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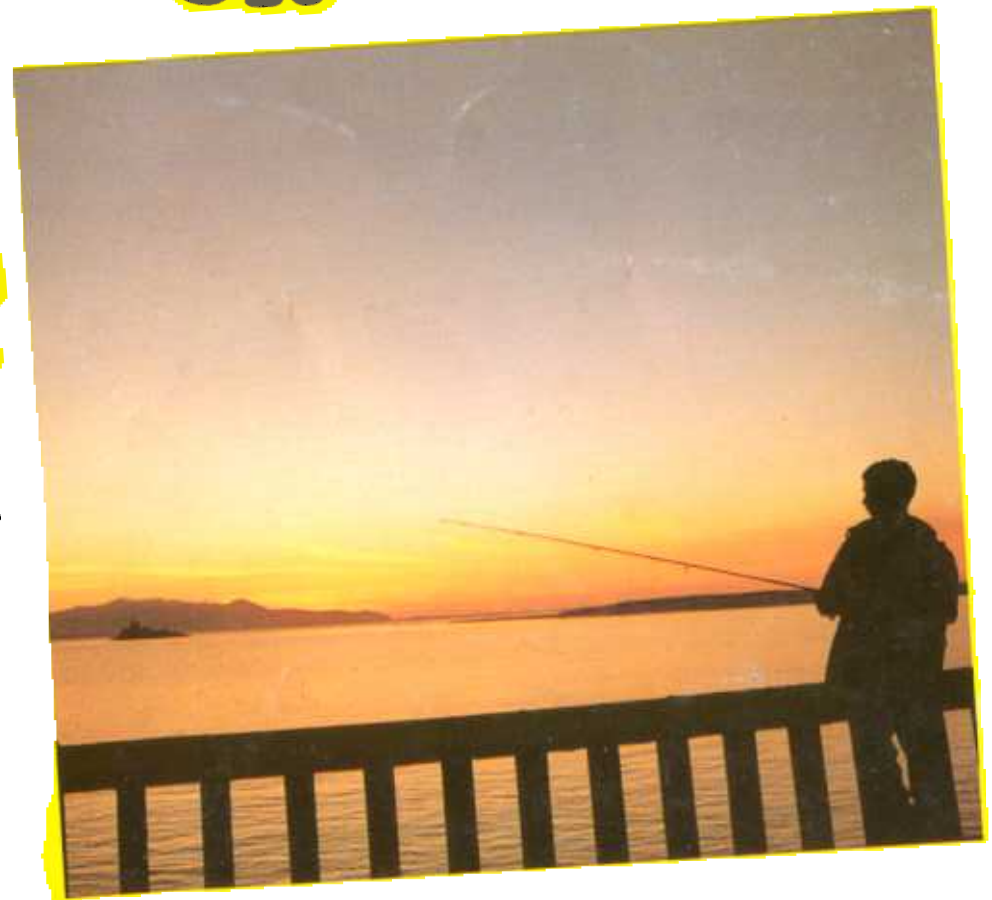
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REPORT OF [IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1990

During 1990, the Committee was composed of P. Fitzmaurice, Chairman and K. Linnane, Secretary (Central Fisheries Board); B. Geraghty (Bord Failte Eireann); Ian Hill (Northern Ireland Tourist Board); C.P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers); J. Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland); M. Donnelly (Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association); P. Byrne (National Anglers Representation Association); E. Twomey, A. Gibson and D. Brennan.

During the year the Committee received 409 claims and ratified 380.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1990 (Dates of capture 1990 unless otherwise stated)

SEA TROUT

Record, 16 lbs. 6 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
10 8	Waterville Lake	11th April	Peter G. Fitzgerald	Spinner
7.18	River Dargle	21st July	John Chaney	Fly
6.97	Lough Currane	15th April	Robert Colson	Spinner
6.68	Lough Namona	11th July	Rev. Sean Canon O'Leary	Fly
6 10	Waterville Lake	17th April	Jan-Peter Kuffer (D)	Toby
6 9.5	Lough Currane	27th June	Ted Linter (GB)	Fly
6 4	Waterville Lake	6th May	Dietrich Bischof (D)	Fly
6 4	Lough Currane	19th June	Dick Willis	Fly
6 1	Lough Currane	1st May	Ron Simson (GB)	Fly
6 1	Lough Currane	8th September	Stephen Tierney	Fly
6 0.5	Lough Currane	27th April	David Walker (GB)	Fly

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record, 26 lbs. 2 ozs.		Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
19	Lough Corrib	18th July	John Gibbons	Minnow
17 1	Lough Mask	4th May	Rolf Laufer (D)	Rapalla
15 4	Lough Corrib	1st September	Dr. R. O'Sullivan (GB)	Minnow
15 3	Lough Mask	29th April	Kevin McNally (GB)	Toby
14.97	Lough Mask	1st June	Ernst Keller (D)	Rapalla
13 10	Lough Mask	10th June	Damian Conroy	Toby
13.62	Lough Mask	1st June	Desmond Elliott	Copper Spoon



Kevin Ringrose of Harrow, Middlesex, with a 13 lbs. brown trout taken while trolling on Lough Mask.

BROWN TROUT (Continued)

3	8.75	Lough Mask	6th May	Christopher Leech	Rapalla
3	6.75	Lough Sheelin	27th September '89	Willie Scott	Golden Mepps
3	3.75	Lough Mask	5th May	Rolf Laufer (D)	Rapalla
3	3.25	Lough Mask	20th May	Desmond Elliott	Spoon
3	2	Lough Mask	23rd May	Kevin Ringrose (GB)	Spoon
2	12	Lough Mask	22nd April	C. Schittenhelm (D)	Rapalla
2	12	Lough Mask	24th May	Edward Good	Rapalla
2	12	Lough Mask	4th June	Sean Sweeney	Rapalla
2	11	Lough Mask	29th April	Sean Sweeney	Rapalla
2.60		Lough Corrib	11th May	Tom Ryan, Snr.	Minnow
2	8	Lough Mask	17th May	Kurt Menrad	Copper Spoon
2	8	Lough Corrib	13th June	John Gibbons	Minnow
1.91		Lough Mask	14th May	Bunzel Heinz (D)	Copper Spoon
1	14	Lough Mask	30th April	Rolf Laufer (D)	Mepps No. 5
1.88		Lough Mask	9th May	Heinz Menrad (D)	Copper Spoon
1	13	Lough Corrib	1st April	Paddy Corbett	Minnow
1.80		Lough Mask	27th May	Dr. Wolf Kronicher (D)	Mepps
1	10	Lough Mask	9th September	Desmond Elliott	Spoon
1	8	Lough Derg	26th May	James Molloy	Rapalla
1	8	Lough Corrib	2nd June	John Gibbons	Minnow
1	4.5	Lough Mask	23rd August	John A. Ransome (GB)	Mepps No. 3
1	4	Lough Mask	30th May	Mary Shortt	Copper Spoon
1	4	Lower Lough Erne	8th September	Eamon McCaffrey	ABU Toby
1.10		Lough Mask	8th May	Heinz Menrad (D)	Copper Spoon

BROWN TROUT (Continued)

11	1	Lough Corrib	25th September	Pearse O'Toole	Rapala
10.79		Lough Mask	13th May	Fergal Costello	Copper Spoon
10	10	Lough Mask	1st May	Sean Sweeney	Copper Spoon
10	9	Lough Mask	21st April	Burkhard Hobler	Rapalla
10	8	Lough Corrib	22nd July	Anthony Youlten	Mepps No. 5
10.03		Lough Mask	21st May	Dr. Scheel Jurgen (D)	Rapalla

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record, 20 lbs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
7 8	River Clare	7th August	Francis Ward	Worms
5.25	River Inny	1st April	Niall Purcell	Maggots
5 4.	Cong River	25th April	Colin Folan	Worms
5 1.5	River Robe	11th May	Peter R. Brown	Mayfly

BREAM

Record, 11 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7.5 lbs; 3.402 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
10 3	Monalty Lake	13th October	Ian Thomas Forde	Maggots/Corn
10 2	Monalty Lake	12th September	Ray Mabbutt (GB)	Sweetcorn
10 1	Monalty Lake	16th November	James McMahon	Maggots
10	Monalty Lake	12th October	Master Gareth McMahon	Maggots
10	Monalty Lake	29th April	David Finnegan	Sweetcorn
9 15	Monalty Lake	13th October	Ian Thomas Forde	Maggots/Corn
9 14	Monalty Lake	14th October	Ian Thomas Forde	Maggots/Corn
9 14	Monalty Lake	11th October	Ron Patterson	Sweetcorn
9 13	Monalty Lake	29th August	James McMahon	Maggots
9 12	Monalty Lake	22nd October	James McMahon	Maggots
9 12	Monalty Lake	27th October	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 10.5	Lough na Glack	17th March	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	11th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Flake/Maggot
9 10	Monalty Lake	24th April	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	12th April	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	11th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots/Flake
9 9	Monalty Lake	8th October	Fred Foster	Bread Flake
9 8	Monalty Lake	26th March	Neil Husker	Maggots
9 8	Monalty Lake	6th October	Garnett Coulter	Maggots
9 7	Monalty Lake	7th October	Garnett Coulter	Maggots
9 3	Monalty Lake	21st July	Grenville Absolom (GB)	Maggots
9 2	Monalty Lake	12th September	Albert Bedford (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 2	Monalty Lake	18th November	Master Gareth McMahon	Maggots
9 1.5	Monalty Lake	16th April	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
9 1	Monalty Lake	10th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 1	Lough Ree	26th March	John B. Gillis (GB)	Bread/Maggots
9 1	Monalty Lake	26th March	Neil Husker	Maggots
9 1	Monalty Lake	10th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	21st July	Grenville Absolom (GB)	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	12th September	Albert Bedford (GB)	Sweetcorn



Well-known English angler and author, Peter Stone with a fine bream from Lough Ree.

BREAM (Continued)

9	Monalty Lake	12th September	Ray Mabbutt (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 15.5	Lough na Glack	17th March	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 15	Monalty Lake	9th October	Brendan Doran	Maggots
8 15	Monalty Lake	21st March	Mick Pengelly	Maggots
8 14	Monalty Lake	16th April	Joey O'Neill	Redworm
8 13	Monalty Lake	9th October	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
8 13	Monalty Lake	6th October	Michael Connell	Bread
8 12	Monalty Lake	23rd March	Mick Pengelly	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	9th October	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
8 12	Monalty Lake	16th April	Garnett Coulter	Worm/Maggots
8 11	Monalty Lake	11th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
8 9	Capragh Lake	10th May	William J. Raison (GB)	Maggots
8.52	R. Shannon, Lanesboro.	3rd May	Clive Cottingham (GB)	Bread Flake
8 8	Monalty Lake	29th April	David Finnegan	Sweetcorn
8 7	Monalty Lake	21st July	Grenville Absolom (GB)	Maggots
8 7	Monalty Lake	11th October	Ron Patterson	Sweetcorn
8 6	Monalty Lake	16th November	Mick Pengelly	Maggots
8 5	Monalty Lake	15th March	Master Gareth McMahon	Maggots
8 4	Bridget Lake	13th June	Ron Patterson	Bread Flake
8 4	Monalty Lake	29th April	Jason Daly	Sweetcorn
8 4	Monalty Lake	30th April	David Finnegan	Sweetcorn
8 3	Lanesboro	2nd May	Roger Gatland (GB)	Casters
8 1	Ballinafid Lake	1st August	Brendan Doran	Sweetcorn
8 1	Monalty Lake	29th April	Jason Daly	Sweetcorn

BREAM (Continued)

7 12	Capragh Lake	11th May	Jeffrey Grant (GB)	Maggots
7 12	Monalty Lake	17th March	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 12	Monalty Lake	30th April	Jason Daly	Sweetcorn
7 10	Capragh Lake	12th May	Peter Gilbert (GB)	Worm
7 9	Lanesboro	2nd May	Jonathan Beat (GB)	Maggots
7 9	Monalty Lake	27th October	Colm Crean	Maggots
7 9	Monalty Lake	22nd September	Keith Berry	Sweetcorn/Worm
7.55	Lanesboro	3rd May	George Stoddart (GB)	Bread
7 8	Capragh Lake	12th May	Peter Gilbert (GB)	Worm

CARP

Record, 24 lbs. 14 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
22 8	The Lough, Cork.	11th August	Mark McGivern	Boilie
18 15	The Lough	12th August	Mark McGivern	Boilie
18 8	The Lough	18th March	Des O'Connell	Boilie
17 10	The Lough	18th March	Des O'Connell	Boilie
15 15	The Lough	12th August	Mark McGivern	Boilie
14 3	Ballinafid Lake	7th October	Brendan Doran	Sweetcorn
13 12	Ballinafid Lake	16th August	Trevor Belling	Boilie
12 12	Ballinafid Lake	15th April	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
11 13	Ballinafid Lake	14th August	Ian Thomas Forde	Luncheon Meat
11 10	The Lough	18th March	Des O'Connell	Boilie
11 6	Ballinafid Lake	16th August	Ian Thomas Forde	Special
10 12	Ballinafid Lake	31st July	Brendan Doran	Boilie
10 4	Lodge Lake	10th August	Derek Brooks	Boilie
10 3	Lodge Lake	8th August	Derek Brooks	Boilie
10	Lodge Lake	20th August	Brendan Doran	Boilie

EEL

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.32	Iniscarra Res.	19th September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Dead loach
4 4	Aughrusbeg	4th June, '89	Garnett Coulter	Dyed Sprat
3.92	River Barrow,	20th September	Horst W. Muller	Worm
3 11	Clea Lake	14th June	Keith Berry	Herring
3.02	River Lee	26th September	Michael Eim (D)	Dead loach
3	Arklow	13th August	Maurice Laurent	Ragworm Cocktail

PERCH

Record, 5 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs. 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.47	Blackwater, Wexford	1st July	Maurice Laurent	Maggots
0.5	Lough Corrib	14th August	Jean Grima (F)	Spoon

PIKE (LAKE)

Record, 38 lbs. 2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36 2	Lough Mask	1st June	Anthony Quinn	Rapalla
34 8	Co. Monaghan	14th October	John Moffat	Dead Roach
33	Lough Corrib	1st April	Florian Keller (D)	Silver Toby
30 8	Lough Derg	20th April	John Keane	Heinz Blinker

PIKE (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
31	River Barrow	16th February	James Geoghegan	Herring
30	Cong River	14th August	David Ryan	Mepps No. 2
26 8	River Barrow	10th March	Mick Dalton	Rudd
25	River Bann	17th March	Maurice Laurent	Roach
24 12	River Bann	30th March	John A. Black	Herring
22 10	River Maine	27th April	William Boal	Herring
22 4	River Barrow	20th March	Rene Laurent, Junior	Roach
22 2	Movanaher Canal	5th December, '89	William Boal	Herring
21 8	River Barrow	7th March	Robbie Coventry	Rudd
21 3	River Inny	2nd January	John O'Shaughnessy	Dead Rudd
21 1	River Inny	13th January	John O'Shaughnessy	Herring
21.5 kilos	Corrib River	22nd May	John Crowley	Dead Roach
20 11	River Suck	2nd December	Raymond Casey	Herring
20 10.5	River Blackwater	21st November	Ron Patterson	Herring
20 5	River Shannon, Lanesboro.	28th March	Laurence A. Hunter (GB)	Dead Bait

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

Record, 3 lbs. 15.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs. 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 2	Lower River Bann	31st March	Simon J. Kirk	Maggots/Casters
3 1	Lower River Bann	19th January	Clifford Potts	Maggots/Sweetcorn

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs. 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 4	Monalty Lake	5th March	Peter Walsh	Bread
5 14	Monalty Lake	13th March	Ian Forde	Maggots
4 2	Lough Ree	14th April	Niall Coulter	Maggots
3 10	Lough Ree	28th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots
3 3	Lough Ree	28th April	Hugh Gough	Maggots

TENCH

Record, 7 lbs. 13.25 ozs. Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 8	Shannon System	1st July	Philip Arthur	Worms/Corn
5 13	Shannon System	18th May	Philip Arthur	Sweetcorn
5 12	Monalty Lake	3rd June	J.P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots
5 10	Monalty Lake	3rd June	J.P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots
5 5	Capragh Lake	4th August	William Boal	Sweetcorn
5 4	River Shannon	21st August	Keith Berry	Sweetcorn
5.08	Lanesboro	20th May	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
5	Monalty Lake	5th June	J.P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots

BASS

Record, 17 lbs. 1.25 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 13	Courtmacsherry	9th December, '89	Master Aidan Buckley	Lugworm
12.75	Ballycroneen	1st September	Patrick Curtin, Jnr.	Toby
11.57	Ballycroneen	11th July, '89	Michael Hennessy	Lugworm
11 8	Laytown	20th October	John Sherry	Ragworm
11.4	Greystones	8th September	Thomas McCabe	Mackerel Strip
11 3	Clonakilty	10th October	Brian Gristock (GB)	Razor Fish
5.05 kilos	Guileen	9th September	John Clohessy	Feather
11	Laytown	20th May	James Jones	Ragworm
11	Malahide	6th September	Henry Lynam	Sandeel
10.85	Fermoyle	20th May	Brendan O'Shea	Mackerel
10 7.25	Fermoyle	4th April	Michael Byrne	Lugworm
4.7 kilos	Ballystraw	12th January	Master Richard Butler	Lugworm
10 5	Inch Beach, E. Cork	27th August	John Kavanagh	Peeler Crab
10 2	Rossbeigh	5th August	Michael A. Westland	Lugworm

COALFISH

Record, 12.5 kilos. Specimen Weight, 15 lbs; 6.804 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17.75	Crosshaven	26th August	Peter Maljers (NL)	Mackerel baited feathers
17.09	Crosshaven	10th September	Michael Corbett	Mackerel Strip
17.01	Crosshaven	28th September	J.V. Rosmalen (NL)	Mackerel baited feathers
16 11.25	Crookhaven	19th August	Henk Bommels (NL)	Eddystone Eel
15 10	Cushendall	20th July	David Hill	Feathers
15.03	Achill	3rd August	William Lavelle	Feathers

CONGER

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
45	East Ferry	15th May	Henk Van Klaveren (NL)	Mackerel Flapper

DAB

Record, 2 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.7	Little Killary	4th March	Duncan Brown	Mackerel Strip
1.55	Crosshaven	24th January	James Killen	Mackerel/Lugworm
1 8	Kilmore Quay	1st September, '89	Mark Evans (GB)	Mackerel Strip

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
20 3	Carbery Centre	2nd July	Richard C. Kershaw (GB)	Mackerel
18	Courtnacsherry	16th July	Maria Benoey (B)	Mackerel Strip
17	Sneem	6th September	B.C. van Oosterbosch (NL)	Mackerel
16 8	Cahore	6th May	Stella Delahunt	Mackerel
16.27	Schull	6th May	Kieran Higgins	Squid
16	Cahore	6th May	Daniel Smith	Smelt

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 4 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3.5 lbs; 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.83	Achill	24th July	Brian Buckley	Mackerel Strip
1 12	Ballycastle	16th December, '89	Thomas McConaghie	Mackerel/Ragworm
1 12	Portrush	16th September	Michael McVeigh	Mackerel
1.65	Baltimore	21st August	Bob O'Callaghan	Mackerel
1.67 kilos	Cushendall	7th October, '89	Jim Gregg	Mackerel Strip

SPUR DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 2	Rush	18th August	Gerry Sharkey	Mackerel Strip
4	Howth	28th July	Dan Corcoran	Mackerel Strip
3 10	Causeway Coast	17th June	William Cromwell	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Kish	17th July	Pierce Moran	Whiting
3 1	Cahore	27th May	Maurice Laurent	Mackerel
3	Sneem	19th March	Mar Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
3	Sneem	20th June	J. Minderhoud (NL)	Mackerel
2 12	Kish Bank	8th August	Liam Tully	Mackerel
2 10	Kish	22nd July	Thomas Redmond	Mackerel
2 8	Rush	10th June	Christopher Carrick	Mackerel
2 8	Sneem	17th June	C. Dirus (NL)	Mackerel
2 8	Kish Bank	29th September	Liam Tully	Mackerel
2 8	Sneem	5th July	S. Groentjes (NL)	Mackerel
2 7	Kish Bank	26th August	Robert Tully	Mackerel
2 6	Rush	26th August	Paddy Troy	Mackerel/Squid
2 5	Kish Bank	29th September	W.A. Ferris	Mackerel
2 4	Kish	28th July	Robert Byrne	Mackerel Strip

SPUR DOGFISH (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 4	Sneem	19th March	Johan Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
12	Kish Bank	26th August	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12	Cahore	29th April	Anthony Byrne	Mackerel Strip



Pauline O'Dwyer of Pallaskenry with a fine bull huss from Tarbert Pier on the Shannon Estuary.

Picture by Denis MacDonald

FLOUNDER

Record, 4 lbs. 6.5 ozs. Specimen Weight 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.47	Ballyteigue	16th March	Pat Dalton	Lugworm
3 7	Ballyteigue	11th December, '89	Mick Dalton	Lugworm
3.29	Youghal	11th November	Christy Lane	Crab
3.27	Saltmills	2nd November	Jody Sinnott	Lugworm
3.20	Dungarvan	23rd February	Tony Crowe	Crab
3 2	Ballyteigue	7th October	Robbie Coventry	Crab
3 1.75	Argideen Estuary	5th April	Christy Lane	Crab
3 1	Youghal	23rd September	Michael O'Donovan	Lugworm
3 0.75	Ardigeen Estuary	22nd November	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab

GARFISH (Belone bellone)

Record, 3 lbs. 10.25 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2.25 lbs; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.85	Clifden	8th October	Sean O'Farrell	Herring Strip
2 12.5	East Ferry	25th August	John May (GB)	Mackerel
2 9.75	East Ferry	4th September	Christopher Hoban (GB)	Mackerel Strip
2.4	Cobh	3rd September, '89	Jasper Blok (NL)	Mackerel Strip

GREY GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; .680 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.707 kilos	Skelligs Rock	14th June	Arthur Knights (B)	Mackerel

RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 9.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.5	Innisbofin	4th September	Master Fiachra Sweeney	Mackerel
2.25	Clew Bay	5th August	David Joseph Jew	Mackerel
2 1	Rathmullan	22nd July	Desmond Morrison	Mackerel
2	Causeway Coast	30th August	Neil McKay	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD

Record, 12 lbs. 3.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.22 lbs.	Clew Bay	30th May	G.A. van Vliet (NL)	Mackerel
6.13	Achill	16th June	John Mercer (GB)	Mackerel
2.740 kilos	Belmullet	19th August	Norman McClean	Mackerel
5.69	Killala	5th August, '89	Mark Kelly	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 6	Killala	6th August	Robert W. Donaldson	Sandeel
5.22	Belmullet	25th August	Bert Farmer	Mackerel Strip
5.14	Belmullet	22nd July	George Gibbons	Mackerel Strip
5.10	Belmullet	25th August	Joe Costley	Mackerel
2.280 kilos	Belmullet	19th August	Chris Doherty	Mackerel

HADDOCK

Record, 10 lbs. 13.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 7	Causeway Coast	29th May	Nicholas Troy	Pirk

HERRING

Record, .425 kilos. Specimen Weight, .75 lbs. .340 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
352 kilos	Causeway Coast	12th June	Irvine Tannahill	Feathers
.75	Causeway Coast	30th May	Allen Turlington	Feathers

LING

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
41	East Ferry	3rd July	Derek Davis	Mackerel
30	Crosshaven	12th September	Per Buch (DK)	Mackerel
29.5	Crosshaven	7th August	Charles Robinson	Mackerel Strip
27 4	East Ferry	12th June	Graham Austin (GB)	Mackerel Strip
11.8 kilos	Kinsale	3rd July	Bill Skelly	Mackerel Strip
25	Crosshaven	23rd August	Philipp Vowinkel (D)	Mackerel

MEGRIM

Record, 1.85 kilos Specimen Weight, 1.75 lbs; .794 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.33	Achill	4th August	Tom Quinn	Mackerel

MONKFISH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
50	Fenit	11th July	Michael Daly	Mackerel
59	Fenit	28th July	Dr. Maxton Pitcher (GB)	Mackerel

GREY MULLET

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.67	Lough Furnace	4th August	Master David Whelan	Bread Paste
5.1	Lough Furnace	9th August, '89	Pat Hughes	Bread



Fenit charter skipper, Colm Rogers with a monkfish from Tralee Bay.

PLAICE

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 6	Causeway Coast	22nd June	James Coulter	Ragworm
4 12	Causeway Coast	9th September	Master Neil E. Gibson	Ragworm
4 7.75	Ballinskelligs	25th July	Bryan F. Fox	Lugworm

POLLACK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 1	Crosshaven	29th July	J.R. Wildon (GB)	Mr. Twister
13 14	Crookhaven	23rd April	H.B. Havinga	Sandeel
5.165 kilos	Crosshaven	23rd May	Marc Thibault (B)	Feathers
13.2	Clifden	15th September	W.T.H. Smit (NL)	Mackerel
5.9 kilos	Kinsale	31st August	Brian Scott Matthews (GB)	Mackerel Strip
5.9 kilos	Kinsale	21st June	W. van Gils (NL)	Sassyclad
5.55 kilos	Kinsale	29th September	E. Edwards	Mackerel Strip

POLLACK (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13	Carlingford Lough	15th July	Gerry Lennon	Koster
12 9	Rathlin	12th August	Trevor Rosbotham	Mackerel
12.30	Achill	18th July	Horst W. Muller	Baited feathers



Gillybegs charter skipper, Enda O'Callaghan, with a nice reef Pollack from Donegal Bay.

POUTING

Record, 4 lbs. 13.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.2	Valentia	12th August	Jens Bommer	Mackerel Strip
3 2.5	East Ferry	6th May	Ray O'Sullivan	Mackerel

BLONDE RAY

Record, 36 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.340 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
27 8	Greystones	16th September	Paul Rutter	Mackerel Strip
25 8	Belmullet	19th August	Noel Ashby	Mackerel
25 8	Portrush	1st September	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip

STING RAY

Record, 51 lbs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
47	Fenit	29th May	Robin H. Quensell (GB)	Mackerel

THORNBACK RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
21.25	Cahore	1st April	David Cherry	Mackerel

HOMELYN RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
5 2	Causeway Coast	15th September	Morgan Murphy	Mackerel
2.900 kilos	Portrush	26th August	Frank Quinn	Mackerel Strip
2.750 kilos	Portrush	16th September	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip
2.580 kilos	Killala	25th August	Michael Deady	Mackerel Strip
5 8	Clew Bay	23rd June	W. Borrmann	Mackerel Strip
5 8	Causeway Coast	29th September	Joe Cochrane	Mackerel Strip
5 5	Portrush	27th May	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

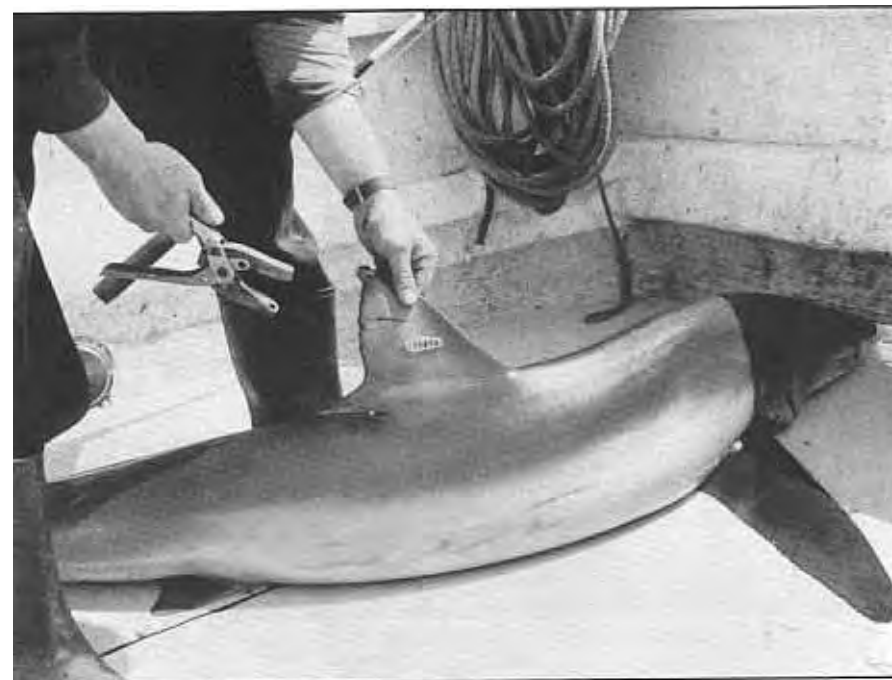
Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 1.75 lbs; .794 kilos.

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
3 1	Arklow	11th May	Maurice Laurent	Mackerel
2.51	Dunmore East	27th August	James O'Brien	Mackerel
2.04	Carnsore Point	18th July	Cecil Barron	Baited feathers
900 kilos	Arklow	12th May	Rene Laurent, Junior	Mackerel Strip
1 15.5	Carnsore Point	18th August	Cecil Barron	Baited feathers
1 13.75	Arklow	11th November	Patrick Murphy	Mackerel
1.87	Dungarvan	17th September	Odd G. Olsen (N)	Mackerel

BLUE SHARK

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
144	Downings	28th August	Seamus Doherty	Mackerel
59.38 kilos	Kinsale	20th July	Bob O'Shea	Mackerel
129	Baltimore	23rd August	Reinhold Netz (D)	Mackerel
124	Downings	28th August	Michael McVeigh	Mackerel
55.7 kilos	Kinsale	19th July	Tony Devoy	Mackerel
120	Ballycotton	8th September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Mackerel
120	Clifden	26th September	Alfons Geevers (NL)	Mackerel
118	Crosshaven	31st July	Christian Hansen (DK)	Mackerel
52.72 kilos	Kinsale	18th June	W. Oosterbaan (NL)	Mackerel
116	Courtmacsherry	16th August	Jason Byrne	Mackerel



A tagged blue shark from the south coast. Over 750 blues were tagged and returned alive during the year.

BLUE SHARK (Continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
52.2 kilos	Kinsale	15th June	Oliver Jorns (D)	Mackerel
115	Ballycotton	7th August	C. Hammerschmidt (A)	Mackerel
52 kilos	Kinsale	13th July	Peter Collier (GB)	Mackerel
52 kilos	Kinsale	2nd July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
51.3 kilos	Kinsale	19th July	Tony Devoy	Mackerel
112	Kilkee	28th July	Clement Roddy	Mackerel
110	Courtmacsherry	8th August	Ronald Claes (B)	Mackerel
109	Achill	2nd August	Peter Lange (D)	Mackerel
48.5 kilos	Kinsale	6th July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
106	Baltimore	2nd August	John Goodwin (GB)	Mackerel
106	Donegal Bay	15th September	Dermot Corrigan	Mackerel
48 kilos	Kinsale	17th June	Casper Garrels (NL)	Mackerel
105 4	Cobh	25th August	Pieter Leyten (NL)	Mackerel
105	Crookhaven	26th August	Michael B. O'Ceallaigh	Mackerel
105	East Ferry	13th July	Brian Byrne	Mackerel
104	Fastnet Rock	2nd September	Brian C. Murphy	Mackerel
103	Courtmacsherry	21st July	John B. Hartin	Mackerel
46.55 kilos	Kinsale	19th July	Michael Quinn	Mackerel
46.14 kilos	Kinsale	18th July	J.C. Van Ouwkerk (NL)	Mackerel
45.59 kilos	Kinsale	16th June	B. Cunningham (GB)	Mackerel

SCAD

Record, 1.97 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Carnsore Point	17th August	Cecil Barron	Feathers

TWAITE SHAD

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	River Barrow, St. Mullins	28th April	Geoffrey Peake	Ilba
2.28	St. Mullins	29th April	Geoffrey Peake	Ilba
2 4	St. Mullins	28th April	Drew Ferris	Jansen Tobis
2.21	St. Mullins	2nd May	Jim O'Brien	Silver Spinner
2.18	St. Mullins	1st May	Patrick Fitzgerald	Jensen
2.11	St. Mullins	12th May	Patrick Stack	Abu Toby
2.10	St. Mullins	29th April	Drew Ferris	Jansen Tobis
2 1	St. Mullins	29th April	Geoffrey Peake	Toby
2.05	St. Mullins	29th April	James Plummer	Jensen Lure
2.05	St. Mullins	2nd May	Jim O'Brien	Silver Spinner
2.04	St. Mullins	1st May	Andrew J. Young	Cruiser
2	St. Mullins	2nd May	Bill Ryan	Krill
2	St. Mullins	2nd May	Bill Ryan	Krill

SMOOTH HOUND

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7	Howth	16th July	Patrick Hayden	Ragworm

TOPE

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
29.5 kilos	Portaferry	29th September	H.M.A. van Loenen (NL)	Mackerel
59	Ardglass	8th September	Gerry Bell	Mackerel Flapper
56	Carlingford Lough	17th June	Des O'Connell	Coalie
55	Strangford Lough	28th July	David Woodrow	Mackerel
52 8	Rush	18th August	Liam Dunne	Mackerel
45	Kilmore Quay	25th September	David J. Wilson (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
41	Cahore	16th July	Shay McLoughlin	Mackerel
40	Wicklow Bay	13th September	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip



Dutch angler, Hans van Loenen, with a fine tope of 29.5 kg from Strangford Lough.

TORSK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 7	Burtonport	20th May	Billy Holland	Mackerel baited pirk
4.30 kilos	Burtonport	19th May	Joseph Bradley	Coalfish strip

BALLAN WRASSE

Record, 4.3 kilos. Specimen Weight 4.75 lbs; 2.154 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 5.5	Kilmore	1st September	Michael C. Cowley	Lure
6	Ballyreen	16th June	Peter Owen (GB)	Peeler Crab
5.9	Galway Bay	23rd September	Kenneth Griffin	Mackerel Feathers
5 12	Causeway Coast	15th July	Joseph M. Barrie	Ragworm
2.5 kilos	Dingle	21st September	Eamon Fogarty	Crab
5.27	Kinsale	23rd September	John Kavanagh	Peeler Crab
5 2.75	Carne, Nr. Rosslare	22nd September	Andrew C. Bradbury (GB)	Mackerel
2.340 kilos	Ballyferriter	20th September	Michael Kempster (GB)	Peeler Crab
5 2	Ballyreen	17th June	Terry Bewes (GB)	Crab
2.280 kilos	Kilmore Quay	27th September	Marshall Beckett	Ragworm
5 0.5	Saltee Island	17th September	Arthur R. Dixon (GB)	Ragworm
4.85	Tramore	10th September	James O'Brien	Ragworm
4.79 lbs	Carnsore Point	22nd July	Cecil Barron	Mackerel baited feathers

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1 lb. 12.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 1.25 lbs; .567 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Causeway Coast	13th May	Campbell Tosh	Lugworm
1 8.5	Maidens, Larne	27th September	Roger Freil	Baited spoon
1 8	Larne	16th September	W.A. Ferris	Mackerel Strip
1 7	Maidens	16th September	C. E. Greer	Mackerel Tipit
1 6.75	Larne	16th September	David Bailie	Mackerel Strip
500 kilos	Belmullet	18th August	Paul McConnell	Mackerel
1 5	Maidens	16th September	Ian D. Latham	Mackerel Strip
1.28	Carnsore Point	19th July	Cecil Barron	Baited feathers
1.26	Doonbeg	29th July	George Dunstall	Baited feathers
1 4.5	Causeway Coast	5th August	Mrs. Carrol Black	Ragworm
1 4	Maidens	16th September	C. E. Greer	Mackerel
1 4	Larne	16th September	Garnett Coulter	Mackerel Strip

SUMMER VISITOR



A rare wreck fish or stone basse from Valentia. The summer of 1990 produced large numbers of "tropicals" including triggerfish, amberjack, mako shark and pilot fish.

NEW RECORDS

Two New Records were established in 1990.

A **RUDD/BREAM HYBRID** of 6 lbs. 4 ozs. was caught by Peter Walsh, 5 St. Assam's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5, at Monalty Lake on March 5th.

A **THREE BEARDED ROCKLING** of 3 lbs. 1 oz. was caught by Maurice Laurent, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford, at Arklow on May 11th.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1990 for the special awards made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Cecil Barron, 223 Ashley Rise, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.
William Boal, 31 Kintullagh Park, Ballymena, Co. Antrim
Brendan Doyle, 18 Pearse Avenue, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.
Des Elliott, 3 Ashdale Road, Terenure, Dublin 6.
W.A. Ferris, 41 Ashgrove Avenue, Banbridge, Co. Down.
Ian Ford, Monroe, Slanemore, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
John O'Shaughnessy, Crookedwood, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
Robert Tully, 9 Coolatree Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9.
J.R. Tyler, 16 Hewitt Drive, Kirry Muxloe, Leics, LE9 9EB, England.

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, 1990. The award goes to:

Master Gareth McMahon, Ardee Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, for a Bream of 10 lbs taken in Monalty Lake on October 12th, 1990.

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 15 of these awards have been made to date and during 1990, Martin Cassidy, 130 Seacoast Road, Limavady, Co. Londonderry, Irvine Tannahill, 91 Killeague Road, Macosquin, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, W. A. Ferris, 41 Ashgrove Avenue, Newry Road, Banbridge, Co. Down, qualified.

SPECIAL NOTE

During 1976, in the interests of conservation, the Committee decided to remove the Common skate (*Raja batis*) from the list of eligible fish and not to consider any claims except for a possible new record (i.e., a fish in excess of 221 lbs).

The Committee are delighted with the response to this appeal and it is gratifying to know that in almost every case, common skate are now returned unharmed to the water and in some areas, the population of this popular sporting fish are beginning to be re-established.

In September of 1990, Mr. Donal Kennedy of Clondalkin, Dublin, boated a skate in Clew Bay, Co. Mayo. Experienced anglers and skippers who saw the fish confirm that it was indeed exceptionally large and could have beaten the existing record.

In the interests of conservation, Mr. Kennedy decided to forego the opportunity of challenging the record which has stood since 1913 and, after photographing and measuring the fish, returned it alive to the sea.

By comparing the photographs and measurements with existing records, the Committee are satisfied that this was a common skate of truly exceptional size and worthy of special mention. The Committee acknowledges Mr. Kennedy's unselfish contribution to conserving a species whose continuing availability is of serious concern to anglers.

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 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 Claims 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 and not to consider any claims whatsoever, except for a possible new record (i.e., a fish weighing in excess of 221 lbs.). 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.

CAPTORS ADDRESSES

Because of difficulties in establishing eligibility for the Ten Specimen and Ten Species Awards, captors are advised to inform the Committee of changes in their addresses.

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
1990	286	45	23	21	4	1

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 £300 to our funds. Also the Federation of Irish Specimen Hunters, who donated £215. The Rush Angling Festival also donated part of the proceeds of the festival to us. Our thanks also to the Garda S.A.C., who contributed £100. To the Committees and to all the members who worked so hard to make the events successful, we tender our sincere and grateful thanks.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

In Ireland

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1989 was made at the Garda Club, Dublin. The Presentation for the 1990 Awards will take place at the Garda Club, Harrington Street, Dublin, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd February, 1991.

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 1989 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 1989 is given in this Report. The 1990 account will only be available in 1991 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 sincerest thanks to those who have already subscribed, namely:

Central Fisheries Board; Bord Failte; South Shore S.A.C.; Garda S.A.C.; Causeway Coast S.A.C.; Aghada S.A.C.; Delphi Fishery Ltd.; Dolphin Richview S.A.C.; Donaghadee S.A.C.; Eastern Regional Fisheries Board; E.S.B. Shoreliners; Federation of Irish Specimen Hunters; National Coarse Angling Federation of Ireland; Rush S.A. Festival; Anon, Co. Mayo; Robert Bankhead, 10 Elm Corner, Seymore Hill, Dunmurray, Co. Antrim. Brendan Barry, 8 Hawthorn Walk, Hillview, Waterford; Kevin Barry, 58 Crescent Drive, Hillview, Waterford; Gerard Bell, 84A Upper Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT10, N.I.; W.A. Boal, 31 Kintullagh Park, Ballymena, Co. Antrim; David Brown; F.H.E. Buller, "Holy Tree", Woodland, South Heath, Gt. Middenden, Bucks, England; Martin J. Burke, 21 Oak Park, Lifford, Ennis, Co. Clare; S.A. Caul, 7 Pond Park Avenue, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N.I.; Christy Cloak, 236 Belgard Heights, Tallaght, Dublin 24; C.J. Coates, 1 Gilnahirk Rise, Belfast, BT5 7DT, N.I.; Dick Collins, River View House, Highlands, Glounthoune, Cork; Diarmuid Cotter, 125 Mt. Nebo Avenue, Gurranebraher, Cork; Garnett Coulter, 24 Kilmore Park, Kilmore, Co. Armagh, BT61 8NT, N.I.; Eddie Cull, Woodlands, Garryduff, Middleton, Co. Cork; P.F. Dore, "St. Anne's", Freshford Road, Kilkenny; N. Dunn, Flat 2D, Ballyhalbert Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, N.I.; James Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6; Matt Foley, 18 Upper Lotabeg Road, Mayfield, Cork; Ian Forde, Monroe, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; Fred Foster, 6 Palmerstown Green, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20; M. Francey, 19 Willowfield Parade, Belfast, BT6 8H6, N.I.; Neill Gibson, 2 Islandbraddagh Lane, Leeke Road, Bushmills, N.I.; R.C. Green, "Foxcoveys", Foxcovert Lane, Lower Peover, Nr. Knutsford, Cheshire, England; Richard Hancox, 25 Lime Avenue, Northampton, England; A.C. Hatbury, 2 Glebe Court, Mitcham, Surrey, England; Dr. M.E. Henderson, 14 Abbotsview Court, Galashiels, Selkirkshire, TD1 3ES; Burkhard Hobler, Teach An Chuilinn, Clydagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway; Philip Hodgins, 194 Meadow Grove, Dundrum, Dublin 16; David L. Hunter, 5 Ravenhill Crescent, Belfast BT6 8JU; Liam Kane, 39 Rushbrook Estate, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15; Wilfried Lange, Varl 300, 4993 Rahden, W. Germany; Maurice Laurent, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford; Ken Laverick, 25 Glenholm Ave., Belfast, BT8 4LU, N.I.; Henry Lynam, 104 Millview Lawns, Malahide, Co. Dublin; John McDermot, 1 Clarke Street, Clonakilty, Co. Cork; James McMahon, Carrick Sports Centre, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan; A. McMillan, 87 Ardcarne Drive, Dundonald, Belfast; Michael McVeigh, 7 Jerusalem Street, Belfast, BT7 1QN; Joe Monaghan, 13 Taney Crescent, Dundrum, Dublin 4; Joe Mullan, 74 Main Street, Portrush, Co. Antrim; Dr. M. Murphy; Chris Neill, 3 Glencraig Gardens, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, N.I.; Thomas O'Brien, Currahend, Ballinacurra, Middleton, Co. Cork; Alan O'Hagan, 1 Beech Mount Drive, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, N.I.; P. O'Kane, 12 Mullaghboy Heights, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, N.I.; K. O'Leary, 49 Gouldavoher, Dooradoyle, Limerick; J. O'Neill, 25 Greenvale Park, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, N.I.; Bob O'Shea, 22 Forest Ridge Crescent, Doughcloyne, Wilton, Cork; John O'Shea, 6 Raphoe Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12; Ron Patterson, 214 Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast, BT6 8LL, N.I.; Paddy Purcell, Tinvoher, Loughmore, Templemore, Co. Tipperary; Bill Ryan, 3 Raheen Ave., Tallaght, Dublin 24; John Sherry, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin; Tom Sneyd, 32 Lorcan Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9; P.J. Shires, 217 Regine Road, South Norwood, London, England; M.C. Thorne, Ban Dells Cottages, Cotes Road, Cotes, Leicester, England; A.J. Tower, 95 Westhall Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR3 9HG, England. John Tyler, 16 Hewitt Drive, Kirby, Muxloe, England; Peter Walsh, The Bivvy, Ballinagall, Knockcorin, Mullingar.

THE INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION

By Des Brennan

When founded in 1939, I.G.F.A.'s primary responsibilities were to establish ethical international angling regulations and to serve as a central processing centre for world record catch data. In 1972, I.G.F.A. expanded its goals in view of the urgent need for a recognised agency to bring anglers into closer organisation and better awareness of problems facing the species and the sport. Originally its record list covered marine sport fishes only and as it was an American organisation, most of the species listed were those caught in the waters off America, although the distribution of some of them was world wide.



Among the primary reasons it became an international organisation was the tremendous increase in commercial fishing pressure which was adversely affecting many species of Game Fishes and the growing popularity of Marine Sport Fishing. Up to this time, I.G.F.A. had been privately funded, but in its new role, these resources would prove inadequate, so in March 1973, I.G.F.A. established various membership categories so that individuals and fishing clubs could help support the expanded goals of the organisation. If the Association was to grow and continue as an effective representative for anglers throughout the world, greater support and funding was needed.

I.G.F.A.'s objectives are founded on the beliefs that game fish species, related food fish and their habitat are economic, social, recreational and aesthetic assets which must be maintained, wisely used and perpetuated; and that the sport of game fish angling is an important recreational, economic and social activity which the public must be educated to pursue in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservation practices.

Its major objectives are:

- (1) To encourage and further the study of game fish angling, the related species and the habitat requirements of such species.
- (2) To work at all levels of government and industry for the preservation of the species and the protection of their natural habitats.
- (3) To compile and distribute game fish information to all I.G.F.A. members, the general public, and scientific and legislative government bodies for the furtherance of education in the wise use and conservation of the species.
- (4) To ensure that the recreational angler is adequately represented at all meetings where the future of the game fish population and the angling sport is being determined.
- (5) To assist and participate in domestic and international game fish seminars and symposiums where the expertise, data and purposes of this organisation may be helpful in assisting other organisations with similar objectives.

- 6) To develop and support game fish tagging programmes and other scientific data collection efforts, and to aid scientific and educational institutions which provide vital instruction and research in ichthyology, the fishery sciences and related studies.
- 7) To maintain and promote fair, uniform and ethical international angling regulations and to compile and maintain world record data for game fish caught according to these regulations.
- 8) To develop and maintain an international museum and reference library on game fish, the sport of angling and related subjects.
- 9) To accumulate and maintain a worldwide history of game fishing for the use and benefit of the public.

I.G.F.A.'s Record List is based on line classes in the following breaking strains - 1 Kilo (2 lbs); 2 Kgs. (4 lbs); 4 Kgs. (8 lbs); 6 Kgs. (12 lbs); 8 Kgs. (16 lbs); 10 Kgs. (20 lbs); 15 Kgs. (30 lbs); 20 Kgs. (40 lbs); 25 Kgs. (50 lbs); 30 Kgs. (60 lbs); 35 Kgs. (70 lbs); 40 Kgs. (80 lbs) and the heaviest class 60 Kgs (130 lbs). There is a separate record for each line class and a maximum breaking strain for each species. For example, there are 7 line class records for our own Bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) between 1 kg. and 15 kgs. and claims for bass taken on heavier line than 15 kgs would not be considered. For marine species, there is a separate list of women's records for all line classes allowed for each species. On the freshwater side, there is no separate list for women but the same restrictions on maximum line classes prevail.

While the majority of species listed are not available in the waters around these islands, many are and on the freshwater side, Salmon, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Carp and Pike are found in the Record list. On the marine side, species which offer us opportunities are Bass, Conger, Cod, Pollack, Coalfish, Tope, Blue and Porbeagle Shark. There are also records for fish caught on Fly rod and many records are vacant and open to be claimed by anglers ready to accept the challenge.

As I.G.F.A. is still spreading world wide, many species of fish widely angled for in parts of the world are not yet included in the Record List. In order to fill these gaps, I.G.F.A. hold an Annual Fresh and Saltwater Fishing Contest. Freshwater and Saltwater anglers worldwide can enter their prize catches in the Annual I.G.F.A. fishing Contest. Entries are accepted for all species (minimum weight 1 lb./453 kg) caught on rod and reel according to I.G.F.A. angling rules. First, second and third place certificates are awarded for the heaviest fish of each species taken during the contest year plus all entrants receive a certificate of catch.

In addition to recognising many of the great catches made by anglers each year, the contest is designed to document these catches and make the statistics available to fishery scientists and other interested parties. In addition, I.G.F.A. recognises that the current world record listings may fail to include some species caught in substantial numbers throughout the world and emphasis is given to submitting contest entries for species not yet listed.

At the end of the contest, I.G.F.A., examines all entries for "new species" to determine if any should be considered for world records and what the heaviest acceptable line class for each new species will be. These decisions are based on the availability of the species, geographical distribution and popularity among anglers. The heaviest approved catch in each line and tippet class category is then designated as the initial world record for the new species.

Entries are accepted for catches made on or after August 1st each year. Each annual contest ends with all entries received by I.G.F.A. as of October 31st of the following year. Remember the contest is open to all anglers world wide and there is no limit on the number of entries which may be submitted by an angler and there is no charge for processing an entry. All freshwater and saltwater species caught on rod and line are eligible for consideration.

I.G.F.A. has also established a programme to give special recognition to catches where the weight

of the fish far exceeds the breaking strength of the line or tippet used to catch the fish. This programme gives recognition for catches where the weight of the fish is five, ten, fifteen or twenty times the breaking strength of the line or tippet. Approved applications will recognise the angler as a member of the I.G.F.A. 5 to 1, 10 to 1, 15 to 1 or 20 to 1 Club.

Entry forms and/or I.G.F.A. International Angling Rules and World Record Requirements may be obtained from I.G.F.A., 300 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33316-1616, U.S.A.



Surf fishing on Owenahincha Strand, Co. Cork.

MEMORABLE HOLIDAYS



Jan and Marja Wijnstroom of Holland made their first trip to Ireland in 1978. Since then, they have returned most years, camping and fishing from Donegal to Wexford. Unlike most of their Dutch angling colleagues, shore fishing is their sport. Marja is a solicitor and Jan is a lawyer for the Dutch Association of Angling Federations (NVVS) and a regular correspondent to the Dutch angling magazines. In 1990, their son, Jurjen Sean was born and in September, he took

his first steps in Eire during their annual visit. This did not distract from the fishing because during their stay on Achill and Valentia, the tally was 15 species, including two trigger fish, bull buss to 11 lbs, thornbacks and tub gurnard, all caught from the shore.

Reflecting on our first Irish holiday twelve years ago, I can only say we were lucky to have enough time to get to know the country and the wealth of fishing on offer. One of the highlights during that first trip was the Westport Festival in which I fished the shore competition from Inishgort. Unequipped for big fish like rays, bull huss and tope (a 26 lbs fish was caught that day), I nevertheless had great fun. I even caught two nice sea trout spinning. This was quite unusual, simply because nobody bothered to fish that way. I was spinning because I had no other choice! I watched Irish and English competitors catching dogfish, rays and bull huss. The fishing was so much different from what we are used to in Holland and so exciting that Marja and I were hooked at once.

During our last week that year, we fished another competition in Ardmore, Co. Waterford. We fished during an evening tide in excellent conditions. It produced very good ray fishing, with some painted rays into double figures which were specimens. I blanked, but the sight of big fish coming in around me again was exciting. Next day saw us fishing the Waterford Glass Competition on Clonea Strand in very weedy conditions. Fishing was light beach casting gear just like we do in Holland gave me second place with four dogfish which I caught on sandeel given to me by a fellow competitor.

Joining competitions during our Irish holidays gave us the opportunity to learn the tricks and places and to taste the social atmosphere that is such an important feature in these events. We have continued to do this and two years ago, we fished the June Rock Fishing Week at Fanore, Co. Clare and what we experienced was as positive and pleasant as ever.



For me, one of the attractions in Irish shore fishing is the enormous variety the coastline offers - the unspoilt scenery and the knowledge that there always is a chance to meet something big or unexpected. A great help for us are the angling maps, compiled by the Central Fisheries Board. They are a must for visitors to find access and bait digging areas and the information given on species and locations proved to be accurate.

During the first years, we visited the famous storm beaches in Co. Kerry several times. the fishing for bass proved to be not very successful which was confirmed by the adjusted C.F.B. information and reports from other

anglers. "Occasional bass" mentioned on the Kerry maps is now unfortunately quite correct.

The recent introduction of the bass legislation is a step in the right direction. Its effectiveness will depend on the effectiveness of control. The Irish government is well aware of the tourist economic potential in sea angling. When Ireland's western surf beaches are fishing again, like they did some years ago, the tourist revenues involved will be much more than the commercial exploitation of this species can ever produce. And what about the scenery on these Kerry beaches! It can only be described as superb.

In relation to the future of our sport, I can only say that it was a very wise decision of the Irish anglers to fish most of their competitions under conservation rules. As most of the fish caught during these matches are not eaten, it is only proper to put them back to give sport for another time. In Holland, the same rules apply on shore matches fished under NVVS rules. Fish are measured and returned. Despite this, there is a growing opposition from animal welfare groups, which in Holland must be taken seriously. It means that anglers and their organisations must consider the future of their sport. Personally, I think there will be more opposition to angling in countries like Holland where people have less contact with nature. That's the reason we like to travel to Ireland every year. Our camping holidays in Ireland bring back a special feeling and a way of life in which fishing is as self-evident as nature itself. For instance, on holiday, nothing is more pleasing than eating your self-caught fish like the turbot we caught at Pollacopal beach on the Belmullet Peninsula, or the flounder on Achill's Keem Strand.

When it comes to eating fish, we have the impression that we never had any better fish than those caught during our holidays in Ireland. Flounders taste like sole and the turbot are a true delicacy, especially eaten before the tent on a warm summers evening, or at the open fire in our self-catering house like we did in 1990.

During the years we have fished in Ireland, we have had quite some memorable sessions. Sometimes there was a bumper catch like the thirty or so ray we caught in North Mayo in a 5 hours evening session, or the 10 lbs thornback that Marja caught at Glanleam, Valentia on a dutch salted lugworm, fished on a flatfish trace! Most of the times just the scenery made our day and of course, the many friendly people we have met during our trips. I hope we will be able to return many times!

IRISH RECORD FISH

FRESHWATER SPECIES

Species	Weight lbs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Salmon	57 0	1874	River Suir	M. Maher
Sea Trout	16 6	29.10.1983	Shimna River, Co. Down	Thomas McManus
Brown Trout (River)	20 0	22. 2.1957	River Shannon, Corbally	Major Hugh Place
Brown Trout (Lake)	26 2	15. 7.1894	Lough Ennell	Wm. Mears
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 13.5	11. 8.1970	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3 1	27. 6.1959	Kilglass Lake	A. E. Biddlecombe
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	6 4	5. 3.1990	Monalty Lake	Peter Walsh
Roach/Bream Hybrid	2.06 Kg.	2. 7.1989	Drumreask L.	Philip Arthur
Tench	7 13.25	25. 5.1971	River Shannon, Lanesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	5 15	2. 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 1.25	27. 4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	6.32 lbs	28.12.1986	Ballycotton	Eddie Cull
Brill	9 8	8. 9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
Coalfish	12.5 kilos	21. 9.1983	Kinsale	E. Masheijer
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	I.L. Stewart
Conger	72 0	June, 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Dab	2.02	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 6.5	21.8.1979	Ballyteigue, Co. Wexford.	David Gray
Garfish	3 10.25	16. 9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Tub Gurnard	12 3.5	8. 8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21. 9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9.5	17. 7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Species	Weight lbs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Haddock	10 13.5	15. 7.1964	Kinsale	F.A.E. Bull
Hake	25 5.5	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 13.5	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 4.25	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	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	3 1	11. 5.1990	Arklow	Maurice Laurent
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 14.5	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 12.5	18. 9.1988	Larne	Brigid B. Monaghan

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lbs. ozs.	lbs.	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	7.5	3.402
Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	26 2	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 13.5	2	.907
Rudd (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>)	3 1	2.25	1.021
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	6 4	3	1.361
Roach/Bream Hybrid	2.065 kilos	3	1.361
Tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>)	7 13.25	6	2.721
Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>)	6 15	3	1.361

SEAFISH

Angler Fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	42.985 kilos	40	18.144
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	17 1.25	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	1.5	.680
Dogfish - Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	18 12	12	5.443
- Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>)	4 4	3.5	.587
- Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>)	23 12	16	7.257
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	4 6.5	3	1.361
Garfish (<i>Belone bellone</i>)	3 10.25	2.25	1.021
(<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>)	- -	4 ozs.	.355
Gurnard - Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>)	12 3.5	5	2.268
- Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>)	3 1	1.5	.680
- Red (<i>Aspitigla cuculus</i>)	3 9.5	2	.907
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	10 13.5	7	3.175
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25 5.5	10	4.536
Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156 0	50	22.680
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	.425 kilos	.75	.340
John Dory (<i>Zeus faber</i>)	7 8	4	1.814
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	46 8	25	11.340

SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS (REVISED) (Continued)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD	SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lbs. ozs.	lbs.	kilos
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	4 2	2.5	1.134
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	1.85 kilos	1.75	.794
Monkfish (<i>Squatina squatina</i>)	73 0	50	22.680
Mullet - Grey, thick lipped (<i>Crenimugil labrosus</i>)	7 10	5	2.268
- Red (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	- -	1	.454
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	8.23	4	1.814
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	19 3	12	5.443
Pouting (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)	4 13.5	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	4.5	2.041
- Electric (<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>)	59 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 4.25	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9 6	4.5	2.041
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsarus vulgaris</i>)	3 1	1.75	.794
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	1.97	1.5	.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	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 14.5	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	4.3 kilos	4.75	2.154
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	1 12.5	1.25	.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 SPECIM FISH COMM

Expenditure and Revenue Account – 1st January - 31 December, 1989

1988	Expenditure	1989	1988	Revenue	1989
£1,622.25	Printing	£1,412.50		Balance B/F	£797.32
£390.34	Medals	£876.25		Grants	
£133.56	Travel	£167.88	£1,200.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,200.00
£25.00	Late Dr. Went Prize	£25.00		Subscriptions	
£403.09	Miscellaneous	£432.72	£1,892.34	Angling Clubs etc.	£1,494.16
£109.85	Sec. Expenses		£414.34	Individual Donations	£615.96
£7.54	Bank Charges	£15.36	£17.75	EBS Interest	£14.04
	Balance c/d	£1,919.77			
					£4,121.48
				Balance b/d	£1,191.77

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 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 lbs 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 Boreen, 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, 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 coloration 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 THE COMMITTEE:**

PLEASE:

- (1) Notify the 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; (deep 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 0265-44594).