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REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1991

During 1991, the Committee was composed of P. Fitzmaurice, Chairman and K. Linnane, Secretary (Central Fisheries Board); B. Geraghty (Bord Failte Eireann); 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); Martin McEnroe (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland); E. Twomey, A. Gibson and D. Brennan.

During the year the Committee received 459 claims and ratified 435.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1991 (Dates of capture 1991 unless otherwise stated)

SALMON

Record, 57 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; .9072 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
34 1	River Nore	12th May	Marc O'Regan	Fly
29.47	River Suir	12th February	George Robinson	Blue/Silver Devon
28 4	River Blackwater	7th May	Raymond Rocks	Worm
23 7	Lough Currane	29th March	Dominic McGillicuddy	Rapala
21.06	Screebe Fishery	21st Sept.'90	Dr. Ralph Dietrich (D)	Claret & Bumble
20 1.5	Lough Currane	17th January	John Murphy	Rapala
20	River Corrib	27th Sept.	Christian Roubin (F)	Devon Shrimp

SEA TROUT

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 1.5	Lough Currane	18th January	Dr. Frank Rossat (CH)	Mepps
8 12	Lough Currane	6th July	Rory O'Neill	Fly
8 0.5	Lough Currane	29th June	Master C. Booth	Fly
7.74	Lough Currane	11th May	Hans Gerken (D)	Gold Lucki
7 8	Lough Currane	25th June	Brendan Spillane	Fly
7 6.25	Lough Currane	13th August	Michael Casey	Fly
7 6	Lough Currane	20th May	J.L. Woodhead (GB)	Fly
7 5	Lough Currane	16th May	Reinhard Mielke (D)	Toby
7 2.5	Lough Currane	4th July	Master C. Booth	Fly
6 15.75	Lough Currane	16th June	Jeff Thomas (GB)	Fly
6 15.25	Lough Currane	20th July	Stephen Curran	Fly
6.78	Lough Currane	16th July	Colin Hamilton	Fly
6 7	Lough Currane	17th June	Robert Priestley	Fly
6 5	Lough Currane	27th April	Arnold Hofer (D)	Toby Spoon
6.29	Lough Currane	27th June	Philip McCarthy	Fly
6 1.25	Lough Currane	22nd June	Richard R.M. Maybin	Fly

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17.03	Lough Corrib	25th August	John Gibbons	Minnow
16.44	Lough Mask	4th September	Naomi Turl (GB)	Copper/Silver Spoon
14	Lough Corrib	4th June	Edmond A. Kenny	Devon
13.01	Lough Corrib	7th September	John Gibbons	Minnow
5.635 kilos	Killarney Lake	23rd April	Dermot O'Mahoney	Rapala
11 6	Lough Mask	22nd May	Erika Lange (D)	Rapala
11 4	Lough Corrib	28th April	Norbert Zimmerer	Minnow
11 4	Lough Mask	30th March	Desmond Elliott	Copper Spoon
10.83	Lough Corrib	7th September	John Gibbons	Minnow
10.75	Lough Mask	26th May	Declan Murphy	Rapala
10 10	Lower L. Corrib	19th March, '90	Kevin O'Toole	Minnow
10.53	Lough Mask	10th May	Walter A. Weber (CH)	ABU Toby
10.5	Lough Mask	25th May	Heinz Bunzel (D)	Rapala
10.35	Lough Mask	14th April	Norbert Schittenhelm (D)	Rapala

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	SPECIMEN	METHOD
9 13	River Shannon, Ballintra	26th April	Maurice Cullen	Toby
5.68	River Liffey, Clane	23rd May	Patrick A. Flanagan	Worm
5.64	Clare River	29th March	Philip Probert (GB)	Dead Roach
5.58	Cong Canal	27th May	Steve Yeo (GB)	Fly
5.02	Cong River	6th March '90	Frank Reilly	Worm
5 12.25	Clare River	23rd August	Noel Martyn	Fly
5.73	River Boyne	16th July	Noel P. O'Connor	Fly
5 8	River Shannon	4th July	Maurice Cullen	Fly

BREAM

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 8	Monalty Lake	15th August	Ian Munday (GB)	Maggots
10 7.5	Monalty Lake	17th March	James McMahon	Maggots
10 2	Monalty Lake	17th March	James McMahon	Maggots
10	Monalty Lake	16th August	John Salt (GB)	Maggots
10	Monalty Lake	10th April	James McMahon	Maggots
9 15	Monalty Lake	23rd March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 15	Monalty Lake	4th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 13.5	Monalty Lake	10th March	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 13	Monalty Lake	16th March	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 12	Monalty Lake	4th April	Gareth McMahon	Maggots
9 12	Monalty Lake	20th August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	20th August	Kenneth Stonestreet (GB)	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	23rd March	Brendan Doran	Maggots



One of the many fine bream taken from Monalty Lake.

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 10	Monalty Lake	18th March	Gareth McMahon	Maggots
9 9	Monalty Lake	17th August	Udo Schindowski (D)	Sweetcorn
9 8	Monalty Lake	13th August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
9 8	Monalty Lake	16th August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
9 7	Monalty Lake	5th April	Gareth McMahon	Maggots
9 6.5	Monalty Lake	20th March '90	David W.B. Kelly	Maggots/Worms
9 6	Monalty Lake	20th August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Maggots
9 5	Monalty Lake	6th August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
9 4	Monalty Lake	6th August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
9 4	Monalty Lake	6th August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
9 3	Monalty Lake	14th August	Ian Munday (GB)	Maggots
9 3	Monalty Lake	14th August	John Salt (GB)	Maggots
9 2.5	Monalty Lake	19th March '90	David W.B. Kelly	Maggots/Worms
9 1	Monalty Lake	17th August	Udo Schindowski (D)	Sweetcorn
9	Monalty Lake	13th August	Ian Munday (GB)	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	16th August	John Salt (GB)	Maggots
8 14	Monalty Lake	16th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
8 14	Monalty Lake	19th August	Udo Schindowski (GB)	Sweetcorn/Maggots
8 13	Monalty Lake	20th August	Kenneth Stonestreet (GB)	Maggots

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 13	Monalty Lake	20th August	Kenneth Stonestreet (GB)	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	20th August	William Crompton (GB)	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	19th August	Ralf Sternberg (D)	Sweetcorn
8 11	Monalty Lake	3rd November	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 10	Lough Neagh	2nd August	Martin McKibbin	Corn
8 10	Monalty Lake	6th October	Fred Foster	Maggots
8 9	Monalty Lake	1st April	Joey O'Neill	Bread
8 8.5	Monalty Lake	26th October	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 8	Monalty Lake	15th August	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
8.37	Clare River	1st May	Eugene McMahon	Worm
8 6	Monalty Lake	23rd June	Graham Mogg (GB)	Maggots
8 5	Monalty Lake	9th March	Fred Foster	Maggots
8 5	Lough Neagh	3rd August	Martin McKibbin	Corn
8 5	Lough Neagh	14th July	Martin McKibbin	Maggots/Corn
8 4	Monalty Lake	15th September	Ray McElhinney	Maggots
8 4	Monalty Lake	9th March	Fred Foster	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	2nd April	Joey O'Neill	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	19th August	Ralf Sternberg (D)	Sweetcorn
7 13.5	Boundary Lake	23rd July	Ron Patterson	Bread Flake
7 12	Monalty Lake	4th November	Ron Patterson	Maggots/Sweetcorn
7 12	Corcrin Lake	23rd September	Martin Costelloe	Maggots
7 12	Monalty Lake	18th August	Ralf Sternberg (D)	Sweetcorn

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24 8	The Lough, Cork	13th July	Mark McGivern	Boilie
24 6	The Lough, Cork	18th March	Andrew J. Young	Boilie
22 3	The Lough, Cork	5th May	Mark McGivern	Boilie
20 5	The Lough, Cork	3rd May	Mark McGivern	Boilie
19 5	The Lough, Cork	18th March	Andrew J. Young	Boilie
19 2	The Lough, Cork	17th August	Derek Brooks	Boilie
16 9	The Lough, Cork	15th June	Derek Brooks	Boilie
14 10	The Lough, Cork	16th June	Derek Brooks	Boilie
13 9	Ballinafid Lake	8th August	Ron Patterson	Boilie
12 4	Ballinafid Lake	14th July	David L. Hunter	Boilie
10 15	Ballinafid Lake	12th September	John O'Shaughnessy	Kidney Beans
10 14.5	Lodge Lough	25th August, '90	Conor Duffy	Boilie
10 4	Ballinafid Lake	21st July	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
10 3	Ballinafid Lake	4th 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	The Lough, Cork	3rd June	Mark McGivern	Boilie
3 12	Lough Derravaragh	15th Sept. '90	Tony O'Toole	Perch
3 9.5	Aughrusbeg Lake	4th August	W. A. Ferris	Mackerel

EEL (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 7	Lough Derravaragh	13th October	Tony O'Toole	Dead Roach
3.38	River Lee	6th September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Dead Loach
3 3	Lough Derravaragh	15th Sept. '90	Tony O'Toole	Roach
3.01	River Lee	3rd September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Worm

*Garnett Coulter with a good Pike from the Barrow.***PIKE (RIVER)****Record, 42 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
29 14	River Suck	26 October	Jim Doyle	Herring
28 0	River Shannon, Plassy	24 November	Patrick Quinlan	Perch
27 8	River Suck	7th Dec., '90	W. A. Ferris	Mackerel
27 5	River Shannon	2nd Dec., '90	Graham R. Peake	Mackerel
27 5	Mount Talbot	10th February	Michael Glynn	Herring
26	River Inny	22nd June	Declan Dempsey	Roach
25 10	River Suck	27th October	Garnett Coulter	Mackerel
25 6	River Suck	1 December	Michael Glynn	Herring
25 2	River Suck	8 December	Jerry Broderick	Herring
24 6	River Barrow	26th February	Robbie Coventry	Roach
24 1	River Suck	28th July	Paul Lyons	Dead bait
23 4	River Barrow	3rd March	Master Paul O'Callaghan	Dead Roach
22	River Bann	13th April	Master Rene Laurent	Herring
22	Cong River	9th June	Henk de Baan (NL)	Flying C

RIVER PIKE (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
22	River Barrow	16th February	Daniel Murphy	Rudd
21.7	River Barrow	9th March	Daniel Murphy	Smelt
21 9	River Inny	3rd November	John O'Shaughnessy	Herring
21 8	River Barrow	18th March	Christopher Cloak	Roach
21 6	River Barrow	17th February	Peter McCartin	Dead Roach
21	River Inny	10th November	Brendan Doran	Mackerel

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID**Record, 3 lbs. 15.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 3.75	Lower River Bann	26th January	Master Steven Boal	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
3 3	Lower River Bann	26th January	William Boal	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
3 2	Lower River Bann	26th January	William Boal	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
3 0.75	Lower River Bann	26th January	Master Steven Boal	Worm/Maggot Cocktail

RUDD**Record, 3 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2.25 lbs; 1.021 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 4	Annaghmore Lake	27th May	Steve Wilks (GB)	Bread Flake

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID**Record, 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs. 1.361 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.12	River Barrow	9th May	Maurice Laurent	Worms
3 0.5	River Barrow	4th May	Master Rene Laurent	Worms

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 10.5	Bridget Lough	26th May	Michael Connell	Maggots
5 9.5	Bridget Lough	20th May	Ron Patterson	Lobworm/Sweetcorn
5 8.5	Bridget Lough	25th April	Michael Connell	Bread
5 2	Monaghan	18th August	Francis McFadden	Maggots
5 2	Silvergrove Lake	30th May '90	David W.B. Kelly	Sweetcorn/Maggots
2.750 kilos	River Shannon, Shannonbridge	24th May	Bryan Batson (GB)	Brandling
5 1	River Shannon, Shannonbridge	16th May '90	Brendan Bliss (GB)	Worm
5.02	River Shannon	26th May	Gary Rutherford	Maggots
5	Monaghan	15th September	Paul Mathews	Maggots
5	Monalty Lake	31st March	Brendan Doran	Maggots

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 8	Ballybunion	8th May	Gerard Beasley	Lugworm
10.73	Inch Bay, East Cork	28th October	Robert Williams	Lugworm
4.775 kilos	Morriscastle	22nd June	Declan Moran	Ragworm/Squid Cocktail
10 5	Cullenstown	23rd July	Tony Furlong	Rapala
10 3	Cahore	1st September	Patrick Macken	Rapala Plug
10.11	Waterville	16th March	Pat Daly	Lugworm
4.536 kilos	Greystones	12th October	Thomas McCarthy	Mackerel
10	Ballyteigue	13th September	Eamonn Doyle	Krill

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 kilos	Kinsale	27th May	G. Holland (GB)	Mackerel
17	Cobh	1st Sept. '90	John Murphy	Mackerel Fillet
16 8	Crosshaven	21st July	Michael Corbett	Pirk
16.17	Crosshaven	17th June	Ben Cox (NL)	Mackerel
7.1 kilos	Kinsale	25th September	Kees Den Dekker (NL)	Mackerel
15 10	Baltimore	2nd July, '90	John Payne (GB)	Redgill

COD**Record, 42 lbs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.340 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
25	East Ferry	2nd June	Philip Leatham	Mackerel
27	Red Bay	24th June	Robert McFarland	Muppett

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
40	Crosshaven	15th October	C. Van Noord (NL)	Mackerel

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH**Record, 23 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 16 lbs; 7.257 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 14	Crookhaven	24th May	W. Gouda (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
16 12	Sneem	14th June	R. C. Van As (NL)	Mackerel
16.42	Baltimore	1st September	Manfred Haitwisch (D)	Mackerel Strip
16	Sneem	21st May	Bert Nartog (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
16	Courtmacsherry	7th September	Tony O'Connell	Mackerel Strip
16	Rush	23rd Sept. '90	Tom Redmond	Mackerel

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 14	Howth	12th Sept.	Peter Gaffey	Mackerel Strip
3 12	Causeway Coast	23rd June	Samuel Stirling	Mackerel/Ragworm
3 10	Howth	26th August	Mark McKnight	Ragworm
3 8	Clifden	22nd June	Vernon Allen (GB)	Mackerel

SPUR DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 2	Rush	13th July	Michael Quinn	Mackerel Strip
13 6	Rush	18th August	Martin Coleman	Mackerel
13	Dundalk Bay	14th August	Gerry Lennon	Mackerel
13	Dundalk Bay	14th August	Gerry Lennon	Mackerel
13	Kenmare Bay	14th June	Wouter Bouwer (NL)	Mackerel
13	Sneem	16th July	Jenny vde Eynde (NL)	Mackerel
12.66	S.E. of Lambay	13th July	Thomas Masterson	Mackerel
12 10	Rush	13th July	Liam Tully	Mackerel Strip
12 10	Rush	11th August	Marie Louise Redmond	Ragworm
12 10	Howth	25th August	Robert Tully	Mackerel
12 8	Kenmare	14th June	Florent Vanden Eynde (B)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	15th July	N. J. Spruit (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Kenmare Bay	14th June	Theo Lammers (NL)	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	8th July	R. A. Raadschelders (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12 6	Howth	25th August	Alain Bodet	Mackerel
12 4	Howth	25th August	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12 4	Sneem	1st September	Wim de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12.20	Sneem	16th March	Frans Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12 3	Kish Bank	8th September	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12 3	Howth	25th August	Robert Tully	Mackerel
12.15	Sneem	16th March	Johan Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12 2	Rush	13th July	Robert Tully	Mackerel
12 1	Kish Bank	2nd September	Master James Morris	Mackerel Strip
12.05	Sneem	16th March	F. H. Andries (NL)	Mackerel Fillet

FLOUNDER

Record, 4.60 lbs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.60	Ballyteigue	9th November	Patrick Cassidy	Peeler Crab
4.01	Cullenstown, Wexford	31st October	James Byrne	Crab
3.96	Ballyteigue	27th January	Pat Dalton	Lugworm
3 10.5	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	Liam Kane	Lugworm
3.61	Wexford	10th November	John Millerick	Crab
3.60	Ballyteigue	9th November	Patrick Cassidy	Peeler Crab
3 9.25	Cullenstown	10th November	Thomas Keogh	Crab
3 9	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	Edward Brennan	Lugworm
3 8	Ballyteigue	16th Dec '90	Michael Elliott	Lugworm
1.580 kilos	Trabeg	25th October	P. Carlon (GB)	Crab
3.40	Dungarvan	15th Dec. '90	Tony Crowe	Peeler Crab
3.35	Ballyteigue	19th October	James Byrne	Ragworm



Patrick Cassidy with his new Flounder record of 4.60 lbs.

FLOUNDER (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.510 Kilos	Cullenstown	24th Nov.	David Lynch	Lugworm
3.28	Ballyteigue	9th November	John Phelan	Peeler Crab
3 4	Ballyteigue	12th October	Brian Thomas	Crab
3 4	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	John Cherry	Lugworm
3 4	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	Alan Milner	Lugworm
3 4	Ballyteigue	13th October	Gregory Matthews	Crab
3.21	Ballyteigue	2nd June	Anthony Byrne	Crab
3 3	Youghal	11th May	David Jolly	Peeler Crab
3 3	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	Liam Ryan	Lugworm
3.19	Cullenstown	8th December	Rory O'Connor	Peeler Crabs
3.15	Ballyteigue	24th November	John Ring	Lugworm

FLOUNDER (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 2	Ballyteigue	5th October	W. A. Ferris	Lugworm
3 2	Ballyteigue	24th Nov. '90	Jim Walsh	Crab
3 1.75	Youghal	7th April	Martin Curran	Peeler Crab
3.10	Ballyteigue	3rd December	David Tilly	Lugworm
3 1.5	Cullenstown	10th November	Frank Baxter	Crab
3.06	Bannow, Wexford	23rd November	James Byrne	Peeler Crab
3 1	Ballyteigue	5th October	Graham R. Peake	Lugworm
3 1	Ballyteigue	16th Dec. '90	Terry Kedney	Lugworm
1.370 kilos	Cloghane	25th October	Michael Kempster (GB)	Peeler Crab/Ragworm
3	Saleens	3rd June	Michael A. Cunningham	Crab
3	Ballyteigue	13th February	Christy Cloak	Lugworm

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8	Courtmacsherry	20th September	Sarah Gerard-Pearse (GB)	Mackerel Strip
2.32	East Ferry	5th October	Theo Schmitz (NL)	Redgill/Mackerel Strip
2.28	Dungarvan	1st June	C. A. Hoymann (NL)	Feathers
2 4.25	East Ferry	3rd June	William Creswell	Hoi-Koi Lures

GARFISH (Belone svetovidori)**Record, 1 lb. Specimen Weight, 14 ozs; .355 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14.25	East Ferry	21st August	John Noonan	Baited Feathers
88	Courtmacsherry	9th September	Kieran Burns	Mackerel Strip

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.24	Belmullet	2nd July	Dominick Cassidy	Mackerel

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.010 kilos	Killala	10th August	Kathleen Munnally	Mackerel
2 1	Killybegs	18th August	Trevor Stewart	Mackerel baited spoon
2	Downings	25th May	Terry Stewart	Flasher Jig
2	Cobh	23rd May	Jasper Blok (NL)	Mackerel Strip

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7.50	Kerry Shoal	7th July	Stephen Earles	Mackerel/Feathers
5 8.5	Belmullet	6th August	Kevin Deane	Mackerel Strip
5.25	Blacksod	14th August	Vincent Sweeney	Pirk
5	Clew Bay	30th August	Mari Van Gend (NL)	Mackerel Strip

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
42	Courtmacsherry	26th September	Gerard De Rooy (NL)	Mackerel Strip
34	East Ferry	26th October	Dermot O'Brien	Scad
31	Courtmacsherry	20th October	Pat McCarthy	Mackerel Strip
30	East Ferry	3rd June	David Byrne	Mackerel
30	East Ferry	27th October	Fergal McGee	Muppet/Mackerel Fillet
29	East Ferry	23rd June	Kevin O'Connor	Mackerel Strip
28	East Ferry	26th October	Dermot O'Brien	Mackerel Fillet
27.90	Baltimore	12th June, '90	John Haywood (GB)	Baited Muppet
27.29	Baltimore	12th August	Peter J. Lawrence (GB)	Mackerel Strip
27	East Ferry	5th August	Peter Jenner (GB)	Mackerel
27	Courtmacsherry	1st September	Grenier Dominique (F)	Mackerel Strip
26	East Ferry	26th July	Master Stephen Harding	Mackerel Strip
26	East Ferry	31st May	Master Simon Acors (GB)	Mackerel
26	East Ferry	1st June	Ian Leatham	Muppet
25.36	Baltimore	4th Sept. '90	E. J. Aldridge (GB)	Mackerel
25	East Ferry	18th August	Jerry O'Sullivan	Mackerel Flapper

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 15.5	Tory Island	26th May	Joseph McGee	Mackerel

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
55	Lough Swilly	19th May	Brian A. Keeble	Mackerel Strip



Bob Bolt returning a tagged Monkfish taken from Fenit Pier.

GREY MULLET

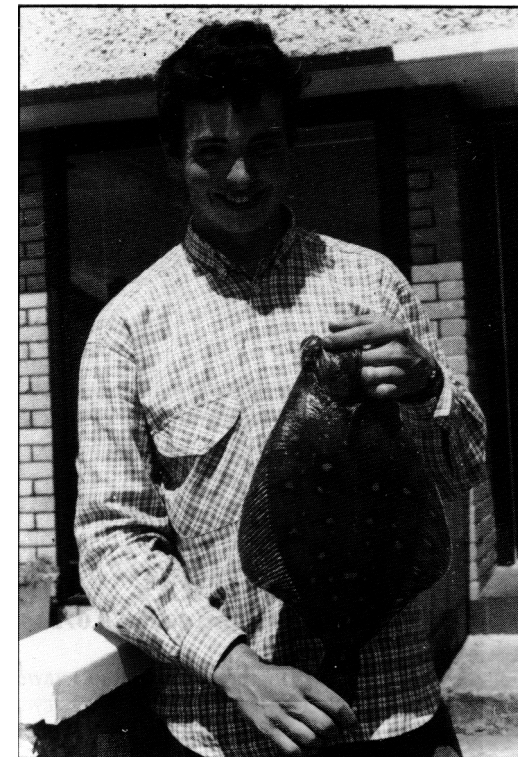
Record, 7 lbs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 14.5	Rosscarbery	11th September	Kieran Burns	Bread
5.36	Dunmore East	2nd August	Eddie Cull	Mackerel
5 3	Lough Furnace	10th August	Garnett Coulter	Bread Flake
2.715 kilos	Lough Furnace	6th July	Declan T. Quigley	Bread Flake
5.75	Balbriggan	5th September	W. A. Ferris	Herring
5 9	Skerries	21st August	Cecil Barron	Mackerel Strip
5 6	Portrush	20th August	Garnett Coulter	Mackerel Strip
5.2	River Liffey	19th September	John Conway	Bread
5.16	River Liffey	5th September	John Conway	Bread
5 1	Lough Furnace	11th August	Garnett Coulter	Bread Flake
5.04	Skerries	28th August	Liam Tully	Mackerel
5	Skerries	14th August	Robert Tully	Mackerel

PLAICE

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 14	Red Bay,	20th July	Robert Scott	Lugworm/Squid
5 13	Ballintoy	7th July	David Stevenson	Ragworm
5 8.25	Dunseveric	3rd September	Noel William Ashby	Mackerel Strip
5 4	Ballintoy	26th May	Samuel Burns	Ragworm/Herring
5 3	Causeway Coast	2nd July	Gary McCurry	Mackerel Strip
5 3	Causeway Coast	19th July	Bert Stewart	Ragworm/Sandeel
5	Portrush	30th June	David Bailie	Ragworm/Mackerel
4.66	Tramore	27th May, '90	Walter Flynn	Mackerel Strip
4 8	Causeway Coast	1st September	Roy Brown	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 7	Causeway Coast	14th July	David Harbinson	Ragworm/Herring
4 5	Causeway Coast	23rd June	David Harbinson	Ragworm/Herring
4 4	Clifden	21st June	P. Zandstra (NL)	Mackerel Strip
4 4	Ballintoy	25th August	Sam Cooper	Ragworm/Mackerel
4 4	Causeway Coast	14th July	David Harbinson	Ragworm/Herring
4 4	Ballintoy	23rd June	John Kitson	Ragworm/Lugworm
4 1	Ballintoy	29 June	Michael White	Ragworm/Mackerel



Tim O'Sullivan, Barrow, with 3 lb. 14 oz. Plaice, caught at Barrow, Co. Kerry.

POLLACK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 2	Clifden	8th August	Master Tom Bartens (NL)	Mackerel
13 2	Clifden	19th June	W. P. Bos (NL)	Sandeel
12.85	Rathmullan	26th August	Malcolm Bowden	Eddystone eel
12 12	Rathlin Island	15th September	George Creighton	Rubber Eel
12.68	Rathmullan	26th August	Ian Eaglen	Eddystone Eel
12.59	Roundstone	8th September	Paul James Casburn	Rubber Eel
12.54	Baltimore	10th October, '90	S. Sparks (GB)	Redgill
12.5	Lough Swilly	21st July	Mrs. Noreen Gallagher	Redgill
12.17	Crosshaven	9 August	C. Rozendaal (NL)	Mackerel
12 4	Clifden	8th September	John Ryan	Rubber Eel
12.15	Dingle	26th May	Geoff Holland (GB)	Redgill
12.13	Baltimore	30th July	Jan v.d. Vosse (NL)	Sandeel
5.5 kilos	Kinsale	6th September	Dudley Williams (GB)	Mackerel
12	Dingle	25th June	Mick Eady (GB)	Black eel

POUTING

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.21	East Ferry	31st July	Bas Goedhard (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 3	Carlingford	17th Sept.	Oliver Finnegan	Mackerel/feathers
3.08	East Ferry	8 December	Des O'Donnell	Herring

CUCKOO RAY

Record, 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4.5 lbs; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 15	Portrush	24th July	Martin Cassidy	Mackerel Strip

STING RAY

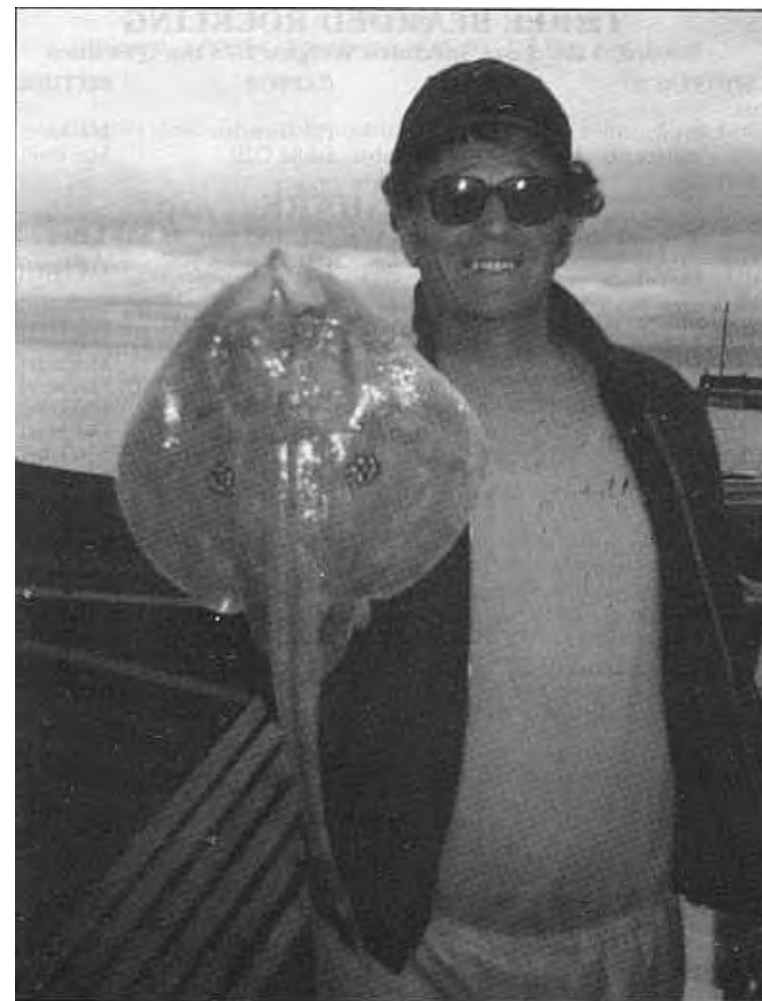
Record, 51 lbs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14	Kilrush	20th July	Jennifer Duff	Mackerel

THORNBACK RAY

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
22	Courtmacsherry	7th June	W. B. de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Strip
21 8	Cahore	2nd June	Brian Thomas	Mackerel



A Cuckoo Ray caught by Liam Ryan at Cahore, Co. Wexford.

HOMELYN RAY

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 2	Causeway Coast	25th August	Master Nigel Bell	Mackerel
5 5	Causeway Coast	7th August	Michael Geary, Snr.	Mackerel Strip
5 2	Causeway Coast	3rd September	Maurice Foster	Mackerel

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

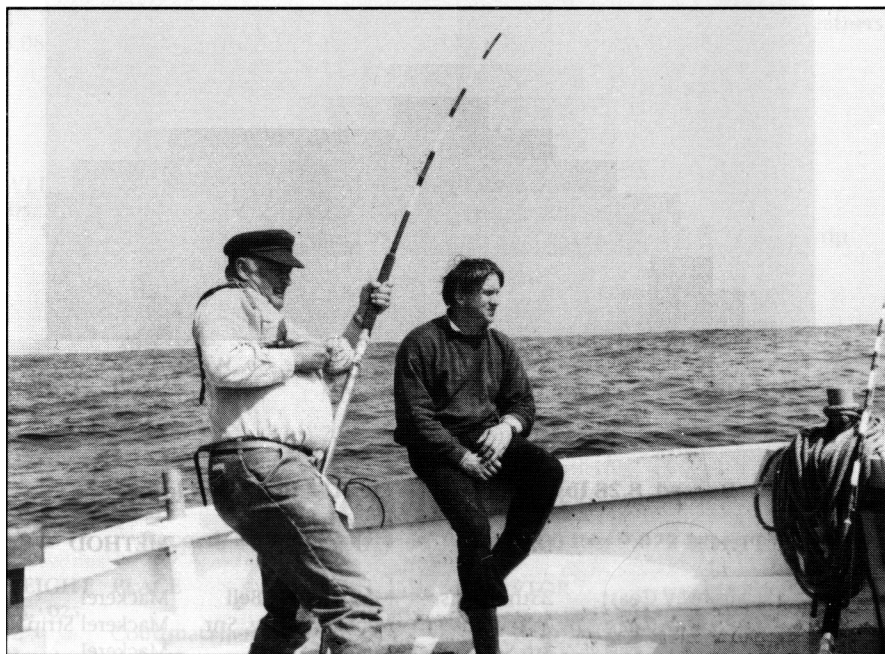
Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 1.75 lbs; .794 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2	Brownstown	5th August	Pat Sheridan	Mackerel
96	Ballycotton	6th November	Eddie Cull	Mackerel/Squid

BLUE SHARK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
121	Crosshaven	17th September	Philippe Serge (F)	Mackerel
54.5 kilos	Kinsale	14th August	Abdou Lamart	Mackerel
119	Mullaghmore	10th September	Siegmar Merz (D)	Mackerel
53.35 kilos	Kinsale	6th July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
110	Mullaghmore	7th September	Johnny Greene	Mackerel
109	Downings	24th August	Rory O'Neill	Mackerel
49.1 kilos	Kinsale	15th July	W. H. Emerson	Mackerel
48.5 kilos	Kinsale	7th August	Edward Ludwig (Lux)	Mackerel
105 8	Kilkee	25th August	Seamus Marmion	Mackerel
105	Ballycotton	8th August	Kurt Schulz (D)	Mackerel
103	Ballycotton	28th July	Christina Fiala (A)	Mackerel
102	Slyne Head	25th August	Joop Aarts (NL)	Mackerel
102	Clew Bay	25th August	David Woodrow	Mackerel Flapper
45.9 kilos	Kinsale	12th August	Philip O'Dwyer	Mackerel
100 1	Baltimore	12th August	Billy Parkinson	Mackerel Strip



Skipper Nick Dent awaits the arrival of a good Blue Shark off Baltimore.

SCAD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.55	Clogher Head	21st August	W. A. Ferris	Silver Krill

TWAITE SHAD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.49	River Barrow, St. Mullins	8th May	Joseph O'Dowd	Jensen Tobis
2.43	St. Mullins	12th May	Adrian Finlay	German Sprat
2.43	St. Mullins	12th May	Thomas Matthews	Jensen
2.39	St. Mullins	7th May	Patrick P. Fitzgerald	Spinner
2.32	St. Mullins	20th May	Pat Griffin	Lane Minnow
2.31	St. Mullins	9th May	Michael A. Cunningham	Killer
2 5	St. Mullins	28th April	Geoffrey Peake	Ilba
2.30	St. Mullins	11th May	Patrick J. Wilson	German Sprat
2 4	St. Mullins	10th May	Joseph McEvoy	Trumf 8
2 4	St. Mullins	11th May	Cecil Barron	Silver Toby
2.24	St. Mullins	8th May	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
2.19	St. Mullins	10th May	Horst Willi Muller	ABU Toby
2 3	St. Mullins	14th May	Peter McCartin	Silver Spinner
2 3	St. Mullins	15th May	Liam Tully	ABU Krill
2 3	St. Mullins	11th May	Pat Daly	Toby
2.18	St. Mullins	6th May	Harold Bailey	Jensen Tobis
2 2	St. Mullins	9th May	Keith Butler	Jensen Tobis
2 2	St. Mullins	9th May	Michael Norton	Jensen Tobis
2 2	St. Mullins	4th May	Graham R. Peake	Ilba Spinner
2.13	St. Mullins	11th May	Patrick J. Wilson	German Sprat
2.13	St. Mullins	12th May	Brendan Mulrennan	Jensen No. 1
2.11	St. Mullins	17th May	Harold Bailey	Jensen Pirken
2.11	St. Mullins	19th May	Pat Daly	ABU Toby
2.11	St. Mullins	13th May	Horst W. Muller	Toby
2.10	St. Mullins	13th May	Joe Hennessy	Jensen
2.10	St. Mullins	13th May	James Plummer	Jensen
2.10	St. Mullins	7th May	Brendan Mulrennan	Jensen Tobis
2.09	St. Mullins	21st May	Wolfgang H. Pfeifer (D)	Jensen Tobis
2.09	St. Mullins	8th May	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
2 1	St. Mullins	9th May	Ray Bannerman	Jensen
2 1	St. Mullins	12th May	Mrs. Deirdre McBride	Krill
2 1	St. Mullins	12th May	Stan Humphrys	Krill
2 1	St. Mullins	9th May	Patrick Foster	Jensen No. 1
2.05	St. Mullins	18th May	Jim Walsh	ABU Toby
2.05	St. Mullins	15th May	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
2.04	St. Mullins	17th May	Harold Bailey	Jensen Tobis
2.04	St. Mullins	17th May	Joe Slater	Toby
2.04	St. Mullins	21st May	Deirdre Mullooly	Jensen Tobis
2.04	St. Mullins	10th May	Master Diarmuid Doran	Silver Toby
2.02	St. Mullins	21st May	Horst Willi Muller	Jensen Tobis
2.01	St. Mullins	17th May	Liam Rothwell	ABU Krill
2	St. Mullins	11th May	Ray Bannerman	Jensen No. 1
2	St. Mullins	9th May	Ray Bannerman	Jensen

TWAITE SHAD (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2	St. Mullins	12th May	W. A. Ferris	Lure
2	St. Mullins	5th May	Dermot Cooney	Silver Toby
2	St. Mullins	28th April	John Brady	Krill

SMOOTH HOUND

Record, 13 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13 12	Five Mile Point	27th June	Peter Mooney	Crab
10	Five Mile Point	28th June	Anthony Byrne	Crab
4.400 kilos	Cahore	19th May	Ray Bannerman	Peeler Crab
4.180 kilos	Kilmichael	26th July	Paul Keegan	Crab
3 12	Cahore	16th June	Ray Bannerman	Peeler Crab
3 8	Cahore	13th July	Frank Baxter	Crab
3.600 kilos	Arklow	23rd July	Ken McCarthy	Peeler Crab
7 3	Cahore	26th May	Peter McCartin	Peeler Crab
7 3	Cahore	11th July	Philip Leech	Ragworm
7.08	Ennereilly	30th August	Albert Douglas	Peeler Crab/Mackerel
7.07	Rosslare Strand	16th August	Bill Ryan	Crab
7	Cahore	14th July	Desmond Gregg	Crab
7	Five Mile Point	6th June	Thomas Burns	Peeler Crab



A 13 lb. 12 oz. Smooth Hound by Peter Mooney, a new record from Co. Wicklow.

TOPE

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
57 8	Cahore	1st June	Oliver Currivan	Mackerel
56	Cahore	19th May	William McElwee	Herring
53 8	Greystones	31st August	Pat Kirwan	Mackerel
46 12	Greystones	3rd August	Jim Barbour	Mackerel
43	New Quay, Co. Clare	26th August	Tommie Minogue	Mackerel Strip
42	Carlingford Lough	3rd August	Colin James Hughes	Mackerel
42	Carlingford Lough	14th July	Cyril Young	Mackerel



Michael McVeigh returns a 40 lb. tagged Tope to the waters of Strangford Lough.

TORSK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 15	Portrush	21st July	Robert Reid	Redgill Eel

BALLAN WRASSE

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 1	Causeway Coast	4th August	Suzanne McMillan	Ragworm
5.47	Moville	31st August	Timothy Duffy	Ragworm/Eel
5 5.75	Ballyreen	23rd June	John Wells (GB)	Peeler
5.26	Clifden	26th July	John Preddy (GB)	Mackerel
4.87	Dunmore East	30th June	Ray Lanigan	Peeler Crab
4 13	St. John's Point	21st July	Anthony Doherty	Peeler Crab
2.160 kilos	Killybegs	15th September	Robert Killen	Ragworm

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 1.94 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1.25 lbs; .567 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.94	Carne	24th August	Cecil Barron	Mackerel /feathers
1 14	Killybegs	18th May	Ken Calladine	Mackerel
1 11	Killybegs	10th August	Stephen C. Wilson	Pouting/ragworm
1 8	Shamrock Pinnacles	30th June	Ian Robertson	Mackerel Strip
1 8	Maidens	20th July	Andrew Craig	Mackerel/Lugworm
.660 kilos	Belmullet	18th August	Tony Lally	Mackerel
1 6.5	Maidens	18th August	Anne Rice	Ragworm
1 6	Causeway Coast	23rd June	Richard Lewis	Ragworm
1 6	Larne	23rd Sept. '90	Alexander McMillan	Ragworm
.06 kilos	Causeway Coast	8th September	Neil McKay	Ragworm
1 5	Rathlin Island	23rd June	William J. McCollum	Fishbait
.580 kilos	Belmullet	18th August	Allen Murray	Ragworm
1.27	Carne	2nd June	Richard Tully	Ragworm
1 4.25	Causeway Cpast	1st September	Samuel Henry	Sandeel
1 4.125	Larne	31st August	Colin Greer	Mackerel



Lough Furnace in Co. Mayo has been producing excellent mullet angling in recent years. This fish of 5.67 lbs. was caught by 7 year old David Whelan.

NEW RECORDS

Five New Records were established in 1991.

A **CUCKOO WRASSE** of 1.94 lbs was caught by Cecil Barron, 223 Ashley Rise, Portmarnock, Co.Dublin, at Carne on August 24th.

A **FLOUNDER** of 4.60 lbs was caught by Patrick Cassidy of 1 Seaview, Irishtown, Dublin, at Ballyteigue on November 9th.

A **SMOOTH HOUND** of 13.75 lbs was caught by Peter Mooney of 62 Comeragh Road, Drimnagh, Dublin, at Five Mile Point on June 27th.

A **RUDD** of 3 lbs. 4 ozs. was caught by Steve Wilks of 14 Newtown Road, Marlow, Bucks, England, at Annaghmore Lake on May 27th.

A **GARFISH** (*Belone svetovidori*) of 1 lb caught by George H.M. Wyntjes (NL) at Courtmacsherry on July 26th, 1989, becomes the first recognised record of this recently introduced category.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1991 for the special awards made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish: Gareth McMahon, Ardee Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Ron Patterson, 214 Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast, BT6 8LE. Declan Quigley, 11 Cherry Park, Carpenterstown Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15. William Crompton, The Paddock, 72 Tonlacliffe Road, Whitworth Lincs., 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, 1991. The award goes to: Christopher Booth of Tarmons, Waterville, Co. Kerry for a sea trout of 8.03 lbs. caught on Lough Currane on 29 June 1990.

SPECIAL AWARD

In 1976 the Committee decided to recognise the angling prowess of those anglers who have authenticated claims for specimens of 10 separate species of fish. Only 18 of these awards have been made to-date and during 1991 Maurice Laurent of Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford and Eddie Cull of Woodlands, Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork. qualified. Eddie Cull has the unique distinction in that all his fish have been caught while shore angling.

NEW CATEGORY

The Trigger fish (*Balistes carolinensis*) was considered to be one of our rarer species but its capture by anglers has been reported more frequently in recent years. The Committee has decided to add the species to its list of eligible species at the opening weight of 3.25 lbs. A photograph of the fish should be submitted for identification purposes with all claims.

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 his 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 any 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
1991	332	46	19	30	1	3

FUND RAISING

The Committee are indebted to the generosity of the Central Fisheries Board and Bord Failte Eireann who contributed £1,450 and £500 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 Federation of Irish Specimen Hunters once again ran a very successful angling competition and donated the proceeds which came to £360, to our funds. The Rush Angling Festival also donated part of the proceeds of the Festival to us. Our thanks also to the Irish Federation of Sea Anglers who contributed £100 and the National Coarse Fishing Federation who contributed £50. 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 1990 was made at the Garda Club, Dublin. The Presentation for the 1991 Awards will take place at the Garda Club, Harrington Street, Dublin, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd February, 1992.

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 1990 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 1990 is given in this Report. The 1991 account will only be available in 1992 and will be published in the next Report.

DONATIONS

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25 Years of Fishing Holidays

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For 25 years I have been visiting Southern Ireland each year for coarse and game fishing holidays. During that quarter of a century, I am happy to say that I have enjoyed better fishing than I could ever have hoped for. Furthermore, it is my intention to spend many more great holidays in Ireland as there is nowhere else I wish to go.

Being an angler who prefers to fish with simple methods and who concentrates on catching a particular species, I must say that I have been overjoyed to be able to find so many lakes that no-one has ever fished before and in which I have managed to catch very good bags of fish especially bream, tench, rudd and pike.

In the early days it occasionally took a lot of personal effort as, being virgin waters, I frequently found it necessary to cut out my own swims with a long handled scythe.

I started off my Irish angling experience in July, 1966, by visiting Ballinamore in Co. Leitrim to fish for bream in Garadice Lake. I had read about it in the Angling Times and I had never before caught a bream. On arrival, I was taken out by John McAllister and shown a spot on Allerton's Shore where two English anglers had taken hundred weight catches of bream to 5 lbs only three days previously. Arming myself with two stone of flake maize from the local

store, a large tin of worms and a loaf of bread (there were no maggots available then) I went back the next day to try my luck. The weather was wet and windy. I set up my tackle and cast into 15 feet of rocky bottomed water. I hardly had time to attach a cork bite indicator onto my 4 lbs B.S. line when it went tight and I was into a good sized bream of 4.5 lbs. I took John McAllister's advice not to introduce any ground bait if the fish were on the feed, so I carried on fishing for over an hour by which time I had netted 8 or 9 hard fighting "slabs" all 4-5.5 lbs. The swim then went "dead" and only then did I throw out the ground bait - 3 or 4 cricket size balls of hard flake maize were lobbed into the area I had been catching the fish. Soon the bites came back thick and fast and after 6 hours, by which time I had run out of both hook bait and groundbait, I managed somehow to lug my bulging keepnet onto the bank to find I had caught 26 bream for a weight well over 100 lbs. This was the start of my first quarter century of Irish angling - a day I shall always remember.

Deciding to concentrate in the Co. Leitrim and West Cavan area, I returned each year to 1970 to Ballinamore where I discovered waters full of excellent bream and rudd - Coologue Lake, Ardmeen, Keenheen, Drumcoura and Corgar to name just a few. But where were the tench the area was reported to have! Local angler and guesthouse owner, Ivan Price, advised me to look at Drumlonan Lake where he thought tench had been stocked by the Inland Fisheries Trust in the late '50's. This lake looked fairly inaccessible apart from a concrete pier in its south eastern corner, so I took a stroll across the marshy meadows on the southern side. Here I found a spot where the rushes were not too thick. I cut out a swim and raked out the weeds with my small garden rake on a long piece of rope. I baited up the swim with a moderate amount of maize and chopped worms. Next day I returned to fish and again had almost instant success - a large perch of about 1 lb. 12 ozs., followed by plenty more - all on worm bait. After giving the matter some thought, I changed to bread paste and that did the trick - tench at last. The first was a lovely 4 pounder and then they came in a steady stream for over 3 hours. 14 tench for a weight of 52 lbs all on bread paste from a "virgin swim". This lake has in recent years produced tench over the Irish Specimen Weight of 6 lbs and I wonder if my fish were among those now being caught or could they now be over the Irish Record of 7 lbs. 13 ozs?

Moving around Counties Cavan, Leitrim, Monaghan and Westmeath between 1972 and 1985, I have had some tremendous catches of fish, notably bream, tench, rudd, rudd/bream hybrids and pike from nearly every water I have fished. I well remember fishing Templeport Lake near Bawnboy in 1973 and fishing the bank in the open field below the Church. It was here that I caught my first 200 lbs plus weight of bream to 7.25 lbs. on worm and bread baits. The swim was 12 ft. deep and only 20 yards off the bank. I fished this lake extensively until 1982 and I believe I must have caught over a ton of bream from it in all, but there were no specimens except for the rudd/bream hybrids which went up to 4.5 lbs.

I shared a tremendous catch at Templeport one day in July, 1980, with a pal of mine - we took between us 98 bream and 37 hybrids for a total weight of 565 lbs, all in just over 9 hours. All fish were returned to the water immediately after taking photographs of the catch which were kept in 6 keepnets.



After 18 years fishing for bream and tench in Ireland, I still had not officially recorded a Specimen fish, so I decided in 1984 to go to Carrickmacross in Co. Monaghan to try my luck at Lough Na Glack and Monalty Lake. The Irish Specimen Fish Committee's Reports showed many specimen bream from these two lakes. Knowing that big bream and tench are not caught so easily as their smaller brethren, I was prepared for long, arduous biteless sessions and so it proved to be. I went to stay at the end of March in 1984 at Norman Haworth's guesthouse. I had heard Norman was a specialist specimen bream hunter and always passed his knowledge of swims and baits, etc., on to his guests. Lough na Glack had been little fished between 1971 and 1980 I believe due to the pollution it suffered in the earlier 1970's. Local anglers had made the lake fishable again after the long lay-off and I was taken to a swim at the deepest end of the water. The water temperature was only 40°F and because of this, I didn't fancy my chances at all. I stuck it out in the same spot for six solid days and found the big bream hard to come by. Initially I missed many bites due to "twitching", so I began to strike at the slightest movement of my indicator. On day 3, I hooked into my first specimen bream - a fish of 8 lbs. 1 oz. I caught only one more (a six pounder) that week, but I was surprised to get 18 tench between 4 and 5.5 lbs. The tench gave very fast bites and were easier to hook at long range. Subsequent trips in summer months to the Carrickmacross area gave me catches of bream and tench I shall always remember. Quality and not quantity was the order of the day at Lough na Glack, Monalty and Capragh

Lakes. My best bream weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 ozs. from Monalty and my best tench 5 lbs. 14 ozs. from Capragh Lake. My bait for these lakes in the summer time was always sweetcorn or bread paste sweetened with a suitable additive - these were used to avoid eels which were a real nuisance when the water was warm. Other lakes in this area where I recorded wonderful catches of somewhat smaller fish were Ballyhoe, Corcrin and Lough Derry, although I did get a couple of 7 lbs. 14 ozs. bream from Lough Derry in 1984 - the fishing however, was much easier and I had bags up to 150 lbs on several occasions. At Ballyhoe for example, I remember an extremely wet Saturday in July, 1985, when I was catching all day long and finished up with 38 bream and 27 tench for about 200 lbs.

In 1989, I took an October trip to fish the River Inny at Finea Bridge. I found the fishing to be extremely good for roach and small bream off the wooden boat jetty below the bridge but I became tired of catching hundreds of small fish.

I met a party of German anglers so I asked one of them who spoke English if I could boat fish with him for pike on nearby Lough Kinale. He duly obliged when I gave him a bag full of small dead fish for bait. My friend for the day was called Klaus and on a wet and windy morning, we sped off to the sheltered side of L. Kinale where we fished for several hours and caught only small pike up to 9 lbs. We decided to move across the lake into a weedy bay where we had previously spotted a large pike roll on the surface. I cast to where I thought it might be lying and was in luck straight away - my float sinking away very quickly towards the weeds. I immediately bent my rod into the fish. After over 30 minutes of heart throbbing struggle, we succeeded in netting it. That pike weighed 25 lbs. 4 ozs and was by far my best ever and still is. The fish was quickly unhooked and returned unharmed to the water where I hope it is still swimming about. The Germans traditionally killed their pike but I understand that legislation has now put a stop to this practice.

The last two years of my quarter century of Irish angling has been spent down in Co. Kerry where my sister and her family now live. Not likely to visit Ireland without a fishing rod, I have enjoyed many lovely days on the salmon, sea trout and brown trout rivers and lakes of Kerry. In September, 1988, I spent a couple of days in a boat on Lough Leane, Killarney. I caught some beautiful wild brown trout to 5 lbs. 12 ozs on leaded hares ear sedge nymphs I had previously tied up. At Lough Currane off the rocks on the south shore of the lake, I hooked and landed some tremendous sea trout up to 5 lbs, all on my own Golden Olive Bumble, Claret and Blue and silver bodied badger hair varieties. I have yet to catch a Lough Currane salmon, although I have had them up to 14 lbs from the Rivers Feale and Laune on flies and spinners.

I have also had several successful days on the Central Fisheries Board stocked trout lakes in the Kerry area and in 1989 caught an 8.25 lbs rainbow trout on a size 14 gold ribbed hares ear nymph at Lough Nakirka near Killorglin. That fish fought like hell on a 4 pound leader and was yet another Irish rod bender I shall never forget.

Neither will I forget all those wonderful Irish guesthouse owners, anglers and the local people I have met over the last 25 years. They made my holidays into enjoyable and successful ones much more than the fish and I look forward to 1992 and future years.

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 4	27. 5.1991	Annaghmore Lake	Steve Wilks
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	5 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	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 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	13 12	29. 5.1983	Valentia	Tony Outmayjer
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	4 4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
Flounder	4.60	9.11.1991	Ballyteigue Co. Wexford	Patrick Cassidy
Garfish (<i>B. Bellone</i>)	3 10.25	16. 9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Garfish (<i>B. svetovidovi</i>)	1 0	26. 7.1989	Courtmacsherry	George H.M. Wyntjes
Tub Gurnard	12 3.5	8. 8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Grey Gurnard	3 1	21. 9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9.5	17. 7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott
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	13.75	27. 6.1991	Five Mile Point	Peter Mooney
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	1.94	24. 8.1991	Carne	Cecil Barron

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	13.25	2	.907
Rudd (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>)	3	4	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	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	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	1.587
- Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>)	23	12	16	7.257
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	4.60		3	1.361
Garfish (<i>Belone bellone</i>)	3	10.25	2.25	1.021
(<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>)	1	0	14 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
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	4	2	2.5	1.134

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

(Continued)

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>)		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>)	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 microocellata</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>)	13.75		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
Trigger Fish (<i>Balistes carolinensis</i>)	-	-	3.25	1.474
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>)	1.94		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 SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE **Expenditure and Revenue Account - 1st January - 31 December, 1990**

1989	Expenditure	1990	1989	Revenue	1990
£1,412.50	Printing	£2,977.04		Balance B/F	£1,191.77
£876.25	Medals	£315.00		Grants	
£167.88	Travel	£185.95	£1,200.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,200.00
£25.00	Late Dr. Went Prize	£25.00		Bord Fáilte	£3,000.00
£432.72	Miscellaneous	£329.87	£2,110.12	Subscriptions	
	Presentation Expenses	£240.00		Clubs Federations & Individuals	£1,496.19
			£14.04	E.B.S. Interest	£19.67
£15.36	Bank Charges	£9.69			
	Balance c/d	£2,825.09		Balance b/d	£6,907.64
		£6,907.64			£2,825.09

We have

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

- IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE:** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its objective is to verify, record and publicise the capture of large fish on rod and line in Irish waters. A list of Specimen Fish is published annually by the Committee. Only fish which can be fully vouched for as to weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee.
- FAIR ANGLING:** "Fair Angling" means any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method. A fish must be hooked in or in the immediate vicinity of the mouth when it has taken the bait or lure; fish which have been foul-hooked, even accidentally, are not eligible. A fish in respect of which a claim is made must be hooked, played and brought to gaff or net by the angler **UNAIDED**, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- WEIGHING:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 2 to 5 lb range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lbs 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.
- 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, TRIGGER FISH.

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 forward fish to the Committee before Bank Holidays or weekends; (keep in a cold store or preferably frozen 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.)