



IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

**REPORT FOR YEAR 1994**





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Back Cover picture: Norman Dunlop of the Central Fisheries Board and "Corulan" skipper, Tom Moran, with a fine Common Skate estimated at between 150 and 180 lbs., one of four taken on Clew Bay on October 1st, 1994. All were tagged and returned unharmed as part of the C.F.B. conservation and research programme.

In 1976, the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, concerned at possible adverse effects of over-fishing, removed the Common Skate from its list of eligible species. Today, virtually every Common Skate taken on rod and line in Irish waters is returned unharmed.

Photo: courtesy of Ken Robinson

# A One Hundred Year Record

By Peter Carvosso, *Evening Herald*

Exactly 100 years ago, William Mears and his 13-year-old nephew, Edward Stenson, took a boat out on a wind-crossed Lough Ennell.

During the afternoon their trolled spoons lured a few good trout weighing between two and three pounds each – just nice for the pot.

The uncle and nephew were thinking about their supper when, about 5.30, a fish suddenly took William's bait and seconds later leapt out of the water.

It was massive. A late leviathan. It was so enormous that William thought it had to be a pike; but young Edward, with his keener eyesight, swore it was a trout. A bigger trout, far far bigger, than anything they had ever seen before on the lake they had fished so often together.

Many years later, Edward spoke into a tape recorder about that fabulous fish and this is what he remembered:

"We were trolling from Ledeston up to the Big Island. We had a silver and copper spoon on and we got a pull in the deep water off the island.

"When I insisted that it was a trout, my uncle told me not to be making a fool of myself.

"Just then it jumped out of the water a second time and when I excitedly said 'Now isn't it a trout?', he said 'Bedad, you're right!'

"The fish ran this way and that and after about 25 minutes we landed him.

"My uncle got him to the boat and I had the net. I got him into it, but he was too big, and twice he tumbled out of it.



*Mr William Mears, Mullingar, with his Irish Record Trout caught on 18 July 1894.  
Photo courtesy Matt Nolan*

"He came up again the third time and I made sure to get it under him and said to myself 'I'm not going to let you go this time!'"

Edward was as good as his word and then a still-shaking uncle and nephew headed for the shore.

Their marathon battle had been spotted by other anglers and word was already abroad in nearby Mullingar.

"As we were coming in the Lynn Road there were crowds of people. People by the name of Garrys, chemists, sent out a sidecar to meet us and to carry in the fish.

"So many people wanted to see it when we came in that a table had to be put out in the street outside the door. The whole town came to see it. . ."

The fish was weighed on a shop scales and sent the needle round to an incredible 26lb 2oz. The Irish record lake brown trout, a record that stands to this day and one that's unlikely ever to be broken.

## REPORT OF IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1994

During 1994, 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); 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 415 claims and ratified 374.

### SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1994

(Dates of capture 1994 unless otherwise stated)

#### SALMON

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24 1	Costello & Fermoy	14th July	R. Vandermeulen (D)	Shrimp fly
23.49	River Moy	3rd June	Peter Moore	Worm
23	River Fane	4th September, '93	Paul McAviney	Shrimp
21.76	River Lennan	15th March	Joe Nash	Fly
21 12	River Slaney	30th March	Stephen Sutton	Flying C
21.27	River Lee	27th May	John Jones	Flying C
21	River Faughan	20th October, '93	Master Gary Chapman	Worm
20 13	River Bann	27th September, '93	Samuel Anderson	Flying C
20 5	Galway Weir	17th April, '93	Jeremiah Scully	Flying C
20	River Slaney	26th May	Declan McAllorum	Flying C

#### SEA TROUT

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 8	Lough Currane	29th April	Dr. Noel Cahill	Kyper
10 4	Lough Currane	24th May	John Murphy	Rapala
9 10	Whitewater, Kilkeel	26th October	Patrick Prince	Worm
9.57	Lough Currane	18th April	Otto Deiters (D)	Rapala
9 8	Owenmore Lake	17th August	Master Shane Wall	Worm
9 8	Lough Currane	4th September	Mark Taylor	Fly
9 4	Lough Currane	11th May	Jack Freeney	Rapala



## SEA TROUT (Continued)

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD	
3	1	Lough Currane	2nd March	Jeremiah O'Sullivan	Rapala
3	9	Lough Currane	16th April	Vincent O'Sullivan	Rapala
3.34		Lough Currane	12th May	Craig A. Murphy (GB)	Rapala
3	2	Lough Currane	11th March	Tim Van Der Laan (NL)	Rapala
7	13	Lough Currane	26th April	Terence Wharton	Fly
7	12	Lough Currane	12th May	Ludwig Scheer (D)	Rapala
7	12	Lough Currane	18th March	Simon Chislett	Lukki Spoon
7	0.5	Lough Currane	10th April	Jan Terhurst (D)	ABU Killer
3	15	Lough Currane	12th May	Wilfried J. Dinges (D)	Rapala
3	12	Lough Currane	6th May	Leonard G. Davies (GB)	Rapala
3	12	Lough Currane	14th July	James G. Burdess	Fly
3	11	Lough Currane	11th September	H. B. Edghill (GB)	Fly
3	11	Lough Currane	14th May	Kate Chislett (GB)	Fly
3	9	Lough Currane	13th May	Stephan Broel (D)	Rapala
6.52		Lough Currane	12th July	Thorsten Schneider	Toby
6	6	Lough Currane	11th May	F. W. Oskam (NL)	Rapala
6	5	Lough Currane	6th July	Paddy Spain	Rapala
6	4	Lough Currane	5th May	Robert Priestley	Rapala
6.17		Lough Currane	5th May	Dr. W. W. van der Burg (D)	Rapala
3	1	Lough Currane	25th August	Henry Beenders (NL)	Fly
3		Lough Currane	2nd July	Christopher O'Sullivan (GB)	Fly

## BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17	Lough Corrib	20th July	David Ryan	Copper Spoon
15 7	Lough Corrib	27th July	Peter Madsen (Den)	ABU Killer
13.75	Lough Mask	2nd March	Paul Ruane	Spinner
13 3	Lough Corrib	13th April	Tommy Donnellan	Stukki Spoon
13	Lough Mask	23rd May	Bert Blakely	Rapala
12.78	Lough Corrib	24th July	John Gibbons	Minnow
12 10.5	Lough Mask	13th May	Walter Drexler (D)	Rapala
12.28	Lough Derg	20th May	Liam Hynes	Grey Wulff
12 1.5	Lough Derg	1st June	Bill Hickey	Black Gnat
11.74	Lough Corrib	14th August	Máirín Gibbons	Minnow
11 7	Lough Sheelin	6th October	Stuart McTeare	Dabbler
11 3	Lough Sheelin	9th September	Pat Tormay	Murrough
11.10	Lough Corrib	21st April	Erkki Norell (Fin)	Rapala
10.8	Corrib	7th April	Bernd Huebinger (D)	Rapala
10.76	Lough Corrib	6th August	John Gibbons	Minnow
10 12	Lough Corrib	30th March	Tommy Donnellan	Rapala
10 10	Lower Lough Erne	12th June	Rodney Bleakley	Rapala
10.49	Lough Corrib	12th June	Pascal Kuchen (CH)	Dead Roach

## BROWN TROUT (LAKE) (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 5	Lough Derg	20th May	Jackie Sheerin	Mayfly
10.30	Lough Corrib	17th Sept.	Michael Faherty	Sedge
10 4	Lough Corrib	26th February	Gerry Cronnelly	Dead bait
10 2.5	Lough Corrib	27th May	Michael La Bouverie	Mepps No. 3
10 2	Lough Ree	30th May	Gerard Finn	Spent Gnat
10 1	Lough Derg	26th February	Liam O'Doherty	Rapala
10.05	Lough Corrib	25th June	Vincent Hughes	Dead Perch
10	Lough Bo	30th July	Markus Hauri (CH)	Copper Spinner



Bill Hickey with  
a 12 lbs. 1.5 oz.  
Brown Trout  
taken on the fly  
from Lough  
Derg.

## BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.05	River Shannon, O'Brien's Bridge.	3rd March	Christian Froy (D)	Spinner
.91	O'Brien's Bridge	19th March	John McEvoy	Artificial Minnow
.8	River Nore	17th September	Michael Wemyss	Flying C
.12	Cong Canal	14th March, '93	Brendan Farragher	Minnow
.60	Tolka River	30th April	John Emmett	Worms
.3	River Inny, Ballymahon..	9th August, '93	John O'Neill	Fly
.1	Ballymahon	20th August, '93	John O'Neill	Fly
.1	River Shannon, Killaloe	6th March	Bill Hickey	Artificial Minnow
.8	Robe River	30th March	Bernard Pidgeon	Worm
.1	River Suck	27th May	Bernard Mannion	Mayfly
.04	Clodiagh River	13th July	John A. Lee	Sedge Pupa

## BREAM

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 11	Monalty Lake	6th November	James McMahon	Maggots
10 11	Monalty Lake	27th September	James McMahon	Maggots
10 10	Monalty Lake	4th August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
10 6	Monalty Lake	2nd October	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
10 4	Monalty Lake	2nd October	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
10 3	Monalty Lake	7th April	Stephen Fitzsimons	Maggots
10 2	Monalty Lake	3rd April	Thomas Moran	Maggots
10 1.5	Monalty Lake	30th March	Colm J. Crean	Maggots
10 1	Monalty Lake	14th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 14	Monalty Lake	27th March	Stephen Fitzsimons	Maggots
9 14	Monalty Lake	29th September	James McMahon	Maggots
9 13	Monalty Lake	30th October	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 12	Monalty Lake	23rd September	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 11.5	Monalty Lake	17th March	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 11	Monalty Lake	4th April	Thomas Moran	Maggots
9 11	Monalty Lake	18th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 10	Monalty Lake	18th March	Thomas Moran	Maggots
9 9	Monalty Lake	8th April	Stephen Fitzsimons	Maggots
9 9	Monalty Lake	18th March	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 8	Monalty Lake	31st March	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 4	Monalty Lake	8th April	David Grimes	Worm
9 1	Monalty Lake	31st March	Fred Foster	Maggots
9 .5	Monalty Lake	8th October	Peter Thornton	Maggots
9	Monalty Lake	30th October	Fred Foster	Maggots
3 13	Monalty Lake	17th April	Michael Connell	Bread

## BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 12	Monalty Lake	8th April	David Grimes	Sweetcorn/Peanut
8.71	Ballycullinan Lake	10th August	ain MacKay (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 8	Monalty Lake	25th March	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 6	Monalty Lake	20th April	Rolf Sternberg (D)	Maggots
8.29	Ballycullinan Lake	19th September	Vick Parry	Sweetcorn
8 4	Monalty Lake	16th April	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 4	Monalty Lake	1st August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
8 4	Ballinafid Lake	5th August	David Grimes	Sweetcorn/Peanut
8.20	Ballycullinan Lake	10th August	ain MacKay (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 2	Monalty Lake	4th August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Maggots
8 2	Ballycullinan Lake	17th May	Michael J. Byrne	Bread
8	Monalty Lake	9th October	Peter Thornton	Maggots
7 13	River Shannon, Lanesboro	1st May	Paddy Comiskey	Maggots
7 11.5	Lanesboro	1st May	Martin McKibbin	Corn
7 8	Lisgrey Lake	25th July	Gareth Purnell (GB)	Maggots



'Angling Times' News Editor, Gareth Purnell, with a 7 lbs. 8 oz. Bream from Lisgrey Lake, Cavan.



Another good bream comes to the net at Inniscarra, Co. Cork.

## CARP

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 10	The Lough, Cork	3rd August	Stephen Fitzsimons	Sweetcorn
17 2	Ballincollig Pond	26th June	James Carson	Boilie
16 14	Ballincollig Pond	26th September	James Carson	Boilie
16 8	The Lough	3rd June	Paul Mathews	Boilie
16 4	Ballinafid Lake	5th June	Stephen Fitzsimons	Sweetcorn
16 4	The Lough	30th July	Andrew Boyd	Boilie
15 14	Ballinafid Lake	18th June	Stephen Fitzsimons	Sweetcorn
15 10	The Lough	3rd June	Paul Mathews	Boilie
14 12	The Lough	3rd June	Paul Mathews	Boilie
12 12	Ballincollig Pond	23rd June	James Carson	Boilie
12	Ballinafid Lake	17th August	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie
11 12	The Lough	14th August	Andrew Boyd	Boilie
10 15	Ballinafid Lake	9th August	Brendan Doran	Boilie
10 8	Ballinafid Lake	8th August	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie
10 8	Ballinafid Lake	4th September	Fred Foster	Corn
10 6	Ballinafid Lake	17th August	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie

## EEL

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.09	River Lee, Inniscarra	1st September	Master Mark Hartnett	Worm
3.08	River Barrow	30th June	Brian Russell	Peeler Crab
3.01	Inniscarra	9th September	Dirk Mueller (D)	Dead Gudgeon

## PERCH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 6	River Barrow	18th Nov.	Gerard O'Neill	Lobworm
1.465 kilos	Donadea, Kildare	17th April	Charles Stuart	Mepps

## PIKE (LAKE)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33 1	Lough Ennell	18th Nov.	John Grimes	Spoon
33	Lough Mask	14th May	Padraic McDonnell	Rapala
15.54 kilos	Lough Derravaragh	17th November	Pat Daly	Herring
31.6	Lough Sheelin	28th May	Paul Sheridan	Celta Spinner
30.4	Lough Derg	27th November	Tom Stanley	Silver Spoon
30.38	Lough Sheelin	9th October	Steve Ross	Rapala



## PIKE (RIVER)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
25 5.5	River Shannon, Killaloe.	3rd July	Brian Webster	Plug
24 12	River Suck, Ballinaloe	4th September	Patrick Cooper	Dead Roach
24	River Suck, Ballyforan	2nd May	Martin Hickey	Dead Roach
23 12	River Bann	13th February	Alastair Smyth	Dead Bait
23	River Barrow	11th April	Colin McAllorum	Smelt
21 8	River Shannon, Castleconnell	19th October	Jim Robinson	Mackerel
21 2	River Inny, Coole	4th September	Master Brian McDonnell	Whiting
21 2	Royal Canal	28th December, '93	Bob O'Callaghan	Dead Roach
20 13	River Corrib	20th March	Pat Brennan	Minnow
20.34	River Barrow	24th February	Paul Doyle	Herring
20 3	River Inny	19th November	Brendan Doran	Smelt

## RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

New Record, 6 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 12	Monalty Lake	20th September	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
6 10	Monalty Lake	19th September	Brendan Doran	Maggots



Two record-breaking Rudd/Bream Hybrids from Monalty Lake for John O'Shaughnessy and Brendan Doran.

## ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 2	Lr. River Bann	19th September, '93	Gerard McLaughlin	Sweetcorn

## TENCH

New Record, 3.615 kilos. Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kilos.

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.615 kilos	Ballyeigher Lake, Clare.	8th August	Nick Parry	Sweetcorn
7.68	Ballyeigher Lake	16th August	Nick Parry	Sweetcorn/Mag
7 4	Limerick Lake	21st June	Patrick O'Connor	Maggots
6.87	Ballycullinan Lake, Clare	28th June	Nick Parry	Sweetcorn/Maggot
6.47	Ballycullinan Lake	22nd June	L. R. Webster (GB)	Maggots/Worm
6 4.5	Bridget Lake	14th June	Ron Patterson	Beans
6.17	Ballycullinan Lake	22nd June	L. R. Webster (GB)	Maggots/Worm
6.10	Limerick Lake	21st June	Alan Ryan	Maggots
6.07	Ballycullinan Lake	22nd June	L. R. Webster (GB)	Maggots/Worm
6 1	Killyboley Lake	6th August	Stephens Fitzsimons	Sweetcorn
6 1	Killyboley Lake	7th August	Stephens Fitzsimons	Sweetcorn



The Record Tench of 3.615 kilos for Nick Parry from Ballyeigher Lake Co

## BASS

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 12.5	Ballyteigue	11th July	David Flynn	Peeler Crab
12.89	Garryvoe	2nd October	Derek Kenny	Lugworm
12.52	South Beach, Greystones	12th October	Jim O'Reilly	Lugworm
11 15	Laytown Strand	10th August	Jason O'Brien	Lugworm
11.75	Garryvoe	4th December	Mattie Foley	Lugworm
11.70	Clonea	20th October	Gerry Olin	Peeler Crab
11 7	Waterville	24th September	Henry Lynam	Artificial Eel
11	Waterville	22nd September	Pat Daly	Artificial Lure
4.7 kilos	Portrane	23rd August	John Brown	Rapala
10.29	Howth	11th August	Richard Connell	King Ragworm
10.24	Bonmahon	17th October	Eddie Bermingham	Peeler Crab
4.622 kilos	Kilcoole	19th October	Joseph Moran	Squid/Rag Cocktail
10	Camp, Tralee	5th August	Master Shane Wall	Flying C



*A 14.75 lbs  
Bass for  
David Flynn  
from  
Cullenstown,  
Co. Wexford.*



*Dutch Angler,  
L. H. Remmelzwaal  
with a Coalfish of  
19.21 lbs. from  
Crosshaven.*

## COALFISH

**Record, 12.5 KILOS; Specimen Weight 15 lbs; 6.804 kilos**

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
19.21	Crosshaven	8th September	L. H. Remmelzwaal (NL)	Mackerel

## COD

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
26	Ballycotton	22nd July	Guido Plasmans (B)	Mackerel Strip



## CONGER

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
47	East Ferry	22nd June	David Bolton (GB)	Mackerel Strip
44	Courtmacsherry	6th September	Philip Stolte (NL)	Mackerel Strip
19.35 kilos	Kinsale	17th July	Brendan Buggie	Mackerel
41	Ballycotton	29th July	Henry Ponsonby (GB)	Mackerel Strip
40	Courtmacsherry	16th August	Rini Anemaet (NL)	Mackerel

## DAB

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9	Portrush	29th October	Michael Latham	Mackerel/Squid

## GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
19	Sneem	14th June	J. Th. de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
3.25 kilos	Sneem	13th September	G.J. Rutjers (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
17.20	Sneem	12th June	B. v. Oosterbosch (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
17	Sneem	15th September	M. de Jong Kok (NL)	Mackerel Fillet

## LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.65 kilos	Rosslare	26th August	Cecil Barron	Mackerel
3.57	East Ferry	11th September	Trevor Williams (GB)	Baited Feathers
3.55	Killybegs	20th November	Robert W. Donaldson	Mackerel Fillet

## SPUR DOGFISH

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7.72 kilos	Sneem	20th March	Roelof Moes (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
16	Sneem	14th September	J. Th. de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
15.60	Sneem	20th March	Rene de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
14 13	Curraclloe	2nd April	John O'Brien	Mackerel
13	Sneem	26th March	Roelof Moes (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12.14	Baltimore	12th September	Peter Graham (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12.12	Sneem	20th March	Rene de Jong (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12.10	Sneem	20th March	Roelof Moes (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12.04	Tuskar	13th September	Frank Hayden	Mackerel

## FLOUNDER

**Record, 4.91 lbs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kilos**

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.26	Cloghane	2nd November	Michael Nolan	Crab
3.90	Courtmacsherry	26th November	Mattie Foley	Peeler Crab
3.89	Bannow Bay	23rd January	Vera Prendergast	Lugworm/Mackerel
3.84	Ballyteigue	28th September	Dave O'Neill	Peeler Crab
3.75	Cloghane	1st November	Fred Colley	Crab
3.63	Bannow Bay	9th October	Ray Bannerman	Peeler Crab
3 9	Ballyteigue	2nd October	Christopher McMahon	Crab
3.38	Cloghane	31st January	Trevor Belling	Lugworm
3.37	Brandon	4th November	Thomas P. Keogh	Crab
3.32	Bannow Bay	9th January	George McCullough	Mackerel/Lugworm
1.5 kilos	Ballyteigue	15th October	Joe McEvoy	Crab
3.26	Brandon Bay	4th November	Thomas P. Keogh	Crab
3 4	Ballyteigue	24th December, '93	Michael Doherty	Peeler Crab
3 4	Youghal	13th November	Denis Murphy	Peeler Crab
3.23	Bannow Bay	9th January	George McCullough	Mackerel/Lugworm
1.46 kilos	Bannow Bay	13th November	Mick Dixon	Peeler Crab
3.17	Cloghane	19th December, '93	Bob Moss	Lugworm/Mackerel
3 2.5	Brandon Bay	29th December, '93	John W. Long	Lugworm
3 2.5	Brandon Bay	30th December, '93	Peter Kingston	Lugworm
3.15	Brandon Bay	1st January	Bob Moss	Mackerel Strip
3 2	Ballyteigue	6th November	James O'Shea	Crab
3 2	Ballyteigue	20th November	Master Graham Foster	Peeler Crab
3 1	Timoleague	27th November	Denis Murphy	Peeler Crab
3.04	Bannow Bay	16th October	Michael Norton	Peeler Crab
3	Bannow Bay	20th November	Shay McDonnell	Ragworm



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Ballyteigue,  
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## GARFISH (Belone Bellone)

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.13	Courtmacsherry	19th September	Dominique Grenier (F)	Mackerel Strip

## GARFISH (Belone svetovidovi)

New Record, 1.11 lbs; Specimen Weight, 14 ozs; .355 kilos

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.11	Courtmacsherry	5th August	Eric Leijten (NL)	Mackerel Strip

## GREY GURNARD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.60	Baltimore	25th August	Master Peter Wilson (GB)	Baited feathers

## RED GURNARD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8.25	Sheephaven	5th November	Billy Holland	Mackerel Strip
2.29	Tory Island	24th August	Lynd McKee	Ragworm
2.2	Killala Bay	6th August	J. Heppenstall (GB)	Sand Eel
2.10	Killala Bay	6th August	Catherine Molloy	Mackerel Strip
2.07	Sheephaven	16th August	H. Otto (NL)	Mackerel Strip
2.03	Dromore West	24th July	Harry Hiebendahl	Mackerel Strip

## TUB GURNARD

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.65	Killala Bay	7th August	Eddie Nugent	Mackerel
5.52	Sheephaven	8th July	Trevor Ryder	Mackerel Strip
5.26	Killala Bay	21st August	Eugene O'Boyle	Baited Feathers

## JOHN DORY

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.710 kilos	Dingle	6th July	Rex Smith (GB)	Mackerel
5.12	Rathmullan	3rd September	Kenneth Crookes	Redgill

## LING

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33	East Ferry	29th May	Derek Reinhardt	Mackerel
32	Ram Head	30th August	Mirco Pludra (D)	Mackerel Strip
31	East Ferry	11th June	Richard Blanchard (GB)	Muppet
28	East Ferry	8th May	John Dennehy	Baited pirk
12.55 kilos	Dingle	26th September	Ian Foster (GB)	Baited feathers
26.66	Rathmullan	30th July	Norman Kee	Baited pirk
26.56	Sligo Bay	13th August	Tommy Leeson	Baited feathers
26	East Ferry	8th May	John Dennehy	Baited pirk
25.8	Valentia	20th August	Master Alex Crowley	Baited muppet
25.69	Baltimore	11th August	Gaudin Alban (F)	Mackerel Strip
25.29	Baltimore	11th August	Frank Byrne	Mackerel Strip
25	Courtmacsherry	18th July	George McCullough	Mackerel
25	Sneem	4th September	C. H. van Boxtel (NL)	Mackerel
25	Courtmacsherry	6th August	Rini Anemaet (NL)	Mackerel Flapper



Mirco Pludra of Germany with a 32 lbs. Ling taken while boat fishing off Ram Head.

## MONKFISH

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
60	Fenit	3rd October, '93	Geraldine Boyle	Mackerel
59	Fenit	10th August	Mark Stevens (GB)	Mackerel

## GREY MULLET

**Record, 9.10 lbs Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kilos**

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
5 7	Causeway Coast	25th September	Garnett Coulter	Coalfish

## POLLACK

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
14.75	Ballydavid	18th June	Sev Baumann	Rubber Eel
14.25	Sheephaven	8th August	Sean Harte	Mackerel Strip
13.77	Muckcross Head	14th October	Hugh J. Kelly	Mackerel strip
13.75	Achill	11th August	Master David Kelly	Baited feathers
13.72	East Ferry	17th September	William O'Reilly	Mackerel Strip
13 10	Sheephaven Bay	17th July	Stephen McHale	Mackerel Flapper
13.57	Crosshaven	5th October	J.R. Wildon	Mr. Twister
13.56	Rathmullan	15th October	Angela Crerand	Eddystone Eel
13.4	Dingle	3rd July	Tim Peel (GB)	Jellyworm
13 5	Killala Bay	3rd July	Dermot Conlon	Mackerel Strip
13.31	Rosses Point	25th September	Oliver F. Gallagher	Baited lure
13.02	Rathmullan	3rd September	Gary Morton	Eddystone Eel
13.01	St. John's Point	1st August	Kris McEntee	Baited feathers
13	Cobh	8th September	S.P.S. Ruhe (NL)	Mr. Twister
12.93	Rathmullan	12th June	Malcolm Bowden	Eddystone Eel
12.82	Innishmurray	5th June	Raymond Fox	Artificial Eel
12 13	Clifden	4th October	John Brittain	Mackerel Strip
12.7	Dingle	20th July	John White (GB)	Jellyworm
12.68	Rathmullan	1st October	Gerald McGowan	Eddystone Eel
12.63	Rathmullan	1st October	Joe Stubbs	Black Delta
12.6	Blasket Islands	12th July	George Burgum	Jellyworm
12.59	Rathmullan	17th July	Jim Dixon	Redgill
12.57	Achill	31st August	Thomas English	Mackerel
12.57	Crosshaven	16th August	J.R. Wildon	Mr. Twister
12 9	Clifden	12th August	John Brittain	Delta Eel
12 8	Dingle	2nd September	Rex Smith (GB)	Pollack feathers
12.47	Tuskar	30th September	Ronald Lake (GB)	Redgill
12.41	Killybegs	16th July	Deirdre O'Callaghan	Mister. Twister
12.25	Crosshaven	1st October	Ian Robinson	Mister Twister
5.55 kilos	Dingle	17th July	George Burgum	Worm
12.14	Sheephaven	20th July	Trevor Ryder	Mackerel Flapper
5.5 kilos	Dingle	17th July	Ronald Mason (GB)	Jellyworm
5.5 kilos	Kinsale	25th September	Anton van Heteren	Redgill
12 2	Cobh	28th July	John Barry	Artificial Lure
12.12	Achill	31st August	Nora English	Redgill Sandeel

## POLLACK (Continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
12.12	Killybegs	19th March	Anthony Doherty	Mister Twister
12.04	Killybegs	30th June	John Cunningham	Mister Twister
12.02	Horn Head	3th May	Chris Winters	Eddystone Eel



*John Brittain of Clifden with a specimen Pollack of 12 lbs. 9 ozs.*

## POUTING

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
3.72	East Ferry	12th August	Garry Frewen	Mackerel
3 2	Cork Harbour	25th June	James Leahy	Sandeel
3.06	Tuskar	4th August	Andrew Wilson (GB)	Baited feathers
3.01	East Ferry	18th May	Peter Mosley (GB)	Mackerel Strip

## PAINTED RAY

**New Record, 17.21 lbs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kilos**

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
bs. ozs.				
17.21	Garryvoe	29th August	Eddie Cull	Mackerel
15.48	Garryvoe	29th August	Eddie Cull	Mackerel
11 4	Barrow Beach	29th Sept.	Aaron O'Connell	Mackerel



## STING RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
50	Fenit	30th May	Michael Collins	Mackerel Strip
38	Fenit	31st May	Colm McDaid	Mackerel Strip

## HOMELYN RAY

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
5	10 Causeway Coast	15th August	David Spence	Squid
5	8 Kilcoole	15th May	Brian Cooke	Sandeel
5	7 Lough Swilly	22nd May	Ivan Stewart	Mackerel Fillet

## THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
1.89	Moneypoint, Shannon	17th July	Christopher Sanders (GB)	Mackerel Strip
907 kilos	Glengad - Inishowen	27th November, '93	Brian Bergin	Mackerel

## TWAITE SHAD

Record, 2.87 lbs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs 2 ozs.; .964 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
2.66	River Barrow, St. Mullins	27th May	Phil Simpson (GB)	Tasmanian Devil
2.57	St. Mullins	20th May	Kevin Barry	Jensen Tobis
2.46	St. Mullins	5th May, '93	John A. O'Connor	Zzinger
2	6 St. Mullins	22nd May	Noel Ashby	Tasmanian Devil
2	5.5 St. Mullins	15th May	Noel Ashby	Tasmanian Devil
2.28	St. Mullins	12th May, '93	Bob O'Callaghan	Toby
1 kilo	St. Mullins	26th May	John Brown	Silver Spoon
2.20	St. Mullins	15th May	Trevor Hylands	Tasmanian Devil
2.19	St. Mullins	14th May	Damian Blackwell	Tasmanian Devil
2.17	St. Mullins	14th May	Peter Bolger	Jensen
2	2 St. Mullins	6th May, '93	Nicholas McEvoy Jnr.	Toby
2	2 St. Mullins	14th May	David Bourke	Tasmanian Devil

## BLUE SHARK

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
56.7 kilos	Kinsale	18th September	Thomas Kelly (GB)	Mackerel
51.5 kilos	Loop Head	16th August, '93	Peter Schreuder (NL)	Mackerel Flapper
112	Sheephaven	13th August	H.N. Boonders (NL)	Mackerel
112	Crosshaven	1st July	H.R. Krivistingh-Neven (NL)	Mackerel
110	4 Sheephaven	15th August	Jan Verwerda (NL)	Mackerel Strip
105	4 Sheephaven	18th August	Walter Dielen (NL)	Mackerel
46.5 kilos	Loop Head	26th August, '93	Marcel Xavier (NL)	Mackerel
100	Crosshaven	3rd August	Martin Schwartz (NL)	Mackerel

## SMOOTH HOUND

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
4.25 kilos	Ennireilly Beach, Arklow	14th August	Paul Hosback	Peeler Crab
9	Cahore	8th May	Michael Elliott	Peeler Crab
8	8 Cahore	24th July	John Duff	Peeler Crab
8	4 Cahore	21st July	Donald Redmond	Crab
8	4 Cahore	24th July	Andrew Kinsella	Crab
7	8 Cahore	12th June	Tadhg Bannerman	Peeler Crab

## STONE BASSE

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
4.070 kilos	Dungarvan	21st August	Kieran Caulfield	Mackerel
8.64	Baltimore	15th August	Derek Hays (GB)	Mackerel Strip

## TOPE

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

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lbs. ozs.				
55	6 Newtown Lynch, Co. Galway.	17th September	Michael Flannery	Mackerel Flapper
52	Newtown Lynch	15th September	Tony Flannery	Mackerel
48	8 Ballynacourty, Galway.	27th September	Michael Flannery	Mackerel
45	Carrick Island	19th July	Martin van den Hout (NL)	Mackerel Head



*A shore caught Tope of 52 lbs. for Tony Flannery of Galway.*

## TORSK

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9.45	Sheephaven	13th July	Piet van der Post (NL)	Mackerel Flapper
8 9.75	Sheephaven	24th July	Pat Robinson	Mackerel
7 9	Swilly	19th July	Robert Winters	Baited muppet
7.02	Port-na-Blagh	16th July	Joseph Stubbs	Coalfish Strip

## WHITING

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

WEIGHT lbs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.54	East Ferry	27th September	J. Dielen (NL)	Baited Feathers
3.5	Crosshaven	7th August	K.G. van der Straten (NL)	Baited Feathers
3 5	Crosshaven	12th June	Mike Chadwick (GB)	Mackerel
3.18	East Ferry	31st July	Michael Armstrong	Baited Feathers
3 2	Dingle	8th August	Rex M. Smith (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3.07	Ballycotton	13th July	Armanda Y. Watkins (GB)	Baited Feathers
3 1	Dublin Bay	14th August	Charles Robinson	Ragworm

## BALLAN WRASSE

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.53	Fahamore, Castlegregory	12th October	Nick Ennis	Crab
2.47 kilos	Galley Head	7th November, '93	Peter Mavorley	Crab
5.28	Rosses Point	1st October	Ceville Fox	Baited lure
5.23	Kilmore	19th March	Paddy McSteen	Hookai
5.19	Fahamore	23rd July	Viall B. Small	Feathers
5.01	Blacksod	23rd September	Vincent Sweeney	Mackerel Strip
4.97	Westport	11th September	P. N. Garside (GB)	Artificial Worm
4 14	Killybegs	2nd October	Raymond Reilly	Ragworm
4.85	Kilmore Quay	18th May	Owen Looby	Baited Feathers

## CUCKOO WRASSE

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

WEIGHT bs. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.59	Maidens	16th July	Davis Cahoon	Baited muppet
1 9	Portrush	12th October	David W.B. Kelly	Hookai
1 8.25	Belfast Lough	31st July	David Craig	Squid
1 7.75	Rathlin Island	31st July	Owen Coyles	Ragworm
1.38	Culdaff Bay	1st May	Des Mills	Lugworm
1.38	Blacksod	25th September	Vincent Sweeney	Mackerel Strip
1 6	Portrush	25th September	Joseph M. Barrie	Baited lure
1 5.25	Belfast Lough	2nd October	David Craig	Baited Feathers
1 5	Belfast Lough	31st August	David Craig	Mackerel Strip
1 5	Maidens	31st July	Stephen C. Wilson	Mackerel/Mussel
590 kilos	Sneem	16th September	Rene de Jong (NL)	Shrimp

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	91	40	23	9	5
	132	27	46	3	6
	123	36	40	2	5
	135	47	35	4	4
	126	86	19	7	1
	126	52	18	6	5
	77	54	13	9	2
	111	31	19	6	2
	104	61	18	4	4
	116	31	15	2	4
	131	29	17	5	2
	90	25	15	2	2
	22	21	16	3	7
	59	36	8	1	4
	60	14	5	4	4
	48	18	10	0	0
	45	21	23	4	1
	46	22	22	2	2
	56	32	9	1	3
	45	30	16	3	4
	39	33	13	1	2

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## NEW RECORDS

Four New Records were established in 1994.

A **RUDD/BREAM HYBRID** of 6 lbs. 12 ozs. was caught by John O'Shaughnessy, Crookedwood, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, in Monalty Lake on September 20th, 1994.

A **TENCH** of 3.615 kilos was taken by Nick Parry, Fiddane, Tubber, Co. Galway, in Ballyeighter Lake on the 8th August, 1994.

A **GARFISH** (*Belone svetovidovi*) of 1.11 lbs was taken by Eric Leijten, Hoboken Straat 1, 4826 Ea Breda, Holland, at Courtmacsherry on the 5th August, 1994.

A **PAINTED RAY** of 17.21 lbs was taken by Eddie Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, at Garryvoe on the 29th August, 1994.

## TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1994 for the special awards made to anglers who have recorded ten or more specimen fish:

Paul Johnston, 59 Woodfield Road, Rudgwick, West Sussex, RH1 2EP, England.

Martin McKibbin, 9 Shimnavale, Newcastle, Co. Down, BT33 OEF, N. Ireland.

Paul Matthews, Emyvale, Monaghan.

Kevin Cunningham, 45 Brookfield Avenue, Banbridge, Co. Down.

Bob O'Callaghan, 51 Beechgrove, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

## 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, 1994. The award goes to: Peter Wilson, "Oakleigh" First Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, SS17 8AD, England, for a Grey Gurnard of 1.60 lbs taken at Baltimore on 25th August, 1994.

## 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 22 of these awards have been made to-date and during 1994, no angler 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.

This year the award goes to Brendan Doran, 69 Clonmore Heights, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, for a Rudd/Bream Hybrid of 6 lbs. 10 ozs. taken at Monalty Lake on the 19th September, 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.

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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. Escapees from fish farms either freshwater or marine, are also excluded.

## 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.

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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		4
1988	259	60	14	5	4	4
1989	261	48	18	10	0	0
1990	286	45	21	23	4	
1991	332	46	30	19		3
1992	336	56	32	9		3
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### In Ireland

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

### N. Ireland

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A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1993 is given in this Report. The 1994 account will only be available in 1995 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	Mm. Mears
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	27.78	17.6.1993	The Lough, Cork.	Robert Coleman
Dace	1 2	3.8.1966	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	6 12	20.9.1994	Monalty Lake	John O'Shaughnessy
Roach/Bream Hybrid	2.065 Kg.	2.7.1989	Drumreask L.	Philip Arthur
Tench	3.615 Kg.	3.8.1994	Ballyeigher Lake	Nick Parry
River Eel	6 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

### MARINE SPECIES

Species	Weight bs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Angler Fish	12.985 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	3 8	3.9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
Coalfish	12.5 Kg.	21.9.1983	Kinsale	E. Masheijer
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	L. Stewart
Conger	72 0	June, 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Gab	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	26.7.1982	Valentia	Don Heinis
Flounder	31	2.10.1993	Ballyteigue Co. Wexford	Brian Russell



## MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Species	Weight lbs. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Garfish ( <i>B. Bellone</i> )	3 10.25	16.9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Garfish ( <i>B. svetovidovi</i> )	1.11	5.8.1994	Courtmacsherry	Eric Leijten
Tub Gurnard	12 3.5	8.8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21.9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9.5	17.7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott
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 Kg	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 Kg.	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	17.21	29.8.1994	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	Darlingford 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 Kg.	20.8.1983	Dlogher 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 12	3	1.361
Roach/Bream Hybrid	2.065 kilos	3	1.361
Tench ( <i>Tinca tinca</i> )	3.615 kilos	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>Scylliorhinus caniculus</i> )	4 4	3.5	1.587
- Greater Spotted ( <i>Scylliorhinus 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> )	1.11	4 ozs.	.355
Gurnard - Tub ( <i>Trigla lucerna</i> )	12 3.5	5	2.268
- Grey ( <i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i> )	3 1	1.5	.680
- Red ( <i>Aspitigla cuculus</i> )	3 9.5	2	.907
Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	10 13.5	7	3.175
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	25 5.5	10	4.536
Halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )	156 0	50	22.680
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	.425 kilos	.75	.340
John Dory ( <i>Zeus faber</i> )	7 8	4	1.814
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	46 8	25	11.340
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	4 2	.52	1.134

# SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS(REVISED) (Continued)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD lbs. ozs.	SPECIMEN lbs.	WEIGHT kilos
Vegrim ( <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
outing ( <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> )	17.21	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 2 ozs.	.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
orsk ( <i>Brosme brosme</i> )	10.66	6	2.721
Trigger Fish ( <i>Balistes carolinensis</i> )	- -	3.25	1.474
unny ( <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
Nrasse Ballan ( <i>Labrus bergylta</i> )	4.3 kilos	4.75	2.154
Nrasse 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, 1993					
1992	Expenditure	1993	1992	Revenue	1993
£2,538.36	Printing	£4,098.61		Balance B/F	£4,017.04
£274.00	Medals	-		Grants	£1,500.00
£209.60	Travel	£266.79	£1,500.00	Central Fisheries Board	£1,000.00
£25.00	Late Dr. Went's Prize	£25.00	3,000.00	Bord Failte	£500.00
£437.50	Miscellaneous	£255.75		Department of Marine	
				Subscriptions	
£330.00	Presentation Expenses	£400.00	£1,263.08	Clubs, Federations &	
£.37	Bank Charges	£3.62		Individuals	
	Total	£5,049.77	£15.78	E.B.S. Interest	£1,159.71
	Balance c/d	£3,141.11			£14.13
		£8,190.88	Balance b/d		£8,190.88
					£3,141.11

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

SIGNED: Des Brennan  
Christopher P. O'Toole

# RULES

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- (1) **IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE:** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its objective is to verify, record and publicise the capture of large fish on rod and line in Irish waters. A list of Specimen Fish is published annually by the Committee. Only fish which can be fully vouched for as to weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee.
- (2) **FAIR ANGLING:** "Fair Angling" means any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method. A fish must be hooked in or in the immediate vicinity of the mouth when it has taken the bait or lure; fish which have been foul-hooked, even accidentally, are not eligible. A fish in respect of which a claim is made must be hooked, played and brought to gaff or net by the angler **UNAIDED**, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- (3) **WEIGHING:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 2 to 5 lb range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lbs or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which have been weighed on board a boat. **Please note:** Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e. after the fish has been weighed.
- (4) **IDENTIFICATION:** The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason, the Committee, in respect of some species, insists on scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body as actual proof of identification before it will consider claims. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river

will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim.

The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi Boreen, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, in the case of fish taken in the Republic of Ireland. In the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland to Dr. R. Briggs, Aquatic Environmental Science Division, D.A.N.I., Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5PX. Phone: 0232 661166. In the case of freshwater species send to Dr. Walter Crozier, D.A.N.I., River Bush Salmon Station, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, BT57 8QJ. Phone: 02657 31435.

The actual body must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species:- DACE, RUDD, RUDD/BREAM HYBRID, ROACH, 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, CUCKOO WRASSE, TORSK, "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, RAYS, 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 8379206).



2) Do forward specimen Bar holidays  
weekends; keep cold store preferably frozen fish cannot  
delivered quickly before Friday (afternoon).

3) Please attach label each fish forwarded for identification giving the  
captor's name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of  
the fish.

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,  
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