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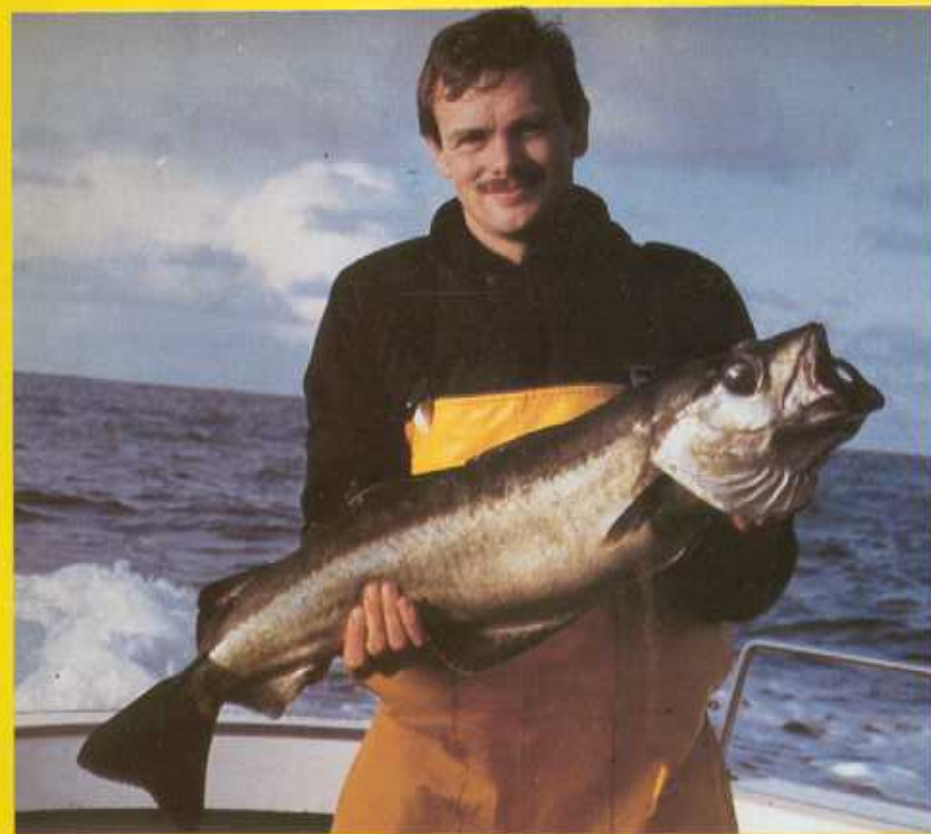
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# IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR 1992



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## REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1992

During 1992, 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); K. Powels (Northern Ireland Tourist Board); E. Twomey and D. Brennan.

During the year the Committee received 467 claims and ratified 439

### SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1992 (Dates of capture 1992 unless otherwise stated)

#### SALMON

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

| WEIGHT    | PLACE               | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| lbs. ozs. |                     |                |                   |        |
| 24 1      | River Boyne         | 27th September | William Healy     | Shrimp |
| 21.05     | Casla River         | 17th September | Paul Nolens (NL)  | Shrimp |
| 20.97     | River Moy           | 3rd September  | Emmett Loftus     | Fly    |
| 20 9      | R. Blackwater, Cork | 10th October   | Cecil McDonald    | Mepps  |
| 20 7      | Waterville Lake     | 25th May       | Harald Lurkus (D) | Lukki  |

#### SEA TROUT

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

| WEIGHT    | PLACE           | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| lbs. ozs. |                 |                |                    |        |
| 10        | Lough Currane   | 17th April     | Phil Horan         | Fly    |
| 8 11.5    | Lough Currane   | 23rd September | Hans Riehn         | Fly    |
| 8 11      | Lough Currane   | 3rd April      | Donal O'Dwyer      | Rapala |
| 8 8       | Lough Currane   | 27th July      | Jamie Booth        | Mepps  |
| 8 2       | Lough Currane   | 24th April     | James Hillis (GB)  | Rapala |
| 7 14      | Cummeragh River | 7th October    | James Hyde (GB)    | Worm   |
| 7. 13.5   | Lough Currane   | 3rd June       | Jim Galvin         | Fly    |
| 7 12      | Lough Currane   | 4th September  | Phil Godliman (GB) | Fly    |
| 7 7       | Lough Currane   | 4th September  | Mark Powell (GB)   | Fly    |
| 7 5.5     | Lough Currane   | 15th May       | Shane Miller (GB)  | Fly    |
| 7 5       | Cappal Lake     | 12th July'91   | John Murphy        | Fly    |
| 7 3       | Cappal Lake     | 9th September  | Bernard Daly       | Fly    |



### SEA TROUT (continued)

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE               | DATE              | CAPTOR              | METHOD        |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 7 1.5              | Lough Currane       | 3rd April         | Bettina Guttler (D) | Rapala        |
| 5 15               | Lough Currane       | 25th July         | Richard Lane        | Claret Bumble |
| 5 13.5             | Lough Currane       | 24th May          | Niell McGuinness    | Fly           |
| 5 13.5             | Lough Currane       | 6th June          | Bill Turner         | Wetfly        |
| 5.67               | Lough Currane       | 11th April        | Otto Deiteri (D)    | Lukki         |
| 5 10               | Whitewater, Kilkeel | 31st October, '91 | Pat McManus         | Toby          |
| 5 9.25             | Lough Currane       | 10th March        | Michael O'Dwyer     | Toby          |
| 3.54               | Lough Currane       | 13th September    | Michael E. Barry    | Bibio         |
| 5 8                | Lough Currane       | 3rd May           | David G. Fortune    | Rapala        |
| 3.46               | Lough Currane       | 21st May          | John Boyle (GB)     | Fly           |
| 5 7                | Lough Currane       | 14th June         | Ingo Riedel (D)     | Lukki         |
| 5.43               | Lough Currane       | 4th October       | Karl Ganter         | Wetfly        |
| 5 6.5              | Lough Currane       | 27th May          | Patrick Green (GB)  | Fly           |
| 5 6.5              | Lough Currane       | 11th September    | Phil Godliman (GB)  | Fly           |
| 5 6                | Lough Currane       | 4th August        | Bernt Pawassar      | Wetfly        |
| 5 6                | Lough Currane       | 3rd September     | Colin Bateman       | Fly           |
| 5 5                | Lough Currane       | 24th April        | James Hillis (GB)   | Rapala        |
| 5 4                | Lough Currane       | 5th June          | N.S. Cahill         | Fly           |
| 5 4                | Lough Currane       | 24th May          | Nigel Fitzsimons    | Fly           |
| 5 4                | Lough Currane       | 5th June          | Dick Lane           | Fly           |
| 5 3                | Lough Currane       | 23rd September    | Roger Parfitt (GB)  | Fly           |
| 5.11               | Lough Currane       | 20th May          | G.A. Seymour (GB)   | Fly           |
| 5 0.5              | Lough Currane       | 26th May          | Kevin Whiting (GB)  | Fly           |

### BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR                  | METHOD      |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 15.57              | Lough Corrib | 30th August    | John Gibbons            | Minnow      |
| 14                 | Lough Corrib | 3rd July       | John Gibbons            | Minnow      |
| 13.93              | Lough Corrib | 25th August    | Robin A. Syme           | Wetfly      |
| 13.81              | Lough Mask   | 27th June      | Master Robert Mullally  | Mepps       |
| 13.3               | Lough Daragh | 6th August     | Billy Doherty           | Fly         |
| 12 5               | Lough Mask   | 29th May       | David D. Gilchrist      | Rapala      |
| 12                 | Lough Corrib | 30th September | Mary Gibbons            | Toby        |
| 11 12.5            | Lough Mask   | 26th September | Louis Nestor            | Tasmanian   |
| 11 9               | Lough Corrib | 30th July      | Anthony Youtlen         | Mepps       |
| 11 8               | Lough Ree    | 28th February  | Mattie Murphy           | Lane Minnow |
| 11.36              | Lough Corrib | 2nd August     | John Gibbons            | Wetfly      |
| 10.97              | Lough Mask   | 9th June       | Edward Summerville      | Toby        |
| 10 12              | Lough Corrib | 19th May       | Peter A. Backhouse (GB) | Rapala      |
| 10 3               | Lough Mask   | 16th April     | Jens Uhlig (D)          | Rapala      |
| 10 2               | Lough Mask   | 5th May        | Harald Schmitt (D)      | Mepps       |
| 10.12              | Lough Mask   | 10th April     | Florian Keller (D)      | Toby        |
| 10.02              | Lough Corrib | 28th June      | Fr. Frank Murphy        | Minnow      |



John Gibbons of Oughterard with a magnificent 19 lbs. brown trout from Lough Corrib, one of ten, which earns him a 10 pin award.

### BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE                    | DATE           | CAPTOR           | METHOD    |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 10 10               | Cong Canal               | 1st March      | Sean O'Toole     | Worm      |
| 9 7                 | Cong River               | 3rd March      | James Connolly   | Worm      |
| 9 4                 | River Shannon, Killaloe. | 22nd May       | Christy Molamphy | Fly       |
| 3 8                 | Cong Canal               | 3rd March      | Frank Reilly     | Fly       |
| 3 6                 | Cong Canal               | 1st March      | Michael Ryan     | Minnow    |
| 3 2                 | Cong River               | 1st March      | Paddy Moran      | Worm      |
| 7 6                 | O'Brien's Bridge         | 26th September | John Power       | Flying C. |

**BROWN TROUT (RIVER) (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE             | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD       |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 7 4                 | River Inny        | 21st April     | John Stainer (GB)     | Worm/Maggots |
| 7 2.5               | River Inny        | 31st March     | Andrew C. Leaver (GB) | Maggots      |
| 6.72                | Tolka River       | 24th July      | Jacqueline Emmett     | Worm         |
| 6.42                | Kells Blackwater, | 8th July       | Sam Taylor            | Minnow       |
| 6                   | River Nire        | 24th April     | Adriaam Stam          | Mepps        |
| 5                   | Clare River       | 20th July      | Paschal Leufer        | Fly          |
| 5.2                 | Kells Blackwater  | 15th September | John Stapleton        | Mepps        |
| 5 3                 | Brosna River      | 19th April     | Ronnie Minnock        | Worm         |
| 5 2.5               | River Liffey      | 22nd May       | Pat Noone             | Fly          |
| 5                   | Clare River       | 21st April     | Owen Trill            | Roach        |

**BREAM**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE            | CAPTOR               | METHOD            |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 11 3                | Lough na Glack   | 31st August     | Brendan Doran        | Maggots           |
| 10 12               | Lough na Glack   | 30th August     | James McMahon        | Maggots/Corn      |
| 10 10               | Monalty Lake     | 3rd August      | Brendan Doran        | Maggots           |
| 10 8                | Monalty Lake     | 25th July       | Brendan Doran        | Maggots           |
| 10 7                | Lough na Glack   | 30th August     | James McMahon        | Maggots/Corn      |
| 10 0.5              | Monalty Lake     | 19th September  | Colm J. Crean        | Maggots           |
| 3 15                | Monalty Lake     | 18th July       | Colm J. Crean        | Maggots           |
| 3 15                | Monalty Lake     | 13th August     | John O'Shaughnessy   | Maggots           |
| 3 15                | Monalty Lake     | 17th September  | James McMahon        | Maggots           |
| 3 14.5              | Monalty Lake     | 12th July       | Colm J. Crean        | Maggots           |
| 3 12                | Monalty Lake     | 23rd October    | Michael Connell      | Sweetcorn         |
| 3 12                | Monalty Lake     | 5th September   | Alan Brown           | Maggots           |
| 3 7                 | Monalty Lake     | 9th August      | Fred Foster          | Maggots           |
| 3 7                 | Monalty Lake     | 4th October     | Michael Connell      | Sweetcorn         |
| 3 7                 | Monalty Lake     | 14th August     | Robert Keene (GB)    | Maggots           |
| 3 5.5               | Monalty Lake     | 19th October    | Ron Patterson        | Sweetcorn         |
| 3 5                 | Monalty Lake     | 3rd October     | Michael Connell      | Sweetcorn         |
| 3 5                 | Monalty Lake     | 8th March       | John O'Shaughnessy   | Maggots           |
| 3 2                 | Monalty Lake     | 9th August      | Fred Foster          | Maggots           |
| 3 14                | Monalty Lake     | 24th October    | Fred Foster          | Maggots           |
| 3 12                | Monalty Lake     | 16th March, '91 | Clifford Potts       | Maggots/Sweetcorn |
| 3 10                | Monalty Lake     | 21st September  | Gareth McMahon       | Maggots           |
| 3 9                 | Monalty Lake     | 14th August     | Robert Keene (GB)    | Maggots           |
| 3 8                 | River Shannon,   | 24th April      | Mark Lohse (GB)      | Maggots/Worms     |
|                     | Lanesboro        |                 |                      |                   |
| 3 8                 | Monalty Lake     | 30th August     | John Millerick       | Maggots           |
| 3 8                 | Drumlaheen Lake  | 18th September  | Lloyd Mitchell (GB)  | Maggots           |
| 3 4                 | O'Brien's Bridge | 12th September  | Terry Westbrook (GB) | Maggots/Worms     |

**BREAM (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE            | CAPTOR              | METHOD            |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 8 4                 | Monalty Lake     | 10th July       | Alan Brown          | Maggots           |
| 8 4                 | Monalty Lake     | 15th August     | Gareth McMahon      | Maggots           |
| 8 2                 | Monalty Lake     | 19th September  | John O'Shaughnessy  | Maggots           |
| 8 1                 | Monalty Lake     | 5th September   | Alan Brown          | Maggots           |
| 8 1                 | Monalty Lake     | 26th July       | Pat Finnerty        | Bread Flake       |
| 8 1                 | Lough Derg       | 6th September   | Mark Cawthorn (GB)  | Brandling         |
| 7 15                | Lough Ree        | 27th May        | Eric Barnes (GB)    | Maggots           |
| 7 15                | Lanesboro        | 13th May        | Paul Milano (GB)    | Worm              |
| 7 14                | Lough Ree        | 27th May        | Eric Rogers (GB)    | Maggots           |
| 7 14                | O'Brien's Bridge | 12th September  | Peter Finch (GB)    | Maggots/Worms     |
| 7 13                | Lanesboro        | 7th May         | Philip Roe (GB)     | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 7 13                | Lanesboro        | 13th May        | Steve Russell (GB)  | Maggots/Worms     |
| 7 13                | Lough Derg       | 6th September   | Michael J. Daly     | Worm/Caster       |
| 7 12                | Lanesboro        | 24th April      | Ray Holmes (GB)     | Maggots/Worms     |
| 7 12                | Monalty Lake     | 1st March, '91  | Clifford Potts      | Sweetcorn         |
| 7 12                | Monalty Lake     | 15th March, '91 | Clifford Potts      | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 7 11                | Drumlaheen Lake  | 18th September  | Lloyd Mitchell (GB) | Maggots           |
| 7 10                | Lanesboro        | 7th May         | Philip Roe (GB)     | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 7 10                | Lanesboro        | 25th April      | Dave Smith (GB)     | Maggot/Caster     |
| 7 10                | Lough Derg       | 6th September   | Mark Cawthorn (GB)  | Brandling         |
| 7 10                | Lower River Bann | 26th September  | Alan O'Hagan        | Maggots           |
| 7 10                | Corcra Lake      | 7th June        | Clifford Potts      | Sweetcorn         |
| 7 9                 | Lanesboro        | 13th May        | Steve Russell (GB)  | Maggots/Worms     |
| 7 9                 | Lanesboro        | 19th May        | Alan J. Wood (GB)   | Worm              |
| 7 9                 | Lanesboro        | 4th May         | Paul Defusto (GB)   | Maggots           |
| 7 9                 | Lough Derg       | 6th September   | Mark Cawthorn (GB)  | Brandling         |
| 7 8                 | Drumlaheen Lake  | 18th September  | Steven Palmer (GB)  | Maggots/Worms     |

**CARP**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE           | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD           |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 15 10               | Clara Lake      | 10th August    | Brendan Doran      | Worm             |
| 14 10               | Ballinafid Lake | 31st May       | John O'Shaughnessy | Boilie           |
| 13 12               | Ballinafid Lake | 3rd May        | Brendan Doran      | Boilie           |
| 13 11               | Ballinafid Lake | 3rd August     | Fred Foster        | Boilie           |
| 13 6                | Ballinafid Lake | 15th August    | David L. Hunter    | Boilie           |
| 12 14               | Ballinafid Lake | 18th July      | Ian Forde          | Special          |
| 12 12.5             | Ballinafid Lake | 1st September  | Ron Patterson      | Boilie           |
| 12 8                | Ballinafid Lake | 17th June      | Michael Connell    | Boilie           |
| 12                  | Ballincollig    | 1st April      | Mark McGivern      | Boilie           |
| 11 9                | Ballinafid Lake | 13th July, '91 | Ian Forde          | Maggot/Sweetcorn |
| 11 8                | Clara Lake      | 10th August    | John O'Shaughnessy | Boilie           |
| 11 3                | Clara Lake      | 11th August    | John O'Shaughnessy | Boilie           |
| 11 3                | Ballincollig    | 31st March     | Mark McGivern      | Boilie           |
| 10 13               | Ballinafid Lake | 15th May       | Brendan Doran      | Boilie           |

| EEL                    |      |              |            |                                     |                      |
|------------------------|------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| WEIGHT                 |      | PLACE        | DATE       | CAPTOR                              | METHOD               |
| lbs.                   | ozs. |              |            |                                     |                      |
| Record, 6 lbs. 15 ozs. |      |              |            | Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos |                      |
| 3.38                   |      | River Barrow | 1st August | Daniel Murphy                       | Lobworm              |
| PIKE (LAKE)            |      |              |            |                                     |                      |
| 3.38                   |      |              |            |                                     | 20 lbs; 13.608 kilos |

|                        |      |                                       |                    |                |
|------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PIKE (LAKE)            |      |                                       |                    |                |
| Record, 38 lbs. 9 ozs. |      | Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos |                    |                |
| DATE                   |      | CAPTOR                                |                    |                |
| WEIGHT                 |      | METHOD                                |                    |                |
| lbs.                   | ozs. | PLACE                                 |                    |                |
| 38                     | 9    | Monaghan                              | 15th December, '91 | Jim Doyle      |
| 30                     | 10   | Lough Oughter                         | 27th September     | Lawrence Peile |
| PIKE (RIVER)           |      |                                       |                    |                |
|                        |      | 30 lbs; 9.072 kilos                   |                    |                |

| PIKE (RIVER)        |      |                                      |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |
|---------------------|------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|----------------------|--|------------|--|
| Record, 42 lbs.     |      | Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |
| WEIGHT              |      | PLACE                                |  | DATE               |  | CAPTOR               |  | METHOD     |  |
| lbs.                | ozs. |                                      |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |
| 32                  | 12   | O'Brien's Bridge,                    |  | 15th December, '91 |  | Robert McDarby       |  | Herring    |  |
|                     |      | Co. Clare                            |  | 27th May           |  | Kenrick Serrant (GB) |  | Eel        |  |
| 29                  | 4    | River Suck                           |  | 16th February      |  | Master Rene Laurent  |  | Roach      |  |
| 29                  |      | River Barrow                         |  | 21st January       |  | Andrew J. Young      |  | Roach      |  |
| 27                  | 12   | River Barrow, St. Mullins            |  | 18th October       |  | Denis O'Meara        |  | Plug       |  |
| 26                  | 8    | River Shannon                        |  | 15th December, '91 |  | Graham Peake         |  | Mackerel   |  |
| 25                  | 0.5  | River Shannon, Rooskey               |  | 1st February       |  | Garnett Coulter      |  | Herring    |  |
| 24                  | 3    | River Suck                           |  | 31st January       |  | Graham Peake         |  | Herring    |  |
| 23                  | 15   | River Shannon                        |  | 24th January       |  | Lawrence Peile       |  | Herring    |  |
| 23                  | 14   | River Suck                           |  | 16th October       |  | Lawrence Peile       |  | Fish bait  |  |
| 23                  | 14   | River Suck                           |  | 26th January       |  | Aidan Leonard        |  | Mackerel   |  |
| 23                  | 12   | River Inny                           |  | 20th March         |  | John O'Shaughnessy   |  | Kilty Lure |  |
| 22                  | 15   | River Boyne                          |  | 23rd February      |  | Kenneth Gillick      |  | Rudd       |  |
| 22                  | 14   | River Barrow                         |  | 26th January       |  | Derek Vella          |  | Rudd       |  |
| 22                  | 12   | River Inny                           |  | 17th March         |  | Brendan Doran        |  | Mackerel   |  |
| 22                  | 8    | Lower River Bann                     |  | 12th September     |  | Alan O'Hagan         |  | Artificial |  |
| 22                  | 2    | River Inny                           |  | 5th April          |  | John Walsh           |  | Roach      |  |
| 22                  |      | River Barrow                         |  | 26th January       |  | Maurice Laurent      |  | Rudd       |  |
| 22                  |      | River Barrow                         |  | 26th January       |  | Philip Brennan       |  | Mackerel   |  |
| 21                  | 8    | River Barrow                         |  | 19th January       |  | Graham Peake         |  | Roach      |  |
| 21                  | 5    | River Shannon                        |  | 26th January       |  | Ray Bannerman        |  |            |  |
| 21                  | 4    | River Barrow                         |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |
| RUDD                |      |                                      |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |
| 25 lbs; 1.021 kilos |      |                                      |  |                    |  |                      |  |            |  |

|  |      |                              |  |          |  |                  |  |             |  |
|--|------|------------------------------|--|----------|--|------------------|--|-------------|--|
| River Barrow   |      |                              |  |          |  |                  |  |             |  |
| RUDD   |      |                              |  |          |  |                  |  |             |  |
| Record, 3 lbs. 4 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2.25 lbs; 1.021 kilos |      |                              |  |          |  |                  |  |             |  |
| WEIGHT   |      | PLACE                        |  | DATE     |  | CAPTOR           |  | METHOD      |  |
| lbs.   | ozs. |                              |  |          |  |                  |  |             |  |
| 2  | 10   | Annaghmore Lake, Strokestown |  | 23rd May |  | Steve Wilks (GB) |  | Bread Flake |  |



Ten-year-old René Laurent Jnr. with a 29 lbs. Pike from the Barrow.

| TENCH                     |      |          |  |                                     |  |                  |  |                   |  |
|---------------------------|------|----------|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Record, 7 lbs. 13.25 ozs. |      |          |  | Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos |  |                  |  | METHOD            |  |
| WEIGHT                    |      | PLACE    |  | DATE                                |  | CAPTOR           |  |                   |  |
| lbs.                      | ozs. |          |  |                                     |  |                  |  |                   |  |
| 7                         |      | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Francis McFadden |  | Maggots           |  |
| 6                         | 10   | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Francis McFadden |  | Maggots           |  |
| 6                         | 8    | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Francis McFadden |  | Maggots           |  |
| 6                         | 7    | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Paul Mathews     |  | Maggots/Sweetcorn |  |
| 6                         | 4    | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Paul Mathews     |  | Maggots/Sweetcorn |  |
| 6                         | 4    | Monaghan |  | 31st May                            |  | Paul Mathews     |  | Maggots/Sweetcorn |  |
| BASS                      |      |          |  |                                     |  |                  |  |                   |  |
|                           |      |          |  | 12 lbs; 4.536 kilos                 |  |                  |  |                   |  |

|                           |  |                                      |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------|--|-------------|--|--|--|
| BASS                      |  |                                      |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| Record, 17 lbs. 1.25 ozs. |  | Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos |  | CAPTOR |  | METHOD      |  |  |  |
| DATE                      |  |                                      |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| 16th September            |  | Francis Sinnott                      |  |        |  | Lugworm     |  |  |  |
| 6th August                |  | Eddie O'Connor                       |  |        |  | Mackerel    |  |  |  |
| 18th June                 |  | Gerry Byrne                          |  |        |  | Peeler Crab |  |  |  |
| WEIGHT                    |  | PLACE                                |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| lbs. ozs.                 |  |                                      |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| 13 3.25                   |  | Bannow                               |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| 13.07                     |  | Tramore                              |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |
| 12 8                      |  | Ennereilly                           |  |        |  |             |  |  |  |

**BASS (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE                 | DATE              | CAPTOR              | METHOD   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 11 13               | Poolbeg               | 20th July         | Kevin Hayden        | Plug     |
| 11 12               | Roney Point           | 29th June         | Patrick Macken      | Rapala   |
| 11 19               | Ardamine, Courtown    | 8th August        | Francis Ryan        | Ragworm  |
| 11                  | Courtmacsherry        | 14th September    | Bill Wafer          | Redgill  |
| 10 13               | Cahore                | 1st December, '91 | Niall Lawless       | Lugworm  |
| 10 11               | Dublin Bay            | 25th July         | Kevin Hayden        | Plug     |
| 10 10               | Ballybranigan         | 27th October, '91 | Paul Sweeney        | Lugworm  |
| 10.54               | Cork Harbour          | 17th November     | Killian Bushe       | Squid    |
| 10 5                | Mornington, Co. Meath | 8th August        | Seamus Marmion      | Koster   |
| 10 4.5              | Waterville            | 7th June          | Saul Astrinsky (GB) | Rapala   |
| 10 3                | Killiney              | 22nd August       | Kevin Hayden        | Plug     |
| 10 2                | Cahore                | 10th October      | Denis Collins       | Lugworm  |
| 10 2                | Malahide              | 17th June         | Pat Daly            | Ragworm  |
| 10.07               | Katts Strand          | 22nd August       | Trevor Belling      | Mackerel |

**COALFISH**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE        | CAPTOR           | METHOD        |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| 16.44               | East Ferry | 29th August | A. Verseput (NL) | White Twister |
| 15.92               | East Ferry | 20th August | A. McMorrow (GB) | Sandeel       |
| 15                  | Crosshaven | 11th July   | Michael Corry    | Red Gill      |

**CONGER**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE         | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD            |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 42                  | Crosshaven    | 14th June      | Gerald White (GB) | Mackerel Strip    |
| 42                  | Dun Laoghaire | 22nd September | Dermot Jenkins    | Filletted Herring |
| 40.03               | Crosshaven    | 1st September  | Theo Krighen (NL) | Mackerel          |

**DAB**

Record, 2.02 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; .680 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE       | CAPTOR                    | METHOD         |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1.5                 | Valinbeg       | 3th August | Karl-Heinz Fredrich (D)   | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.5                 | Courtmacsherry | 21st July  | Master Robin Veldman (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

**GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE          | CAPTOR             | METHOD          |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 19.53              | Sneem      | 5th September | J. Bethlehem (NL)  | Mackerel Fillet |
| 17.57              | Baltimore  | 27th June     | Pete Smith (GB)    | Mackerel Strip  |
| 17 8               | Kerry Head | 1st October   | John D. Jones      | Mackerel Strip  |
| 17                 | Sneem      | 16th July     | Mocke Gerritt (NL) | Mackerel        |
| 7.645 kilos        | Fastnet    | 21st June     | Jean-Michel Cahier | Mackerel Strip  |

**LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE        | CAPTOR            | METHOD         |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 3.6                 | Courtmacsherry | 2nd August  | Hans Bosch (NL)   | Mackerel Strip |
| 3.57                | Courtmacsherry | 21st August | Rene Worrell (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 3.51                | Valentia       | 10th August | Paddy Maguire     | Mackerel       |

**SPUR DOGFISH**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE        | DATE           | CAPTOR                | METHOD          |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 16                  | Sneem        | 4th September  | J. Bethlehem (NL)     | Mackerel Fillet |
| 15                  | Sneem        | 4th September  | Johan Van Assen (NL)  | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13.5                | Sneem        | 6th August     | Gerard Groentjes (NL) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13 5                | Greystones   | 20th September | Paul J. Campbell      | Mackerel Strip  |
| 13.20               | Sneem        | 4th September  | T. Speet (NL)         | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13                  | Sneem        | 16th July      | Dennis Mocke (NL)     | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13                  | Sneem        | 4th September  | P. R. Wiggerts (NL)   | Mackerel Fillet |
| 12 12               | N.E. of Kish | 14th June      | Thomas Redmond        | Mackerel        |
| 12 5                | Sneem        | 7th May        | L. G. Bakker (NL)     | Mackerel        |
| 12.24               | Sneem        | 25th March     | Frans Van Assen (NL)  | Mackerel Fillet |
| 12.20               | Sneem        | 25th March     | Rene de Jong (NL)     | Mackerel Fillet |
| 12.10               | Sneem        | 7th May        | B. v.d. Hoef (NL)     | Mackerel Fillet |
| 12                  | N.E. of Kish | 14th June      | Thomas Redmond        | Mackerel        |

**FLOUNDER**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE              | CAPTOR          | METHOD      |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 4.08                | Courtmacsherry | 11th October, '91 | Paul Power      | Peeler Crab |
| 3 14                | Dingle         | 28th September    | V. Jenkins (GB) | Crab        |
| 3 12                | Ballyteigue    | 16th February     | Liam Tully      | Lugworm     |
| 3 12                | Fermoyle       | 2nd February      | Jack Lacey      | Lugworm     |



**FLOUNDER (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE       | DATE               | CAPTOR            | METHOD        |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 3 12                | Ballyteigue | 12th November      | John Phelan       | Crab          |
| 3.64                | Dungarvan   | 21st November, '91 | Tony Crowe        | Crab          |
| 3 10                | Ballyteigue | 29th November      | Patrick Foster    | Peeler Crab   |
| 3.60                | Bannow Bay  | 22nd November      | Joe Hennessy      | Peeler Crab   |
| 3.56                | Ballyteigue | 17th November, '91 | Thomas Riley      | Peeler Crab   |
| 3.50                | Ballyteigue | 24th October       | Joseph Ryan       | Crab/Lugworm  |
| 3 7                 | Bannow      | 29th November      | Michael Dixon     | Crab/Ragworm  |
| 3.39                | Ballyteigue | 4th October        | Edward Cavanagh   | Ragworm       |
| 3 6                 | Ballyteigue | 1st November       | Kieran Begadon    | Crab          |
| 1.530 kilos         | Ballyteigue | 17th October       | Mick Dalton       | Crab          |
| 3.33                | Ballyteigue | 17th November, '91 | James O'Shea      | Lugworm/Squid |
| 3 5                 | Cloghane    | 11th January       | Jack Lacey        | Lugworm       |
| 3.30                | Ballyteigue | 9th November, '91  | Walter Flynn      | Crab          |
| 1.480 kilos         | Ballyteigue | 16th October       | Mick Dalton       | Crab          |
| 3 4                 | Bannow Bay  | 28th November, '91 | Michael Elliott   | Lugworm       |
| 3 4                 | Ballyteigue | 7th November       | Brian Russell     | Peeler Crab   |
| 3.24                | Bannow Bay  | 18th October       | Joe Hennessy      | Crab          |
| 1.420 kilos         | Ballyteigue | 16th October       | Mick Dalton       | Crab          |
| 3.19                | Ballyteigue | 6th November, '91  | Colm Benson       | Crab          |
| 3.13                | Youghal     | 17th November      | Dick Looney       | Peeler Crab   |
| 3 2                 | Co. Kerry   | 28th December, '91 | Philip Halpin     | Lugworm       |
| 3.10                | Ballyteigue | 25th January, '91  | Justin O'Brien    | Crab          |
| 3.06                | Ballyteigue | 19th January       | Joe Hennessy      | Lugworm       |
| 3                   | Cloghane    | 12th January       | Jack Lacey        | Lugworm       |
| 3                   | Ballyteigue | 24th December, '91 | Michael O'Morchoe | Lugworm       |
| 3                   | Ballyteigue | 9th November, '91  | Paul Beglin       | Peeler Crab   |

**GARFISH**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE        | CAPTOR                 | METHOD         |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 2.51                | Courtmacsherry | 23rd August | Raymond Verschoor (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

**GREY GURNARD**

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE           | DATE               | CAPTOR       | METHOD         |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2 1                | Sheephaven      | 23rd September     | John Hegarty | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.65               | Rathlin O'Beirn | 21st August        | John Deane   | Mackerel Strip |
| 9                  | Causeway Coast  | 7th September, '91 | Carrol Black | Mackerel Strip |

**RED GURNARD**

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE           | CAPTOR         | METHOD           |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1.49               | Belmullet      | 16th July      | Colin Reynolds | Baited feathers  |
| 2 6                | Killybegs      | 11th October   | Fintan Hughes  | Baited feathers  |
| 2 4                | Castlegregory  | 20th September | Jack Lacey     | Lugworm/Mackerel |
| 2.22               | Killybegs      | 10th August    | Laurence Gray  | Sandeel Strip    |
| 2 2                | Valentia       | 4th September  | James Sugrue   | Mackerel Strip   |
| 2 2                | Causeway Coast | 19th July      | Mervyn Hayes   | Mackerel         |
| 2 0.25             | Sheephaven     | 23rd September | John Hegarty   | Mackerel Strip   |

**TUB GURNARD**

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE         | DATE              | CAPTOR         | METHOD          |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 3 9                | Lough Swilly  | 28th October, '91 | Thomas Evesson | Redgill         |
| 5.68               | Belmullet     | 16th July         | James Wilson   | Baited feathers |
| 5.52               | Castlegregory | 5th September     | Nick Butler    | Mackerel Strip  |

**JOHN DORY**

Record, 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4 lbs; 1.814 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE       | CAPTOR           | METHOD         |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 5.81                | Fethard on Sea | 2nd August | Peter Brennan    | Feathers       |
| 4.28                | Lough Swilly   | 7th July   | Desmond Morrison | Mackerel Strip |

**LING**

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

| WEIGHT<br>bs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE         | CAPTOR                | METHOD              |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 44                 | East Ferry     | 19th April   | Denis Healy           | Mackerel Fillet     |
| 40                 | East Ferry     | 16th August  | Clem White (GB)       | Mackerel            |
| 18.05 kilos        | Baltimore      | 1st February | George Hill           | Pirk                |
| 29 8               | East Ferry     | 15th July    | Paul A. Faughnan (GB) | Mackerel            |
| 29                 | East Ferry     | 22nd June    | John Cunningham       | Mackerel Strip      |
| 29                 | Courtmacsherry | 11th July    | Niall O'Sullivan      | Pirk/Mackerel Strip |
| 28 8               | Ballycastle    | 9th August   | Tom Black             | Mackerel Fillet     |
| 28                 | Courtmacsherry | 11th July    | Niall O'Sullivan      | Pirk/Mackerel Strip |
| 27                 | Courtmacsherry | 8th August   | Philip Hulsizer (USA) | Mackerel Strip      |
| 26                 | Courtmacsherry | 6th August   | Frank Lokhoff (NL)    | Mackerel Strip      |

### LING (continued)

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE             | CAPTOR              | METHOD           |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 26                  | Courtmacsherry | 23rd June        | Ludo Kerremans (NL) | Mackerel         |
| 25.58               | Baltimore      | 27th January     | Michael McVeigh     | Mackerel         |
| 25 8                | East Ferry     | 30th June        | Alan Green (GB)     | Mackerel flapper |
| 25 8                | Courtmacsherry | 17th June        | Benny Mertens (B)   | Mackerel Strip   |
| 25 8                | Courtmacsherry | 5th August       | Hans Bosch (NL)     | Mackerel Strip   |
| 25                  | Rathmullan     | 26th August, '91 | Gary Bunney         | Mackerel Strip   |



Mr. Clem White of Manchester with a 40 lbs. Ling from East Ferry.

### MEGRIM

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE         | CAPTOR           | METHOD         |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.92                | East Ferry | 17th October | Ray O'Sullivan   | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.84                | East Ferry | 16th October | Brian Byrne      | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.82                | Crosshaven | 10th July    | J.J. Koster (NL) | Mackerel       |

### MONKFISH

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE             | CAPTOR               | METHOD   |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 59                  | Tralee Bay | 19th August, '91 | Fred De Vries (NL)   | Mackerel |
| 50                  | Tralee Bay | 3th August       | David K. Osborn (GB) | Mackerel |



A 50 lb. Monkfish from Tralee Bay caught by David K. Osborn of Cambridge.



WEIGHT  
lbs. ozs.

PLACE

Lough Furnace  
Portrush  
Boyne Estuary  
Lough Furnace  
Boyne Estuary  
Boyne Estuary

Record,

bs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos

DATE

CAPTOR

METHOD

| DATE             | CAPTOR             | METHOD     |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 21st August, '91 | Michael Davitt     | Bread      |
| 4th October      | Eileen Coulter     | Coalfish   |
| 20th September   | Phillip J. Dunne   | Mackerel   |
| 2nd September    | Thierry Gulque (F) | Bread      |
| 20th August, '91 | Michael Davitt     | Fish Paste |
| 21st June        | Phillip J. Dunne   | Fish Paste |
| 21st June        | Phillip J. Dunne   | Fish Paste |



Terry Jackson  
with a 4.5 lb.  
Plaice from  
Ballintoy.

## PLAICE

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

WEIGHT  
lbs. ozs.

PLACE

DATE

CAPTOR

METHOD

Causeway Coast  
Causeway Coast  
Ballintoy

26th July  
24th May  
7th June

Norman McClean  
Rab Beggs (GB)  
Terry Jackson

Mackerel Strip  
Ragworm/Mackerel  
Ragworm/Mackerel

## POLLACK

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

WEIGHT

lbs. ozs.

PLACE

DATE

CAPTOR

METHOD

Rathmullan  
Causeway Coast  
East Ferry  
East Ferry  
Rathmullan  
Rathmullan  
Kinsale  
Rathmullan  
Courtmacsherry  
Courtmacsherry  
Courtmacsherry  
Courtmacsherry  
Rathmullan

20th September  
5th July  
27th July  
3rd September  
5th September  
19th September  
28th August  
29th July  
13th July  
16th July  
2nd June  
14th July  
9th August

Edwin Brown  
Trevor Campbell  
Edward Dorney  
Derek Calvin (GB)  
Malcolm Bowden  
Malcolm Bowden  
Arthur Long  
Shay McDonnell  
Mike Kollaard (NL)  
Gerda Van Den Berg (NL)  
A. Steenbergen (NL)  
Niall O'Sullivan  
Eugene Mullins

Redgill  
Feathers  
Mackerel  
Redgill  
Eddystone Eel  
Eddystone Eel  
Mackerel strip  
Redgill  
Twister  
Mackerel Strip  
Rubber Eel  
Rubber Eel  
Eddystone Eel

## POUTING

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

WEIGHT  
lbs. ozs.

PLACE

DATE

CAPTOR

METHOD

Loughshinny  
Ballycotton  
Loughshinny  
Loughshinny  
Portrush  
Kinsale  
East Ferry

22nd June  
23rd June  
22nd June  
22nd June  
20th September  
19th July  
14th August

Pierce Moran  
Heinz Gneist (A)  
Charles Fottrell  
Noel Fynes  
Martin Cassidy  
David O'Driscoll  
Rens Hilgersom (NL)

Mackerel/Ragworm  
Mackerel/Lugworm  
Ragworm/Mackerel  
Ragworm  
Mackerel Strip  
Mackerel Strip  
Baited feathers

## PAINTED RAY

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

WEIGHT

lbs. ozs.

PLACE

DATE

CAPTOR

METHOD

Garryvoe  
Garryvoe  
Garryvoe  
Garryvoe

2nd October  
2nd October  
19th September  
19th September

Colm O'Mullane  
John Kavanagh  
Leeson F. Treacy  
Mattie Foley

Sandeel  
Sandeel  
Lugworm  
Sandeel



Martin Cassidy, Portrush, with a 3 lbs. 3 oz. Pouting, caught at Portrush.

### HOMELYN RAY

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE      | CAPTOR            | METHOD         |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 5.04                | Rathmullan | 21st June | Xavier Meffre (F) | Mackerel Strip |

### THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE                  | DATE               | CAPTOR             | METHOD          |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2.28                | Carnsore Point         | 26th July          | Cecil Barron       | Baited feathers |
| 2 3                 | Black Head             | 26th June          | Nan Briggs (GB)    | Mackerel Strip  |
| 880 kilos           | Red Bay                | 15th December, '91 | John Hegarty       | Ragworm         |
| 1 15                | Causeway Coast         | 29th August        | Master Brian Halus | Mackerel        |
| 1.9                 | Kilfarassey, Waterford | 21st July, '91     | John O'Brien       | Crab            |
| 850 kilos           | Causeway Coast         | 4th November       | J.B. Wilson        | Mackerel Strip  |
| 802 kilos           | Kinsale                | 16th August        | Greg Ince          | Mackerel        |



Xavier Meffre of France caught this 5.04 lbs. Homelyn Ray at Rathmullan.

### TWAITE SHAD

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE                        | DATE          | CAPTOR           | METHOD         |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2.64                | River Barrow,<br>St. Mullins | 16th May      | Christy Emmett   | Jensen Tobis   |
| 2.63                | St. Mullins                  | 9th May, '91  | John O'Brien     | Toby           |
| 2.44                | St. Mullins                  | 13th May, '91 | John O'Brien     | Toby           |
| 2.42                | St. Mullins                  | 15th May      | Bill Ryan        | ABU Toby       |
| 2 5                 | St. Mullins                  | 23rd May      | Kevin Cunningham | Ilba           |
| 2.30                | St. Mullins                  | 15th May      | Bill Ryan        | Jensen Tobis   |
| 2.30                | St. Mullins                  | 14th May, '91 | James O'Brien    | Silver Spinner |
| 2.27                | St. Mullins                  | 16th May      | Joe Hennessy     | Jensen spinner |
| 2.26                | River Suir                   | 7th May       | James O'Brien    | Silver Spinner |
| 2.26                | St. Mullins                  | 16th May      | Brian R. Kane    | Jensen Tobis   |
| 2.25                | St. Mullins                  | 16th May      | Patrick Kavanagh | Jensen Tobis   |
| 2 4                 | St. Mullins                  | 16th May      | Ray Bannerman    | Jensen         |

# **TWAITE SHAD (continued)**

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE       | DATE          | CAPTOR                 | METHOD            |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 4                 | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Trevor Belling         | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2.23                | St. Mullins | 10th May      | Ken O'Farrell          | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2.23                | St. Mullins | 22nd May      | Liam Rothwell          | Jensen            |
| 2.21                | St. Mullins | 15th May, '91 | James O'Brien          | Silver Spinner    |
| 2 3                 | St. Mullins | 29th April    | Patrick Murphy         | Silver Minnow     |
| 2 3                 | St. Mullins | 3rd May       | Michael A. Cunningham  | Krill             |
| 2 3                 | St. Mullins | 23rd May      | Kevin Cunningham       | Ilba              |
| 2.17                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Joseph Ryan            | Spinner           |
| 2.16                | St. Mullins | 10th May      | Padraig Doran          | Toby              |
| 2.16                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Joseph M. Barrie       | Tasmanian Devil   |
| 2.16                | St. Mullins | 15th May      | Bill Ryan              | ABU Toby          |
| 2.15                | St. Mullins | 21st May      | Stephen Dowling        | Mepps No. 2       |
| 2.14                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Christy Emmett         | Tasmanian Devil   |
| 2.14                | St. Mullins | 14th May      | Peter Bolger           | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2.14                | St. Mullins | 4th May       | Liam Rothwell          | Jensen            |
| 2.13                | St. Mullins | 13th May, '91 | Brian Russell          | Silver Spinner    |
| 2.13                | St. Mullins | 9th May       | John Millerick         | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2 2                 | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Graham R. Peake        | Ilba              |
| 2 2                 | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Ray Bannerman          | Jensen            |
| 2 2                 | St. Mullins | 11th May      | Brendan Barry          | Jensen            |
| 2 2                 | St. Mullins | 14th May      | Clifford Potts         | Flasha            |
| 2 2                 | St. Mullins | 15th May      | Clifford Potts         | Yellow Revenge    |
| 2.12                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Joseph O'Dowd          | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2.10                | St. Mullins | 14th May      | Denis Butler           | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2.08                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | John A. O'Connor       | Zinger            |
| 2.08                | River Suir  | 7th May       | James O'Brien          | Spinner           |
| 2.07                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | James Byrne            | Tasmanian Devil   |
| 2 1                 | St. Mullins | 14th May      | Clifford Potts         | Flasha            |
| 2 1                 | St. Mullins | 11th May      | Pat Dalton             | Jensen Pirk       |
| 2 1                 | St. Mullins | 23rd May      | Graham R. Peake        | Ilba              |
| 2 1                 | St. Mullins | 17th May      | Ray Bannerman          | Jensen            |
| 2.05                | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Joe Hennessy           | Jensen            |
| 2.04                | St. Mullins | 15th May      | Master David Ryan      | ABU Toby          |
| 2.03                | St. Mullins | 20th May      | James W. Walsh         | Zinger            |
| 2.02                | St. Mullins | 22nd May      | Harold Bailey          | Jensen            |
| 2.02                | St. Mullins | 13th May, '91 | Christopher MacAuliffe | Red & Silver Toby |
| 2                   | St. Mullins | 13th May, '91 | James O'Brien          | Silver Spinner    |
| 2                   | St. Mullins | 18th May      | Joseph O'Dowd          | Jensen Tobis      |
| 2                   | St. Mullins | 16th May      | Joe Hennessy           | Jensen Spinner    |
| 2                   | St. Mullins | 7th May       | Pat Dalton             | Jensen Pirk       |

# **BLUE SHARK**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE       | DATE           | CAPTOR             | METHOD           |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 124                 | Sheephaven  | 17th August    | Trevor Ryder       | Mackerel         |
| 108                 | Mullaghmore | 16th July      | Dieter Risse (NL)  | Mackerel         |
| 106 12              | Sheephaven  | 17th August    | P.J. Nash          | Mackerel         |
| 101 8               | Sheephaven  | 23rd September | Norman Kane        | Mackerel flapper |
| 45.55 kilos         | Kinsale     | 21st June      | W. Oosterbaan (NL) | Mackerel         |

# **SMOOTH HOUND**

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE  | DATE      | CAPTOR                 | METHOD      |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| 8 2                 | Cahore | 14th June | Master Tadhg Bannerman | Peeler Crab |
| 7 12                | Cahore | 3rd May   | Franx Baxter           | Peeler Crab |
| 7 4                 | Cahore | 14th June | Michael Elliott        | Peeler Crab |
| 7 2                 | Cahore | 28th June | Ray Bannerman          | Crab        |
| 7 1                 | Cahore | 21st June | Daniel Smith           | Peeler Crab |



Cyril Young returned this 46 lbs. Tope to Carlingford Lough.



## TOPE

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE                | DATE           | CAPTOR           | METHOD         |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 60                  | Strangford Lough     | 11th September | Nicholas McKeown | Coalfish       |
| 52                  | Wicklow Bay          | 7th July       | Donal Kennedy    | Mackerel Strip |
| 46                  | Carlingford Lough    | 27th June      | Cyril Young      | Mackerel       |
| 45                  | Greencastle, Kilkeel | 23rd August    | William Murphy   | Mackerel       |
| 44                  | Tralee Bay           | 14th May       | Ulrich Asmus (D) | Mackerel       |
| 42                  | Greystones           | 9th August     | Robert C. Smith  | Mackerel Strip |
| 41                  | Carlingford Lough    | 1st August     | Cyril Young      | Mackerel       |

## TURBOT

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE   | DATE       | CAPTOR         | METHOD        |
|---------------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 18 12.25            | Red Bay | 2nd August | William Graham | Pirk Feathers |

## WHITING

Record, 4 lbs. 14.5 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE      | DATE           | CAPTOR            | METHOD          |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 3.75                | East Ferry | 13th September | Brian Byrne       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.59                | East Ferry | 18th October   | Leon Lazar (F)    | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.53                | Crosshaven | 7th August     | Paul Shine        | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.5                 | Crosshaven | 8th August     | Peter O'Farrell   | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.36                | East Ferry | 13th September | Brian Byrne       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.30                | East Ferry | 13th September | Brian Byrne       | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3.3                 | Crosshaven | 8th August     | Andrew Lynch      | Mackerel Strip  |
| 3 4                 | Crosshaven | 29th July      | Karel Kollof (NL) | Baited feathers |
| 3 3                 | Crosshaven | 28th August    | J.R. Wildon (GB)  | Feathers        |
| 3.15                | East Ferry | 13th September | Jerry O'Sullivan  | Baited feathers |
| 3 2                 | Crosshaven | 2nd August     | Tony Cotter       | Feathers        |
| 3.03                | Crosshaven | 11th July      | D. Koning (NL)    | Feathers        |
| 3                   | Crosshaven | 8th August     | Andrew Lynch      | Mackerel Strip  |



A 2.38 kilo Ballan Wrasse caught by Kevin Foran of Rosslare Strand.

## BALLAN WRASSE

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

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE            | DATE             | CAPTOR           | METHOD            |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2.9 kilos           | Fanore           | 21st June        | Terry Bewes (GB) | Lugworm Cocktail  |
| 3.06                | Dunmore East     | 29th August, '91 | Justin O'Brien   | Crab              |
| 3.38                | Kilmore Quay     | 12th July        | Michael Cole     | Feathers/Mackerel |
| 2.380 kilos         | Hook Head        | 4th July         | Kevin Foran      | Ragworm           |
| 5 1                 | Saltees, Wexford | 21st April       | Jody Sinnott     | Feathers          |
| 4.77                | Killybegs        | 3th August       | John Cusack      | Mackerel Strip    |

## BUCKOO WRASSE

Record, 2.01 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1.25 lbs; .567 kilos

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs. | PLACE          | DATE          | CAPTOR              | METHOD            |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2.01                | Carnsore Point | 9th August    | John J. Tanner (GB) | Mackerel/Feathers |
| 1 12.25             | Belfast Lough  | 23rd August   | Ephraim Stafford    | Mackerel          |
| 1 10 1/8            | Red Bay        | 5th September | R. Brown            | Squid/Mackerel    |

## CUCKOO WRASSE (continued)

| WEIGHT<br>lbs. ozs.             | PLACE          | DATE               | CAPTOR             | METHOD            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 7.25                          | Larne          | 20th September     | Eddie Kirk         | Redgill           |
| 1 7                             | Maidens        | 14th July          | Kenneth McDowell   | Mackerel Strip    |
| 1.43                            | Carnsore Point | 17th June          | Cecil Barron       | Mackerel/Feathers |
| 1 6.25                          | Causeway Coast | 16th August        | Paul McAnally      | Ragworm           |
| 1 6                             | Causeway Coast | 19th September     | Neville Scott      | Mackerel          |
| 1 6                             | Causeway Coast | 8th August, '91    | Paul Graham        | Sandeel           |
| 1 6                             | Maidens        | 2nd August         | Jackie Scullion    | Ragworm           |
| 1 6                             | Portrush       | 1st September, '91 | Cyril Monteith     | Ragworm           |
| 1 6                             | Causeway Coast | 6th September      | Carrol Black       | Mackerel strip    |
| 1.36                            | Carnsore Point | 9th August         | Cecil Barron       | Mackerel/Feathers |
| 1.33                            | Carnsore Point | 21st July          | Cecil Barron       | Orange Moppet     |
| 1.32                            | Belmullet      | 27th September     | Sean Reynolds      | Toby              |
| 1 5                             | Larne          | 8th August         | Barry Latham       | Mackerel Strip    |
| 1 4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> | Red Bay,       | 5th September      | R. J. McMullan     | Mackerel Strip    |
| .580 kilos                      | Belmullet      | 22nd August        | Dave Houghton (GB) | Ragworm           |
| 1 4.25                          | Causeway Coast | 9th August         | Charles Bell       | Baited spoon      |
| 1 4                             | Larne          | 8th August         | Barry Latham       | Baited Muppet     |
| 1 4                             | Larne          | 8th August         | Michael Latham     | Mackerel Strip    |
| 1 4                             | Kilmore Quay   | 18th April         | Gordon Darker      | Mackerel          |



## NEW RECORDS

Two New Records were established in 1992.

A **PIKE** of 38 lbs. 9 ozs. was caught by Jim Doyle, 17 Kingswood View, Belgard Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, in a Co. Monaghan lake on December 15th, 1991.

A **CUCKOO WRASSE** of 2.01 lbs was taken by John J. Tanner, Smalldean, Wendover, Bucks, England, at Carnsore Point on August 9th, 1992.

## TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1992 for the special awards made to anglers who have recorded ten or more specimen fish:

Michael Elliott, 60 Gracepark Meadows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

John Gibbons, Glengowla, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Joe Hennessy, 84 St. John's Park Waterford.

## 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, 1992. The award goes to: Rene Laurent, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford, for a pike of 29 lbs caught in the River Barrow on the 16th February, 1992.

## 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 20 of these awards have been made to-date and during 1992 Raymond Bannerman, 24 Park Avenue, Castleknock, Dublin 15, qualified.

## LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS

A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, provision will be made that when the angler achieves this target and subsequently captures larger fish, these will be taken into account but the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three awards. By including this latter provision, it will ensure that the anglers competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.

## EXCLUSION FROM SPECIMEN STATUS

Where species of fish are introduced to a fishery at or above existing specimen weights, those species from that particular fishery shall not be considered for specimen or record status.

## WEIGHING OF FISH

The Committee insists that all fish be 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      |
| 1992 | 336     | 56      | 9       | 32          | 1       | 3      |

## FUND RAISING

The Committee are indebted to the generosity of the Central Fisheries Board and Bord Failte Eireann who each contributed £1,500.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### In Ireland

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1991 was made at the Garda Club, Dublin. The Presentation for the 1992 Awards will take place at the Garda Club, Harrington Street, Dublin, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 13th February, 1993. 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 1991 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 1991 is given in this Report. The 1992 account will only be available in 1993 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; F.I.S.H.; I.F.S.A Ulster Council; I.T.F.F.A.; Aghada S.A.C.; Ardmore S.A.C.; Ballycotton S.A.C.; Cork S.A.C.; Delphi Fishery Ltd.; Donaghadee S.A.C.; Dolphin Richview S.A.C.; E.S.B. Shoreliners S.A.C.; Fermoy A.C.; Glengormley S.A.C.; Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; Larne & District S.A.C.; New Ross S.A.C.; Old Head S.A.C.; Waterville Anglers; John Ahern, 14 Park Road, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, Co. Cork; L. Barbour; Brendan Barry, 8 Hawthorn Walk, Hillview, Waterford; R. Beggs, 65 Baberton Mains Park, Edinburgh, Scotland; B. Bradley, Persse Park, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway; J. Brown, Park Lane, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford; F.H.E. Buller, "Holy Tree", Woodlands, South Heath, Gt. Middenden, Bucks, England; George Burgum, Ocean Lodge, Beenbawn, Dingle, Co. Kerry; M. Butler, 7 Oak Terrace, Lisduggan, Waterford; C. & B. Byrne, Loughcarrig House, Ballinacurra, Middleton, Co. Cork; Christy Cloak, 236 Belgard Heights, Tallaght, Dublin 24; Chris Coates, 1 Gilmahirk Rise, Belfast, BT5 7DT, N. Ireland; M. Connell, 37 Orby Gardens, Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5HS, N. Ireland; J. Conway, 59 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip, Co. Kildare. E. Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Middleton, Co. Cork; P. Dalton, 2 The Terrace, Cannon Street, Waterford; J. Dooley, 6 Bawnleigh Court, Banduff, Cork; P.F. Dore, "St. Anne's", Freshford Road, Kilkenny; N. Dunne, 327 Old Belfast Road, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RB, N. Ireland; N. Dunlop, Balnagowan, Mobhi Boreen, Glasnevin, Dublin 9; W.H. Emerson, 117 Timascobe Road, Armagh, BT61 9HX, N. Ireland; James Farrell, 137 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6; Garrett Fitzgerald, 256 Lime Tree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin; S. Fitzsimons, Mullaghen, Kells, Co. Meath; Matt Foley, 18 Upper Lotabeg Road, Mayfield, Cork; Fred Foster, 6 Palmerstown Green, Kennelsfort Road, Dublin 20; M. Francey, 19 Willowfield Parade, Belfast, BT6 8HQ; R.C. Green, Foxcovers, Foxcovert Lane, Lr. Peover, Nr. Knutsford, Cheshire, England; R. Hancox, 30 Greenfield Ave., Northampton, WA16 9GS, England; Conor Healy, 6 Brookfield Lawn, The Lough, Cork; Burkhard Hobler, Karl Kessler Str. 8, 8952 Marktoberdorf, Germany; P. Hodgins, 197 Meadow Grove, Dundrum, Dublin 16; David L. Hunter, 5 Ravenhill Crescent, Belfast, BT6 8JU, N. Ireland; W. Lange, Varl 300, 4993 Rahden, Germany; M. Laurent, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford; T.R. Lawlor, J. McDermot, 1 Clarke Street, Clonakilty, Co. Cork; Ray McEvoy, 4 Marian Terrace, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary; G. McLoughlin, 4 Fairyknowe Park, Whitewell Road, Belfast, B3 5NZ, N. Ireland; James McMahon, Carrick Sports Centre, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan; M. McVeigh, 7 Jerusalem Street, Belfast, BT7, N. Ireland; John Millerick, 60 Brookfield Estate, Artane, Dublin 5; J. Monaghan, 13 Taney Crescent, Dundrum, Dublin 14; N. Mooney, 144 Charnwood Estate, Bray, Co. Wicklow; J. Mullen, Main Street, Portrush, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland; Thomas O'Brien, Currabend, Ballinacurra, Middleton, Co. Cork; Alan O'Hagan, 1 Beechland Drive, Magherafelt, Co. Down, N. Ireland; Karl O'Leary, 33 Meadow Lawn, Raheen, Limerick; Joey O'Neill, 25 Greenvale Park, Magherafelt, Co. Down, N. Ireland; John O'Shea, 6 Raphoe Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12; R. Patterson, 214 Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast, BT6 8LL, N. Ireland; G. Peake, 15 Wyncroft Heights, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 3QA, N. Ireland; L. Peile, 71 Mullurg Road, Marlacoomore, Portadown, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland; P. Pineau, Immeulle C3, Residence St. Nicolas, Trenue Paul-Paray, 76470 Le Treport, France; Clifford Potts, 7 Innisfoyle Drive, Bangor, Co. Down; J. Quigley, 40 Nash Street, Inchicore, Dublin 8; K. Ringrose, 460 Pinner Road, North Harrow, Middlesex, MA2 9EQ, England; B. Ryan, 3 Raheen Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24; J. Scullion, 68 Laurel Park, Ahoghill, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland; J. Sherry, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin; J. Shoer, 12 Sallygrove, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary; R.M. Smith, 90 Mansfield Road, Clipstone Village, Nr. Mansfield, Notts, NG21 9AW, England; P. Walsh, "The Bivvy", Ballinagall, Knockdrin, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; R. Williams, 2 Willow Court Cross, Douglas, Cork.

## "The Long Wait"

By

TONY GOSNELL

AT this time of year, anglers' thoughts are reflecting on thrills and tribulations of the past year's angling season and their hopes of better fishing and catches next year.

Towards the end of February, the Irish Specimen Fish Committee will be presenting its awards to anglers for specimen fish caught in 1992, in Irish waters.

Many anglers ask, is it hard to catch a specimen fish? Well, if you had asked me that question 11 years ago, I would have confidentially told you that I had given up all hope of ever landing a specimen fish, and was truthfully a little paranoid about the whole subject.

My late father was the first member of our family to catch a specimen fish. The circumstances of the catch were very unusual, to say the least. My father had been prevailed upon to come along on sea fishing trips with Maurice Buckley and myself on Cork Sea Anglers' club competitions. We were fishing at Burren Pier, near Timoleague in Co. Cork, which was a great spot for flounder and bass then. Maurice and I were fishing hard but Dad had nodded off in the warm sunshine on the rocks below the pier, with his fishing rod standing to attention in his gallig (rod stand). Every so often as a face-saving exercise, he would condescend to reel in and clean the accumulation of weed off his tackle, re-bait and cast again before returning to his beauty sleep! Towards the end of the fishing trip, my father was reeling in what seemed like a cwt. of seaweed that had fouled his line from the strong flowing tide. When he eventually landed his weedy "catch" we raised a hollow cheer, but he had the last laugh. When the trace was eventually extricated from the mass of seaweed, hadn't he "hooked" and landed to our utter disbelief, a fine 2 lbs. 10 ozs. specimen flounder!

From that day in 1966 onwards, with his specimen fish, an Irish Specimen Fish Committee medal and certificate, and a cup presented by the Club, Cork Sea Anglers, at its Annual Dinner Dance, "Dad's army" had been well and

truly bitten by the fishing bug, in no uncertain manner. From then on, we had no peace, and were constantly being reminded that we should sharpen our hooks, wash the line, after use, polish one's spinners, etc., etc. He went on to purchase the first Ambassador 9000, Multiplier Fishing Reel, in 1969, from T.W. Murray, Tackle Stockists, Patrick Street, Cork, for the unbelievable outrageous cost of £18.76, considered by clubmates, at that time. He was well and truly "hooked" with the fishing bug from the date of his specimen catch right up to the time of his premature death in 1972.

A perpetual trophy was presented by my mother to the Cork Sea Anglers Club in his memory, which has his specimen fish medal mounted on it. I had the pleasure of winning the trophy in 1982, for my first time, on its 10th anniversary, with the self same Ambassador 9000 reel.

I had to wait until 1971, before I came close to my first specimen fish. I won the Cork S.A.C. Club Cup with a catch of 4 bass and 1 flounder, weighing 24.5 lbs, at Owenahinch Strand in West Cork. I had won the same cup three years earlier on the nearby Warren Strand, with a catch of only one 2 lbs bass, when

storm conditions on that day had prevented any worthwhile fishing on the exposed strands. My 24.5 lbs catch included a 9 lbs. 12 oz. bass, just a mere 4 ozs. short of the magical 10 lbs specimen weight. When I gutted the bass, I discovered two whole herrings in his stomach, I have oft times regretted that he had not caught that third herring!

I languished in the specimen hunting wilderness up to 11 years ago.

I was fishing in a club competition at the Old Youghal Bridge in Co. Waterford, where I was meeting scores of small flounders on a strong ebb tide. I had got a bite and was expecting another less than 12" small flounder, but low and behold, when I landed the "flattie", believe it or not, I had my first specimen flounder weighing 2 lbs. 11 ozs. At long last, I had broken my specimen hoodoo, after almost a score and ten years of angling, if I include my toirn'n (stickleback) apprenticeship!

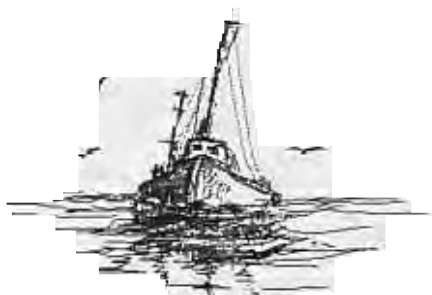
I decided the Department of Posts and Telegraphs could not be trusted with such a valuable possession, so I sent it by C.I.E. Fastrack and to be really sure, I had the fish collected at Kingsbridge Station and hand delivered to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee Offices on Mobhi Road. I couldn't bear the thought of the fish being delayed, start to smell and be dumped, and the agony of waiting another 30 years would be just too much to bear!

The following year, 1982, and again in Youghal, I caught another specimen flounder - weight 2 lbs. 9 ozs., and yet another fish the same day was just short by a .5 oz. to complete my trio.

On the evening of 17th August, 1983, I was fishing for turbot on Cork Harbour's Turbot Bank, with George Vickery, Chairman, Crosshaven S.A.C., on the boat of the club's vice-president, Charlie Robinson. Fishing had been fair with a few small turbot taken, when I got a solid take. After I struck, I knew a true "rod bender" had been hooked. Helped by a strong flood tide, a fine specimen 25.24 lbs blonde ray fought strongly for all of 30 minutes, before he could be brought to the boat's side.

Within ten minutes, I was again struck in a ferocious tussle with something heavier and stronger, much to the disbelief of my two Crosshaven S.A.C. angling friends. When the "fish" finally surfaced and was landed, they turned out to be a 20 lbs blonde ray on one hook and a 14 pounder on the other, both were slid gently back to the depths of Cork Harbour to grow to specimen size!

So, all you despairing specimen fish hunters, do not give up, as you can see, you might have to wait thirty years for your first specimen fish, but, then as I have discovered, "they come, not in single file, but in battalions", to borrow a phrase from that great English scribe!



## IRISH RECORD FISH FRESHWATER SPECIES

| Species             | Weight<br>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,<br>Co. Down      | Thomas McManus   |
| Brown Trout (River) | 20 0                | 22. 2.1957      | River Shannon,<br>Corbally     | Major Hugh Place |
| Brown Trout (Lake)  | 26 2                | 15. 7.1894      | Lough Ennell                   | Wm. Mears        |
| Bream               | 11 12               | 1882            | River Blackwater<br>(Monaghan) | A. Pike          |
| Carp                | 26 2                | 28. 5.1989      | The Lough, Cork.               | Kieron V. Bend   |
| Dace                | 1 2                 | 8. 8.1966       | River Blackwater,<br>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 9                | 15.12.1991      | Monaghan                       | Jim Doyle        |
| Roach               | 2 13.5              | 11. 8.1970      | River Blackwater,<br>Cappoquin | Lawrie Robinson  |
| Rudd                | 3 4                 | 27. 5.1991      | Annaghmore Lake                | Steve Wilks      |
| 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,<br>Lanesboro    | Raymond Webb     |
| River Eel           | 3 15                | 12. 6.1979      | L. Droumenisa, Bantry          | J. Murnane       |

## MARINE SPECIES

| Species                        | Weight<br>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                       | 4.60                | 9.11.1991       | Ballyteigue<br>Co. Wexford | Patrick Cassidy     |
| Garfish                        | 3 10.25             | 16. 9.1967      | Kinsale                    | Evan Bazzard        |
| Garfish ( <i>Svetovidovi</i> ) | 1 0                 | 26. 7.1989      | Courtmacsherry             | George H.M. Wyntjes |
| Tub Gurnard                    | 2 3.5               | 3. 8.1973       | Bullsmouth, Achill         | Robert Seaman       |

# MARINE SPECIES (continued)

| Species                | Weight<br>lbs. ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture    | Captor               |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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          | 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          | 2.01                | 9. 8.1992       | Carnsore Point      | John J. Tanner       |

# SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

| FRESHWATER FISH                                     | IRISH RECORD<br>lbs. ozs. | SPECIMEN<br>lbs. | WEIGHT<br>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 1                      | 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 9                      | 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 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 13.25                   | 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 10.5                    | 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>Aspitrigla 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)

| FRESHWATER FISH  | IRISH RECORD<br>lbs. ozs. | SPECIMEN<br>lbs. | WEIGHT<br>kilos |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 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> )                    | 69 0                      | 20               | 9.072           |
| - Homelyn ( <i>Raja montagui</i> )                         | 8.28                      | 5                | 2.268           |
| - Undulate ( <i>Raja undulata</i> )                        | 18                        | 14               | 6.350           |
| - Painted ( <i>Raja microcellata</i> )                     | 14.37                     | 10               | 4.536           |
| - Sting ( <i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i> )                      | 51                        | 30               | 13.608          |
| Ray's Bream ( <i>Brama brama</i> )                         | 6 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           |
| - Twaiter ( <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 Bailan ( <i>Labrus bergylta</i> )                   | 4.3 kilos                 | 4.75             | 2.154           |
| Wrasse Cuckoo ( <i>Labrus mixtus</i> )                     | 2.01                      | 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 - 31st December, 1991

| 1990      | Expenditure           | 1991      | 1990        | Revenue                 | 1991      |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| £2,977.04 | Printing              | £2,481.03 |             | Balance B/F             | £2,825.09 |
| £315.00   | Medals                | £960.63   |             | Grants                  |           |
| £185.95   | Travel                | £213.14   | £1,200.00   | Central Fisheries Board | £1,450.00 |
| £25.00    | Late Dr. Went's Prize | £25.00    | £3,000.00   | Bord Failte             | £500.00   |
| £329.87   | Miscellaneous         | £182.56   |             | Subscriptions           |           |
| £240.00   | Presentation Expenses | £380.00   | £1,496.19   | Clubs, Federations &    |           |
| £9.69     | Bank Charges          | £11.58    |             | Individuals             | £1,513.69 |
|           | Total                 | £4,253.94 | £19.67      | E.B.S. Interest         | £18.17    |
|           | Balance c/d           | £2,053.01 |             |                         |           |
|           |                       | £6,306.95 | Balance b/d |                         | £6,306.95 |
|           |                       |           |             |                         | £2,053.01 |

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 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 has been weighed on board a boat. Please note: Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e. after the fish has been weighed.
- 4) **IDENTIFICATION:** The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason, the Committee in respect of some species insists on scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body as actual proof of identification before it will consider claims. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for **SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT** (including **SLOB TROUT**). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim. The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi 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).**