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Cover picture: William Pell of Cambridgeshire with a Bass of 14 lb. 8 oz., taken in Tralee Bay.

REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1993

During 1993, 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 and Ned O'Farrell (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 490 claims and ratified 454.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1993 (Dates of capture 1993 unless otherwise stated)

SALMON

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
26.22	River Corrib	12th Septembe	Martin Kiely	Flying C
25.22	River Moy	28th June	Frank McElwee	Worm
24.55	River Shannon Plassey	18th July	Anthony Duhan	Silver Spoon
23.77	River Suir	15th September	Jimmy Bowdren	Mepps No. 4
23.15	River Moy	24th June	T.A. Barron	Flying C
20 1.5	Casla River	13th August	H.R.T. Fitzjohn	Fly

SEA TROUT

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 15.5	Lough Currane	1st June	Paul Kersel (GB)	Fly
9 14	Lough Currane	11th April	Sean Kelly	Rapalla
9.35	Lough Currane	23rd May	Yves de Boussac (F)	Fly
9	Lough Currane	22nd May	Ted Linter (GB)	Fly
8.93	Lough Currane	15th May	Gerard Pieters (B)	Fly
8 13.5	Lough Currane	15th April	David Hopkins (GB)	Rapalla
8 9.5	Lough Currane	15th April	Dr. Ondruska Leonard (D)	Rapalla
7 12	Lough Currane	4th June	H.G. Davies (GB)	Toby

SEA TROUT (continued)

WEIGHT lbs ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 12	Lough Currane	4th July	John Charles (GB)	Fly
7 8.75	Lough Currane	24th April	Thierry Delaunay (F)	Rapala
7 7	Lough Namona	12th September	John Phelan	Fly
7 6	Lough Currane	15th June	Lindsay Page (GB)	Lure
7 4	Lough Currane	15th April	Dr. Noel Cahill	Rapala
7 3.5	Lough Currane	15th May	Ted Linter (GB)	Fly
7 3	Lough Currane	23rd April	David Hopkins (GB)	Lukki
5 14	Lough Currane	12th April	Dr. Stuart Cox (GB)	Rapala
5 11	Lough Currane	9th April	Klaus Baumgartner (D)	Rapala
5 9	Lough Currane	23rd April	Robert Priestley	Rapala



Anthony Duhan of Limerick with a 24.55 lbs. Salmon from the River Shannon at Plassey.

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15.44	Lough Corrib	8th May	Paul Donnellan	Minnow
14 4.5	Lough Corrib	1st June	Liam Tierney	Fly
13.72	Lough Corrib	29th August	John Gibbons	Minnow
13 6.5	Lough Mask	22nd July	Tom Dillon	Rapala
13 5	Lough Mask	27th September	Des Elliott	Spoon
13 2	Lough Corrib	6th August	Tony Kelly	Fly
13	Lough Corrib	29th September	John Gibbons	Minnow
13	Lough Corrib	5th September	C.P. Bashford (GB)	Mepps No. 5
12.5	Lough Leane	25th April	Denis O'Donnell	Spoon
12 2	Lough Corrib	1st July	Michael J. Walsh	Rapala
12	Gentle Owens Lake, 27th May		Michael McAuley	Worm
11.92	Lough Corrib	24th May	John Lee	Mayfly
11.59	Lough Mask	24th February	John Killeavy	Minnow
11 7	Lough Corrib	12th April	Anne Grant	Tasmanian Devil
11 2	Lough Corrib	7th August	Michael Duffy	Sprat
11.03	Lough Corrib	11th April	John Gibbons	Minnow
10 9	Lough Mask	16th June	Peter Lammert (D)	Plug
10 8	Lough Corrib	17th April	Richard Gibbons	Spoon
10.32	Lough Mask	26th May	Henk Versteeg (NL)	Plug
10.2	Lough Leane	8th June	James Hurley	Lukki
10	Lough Corrib	22nd April	Olaf Schindler (D)	Rapala



A 13 lb. 2 oz. Brown Trout from Lough Corrib, taken by Tony Kelly at Galway.

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11 8	River Shannon	3rd July	Dirk De Wilde (B)	Dam No.1
9.26	R. Shannon, Killaloe	5th March	Dan Gallagher	Worm
8.03	River Clare	24th May	Michael Condon	Dryfly
7 13	River Clare	10th July	Kevin Dolan	Worms
6.56	River Clare	24th May	Michael Condon	Fly
6	River Sullane, Macroon	25th May	Michael Foley	Minnow
6	River Clare	18th August	Robert J. Lawlor	Fly
6.19	River Clare	14th June	Gary Ryan	Worm
6.01	River Clare	1st June	Paschal Leufer	Dryfly
6	River Corrib	21st February	Noel O'Toole	Wetfly
5 15	River Shannon, Drumshanbo	18th April	Klaus Dippel (D)	Dead Roach
5.34	River Inny	20th August	Pat Thompson	Fly
5 4	River Fergus	25th May	Toddy O'Loughlin	Mayfly
5 3	River Fergus	22nd May	Toddy O'Loughlin	Mayfly
5 2	River Suck	30th May	Bernard Mannion	Mayfly
5.01	River Clare	7th August	Robert J. Lawlor	Fly
5	River Boyne	18th April	Kieran Burns	Minnow

BREAM

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11 5	Lough na Glack	19th August	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
11 4	Lough na Glack	16th June	James McMahon	Maggots
10 13	Monalty Lake	17th June	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
10 8.5	Monalty Lake	17th June	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
10 1	Monalty Lake	12th September	Brendan Doran	Maggots
10 1	Monalty Lake	15th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
10	Monalty Lake	19th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 15	Monalty Lake	1st May	James McMahon	Maggots
9 14	Monalty Lake	11th July	James McMahon	Maggots
9 14	Monalty Lake	13th April	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 13	Monalty Lake	19th July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots/Sweetcorn
9 9	Monalty Lake	14th April	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 9	Monalty Lake	14th September	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 9	Monalty Lake	22nd July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
9 8	Monalty Lake	17th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 8	Monalty Lake	4th September	Paul Riley (GB)	Maggots/Corn
9 8	Monalty Lake	13th April	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 7	Monalty Lake	22nd July	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
9 5	Monalty Lake	20th March	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
9 3	Monalty Lake	18th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 1	Drumlaheen Lake	7th September	Lloyd Mitchell (GB)	Worm/Maggots

BREAM (continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 14	Monalty Lake	21st March	Ron Patterson	Maggots/Corn
8 9	Lough Derg	13th August	Daniel Baylis (GB)	Maggots/Worm
8 7	Monalty Lake	4th September	Anthony Michell (HK)	Bread/Maggots
8 4	Monalty Lake	4th September	Paul Riley (GB)	Maggots/Corn
8 4	Monalty Lake	4th September	Paul Riley (GB)	Maggots/Corn
8 4	Drumlaheen Lake	7th September	Lloyd Mitchell (GB)	Worm/Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	4th September	Anthony Michell (HK)	Bread/Worms
8 2	Drumlaheen Lake	7th September	Ray Turner (GB)	Maggots/Worm
8 1	Monalty Lake	18th April	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 14	Lough Ree	11th September	Andrew Boyd	Bread/Maggots
7 13	Drumlaheen Lake	7th September	Lloyd Mitchell (GB)	Maggots/Worm
7 12	Lower Bann, Toome	24th April	Kevin Cunningham	Maggots
7 11	Corcrin Lake	4th September	Anthony Michell (HK)	Sweetcorn
7 11	Drumlaheen Lake	6th September	Ray Turner (GB)	Maggots/Worm
7 10	Monalty Lake	23rd April	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 10	Lower Bann, Toome	25th April	Graham R. Peake	Maggots
7 10	Lough Ree	11th September	Martin McKibbin	Maggots/Flake
7 9	Lough Derg	30th July	Mark Pickles (GB)	Maggots/Worm
7 9	Drumlaheen Lake	18th September	Andrew Palmer (GB)	Maggots/Worm
7 9	Lower Bann, Toome	25th April	Graham R. Peake	Maggots
7 8	Lower Bann, Toome	24th April	Kevin Cunningham	Maggots
7 8	Lower Bann, Toome	24th April	Kevin Cunningham	Maggots
7 8	Lough Ree	11th September	Martin McKibbin	Maggots/Corn
7 8	Lough Ree	11th September	Martin McKibbin	Maggots/Flake



Inniscarra Reservoir, Co. Cork.

CARP

New Record, 27.78 lbs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
27.78	The Lough, Cork	17th June	Robert Coleman	Boilie
19 8	The Lough	5th September	Brendan Doran	Boilie
18 12	The Lough	8th September	Brendan Doran	Boilie
17 2	The Lough	6th September	Brendan Doran	Boilie
16.20	The Lough	10th May	Gregory Matthews	Boilie
15 1	Ballinafid Lake	16th July	Oliver Purcell	Boilie
14 3	Ballinafid Lake	1st October	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie
14 1	Ballinafid Lake	8th May	Oliver Purcell	Sweetcorn
13 6	Ballinafid Lake	20th June	Fred Foster	Boilie
13 6	Ballinafid Lake	24th June	Ian Forde	Boilie
12	The Lough	30th December, '92	Mark McGivern	Boilie
10 4	Ballinafid Lake	30th April	Oliver Purcell	Boilie



*Carp of 16.20
lbs. taken in
The Lough,
Cork by
Gregory
Matthews of
Dublin.*

EEL

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.5 kilos	Lough Derravaragh	12th August	Greg Long	Worm
3 12	River Lee	26th July	John Brennan	Worm
3.65	River Lee	1st September	Master Mark Hartnett	Dead Gudgeon
3 3.75	River Lee	6th September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Worm
3.13	River Lee	10th September	Dirk Mueller (D)	Dead Perch
3.2	Carrowbeg River, Westport	1st May	Courtney Tarmey	Sausage Meat

PIKE (LAKE)

New Record, 39 lbs. 3 ozs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
39 3	Lough Key	11th April	Michael Egan	Jack Minnow
36	Lough Carra	4th October, '92	Shane Horan	Rapala
35	Lough Mask	28th March	Malachy Guilfoyle	Rapala
34 8	Lough Mask	16th April	Sean McGovern	Rapala
33	Lough Corrib	2nd May	Franz Kraushaar (D)	Artificial trout
32 7	Lough Corrib	13th March	Gabriel Cronnelly	Master Maurice Gorman Plug
30 7	Lough Ennell	17th October		

PIKE (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32	River Shannon	27th March	Liam Kane	Dead Roach
29	Clare River	14th June	Thomas Reilly	Worms
29	River Barrow	31st January	Alan Coogan	ABU Spinner
28.01	River Barrow	26th March	Daniel Murphy	Dead Roach
27 14.25	River Moy	1st February, '92	Padraig Walsh	Spoon
27 2	River Barrow	31st January	John Kelly	Perch
26 9	River Shannon	14th March	Graham R. Peake	Mackerel
26	River Shannon	22nd May	Jason Daly	Dead Bait
25 8	River Shannon	13th March	Graham R. Peake	Mackerel
25	Clare River	22nd August	Joe Cloherty	Silver Toby
24 8	Corrib River	21st March	Niall O'Donoghue	Kilty
23 12	River Shannon, Rooskey	3rd January	Graham R. Peake	Mackerel
23 12	River Inny	7th March	Ray McElhinney	Dead Roach
23 12	River Slaney	26th February	Gerard Fogarty	Mepps
22.1	River Barrow	18th February	Paul Doyle	Dead Rudd
21	River Inny	26th September	Shay McDonnell	Dead Roach
9.51 kilos	River Barrow	5th February	John Millerick	Smelt
20 12	River Inny	18th April	Shay McDonnell	Dead Roach

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 11	Ballinafid Lake	10th July	Brendan Doran	Worm/Corn
3 3	Lower River Bann	20th April, '92	Clifford Potts	Maggots/Sweetcorn

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.07	Monalty Lake	16th January	David Finnegan	Sweetcorn
3	2 Leixlip Reservoir	14th August	Paul Bourke	Lobworm

TENCH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5	15 River Blackwater Catchment, Co. Monaghan.	23rd June	Tom Sneyd	Sweetcorn
5	14 Blackwater Catchment	7th August	Martin McKibbin	Sweetcorn
5	12 Blackwater Catchment	8th August	Paddy Comiskey	Sweetcorn
5	12 Blackwater Catchment	24th May	John Bent	Sweetcorn
5	10 Bridget Lake	11th November	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
5	10 Blackwater Catchment	11th June	Paul Mathews	Maggots/Sweetcorn
5	10 Killyboley Lake	4th June	Hugh Gough	Worms
5	10 Blackwater Catchment	5th June	Tom Sneyd	Maggots/Sweetcorn
5	8 Bridget Lake	8th June	Ron Patterson	Mussel
5	8 Blackwater Catchment	24th May	Oliver Purcell	Maggots/Sweetcorn
5	8 Blackwater Catchment	7th August	Paddy Comiskey	Sweetcorn
5	7 Blackwater Catchment	7th June	Paul Mathews	Maggots
5	6 Blackwater Catchment	8th August	Martin McKibbin	Sweetcorn
5	5 Blackwater Catchment	24th May	Oliver Purcell	Maggots
5	4 Blackwater Catchment	11th June	Paul Mathews	Maggots/Sweetcorn
5	3 Fin Lough	2nd June	E.J. Rehill (GB)	Bread Flake
5	3 Blackwater Catchment	8th August	Martin McKibbin	Sweetcorn
5	2 Blackwater Catchment	7th June	Liam Kane	Sweetcorn
5	2 Blackwater Catchment	7th August	Paddy Comiskey	Sweetcorn

BASS

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14	8 Fenit	21st August	William Pell (GB)	Mackerel Strip
13	6 Castlerock	21st August	Ronnie Dinsmore	Mackerel Strip
12.98	Garryvoe	11th September	Leeson Treacy	Lugworm
11	1 Inch	19th June	Jim Dooley	Sandeel
10.88	Portmarnock	14th October	Garrett Fitzgerald	Ragworm
10.79	Ballybunion	14th November	Paul Enright	Sandeel/Squid
10	12 White Bay, Whitegate	28th August	Eddie Fitzpatrick	German Sprat
10.63	Cahore	21st June	Gerry Poole	Plug
10.5	Dingle	25th June	Bob Moss	Artificial Lure
10.38	Rosscarbery	24th June	Paul Hopper	Crab
10.36	Inch Beach, Co. Cork	2nd August	Donal Dorney	Lugworm
10.33	Wexford	17th August	Tony Murphy	Rapala
10	4 South Wexford	3rd September	Pat Daly	Plug
10.05	Castlegregory	12th December, '92	James B. Young (GB)	Lugworm
10	Castlegregory	17th July	F.J.T. Holt (GB)	Squid

COALFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16.63	Crosshaven	4th August	W.v.d. Straten (NL)	Mackerel
16.32	East Ferry	2nd July	Edward Howard	Mackerel Strip
16.07	Crosshaven	4th August	Clement El-Baz (F)	Mackerel Strip

COD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30	Crosshaven	20th October	Van Den Bos (NL)	Mackerel Strip

CONGER

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
48.15	Ballycotton	24th September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Mackerel
40	Dungarvan	30th August	Gerald Pfeffer (D)	Mackerel

FLOUNDER (continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.37	Ballyteigue	25th October	Joe Hennessy	Peeler Crab
3.36	Ballyreigue	25th October	George Appleby	Lugworm
3 5.5	Ballyteigue	29th October	Pat Dalton	Crab
3.34	Bannow	5th November	John A. O'Connor	Peeler Crab
3.33	Ballyteigue	20th November	Gregory Matthews	Lugworm
3 5	Ballyteigue	5th November	John O'Brien	Crab
3 5	Saleens	7th May	W. A. Ferris	Peeler Crab
3.3	Bannow	28th November	Christopher McMahon	Lugworm
3.3	Ballyteigue	6th November	John O'Brien	Crab
3.3	Bannow Bay	9th October	Noel O'Sullivan	Peeler Crab
3.29	Ballyteigue	14th November	Joe Hennessy	Peeler Crab
3.29	Bannow	3rd November	John A. O'Connor	Peeler Crab
3.27	Ferry Point	26th September	Eddie Bermingham	Crab
3.25	Ballyteigue	27th October	Brendan Barry	Crab
3.20	Argideen Estuary	7th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
3.19	Bannow Bay	9th October	Joe Hennessy	Peeler Crab
3.14	Cloghane	12th December, '92	Bob Moss	Mackerel Strip
3 2	Cloghane	11th February	Thomas P. Keogh	Crab
3 2	Ballyteigue	21st November	K. Cunningham	Peeler Crab
3.09	Ballyteigue	3rd November	Stephen Blount	Crab
1.40 kilos	Ballybrannigan	2nd October	John Brown	Crab/Lugworm
3.08	Ballyteigue	20th November	Gregory Matthews	Lugworm
3.05	Argideen Estuary	7th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
3.03	Ballyteigue	6th November	Brian Russell	Peeler Crab
3.02	Ballyteigue	17th October, '92	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
3.01	Ballyteigue	16th October	Patrick Cassidy	Peeler Crab
3	Ballyteigue	27th October	Brendan Barry	Crab
3	Ballyteigue	21st November	K. Cunningham	Peeler Crab

GARFISH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.79	Courtmacsherry	24th August	Kevin O'Mahony	Mackerel Strip
2.25	Loop Head	17th September	Ad Bruin (NL)	Mackerel

GARFISH (Belone svetovidovi)

Record, 1 lbs; Specimen Weight, 14 ozs; .355 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.99	East Ferry	28th August	Arnou Kneisel	Hoi-Koy Lures

RED GURNARD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 3	Killala Bay	12th July, '92	Robert W. Donaldson	Mackerel Strip
2 3	Downings	5th September	Niall J. Mahoney	Mackerel Strip
2 2	Sheephaven	11th August	James Hegarty	Mackerel Strip
2 2	Red Bay	29th August	Wilfred W. Jones	Baited Spoon
2.10	Belmullet	11th July	Chris McElevy	Mackerel
2	1.25Sheephaven	2nd September	Seamus Doherty	Mackerel Strip
2.01	Sheephaven	21st July	P.J. Nash	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.83	Belmullet	22nd August	Master Clinton McAndrew	Mackerel Strip
5.59	Killala Bay	31st August	Edda Schnarre (D)	Mackerel Strip

HADDOCK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 0.5	Portrush	2nd May	David McVeigh	Lugworm

JOHN DORY

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.82	Killybegs	24th June	Thomas J. Rees (GB)	Mackerel/Mister Twister



A 6.82 lb. John Dory from Killybegs, taken by Thomas Rees, Merseyside.

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Record, 46 lbs.	Specimen	Weight, 25 lbs:	340 kilos
ACE		CAPT	DR
25 Aug	et de Vreugd		
31 Aug	Ronald Onderdelinden		
5th Nov	Jacky Madrick (GB)		
14th	Kenneth Jackson (G)		
3th	Pat Kirwan		
5th	Michael O'Driscoll		
5th	John Cruickshank (GB)		
27 June	Kee		
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MACKEREL

Record, 15 lbs.	Specimen	Weight, 75 lbs:	794 kilos
PLACE		APT	METHOD
23rd August	Antt	Joh	ckeri
23rd	ss Hear		

MEGRIM

Record, 35 kilos.	Specimen	Weight, 75 lbs:	794 kilos
ACE		APT	METHOD
October	John Den		

MONKFISH

Record, 73 lbs.	Specimen	Weight, 50 lbs:	22,680 kilos
ACE		CAPT	DR
20th	Rini Anemaet		
20th	Claus Wolf		

GREY MULLET

Record, 15 lbs.	Specimen	Weight, 268 kilos
WEIGH		METHOD
16th September	John	
16th	John	

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5.20

GREY MULLET

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DATE	CAPT
23rd August	Jordan
29th September	Maurice Lau
2th August	Barnett Coulter
0th September	Michael Norton
	Ray Bannerman

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PLAICE

Record, 1.23 bs.	Specimen	Weight, 143 kilos
PLACE		METHOD
16th October	Vol Lam	
29th October	Christy Lane	

POLLACK

Record, 15 lbs.	Specimen	Weight, 143 kilos
PLACE		METHOD
16th October	Vol Lam	
29th October	Christy Lane	

POLLACK (continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14.02	East Ferry	2nd September	Peter Dixon (GB)	Mackerel Flapper
14	Kilrush	29th July	Achiel De Neef (B)	Feathers
13.94	Rathmullan	23rd October	Gearld McGowan	Eddystone Eel
13 8	Downings	5th March	Joe Costley	Redgill
13 7	Ballycotton	31st July	John Looney	Mackerel
13.34	Killybegs	15th August	David Craig	Worm
13.30	Rathmullan	23rd October	Kevin Matthews	Redgill
13.20	East Ferry	3rd September	Ronald Nicholson (GB)	Redgill
13.03	Rathmullan	10th October, '92	Malcolm Bowden	Eddystone Eel
13.03	Rathmullan	24th September	Malcolm Bowden	Eddystone Eel
12.77	Rathmullan	24th September	Malcolm Bowden	Eddystone Eel
12.75	Rathmullan	7th August, '92	Ian Eaglen	Redgill/Mackerel
12.57	Rathmullan	23rd October	Kevin Matthews	Redgill
5.7 kilos	Dingle	29th June	Brian Kay (GB)	Mr. Twister
12.54	Rathmullan	24th September	Niall A. Doherty	Redgill
12.54	Rathmullan	5th September	John G. Rowlands (GB)	Eddystone Eel
12 8	Courtmacsherry	25th July	Niall O'Sullivan	Red Rubber Eel
12 8	Killala Bay	14th March	Robert W. Donaldson	Mackerel Strip
12.49	Killybegs	31st August	Uwe Westermann (D)	Twister
12.47	Rathmullan	24th September	Angela Crerand	Eddystone Eel
12.38	Rathmullan	23rd October	Eugene Mullins	Eddystone Eel
5.55 kilos	Dingle	9th June	Peter Ogden (GB)	Redgill
12.27	Rathmullan	11th August	Connor Blake	Eddystone Eel
12.15	Rathmullan	29th August	Angela Crerand	Eddystone Eel
5.5 kilos	Rathmullan	9th May	Angela Crerand	Eddystone Eel
12	Rathmullan	9th August, '92	Norman Kee	Baited Pirk



*Gearld McGowan,
Ballyshannon,
Co. Donegal with a
13 lb. 15 oz. Pollack
from Rathmullen.*

POUTING

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.29	East Ferry	21st October	Terence Rowley (GB)	Baited Feathers
3 0.2	Cobh	7th November	Tony Linehan	Mackerel Fillet
3	Cobh	7th November	Finbarr O'Sullivan	Mackerel

PAINTED RAY

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 1	Cahore	12th August, '92	Brian Darby	Mackerel

STING RAY

New Record, 64 lbs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
64	Tralee Bay	6th June	Michael Wall	Mackerel
36	Tralee Bay	15th August	Denis O'Connor	Mackerel
34 8	Fenit	23rd May	John Boyle	Mackerel



*A Sting Ray of
34.8 lbs. caught
in Fenit by
John Boyle of
Tralee.*

THORNBACK RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
23 4	Cahore	15th August	Maurice Laurent	Herring/Mackerel

ELECTRIC RAY

New Record, 72.5 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
72.5	Crosshaven	19th August	Master David-A. Lefranc (F)	Mackerel Strip

HOMELYN RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
5.14	Rathmullan	20th June	Alf Royle (GB)	Mackerel
5 1.5	Causeway Coast	15th August	J. Hartin	Mackerel Strip



A nicely marked Undulate Ray from Tralee Bay tagged and ready for release.

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
2.23	Cork Harbour	8th September	B.A. King (GB)	Mackerel
2 3	Hook Head	15th August, '92	Shane N. Murphy	Mackerel
2	Tramore	1st November	Pat Dalton	Mackerel Strip
14	Belfast Lough	30th August	Ephraim D. Stafford	Mackerel

TWAITE SHAD

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
2 7.5	River Barrow, St. Mullins	1st May	Graham R. Peake	Ilba
2.45	St. Mullins	9th May	Damian Blackwell	Jensen Tobis
2.43	St. Mullins	29th May, '92	Michael Butler	Toby
2.39	St. Mullins	9th May	James O'Brien	Delta Spinner
2 6	St. Mullins	15th May	Tony Power	Zinger
2 6	St. Mullins	30th April	Kevin Cunningham	Ilba
2.35	St. Mullins	7th May	Ray Bannerman	Jensen
2 5	St. Mullins	8th May	Brendan Barry	Silver Lure
2 4.5	St. Mullins	9th May	John Brown	Silver Spoon
2 4	St. Mullins	6th May	Robert Young	Tobis
2 4	St. Mullins	9th May	Stan Humphreys	ABU Krill
2 4	St. Mullins	2nd May	Kevin Cunningham	Ilba
2.24	St. Mullins	11th May	Daniel Murphy	Tasmanian Devil
2.23	St. Mullins	8th May	Brendan Barry	Silver Spinner
2.22	St. Mullins	23rd May	P.J. Wilson	Tasmanian Devil
2.22	St. Mullins	23rd May	Noel Ashby	Tasmanian Devil
2.21	St. Mullins	8th May	Adrian Finlay	Tasmanian Devil
2.21	St. Mullins	7th June	Tony Santry	Tasmanian Devil
2.21	St. Mullins	7th May	Frank Baxter	Jensen Pirk
2.19	St. Mullins	14th May	Joe Hennessy	Tasmanian Devil
2 3	St. Mullins	2nd May	Kevin Cunningham	Ilba
2.18	St. Mullins	5th May	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
2.18	St. Mullins	5th June	John O'Brien	Tasmanian Devil
2.18	St. Mullins	9th May	Peter Bolger	Jensen Tobis
2.17	St. Mullins	8th May	Padraig Doran	Tasmanian Devil
2.17	St. Mullins	23rd May	Samuel H.T. Budde	Tasmanian Devil
2 2.5	St. Mullins	9th May	John Brown	Silver Spoon
2.15	St. Mullins	6th May	Noel Lane	Tasmanian Devil
2.15	St. Mullins	9th May	Peter Bolger	Jensen Tobis
2.13	River Suir	3rd May	James O'Brien	Delta Spinner
2 2	St. Mullins	9th May	William Jones	Silver Spoon
2.11	St. Mullins	12th May	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
.955 kilos	St. Mullins	9th May	Peter Gaffey	Jensen Pirken

TWAITE SHAD (continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
2 1.5	St. Mullins	15th May	Joe McEvoy	Tasmanian Devil
2.09	St. Mullins	11th May	James O'Brien	Delta Spinner
2.09	St. Mullins	9th May	George Saurin	Tasmanian Devil
2.09	St. Mullins	28th May, '92	Michael Butler	ABU Toby
2.07	St. Mullins	23rd May	Samuel H.T. Budde	Tasmanian Devil
2 1	St. Mullins	8th May	Pat Dalton	Trumf
2.06	St. Mullins	23rd May	William Jones	Spoon
2.05	St. Mullins	28th May, '92	Michael Butler	ABU Toby
2.05	St. Mullins	9th May	Tadhg Bannerman	Silver Lure
2.03	St. Mullins	7th May	John A. O'Connor	Zzinger
2.02	St. Mullins	9th May	Henry Lynam	Tasmanian Devil
2.02	St. Mullins	8th May	Christy Lane	Tasmanian Devil
2	St. Mullins	9th May	Dermot Doran	Tasmanian Devil
2	St. Mullins	22nd May	P.J. Wilson	Tasmanian Devil
2	St. Mullins	14th May	Edward Brennan	Tasmanian Devil
2	St. Mullins	9th May	Ray Bannerman	Jensen
2	St. Mullins	3rd May	Brendan Barry	Ilba Spinner
2	St. Mullins	15th May	Master Brian Foley	Silver Toby
2	St. Mullins	16th May	Joe Hennessy	Tasmanian Devil
2	St. Mullins	15th May	Mattie Foley	Silver Toby
2	St. Mullins	6th May	John A. O'Connor	Zzinger

SIX-GILLED SHARK

Record, 154 lbs; Specimen Weight, 100 lbs; 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
48 kilos	Kilrush	4th August	Heiko Ippisch (D)	Feathers

BLUE SHARK

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
54.7 kilos	Kinsale	5th July	Gidi Giggaar (NL)	Mackerel
117	Crosshaven	9th September, '92	P. v.d. Heuvel (NL)	Mackerel
114	Courtmacsherry	22nd September	Bob Keehnen (NL)	Mackerel
110	Clifden	16th August	John Brittain	Mackerel/Whiting
105 8	Courtmacsherry	30th August	Gerrit Smit (NL)	Mackerel

SMOOTH HOUND

Record, 13.75 lbs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
11 11	Union Hall	30th July	David Dalton	Crab

SMOOTH HOUND (continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
9	Cahore	5th June	Daniel Smith	Crab
8	Cahore	13th June	Patrick Foster	Peeler Crab
7 8	Cahore	6th June	Master Liam Smith	Peeler Crab
7 8	Cahore	15th June	Martin Cherry	Crab



A Six Gilled Shark taken off Kilrush, Co. Clare by Heiko Ippisch of Germany.

STONE BASSE

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
10	Courtmacsherry	20th August	Harry Pitlo (NL)	Mackerel Strip
9.07	East Ferry	3rd September	Brian Byrne	Feathers
9	Courtmacsherry	20th August	Sanko A.V.R. Kist (NL)	Mackerel Strip
8 4	Courtmacsherry	22nd August	Ronald Onderdelinden (NL)	Mackerel Strip

TOPE

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36	Carlingford Lough	26th June	Victor Young	Coalfish
28.4 kilos	New Quay, Co. Clare.	1st September	Tommie Minogue	Mackerel Strip
34	Carlingford Lough	19th June	Cyril Young	Mackerel



Victor Young of Portadown with a 36 lb. Tope from Carlingford Lough.

TORSK

New Record, 10.66 lbs. Specimen Weight, 6 lbs. 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.66	Rathmullan	15th August	Robert Donaldson	Baited pirk
3.99	Dork Harbour	28th June	Johan Laurijssen (NL)	Mackerel Strip

WHITING

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.95	Crosshaven	23rd May	Arie Van Der Stelt (NL)	Baited Feathers
3.32	Crosshaven	7th October, '92	Joe McInerney	Mackerel Strip
3.27	East Ferry	4th December	Finbarr O'Sullivan	Baited Feathers
3.21	Dungarvan	27th June	C.B. Warriner (GB)	Mackerel
3.15	Cobh	28th August	Hans Hoogland (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3.12	Dungarvan	27th June	Ken Newton (GB)	Mackerel
3	1 Crosshaven	26th September	J.R. Wildon	Baited Feathers

BALLAN WRASSE

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.33	Hook Head	17th August	John J. Mario Freaney	Limpets
3.60	Saltee Islands	16th August	Jody Sinnott	Ragworm

BALLAN WRASSE (Continued)

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.468 kilos	Slade	15th August	Master J. Monaghan	Ragworm
3.37	Kilmore Quay	24th October	Tom Matthews	Ragworm
3.37	Kilmore Quay	24th April	Paul C. Brady	Mussel
2.4 kilos	Ramore Head	27th June	Jim Gregg	Ragworm
3.19	Ballycotton	6th June	Kliment Roman (A)	Mackerel Feathers
3.11	Kilmore Quay	9th September	Stanley Dickinson (GB)	Lure
3.04	Kilmore Quay	7th August	Gerry Mulreany	Ragworm
1.98	Shannon Estuary	8th September	Gabriel A. Krueger (D)	Muppet
2.25 kilos	Dingle Bay	23rd May	CWL Van Den Broeck (NL)	Rubber Eel
1.95	Roches Point	19th June	Frank Cronin	Lugworm
1	14.25 Killybegs	12th August	Garnett Coulter	Crab
1	13 Clonakilty	10th September	Henry Lynam	Ragworm
1.77	Killybegs	19th August	Master Stefan Martin	Crab
1.76	Killybegs	2nd August	Kimberley Brown (GB)	Mackerel Strip



A Ballan Wrasse of 2.25 kg from Dingle Bay, taken by C.W.L. Van Den Broeck of the Netherlands.

CUCKOO WRASSE

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1	11.5 Causeway Coast	22nd October	Jennis McAuley	Ragworm
1	10 Maidens	3th August, '92	Ferry Jackson	Mackerel Strip
1.49	Courtmacsherry	23rd May	H. Hartjesveld (NL)	Feathers
1	7 Belfast Lough	28th August	Clive McKelvey	Mackerel Strip
1.32	Baltimore	4th September	Thomas Duke	Mackerel Strip
1	5 Belfast Lough	29th August	Albert Kelly	Baited Feathers
4.5	Belfast Lough	28th August	Serald Crawford	Mackerel/Ragworm
4	Clifden	24th September	A. Terlouw (NL)	Baited Feathers

NEW RECORDS

Seven New Records were established in 1993.

- A **CARP** of 27.78 lbs was caught by Robert Coleman, Cuckmere, Ballindurrow, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath, in The Lough, Cork, on June 17th, 1993.
- A **PIKE** (Lake) of 39 lbs. 3 ozs. was caught by Michael Egan, Deerpark, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, in Lough Key on April 11th, 1993.
- A **FLOUNDER** of 4.91 lbs was caught by Brian Russell, 297 St. John's Park, Waterford, at Ballyteigue on October 2nd, 1993.
- A **GREY MULLET** of 9.10 lbs was caught by Cay Heerwagen, Distelweg 23730 Merkendorf/OH, Germany, at Rostellan, Cork Harbour, on September 26th, 1993.
- A **ELECTRIC RAY** of 72.5 lbs. was caught by Master David-Alexandre Lefranc, Mas des Coccinelles, Chemin des Roches, Route de Cannes, 06130 Grasse, France, at Crosshaven on the 19th August, 1993.
- A **STING RAY** of 64 lbs was caught by Michael Wall, Derrymore West, Tralee, Co. Kerry, in Tralee Bay on June 6th, 1993.
- A **TORSK** of 10.66 lbs was caught by Robert Donaldson, 20 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, at Rathmullan on August 15th, 1993.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1993 for the special awards made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

James O'Brien, 20 Avoncourt, Avondale, Kilcohan, Waterford.
Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr., 6 Francis Street, Grange Heights, Waterford.
Eddie Brennan, 5 Barnamore Park, Finglas South, Dublin 11.
Clifford Potts, 7 Innisfaile Drive, Bangor West, Co. Down, BT19 1DN.
Graham R. Peake, 4 Victoria Gardens, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 3EZ.
Oliver Purcell, 29 Willow Brook, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
Mark McGivern, 37 Finch Close, Belfast, BT9 6QZ.
Johan Van Assen, Jan Luijkenstraat 9, 3141 BM Maassluis, Holland.
John O'Brien, 5 Orchard Drive, Ursuline Court, Waterford.
Pat Dalton, 2 The Terrace, Cannon Street, Waterford.
Robert W. Donaldson, 20 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

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, 1993. The award goes to: Maurice Gorman, 31 Grange Village, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, for a Lake Pike of 30 lbs. 7 oz. caught on Lough Ennell on 17th October, 1993.

TEN SPECIES 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 21 of these awards have been made to-date and during 1993, Liam Kane, 39 Rushbrook Estate, Blanchardstown, Dublin, qualified.

THE MINISTER'S AWARD

In 1993, the Minister for the Marine sponsored an award for the best specimen fish of the year. The largest fish in each of the 80 categories (other than a new record) is compared to the existing record and expressed as a percentage of that record. The highest percentage value indicates the winner.

The first award in respect of a 1992 specimen was made to Michael Davitt of Newport, Co. Mayo, for a Mullet of 7 lbs. 8 ozs. caught in Lough Furnace, Co. Mayo. This year the award goes to Mr. Victor Young of 5 Dorchester Ave., Portadown, Co. Armagh, for a Tope of 66 lbs. caught in Carlingford Lough on 26th June, 1993.

REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHT

The Committee has decided to make the following alteration to the Schedule of Specimen Weights:

The specimen weight of Twaite Shad (*Alosa fallax*) has been increased from 2 lbs to **2 lbs. 2 ozs.** from January 1st, 1994. This will be reviewed at the end of 1994.

SPECIAL NOTICE

From January 1st, 1994, all claims must include the name of the water in which the fish was caught (eg., Monalty Lake) and in the case of the larger systems, the area (eg., River Shannon - Rooskey).

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. 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	Netherlands	Germany	Belgium	France
1972	169	126	23	29	7	2
1973	235	91	40	23	9	5
1974	170	117	36	16	6	9
1975	204	132	27	46	3	6
1976	214	123	36	40	2	5
1977	272	135	47	35	4	4
1978	281	126	86	19	7	1
1979	235	126	52	18	6	5
1980	355	77	54	13	9	2
1981	390	111	31	19	6	2
1982	404	104	61	18	4	4
1983	532	116	31	15	2	4
1984	442	131	29	17	5	2
1985	443	90	25	15	3	2
1986	349	93	21	16	3	7
1987	300	59	36	8	1	4
1988	259	60	14	5	4	4
1989	261	48	18	10	0	0
1990	286	45	21	23	4	1
1991	332	46	30	19	1	3
1992	336	56	32	9	1	3
1993	352	45	30	16	3	4

FUND RAISING

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

In Ireland

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1992 was made at the Garda Club, Dublin. The Presentation for the 1993 Awards will take place at the Garda Club, Harrington Street, Dublin, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 12th February, 1994. All anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

N. Ireland

Presentations were held for Northern Ireland anglers who were due Awards for 1992 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 1992 is given in this Report. The 1993 account will only be available in 1994 and will be published in the next Report.

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IRISH RECORD FISH **FRESHWATER SPECIES**

Species	Weight lbs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Salmon	57 0	1874	River Suir	M. Maher
Sea Trout	16 6	29.10.1983	Shimna River, Co. Down	Thomas McManus
Brown Trout (River)	20 0	22.2.1957	River Shannon, Corbally	Major Hugh Place
Brown Trout (Lake)	26 2	15.7.1894	Lough Ennell	Wm. Mears
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	27.78	17.6.1993	The Lough, Cork.	Robert Coleman
Dace	1 2	8.8.1966	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	John T. Henry
Perch	5 8	1946	Lough Erne	S. Drum
Pike (River)	42 0	22.3.1964	River Barrow	M. Watkins
Pike (Lake)	39 3	11.4.1993	Lough Key	Michael Egan
Roach	2 13.5	11.8.1970	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3 4	27.5.1991	Annaghmore Lake	Steve Wilks
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	3 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, Anesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	3 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

MARINE SPECIES

Species	Weight bs. 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	3.32 lbs	28.12.1986	Ballycotton	Eddie Cull
Brill	9 8	8.9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
Coalfish	12.5 kilos	21.9.1983	Kinsale	E. Masheijer
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	L.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	1 4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
Flounder	1.91	2.10.1993	Ballyteigue Co. Wexford	Brian Russell

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Species	Weight lbs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Garfish	3 10.25	16.9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Garfish	1 0	26.7.1989	Courtmacsherry	George H.M. Wyntjes
Tub Gurnard	12 3.5	8.8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21.9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9.05	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	9.10	26.9.1993	Cork Harbour	Cay Heerwagen
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	64 0	6.6.1993	Tralee Bay	Michael Wall
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	72.5	19.8.1993	Crosshaven	D. A. Lefranc
Ray's Bream	6 4.25	26.8.1979	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	9 6	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Twaite Shad	2.87	5.5.1985	St. Mullins	Peter McCartin
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donel Brown
Blue Shark	206	7.10.1959	Achill Head	J. McMonagle
Six Gilled Shark	154	28.8.1968	Kinsale	Andrew Bull
Common Skate	221	1913	Ballycotton	T. Tucker
White Skate	165	7.8.1966	Clew Bay	Jack Stack
Scad	1.97	6.9.1986	Clonakilty	Master R. McCarthy
Smooth Hound	13.75	27.6.1991	Five Mile Point	Peter Mooney
Stone Basse	10 13	2.8.1989	Kinsale	Stefano D'Amico
Three Bearded Rockling	3 1	11.5.1990	Arklow	Maurice Laurent
Tope	66 8	15.7.1979	Carlingford Lough	Cyril Young
Torsk	10.66	15.8.1993	Rathmullan	Robert Donaldson
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 lbs. ozs.	SPECIMEN lbs.	WEIGHT kilos
Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	57 0	20	9.072
Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	16 6	6	2.721
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (River)	20 0	5	2.268
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (Lake)	26 2	10	4.536
Slob Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	- -	10	4.536
Bream (<i>Abramis brama</i>)	11 1	7.5	3.402
Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	27.78	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)	39 3	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>)	4.91	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>Aspitigla cuculus</i>)	3 9.5	2	.907
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	10 13.5	7	3.175
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25 5.5	10	4.536
Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156 0	50	22.680
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	.425 kilos	.75	.340
John Dory (<i>Zeus faber</i>)	7 8	4	1.814
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	46 8	25	11.340
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	4 2	2.5	1.134

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS(REVISED) (Continued)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD lbs. ozs.	SPECIMEN lbs.	WEIGHT 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>)	9.10	5	2.268
Mullet - 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>)	72.5	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>)	64	30	13.608
Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>)	6 4.25	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9 6	4.5	2.041
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsarus vulgaris</i>)	3 1	1.75	.794
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	1.97	1.5	.680
Shad - Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	-	4	1.814
- Twaite (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	2.87	2.125	.964
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>)	10.66	6	2.721
Trigger Fish (<i>Balistes carolinensis</i>)	- -	3.25	1.474
Tunny (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	- -	100	45.359
Turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>)	34 0	18	8.165
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4 14.5	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	4.3 kilos	4.75	2.154
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	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, 1992

1991	Expenditure	1992	1991	Revenue	1992
£2,481.03	Printing	£2,538.36		Balance B/F	£2,053.01
£960.63	Medals	£274.00		Grants	
£213.14	Travel	£209.60	£1,450.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,500.00
£25.00	Late Dr. Went's Prize	£25.00	£500.00	Bord Failte	3,000.00
£182.56	Miscellaneous	£437.50	£1,513.69	Subscriptions	
£380.00	Presentation Expenses	£330.00		Clubs, Federations &	
£11.58	Bank Charges	£0.37	£18.17	Individual	£1,263.08
	Total	£3,814.83		E.B.S. Interest	£15.78
	Balance c/d	£4,017.04	Balance b/d		£7,831.87
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- IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE:** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its objective is to verify, record and publicise the capture of large fish on rod and line in Irish waters. A list of Specimen Fish is published annually by the Committee. Only fish which can be fully vouched for as to weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee.
- FAIR ANGLING:** "Fair Angling" means any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method. A fish must be hooked in or in the immediate vicinity of the mouth when it has taken the bait or lure; fish which have been foul-hooked, even accidentally, are not eligible. A fish in respect of which a claim is made must be hooked, played and brought to gaff or net by the angler UNAIDED, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- WEIGHING:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 2 to 5 lb range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lbs or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which has been weighed on board a boat. Please note: Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e. after the fish has been weighed.
- IDENTIFICATION:** The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason, the Committee in respect of some species insists on scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body as actual proof of identification before it will consider claims. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim. The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi Boreen, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, in the case of fish taken in the Republic of Ireland, and to the Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I., in the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland. The actual body must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species:- DACE, RUDD, ROACH, RUDD/BREAM HYBRID, ROACH/BREAM HYBRID, MACKEREL, SCAD, HERRING, SHAD, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, SMOOTH HOUND, RAYS BREAM, "RIVER," EELS

taken in tidal waters and GARFISH (head and gills only).

CLEAR, SHARP, CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHS, showing the entire fish with its fins and other features easily seen, and not fore-shortened or obscured by shadows or bystanders must be provided in the case of TOPE, SHARKS, SKATE, RAY, MONK-FISH, 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).