

REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1987

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During the year the Committee received 464 claims and ratified 410.

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SALMON

Record: 57 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
26 13	River Suir	29 March	William Whelan	Blue & Silver 3'' Devon
26 8	River Boyne	13 April	Paddy Bannon	2½'' Devon
23 4	Galway Weir	22 April	Tom Kelly	Fly
22.29	Lough Corrib	22 August	Sean O'Toole	Toby
22.29	River Boyne, Navan	10 May	Thomas Grimes	Shrimp
22	Galway Weir	4 April	Patrick Gargan	Shrimp
20.13	River Erriff	5 September	Pat Savage	Toby

SEA TROUT

Record: 16 lbs. 16 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
8 9	Glenicmurrin Lough, Costello Fishery	1 July	Patrick Gargan	Wetfly
8 4¼	Lough Currane	27 June	Philip Cronin	Wetfly
8 0¾	Lough Currane	2 June	James E. Coutts	Rapala
7.34	Lough Currane	20 June	David J. Keegan	Bibio
7.30	Costello River	15 August	Toby Bradshaw	Delphi
6.78	Costello River	3 July	Brian Noonan	Fly
6 12	Lough Currane	24 March	Heinz Stratman (D)	Rapala
6 10	Lough Currane	19 September	John Murphy	Fly
6 10	Lough Currane	27 May	James E. Coutts	Fly
6.47	Lough Currane	3 May	James E. Coutts	Rapala
6.39	Doolough	21 August	Frank Quigley	Fly
2.85kilos	Lough Inagh	30 July	Dr. Eoin Bresnahan	Green Peter
6 4	Lugeen Lake	14 August	Edward Purcell, Jnr.	Fly
6 1¾	Lough Currane	7 June	Ruary Rudd	Wetfly
6 1	Lough Currane	20 June	Jim Galvin	Fly
6 1	Lough Currane	26 June	Cyril Murray	Fly

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record: 26 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
16.29	Lough Corrib	27 May	Dr.Brendan Callaghan	Rapala

BROWN TROUT (LAKE) (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15.09	Lough Mask	8 August	John Duggan	Jensen
13 12	Lough Mask	26 August	Sean Sweeney	Rapala
13.03	Lough Corrib	27 June	Vincent Hughes	Toby
12 8	Lough Corrib	14 July	Rev. J. Kelly	Grasshopper
12.05	Lough Mask	24 May	Dr. P. B. Patton	Spoon
11.78	Lough Corrib	16 March	Vincent Hughes	Minnow
11 12	Lough Mask	30 April	Pat Quinn	Toby Spoon
11.65	Lough Melvin	30 August	John Maher	Wetfly
11 7	Lower Lough Corrib	15 February	Maurice O'Connell	Minnow
11 6½	Lough Mask	27 August	Rolf Laufer (D)	Rapala
10 12	Lough Derg	20 September	Jack Keane	Minnow
10 9¼	Craigavon Lough North	10 February	Desmond Hughes	Lure
10 6¼	Lough Mask	18 August	Rolf Laufer (D)	Rapala
10 5¼	Lough Mask	27 September	Des Elliott	Rapala
10 2	Lough Mask	21 May	Paddy O'Malley	Mayfly
10.03	Lough Corrib	15 April	Billy Molloy	Mepps

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record: 20 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 5 lb.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 8	R. Shannon, Athlone	9 August	John McCormack	Plug
8 8	R. Shannon, Ballintra Drumshanbo	14 June	Gerard Fondere (F)	Rapala
8 4	Cong River	1 March	Gerry Buckley	Worm
7 3	River Robe	23 July	Michael Halligan	Worm
5 4	Upr. River Suck	23 July	Sean Keegan	Artificial Maggot

BREAM

Record: 11 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 7 lb. 8 ozs.; 3.402 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 6½	Lough na Glack	31 October	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 15	Lough na Glack	18 April	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 11¾	Lough na Glack	8 March	Gerald Tate	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	20 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
9 10	Lough na Glack	22 April	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 9¼	Lough na Glack	15 March	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 9	Lough na Glack	21 September	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 9	Lough na Glack	27 September	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 5	Monalty Lake	23 September	Ray McElhinney	Maggots
9 5	Monalty Lake	23 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
9 4	Lough Ree	17 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
9 2	Monalty Lake	4 August	Ian Short (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 2	Lough na Glack	27 July	Ian Short (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 2	Ballinafid Lake	31 May	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 1	Lough na Glack	6 November	James McMahon	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	30 September	Dean Macey (GB)	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	2 April	Peter McCartin	Maggots
8 15	Lough na Glack	3 November	James McMahon	Maggots

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 14	Lough na Glack	7 August	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots & Caster
8 14	Monalty Lake	28 July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 13	Monalty Lake	30 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots
8 13	Lough na Glack	20 June	Terence P. Goldsmith	Maggots
8 13	Lough na Glack	20 April	James McMahon	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	4 August	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8 12	Lough Ree	14 April	Martin Bernard	Worm
8 10	Lough na Glack	3 August	Paul Bourke	Sweetcorn
8 9	Monalty Lake	10 September	Mark A. Jackson (GB)	Maggots
8 8	Lough na Glack	28 July	Ian Short (GB)	Maggots
8 8	Monalty Lake	10 September	Mark A. Jackson (GB)	Maggots
8 8	Lough Ree	11 April	Martin Bernard	Worm
8 8	R. Shannon, Lanesboro	12 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
8 8	Lough na Glack	4 October	Ian Forde	Maggots
8 8	Monalty Lake	28 July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 7½	Monalty Lake	29 March	Michael Connell	Maggots
8 7	Lough Ree	21 September	A. Wormald (GB)	Worm
8 6	L. Ree, Athlone	27 April	Anthony Bissett (GB)	Worm & Maggot
8 6	Monalty Lake	6 October	Richard Hancox (GB)	Maggots
8 5	L. Ree, Athlone	18 October	Sean Egan	Worm & Caster
8 5	Lough na Glack	18 October	Aidan Crean	Maggots
8 4	Monalty Lake	10 September	Mark A. Jackson (GB)	Maggots
8 4	Monalty Lake	4 April	W. A. Ferris	Maggots
8 4	Lanesboro	12 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
8 4	Monalty Lake	28 July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 4	Monalty Lake	16 March	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn
8 3	R. Shannon, Athlone	5 July	Barry Brill, Junior	Bread
8 3	Lough na Glack	29 July	Alan Williams (GB)	Maggots
8 2	Lough na Glack	6 August	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
8 2	Lough na Glack	20 June	T. P. Goldsmith	Maggots
8 2	Lough na Glack	4 October	Ian Forde	Sweetcorn
8 2	Monalty Lake	16 March	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn
8 1½	Lough na Glack	18 October	Aidan Crean	Maggots
8 1	Lough Ree	20 April	Anthony J. Knights, (GB)	Worm
8 1	Monalty Lake	30 September	Dean Macey (GB)	Maggots
8 0½	Monalty Lake	23 September	David Glass	Maggots
8	Lanesboro	12 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
8	Monalty Lake	4 August	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
7 15	Monalty Lake	10 September	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Sweetcorn/Maggot
7 15	Monalty Lake	10 September	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggot
7 15	Monalty Lake	20 September	Dean Macey (GB)	Maggots
7 15	Lough na Glack	18 October	Aidan Crean	Maggots
7 14	Lough Ree	19 September	Stephen Collier (GB)	Bread Flake
7 14	Lough Ree	17 April	Anthony J. Knights, (GB)	Worm
7 14	Lough na Glack	13 October	Fred Foster	Maggots
7.82	Lanesboro	10 May	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 13	Monalty Lake	12 September	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 13	Lough na Glack	28 July	Roland Hawkins, (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 13	Monalty Lake	29 July	Colin Williams (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 12	Capragh Lake	15 October	Richard Hancox (GB)	Maggots

BREAM (Continued)				
WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 11	Lough na Glack	8 March	Gerald Tate	Maggots
7 11	Lough Ree	21 September	A. Coles (GB)	Worm
7 10	Lough na Glack	20 June	Terence P. Goldsmith (GB)	Maggots
7 9	Ballinafid Lake	4 June	John Foy (GB)	Bread Flake
7 9	Monalty Lake	10 September	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Sweetcorn/Maggots
7 9	Lough Muckno	28 May	Jim Nurse	Maggots
7 8	Monalty Lake	2 April	Liam Kane	Maggots
7 8	Lwr. River Bann	9 June	Master Steven Boal	Worms
7 8	Monalty Lake	23 September	Ray McElhinney	Maggots

CARP

Record: 24 lb. 14 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24 14	The Lough, Cork	9 May	Joe Forde	Sweetcorn
23 4	The Lough	21 August	Paul Long	Sweetcorn
22 10	The Lough	26 July	Ernest McGrath	Sweetcorn
21 1	The Lough	12 August	Joe Forde	Sweetcorn
20 9	The Lough	9 May	Liam Flynn	Sweetcorn
18 3	The Lough	19 September	Ernie McGrath	Boilie
18 3	The Lough	10 July	Liam Flynn	Sweetcorn
18 1	The Lough	24 July	Master P.O'Callaghan	Sweetcorn
17 9	The Lough	18 August	Paul Long	Sweetcorn
16 8	The Lough	18 August	Ken Reddy	Sweetcorn
16 6	The Lough	22 August	Ken Reddy	Sweetcorn
16	The Lough	21 August	Ken Reddy	Sweetcorn
15 4	The Lough	12 August	Master P.O'Callaghan	Sweetcorn
12 7	The Lough	11 August	Diarmuid Noonan	Sweetcorn
12 4	The Lough	7 July	Martin O'Sullivan	Maggots
12 1	Ballinafid L.	24 August	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn

PIKE (LAKE)

Record: 38 lb. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 8	White Lake	10 October	Patrick Farrelly	Worm
11.5	Lough Corrib	29 April	Werner Retz (D)	Mepps
11	Kilturk Lough	15 June	Ernest McFetridge	Copper Spoon
10	Templehouse Lake	22 February	Anneliese Kleinhenz (D)	Dead Rudd

PIKE (RIVER)

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18 8	River Barrow, Goresbridge	14 March	Nicholas Parslow	Dead Rudd

PIKE (RIVER) (continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
28	River Suck	21 February	Garnett Coulter	Herring
28	River Suck	22 February	William Ferris	Mackerel
23 4	River Liffey, Ballyward	2 February	David King	Toby Spoon
21 8	Grand Canal	15 November	Patrick McMahon	Dead Roach
20 8	River Suck	12 July	Eamon Rowntree	Artificial Frog
20.36	River Shannon, Lanesboro	31 August	Jean Noel Millon (F)	Rapala

RUDD

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight, 2¼ lbs.; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.57	Lough Ree	2 July	Barry Brill, Snr.	Bread Flake
2 7½	Annaghmore Lake	4 July	Stewart Watson	Bread Flake
2.39	Lough Ree	2 July	Barry Brill, Jnr.	Bread Flake
2 6	Lough Ree, Athlone	26 Sept. '86	Stephen Collier (GB)	Bread
2.35	Lough Ree	2 July	Barry Brill, Jnr.	Bread Flake

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record: 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 4	Lough Ree, Athlone	15 April	Sean Egan	Worm & Caster
4.1	Lough Ree	30 August	Barry Brill, Snr.	Sweetcorn
3.19	River Liffey, Leixlip	22 August	Master Enda O'Toole	Maggots

TENCH

Record: 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 10¼	R. Shannon, Shannonbridge	15 May	Simon Willsmore (GB)	Maggots
6 10	Lough Ree	19 September	Stephen Collier (GB)	Worm
6.68	R. Shannon, Lanesboro	26 May	Thomas Stephenson, (GB)	Sweetcorn
6.53	Lanesboro	14 May	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
6 5	Lanesboro	24 May	Alastair Smyth	Sweetcorn
6.2	Lanesboro	24 May	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
6.02	Lanesboro	4 June	Paul Muffett (GB)	Sweetcorn

BASS

Record: 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 1	Helvic	15 August	Brian Mansfield	Mackerel & Shrimp Cocktail
11.39	Fermoyle	28 September	John P. Donovan	Lugworm
11 6	Waterville	15 September	Dr. Robert Roukes (F)	Rapella
10.906	Dollymount	16 July	Jerry Jervis	Ragworm
10 14	Timoleague	10 May	Martin Lordan	Soft Crab
10.7	Ballyteigue	26 October	Mrs. Margaret Kehoe	Ragworm
10 5	Wexford Quay	23 May	Barry Cullen	Soft Crab

BLACK SOLE

Record: 6.32 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.44	Ballyquin	15 May	Gerard Mansfield	Lugworm

COALFISH

Record: 12.5 kilos

Specimen Weight, 15 lbs.; 6.804 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9.2 kilos	Kinsale	30 August	Theo Gustaaf Shelfhaut (B)	Mackerel Strip
8.7 kilos	Kinsale	7 September	C. F. De Crom (NL)	Mackerel Strip
8.3 kilos	Kinsale	21 August	W. v.d. Bersselaar (NL)	Mackerel Strip
17 8	Courtmacsharry	21 July	M. Hage (NL)	Red Gill
17.30	Achill	7 August	John Keane	Redgill
16.5	Youghal	28 June	P. Sheridan	Mackerel
7.3 kilos	Kinsale	15 June	W. Oosterbaan (NL)	Mackerel
15.77	Achill	30 July	Master Andrew Keane (GB)	Mackerel Feathers
15	Belmullet	30 August	Jean-Paul Vernizeau (F)	Spoon

COD

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
26 8	Killybegs	19 May	Bruno Kuettel (CH)	Feathers
25 12	Causeway Coast	31 May	Uel McCaughern	Rubber Eel

CONGER

Record: 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
50	Power Head	19 July	John O'Connor	Mackerel
23 kilos	Youghal	14 June	David O'Connell	Mackerel

CONGER (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21.36kilos	Cork Harbour	20 June	Master Karl Slyne	Mackerel
44	Sneem	29 August	S. Plooster (NL)	Mackerel

DAB

Record: 2 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12½	Causeway Coast	28 August	W. McClure	Ragworm/Mackerel
1.62	Carbery Centre	20 September	Philip A. Blakey, (GB)	Mackerel Strip
1 8¼	Valentia	14 August	Derrick McKenna	Mackerel
1 8	Dingle	24 September	Anthony R. Paul, (GB)	Sandeel
1 8	Kish Bank, Dublin Bay	14 June	Liam Tully	Lugworm

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 23 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 16 lbs.; 7.257 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 3½	Cahore	10 May	Nicholas Foran	Mackerel
16 8	Ballinskelligs Bay	16 August	Michael O'Driscoll	Mackerel Strip
16 8	Sneem	2 Sept. '86	S. Plooster (NL)	Mackerel
16 4	Cahore	20 April	Christopher Cloak	Mackerel
16 1	Dingle	3 July	Trevor Stone (GB)	Mackerel Fillet

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3½ lbs.; 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 1	Valentia	30 August	Paul Keen (GB)	Mackerel Strip

SPUR DOGFISH

Record: 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17.20	Lambay	12 July	James Troy	Mackerel
17	Kish Bank	18 August	Stan Humphrys	Mackerel
16 3	Dingle	3 July	Peter Blonsdon (N)	Mackerel Fillet
15 8	Sneem	1 June '86	A.M. Blokland (NL)	Mackerel
15	Sneem	30 May '86	A.M. Blokland (NL)	Mackerel
14 8	Sneem	31 May '86	N. J. Spruit (NL)	Mackerel
14 6	Kish Bank	2 August	J. I. McEvoy	Mackerel
14.1	Sneem	29 May '86	N. J. Spruit (NL)	Mackerel

SPUR DOGFISH (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4	Kish Bank	2 August	Anthony Fenton	Mackerel Strip
4	Sneem	21 August	Johan Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
4	Sneem	18 April '86	A. Kooyman (NL)	Mackerel
3 12	Rush	21 June	Benny Kelligan	Mackerel
3 8	Sneem	20 July '86	Paul P. Clorney (GB)	Mackerel
3 8	Rush	21 June	Pat Teeling	Mackerel
3 8	Sneem	15 August	P. v. Hooff (NL)	Mackerel Strip
13 8	Sneem	31 May '86	A. Kooyman (NL)	Mackerel
13 8	Sneem	19 April '86	Theo F. Lammers (NL)	Mackerel
13.5	Dingle	2 July	Henry Hacon (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
13.5	Cahore	26 April	Ray O'Sullivan	Baited Feathers
13.5	Sneem	18 April '86	T.M. Van Zoelen (NL)	Mackerel
13.3	Sneem	31 May '86	Kenneth Stamp (NL)	Mackerel
13.3	Sneem	31 May '86	N. J. Spruit (NL)	Mackerel
13 4	Kish Bank	2 August	Sean Sherry	Mackerel
13	Sneem	20 June	K. Scheinsberg (NL)	Mackerel
13	Sneem	28 August	A. Gorter (NL)	Mackerel
13	Sneem	26 May	F. Van der Velde (NL)	Mackerel
13	Sneem	3 June	R.W.J. Vaartjes (NL)	Mackerel
13	Sneem	1 Sept. '86	T. F. Speet (NL)	Mackerel
12 14	Kish Bank	2 August	Gary Jones	Mackerel
12 14	Kish Bank	18 August	John O'Leary	Mackerel
12 12	Rush	6 September	Martha Dunne	Mackerel
12 10	Rush	16 August	Noel Harford	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Sneem	15 August	M. Steenmeyer (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Kish Bank	18 August	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	17 July '86	Peter Wilmes (NL)	Mackerel
12 7	Wicklow	20 June	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
12 6	Kish Bank	2 August	James Jones	Mackerel Strip
12 6	Kish Bank	2 August	Peter Warren	Mackerel Strip
12 6	Kish Bank	2 August	Christopher Carrick	Mackerel Strip
12 4	Cahore	20 April	Liam Kane	Squid
12 4	Portstewart	16 August	William Gay	Ragworm/Mackerel
12 4	Cahore	31 May	James Foley	Mackerel
12 4	Cahore	31 May	James Foley	Mackerel
12.10	Greystones	21 June	Michael Elliott	Mackerel
12	Sneem	11 July	J. Gouw (NL)	Mackerel
12	Sneem	19 August	Johan Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
12	Sneem	21 August	Frans Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
12	Sneem	2 Sept. '86	H. L. Vrij (NL)	Mackerel

FLOUNDER

Record: 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 15	Ballyteigue	25 October	Anthony Murray	Lugworm
3.85	Ballyteigue Bay	26 September	Graham Dungan	Crab
3 9	Ballyteigue Bay	31 January	Joseph McEvoy	Lugworm

LOUNDER (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1	Ballyteigue	25 October	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
1	Ballyteigue	15 November	Ferry Kedney	Artificial Lugworm
1	Argideen	10 November	Noel Lane	Crab
1	Ballyteigue Bay	24 January	Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr.	Lugworm
1	Ballyteigue	8 November	Joseph Nolan	Lugworm
1	Saleens	12 June	Joe Hennessy	Peeler Crab
1	Ballyteigue Bay	1 November	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
1	Argideen	20 November	Christy Lane	Lugworm

GARFISH (BELONE BELLONE)

Record: 3 lbs. 10¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 2¼ lbs.; 1.134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.96	Ballyandreen, Nr. Ballycotton	30 August	Eddie Cull	Mackerel
2.84	Ballyandreen	30 August	Eddie Cull	Mackerel
2.61	Tuskar Rock, Carne	17 August	Derek Duggan	Feathers

GREY GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight, 1 lb. 8 ozs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.02	Killala Bay	26 July	Patrick Foster	Mackerel
2	Cahore	27 September	John Sharpe	Mackerel
1 15½	Killala Bay	1 November	Brian McCreaner	Sandeel
1 11	Causeway Coast	3 October	Peter J. Kane	Ragworm/Mackerel
1 9½	Killala Bay	12 August	Robert Donaldson	Sandeel

RED GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 9½ ozs.;

Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; 0.907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.58	Dingle	12 July	Patrick B. Campbell	Mackerel Strip
2 3	Killala Bay	8 August	Stuart Cupples	Baited Feathers
2 1	Brandon Point	16 August	John Rutland	Mackerel
2	Moville	16 August	Bernard McDaid	Mackerel Strip
2	Causeway Coast	8 August	William Gay	Baited Spoon
2	Portstewart	16 August	John Cupples	Baited Feathers

TUB GURNARD

Record: 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.15	Enniscrone	1 August	Francis Tiunan	Mackerel Strip

HADDOCK

Record: 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 12	Causeway Coast	3 October	Jimmy Kennedy	Ragworm
8 8¼	Causeway Coast	21 June	M. F. Walker	Ragworm & Lugworm
7 14	Causeway Coast	20 October	Norman Wilson Wakenshaw	Mackerel Strip

JOHN DORY

Record: 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.495 kilos	Sybil Head, Dingle	16 September	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Baited Feathers

LING

Record: 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
34 8	Dunmore East	16 August	James W. Walsh	Mackerel
12.9	Youghal	4 October	Des O'Connell	Mackerel
26	Dungarvan	5 July	Frank O'Brien	Mackerel Strip
25.87	Youghal	21 June	Paul Beglin	Baited Feathers
25.5	Cobh	2 August	Bill Howie	Mackerel Strip
25 8	Dungarvan	5 July	Frank O'Brien	Mackerel Strip
11.5 kilos	Youghal	15 June	Des O'Connell	Dace Strip
25	Crosshaven	6 August	J. Cijvat (NL)	Mackerel

MACKEREL

Record: 4 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 2½ lbs.; 1.134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.58	Killala Bay	1 August	Gerard Weyers (NL)	Mackerel Strip

MEGRIM

Record: 1.85 kilos

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.85 kilos	Killala Bay	26 July	Paul Hennigan	Mackerel
2 11	Causeway Coast	5 July	Master Russell Stirling	Sandeel
2 4	Tory Island	23 August	Gerard Bell	Mackerel Strip
2 2	Tory Island	23 August	Joseph McInerney	Baited Feathers
2 0½	Causeway Coast	26 July	Alan Nicolls	Lugworm & Herring

MEGRIM (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 15½	Tory Island	22 August	Paul McConnell	Lugworm & Mackerel
1 12¼	Causeway Coast	22 August	David Devine	Mackerel Strip & ABU Attractor
1 12	Tory Island	23 August	Mrs. Kitty Sweeney Molloy	Mackerel Feathers

MONKFISH

Record: 73 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 50 lbs.; 22.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
54	Tralee Bay	23 July	Jack Lacey	Mackerel

GREY MULLET

Record: 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.38	Lough Furnace	24 July	Alan Drum	Bread
5.23	Lough Furnace	7 September	Alan Drum	Bread
5	Lough Furnace	14 September	Brian Conneely	Bread

PLAICE

Record: 8.23 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 1¼	Ardmore	10 May	Brian Mansfield	Peeler Crab
5 2	Causeway Coast	15 August	Neill Y. Gibson	Ragworm & Mackerel
5 2	Causeway Coast	8 August	William Gay	Baited Spoon
4 13¾	Greystones	7 September	Bob Sherlock	Baited Spoon
4 12	Causeway Coast	7 August	Thomas Neeson	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 12	Ardmore	10 May	John Cronin	Peeler Crab with Mackerel
4 12	Causeway Coast	28 April	Harold J. McDonald	Ragworm/Lugworm
4 10½	Portrush	27 September	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip & Lugworm
4 9	Causeway Coast	3 September	Raymond Lafferty	Ragworm
4 8	Causeway Coast	9 August	Christopher Carson	Ragworm
4 5¼	Causeway Coast	18 August	Joanne Gibson	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 5	Causeway Coast	12 August	John C. Uprichard	Ragworm
4 3	Portrush	4 October	Michael McVeigh	Baited Spoon
4 2½	Causeway Coast	4 June	Wilbur Gracey	Ragworm
4 2	Portstewart	16 August	William Frew	Baited Spoon
4 1½	Causeway Coast	5 September	Robert A. Kinhead	Mackerel
4 1½	Portrush	7 July	Ronnie Kilpatrick	Lugworm
4 1	Causeway Coast	15 August	Neill Y. Gibson	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 1	Ballintoy	10 August	Ronnie Kilpatrick	Baited Spoon
4 1	Causeway Coast	2 July	William C. Gay	Mackerel/Lug/Rag Cocktail

POLLACK

Record: 19 lbs. 3 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16.5 14	Power Head Mizen Head, Crookhaven	21 February 1 June	Raymond Martin H. B. Havinga	Pink Muppet Pollack Feathers
12.79	Ardmore	6 July	John Cronin	Red Gill
12.48	Power Head	21 February	Raymond Martin	Pink Muppet
5.6 kilos	Kinsale	16 August	Finbarr O'Regan	Blue Pirken
12.34	Youghal	24 May	Peter McCartin	Feathers
12 4	Power Head	24 January	Raymond Martin	Pollack feathers
12	Ballycotton	23 August	Franz Ehgartner (A)	Mackerel

POUTING

Record: 4 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 11	Portrush	21 June	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Portrush	20 June	John Ellis	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Causeway Coast	19 July	Samuel Stewart	Mackerel
1.500kilos	Kilmore Quay	2 October	Alec Waters	Baited Feathers
3 1¼	Causeway Coast	9 August	Arthur Thurrat	Baited Feathers

BLONDE RAY

Record: 36 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
26.56	Greystones	16 August	Patrick. B. Campbell	Herring Strip
26 4	Newcastle	23 July	John Horn	Sandeel
25 10	Newcastle	17 September	John Horn	Sandeel

CUCKOO RAY

Record: 5 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 0½	Portballintrae	28 June	Samuel Burns	Mackerel
4 14½	Causeway Coast	18 August	Samuel J. Whitmarsh	Lugworm/Mackerel
4 12	Crosshaven	4 August	Robert Schrier (NL)	Mackerel
4.55	Ballyquin	15 May	John Cronin	Mackerel

PAINTED RAY

Record: 14.37 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10.98	Rosslare	29 September	Ronald G. Hore (GB)	Mackerel

UNDULATE RAY

Record: 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 14 lbs.; 6.350 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 6	Tralee Bay	17 May	C. Payne (GB)	Mackerel

HOMELYN RAY

Record: 8.28 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 15½	Portrush	6 September	Walter R. Starritt	Mackerel
6 10	Portrush	5 October	William Yeaman	Mackerel/Ragworm
6 9	Causeway Coast	6 September	Arthur Thurrat	Mackerel
5 12	Portstewart	6 September	Jim Doherty	Mackerel Strip
5 9	Causeway Coast	1 Oct. '86	Ian McCook	Mackerel/Ragworm
5 5¾	Causeway Coast	5 September	Michael Walker	Mackerel/Ragworm
5 2	Portrush	28 July	Ronnie Kilpatrick	Baited Spoon
5.09	Whiting Bay	17 May	John Cronin	Mackerel Strip
5	Cahore	22 June	J. Donohoe	Squid

STING RAY

Record: 51 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
43 8	Kilfenora Strand Fenit	29 June	John K. White	Mackerel Strip

THORNBACK RAY

Record: 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24	Courtmacsharry	16 July	B van Kampen (NL)	Mackerel Strip
22	Cahore	16 August	Brendan Walsh	Mackerel
22	Cahore	16 August	Brendan Walsh	Mackerel
21 8	Greystones	21 June	James Foley	Mackerel
20 14	Cahore	27 September	Christopher Cloak	Mackerel
20 4	Cahore	20 September	Michael Elliott	Mackerel
20	Courtmacsharry	25 July	David Walh	Mackerel

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record: 2.75 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 1 lb. 12 ozs.; .794 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.29	Carnsore Point	24 July	Cecil Barron	Mackerel Feathers
1 14¾	Portrush	19 September	Paud Peters	Ragworm/Herring
1.91	Cobh	2 September	Jacob Bonda (NL)	Mackerel
1.84	Dunmore East	10 June	Tadhg Galvin	Mackerel Strip

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33	Crosshaven	8 July	W. G. v. Baaren (NL)	Mackerel
13	Ramore Head	9 August	Alastair McClean	Mackerel
12	Castlegregory	21 September	Paul Sheldon (GB)	Mackerel

SCAD

Record: 1.97 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.; 0.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Howth	18 August	Fergal O'Leary	Feathers

TWAITE SHAD

Record: 2.87 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 1¾ lbs.; .794 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.964kilos	River Barrow, St. Mullins	15 May	Robert Tully	ABU Krill
2.03	St. Mullins	3 May	Michael Elliott	Cruiser
2	St. Mullins	10 May	Liam Tully	ABU Krill

BLUE SHARK

Record: 206 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 100 lbs.; 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
66.7kilos	Youghal Bay	2 August	Desmond O'Halloran	Mackerel
116	Killybegs	24 August	Kathryn Willis (GB)	Mackerel
52.5kilos	Kinsale	2 July '86	Herard Lohrke (D)	Mackerel
108	Killybegs	31 August	Gerry McHugh	Mackerel
105 8	Enniscrone	23 August	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel
102 8	Youghal	20 June	Phil Coulter (GB)	Mackerel

SMOOTH HOUND

Record: 10 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 12	Greystones	21 June	John Bennett	Herring
7 5	Kilmuckridge	27 May	Albert Douglas	Peeler Crab
7.29	Annareilly	2 July	Tony Doyle	Ragworm
7 2	Cahore	22 August	Paul Keenan	Mackerel
7 1	Cahore	4 June	Ian Bottomley	Crab
7.09	Five Mile Point	13 June	Michael Russell	Peeler Crab

TOPE

Record: 66 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
45 8	Ardglas	24 October	Michael McVeigh	Mackerel Fillet
43	Greystones	25 September	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
43	Carlingford Lough	17 July	Garnett Coulter	Legged Coalfish
42	Lough Swilly	21 June	James Crossan	Mackerel
18.5 kilos	Dingle	20 July	George Burgun	Mackerel Fillet
40 2	Cahore	20 September	Christopher Cloak	Mackerel

TURBOT

Record: 34 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 18 lbs.; 8.165 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21	Causeway Coast	28 June	Gary Petrie	Pirk
19 6	Red Bay, Co. Antrim	19 June	John H. Cochrane	Ragworm on Pirk
8.20kilos	Kinsale	5 August	Eddie Hornibrook	Mackerel Strip

WHITING

Record: 4 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4	Kinsale	10 July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel Strip
3 7½	Kinsale	15 August	Tom Sweeney	Mackerel Strip
1.5 kilos	Youghal	19 July	George Magee	Mackerel Strip
3 1	Crosshaven	22 September	H. W. van Oosten (NL)	Baited Feathers

BALLAN WRASSE

Record: 4.3 kilos

Specimen Weight, 4¾ lbs.; 2.154 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 4	Portrush	5 July	Paul Peters	Ragworm
5 2	Kilmore Quay	27 September	Joe Darcy	Ragworm
4.95	Dunmore East	15 June	Jimmy Burns	Ragworm
4.94	Rosslare	29 September	Keith Harper (GB)	Mackerel Strip
4 14¾	Portrush	5 July	David McConaghie	Ragworm
4 14	Dingle	21 September	Eamon Fogarty, Jnr.	Peeler Crab
4 13	Belmullet	1 September	Edward Sweeney	Mackerel Feathers
4 12¾	Portrush	27 Sept. '86	David A. Steele	Ragworm
4 12	Ballyreen	22 June	David J. Andrews (GB)	Peeler Crab

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record: 1 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs.; .567 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.55	Tuskar Rock, Co. Wexford	31 May	Cecil Barron	Ragworm Baited Feathers
1 8¾	Tuskar Rock	27 September	Master Peter Barron	Ragworm
.695kilos	Causeway Coast	28 June	D. J. McDonald	Mackerel Strip
1 7½	Causeway Coast	22 August	James Wilmont	Ragworm
1 7⅝	Causeway Coast	8 July	Albert Graham	Mackerel
1 5½	Causeway Coast	7 September	Peter Schofield	Ragworm on Spoon
1 5	Causeway Coast	5 July	Thomas D. Morris	Ragworm & Mackerel
1 5	Glenruan, Bantry	5 November	P. W. Griffin (GB)	Lugworm
1.3	Tuskar Rock	30 August	Tom Butler	Baited Feathers
1.26	Killybegs	10 September	Chris Collins (GB)	Mackerel Strip
1 4¾	Causeway Coast	9 August	Samuel Hull	Ragworm

NEW RECORDS

- (1) **CARP 24 lb. 14 ozs.**, caught by Joe Forde, 10 Pouladuff Place, Pouladuff Road, Cork, Co. Cork, at The Lough in Cork City on 9th May 1987.
- (2) **MEGRIM 1.85 kilos**, caught by Paul Hennegan, Ballina Road, Killala, Co. Mayo, in Killala Bay on 26th July 1987.
- (3) **SCAD 1.97 lb.** caught by Master Raymond McCarthy, The Elms, Douglas Road, Cork, Co. Cork, at Clonakilty on 6th September 1986.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1987 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Christopher Cloak, 236 Belgard Heights, Tallaght, Co. Dublin.
 John Cronin, Lisarrow, Ardmore, Co. Waterford.
 Graham Dungan, "The Brambles", Monart, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
 Richard Hancox, 25 Lime Ave., Northampton, England.
 Dennis J. Horgan, 48 The Heights, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Co. Dublin.
 Nicholas McEvoy Jnr., 6 Francis Crescent, Grange Heights, Waterford.
 R. G. Rosier, 27 Reedsfield Road, Ashford, Middlesex, England.
 Ian Short, 93 Woodlands Way, Southwater, Nr. Horsham, England.

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 1988. The award goes to:
 Master Peter Barron, 223 Ashley Rise, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, for a Cuckoo Wrasse weighing 1 lb. 8¾ oz. taken on the Tuskar Rock, Co. Wexford on 27th September, 1987.

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.

NEW CATEGORY

The **TORSK (*Brosme brosme*)** was considered to be one of our rarer species but its capture by anglers has been reported more frequently in recent years. The Committee has decided to add the species to its list of eligible species at an opening weight of 6 lb. (2.73 kg). The actual body of the fish should be submitted for identification purposes with all claims.

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 or 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); BALLANWRASSE (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, 1986 and 1987.

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
1987	300	59	8	36	1	4

FUND RAISING

A list of those who contributed so generously to the funds of the Committee is given at the end of this Report but we feel that special mention must be given to special fund raising efforts made on our behalf: The South Shore S.A.C. once again ran a very successful angling competition on our behalf and donated the proceeds which came to more than £700 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 Allied Irish Banks Ltd., who sent us a very generous donation of £200.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1986 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 1987 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3.00p.m. on Saturday, 6th February, 1988. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1986 in Manchester.

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 Ryanair for their assistance during the year.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1986 is given in this Report. The 1987 account will only be available in 1988 and will be published in the next Report.

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:-

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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	15.7.1984	Lough Ennel	Wm. Meares
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater, (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	24 14	9.5.1987	The Lough, Cork	Joe Forde
Dace	1 2	8.8.1966	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	John T. Henry
Perch	5 8	1946	Lough Erne	S. Drum
Pike (River)	12 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	42.985 Kg	3.11.1985	Belfast Lough	Sean Neill
Bass	17 1¼	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	3.32 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
Tub Gurnard	12 3½	8.8.1973	Bulldmouth, 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
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
Wackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Megrim	1.85 kilos	26.7.1987	Killala,	Paul Hennigan
Monkfish	73 0	1.6.1980	Fenit, Co. Kerry	James Boyd
Grey Mullet	7 10	8.6.1972	Killybegs Pier	Kevin Boyle
Plaice	3.23	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. Rynsburger
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
Scad	1.97 lbs	6.9.1986	Clonakilty	Master R. McCarthy
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 Snr.
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. 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 lb. ozs.	SPECIMEN lb.	WEIGHT 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>)	24 14	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 lb. ozs.	SPECIMEN lb.	WEIGHT Kilos
Angler Fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	42.985 kilos	40	18.144
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	17 1¼	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	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 bellone</i>)	3 10¼	2¼	1.134
(<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>)	—	14 ozs.	.355
Gurnard—Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>)	12 3½	5	2.268
Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>)	3 1	1½	.680
Red (<i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i>)	3 9½	2	.907
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	10 13½	7	3.175
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25 5½	10	4.536
Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156 0	50	22.680
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	.425 kilos	¾	.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	2½	1.134
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	1.85 kilos	1¼	.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>)	—	—	.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

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

(Continued)

SEA FISH	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb. ozs.	lb.	Kilos
—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>)	69 0	20	9.072
—Homelyn (<i>Raja montagui</i>)	8.28	14	6.350
—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>)	2.75	1¾	.794
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	1.97	1½	.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	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	120 Suspended	54.431
—White (<i>Raja alba</i>)	165 0		36.287
—Long Nose (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>)	—		80
Smooth Hound (<i>Mustelas asterias</i>)	10 11	7	3.175
Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>)	9 6	8	3.628
Tope (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>)	66 8	40	18.144
Torsk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>)	—	6	2.73
Tunny (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	—	100	45.359
Turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>)	34 0	18	8.165
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4 14½	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	4.3 kilos	4¾	2.154
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	1 12	1¼	.567

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IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

Expenditure and Revenue Account 1st January - 31st December, 1986

1985	EXPENDITURE	1986	1985	REVENUE	1986
£1,502.65	To Balance	—	£ 699.59	By Balance	£ 913.06
£ 414.23	Printing	£1,574.30		Grants	£1,500.00
£1,650.15	Medals	£1,544.26	£1,500.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,156.69
£ 25.00	Travel	£1,969.33	£1,241.35	Bord Fáilte	£ 582.09
£1,030.70	Late Dr. Went Prize	£ 25.12	£ 965.00	Subscriptions	£ 492.87
£ 619.61	Secretarial Expenses	£71.62	£ 713.68	Angling Clubs	£ 26.84
—	Miscellaneous	£ 178.96	£ 24.78	Individual Donations	—
	Bank Charges	£ 12.68	£1,011.00	E.B.S. Interest	£ 704.72
£ 913.06	By Balance	—	—	Nat. Manpower Service	—
£6,155.40		£5,376.27	£6,155.40	By Balance	£5,376.27
Dec. 31 1986	By Balance	£ 704.72			

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IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

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RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- (1) **IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE.** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its 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.
- (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 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.
- (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, "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).