maretimo Gdns East, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Edmund Cull, Woodlands, Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, Roy Craig, 79 Melfont Drive, Tullycomet, Belfast, N. I., Graham Dungan, c/o Jim Mernagh, Moorfield House, Wexford, John Daly, 24 Devonshire Road, Edmonton, London N.9, Edward W. Duggan, 3 Michael Collins Sq., Midleton, Co. Cork, Brendan Doran, 69 Clonmore Heights, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, Norman Dunne, Flat 2F, Ballyhalbert Gdns., Bangor, Co. Down, P. F. Dore, St. Anne's, Freshford Rd., Kilkenny, W. J. Eakin, 34 Church Road, Castlereagh, Belfast, N.I., M. Elliott, 60 Grace Park Meadows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, F. Foster, 6 Palmerston Green, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20, R. Ford, 5 Mill Rose Estate, Bluebell Ave., Dublin 12, J. P. Fitzgerald, 1 South View, Llanfechain, Powys, Wales, Grahame Foote, 47 Queens Parade, Bangor, Co. Down, James Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin, R. C. Green, Foxcovers, Lower Peover, Nr. Knutsford, Cheshire, England, Brendan Garvey, "Kylemore", Adelaide Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Norman Green, 804 Shore Road, Belfast, N.I., John Harten, 22 Roe Mill Gardens, Limavaddy, Co. Derry, N.I., Burkhard Hobler, Teach an Chuilinn, Clydagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway, Phillip Hodgins, 27 St. Columbanus Ave., Milltown, Dublin 14, William Hamill, 76 Lettercreeve, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, N.I., Richard Hancox, 25 Lime Ave., Northampton, England, James Kirwan, The Anchorage, Front Strand, Youghal, Co. Cork, Declan Kenny, Blackcastle, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, Liam Kane, 12 Leinster Lawn, Raheny, Dublin 5, Willie Keane Sr., Killure Cross, Co. Waterford, P. A. Keen, 195 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey, England, D. J. Lynch, "Mythe House", 188 Bury Old Road, Heap, Heywood, Lancs, England, David Lewis, Nacal Decca, Marine Navigational Station, Earls Hill, Stirling, Scotland, Christy Lane, 4 Devonshire Street Nth., Cork City, P. J. Lynch, 1 Melanie Close, Berleyheath, Kent, England, Ken Laverick, 25 Glenholm Ave., Belfast, N.I., Augustine Murphy, Drihidnagowen Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, Mrs. K. Mollaghan, 2 St. Luisville, Killaloe, Co. Clare, Frank Meldon, 55 Tritonville Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4, Gustav Moores, Endsleigh, Templeogue Road, Dublin 16, Joe Mullan, 74 Main Street, Portrush, Co. Antrim, N.I., Ray McEvoy, 4 Marian Tce., Cashel Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Robert McMahon, 26 Cheviot Street, Belfast, N.I., W. F. McLoughlin, 116 Roe Mill Road, Limavady, Co. Derry, N.I., J. A. O'Shea, 6 Raphoe Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, Kieran O'Malley, 22 Chalfont Avenue, Malahide, Co. Dublin, Carol O'Leary, 49 Gouldanoher, Dooradoyle, Limerick, John O'Brien, 8 Idrone Park, Templeogue, Dublin 16, Commdt. J. O'Connor, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, B. P. Power, 2 Box Iron, Chapel Row, Herne, Herne Bay, Kent, England, Richard Patterson, 30 Cleggan Park, Dundonald, Co. Down, N.I., Gary Rutherford, 88 Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin, Brendan Rooney, 35 Alpine Heights, Belgard Heights, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, Eoin Russell, c/o Dehymeats Ltd., Ballast Quay, Sligo, Alan Ronce, 75 Wharfdale, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, England, R. Rudd, Westgate, Waterville, Co. Kerry, John Sherry, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin, Werner Saaman, Steenflage 3, D2847 Barnstorf, W. Germany, D. A. Steele, 100 Toban Park, Cullybackey, Co. Antrim, N.I., J. M. Sarney, Flat 2, 4 Cliff Tower Pde., Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, England, James G. Singleton, 322 Classiebawn Drive, Cartron Pt., Sligo, C. M. Toms, "Greenways", Pownall Ave., Bramhall, Cheshire, England, Peter Walsh, 5 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5, B. Whitla, 27 Springhill Heights, Bangor West, Co. Down, N.I., Robert Williams, "The Brig", Ferrells Bay, Myrtleville, Co. Cork, P. M. Wesson, 145 Orton Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, England.

**IRISH RECORD FISH**

**FRESHWATER SPECIES**

| Species                | Weight<br>lb<br>ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture                | Captor            |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salmon                 | 57 0                 | 1874            | River Suir                      | M. Maher          |
| Sea Trout              | 16 6                 | 29.10.1983      | Shimna River,<br>Co. Down       | Thomas McManus    |
| Brown Trout<br>(River) | 20 0                 | 22.2.1957       | River Shannon,<br>Corbally      | Major Hugh Place  |
| Brown Trout (Lake)     | 26 2                 | 15.7.1894       | Lough Ennel                     | Wm. Meares        |
| Bream                  | 11 12                | 1882            | River Blackwater,<br>(Monaghan) | A. Pike           |
| Carp                   | 18 13                | 9.9.1982        | The Lough, Cork                 | Eddie Broughal    |
| Dace                   | 1 2                  | 8.8.1966        | River Blackwater,<br>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,<br>Cappoquin  | Lawrie Robinson   |
| Rudd                   | 3 1                  | 27.6.1959       | Kilglass Lake                   | A. E. Biddlecombe |
| Rudd/Bream Hybrid      | 5 13½                | 12.4.1975       | River Shannon,<br>Lanesboro     | P. J. Dighton     |
| Roach/Bream Hybrid     | 3 15½                | 17.5.1983       | Drumreake L.                    | Colm Quinn        |
| Tench                  | 7 13½                | 25.5.1971       | River Shannon,<br>Lanesboro     | Raymond Webb      |
| River Eel              | 6 15                 | 12.6.1979       | L. Droumenisa,<br>Bantry        | J. Murnane,       |

**MARINE SPECIES**

| Species                    | Weight<br>lb<br>ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture            | Captor         |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Angler Fish                | 71 8                 | 5.7.1964        | Cork Harbour                | MI. Fitzgerald |
| Bass                       | 17 1¼                | 27.4.1977       | Whiting Bay,<br>Ardmore     | Malcolm Tucker |
| Black Sole                 | 4.29                 | 14.11.1980      | Ballycotton,<br>Co. Cork    | Edmund Cull    |
| Brill                      | 9 8                  | 8.9.1984        | Causeway Coast              | Deborah Gregg  |
| Coalfish                   | 12.5 kilos           | 21.9.1983       | Kinsale                     | E. Masheijer   |
| Cod                        | 42 0                 | 1921            | Ballycotton                 | I. L. Steuart  |
| Conger                     | 72 0                 | June 1914       | Valentia                    | J. Green       |
| Dab                        | 2 0                  | 28.1.1984       | Cobh                        | Timothy O'Shea |
| Spur Dogfish               | 18 12                | 10.9.1977       | Bantry                      | John Murnane   |
| Greater Spotted<br>Dogfish | 23 12                | 29.5.1983       | Valentia                    | Tony Outmayjer |
| Lesser Spotted<br>Dogfish  | 4 4                  | 26.7.1982       | Valentia                    | Cor Heinis     |
| Flounder                   | 4 6½                 | 21.8.1979       | Ballyteigue,<br>Co. Wexford | David Gray     |
| Garfish                    | 3 10¼                | 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 8                  | 12.8.1984       | Killala Bay                 | Cleona Walkin  |

Marine Species (Continued)

| Species                | Weight    | Date of Capture | Place of Capture       | Captor              |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mackerel               | 4 2       | 18.9.1979       | Ballycotton, Co. Cork  | Ulrich Plassmann    |
| Monkfish               | 73 0      | 1.6.1980        | Fenit, Co. Kerry       | James Boyd          |
| Grey Mullet            | 7 10      | 8.6.1972        | Killybegs Pier         | Kevin Boyle         |
| Plaice                 | 8.23      | 23.1.1982       | Ballycotton Pier       | Edmund Cull         |
| Pollack                | 19. 3     | 1904            | Ballycotton            | J. N. Hearne        |
| Pouting                | 4 13½     | 2.4.1983        | Kilmore Quay           | John Devereaux      |
| 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            | 8.28      | 28.9.1983       | Cork Harbour           | Edmund Cull         |
| Painted Ray            | 14.37     | 18.6.1980       | Garryvoe Co. Cork      | Edmund Cull         |
| Ray's Bream            | 6 4¼      | 26.8.1978       | Valentia               | Martin Sarney       |
| Red Sea Bream          | 9 6       | 24.8.1963       | Valentia               | P. Maguire          |
| Twaite Shad            | 2 11½     | 2.5.1982        | River Barrow           | Vincent Baker       |
| Porbeagle Shark        | 365       | 1932            | Keem Bay, Achill       | Dr. O'Donal 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               | Jack Stack          |
| Smooth Hound           | 10 1      | 7.5.1984        | Mauricecastle, Kinsale | Thomas Kinsella     |
| Stone Basse            | 9 6       | 31.8.1983       | Kinsale                | W. R. Bohmermann    |
| Three Bearded Rockling | 2 9       | 14.9.1983       | Ballycastle Pier       | Thomas Bailey       |
| Top                    | 66 8      | 15.7.1979       | Carlingford Lough      | Cyril Young         |
| Turbot                 | 34        | 9.6.1982        | Cork Harbour           | Frank Fleming       |
| Whiting                | 4 14½     | 19.3.1981       | Kenmare Bay            | Comdt. M.J.O'Connor |
| Ballan Wrasse          | 4.3 kilos | 20.8.1983       | Clogher Head           | Bertrand Kron       |
| Cuckoo Wrasse          | 1 12      | 10. 9.1982      | Larne                  | Richard Patterson   |
|                        | 1 12      | 16.9.1982       | Belfast Lough          | P.A.Webb            |

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

| FRESHWATER FISH                             | IRISH RECORD |      | SPECIMEN | WEIGHT |
|---|--------------|------|----------|--------|
|   | lb.          | ozs. |          |        |
| Salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )               | 57           | 0    | 20       | 9.072  |
| Sea Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> )           | 16           | 6    | 6        | 2.721  |
| Brown Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta river</i> )   | 20           | 0    | 5        | 2.268  |
| Brown Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta lake</i> )    | 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 caprio</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    | 2¼       | 1.021  |
| Rudd/Bream hybrid                           | 5            | 13½  | 3        | 1.361  |
| Roach/Bream hybrid                          | 3            | 15½  | 3        | 1.361  |
| Fenck ( <i>Tinca tinca</i> )                | 7            | 13¼  | 6        | 2.721  |
| Eel ( <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> )            | 6            | 15   | 3        | 1.361  |

| SEA FISH  | IRISH RECORD |       | SPECIMEN | WEIGHT    |
|---|--------------|-------|----------|-----------|
|   | lb.          | oz.   |          |           |
| Angler fish ( <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> )                | 71           | 8     | 40       | 18.144    |
| Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )                      | 17           | 1¼    | 10       | 4.536     |
| Black Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )                         | 4.29         |       | 2        | .907      |
| Brill ( <i>Scopelogadus rhombus</i> )                     | 9            | 8     | 5        | 2.268     |
| Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )                     | 12.5         | kilos | 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> )                            | 2            | 0     | 1½       | .680      |
| Dogfish— Spur ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )                | 18           | 0     | 12       | 5.443     |
| — Lesser Spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i> )        | 4            | 4     | 3½       | 1.587     |
| — Greater Spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i> )       | 23           | 12    | 16       | 7.257     |
| Flounder ( <i>Platichthys flesus</i> )                    | 4            | 6½    | 3        | 1.361     |
| Garfish ( <i>Belone belone</i> )                          | 3            | 10½   | 2¼       | 1.134     |
| Gurnard— Tub ( <i>Trigla lucerna</i> )                    | 12           | 3½    | 5        | 2.268     |
| — Grey ( <i>Entrigla gurnardus</i> )                      | 3            | 1     | 1½       | .680      |
| — Red ( <i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i> )                       | 3            | 9¼    | 2        | .907      |
| Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )               | 10           | 13½   | 7        | 3.175     |
| Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )                     | 25           | 5½    | 10       | 4.536     |
| Hallibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )             | 156          | 0     | 50       | 22.680    |
| Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )                        |              |       | ¾        | .340      |
| John Dory ( <i>Zeus faber</i> )                           | 7            | ½     | 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> )              |              |       | 1¾       | .794      |
| Monkfish ( <i>Squatina squatina</i> )                     | 73           | 0     | 50       | 22.680    |
| Mullet— Grey, thick lipped ( <i>Crenimugil labrosus</i> ) | 7            | 10    | 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            | 13½   | 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> )                        | 8.28         |       | 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            | 9     | 1¾       | .794      |
| Scud ( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )                       |              |       | 1½       | .680      |
| 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>Mustelus asterias</i> )                 | 10           | 1     | 4        | 1.810     |
| Stone Basse ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> )               | 9            | 6     | 8        | 3.628     |
| Top ( <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> )                         | 66           | 8     |          | 18.144    |



|  | IRISH record<br>lb. oz. | SPECIMEN<br>lb. | WEIGHT<br>'dlos. |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Funny ( <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> ) | 4.3 kilos               | 4¾              | 2.154            |
| 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.

### IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

#### Expenditure and Revenue Account 1st January 31st December 1983

| 1982        | EXPENDITURE   | 1983      | 1982             | REVENUE                 | 1983             |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 31 Dec. '82 |               |           | 31 Dec. '82      |                         |                  |
|             | To Balance    |           | £ 506.78         | By Balance              | £ 394.67         |
| £1,254.53   | Printing      | £1,473.00 |                  | GRANTS                  |                  |
| £1,205.00   | Medals        | £ 468.00  | £1,250.00        | Central Fisheries Board | £1,250.00        |
| £ 808.82    | Travel        | £ 951.72  | £1,141.05        | Bord Failte             | £1,238.38        |
| £ 161.73    | Miscellaneous | £ 270.86  | £ 402.30         | Subscriptions           | £ 670.91         |
| £ 394.67    | To Balance    | £ 908.90  | £ 524.62         | Angling Clubs           | £ 518.52         |
|             |               |           |                  | Individual Donations    |                  |
|             |               |           | <u>£3,824.75</u> |                         | <u>£4,072.48</u> |
|             |               |           | 31 Dec. '83      | By Balance              | £ 908.90         |

We have examined all docketts, record books, lodgments and cheque books and certify that the accounts are correct.

SIGNED: *George 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.

## RULES

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- (1) **IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE.** This Committee consists of representative 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 UNAIDED, 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 scales in appropriate 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.  
Please note: Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e. after the fish has been weighed.
- (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, 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, BALLAN WRASSE.  
If necessary the fish should be hung up. In the case of skates and ryas, 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 the Porbeagle and Mako Sharks. In addition, there should be a clear close-up photograph showing the jaws with teeth exposed.



- (5) **LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS:** A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, provision will be made that when an angler achieves this target and subsequently captures larger fish, these will be taken into account but the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three awards. By including this latter provision, it will ensure that the anglers competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.
- (6) **"SETTING UP" CLASSES.** The Committee would like to get together a national collection of exceptionally big fish, and so, in the case of the 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.).
- (7) **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.
- (8) **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 Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (phone 379206). FISH should be sent to Balnagowan 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).