



# REPORT FOR YEAR 1986

# REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1986

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During the year the Committee received 557 claims and ratified 492.

(Dates of capture 1986 unless otherwise stated).

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## SALMON

Record: 57 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12.5	River Slaney	29 March	Philip Cronin	2½" Spinner
26 2	River Boyne	8 March	Martin Fennessy	3" Devon
23	Galway Weir	4 April	Dave Lenihan	Shrimp
21 12	River Boyne	11 March	Seamus Lenehan	2½" Devon
20 12	River Liffey, Islandbridge	6 February	James Carberry	Devon Minnow
20 10	Galway Weir	23 April	Lt. Col. E. Cusack	Fly

## SEA TROUT

Record: 16 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 4	Lough Fee	18 June	Ruud Hoofd (NL)	Mepps No. 2
8 15	Lough Currane	7 August	Peter Page (GB)	Claret Bumble
7.95	Lough Currane	8 June	G. L. Aston	Raymond Fly
7.80	Lough Currane	1 April	Bernard Brault (F)	Rapala Plug
7 9½	Lough Currane	9 April	Hans Gerken (NL)	Rapala Plug
7 2	Lough Currane	29 August	William Cashman	Wetfly
6 11¾	Lough Currane	18 May	Frank Donnelly	Bibio
6 10	Lough Currane	5 April	Ruary Rudd	Rapala Plug
6 9	River Boyne	4 September	Peter Morris	Maggots
6 3½	River Inny, Waterville	2 May	Martin Binachon (F)	Fly
6 3	Doo Lough	23 August	Noel M. Henry	Wetfly
6 2½	Lough Currane	10 October	Donal G. Brosnan	Raymond Fly

## BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record: 26 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15.09	Lough Corrib	16 March	John Gibbons	Dead Minnow
14 2	Lough Corrib	8 May	Stephen Lydon	Copper & Silver Toby
11.80	Lough Mask	6 June	Manfred Blase (D)	Rapala Plug
11.44	Lough Mask	21 September	Manfred Bunzel (D)	Grasshopper
11 2	Lough Mask	31 May	Seamus O'Loughlin	Lure
11.02	Lough Mask	7 June	Peter Hapke (D)	Rapala Plug

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10.96	Lough Mask	19 June	Nictrich Neese (D)	Rapala Plug
10.94	Lough Corrib	5 June	David Fleming-Jones	Mayfly
10.44	Lough Mask	10 June	Rolf Gunter Laufer (D)	Rapala Forelle
10.41	Lough Corrib	22 June	Vincent Hughes	Mepps

## **BROWN TROUT (RIVER)**

Record: 20 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10	Moyola River	31 July	John McCormack	Mepps 2 Spinner
9 4	River Shannon, Ballintra	22 July	Barry McGuire	Dead Roach
9	River Liffey	21 June	Cecil McDonald	Worms
7 12 3/4	Colligan River	28 September	Tony Crowe	Worms
7	River Shannon, Athlone	7 June	Duncan Sleeman	Dry Fly
6 4	River Fergus	28 June	Patrick O'Donohue	Dry Fly
5 15	Cong River	4 March	Kevin Ryan	Worm
5 12	River Shannon, Athlone	7 June	Duncan Sleeman	Dry Fly
5 4	Cong River	2 March	Master David Ryan	Mepps

## **BREAM**

Record: 11 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 7 lbs. 8 ozs.; 3.402 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10.84	River Shannon, Lanesboro	25 May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread & Worms
10	7 1/2 Lough na Glack	18 September	John M. Thursfield (GB)	Maggots & Worm
10	5 1/2 Lough Ree	8 August	Barry Brill	Bread Flake
9	13 1/2 Lough na Glack	10th May	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9	13 Lough na Glack	29 September	Colm Crean	Maggots
9	13 Lough na Glack	19 August	John Conlon	Sweetcorn
9	12 1/2 Lough na Glack	3 August	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn
9	12 Lough na Glack	5 October	James McMahon	Maggots
9	11 Monalty Lake	28 September	Michael Connell	Worms
9	10 1/2 Monalty Lake	31 March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9	9 Lough na Glack	25 May	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9	9 Lough na Glack	3 October	Colm Crean	Maggots
9	8 Lough na Glack	30 April	David J. Franklin (GB)	Maggots
9	8 Lough na Glack	1 October	James McMahon	Maggots
9	7 Lough na Glack	8 October	James McMahon	Maggots
9	7 Monalty Lake	18 May	Garnett Coulter	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
9	3 1/2 Monalty Lake	21 May	Stuart Barrett (GB)	Caster
9.22	Lanesboro	17 May	A. Thompson (GB)	Bread Flake
9	3 Monalty Lake	28 March	Eamon Hussey	Maggots
9	2 Lough na Glack	1 August	R. Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
9	2 Lough Ree, Athlone	26 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
9	1 Monalty Lake	21 May	Stuart Barrett (GB)	Caster
9	Monalty Lake	7 August	Gary White (GB)	Sweetcorn
9	Monalty Lake	4 May	Michael Connell	Worms & Sweetcorn
9	Monalty Lake	8 August	Gary White (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	15 Monalty Lake	4 April	Garnett Coulter	Worm & Maggot

# **BREAM (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8	15 Monalty Lake	28 March	Sean Fay (GB)	Maggots
8	14 Lough na Glack	2 October	David Boulstridge (GB)	Flake & Maggots
8	14 Monalty Lake	22 May	Stuart Barrett (GB)	Caster
8	13 Lanesboro	6 June	John Foy (GB)	Bread Flake
8	12 Monalty Lake	24 August	John Conlon	Maggots
8	12 Monalty Lake	29 March	Anton Fix (GB)	Sweetcorn & Maggots
8	12 Monalty Lake	18 May	Garnett Coulter	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
8	12 Lough Ree, Athlone	26 April	Martin Bernard	Worms
8.75	Lanesboro	31 March	Michael Roche	Bread
8.75	Lanesboro	8 May	Roger Gatland (GB)	Worms
8	11 1/2 Monalty Lake	23 May	Neil Charnock (GB)	Caster
8	11 Lough na Glack	29 September	Vincent Baker	Maggots
8	11 Lough na Glack	20 August	John Conlon	Sweetcorn
8	11 Lough na Glack	29 September	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn
8	10 1/2 Monalty Lake	22 May	Neil Charnock (GB)	Caster
8.63	Lanesboro	6 May	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
8	10 Monalty Lake	15 August	Neil Wheeler (GB)	Maggots & Sweetcorn
8	10 River Shannon, Athlone	7 September	Stuart O'Donnell (GB)	Worm & Bread
8	10 Monalty Lake	7 August	Gary White (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	10 Lough na Glack	14 August	Vincent Baker	Corn
8	9 Monalty Lake	23 March	Michael Connell	Maggots
8	9 Lough na Glack	13 October	Aidan G. Crean	Maggots
8	9 Lough na Glack	14 October	Michael J. McCann	Maggots
8	8 Lough Ree	8 August	Barry Brill	Bread Flake
8	8 Monalty Lake	12 October	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
8	8 Monalty Lake	8 August	James W. Miller (GB)	Maggots
8	8 Monalty Lake	10 June	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8	8 Monalty Lake	18 October	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
8	8 Monalty Lake	2 May	Joseph A. O'Neill	Worms
8	8 Lough Ree, Athlone	26 April	Martin Bernard	Worms
8	7 1/4 Monalty Lake	22 May	Neil Charnock (GB)	Caster
8.44	Lanesboro	21 April	Geoff Dawson (GB)	Bread Flake
8	7 Monalty Lake	15 August	Keith A. Wheeler (GB)	Sweetcorn & Maggot Cocktail
8.42	Lanesboro	16 May	Peter Root (GB)	Maggots
8	6 Monalty Lake	8 October	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
8	6 Monalty Lake	12 October	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
8	6 Lough na Glack	14 July	R. Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	6 Monalty Lake	28 March	David Gilbert (GB)	Maggots
8	5 3/4 Lough na Glack	13 October	Aidan G. Crean	Maggots
8	5 1/2 Monalty Lake	30 March	Fred Foster	Maggots
8	5 Monalty Lake	8 August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
8	5 Monalty Lake	10 May	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
8	5 Lough Ree	8 May	Paul Cruise (GB)	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
8.35	Lanesboro	23 May	R. V. Caunce (GB)	Maggots
8	4 Lough na Glack	14 September	Richard Hancock (GB)	Maggots & Caster
8	4 Killanny Lake, Carrickmacross	23 March	Bernard Porter (GB)	Maggots
8	4 Monalty Lake	24 March	Master Gary Baker	Sweetcorn
8	4 Monalty Lake	12 August	Ian Short (GB)	Maggots
8.22	Lanesboro	31 March	Michael Roche	Bread
8.21	Lanesboro	12 May	Joseph Doyle	Maggots
8	3 Monalty Lake	8 August	James W. Miller (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	3 Monalty Lake	8 August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
8	3 Monalty Lake	15 August	Master Gareth McMahon	Maggots

**BREAM (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 3	Lough Ree	8 May	George Coston (GB)	Worms
8 2½	Lough na Glack	13 October	Malcolm Murfet (GB)	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	8 August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
8 2	Lough na Glack	15 July	R. Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 2	Monalty Lake	24 May	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	28 June	Philip Brennan	Maggots
8.15	Lanesboro	12 May	Roger Gatland (GB)	Worm
8 1	Monalty Lake	14 August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
8 1	Monalty Lake	22 March	Ian Parker (GB)	Maggots
8 1	Monalty Lake	16 August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	Lough na Glack	6 August	James W. Miller (GB)	Sweetcorn
8	Monalty Lake	22 March	Steve Cartwright (GB)	Maggots
8	Lough na Glack	12 July	William E. Crompton (GB)	Caster & Maggot Cocktail
7 15	Monalty Lake	12 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 15	Monalty Lake	10 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 15	Monalty Lake	28 March	Eamon Hussey	Maggots
7 15	Monalty Lake	29 March	Edward Brennan	Maggots
7 15	Monalty Lake	11 August	Tony Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 15	Monalty Lake	13 May	Alan O'Hagan	Bread Flake
7 14½	Lanesboro	2 June	J. Foy (GB)	Bread Flake
7 14	Lough Ree, Athlone	26 April	Sean Egan	Worm/Caster Cocktail
7 14	Lanesboro	2 June	John Foy (GB)	Bread Flake
7 14	Lough na Glack	13 October	Aidan G. Crean	Maggots
7 13½	Monalty Lake	12 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 13	Lough na Glack	15 October	Malcolm Murfet (GB)	Maggots
7 13	Lanesboro	2 June	Mike Sloane (GB)	Bread Flake
7.80	Lanesboro	18 April	Damien Gilmore	Bread Flake
7 12	Monalty Lake	15 August	Mrs. Carol McMahon	Maggots
7 12	Lough na Glack	11 October	Richard Caplice	Maggots
7 12	Monalty Lake	28 March	Edward Brennan	Maggots
7 12	Lough Ree, Athlone	26 April	Sean Egan	Worm/Caster Cocktail
7.72	Lanesboro	5 May	W. A. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 11	Monalty Lake	28 March	Eamon Hussey	Maggots
7 10	Lough na Glack	30 April	David J. Franklin (GB)	Maggots
7 10	Lough na Glack	12 July	William E. Crompton (GB)	Caster & Maggot Cocktail
7 10	Monalty Lake	28 March	Liam Kane	Maggots
7 10	Lanesboro	2 June	Mike Sloane (GB)	Bread Flake
7 9	Monalty Lake	13 July	Dean Macey (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 9	Lough na Glack	12 July	William E. Crompton (GB)	Caster/Maggot Cocktail
7 9	Lough na Glack	15 October	Jeremy Salisbury (GB)	Maggots
7 8	Monalty Lake	7 April	Alan O'Hagan	Maggots
7 8	Monalty Lake	29 March	Liam Kane	Maggots

**CARP**

Record: 22 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21 10	The Lough, Cork	15 October	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
19 10	The Lough	2 June	Ken Reddy	Sweetcorn
18 4	The Lough	27 May	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
18 3	The Lough	22 September	Joe Forde	Sweetcorn
17	The Lough	28 May	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn

**CARP (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 14	Ballinafid Lake	30 July	Brendan Doran	Maggots & Worms
11 11	Ballinafid Lake	11 October	Peter Walsh	Special
11 2	Ballinafid Lake	26 July	Fred Foster	Pet Food Paste
10 6	Ballinafid Lake	27 September	Fred Foster	Worms
10 4	Ballinafid Lake	14 August	Brendan Doran	Worm & Maggots

**EEL**

Record: 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 4	Aughrusbeg Lake, Clifden	3 July	Philip L. S. Treytel (NL)	Worms
3.39	Cork Harbour	10 August	Kieran Kidney	Peeler Crab

**PERCH**

Record: 5 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.29	River Barrow	2 April	Maurice Laurent	2" Rapala

**PIKE (LAKE)**

Record: 38 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
34 12	Tully Lake	1 October	Klaus Ulrich (D)	Copper Spoon
32	Drumkeary Lake	16 November	Francis McGovern	Dead Perch
30 2	Drumkeary Lake	13 April	Liam Kane	Dead Rudd

**PIKE (RIVER)**

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
31 8	River Suck, Ballygar	13 April	Thomas Neary	3" Copper Spoon
31	River Shannon, Albert Lock	8 October	Remo Nessler (CH)	Toby Spoon
27 0½	River Barrow, Athy	19 July	Neil F. Mayell	Dead Rudd
26 8½	River Boyne, Trim	8 May	John Glennon	Worms
26 8	River Shannon, Jamestown	14 October	Klaus Ulrich (D)	Spoon
26 6	River Shannon	25 September	Andre Louchard (F)	Rublex Spoon
26 6	River Suck	28 Dec. 1985	Lawrence Peile	Dead Roach
25 6	River Barrow, Leighlinbridge	12 March	Daniel Murphy	Dead Rudd
24 12	River Barrow	16 February	Tom Holmes	Dead Rudd
24	River Bann	14 September	Maurice Laurent	Dead Rudd
23 12	River Shannon	23 September	Horst Gunter Baumgart (D)	Dead Perch
23 8	River Barrow	27 September	Rene Laurent	Dead Perch
22 3	Leighlinbridge	16 March	Cyri. Thompson	Dead Rudd
20 12	Lower River Bann	28 September	William Boal	Silver Mepps

**RUDD**

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight: 2¼ lbs.; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 4¾	River Barrow, Athy	23 July	Neil F. Mayell	Bread Flake

**RUDD/BREAM HYBRID**

Record: 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 13½	Lough Ree, Inny Bay	19 May	Barry Brill	Worm
4 11½	Lough Ree, Athlone	21 April	Raymond D. Ladds (GB)	Worm
2 kilos	Lough Ree	11 May	Declan Brennan	Worm
4	Lough Ree, Barrymore	1 September	Joseph Brill	Sweetcorn
3 14½	R. Shannon, Athlone	26 August	Declan Brill	Bread Flake
3 5	Monalty Lake	18 May	Garnett Coulter	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
3 4	Barrymore	20 June	Kenneth Brill	Bread & Sweetcorn
3 3	Monalty Lake	24 May	Shay McDonnell	Sweetcorn
3 3	Ballyhoe Lake	3 May	Tom Sneyd	Sweetcorn

**TENCH**

Record: 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.45	River Shannon, Lanesboro	5 June	Damian Gilmore	Bread Flake
6.15	Lanesboro	13 May 1985	Michael Roche	Bread
6.11	Lanesboro	6 June	Damian Gilmore	Bread Flake

**BASS**

Record: 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14.54	Kinsale	21 September	Victor McCarthy	Lugworm
12 8	Wicklow Bay	28 September	John McMullen	Mackerel Strip
12.35	Dun Laoghaire	3 September	Desmond Frazer	Mackerel & Rag Cocktail
10 14½	Roscarbery Estuary	23 July	Jeremiah Lynch	Peeler Crab
10 14	Clonakilty	18 August	M. J. Wall (GB)	Sand Eel
10 9½	Pidgeon House, Dublin	2 October	Anthony Ebbs	Ragworm
10 4	Brittas Bay	6 August	Eamon Whelan	Lugworm
10 2	Lohar Strand, Waterville	21 September	Dr. R. Rouzes	Rapala Plug
10.08	Red Rock, Dublin	4 August	Seamus Carroll	Peeler Crab
10 0½	Rosscarbery	1 October	John Twomey	Artificial Sandeel

**BLACK SOLE**

Record: 6.32 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 2 lbs.; 907 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.32	Ballycotton	28 December	Eddie Cull	Rag/Ragworm Squid/Cocktail
4 5¼	Ballyquin, Ardmore	2 September	John Cronin	Lugworm
2 5	Wicklow Bay	29 June	Mick Nolan	Crab & Rag
2.23	Ballyquin	3 August	Brian Mansfield	Peeler Crab

**COALFISH**

Record: 12.5 kilos

Specimen Weight: 15 lbs.; 6.804 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
20	Courtmacsherry	28 July	Bovijn Norbert (B)	Mackerel
20	Courtmacsherry	23 July	F. V. Kampen (NL)	Mackerel
19	Courtmacsherry	29 July	M. Hage (NL)	Mackerel Strip
18	Courtmacsherry	30 July	Ivor Burns (GB)	Baited feathers
17.95	Achill	16 August	Frank Daly	Red Gill
8.3 kilos	Kinsale	17 July	Gerard Finn	Mackerel Strip

**COD**

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30	Causeway Coast	19 September	Irvine Tannahill	Mackerel
13.2 kilos	Belfast Lough	22 June 1985	Brian Whitla	Baited Spoon
28 4	Clew Bay, Westport	12 July	Marcus Sweeney	Mackerel Feathers
27 4	Causeway Coast	19 July	Nigel Bradley	Mackerel
11.6 kilos	Ardmore	30 July	John Cronin	Baited feathers
25	Causeway Coast	1 June	James English	Ragworm

**CONGER EEL**

Record: 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
42	Fethard on Sea	24 August	Declan O'Farrell	Mackerel
41 8	Dunmore East	3 August	Billy Roughman	Mackerel Strip

**DAB**

Record: 2 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 1½ lbs.; 0.680 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.92	Cork Harbour	20 August	John O'Brien	Mackerel Strip
1.780 kilos	Belmullet	27 July	Michael Kearney	Ragworm/Mackerel
1 11	Inishbofin	29 August	Master Ciaran Ganter	Mackerel Strip
1.63	Erris Head, Belmullet	13 August	Patrick Brown	Mackerel
1.61	Cork Harbour	21 June	Paddy Coleman	Mackerel Strip
1 8	Kilcoole	11 January	William Roche	Squid/Lugworm Cocktail

# GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
19	Ballinskelligs	17 August	Max Hackenbuchner (D)	Mackerel Fillet
8.7 kilos	Kinsale	11 July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel Strip
17 8	Dingle	29 August	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Mackerel
17.17	Ballinskelligs	17 August	B. Spink (GB)	Mackerel Strip
16 13	Kerry Head	7 May	David Jones	Mackerel Strip
16 8	Dingle	29 August	Rex Michael Smith (GB)	Mackerel

# LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 0½	Clare Island	23 August	David John Cooper	Mackerel Strip
3 10	Causeway Coast	3 August	Richard Lewis	Mackerel Strip
3 9½	Killala Bay	6 July	Robert Donaldson	Sandeel on Feathers
3 9	Killala Bay	1 June	Robert Donaldson	Baited feathers
3 8¼	Port Ballintrae	9 August	Garnett Coulter	Baited spoon
3 8	Rush	6 October	P. J. O'Hara	Mackerel

# SPUR DOGFISH

Record: 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 10	Cahore	31 August	Jack Stack	Herring
14 10	Fenit	23 June	Sydney Gibson (GB)	Mackerel Strip
14 10	Fenit	26 June	A. P. Pearson (GB)	Mackerel & Squid
14 0½	Belfast Lough	30 August	James C. Potts	Mackerel
13 14	Dundalk Bay	20 July	John Clarke	Mackerel
13 8	Kerry Head	22 June	Pat O'Shea	Mackerel Strip
13 4	Cahore	18 May	Liam Tully	Mackerel
13 2	Rush	8 June	Eddie Duffy	Mackerel
12 9	Wicklow	3 August	Bob Reynolds	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Cahore	7 September	Anthony Doyle	Mackerel Strip
12.36	Achill	23 August	Raymond J. Sheehan	Mackerel
12 4	Cahore	30 August	Shay McDonnell	Mackerel
12 4	Cahore	7 June	Jimmy O'Loughlin	Mackerel
12.2	Cahore	7 June	J. Cosgrave	Mackerel
12 2	Kish	20 July	Anthony Fenton	Mackerel
12 2	Rush	8 June	Noel Ruigrock	Mackerel Strip
12 2	Kish	20 July	John O'Brien	Mackerel

# FLOUNDER

Record: 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.36 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.20	Carne	20 September	Harry Doyle	Ragworm
3 3	Ballyteague Bay	21 December	Liam Kane	Lugworm
3 2	Ballyteague Bay	19 October	W. Dunbar	Lugworm
3.1	Bannow Bay	12 October	David Fay	Crab
3 1½	Ballyteague Bay	29 Dec. 1985	Shay McDonnell	Lugworm
3 1½	Ballyteague	31 May	Zoe Jane Grey	Crab
3 1	Bannow Bay	28 October	Thomas P. Keogh	Crab
3.03	Quanns, Co. Waterford	4 April	Eric Crowe	Peeler Crab

# GREY GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight: 1 lb. 8 ozs.; 0.680 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.95	Broadhaven Bay,	23 August	Robert Troy	Mackerel Strip
1.89	Caherciveen	24 August	Des O'Connell	Mackerel Strip
1.80	Brandon Bay	10 February	Jack Lacey	Lugworm
1.63	Westport	12 September	Ewald Schwoch (D)	Mackerel
1 8½	Clare Island	23 August	Harold F. Ritchie	Mackerel Feathers

# RED GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 9½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2 lbs.; 0.907 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	Moville	21 August	Patrick Gillen	Baited spoon
2.21	Broadhaven Bay,	24 August	Richard Reid	Mackerel baited Spoon
2 1	Portrush	2 July	W. T. Bevan	Ragworm/ Mackerel Cocktail
2.03	Clare Island	15 September	Pieter Hartland (NL)	Mackerel Strip

# TUB GURNARD

Record: 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7.83	Achill	23 August	Mattie Stafford	Mackerel
5 15	Killala Bay	31 August	Master Stephen Ross	Baited feathers
5 13	Killala Bay	1 June	Norman McFetridge	Baited flashers
5.77	Killala Bay	8 Sept. 1985	Eunice McKeon	Mackerel

# HADDOCK

Record: 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.4 kilos	Causeway Coast	10 July	W. F. McLaughlin	Baited Spoon
7 9½	Causeway Coast	10 June	Earl Catherwood	Ragworm
7 7	Causeway Coast	26 June	Robert H. Anderson	Ragworm & Mackerel
3.350 kilos	Causeway Coast	25 September	John Hartin	Lugworm
3.300 kilos	Causeway Coast	25 September	William McLoughlin	Mackerel Cocktail
7 2	Causeway Coast	29 June	Ian Eaglew	Lugworm
7 2	Causeway Coast	14 June	Thomas Jones	Mackerel & Lugworm
7 2	Causeway Coast	24 July	Irvine Tannahill	Lugworm
7 2	Causeway Coast	26 June	Irvine Tannahill	Lugworm

# HERRING

.425 kilos

Specimen Weight: ¾ lb.; .340 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.425 kilos	Coast	11 July	William McMath	Lure



# LING

Record: 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
38	Youghal	21 September	Sean Clancy	Mackerel Strip
35	Power Head, Cork	13 July	Sean McCarthy	Mackerel Strip
35	Kinsale	28 June	Michael Sargent	Mackerel
14.5 kilos	Kinsale	30 August	James F. Sheehan	Mackerel Strip
13.75 kilos	Youghal	7 September	Tony Curtin	Mackerel Strip
29 8	Dungarvan	5 October	Tony Elsted	Mackerel Strip
29 8	Ballycotton	8 July	Toni Feitzinger (A)	Mackerel Strip
28 2	Ballycotton	7 July	Toni Feitzinger (A)	Mackerel Strip
12.7 kilos	Kinsale	21 September	Frank Sheehan	Mackerel
28	Youghal	21 September	Malcolm Burdett	Mackerel Strip
28	Baltimore	28 Oct. 1985	Sean Collins	Herring
12.5 kilos	Youghal	17 August	Redmond Ansbro	Mackerel
12.2	Kinsale	28 July	Hubert Honje (B)	Mackerel Strip
26 8	Youghal	21 September	Ray Morris	Mackerel Strip
11.95 kilos	Youghal	7 September	Seamus Mason	Mackerel Strip
26	Crosshaven	25 July	Ronald Bongers (NL)	Mackerel
26	Crosshaven	29 August	Frank Goossens (B)	Mackerel
26	Youghal	21 September	Tim O'Callaghan	Mackerel Strip
25 8	Youghal	21 September	Ray O'Sullivan	Mackerel Strip
11.75 kilos	Youghal	7 September	Paddy Sheridan	Mackerel Strip
11.5 kilos	Kinsale	4 September	Gerard Finn	Mackerel Strip
25	Crosshaven	9 September	J. Wouters (NL)	Mackerel

# MEGRIM

Record: 2.40 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 1 lb. 12 oz.; 0.794 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.40	Erris Head, Belmullet	19 August	John Graham	Mackerel Strip
2 7	Causeway Coast	27 July	Alastair Smyth	Lugworm
2 6½	Causeway Coast	2 July	Frederick J. Cooley	Ragworm
2 5¼	Belfast Lough	3 August	Michael J. Cochrane	Mackerel Strip
2 5	Causeway Coast	3 August	David Graham	Lugworm
2 5	Causeway Coast	15 July	Norman G. McFetridge	Mackerel/Ragworm
1.77	Belmullet	21 August	Pierre Leffer (F)	Mackerel Strip
1 12	Causeway Coast	4 August	Kenneth Niblock	Mackerel

# GREY MULLET

Record: 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 3	Carbery Centre	14 August	Dave Wallbank (GB)	Mackerel
5 13	Lough Furnace	23 September	Declan Quigley	Mullet Strip
5.69	Cartron Bay, Sligo	27 September	Gerry Singleton	Bread Crust
5 9	Lough Furnace	9 September	Declan Quigley	Bread Flake
5 1	Lough Furnace	8 September	Declan Quigley	Bread Flake
5	Cartron Bay	13 September	James G. Singleton	Bread Crust

# PLAICE

Record: 8.23 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.9 kilos	Causeway Coast	9 August	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip

# PLAICE (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 9	Causeway Coast	6 July	Bertie Greer	Ragworm
6.39	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	24 September	Gerard Mansfield	Lugworm
5 10	Causeway Coast	1 October	Michael C. Dobbs	Mackerel
5 10	Causeway Coast	17 August	David J. Scott	Lugworm/Ragworm
5 8	Causeway Coast	27 September	Ronnie Elliott	Lugworm
5 5	Causeway Coast	12 August	Brian Dobbin	Lugworm
5.30	Ballyquin, Ardmore	3 August	John Cronin	Lugworm
5 4	Causeway Coast	24 August	Kenneth Niblock	Lugworm
5 4	Ballintoy	13 July	John Cupples	Sandeel
5 4	Causeway Coast	31 August	Garnett Coulter	Mackerel/Ragworm
5 0½	Bray	7 July	William J. Curley	Lugworm
5 0¼	Causeway Coast	12 October	Victor Baird	Ragworm
5	Causeway Coast	23 August	Cyril Longford	Ragworm
4 14	Causeway Coast	15 July	Frank Norton	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 13	Portrush	26 June	Stephen McAfee	Baited Spoon
4 11	Causeway Coast	24th August	James Joy	Ragworm
4 10	Greystones	17 August	Charles E. Holley	Lugworm
4 9¼	Antrim Coast	16 June	Paul MacLeod	Baited Spoon
4 8	Causeway Coast	30 September	George Tipping	Ragworm
4 7¼	Causeway Coast	7 June	David McGaffin	Ragworm
4 7	Causeway Coast	22 June	Richard Hodges	Ragworm
4 6	Causeway Coast	26 June	Ivan Graham	Ragworm
4 5	Causeway Coast	13 June	Tony Watson	Ragworm
4 5	Causeway Coast	15 June	Maurice Barron	Ragworm
4 4	Ballintoy Bank	17 August	Victor Baird	Lug & Ragworm
4 4	Ballintoy	13 July	William Gay	Baited Spoon
4 4	Antrim Coast	14 June	Paul MacLeod	Baited Spoon
4.14	Greystones	5 July	Anthony Byrne	Ragworm
4 1½	Causeway Coast	6 July	John Cunningham	Pirk
4 1	Causeway Coast	17 September	A. O. Hays	Mackerel/Ragworm
4.08	Crosshaven	17 July	Klaas Marijt (NL)	Mackerel
4 0½	Cork Harbour	13 October 1985	Joseph McInerney	Lugworm
4 0¼	Cork Harbour	13 July	Michael Livingstone	Lugworm
4	Causeway Coast	26 June	William R. Jackson	Lug & Ragworm
4	Causeway Coast	8 September	Brian O'Neill	Lugworm

# POLLACK

Record: 19 lbs. 3 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 6	Ballycotton	20 August	Hans Manhart (A)	Sandeel
7 kilos	Kinsale	24 August	Michael Scannell	Feathers
15 2	Carbery Centre	31 August	Arthur Johnson (GB)	Redgill
6.7 kilos	Kinsale	4 September	J. J. Schipper (NL)	Mister Twister
14.37	Crosshaven	19 August	Pierre Buckel (F)	Mister Twister
13 12½	Schull	9 September	P. Hardy (GB)	Baited Muppets
13 8	Ballycotton	5 October	William Cunningham	Baited Feathers
13	Youghal	21 September	Malcolm Burdett	Mackerel Strip
13	Youghal	12 July	Albie O'Sullivan	Mackerel Fillet
12 13	Cobh	4 August	Gunter Gruss (D)	Pirk
5.83 kilos	Killybegs	11 July	Klaus Bojhar (D)	Mackerel
12.7	Achill	4 August	John O'Shea	Redgill
12 6.38	Crosshaven	22 August	Paddy Shaughnessy	Redgill
12.39	Cork Harbour	14 June	Brendan Barry	Mackerel
12 5	Dingle	24 August	Claude Allemadou (F)	Rubber Eel
12.25	Crosshaven	18 July	Cornelis Schot (NL)	Twister

**POLLACK (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.50 kilos	Kinsale	9 July	Brigid McCauley (N)	Feather
2.24	Cork Harbou	31 August	Daniel Cronin	Rubber Eel
2	Crosshaven	4 September	Gerrit Stoop (NL)	Mister Twister

**POUTING**

Record: 4 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.46	Schull	7 September	Peter Burles (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3.14	Courtmacsherry	24 July	Herman Ponsteen (NL)	Baited Feathers
3	Dungarvan	23 August	William Bumster	Mackerel

**BLONDE RAY**

Record: 36 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11	Cork Harbour	28 June	Patrick Craven	Mackerel
10	Crosshaven	17 July	Willem Slangewal (NL)	Mackerel
27.4	Cork Harbour	13 October	William Howie	Mackerel Strip
26 4	Cobh	11 September	George Stockley	Mackerel Strip
26 4	Cobh	16 October	Pat O'Shea	Mackerel
26	Greystones	10 August	George Whittle	Mackerel Strip
25 11	Cobh	14 October	Pat O'Shea	Mackerel
25 4	Greystones	13 July	Bob O'Callaghan	Mackerel

**CUCKOO RAY**

Record: 5 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 6	Causeway Coast	31 August	Ken Morrow	Ragworm
5	Causeway Coast	20 July	Terry Angus	Baited Spoon
4 13	Causeway Coast	18 July	George Cree	Mackerel
4 11	Causeway Coast	6 July	Hugh Stuart	Ragworm
4 8½	Causeway Coast	3 August	Tom Black	Ragworm & Mackerel Cocktail

**ELECTRIC RAY**

Record: 69 lbs.

Specimen Ray: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
34 8	Woodstown Beach, Waterford	26 August	John Brown	Mackerel Strip

**HOMELYN RAY**

Record: 8.28 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 5	Causeway Coast	21 August	Michael Wright (GB)	Mackerel
6 5	Causeway Coast	29 July	Derek McLeister	Baited Spoon

**IOMELYN RAY (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 1½	Cork Harbour	27 September	Pio Enright	Mackerel Strip
5 13	Causeway Coast	20 August	Neil McKay	Sandeel & Ragworm
5 9	Causeway Coast	12 August	Sam Caul	Mackerel
5 6	Causeway Coast	17 August	Matt Stevenson	Ragworm
5 3	Causeway Coast	21 August	Ron McKie (GB)	Mackerel
5 3	Causeway Coast	24 August	C. Black	Mackerel
5 2¼	Greystones	13 July	Stephen O'Neill	Mackerel
2.920 kilos	Five Mile Point, Wicklow	5 July	Damian Blackwell	Mackerel Strip
2.600 kilos	Five Mile Point Wicklow	5 July	Henry Wolohan	Mackerel Strip

**THORNBACK RAY**

Record: 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21 8	Crosshaven	23 June	R. Veldhuisen (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
21 6½	Greystones	20 July	Peter Keay	Sandeel Strip
21	Malahide	18 August	James Troy	Mackerel
20 12	Causeway Coast	3 July	Michael Eady (GB)	Ragworm/Mackerel
20	Courtmacsherry	22 July	B. v. Kampen (NL)	Mackerel

**UNDULATE RAY**

Record: 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 14 lbs.; 6.350 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 1	Tralee Bay, Fenit	26 June	J. Harvey (GB)	Mackerel
14.28	Fenit	31 May	Colm Quinn	Mackerel

**RED SEA BREEM**

Record: 9 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 2½	Dunmore East	24 August	Thomas O'Dwyer	Mackerel Feathers
5 1½	Dunmore East	24 August	John Byrne	Mackerel Feathers
4.61	Achill	31 July 1985	John Joe McNamara	Mackerel

**THREE BEARDED ROCKLING**

Record: 2 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 1 lb. 12 ozs.; 0.794 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5¾	Rosslare	8 September	Martin Ffrench	Mackerel Strip
1 15	Carnsore	23 August	Cecil Barrow	Ragworm
	(Co. Wexford)			
1 14	Portrush	17 August	William Boal	Mackerel
1 13	Dunmore East	11 June	Nicholas McEvoy, Jr.	Ragworm
2 1	Dunmore East	8 June	John Roche	Mackerel
2.02	Hook Head	7 June	Thomas Masterson	Mackerel/Ragworm Cocktail
1 12	Causeway Coast	8 Nov. 1985	Michael Ferguson	Mackerel Strip



**SCAD**

Record: 0 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 1½ lbs.; 680 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.97	Clonakilty	6 September	Master Raymond McCarthy	Koster

**TWAITE SHAD**

Record: 2 lbs. 13.92 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 2	River Barrow, St. Mullins	29 May	Joseph Caffrey	Caster
2.2	St. Mullins	16 May	Denis J. Horgan	ABU Toby
2.04	St. Mullins	16 May	Denis J. Horgan	ABU Toby
2	St. Mullins	16 May	Denis J. Horgan	ABU Toby

**BLUE SHARK**

Record: 206 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 100 lbs.; 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
56½ kilos	Kinsale	31 August	J. Van Tilburg	Mackerel
124	Schull	12 August	R. W. v.d. Hoek (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
52 kilos	Youghal	3 August	Patsy McArdle	Mackerel
112	Killala Bay	17 August	Robert Donaldson	Mackerel
50.4 kilos	Kinsale	9 July	Karl-Heinz Scholfer (D)	Mackerel
50.2 kilos	Youghal	29 June	Dick Collins	Mackerel
108	Crosshaven	8 August	Henri Libron (F)	Mackerel
46½ kilos	Kinsale	31 August	Thomas Gregan	Mackerel
102	Achill	4 August	John Keane	Mackerel
100 8	Kinsale	10 July	J. A. Valkenburg (NL)	Mackerel
100	Courtmacsherry	2 September	L. C. Bakker (NL)	Mackerel

**SMOOTH HOUND**

Record: 10 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 12	Ballynamona, Wexford	27 June	Bob Reynolds	Crab
9 8	Tinnabearna, Wexford	28 June	Nicholas McEvoy, Jr.	Peeler Crab
9.25	Wicklow	17 August	Brian Ward	Squid
9 3	Tinnabearna	14 June	Peter McCartin	Crab & Ragworm
9 3	Ballynamona	27 June	John McKenyon	Peeler Crab
9 1	Ballynamona	27 June	Bob Reynolds	Peeler Crab
8.81	Killoughter	8 August	Gerard Mitchell	Ragworm
7 6	Tinnabearna	24 June	Bill Ryan	Peeler Crab
7 2	Tinnabearna	4 July	Nicholas McEvoy	Peeler Crab

**DPE**

Record: 66 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
53	Greystones	10 August	Shay McDonnell	Mackerel
47 8	Greystones	17 August	Michael Phelan	Mackerel
46	Greystones	28 September	Ray Bannerman	Mackerel
42	Greystones	7 September	E. A. Richards	Mackerel
41 7	Cahore	31 May	Jimmy O'Loughlin	Herring
40 8	Greystones	24 August	Michael Elliott	Mackerel Fillet

**TURBOT**

Record: 34 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 18 lbs.; 8.165 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10.72 kilos	Cork Harbour	24 August	Timothy O'Flynn	Mackerel Strip
22 8	Causeway Coast	3 August	Alan Crawford	Mackerel
19 4	Crosshaven	16 August	Timmy Giffney	Mackerel
18 15	Causeway Coast	19 July	John V. Love	Sandeel

**WHITING**

Record: 4 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4	Dingle	23 August	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Baited Feathers
3 12	Fastnet	19 September	J. C. Gotje (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3.36	Courtmacsherry	30 July	Niall O'Sullivan	Baited Feathers
3 2	Dingle	23 August	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Baited Feathers
3 1½	Dungarvan	24 August	Edward Kelly	Mackerel/Ragworm Cocktail

**BALLAN WRASSE**

Record: 4.3 kilos

Specimen Weight: 4 lbs. 12 ozs.; 2.154 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.55	Hook Head	24 August	Martin Ffrench	Ragworm
5.50	Creaden Head	23 September	Liam Jacques	Red Jensen
2.4 kilos	Dingle	8 September	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Mackerel
2.3 kilos	Dingle	8 September	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Mackerel
2.3 kilos	Kilmore Quay	13 July	John Byrne	Ragworm
5 3	Doon Point, Dingle	15 September	Clive Richards (GB)	Crab
5 3	Slea Head, Dingle	18 September	Alan Smith (GB)	Crab
5 2	Doon Point	20 September	Clive Richards (GB)	Crab
5	Portally Cove, Co. Waterford	7 September	Michael Fennelly	Ragworm
5	Dunmore East	21 September	Joe Hennessy	Ragworm
5	Sybil Point, Dingle	17 July	Joseph Caffrey	Lugworm
2.2 kilos	Dingle	8 September	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Mackerel
4 15	Portrush	16 July	William Boal	Ragworm
4 13½	Killybegs	7 September	Mark Todd	Ragworm
4 12	Slea Head	18 September	Stuart Cresswell (GB)	Crab
4 12	Doon Point	20 September	Clive Richards (GB)	Crab

## CUCKOO WRASSE

Record: 1 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 1 lb. 4 ozs.; 0.567 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.46	Belmullet	23 August	Chris Coates	Baited Feathers
1 7	Carnsore Point	6 July	Peter Barron	Squid
1 5½	Ballintoy	10 August	David Bowman	Squid
1 4½	Causeway Coast	3 August	Alan Smallwood	Mackerel Strip
1.28	Crosshaven	10 May	Cor Vrolijk (NL)	Mackerel

## NEW RECORDS

- (1) BLACK SOLE, 6.32 lbs., caught by Eddie Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, at Ballycotton, on 28th December 1986.
- (2) HERRING, .425 kilos, caught by William McMath, 104 Cloyfin Road, Coleraine, Co. Derry, at Rathlin Island on the 11th July, 1986.
- (3) MEGRIM, 2.40 lbs., caught by John Graham, 25 Georges Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, at Belmullet, on the 19th August, 1986.
- (4) ELECTRIC RAY, 69 lbs., caught by Jacobus Rynsburger, Alexander Straat 35A, Leiden, Netherlands, at Courtmacsherry, on the 5th September, 1977.

## TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1986 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Garnett Coulter, 86 Union Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT62 4AE.  
Liam Kane, 39 Rushbrook Estate, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.  
Neil McCabe, 36 Elmfield Crescent, Glengormley, Belfast, BT36 6EB.  
Alistair Smyth, 17 Westminster Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1PE.  
Declan Quigley, c/o Salmon Research Trust, Furnace, Newport, Co. Mayo.  
Martin Bernard, Swallows Hill, Ballymore, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

## SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

Each year, Dr. A. E. J. Went donated a special award for the best specimen taken by a juvenile who has not reached his or her fourteenth birthday on 1st January, 1987. The award goes to: Ciarán Ganter, 1 Farmhill Park, Goatstown, Dublin 14, for a 1 lb. 11 oz. Dab caught off Inishbofin on the 29th August, 1986.

## 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 eight of these awards have been made to date and those who qualified during 1986 are:—

Shay McDonnell, 45 Tamarisk Avenue, Kilnamanagh Estate, Tallaght, Dublin 24.  
Rev. Michael Smith, 90 Mansfield Road, Clipstone, Near Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9AW, England.

## 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.

## 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 verified 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 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, 1984, 1985 and 1986.

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
1985	443	90	15	25	3	2
1986	349	93	16	21	3	7

## FUND RAISING

A list of those who contributes 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 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. Our thanks also to the Benwisken Cable Car Company, Co. Sligo, who sent us a very generous donation.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1985 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 1986 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 28th February, 1987. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

### ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1985 in Manchester.

A Presentation was held at the Visma Exhibition in Rotterdam for anglers from the Netherlands who were due awards.

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 B & I (British & Irish Steam-tugged Co. Ltd.) for their assistance during the year.

## ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1985 is given in this Report. The 1986 account will only be available in 1987 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 Fáilte Éireann; The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association; Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; Federation of Irish Specimen Hunters; National Coarse Fishing Federation; Aer Lingus S.A.C.; Aghada S.A.C.; Ardmore S.A.C.; Argonaut S.A.C.; B.B.C. (Belfast) Club Angling Society; Cahore S.A.C.; Celtic S.A.C.; Carrickfergus & District A.C.; Cork S.A.C.; Dolphin Richview S.A.C.; Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club; Dun Laoghaire S.A.C.; E.S.B. Shoreliners A.C.; Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; Royal Ulster Constabulary S.A.C.; R.U.C. (S. Division) S.A.C.; Rush Sea Angling Club; Rush Sea Angling Festival; South Shore S.A.C.; Youghal S.A.C.; Waterford Glass S.A.C.; Robert Anderson, 6 Onslow Drive, Bangor, Co. Down.

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# **[IRISH RECORD FISH**

## **FRESHWATER SPECIES**

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Salmon	57 0	1874	River Suir	M. Maher
Sea Trout	16 6	29.10.1983	Shimna River, Co. Down	Thomas McManus
Brown Trout (River)	20 0	22.2.1957	River Shannon, Corbally	Major Hugh Place
Brown Trout (Lake)	26 2	15.7.1894	Lough Ennel	Wm Meares
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater, (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	22 0	28.1.1983	The Lough, Cork	David Mears
Dace	1 2	8.8.1966	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	John T. Henry
Perch	5 8	1946	Lough Erne	S. Drum
Pike (River)	42 0	22.3.1964	River Barrow	M. Watkins
Pike (Lake)	38 2	25.2.1973	Lough Corrib	Brendan Hardiman
Roach	2 13½	11.8.1970	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3 1	27.6.1959	Kilglass Lake	A. E. Biddlecombe
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	5 13½	12.4.1975	River Shannon, Lanesboro	P. J. Dighton
Roach/Bream Hybrid	3 15½	17.5.1983	Drumreask L.	Colm Quinn
Tench	7 13¼	25.5.1971	River Shannon, Lanesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	6 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

## **MARINE SPECIES**

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Angler Fish	12.985 kilos	3.11.1985	Belfast Lough	Sean Neill
Bass	17 1¼	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	6.32 lbs.	28.12.1986	Ballycotton	Eddie 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. Stewart
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 Dogfish	23 12	29.5.1983	Valentia	Tony Outmayjer
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	4 4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
Flounder	4 6½	21.8.1979	Ballyteigue, Co. Wexford	David Gray
Garfish	3 10¼	16.9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Hub 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	56	23.7.1972	Belmullet	Frank Brogan
Herring	.425 kilos	11.7.1986	Rathlin Island	Wm. McMath
John Dory	7 8	12.8.1984	Killala Bay	Cleona Walkin
Ling	46 8	26.7.1965	Kinsale	A. J. C. Bull
Mackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann

# **MARINE SPECIES (Continued)**

Species	Weight	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Megrim	2.40	19.8.1986	Belmullet, Co. Mayo	John Graham
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
Electric Ray	69	5.9.1977	Courtmacsherry	J. Rynsbarger
Ray's Bream	6 4¼	26.8.1978	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	9 6	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Twaite Shad	2.87	5.5.1985	St. Mullins	Peter McCartin
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donel Brown
Blue Shark	206	7.10.1959	Achill Head	J. McMonagle
Six Gilled Shark	154	28.8.1968	Kinsale	Andrew Bull
Common Skate	221	1913	Ballycotton	T. Tucker
White Skate	165	7.8.1966	Clew Bay	Jack Stack
Smooth Hound	10 11	12.6.1985	Tinnabearna	Peter McCartin
Stone Basse	9 6	31.8.1983	Kinsale	W. R. Bohmermann
Three Bearded Rockling	2.75	1.9.1985	Dunmore East	Nicholas McEvoy
Tope	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.
Ballan Wrasse	4.3 kilos	20.8.1983	Clogher Head	M. J. O'Connor
Cuckoo Wrasse	1 12	10.9.1982	Larne	Bertrand Kron
	1 12	16.9.1982	Belfast Lough	Richard Patterson
				P. A. Webb

## **SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)**

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb. ozs.	lb.	Kilos
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</i> ) (river)	20 0	5	2.268
Brown Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> ) (lake)	26 2	10	4.536
Slob Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> )	—	10	4.536
Bream ( <i>Abramis brama</i> )	11 12	7½	3.402
Carp ( <i>Cyprinus caprio</i> )	22 0	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	.907
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
Tench ( <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
	b.	oz.		
Angler Fish ( <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> )	42.985	kilos	40	8.144
Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )	17	1 1/4	10	4.536
Black Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	6.32	lbs.	2	.907
Brill ( <i>Scophthalmus 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	1.340
Conger ( <i>Conger conger</i> )	72	0	40	18.144
Dab ( <i>Limanda limanda</i> )	2	0	1 1/2	.680
Dogfish — Spur ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )	18	0	12	5.443
— Lesser Spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i> )	4		3 1/2	
— Greater Spotted ( <i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i> )	23	12	16	7.257
Flounder ( <i>Platichthys flesus</i> )	4	6 1/2	3	1.361
Garfish ( <i>Belone bellone</i> )	3	10 1/4	2 1/4	1.134
( <i>Belone svetovidovi</i> )	-		4 ozs	.355
Gurnard — Tub ( <i>Trigla lucerna</i> )	12	3 1/2	5	2.268
— Grey ( <i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i> )	3	1		.680
— Red ( <i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i> )	3	9 1/2	2	.907
Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	10	13 1/2	7	3.175
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	25	5 1/2	.0	4.536
Halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )	156	0	10	12.680
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	.425	kilos	3/4	.340
John Dory ( <i>Zeus faber</i> )	7	8	4	1.814
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	46	8	25	11.340
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	4	2	2 1/2	1.134
Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i> )	2.40		1 3/4	.794
Monkfish ( <i>Squatina squatina</i> )	73	0	50	22.680
Mullet — Grey, thick lipped ( <i>Crenimugil labrosus</i> )	7	)		2.268
— Red ( <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> )	—			.454
Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	8.23		4	1.814
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	19	3	2	5.443
Pouting ( <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> )	4	3 1/2	3	1.361
Ray — Thornback ( <i>Raja clavata</i> )	37	0	10	9.072
— Blonde ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> )	36	8	25	11.340
— Cuckoo ( <i>Raja naevus</i> )	5		4 1/2	2.041
— Electric ( <i>Torpedo nobiliana</i> )	69	)	10	9.072
— Homelyn ( <i>Raja montagui</i> )	8.28		14	6.350
— Undulate ( <i>Raja undulata</i> )	18		14	6.350
— Painted ( <i>Raja microcellata</i> )	14.37		10	4.536
— Sting ( <i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i> )	51		30	13.608
Ray's Bream ( <i>Brama brama</i> )	6	0	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> )	9	6	4 1/2	2.041
Rockling, Three Bearded ( <i>Gaidropsaurus vulgaris</i> )	2.75		3/4	.794
Scad ( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	—			.680
Shad — Allis ( <i>Alosa alosa</i> )	—		4	1.814
— Twaite ( <i>Alosa fallax</i> )	2.87		2	.907
Shark — Porbeagle ( <i>Lamna nasus</i> )	365	0	50	68.038
— Blue ( <i>Prionace glauca</i> )	206	0	100	45.359
— Thresher ( <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> )	—		20	54.431
— Mako ( <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> )	—		100	90.718
— Six-Gilled ( <i>Hexanchus griseus</i> )	154		30	45.359
Skate — Common ( <i>Raja batis</i> )	221	0	Suspended	
— White ( <i>Raja alba</i> )	165	0		1.431
— Long Nose ( <i>Raja oxyrinchus</i> )	—			5.287
Smooth Hound ( <i>Mustelas asterias</i> )	10	1		1.175
Stone Basse ( <i>Polyprius americanus</i> )	9	6		1.628

	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb.	oz.		
Tope ( <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> )	66	8	40	18.144
Tunny ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> )	—		100	45.359
Turbot ( <i>Scophthalmus maximus</i> )	34	0	18	8.165
Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )	4	14 1/2	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan ( <i>Labrus bergylta</i> )	4.3	kilos	4 3/4	2.154
Wrasse Cuckoo ( <i>Labrus mixtus</i> )	1	12	1 1/4	.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 Accounts 1st January 31st December, 1985

1984	EXPENDITURE	1985	1984	REVENUE	1985
£1,405.00	To Balance		£ 908.90	By Balance	£ 699.59
£1,816.73	Printing	£1,405.00		GRANTS	
£1,217.69	Medals	£ 414.23	£1,500.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,500.00
	Late Dr. Went Prize	£1,650.15	£1,268.52	Bord Fáilte	£1,241.35
	Secretarial Expenses	£ 25.00	£1,132.36	Subscriptions	
£ 291.75	Miscellaneous	£1,030.70	£ 607.82	Angling Clubs	£ 965.00
£ 699.59	To Balance	£ 619.61	£ 13.16	Individual Donations	£ 713.68
		£ 913.06		E.B.S. Interest	£ 24.78
				National Manpower Service	£1,011.00
					£6,155.40
				By Balance	£ 913.06

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

SIGNED: *George A. Iminins*  
*Christopher P. O'Toole*

## RULES

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE.** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its objective 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.

- 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.
- 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 inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g. fish in the 2 to 5 lb. range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lb. or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which have been weighed on board a boat. **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.
- 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 esutary 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, "RIVER" eels** taken in tidal waters and **GARFISH** (head and gills only).  
**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, RAY, MONKFISH, POLLACK, COALFISH, BALLAN WRASSE**.  
If necessary the fish should be hung up. In the case of skates and rays, photographs of both back and belly surfaces should be provided and particulars of the colouration given (with particular reference to the presence of dark or grey spots, or streaks or patches on the belly side). Samples of the teeth should be furnished in the case of Porbeagle and Mako Sharks. In addition, there should be a clear close-up photograph showing the jaws and 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 for setting up as part of such national collection. Where a fish of marketable species is accepted by the Committee for setting up, the market-value of the fish will be paid to the donor, if requested. Freight charges will also be paid by the Committee.

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

COD (40 lbs.); CONGER (70 lbs.); JOHN DORY (7 lbs.); GREY MULLET (8 lbs.); POLLACK (16 lbs.); POUTING (4 lbs.); RED SEA BREAM (7 lbs.); 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 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 specimen fish, special medals to anglers who have captured ten or more 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).

## Irish Specimen Fish Committee

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

### CLAIM FORM

Species of Fish ..... Weight .....

(See Rule 4)

Where Caught ..... Shore ☐ Boat ☐ Date of Capture .....

Length ..... Girth/Wingspread .....

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

NAME OF CLAIMANT (Block Letters) .....

ADDRESS .....

DATE OF BIRTH if 14 years or under .....

#### WITNESSES TO CAPTURE

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

Signed ..... Address ..... Occupation .....

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

WHERE LOCATED .....

**Note:** The weighing scales must be covered by a certificate of accuracy at the time the fish is weighed.

#### 5. WITNESSES TO WEIGHING AND MEASURING

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

Signed ..... Address ..... Occupation .....

*(To be completed by angler making claim)*

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

Signed ..... Date .....

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date

Fish/Photograph received/examined

Identified ..... Signature .....

B. Tackle (Type of rod and reel) .....

Type of, and breaking strain of line.....

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

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

Bait or Lure.....

**Important Note:**

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

(1) Rule 3 Weighing of the fish.

(2) Rule 4 Identification of the fish.

Please read both of these Rules carefully (see below)

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

of.

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

Declared before me by ..... of .....  
(Claimant)

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

by ..... of .....

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

this ..... day of .....

'9.

Peace Commissioner)

**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.