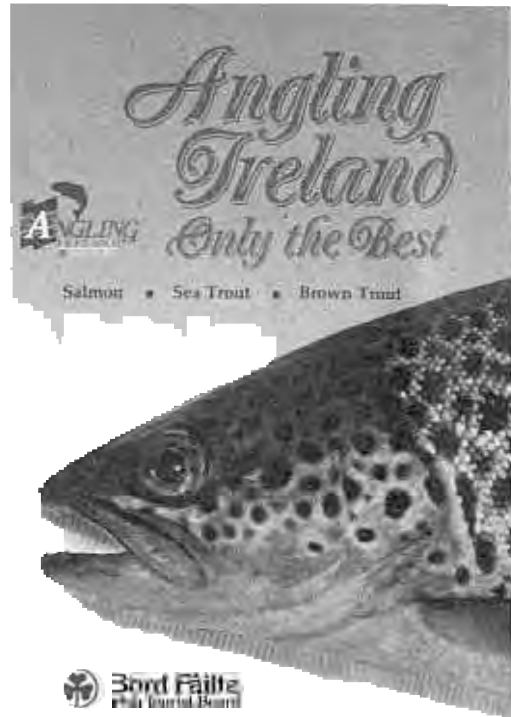


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During 1989, the Committee was composed of P. Fitzmaurice (Chairman) and K. Linnane (Central Fisheries Board); Miss E. Twomey (Department of the Marine); B. Geraghty (Bord Failte Eireann); C.P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers); J. Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland); P. Byrne (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland); Ian Hill (Northern Ireland Tourist Board); D. Brennan and A. Gibson.

During the year the Committee received 370 claims and ratified 341.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1989 (Dates of capture 1989 unless otherwise stated)

SALMON

Record, 57 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| lb. ozs. | | | | |
| 23 8 | Galway | 21st May | Joe McNamee | Fly |
| 20 5 | River Boyne | 10th July | James Condra | Worm |

SEA TROUT

Record, 16 lbs. 6 ozs. Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|---------|
| lb. ozs. | | | | |
| 11 5 | Lough Currane | 18th March | Kevin O'Shea | Rapalla |
| 9 10½ | Lough Currane | 19th April | Roger F. Spencer (GB) | Rapalla |
| 8 15¾ | Lough Currane | 22nd August | Dr. Martin Büinige (D) | Fly |
| 8 ¾ | Lough Currane | 19th March | Tim. Van Der Laan | Rapalla |
| | | | (NL) | |
| 8 ½ | Lough Currane | 29th March | Dr. Frank Rossat | Rapalla |
| 7 12¾ | Lough Currane | 20th August | Pat Mullane | Fly |
| 7 11 | Lough Currane | 28th March | James E. Coutts | Rapalla |
| 7 8¾ | Lough Currane | 17th May | Declan Currams | Fly |
| 7.04 | Doo Lough | 29th August | Tom Morrison | Fly |
| 5 5 | Lough Currane | 18th August | Ted Linter (GB) | Fly |
| 5 4¾ | Lough Currane | 11th June | Kenneth Partington | Wetfly |
| 5 2¾ | Lough Currane | 18th March | Dennis Blam (D) | Rapalla |
| 5 2 | Lough Currane | 8th July | Anne Blake | Fly |
| 5 | Lough Currane | 5th June | R.J. Kavanagh, Snr. | Fly |

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record, 26 lbs. 2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos.

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| lb. ozs. | | | | |
| 16 2 | Lough Erne | 21st April | Ronnie Fyffe | ABU Lure |
| 10.59 | Lough Corrib | 21st September | Desmond Elliott | Spoon |

BREAM

Record, 11 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7½ lbs; 3.402 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1920 kilos | R. Shannon, Lanesboro | 17th June | Master Derek Walsh | Maggots |
| 0.27 | Lanesboro | 4th May | A. C. Hathway (GB) | Lobworm |
| 0 3 | Lough na Glack | 17th October | Colm Crean | Sweetcorn |
| 0 2 | Monalty Lake | 30th August | Paul Ludorf | Maggots/Sweetcorn |
| 9 13 | Lough na Glack | 30th March | Ian Forde | Maggots |
| 9 12 | Monalty Lake | 16th May | Joe Culley (GB) | Maggots |
| 9 11½ | Monalty Lake | 13th October | Michael Connell | Sweetcorn |
| 9 8½ | Monalty Lake | 5th March | Michael Connell | Maggots |
| 9.53 | Lanesboro | 16th April | George S. Raby (GB) | Worm |
| 9 8 | Lough na Glack | 7th August | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 9 8 | Lough na Glack | 18th August | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 9 7 | Lough na Glack | 1st April | Colm Crean | Maggots |
| 9 6½ | Monalty Lake | 13th March | Master Gareth McMahon | Maggots |
| 1 6 | Monalty Lake | 13th March | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 1 6 | Monalty Lake | 30th August | Paul Ludorf | Biscuit |
| 1 5 | Monalty Lake | 4th November | Michael Connell | Sweetcorn |
| 1 5 | Monalty Lake | 13th October | Ron Patterson | Sweetcorn |
| 1 4 | Monalty Lake | 7th April | Richard Caplice | Maggots |
| 1 4 | Lough na Glack | 12th August | Colm Crean | Maggots |
| 1 4 | Monalty Lake | 31st August | Paul Ludorf | Flake & Maggots |
| 1 3 | Monalty Lake | 25th March | Brendan Doyle | Maggots |
| 1 3 | Monalty Lake | 28th October | John O'Shaughnessy | Bread Flake |
| 1 3 | Monalty Lake | 9th October | Ron Patterson | Sweetcorn |
| 1 2 | Lough na Glack | 11th August | Master Gareth McMahon | Maggots |
| 1 2 | Lough na Glack | 28th March | Ian Forde | Maggots |
| 1 2 | Monalty Lake | 19th March | Brendan Doyle | Maggots |
| 1 1 | Monalty Lake | 22nd March | Master Gareth McMahon | Maggots |
| 1 1 | Lough Laragh | 27th May | Ian Forde | Maggots |
| 1 1 | Monalty Lake | 12th April | Richard Caplice | Maggots |
| 1 1 | Monalty Lake | 6th May | Richard Caplice | Corn |
| 1 1 | Monalty Lake | 18th March | Brendan Doyle | Maggots |
| 1 15 | Monalty Lake | 12th October | David Kelly | Worm/ Sweetcorn Cocktail |
| 1 14 | Monalty Lake | 12th September | John Hill (GB) | Corn & Casters |
| 1 13½ | Monalty Lake | 8th October | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 1 12 | Monalty Lake | 4th May | John Caplice | Sweetcorn |
| 1 11 | Monalty Lake | 11th August | Christopher Smith (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 1 11 | Monalty Lake | 16th May | John Culley (GB) | Maggots |
| 1 11 | Ballinacrid Lake | 19th March | Fred Foster | Maggots |
| 1 10 | Monalty Lake | 5th October | David Kelly | Maggot/Worm Cocktail |
| 1 10 | Monalty Lake | 13th September | Anthony Stobbs (GB) | Bread Flake & Corn |
| 1.57 | Lanesboro | 4th May | A. C. Hathway (GB) | Lobworm |
| 1 8 | Monalty Lake | 9th August | Peter A. Eagle (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 1 8 | Monalty Lake | 15th March | Noel P. Tumilty | Maggots |
| 1 8 | Monalty Lake | 12th September | John Hill (GB) | Corn & Casters |
| 1 8 | Monalty Lake | 10th October | David Kelly | Maggots |
| 1 8 | Monalty Lake | 4th May | John Caplice | Sweetcorn |

BREAM (Continued)

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 8 8 | Monalty Lake | 11th July | Albert E. Bedford (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 7 | Monalty Lake | 2nd April | James R. Larkin | Maggots |
| 8 7 | Monalty Lake | 29th October | Fred Foster | Maggots |
| 8 6 | Monalty Lake | 31st July | S. W. Gilliver (GB) | Sweetcorn & Casters |
| 8 5 | Lough na Glack | 16th April | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 8 5 | Monalty Lake | 16th May | Jon Culley (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 5 | Monalty Lake | 8th October | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 8 4 | Monalty Lake | 1st September | Andrew McIntosh (GB) | Sweetcorn/ Maggots |
| 8 3 | Monalty Lake | 3rd August | S. W. Gilliver (GB) | Sweetcorn/ Maggots |
| 8 2½ | Monalty Lake | 10th October | David L. Hunter | Maggots/ Sweetcorn |
| 8 2 | Monalty Lake | 1st August | Alan Bowley (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 1 | Monalty Lake | 14th October | W.A. Ferris | Maggots |
| 8.03 | Lanesboro | 2nd May | David Shires (GB) | Maggots |
| 8 | Monalty Lake | 3rd August | Peter A. Eagle (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 | Monalty Lake | 14th October | W.A. Ferris | Maggots |
| 8 | Monalty Lake | 13th September | Anthony Stobbs (GB) | Bread/Flake/Corn |
| 8 | Monalty Lake | 9th April, '88 | Philip Arthur | Worm |
| 8 | Monalty Lake | 31st July | S. W. Gilliver (GB) | Sweetcorn & Casters |
| 7 14 | Monalty Lake | 5th August | Christopher Smith (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 7 14 | Monalty Lake | 12th September | John Hill (GB) | Corn & Caster |
| 7 14 | Monalty Lake | 12th September | Anthony Stobbs (GB) | Corn & Caster |
| 7 13½ | Monalty Lake | 14th October | W.A. Ferris | Maggots |
| 7 13 | Monalty Lake | 9th August | Peter A. Eagle (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 7 12 | Monalty Lake | 19th September | Darryl P. Bill (GB) | Maggots |
| 7 12 | Monalty Lake | 12th October | Ron Patterson | Sweetcorn |
| 7 11 | Monalty Lake | 10th August | Christopher Smith (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 7 10 | Monalty Lake | 19th September | Pete Hancock (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 7 9 | Monalty Lake | 11th July | Albert E. Bedford (GB) | Sweetcorn |
| 7 9 | Lough Neagh | 17th May | Alan O'Hagan | Maggots |
| 7 9 | Monalty Lake | 15th March | John Webber (GB) | Maggots |
| 7 8 | Monalty Lake | 11th July | Albert E. Bedford (GB) | Sweetcorn |

CARP

Record, 26 lbs. 2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 26 2 | The Lough, Cork | 28th May | Kieron V. Bend (GB) | Boilie |
| 25 | The Lough | 28th March | Drew Ferris | Boilie |
| 21 14 | The Lough | 3rd August | Diarmuid Noonan | Boilie |
| 20 | The Lough | 17th March | Lawrence Peile | Boilie |
| 17 12 | The Lough | 29th March | Drew Ferris | Boilie |
| 17 2 | The Lough | 24th June | Pat Dalton | Maggots/ Sweetcorn |
| 12 | The Lough | 7th March | Lawrence Peile | Boilie |
| 8 | The Lough | 8th March | Garnett Coulter | Boilie |
| 4 | The Lough | 1st April, '88 | Philip Arthur | Boilie |



More specimen Carp have been caught in "The Lough", in Cork than any other water.

EEL

Record, 6lbs. 15 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos.

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| lbs. ozs | | | | |
| 3 1 | Arklow | 10th September | Maurice Laurent | Worms |

PIKE (RIVER)

Record, 42 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos.

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| lbs. ozs | | | | |
| 32 4 | River Shannon, Rooskey • | 7th June, '88 | Gerry Conboy | Copper/Silver Spoon |
| 27 4 | River Suck | 2nd Dec. | Garnet Coulter | Herring |
| 26 | River Barrow | 22nd February | Daniel Murphy | Dead Rudd |
| 26 | River Barrow | 11th March | James Foley | Dead Perch |
| 24 | River Barrow | 13th March | Daniel Murphy | Dead Rudd |
| 23.9 | River Barrow | 23rd March | Daniel Murphy | Dead Rudd |
| 22 14 | River Blackwater, Careysville | 19th April | Michael Sheehan | Landa Lukki |
| 21 9 | River Barrow | 25th February | Maurice Brennan | Dead Rudd |
| 21.3 | River Barrow | 5th March | Paul Doyle | Dead Rudd |

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

Record, 2.065 kilos Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 2.065 kilos | Drumreask Lake | 2nd July | Philip Arthur | Worm & Corn Cocktail |
| 4 8 | Lough Shark (Acton) | 10th July | Melvin Percy | Maggots |
| 4 4½ | Lough Shark | 8th April | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 3 0½ | Lough Shark | 8th April | Drew Ferris | Maggots |

TENCH

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

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 6 15½ | Drumlonan Lake | 18th July | Lawrence Peile | Maggots |
| 6 12 | Drumlonan Lake | 18th July | Lawrence Peile | Maggots/Sweetcorn Cocktail |
| 5 11 | R. Shannon, Lanesboro | 26th May | Oliver Purcell | Sweetcorn |
| 5 11 | Drumlonan Lake | 18th July | Lawrence Peile | Maggots |
| 5 5 | Lanesboro | 22nd May | C. Dawber (GB) | Worm |



A specimen Rudd from Annaghmore Lake, Strokestown – one of the better big rudd waters in the country.

BASS

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

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 13.16 | Ballyshane | 26th November | Eddie Cull | Crab |
| 11 14 | Corballis | 15th August | James Jones | Ragworm |
| 11.68 | Dollymount | 1st June | Richard Carrick | Ragworm |
| 11 8 | Doughmore | 7th January | Martin Burke | Lugworm |
| 11.35 | Greystones | 2nd November | Fergus Green | Mackerel Strip |
| 10.60 | Baltray | 19th August | Anthony Byrne | Ragworm |
| 10.53 | Portrane | 15th August | Paul McEvoy | Ragworm |

| BASS (Continued) | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
| b. ozs. | | | | |
| 10 6 | Dingle | 22nd January | John Wilson Holstead | Razorfish |
| 10.25 | Cork Harbour | 19th August | David Wilson | Ragworm |
| 10.14 | Laytown | 12th September | Ray McElhinney | Peeler Crab |
| 10 1 | Clonakilty | 8th May | John McDermott | Crab |
| 10 1 | Greystones | 1st October | Thomas Matthews | Mussell |
| 10 | Saleens | 7th October | Kevin Barry | Sandeel |



4 specimen Bass from Wexford. This species is not as plentiful as in the past and anglers are requested to return the smaller fish to the sea for conservation purposes.

| BLACK SOLE | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Record, 6.32 lbs. | | Specimen Weight, 2 lbs; .907 kilos | | |
| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 2.92 | Ballycotton | 18th October | Eddie Cull | Cocktail |
| 2.71 | Ballycotton | 18th October | Eddie Cull | Cocktail |
| 2 6 | Wicklow | 28th September | Michael Lee | Ragworm |

| COD | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Record, 42 lbs | | Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.340 kilos | | |
| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 27 | Ballycotton | 22nd June | Hermann Walter Arnold (D) | Mackerel Feathers |

| COD (Continued) | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
| lb. ozs. | | | | |
| 25 | Ballycotton | 22nd June | Rolf Vollmer (D) | Mackerel Feathers |

CONGER

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

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 45 8 | Courtown Hbr. | 18th June | Fr. Brian Troy | Mackerel Strip |
| 45 | Courtmacsherry | 13th September | Lackner Gerald (NL) | Mackerel |
| 45 | Youghal | 7th August | Tony Cotter | Mackerel |
| 44 | Ballycotton | 3th July | Caroline Gaine | Mackerel Fillet |
| 42 | Baltimore | 21st September | Anthony Jarvis (GB) | Mackerel |
| 40 2 | Sneem | 5th September | Horst Willi Muller | Mackerel & Squid Cocktail |

DAB

Record, 2.02 lbs Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs; .680 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 2.02 | Dunmore East | 28th January | Paul Beglin | Lugworm |
| 1 8 | Portrush | 23rd July | Michael Hassan | Ragworm |

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 23 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 16 lbs; 7.257 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 17.44 | Wicklow Bay | 25th August | Donal Kennedy | Mackerel Strip |
| 17 | Sneem | 3rd September | T.H.Y. Neus (NL) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 16 8 | Cahore | 25th June | Liam Dunbar | Mackerel Strip |
| 16.38 | Wicklow Bay | 25th August | Donal Kennedy | Mackerel Strip |
| 16 4 | Sneem | 27th September | Horst Willi Muller | Mackerel Strip |
| 16 3 | Sneem | 18th September | Stroek Ljm (NL) | Mackerel Fillet |

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 4 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3½ lbs; 1.587 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| b. ozs. | | | | |
| 3 11¼ | Dalkey | 23rd October | James Meegan | Mackerel |
| 3.51 | Hook Head | 2nd July | Edward Fleming | Mackerel Strip |
| 3.51 | Hook Head | 9th July | Brian Forde | Mackerel Strip |

SPUR DOGFISH

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

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 15 12 | Sneem | 26th May | Horst Willi Muller | Mackerel & Squid |
| 13 12 | Kish | 3rd September | Robert Tully | Mackerel |
| 13 6 | Cahore | 8th June | Paddy Lacey | Mackerel |

SPUR DOGFISH (Continued)

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 3 4 | Cahore | 11th June | Liam Ryan | Herring |
| 3 | Kish Bank | 16th July | Liam Tully | Mackerel |
| 2 12 | Howth | 23rd July | Robert Tully | Mackerel |
| 2 10 | Rush | 2nd July | Benny Kelligan | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 8 | Sneem | 19th June | Horst Willi Muller | Mackerel & Squid |
| | | | | Fillet |
| 2 8 | Kish | 3rd September | Robert Tully | Mackerel |
| 1.68 kilos | Portrush | 10th June | Desmond Henderson | Mackerel |
| 2 6 | Sneem | 26th September | Horst Willi Muller | Mackerel & Squid |
| | | | | Fillet |
| 2 5 | Sneem | 30th March | Johan Van Assen (NL) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 2 4 | Howth | 16th July | Clive Finnegan | Mackerel |
| 2 4 | Rush | 2nd July | Eddie Duffy | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 4 | Rush | 2nd July | Serena Teeling | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Howth | 16th July | David Finnegan | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Kish Bank | 16th July | Liam Tully | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Rush | 2nd July | Tom Redmond | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Rush | 2nd July | John O'Brien | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Rush | 2nd July | Martha Dunne | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Rush | 2nd July | Adrian O'Hara | Mackerel |
| 2 2 | Kish | 13th July | Des O'Connell | Mackerel |
| 2 1 | Sneem | 17th April | John Sherry | Mackerel |
| 2 | Rush | 2nd July | Jason Daly | Mackerel |
| 2 | Howth | 16th July | Colin Harford | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 | Rush | 2nd July | Liam Dunne | Mackerel |
| 2 | Rush | 27th August | | |

FLOUNDER

Record, 4 lb. 6½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 1.65 | Ballyteigue | 24th November | Pat Dalton | Peeler Crab |
| 3 7 | Ballyteigue | 4th June | Thomas P. Keogh | Crab |
| 3 5 | Dungarvan | 19th March | John Cronin | Crab |
| 3 5 | Ballyteigue | 29th December, '88 | Robbie Coventry | Lugworm |
| 3.26 | Saleens | 22nd November | Kevin Barry | Lugworm |
| 3 3½ | Dungarvan | 8th January | John Cronin | Lugworm |
| 3 3 | Ballyferriter | 22nd September | David Scrimgeour (GB) | Mackerel Strip |
| 3 3 | Monatrea | 2nd October, '88 | Martin Curran | Crab |
| 3 3 | Teelin Bay | 18th September | Cara O'Boyle | Lugworm |
| 3.14 | Youghal | 7th October | Dick Looney | Peeler Crab |
| 3 2 | Wexford | 8th December, '88 | Brendan Barry | Lugworm |
| 3 1 | Ballyteigue | 30th October, '88 | Brian Thomas | Lugworm |
| 3.07 | Saleens | 31st December, '88 | Brendan Cuddity | Lugworm |
| 3.03 | Youghal | 13th October | Liam Duggan | Peeler Crab |

GARFISH (Belone bellone)

Record, 3 lbs. 10¼ ozs. Specimen Weight, 2¼ lbs. 1.021 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 1.32 | Dunmore East | 20th July | Eddie Cull | Mackerel |
| 2.51 | Courtmacsherry | 6th September | Deiner Hierseinann (NL) | Mackerel |

GARFISH (Belone bellone) (Continued)

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 2 4 | Kinsale | 28th June | Will Van Gils (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 4 | Bantry | 19th July | John Fitzgerald | Feathers |
| 2 4 | Kinsale | 8th September | J.R. Tyler (GB) | Mackerel Strin |

GARFISH (Belone svetovidori)

Specimen Weight, 14 ozs. .355 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 1 | Courtmacsherry | 26th July | George H.M. Wyntjes (NL) | Feathers |

RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 9½ ozs Specimen Weight, 2 lb; .907 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 2.6 | Cork Harbour | 16th September | Master Diarmuid Cotter | Mackerel Strip |
| 2.30 | Downings | 30th August | Michael McVeigh | Baited Spoon |
| 2 4% | Culdaff Bay | 9th July | Kevin Bowstead | Mackerel |
| 2.20 | Achill | 22nd June | Roy Howarth (GB) | Mackerel |
| 2 3.2 | Culdaff Bay | 24th June | J. S. Mullan | Mackerel |
| 2 2% | Killybegs | 7th September | H. Depkat (CH) | Mackerel |
| 2 1 | Causeway Coast | 30th July | David McNeill | Mackerel |
| 2.05 | Porturlin | 30th July | Gerry Murphy | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 | Belmullet | 19th August | Vincent Monaghan | Mackerel Strip |

TUB GURNARD

Record, 12 lbs. 3½ Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 5.21 | Achill | 27th August | Patrick O'Malley (GB) | Baited feathers |
| 5.94 | Killala | 5th August | Patrick Foster | Cocktail |
| 5.3 | Enniscrone | 22nd July | Brian Buckley | Mackerel |
| 5.21 | Crosshaven | 21st July | Grieko Huizinga (NL) | Mackerel |
| 5 2 | Killala | 15th August, '88 | Dr. C. L. Scott-Knox-Gore (GB) | Sandeel |

HERRING

Record, .425 kilos Specimen Weight, ¾ lbs; .340 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|---------|
| lbs. ozs. | | | | |
| 12 | Rathlin | 15th June | David Philpot | Feather |

LING

Record, 46 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.340 kilos

| WEIGHT | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| bs. ozs. | | | | |
| 30 | East Ferry | 11th July | Alan Sharpe (GB) | Mackerel |
| 28 12 | Cork Harbour | 9th July | Padraig MacSweeney | Mackerel Fillet |
| 27 | Cobh | 28th August | H. Boegman (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

LING (Continued)

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 27 | Dungarvan | 7th July | Michael Buckley | Mackerel Strip |
| 26 4 | Causeway Coast | 6th July | Master Edwin McAuley | Feathers |
| 26 2 | Carbery Centre | 31st May | Mrs. Susan Palt (GB) | Mackerel |
| 26 | Ballycotton | 11th July | Armin Lengefeld (D) | Mackerel Strip |
| 25 | Rathlin | 13th August | Eugene Black | Pirk |
| 25 | Courtmacsherry | 8th July | Aad Kouyenga (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

MEGRIM

Record, 1.85 kilos Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs; .794 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
| 2 | Causeway Coast | 23nd July | William Johnson | Mackerel |
| 1.85 | Crosshaven | 18th July | Mick Morris | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 13½ | Ballycastle | 2nd July | John Bambor Scullion | Ragworm |

MONKFISH

Record, 73 lbs. Specimen Weight, 50 lbs; 22.680 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|-------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| 63 | Fenit | 20th May | Percy Tassie | Mackerel |
| 57 4 | Fenit | 20th May | Jim Dooley | Mackerel/Squid |



A fine Monkfish from Tralee Bay. Many of these fish have been tagged and released. Some have been recaptured three times.

GREY MULLET

Record, 7 lbs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5.39 | Burrishoole River | 13th July | Miss Emily S. Gilbert | Fly |
| 5 1 | Waterville | 1st October | Pat O'Neill | Lugworm |
| 5 ¼ | Brandon Bay | 22nd September | Terry Rothery (GB) | Mackerel Strip |
| 5.01 | Skerries | 24th June | Robert Tully | Prawn |

PLAICE

Record, 8.23 lbs Specimen Weight, 4 lbs; 1.814 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 5 6 | Causeway Coast | 30th July | Geff Tanner | Ragworm |
| 4.97 | Ballycotton | 18th September | Eddie Cull | Cocktail |
| 4 13½ | Causeway Coast | 18th June | Gary Petrie | Baited Spoon |
| 4 12 | Causeway Coast | 10th September | Ian Cairns | Ragworm/Mackerel |
| 4 5 | Causeway Coast | 6th August | John O'Hara | Ragworm |
| 4 2¼ | Causeway Coast | 21th April | Jim Lauder | Ragworm |
| 4 2 | Causeway Coast | 18th June | David Harbinson | Herring/Ragworm |

POLLACK

Record, 19 lbs. 3 ozs. Specimen Weight, 12 lbs; 5.443 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 14.13 | Carbery Centre | 5th September | Colin Albert (GB) | Edystone Eel |
| 13.35 | Crosshaven | 9th September | Peter van der Willik (NL) | Feathers |
| 13 1 | Crosshaven | 26th July | John Wildon (GB) | Feathers |
| 12 8 | Old Leinster Rock | 17th September | Luke Darling | Ragworm |
| 12 7 | Maharees Sound | 2nd July | Richard Rutland | Baited Feathers |
| 12.23 | Baltimore | 22nd June | Alan Jarvis (GB) | Baited Feathers |
| 12.2 | Caherciveen | 13th August | Liam Hyde | Baited Feathers |
| 12.02 | Kinsale | 30th September | Gerrard A. O'Mahony | Spinner |



The Fastnet area is well known for its fine Pollack which abound on the deep water reefs.

POUTING

Record, 4 lbs. 13½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 3 8 | Causeway Coast | 23rd July | Alan Smallwood | Baited Feathers |
| 3.23 | Dingle | 13th September | Stephen Lamb (GB) | Mackerel Strip |
| 3.05 | Crosshaven | 30th August | J. H. v. d. Willik (NL) | Mackerel |
| 3 | Causeway Coast | 5th September | William Cromwell | Lugworm |

CUCKOO RAY

Record, 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs; 2.041 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 5 4½ | Causeway Coast | 26th July | M. G. Evans | Ragworm/Sandeel |
| 5 | Causeway Coast | 21st July | Patrick Butler | Mackerel |

PAINTED RAY

Record, 14.37 lbs Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| 10 13 | Cahore | 19th July | Andrew J. Young | Mackerel |
| 10 4 | Fenit | 7th October | Tim Leahy | Squid |

THORNBACK RAY

Record, 37 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 25 | Greystones | 14th May | George Whittle | Mackerel |
| 22 | Courtmacsherry | 3rd September | Percy Tassie | Baited Feathers |
| 20 6 | Greystones | 28th May | Owen Looby | Mackerel Strip |
| 20 | Cahore | 7th August | Liam Ryan | Mackerel |

HOMELYN RAY

Record, 8.28 lbs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 6 12 | Portrush | 1st October | N. McClean | Mackerel |
| 6 10 | Causeway Coast | 20th August | Noel Kinnear | Baited spoon |
| 6 6 | Causeway Coast | 28th August | John Bradley | Mackerel |
| 6 4 | Causeway Coast | 1st October | Sam Caul | Mackerel |
| 6 4 | Causeway Coast | 20th August | William Johnston | Baited Spoon |
| 6 | Causeway Coast | 29th July | Ian R. Dancklefsen | Mackerel |
| 5 4 | Portrush | 30th July | John Black | Mackerel |
| 5 3 | Portrush | 30th July | Robert J. Kee | Mackerel |

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record, 2.75 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1¾ lbs. .794 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2 5 | Youghal | 18th September, '88 | J. Millea | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.98 | Crosshaven | 8th October | John Sheehan | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.81 | Dunmore East | 5th September | Kevin Barry | Mackerel |
| 1.80 | Brownstown | 28th June | Brendan Barry | Mackerel Strip |
| 12 | Brownstown | 20th May | Kevin Barry | Mackerel Strip |

BLUE SHARK

Record, 206 lbs Specimen Weight, 100 lbs; 45.359 kilos

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 116 | Mullaghmore | 23rd August | Martin Balkenhol (D) | Mackerel |
| 115 | Crosshaven | 20th July | Frans V. Teeseling (NL) | Mackerel |
| 51.30 kilos | Kinsale | 22nd August | J. L. Franken (NL) | Mackerel |
| 112 8 | Achill | 10th September | Pat Quinn | Mackerel |
| 108 | Courtmacsherry | 4th August | Damian Blackwell | Mackerel |
| 107 | Courtmacsherry | 5th September | Dieter Wnendt (D) | Mackerel |
| 107 | Courtmacsherry | 5th September | Heinz Lucht (D) | Mackerel |
| 105 | Schull | 16th July | Brian Murphy | Mackerel |
| 105 | Teelin Knowl | 6th August | Cara O'Boyle | Mackerel |
| 103 | Crosshaven | 7th September | C. J. Monch (NL) | Mackerel |
| 102.50 | Fastnet | 15th July | Huib de Blok (NL) | Mackerel |
| 102 | Achill | 24th June | Jimmie Masterson | Mackerel |
| 46.35 kilos | Kinsale | 5th July | Werner Kinderdick (D) | Mackerel |
| 45.49 kilos | Kinsale | 14th July | K. H. Schaffer (D) | Mackerel |

TWAITE SHAD

Record, 2.87 lbs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs; .907 lbs.

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2 3½ | River Barrow, St. Mullins | 5th May | Adrian Hanley | ABU Krill |
| 2.08 | St. Mullins | 8th May | Bill Ryan | ABU Krill |
| 2.06 | St. Mullins | 8th May | Bill Ryan | ABU Krill |
| 2.06 | St. Mullins | 10th May | Liam Kane | Jensen |
| 2.03 | St. Mullins | 7th May | Liam Tully | ABU Krill |
| 2.02 | St. Mullins | 11th May | Edward Bermingham | ABU Krill |
| 2.01 | St. Mullins | 7th May | David Finnegan | ABU Krill |
| 2 | St. Mullins | 7th May | Liam Tully | Silver Spinner |
| 2 | St. Mullins | 10th May | Tony Byrne | Koster |
| 2 | St. Mullins | 16th May | Ray Bannerman | Jensen No. 1 |
| 2 | St. Mullins | 5th May | Eddie Fleming | Toby |
| 2 | St. Mullins | 5th May | Anthony J. Power | Toby |

SMOOTH HOUND

Record, 10 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs. 3.175 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 7 10 | Cahore | 19th June, '88 | Philip Arthur | Peeler Crab |
| 7 4 | Cahore | 17th June | Garnett Coulter | Crab |
| 7 | Cahore | 28th May | Ray Bannerman | Peeler Crab |

STONE BASSE

Record, 10 lbs. 13 ozs. Specimen Weight, 8 lbs; 3.628 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 10 13 | Kinsale | 2nd August | Stefano D'Amico (CH) | Baited Bucktail |
| 10 | Courtmacsherry | 1st August | Hans Koslen (NL) | Mackerel |

TOPE

Record, 66 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 40 lbs; 18.144 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 52 8 | Carlingford Lough | 24th June | Cyril Young | Mackerel |
| 55 | Carlingford Lough | 24th June | Garnett Coulter | Mackerel |
| 45 | Carlingford Lough | 24th June | Garnett Coulter | Mackerel |
| 43.5 | Wicklow Head | 25th August | Donal Kennedy | Mackerel Strip |
| 42 8 | Greystones | 5th August | Anthony Behan | Mackerel Strip |
| 40 8 | Kilcoole | 5th July | Paul Martin Conroy | Pollack |
| 40 4 | Wicklow Bay | 28th August | Donal Kennedy | Mackerel Strip |

TORSK

Record, 4.7 kilos Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 4.7 kilos | Burtonport | 20th May | Colin Hutton | Herring |

TURBOT

Record, 34 lbs. Specimen Weight, 18 lbs; 8.165 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 18 3 | Causeway Coast | 28th August | Edwin Brown | Mackerel |

BALLAN WRASSE

Record, 4.3 kilos Specimen Weight, 4¾ lbs; 2.154 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 5.90 | Doonbeg | 8th September | Bill Ryan | Crab |
| 5.55 | Kinsale | 31st August | Peter Schär (CH) | Mackerel Strip |
| 5.25 | Moville | 18th August | Gerry Lynch | Redgill |
| 5 2 | Kilmore Quay | 24th August | Shay Nugent | Mackerel/Ragworm |
| 5.01 | Carnsore Point | 30th July | Master Peter Barron | Mackerel baited Feathers |

BALLAN WRASSE (Continued)

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 4.93 | Dunmore East | 31st August | Pat Dalton | Ragworm/Peeler Crab Cocktail |
| 4.86 | Sneem | 17th September | Charles Long | Shrimp |
| 4 13¾ | Kinsale | 28th September | Ian Taylor (GB) | Lugworm |
| 4 13 | Red Bay | 21st September | Robert A. Beggs (GB) | Lugworm |
| 4 12 | Rosslare | 3rd October | John Bedford (GB) | Peeler Crab |

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1 lb. 12½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs; .567 kilos

| WEIGHT lb. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1.63 | Tuskar | 6th August | Master Tony Murray | Feathers |
| 660 kilos | Causeway Coast | 10th June | Noel Ashby | Mackerel/Lugworm |
| 1.58 | Belmullet | 9th September | Michael Dunleavy | Mackerel |
| 1.5 | Carnsore Point | 9th July | Gary White | Baited Feathers |
| 1.47 | Carnsore Point | 24th July | Master Peter Barron | Baited Feathers |
| 1 6% | Larne | 24th September | Billy Holland | Ragworm |
| 1.37 | Carne | 10th July | Cecil Barron | Ragworm |
| 1 6 | Larne | 24th September | John Boyd | Mackerel |
| 1.525 | Portrush | 23rd September | Edna Bittles | Ragworm |
| 1.35 | Carne | 10th July | Cecil Barron | Baited Feathers |
| 598 kilos | Rathlin | 2nd July | David Philpot | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 5 | Causeway Coast | 10th September | Joseph M. Barrie | Mackerel/Ragworm |
| 1.30 | Carne | 9th July | Cecil Barron | Mackerel |
| 1 4¼ | Larne | 19th June | W. Bevan | Ragworm/Mepps |
| 1.27 | Carnsore Point | 22nd July | Master Peter Barron | Baited Feathers |
| 572 kilos | Rathlin | 17th July | David Philpot | Mackerel |

A Dutch Angle

The author, Hans Van Loenen, is a well known angling correspondent in the Netherlands where he contributes to all the Dutch angling magazines. He has fished all over Europe but has a particular liking for Ireland and the Scandinavian countries. He is the Dutch E.F.S.A. Registrar of Specimen and Record Fish.

For generations past, the Dutch commercial fleet have been both famous and notorious throughout the world's maritime nations. They have been fishing the world's seas with great success for centuries.

Considering the fact that the numbers engaged in the commercial harvesting of the sea has risen sharply in the last 10 years, it is not surprising that the number of sport fishermen also increased considerably. To give you an idea of how popular the sport has become: The Netherlands have about 1.5 million anglers which is about 10% of the Dutch population.

Anglers all over the world like to compare their angling achievements. It is true, however, that the Dutch are less fanatical about this than their colleagues in Ireland and England who have long established Record Lists. It is only since 1970 that Dutch Record Lists of Rod caught fish have been established. The big problem is that the sea around the Netherlands is relatively poor in species which would count as "sport" fish. It is therefore not surprising that the Dutch Record Sea Fish Committee keep not one but three separate Record Lists up to date. First we have a Record List for species actually caught in Holland. Second, we have a Record List of species caught in European waters by Dutch anglers. Finally, we have a Record List of species caught outside Europe by Dutch anglers.

We travel far and regularly for our fishing and this is perfectly understandable. As I've said, the Dutch sea has relatively little to offer the enthusiastic sea angler. Whereas the number of species available (about 60) is large, the weight and length of the fish is generally poor. The heaviest and most frequently caught fish in the Netherlands is without any doubt, the Cod. Even so, in recent years as a consequence of over-fishing, the cod is not as prolific as in the past and its average rod caught weight is not more than 2 Kgs. Next to the Cod, there is actually no other "sport" fish available on a regular basis. This explains the exodus of most Dutch anglers abroad. If we look a little closer at where these anglers travel to, one country emerges above all others – Ireland.

Why Ireland? Well, this is fairly easy to explain. First of all, the distance between Ireland and the Netherlands is not insurmountable. In fact, Ireland is quite near.



Hans van Loenen, with a specimen Grey Gurnard from Downings which is the Dutch European Record.

Secondly, Ireland has a lot to offer in terms of angling, and finally, the Irish and the Dutch have a very similar mentality – they get on well together and this counts for a lot.

If we look a little closer from the sea angling point of view, Ireland has a number of aspects which, in my opinion, are very appealing to us Dutch. The number of species regularly taken on the Irish Coast, for example. In the Netherlands, a sea angler can only catch one or, at the most, two sea species during a days fishing, while in Ireland, it is not unusual to catch more than ten species in a day at sea. Then there is the size. In the Netherlands, most of the time the sea angler has to be content with a whiting of a ½ Kg, or a cod of maybe 2 Kgs. In Ireland, on the other hand, this is not quite the case. It is not unusual to catch a great number of species which weigh much more than 5 Kgs. And of course in Ireland, it is possible to catch a number of what, to us Dutch anglers, are "exotic" species. The Blue Shark in particular was, and remains, a species which attracts many Dutch anglers to fish in Ireland.



A beautiful 6 lbs. specimen Red Sea Bream – a species much sought after by Dutch anglers.

Happily over the years, the Dutch have realised that the putting back of the Blue Shark, with or without a tag, contributes to the maintenance of the species and thus the pleasure derived from catching it. For that matter, the Dutch angler not only

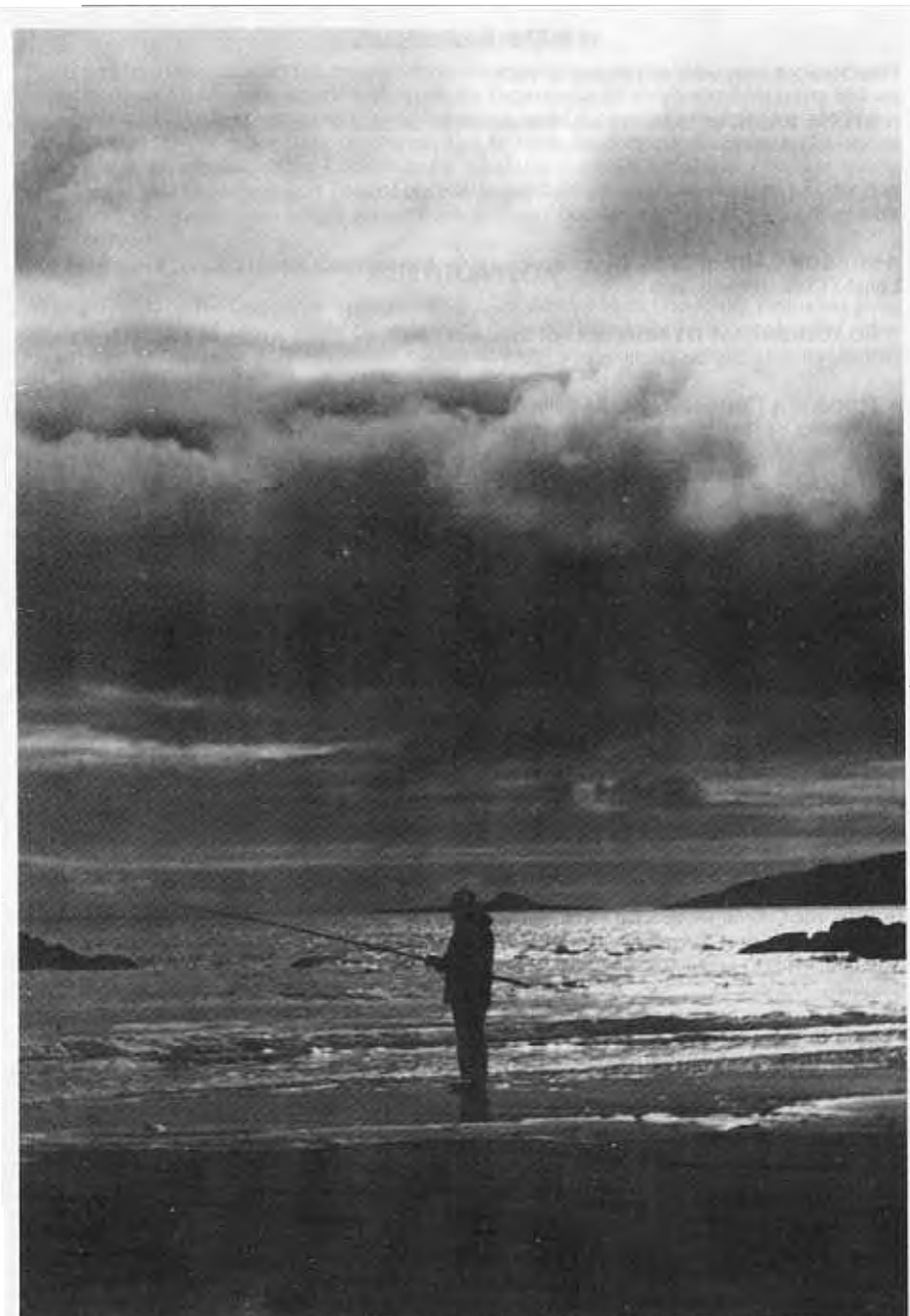
keeps an eye on the quality of the Blue Shark angling but, when fishing in Ireland, he knows exactly which catch is important and special and which is not.

This explains why the Dutch Record List of species caught abroad now stands at 71 species. Striking in this context is that 25 out of the 71 records are caught in Ireland. This indicates how fanatical the Dutch are about fishing in Ireland.

As further proof of this addiction, it might be nice to look at the Irish Record List itself. I will restrict myself to examine only the Saltwater species. At the moment, here are 55 on this list. Five of these Records are in the hands of Dutchmen. These are the records for Coalfish, Bull Huss, Lesser Spotted Dogfish, Electric Ray and finally the Stone Basse. All in all, a very special result for the Dutch fishing tourist.

Hans Van Loenen

| Species | Weight in Kilos | Dutch Record Holder | Place of Capture |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Spur Dogfish | 7.03 | A. M. Blokland | Sneem |
| Three Bearded Rockling | 3.87 | J. W. Bonda | Cobh |
| Ballan Wrasse | 2.50 | K. van der Werf | Youghal |
| Spotted Ray | | | |
| Homelyn R). | 2.80 | J. C. Koop | Dungarvan |
| Grey Gurnard | 3.73 | H.M.A. van Loenen | Downings |
| Grey Mullet | 2.40 | C. A. Vijnen | Cantharella |
| Hake | 5.60 | A. J. Zonderland | Dungarvan |
| Lesser Spotted Dogfish | 1.93 | C. Heinis | Valentia Island |
| Scad | 0.60 | H.M.A. van Loenen | Downings |
| Bull Huss (Greater Spotted Dogfish) | 10.80 | H. A. Outmaijer | Valentia Island |
| Cuckoo Wrasse | 1.22 | P. Pos | Valentia Island |
| Gub Gurnard | 1.23 | M. Musk | Westport |
| Megrim | 1.00 | A. de Ligt | Courtmacsherry |
| Haddock | 4.40 | H. Kerkum | Dungarvan |
| Long-Nosed Skate | 72.60 | F.H. Kok | Tralee Bay |
| Pouting | 1.47 | J. van Burgsteden | Courtmacsherry |
| Thornback Ray | 11.60 | A.M.F. van Kinderen | Courtmacsherry |
| Furbot | 10.00 | J. Verhoek | Clifden |
| Common Skate | 35.50 | P.L. Goedvolk | Valentia Island |
| Stone Basse | 4.25 | W.R. Bohmerman | Kinsale |
| Bass | 5.50 | A. Roelofsen | Youghal |
| Bass | 5.50 | P. van Nieuwkoop | Courtmacsherry |
| Angler Fish | 20.00 | A. J. Zonderland | Dungarvan |
| Monkfish | 27.00 | Mw. A.M. Ruisendaal | Fenit |
| Sea Trout | 3.88 | J. W. Wijnstroom | Bangor |



A tranquil scene from a West Coast beach.

NEW RECORDS

Four New Records were established in 1989.

A **STONE BASSE** of 10 lbs. 13 ozs. was caught by Stefano D'Amico of Switzerland at Kinsale on the 2nd August.

A **DAB** of 2.02 lbs. was caught by Paul Beglin of Green Bank, Bilberry, Waterford at Dunmore East on January 28th.

A **MIRROR CARP** of 26 lbs. 2 ozs. was caught by Kieron Victor Bend of Essex, England in The Lough, Cork, on May 28th.

A **ROACH/BREAM HYBRID** of 2.065 Kilos was caught by Philip Arthur of 3 Shangarry Park, Belfast, on July 2nd on Drumreask Lake.

A **TORSK** of 4.7 kilos was caught by Colin Hutton of 12, Ravelston Ave. Carmoney, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim on 20th May at Burtonport.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1989 for the special awards made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Philip Arthur, 3 Shangarry Park, Belfast, BT14 8JD. SW. Gilliver, 15 Market Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, England. Des O'Connell, Killeens, Ballynonty, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Lawrence Peile, 47 Kernan Ave., Portadown, Co. Armagh.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

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 31st December, 1989. The award goes to:

Master Derek Walsh, Rathcline Road, Lanesboro, Co. Longford, for a Bream of 4.920 kilos taken in the River Shannon at Lanesboro on the 17th June, 1989.

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 fourteen of these awards have been made to date and during 1989, Garnett Coulter, 86 Union Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh, qualified.

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 the 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 weighted 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.

METRICATION

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 decimal of lb.

COMMON SKATE

In the interest of conservation of the species the Committee during 1976 decided to remove the Common Skate (*Raja batis*) from the list of eligible fishes for three years, i.e. 1977/1979, and not to consider any claims whatsoever, except a possible new record (i.e. a fish weighing in excess of 221 lbs.) during the three-year period. The Committee has been delighted with the response to its appeal and it is gratifying to know that in most angling centres throughout the country, common skate are returned unharmed to the water. The situation came up for review at the Committee's final meeting for the year 1980 and it was decided to extend the ban until further notice. The Committee in the meantime will keep the situation under annual review and looks forward to the continued co-operation of anglers in the conservation of the species.

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:

| 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 |
| 1988 | 259 | 60 | 5 | 14 | 4 | 4 |
| 1989 | 261 | 48 | 10 | 18 | 0 | 0 |

FUND RAISING

The Committee are indebted to the generosity of the Central Fisheries Board and Bord Failte Eireann who contributed £1,200 and £1,000 respectively.

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 £600 to our funds. The Rush Angling Festival also donated part of the proceeds of the festival to us. To the Committees, and to all the members who worked so hard to make the events successful, we tender our sincere and grateful thanks. Our thanks also to I.R.D. Waterville Ltd., for their generous donation of £500, and Garda S.A.C., who contributed £100.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1988 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 1989 Awards will take place at the Garda Club, Harrington St., Dublin, at 3.00p.m. on Saturday, 24th February, 1989.

All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

N. IRELAND

Presentations were held for Northern Ireland anglers who were due Awards for 1987 in Belfast.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for making these Presentations possible.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1988 is given in this Report. The 1989 account will only be available in 1990 and will be published in the next Report.

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THAT SPECIAL TEN SPECIES AWARD

The author, Liam Kane, has been addicted to fishing for over 30 years. An all-round angler, who is as much at ease with a fly rod as he is with a shark outfit. He has a monthly column in "Angling News" and has fished all over Ireland but delights in small boat fishing in the Wexford area for the great variety of species which the area produces. For about 8 years now, he has been tagging the cartilaginous species for the Central Fisheries Board's ongoing Research Programme. Of the 290 Tope which Liam and his friends have tagged at Cahore 26 have so far been recaptured.

I remember the day very well. September, 1978. Galway Bay and its magnificent sunset, silhouetting James Pitt, the proud captor of a 154 lbs specimen Porbeagle Shark. In previous years of shark angling, I had seen Porbeagle to 120 lbs and Blues to 90 lbs being landed. Superb fish indeed, but nothing compared to James Pitt's 154 lbs fish. The fact that it beat the Irish Specimen Weight by 4 lbs seemed to me to make it a very special fish indeed.

That was my first encounter with a specimen shark but it was only on camera. Down in Kerry, my camera was in action again over the next few years, with photographs of superb specimens – Haddock, Ling, Skate, Cod, Turbot, Tope, Pouting, Pollack, Conger and a Record 9lbs. 6oz. Red Sea Bream. Just a few of a truly impressive list of great specimen fish all caught off Valentia Island, by three of the great names of Irish sea angling – Brendan Rooney, Paddy Maguire and J.B. Healy.

These three were the first of a very small and special group of anglers who caught specimens of ten separate species on rod and line and as a result were presented with that coveted ten separate species pin – the most sought after and respected award in Irish angling circles.

Indeed, it was August, 1982, while fishing between Valentia and the Great Skellig that I was to record my own first specimen, a Greater Spotted Dogfish weighing 16½ lbs. A week later, a 40 lbs, 8oz. Tope caught during a Club competition of Greystones made it specimen number two. These two fine fish started what was for me a new experience. I became a Specimen Hunter. February, 1983, saw specimen number three – a 2lbs. 9¼oz. Flounder caught on lugworm in Ballyteigue Bay after a memorable two hundred mile round trip during one of the worst blizzards along the south east coast for more than a decade. 1984 on the banks of the beautiful and historic River Barrow at St. Mullins, I had what I consider to be one of my most delightful light tackle experiences, a 2.05lbs specimen Twaite Shad – a real silver beauty.

August of that year, while boating out of Cahore with fellow Club members, Christy Cloak and another of those ten separate specimen pin holders, Shay McDonnell, I recorded a 5lbs. 6oz. Homelyn Ray, making species number five.

1985 (how quick those years have passed) and I was fortunate to be on two record breaking outings. Both records, a 10lbs. 11oz. Smooth Hound and a 2.87lbs Twaite Shad brought Club member, Peter McCartin his Ten Pin Award.



Liam Kane with a fine 30 lbs. specimen Pike from Drumkeary Lake.

My only success that year was three Twaite Shad of 2lbs. 10ozs, 2lbs. 8.8ozs and 2lbs. 2.6 ozs, leaving me to try new waters in my quest for species number six. Indeed, a study of the Specimen Report books of the past years led David Glass and myself to Monalty Lake where we duly recorded some bronze beauties of bream between 7½ lbs and 8 lbs. 3 ozs. With us was that gentleman from Carrickmacross Jim McMahon, who shared with us a coarse anglers passion for bream fishing. Jim, who has guided many, both from home and abroad in their quest for bream, has recorded one of the finest bream ever to fall to sweetcorn bait – a magnificent 10 lbs. 5.5 oz. specimen, still rolling in Lough na Glack no doubt, for Jim returned all his catches, including Record Hybrids to those great productive waters of Lough na Glack and Monalty.

My next specimen was taken from one of Bailieborough's smaller Lakes, Drumkeary. I had put out my first cast of the evening using two dead rudd supported by a red and white float. Dusk had started to fall and I had lost sight of the float for a while but it reappeared just below the surface in the deeper water. It was difficult to follow the movement of the float, as a mammoth pike made off with my two rudd. But follow it I did, and before long I had set both hooks into what was to become species number seven, a beautifully conditioned 9 year old 30lbs. 2ozs. specimen Pike.

April, 1987, came with showers of hail and sleet, making boat angling extremely uncomfortable, not to mention a north easterly wind which was responsible for a bite that no angler likes. I recorded specimen number eight – a 12¼lbs. Spurdog, kindly weighed by members of Howth S.A.C. at Cahore's slipway. Also recorded that day was a 16¼lbs specimen Bull Huss, winning for my fishing mate, Christy Cloak, his Ten Pin Award.

With only two to go, I was feeling confident that before long, I would get that magical tenth species.

That was 2 years ago and I am still trying!

In the last two years, I've had a couple of specimen bream, a 3lbs, 3oz. Flounder and that old reliable, a Twaite Shad of 2.06 lbs. Incidentally, it was my only shad of the day caught at 8.20a.m. with another first cast. Who said you don't need luck!

What should have been species number nine was lost entirely through my own fault. A Grey Gurnard of 1lb. 9oz. was weighed, but due to a slip-up, was never identified. **N.B. A lesson for all specimen anglers – read your claim form carefully.** The Committee insist on the Rules being adhered to. All in all, I consider myself extremely fortunate to have angling as a hobby. Not just for the great angling available to me but for the beautiful, quiet, scenic places that I have fished. Places like Valentia, Liscannor Bay, Ballyvaughan, Greystones and of course Wexford for all those wonderful sea species. Not forgetting those northern countries of Cavan and Monaghan, where mammoth pike and giant slabs of bream are surely what help anglers dreams come true. The River Slaney where I caught my first salmon and the mighty Barrow with its canals and river systems offering up bream, tench, salmon, trout and some magic perch and indeed, how could one forget those wonderful shad, a fine endorsement of the pollution free tidal part of the river. Long may it remain so.

I also remember with great affection all the fish I and my friends caught and re-caught late at night in the Anchor Bar down in Caherciveen and the other anglers watering holes around the country. On occasions, they can be almost as important as the rivers and lakes themselves.

And most of all I am aware of the pleasure of catching a fish and sometimes the disappointment of losing one. An experience to share with a friend, a fellow angler, and much more so, the thrill of sharing with your own family – the kids first fish on rod and line.

In 17 years, I've caught 17 specimens of eight different species. It may well take another 17 years to catch the remaining two, but it is my own personal goal and one which will give me great pleasure in achieving – the Ten Species Award.

Liam Kane

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 Wm. Meares |
| Brown Trout (Lake) | 26 2 | 15.7.1894 | Lough Ennel | |
| Bream | 11 12 | 1882 | River Blackwater, (Monaghan) | A. Pike |
| Carp | 26 2 | 28.5.1989 | The Lough, Cork | Kieron V. Bend |
| 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 | 2.06 Kg | 2.7.1989 | Drumreask L. | Philip Arthur |
| Tench | 7 13¼ | 25.5.1971 | River Shannon, Lanesboro | Raymond Webb |
| River Eel | 5 15 | 12.6.1979 | L. Droumenisa, Bantry | J. Murnane |

MARINE SPECIES

| Species | Weight lbs. 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 | 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. Mashejjer |
| Cod | 42 0 | 1921 | Ballycotton | I. L. Stewart |
| Conger | 72 0 | June 1914 | Valentia | J. Green |
| Dab | 2.02 | 28.1.1989 | Dunmore East | Paul Beglin |
| 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 | Even Bazzard |
| Gub 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 |

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

| Species | Weight lb. ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture | Captor |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| Mackerel | 4 2 | 18.9.1979 | Ballycotton | Ulrich Plassmann |
| 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 | 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 | 3.28 | 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 | 26.8.1979 | 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 | 10 13 | 2.8.1989 | Kinsale | Stefano D'Amico |
| Three Bearded Rockling | 2.75 | 1.9.1985 | Dunmore East | Nicholas McEvoy Snr. |
| Tope | 66 8 | 15.7.1979 | Carlingford Lough | Cyril Young |
| Torsk | 4.7 Kg | 20.5.1989 | Burtonport | Colin Hutton |
| Turbot | 34 | 9.6.1982 | Cork Harbour | Frank Fleming |
| Whiting | 4 14½ | 19.3.1981 | Kenmare Bay | Comdt. M. J. O'Connor |
| Ballan Wrasse | 3 kilos | 20.8.1983 | Clogher Head | Bertrand Kron |
| Cuckoo Wrasse | 1 12½ | 18.9.1988 | Larne | Brigid B. Monaghan |

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

| RESHWATER FISH | IRISH RECORD | | SPECIMEN WEIGHT | |
|--|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | lbs. | 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 carpio</i>) | 26 | 2 | 10 | 4.536 |
| Dace (<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>) | 1 | 2 | | .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 | 2.065 | kilos | 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | 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>) | 2.02 | | 1½ | .680 |
| Dogfish — Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>) | 18 | 12 | 12 | 5.443 |
| — Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>) | 4 | 4 | 3½ | 1.587 |
| — Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>) | 23 | 2 | 6 | 2.725 |
| Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>) | 4 | 6½ | 3 | 1.361 |
| Garfish (<i>Belone bellone</i>) | 3 | 10¼ | 2¼ | 1.021 |
| (<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>) | — | — | 14 | .355 |
| Gurnard — Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>) | 12 | 3½ | 5 | 2.268 |
| — Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>) | 3 | 1 | 1¼ | .680 |
| — Red (<i>Aspitigla 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 | ¼ | .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 |

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

Continued

| FRESHWATER FISH | IRISH RECORD | | SPECIMEN WEIGHT | |
|--|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | lbs. | ozs. | lb. | kilos |
| Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>) | 8.23 | | 4 | 1.814 |
| Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>) | 19 | 3 | 12 | 5.443 |
| Pouting (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>) | 4 | 13½ | 3 | 1.361 |
| Ray — Thornback (<i>Raja clavata</i>) | 37 | 0 | 20 | 9.072 |
| — Blonde (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) | 36 | 8 | 25 | 11.340 |
| — Cuckoo (<i>Raja naevus</i>) | 5 | 11 | 4½ | 2.041 |
| — Electric (<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>) | 69 | 0 | 20 | 9.072 |
| — Homelyn (<i>Raja montagui</i>) | 8.28 | | 5 | 2.268 |
| — Undulate (<i>Raja undulata</i>) | 18 | | 14 | 6.350 |
| — Painted (<i>Raja microcellata</i>) | 14.37 | | 10 | 4.536 |
| — Sting (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>) | 51 | | 30 | 13.608 |
| Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>) | 6 | 4¼ | 5 | 2.268 |
| Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>) | 9 | 6 | 4½ | 2.041 |
| Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsarus 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 clauca</i>) | 206 | 0 | 100 | 45.359 |
| — Thresher (<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>) | — | — | 120 | 54.431 |
| — Mako (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>) | — | — | 200 | 90.718 |
| — Six-Gilled (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>) | 154 | | 100 | 45.359 |
| Skate — Common (<i>Raja batis</i>) | 221 | 0 | suspended | |
| — White (<i>Raja alba</i>) | 165 | 0 | 120 | 54.431 |
| — Long Nose (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>) | — | — | 80 | 36.287 |
| Smooth Hound (<i>Mustelus asterias</i>) | 10 | 11 | 7 | 3.175 |
| Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>) | 10 | 13 | 8 | 3.628 |
| Tope (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>) | 66 | 8 | 40 | 18.144 |
| Torsk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>) | 4.7 | kilos | 6 | 2.721 |
| 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 | 12½ | 1¼ | .567 |

Scientific names in accordance with the "List of Irish Fishes" (Third edition, 1976) by A. E. J. Went, D.Sc., M.R.I.A., and M. Kennedy, Ph.D., Published by the Stationery Office for the National Museum.

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

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| Expenditure | | 1987 | 1988 | 1987 | Revenue | 1988 |
|------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Balance B/F | | | | | | |
| Printing | | £1,648.13 | £34.26 | | Grants | |
| Medals | | £285.57 | £1,622.25 | | Central Fisheries Board | £1,200.00 |
| Travel | | £448.34 | £390.34 | | Bord Failte | |
| Late Dr. Went Prize | | £25.00 | £133.56 | | Subscriptions | |
| Miscellaneous | | £845.87 | £25.00 | | Angling Clubs etc. | £1,892.34 |
| Sec. Expenses | | £125.00 | £403.09 | | Individual Donations | £413.34 |
| Bank Charges | | £92.29 | £109.85 | | EBS Interest | £17.75 |
| Difference in exchange | | | £7.54 | | | |
| Balance c/d | | | 22 | | | |
| | | | £797.32 | | | |
| | | | | | Balance b/d | |
| | | | | | | £3,523.43 |
| | | | | | | £797.32 |

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

SIGNED: Des Brennan,
Christopher P. O'Toole

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 purposed. 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 has 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) **SENDING FISH TO COMMITTEE:**
- Please**
- (1) Notify Committee when a fish is being sent in for identification (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.
- (7) **AWARDS:** Anglers whose claims have been accepted by the Committee will be awarded special 'Merit Badges' in the case of Specimen Fish, and Silver Medals in the case of Record Fish. Specimen Fish Certificates will also be issued in respect of all ratified 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 0265 4521).