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ISFC Chairman's Review 2011



The annual report of the ISFC catalogues only the bigger fish of each species captured by fair angling, in and around the island of Ireland, during the preceding twelve months. This represents only a small proportion of the many fish caught by anglers in any year. This year the ISFC ratified almost 600 claims and four new Irish records were created. These figures compare favourably with data for previous years. It is evident from the report that visiting anglers continue to feature well in the listings. It is hoped that these and others anglers, not fortunate enough to get the big one this year, will continue to enjoy the high quality angling that this island has to offer.

Ni dhéantar catalógú i dtuarascáil bhliantúil an ISFC ach ar an iasc is mó de gach speiceas a ndéantar slatiascaireacht go cóir orthu timpeall oileán na hÉireann sna 12 mí roimhe sin. Is ionann sin is cion beag den iasc a mbeireann slatiascairí orthu in aon bhliain ar leith. Dhaingnigh an ISFC beagnach 600 éileamh agus taifeadhadh ceithre churiarracht nua. Fígiúirí iad seo a bhí fabhrach i gcomórtas le fígiúirí blianta roimhe sin. Is léir ón tuarascáil go mbionn slatiascairí ar cuairt go láidir ar na liostaí. Táthar ag súil go leanfaidh siadsan agus slatiascairí eile, nár éirigh leo breith ar an mbreac mór i mbliana, ag baint sult as slatiascaireacht ar ardchaighdeán ar an oileán seo.

Records were established for two of the more recent fishes added to the specimen listings; Roach/Rudd Hybrids and Thin-Lipped Mullet. The committee continued to address the challenges associated with species identification and validation of claims created by the desire, indeed in some cases a legal obligation, to return the fish alive to the water. In this regard considerable progress has been made with the genetic fingerprinting of various species which allowed, for example, Roach/Rudd hybrids to be listed since 2009. The complexity of cyprinid interbreeding has added an unexpected level of variability in the parentage of many cyprinid fish which may not be discernable from external characteristics but may result in increased fish size. The genetic analysis has also unexpectedly uncovered surprises within the shads and it is now evident that a considerable degree of interspecies activity is occurring between the Twaite and Allis shad. Claims deferred from last year, pending genetic analysis, have been ratified for individuals exhibiting "pure" parentage but further evaluation will be required for the majority of claims which show hybridisation.

Some years ago the late Dr. Michael Kennedy was surprised when a specimen category was being considered for Golden Grey Mullet as he had anticipated greater numbers of the Thin-Lipped to show first. Having received sufficient numbers, and in accordance with ISFC protocol, the committee have now added a specimen category for the Thin-Lipped Mullet to ISFC listings. With the difficult economic climate increased costs are a feature of business for everyone. This will impact on the ISFC – continuation of the genetic analysis service will require specific financing in future years. Regrettably fiscal hardship will also impact weighing scale calibration; certification of scales will attract a charge for anglers in future. On behalf of the ISFC, I wish to express our gratitude to the Legal Metrology Service which has certified scales for anglers for almost 15 years. The committee is investigating alternative service providers for scale certification for 2012 and beyond.

This year the ISFC initiated a 'Length Based Specimen' category for tope which allowed for on-board measurement. Whilst no claims were received, progress can be reported regarding a development of a suitable length measurement system. Following trials by one dedicated angler, a suitable measuring device has been developed with financial and technical support from Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI). Further assessment of this device will be carried out in 2012.

The Committee has decided to raise the specimen weight for Twaite Shad and another significant change is that record fish must be photographed on a measuring board (or tape).

It is my pleasure to welcome Mr Shane O'Reilly on to the Committee as the new IFI representative; in addition to his angling knowledge Shane brings new technical skills to the ISFC. The Committee is most appreciative of the resources provided by IFI which are fundamental to the continuance of the ISFC. Thanks also to IFI, the Loughs Agency and Fáilte Ireland for their continued financial support. I gratefully acknowledge the ongoing commitment of the committee members who give generously of their time and expertise.

Trevor Champ

Chairman

18th December, 2011

Report of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee 2011

INTRODUCTION

In 2011 the ISFC received 674 claims; 587 were ratified, including four new records. A total of 15 were rejected for non-compliance with the rules and a further 72 will be queried further. Details of new records, other special awards and specimen awards 2011 are listed below:

NEW IRISH RECORDS (Engraved Silver Medal)

For fish exceeding the current Irish record weight



NEW RECORD ROACH/RUDD HYBRID
2.1 kg, River Lagan, Co. Antrim, 5th May 2009 – Terry Jackson



NEW RECORD BLACKMOUTHED DOGFISH
1.33 kg, Red Bay, Co. Antrim, 10th August 2011 – Jan Vrieswijk (NL)



NEW RECORD SPUR DOGFISH
10.6 kg, Red Bay, Co. Antrim, 25th July 2011 – Albert Koawenhourn (NL)



NEW RECORD THIN-LIPPED MULLET
2.83 kg, Cork Harbour, Co. Cork, 14th September 2011 – Noel Lane

SPECIAL AWARDS CATEGORIES

20 SPECIES AWARD (Engraved Plaque)

Micheál Hennessy, Kenmare, Co. Kerry

1979	Flounder
1980	Dab
1989	Bass
1996	Sea Trout
2000	Twaite Shad
2001	Coalfish, Cod
2002	Ballan Wrasse
2004	Ling
2005	Pollack
2006	Blonde Ray, Bluemouth
2008	Carp, Spur Dogfish
2009	Painted Ray, Thick-lipped Mullet
2010	Garfish (<i>B. belone</i>), Golden Grey Mullet
2011	Brown Trout, Gilthead Bream, Rudd/Bream Hybrid

Dan Lynch, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork

2006	Bass, Blonde Ray, Coalfish, Greater Spotted Dogfish, Ling
2007	Carp, Golden Grey Mullet, Lesser Spotted Dogfish
2008	Flounder
2009	Cod, Gilthead Bream
2010	Painted Ray, Red Gurnard, Thick-Lipped Mullet
2011	Herring, Plaice, Roach/Rudd Hybrid, Rudd, Rudd/Bream Hybrid, Smooth-hound, Spur Dogfish, Twaite Shad

10 SPECIES AWARD (Engraved Bronze Medal)**John Dennehy, Togher, Co. Cork**

1993	Megrim
1994	Ling
2001	Coalfish
2002	Cod
2003	Pollack
2004	Blonde Ray
2004	Conger Eel
2004	Haddock
2009	Red Gurnard
2011	Smooth-hound

Ken Hegarty, Monkstown, Co. Cork

2000	Pollack
2001	Coalfish
2005	Red Gurnard
2007	Blonde Ray
2007	Flounder
2007	Grey Gurnard
2007	Homelyn Ray
2008	Bluemouth
2008	Lesser Spotted Dogfish
2011	Smooth-hound

50 SPECIMENS AWARD (Gold Badge)**Dan Lynch, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork**

2006	Greater Spotted Dogfish (1)	2010 – 2011	Thick-Lipped Mullet (2)
2006 – 2008	Coalfish (5)	2010	Painted Ray (1)
2006	Bass (1)	2010 – 2011	Red Gurnard (2)
2006	Blonde Ray (1)	2010 – 2011	Roach/Rudd Hybrid (4)
2006 – 2007	Ling (4)	2011	Smooth-hound (1)
2007 – 2009	Golden Grey Mullet (7)	2011	Spurdog (1)
2007 – 2010	Carp (10)	2011	Rudd/Bream Hybrid (3)
2007 – 2011	Lesser Spotted Dogfish (4)	2011	Rudd (1)
2008	Flounder (1)	2011	Twaite Shad (1)
2009	Cod (1)	2011	Plaice (1)
2009	Gilthead Bream (1)	2011	Herring (1)

John Millerick, Kinsealy, Co. Dublin

1991 Flounder (1)
 1992 - 2010 Twaite Shad (8)
 1992 - 2011 Bream (2)
 1993 - 2008 Pike (River) (4)
 2003 - 2005 Perch (4)
 2004 Ballan Wrasse (1)
 2004 Rudd (1)
 2004 Rudd/Bream Hybrid (2)
 2004 - 2011 Smooth-hound (5)
 2004 - 2011 Thick-Lipped Mullet (9)
 2005 - 2011 Tench (9)
 2005 - 2011 Roach/Bream Hybrid (8)
 2006 - 2009 Tope (2)
 2007 Carp (1)
 2007 Spur Dogfish (1)
 2010 Haddock (1)
 2010 - 2011 Gilthead Bream (3)

Liam Kane, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin

1982 Greater Spotted Dogfish (1)
 1982 Tope (1)
 1982 - 1989 Twaite Shad (5)
 1983 - 1990 Flounder (3)
 1984 Homelyn Ray (1)
 1986 - 2007 Bream (11)
 1986 - 2007 Pike (River) (7)
 1987 - 1995 Spur Dogfish (2)
 1993 - 2006 Tench (3)
 1995 - 2011 Thick-Lipped Mullet (10)
 1997 - 1998 Roach/Bream Hybrid (2)
 2003 - 2005 Perch (3)
 2005 - 2008 Rudd/Bream Hybrid (2)
 2008 Cuckoo Wrasse (1)

10 SPECIMENS AWARD (Silver Pin)

Bill Collins , Strokestown, Co. Roscommon	2010 – 2011
Darren Guy , Ballyclare, Co. Antrim	2008 – 2011
Patrick Lombard , Clonakilty, Co. Cork	2009 – 2011
Joe McBride , Antrim, Co. Antrim	2001 – 2011
Shane McNicholl , Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone	2000 – 2011
Brian Menary , Bangor, Co. Down	2009 – 2011
Gary Morrow , Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim	2007 – 2011
Jerry O'Connor , Tralee, Co. Kerry	2009 – 2011
John O'Connor , Dunmore East, Co. Waterford	1992 – 2011
Michael Wall , Tralee, Co. Kerry	1993 – 2011

DR. MICHAEL KENNEDY AWARD (Engraved Plaque)**MULLET OF THE YEAR**

Dr. Michael Kennedy, the pioneering fisheries biologist and one of the founders of the ISFC, had a lifelong research interest in mullet species. The Kennedy Award, is for the best specimen (highest percentage of the record) and/or a new record of any of the three mullet species for the year.

The 2011 award goes to:

Noel Lane, Mayfield, Cork for his **Thin-Lipped Mullet** of 2.83 kg taken in Cork Harbour on 14th September 2011

DR. A.E.J. WENT AWARD (Engraved Plaque & Token)**YOUNG SPECIMEN ANGLER OF THE YEAR**

Dr. Arthur Went, the noted fisheries biologist and one of the two founder members of the ISFC, nominated this award for the best specimen of the year (based on the highest percentage of the specimen weight) taken by an angler aged 13 years or younger.

The 2011 award goes to:

Bobby Ahern, Kinsale, Co. Cork for his **Gilthead Bream** of 1.93 kg taken at Courtmacsherry on 3rd September 2011

The MINISTER'S AWARD (Mounted Bronze Medal)

Inaugurated by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, this "fish of a lifetime" award for the best specimen fish of the year (other than a new record), is for the angler who catches a fish which represents the highest percentage of the existing record.

The 2011 award goes to:

Colin Martin, Ballycairn Close, Belfast BT8 8HF for his **Roach/Bream Hybrid** of 3.17 kg taken at Monalty Lake on 27th May 2011

BEST INTERNATIONAL SPECIMEN FISH AWARD (Engraved Plaque)

This award is for the best specimen fish (calculated as the highest percentage of the current specimen weight) taken by an overseas angler.

The 2011 award goes to:

Sean Smith, Wakefield, WF2 9SZ, England for his **Sea Trout** of 6.04 kg taken in Lough Currane on 26th May 2011

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 2011

FRESHWATER FISH LISTINGS 2011

Coarse Fish and Pike

BREAM

Record 12 lbs 3 ozs (5.528 kg); Specimen Weight 3.402 kg (7.5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
4.74	10.45	-	Ballyhoe Lake	18-Jun	Ian Sutcliffe	Sweetcorn
4.59	10.13	58.0	Bolganard Lake	17-May	John Millerick	Corn/Maggots
4.42	9.74	-	Drumlaheen Lake	23-Apr	Colin Martin	Worm/Corn
4.25	9.38	57.5	Lough Gill	30-Mar	Bill Collins	Maggots
4.24	9.35	-	Drumlaheen Lake	16-Apr	Colin Martin	Corn/Maggots
4.14	9.13	-	Drumlaheen Lake	30-Apr	Colin Martin	Worm/Corn
4.14	9.13	-	Lough Gill	26-Mar	Bill Collins	Maggots
4.11	9.06	61.0	Carrigadrohid Res.	15-Jun	Conor Healy	Worm
4.08	9.00	-	Lough Gill	26-Mar	Bill Collins	Maggots
3.84	8.47	-	Ballyhoe Lake	16-Aug	Owen McGuinness	Boilie
3.81	8.41	-	Ballyhoe Lake	15-Aug	Owen McGuinness	Boilie
3.69	8.13	-	Lough Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Worm
3.69	8.13	-	Lee Reservoir	10-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Sweetcorn
3.57	7.88	-	Lough Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Maggots
3.53	7.78	-	Ballyhoe Lake	15-Aug	Owen McGuinness	Boilie
3.49	7.69	-	Lough Derravaragh	07-Jun	James Dignam	Maggots



*A Lough Derravaragh Bream
for James Dignam*

Year of capture is 2011 unless otherwise stated.

Length (L) assumed to be forklength (cm) for species with forked tails. Otherwise total length assumed.

Country of residence of international angler denoted by relevant letter after surname.

(J) after surname denotes juvenile angler.



Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork John Kelleher admires Sarah Lynch's Carp with Sarah's father Dan

CARP

Record 29 lbs 13 ozs (13.53 kg); Specimen Weight 5.443 kg (12 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
8.25	18.19	69.0	The Lough, Cork	13-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Boilie
8.16	18.00	-	The Lough	13-Jun	Derick O'Brien	Boilie
8.05	17.75	69.0	The Lough	28-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Boilie
7.68	16.94	72.0	The Lough	11-Oct	Barry James	Corn
7.09	15.63	72.0	The Lough	22-Apr	Brian Lombard	Boilie
7.06	15.56	-	The Lough	10-Aug	Derick O'Brien	Boilie
7.06	15.56	66.0	The Lough	04-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Boilie
6.95	15.31	86.4	The Lough	11-Mar	Terry Jackson	Boilie
6.89	15.19	81.3	The Lough	11-Mar	Terry Jackson	Boilie
6.86	15.13	65.0	The Lough	04-May	Patrick Lombard	Boilie
6.75	14.88	65.0	The Lough	25-Apr	Don Whelton	Boilie
6.61	14.56	-	The Lough	10-Aug	Derick O'Brien	Boilie
6.58	14.50	81.3	The Lough	10-Mar	Terry Jackson	Boilie
6.49	14.31	64.0	The Lough	11-Mar	Dan Lynch	Boilie
6.24	13.75	65.0	The Lough	27-Feb	Dan Lynch	Boilie
5.90	13.00	62.0	The Lough	27-Feb	Dan Lynch	Boilie

CARP – continued

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
5.87	12.94	70.0	The Lough	01-May	Patrick Lombard	Boilie
5.73	12.63	63.0	The Lough	24-Apr	Patrick Lombard	Boilie
5.73	12.63	-	Corkagh Park Fishery	26-Aug	Paul Newell	Maggots
5.67	12.50	69.0	The Lough	24-May	Sarah Lynch (J)	Boilie
5.64	12.44	-	Corkagh Park Fishery	16-Sep	Paul Newell	Maggots
5.61	12.38	-	Corkagh Park Fishery	16-Sep	Al Walsh	Maggots
5.50	12.13	-	Corkagh Park Fishery	18-Sep	Paul Newell	Sweetcorn

DACE

Record 1 lbs 2 ozs (0.51 kg); Specimen Weight 0.3 kg (0.66 lbs)

0.34	0.75	-	R. Nore, Inistioge	09-Jul	Michael Norton	Maggots
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PERCH

Record 5 lbs 8 ozs (2.49 kg); Specimen Weight 1.2 kg (2.646 lbs)

1.27	2.80	37.0	River Barrow, Baginbally	16-Mar	Joseph Marsella	Maggot/Worm
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PIKE (RIVER)

Record 42 lbs (19.051 kg); Specimen Weight 9.072 kg (20 lbs)

12.93	28.50	112.0	R. Blackwater, Moy	02-Jan	Terry Jackson	Roach
11.54	25.44	-	R. Shannon, O'Brien's Bridge	01-Feb	Nick Parry	Pollan
11.51	25.38	-	R. Shannon, Kilnacarrow	01-Jan	Bill Collins	Pollan
11.48	25.31	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	01-Feb	Derek Greene	Sardine
11.34	25.00	-	R. Shannon, Shannonbridge	17-Feb	Gerard Brown	Herring
11.20	24.69	-	R. Suck, Athleague	12-Jun	Ian Drennan	Lamprey
10.94	24.13	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	20-Nov	Gerard Maguire	Sardine

PIKE (RIVER) – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
10.89	24.00	-	R. Lung	11-Dec	Bill Collins	Herring
10.89	24.00	-	R. Shannon, Drumsna	18-Jan	Bill Collins	Herring
10.89	24.00	-	Boyle R.	19-Feb	Conor Magrath	Roach
10.69	23.56	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	01-Feb	Glenn Greene	Roach
10.29	22.69	-	R. Shannon, Shannonbridge	19-Jun	Ian Drennan	Lamprey
10.21	22.50	-	R. Shannon, Shannonbridge	18-Feb	Gerard Brown	Herring
9.98	22.00	-	Lower R. Shannon	13-Feb	Kevin Lyons	Roach
9.64	21.25	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	30-Oct	Gerard Maguire	Sardine
9.58	21.13	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	08-Oct	Derek Greene	Sardine
9.36	20.63	-	R. Shannon, Rooskey	12-Feb	Glenn Greene	Roach
9.33	20.56	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	01-Feb	Derek Greene	Sardine
9.13	20.13	-	R. Shannon, Jamestown	06-Nov	Gerard Maguire	Sardine
9.10	20.06	-	R. Suck, Ballyforan	21-May	Claire Mitchell (J)	Roach
9.07	20.00	-	R. Suck, Ballyforan	22-Feb	Jason Dingle	Sardine

ROACH**Record 1.425 kg; Specimen Weight 0.907 kg (2 lbs)**

0.94	2.06	-	Lough Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Maggots
0.91	2.00	-	Lough Allua	14-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID**Record 7 lbs (3.175 kg); Specimen Weight 1.6 kg (3.528 lbs)**

3.17	7.00	-	Monalty Lake	27-May	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
3.10	6.83	-	Monalty Lake	01-Aug-10	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
3.09	6.81	50.0	L. Gill	02-Apr	Nick Parry	Maggots
3.03	6.69	-	L. Gill	02-Apr	Bill Collins	Maggots



Bill Collins with one of his three Roach/Bream specimens

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID – continued

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
2.92	6.44	-	L. Boderg	11-Aug	Bill Collins	Maggots
2.92	6.44	-	Monalty Lake	14-May	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
2.86	6.31	49.0	L. Gill	29-Mar	Bill Collins	Maggots
2.83	6.25	54.0	L. Derravaragh	27-Apr	John Millerick	Maggots
2.82	6.22	-	Monalty Lake	13-May	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
2.78	6.12	49.5	Monalty Lake	21-Aug-10	Philip Fox	Corn
2.62	5.78	50.8	Monalty Lake	21-Aug-10	Philip Fox	Corn
2.55	5.63	51.0	L. Derravaragh	29-Apr	David McGee	Boilie
2.52	5.56	-	L. Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Maggots
2.44	5.38	-	L. Derravaragh	07-Jun	James Dignam	Maggots
2.41	5.31	-	L. Derravaragh	07-Jun	Darragh Long	Maggots
2.41	5.31	49.5	Monalty Lake	21-Aug-10	Philip Fox	Corn
2.38	5.25	48.3	L. Derravaragh	13-Jul	Liam Tully	Maggots
2.38	5.25	51.0	L. Derravaragh	27-Apr	John Millerick	Maggots
2.38	5.25	52.0	L. Derravaragh	28-Apr	John Millerick	Maggots

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID- *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
2.35	5.19	-	River Inny, Finea	01-Apr	Jason Dingle	Sweetcorn
2.30	5.06	-	L. Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Maggots
2.27	5.00	-	River Inny, Finea	01-Apr	Jason Dingle	Sweetcorn
2.24	4.94	-	L. Boderg	11-Aug	Conor Magrath	Maggots
2.21	4.88	50.8	L. Derravaragh	12-Jul	Clare Maurer	Maggots

ROACH/RUDD HYBRID**New Record 2.1 kg; Specimen Weight 0.9 kg**

2.10	4.63	39.0	River Lagan, u/s Stranmillis	05-May-09	Terry Jackson	Maggots
1.60	3.53	47.0	R. Lagan	05-May-09	Terry Jackson	Maggots
1.60	3.53	46.0	R. Lagan	05-May-09	Terry Jackson	Maggots
1.56	3.44	43.5	R. Lagan	05-May-09	Andrew Wolsey	Maggots
1.47	3.25	-	R. Lagan	05-May-09	Andrew Wolsey	Maggots
1.47	3.25	45.0	R. Lagan	04-Jun-10	Terry Jackson	Worm
1.36	3.00	46.5	R. Lagan	29-May-10	Terry Jackson	Maggot/Caster
1.36	3.00	-	R. Lagan	02-Jun-10	Terry Jackson	Maggot/Caster
1.25	2.75	44.0	R. Lagan	30-May-10	Andrew Wolsey	Maggots/Caster
1.19	2.63	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots



*Roach/Rudd
Hybrid
from the
Lee Reservoir
for
Sidney Kennedy*

ROACH/RUDD HYBRID- *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.12	2.47	43.5	R. Lagan	05-Jun-10	Andrew Wolsey	Sweetcorn
1.08	2.38	42.0	R. Lagan	30-May-10	Andrew Wolsey	Maggots/Caster
1.00	2.20	-	Inniscarra Res.	15-Jun	Dan Lynch	Sweetcorn
1.00	2.20	-	Lee Reservoir	26-Jun	Dan Lynch	Corn
0.99	2.19	-	Lough Allua	03-Aug	Dan Lynch	Maggots
0.99	2.19	-	Lee Reservoir	04-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots
0.93	2.05	-	Carrigadrohid Res.	21-May-10	Dan Lynch	Maggots
0.91	2.00	-	Carrigadrohid Res.	24-Sep	Conor Healy	Maggots

RUDD

Record 4 lbs 8 ozs (2.041 kg); Specimen Weight 0.9 kg (1.98 lbs)

1.45	3.19	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
1.08	2.38	36.8	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
1.02	2.25	36.8	Carrigadrohid Res.	15-Jun	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
1.02	2.25	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun-10	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
1.02	2.25	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun	Dan Lynch	Corn
0.99	2.19	35.6	Carrigadrohid Res.	15-Jun	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn



*Derick O'Brien
had the heaviest
Rudd of 2011*

RUDD – continued

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.96	2.13	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun-10	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
0.91	2.00	-	Lee Reservoir	05-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record 7 lbs 10 ozs (3.458 kg); Specimen Weight 1.2 kg (2.64 lbs)

3.22	7.10	-	Monalty Lake	06-Aug-10	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
2.81	6.19	52.0	Lee Reservoir	07-May	Terry Jackson	Maggots/Corn
2.66	5.88	51.0	Lee Res.	07-May	Terry Jackson	Maggots/Corn
2.27	5.00	48.0	Lee Res.	07-May	Terry Jackson	Maggots/Corn
2.13	4.69	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots
2.10	4.63	45.7	Carrigadrohid Res.	23-Jul	Conor Healy	Caster/Corn
2.06	4.55	-	Inniscarra Res.	26-Jun	Dan Lynch	Sweetcorn
2.00	4.40	-	Inniscarra Res.	26-Jun	Dan Lynch	Maggots
1.95	4.30	-	Inniscarra Res.	15-Jun	Dan Lynch	Sweetcorn
1.87	4.13	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots
1.84	4.06	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Maggots
1.84	4.06	41.0	Inniscarra Res.	27-Jun	Pat Dalton	Maggots
1.81	4.00	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
1.79	3.95	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
1.77	3.90	-	Lee Res.	05-Jun	Derick O'Brien	Maggots
1.70	3.75	44.0	Inniscarra Res.	18-Jun	Jerry O'Connor	Corn/Maggots
1.66	3.66	42.0	Inniscarra Res.	27-Jun	Der Casey	Maggots
1.60	3.53	42.0	Inniscarra Res.	27-Jun	Der Casey	Maggots
1.56	3.44	40.0	Inniscarra Res.	27-Jun	Pat Dalton	Maggots/Corn
1.53	3.38	43.2	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
1.47	3.25	40.6	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Frank Deasy	Sweetcorn
1.46	3.22	40.0	Inniscarra Res.	27-Jun	Pat Dalton	Maggots/Corn
1.42	3.13	41.9	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Conor Healy	Sweetcorn
1.34	2.95	47.0	Inniscarra Res.	06-May	Micheál Hennessy	Maggots
1.33	2.94	40.6	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Frank Deasy	Sweetcorn
1.32	2.90	45.5	Inniscarra Res.	06-May	Micheál Hennessy	Maggots
1.30	2.88	40.6	Carrigadrohid Res.	13-Jun	Frank Deasy	Sweetcorn
1.22	2.70	44.0	Inniscarra Res.	06-May	Micheál Hennessy	Maggots
1.22	2.70	-	Inniscarra Res.	06-May	Jerry O'Connor	Corn/Maggots



Lucy Jackson with her excellent Tench from Blackies Lough



David Bell with one of his three specimen Tench from Drumbad Lake



Lough Rynn produced this 2.86 kg Tench for Craig Murphy

TENCH

Record 8.15 lbs (3.697 kg); Specimen Weight 2.721 kg (6 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
3.50	7.72	55.9	Tullymacken Lough	24-Jun	Nick Parry	Lobworm
3.18	7.00	53.3	Ardakillen Lough	08-Sep	Bill Collins	Maggots
3.18	7.00	58.4	Blackies Lough	02-Jul	Lucy Jackson (J)	Sweetcorn
3.18	7.00	58.4	Corravoo Lake	15-May	Glenn Drennan	Red Maggot
3.06	6.75	-	Ballyhoe Lake	03-May	Niall Mallin	Boilie
2.95	6.50	55.9	Corravoo Lake	15-May	Glenn Drennan	Red Maggot
2.95	6.50	-	Kilglass Lough	24-Jun	Bill Collins	Corn
2.92	6.44	-	Rahan's Lake	11-Jun	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn

TENCH – continued

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
2.89	6.38	54.6	Lough Na Glack	08-May	Terry Jackson	Boilie/Corn
2.86	6.31	58.4	Ballyhoe Lake	24-Jun	Niall Mallin	Artificial Corn
2.86	6.30	55.9	Corravoo Lake	15-May	Glenn Drennan	Red Maggot
2.85	6.28	-	Lough Rynn	27-Jun	Craig Murphy	Maggots
2.85	6.28	55.9	Ballyhoe Lake	24-Jun	Neil Keane	Sweetcorn
2.83	6.25	53.0	Ballyhoe Lake	30-May	John Millerick	Boilie
2.83	6.25	-	Drumbad Lake	19-Jul	David Bell	Corn
2.83	6.25	-	Kilglass Lough	20-Jun	Bill Collins	Corn
2.83	6.25	-	Ballyhoe Lake	15-Jun	Pat Foster	Boilie
2.81	6.19	55.2	Ballyhoe Lake	13-May	Terry Jackson	Maggots
2.78	6.13	-	Drumbad Lake	20-Jul	David Bell	Worm
2.78	6.13	59.7	Bridget Lough	31-May	Sidney Kennedy	Sweetcorn
2.78	6.13	55.9	Ballyhoe Lake	24-Jun	Niall Mallin	Artificial Corn
2.75	6.06	55.9	Ballyhoe Lake	16-May	Terry Jackson	Maggots
2.75	6.06	-	Drumbad Lake	17-Jul	Dave Bell	Corn
2.75	6.06	51.0	Rahan's Lake	18-Jun	Nicholas Ward	Maggots
2.74	6.04	-	Rahan's Lake	24-Jul	Colin Martin	Sweetcorn
2.72	6.00	-	Lough Incha	24-Jun	Jason Dingle	Corn
2.72	6.00	56.0	Rahan's Lake	17-Jun	Brian Buckley	Maggots



Ian Drennan with a June Pike



Glenn Greene with a Shannon Pike in February



Specimen Salmon for Vincent McDonnell taken in May on the River Moy

Game Fish 2011

SALMON

Record 57 lbs (25.855 kg); Specimen Weight 9.072 kg (20 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
10.25	22.59	-	River Roe	27-Jul	Jerome Feeney	Worm
10.21	22.50	94.5	River Laune	20-Sep	Michael Wall	Worm
9.53	21.00	92.2	River Laune	07-Jun	Michael Wall	Flying C
9.15	20.16	-	River Moy, Foxford	28-May	Vincent McDonnell	Worm

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record 26 lbs 2 ozs (11.85 kg); Specimen Weight 4.536 kg (10 lbs)

5.99	13.19	77.0	Lough Mask	20-Jun	Philip Treijtel	Rapala
5.98	13.19	73.0	Lough Derg	28-Mar	Gerard McKeogh	Roach
5.73	12.63	80.0	Lough Mask	06-Jul	Micheál Hennessy	Roach
5.33	11.75	-	Lough Corrib	19-Mar	Richard Malone	Lure
5.33	11.75	73.7	Lough Derg	16-Apr	Gerard McKeogh	Roach
4.99	11.00	78.0	Lough Mask	22-Jul	Nicholas Ward	Roach



*Lough Mask
specimen
Brown Trout
for
Micheál Hennessy*

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record 20 lbs (9.072 kg); Specimen Weight 2.268 kg (5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
4.25	9.38	-	Cong Canal	17-Mar	Andy Newman	Worm
3.35	7.38	63.5	Moyola River	20-Oct	Richard Kerr	Lure
3.26	7.19	67.5	River Blackwater, Fermoy	12-Jun	John O'Sullivan	Worm
2.95	6.50	-	Cong River	17-Mar	Mark Gibbons	Worm
2.90	6.40	66.0	Clare River	02-Jul	Enda Scahill	Fly
2.49	5.50	66.0	Clare River	07-Jul	Richard Jordan	Dryfly

SEA TROUT

Record 16 lbs 6 ozs (7.428 kg); Specimen Weight 2.721 kg (6 lbs)

6.04	13.31	83.0	Lough Currane	26-May	Sean Smith (UK)	Fly
4.82	10.62	78.7	Lough Currane	03-Sep	Edwin O'Connor	Fly
4.72	10.41	81.3	Lough Currane	19-Sep	Donna McCarthy	Fly
4.17	9.20	76.2	Lough Currane	17-Jul	Bill Rushby	Fly
3.88	8.56	72.0	Lough Currane	29-Jun	Donal O'Reilly	Wetfly
3.80	8.38	76.2	Lough Currane	16-Apr	Liam Ellis	Fly
3.23	7.13	57.2	Saleens	31-Mar	Anthony Power	Peeboy Lure
3.06	6.75	71.1	Lough Currane	13-May	Malachy Travers	Lukki
2.76	6.08	62.0	Lough Currane	20-Jul	Michael O'Sullivan	Fly
2.74	6.05	62.2	Lough Currane	04-Apr	Mark Knowles	Fly



Cobh was the venue for Myles Kelly's Bass in 2010

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BASS

Record 17 lbs 13 ozs (8.08 kg); Specimen Weight 4.536 kg (10 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
7.48	16.50	88.0	Courtmacsherry	28-Sep	Knopp Krzysztof (PL)	Mackerel
5.71	12.59	73.6	Beal Point, Shannon Estuary	16-Nov	Derry Buckley	Crab
5.32	11.73	-	Ringaskiddy	16-Oct	Gregg Smyth	Surecatch Plug
5.23	11.54	81.0	Courtmacsherry	01-Jan	Daniel Holland	Razorfish
4.76	10.50	82.0	Cork Harbour	26-Jul-10	Myles Kelly	Mackerel
4.65	10.25	77.0	Clonakilty	29-Aug	David Quinlan	Sandeel
4.62	10.19	-	Brandon	29-Jan	Des Boyle	Lugworm
4.59	10.13	79.0	Cork Harbour	09-Aug-10	Pat O'Shea	King Rag
4.56	10.06	76.0	Cork Harbour	01-Oct	Pat O'Shea	King Rag
4.55	10.03	80.0	Cork Harbour	19-Jun	Pat O'Shea	Plastic Lure



David McCormick with the only Black Bream of 2011

BLACK BREAM

Record - Vacant; Specimen Weight 1.0 kg (2.205 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.11	2.44	39.0	Killybegs	21-Aug	David McCormick	Ragworm

BLUEMOUTH

Record 1.32 kg (2.91 lbs); Specimen Weight 0.9 kg (1.98 lbs)

1.28	2.82	44.0	Caherciveen	23-Aug	Martyn Rayner	Mackerel Strip
1.06	2.34	41.0	Caherciveen	22-Aug	Sue Tait	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	39.0	Dingle	29-Jan	Graham Monks	Baited Hokkai
1.00	2.20	38.1	Caherciveen	26-Jul	Clare Maurer	Mackerel



*A Bluemouth for
Eddie Butler
out of Caherciveen*

BLUEMOUTH – continued

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.92	2.03	39.0	Dingle Bay	29-Jan	Alan Pyne	Banana Lure
0.91	2.01	38.0	Dingle Bay	29-Jan	Declan MacGabhann	Squid
0.91	2.01	35.0	Caherciveen	22-Aug	Eddie Butler	Baited Hokkai



*Coalfish for
Sandra O'Shea*

COALFISH

Record 15.1 kg (33.26 lbs); Specimen Weight 6.804 kg (15 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
8.39	18.50	-	Cork Harbour	30-Jun-10	Sandra O'Shea	Mackerel



Specimen Cod for James Walsh out of Cork Harbour

COD

Record 42 lbs (19.051 kg); Specimen Weight 9.072 kg (20 lbs)

13.28	29.28	109.2	Cork Harbour	10-Jun	James Walsh	Lure
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CONGER EEL

Record 72 lbs (32.659 kg); Specimen Weight 18.144 kg (40 lbs)

24.24	53.44	176.0	Red Bay	27-Feb	Peter McFarland	Coalfish
21.77	48.00	183.0	Courtmacsherry	01-Aug	Hans Koelen (NL)	Mackerel
19.88	43.82	-	Cork Harbour	09-Sep	Danny Kane	Mackerel
19.84	43.75	164.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	Chris Logan	Coalfish
19.11	42.13	165.0	Red Bay	01-Mar	Hamish Currie	Coalfish
18.68	41.19	164.0	Red Bay	20-Nov	Robert McFarland	Coalfish
18.54	40.88	163.5	Red Bay	20-Nov	Gary Morrow	Coalfish Flapper
18.37	40.50	163.5	Red Bay	20-Nov	Andy Logan	Mackerel Flapper

DAB**Record 2 lbs 5.5 ozs (1.06 kg); Specimen Weight 0.6 kg (1.32 lbs)**

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.61	1.34	42.5	Ballycastle	12-Oct-10	David McCormick	Mackerel/ Ragworm
0.60	1.31	-	Castletownbere	07-Oct	John Angles	Razorfish



*Brian Menary
had his
Blackmouthed
Dogfish
out of Red Bay*

BLACKMOUTHED DOGFISH**New Record 1.33 kg (2.94 lbs); Specimen Weight 1.0 kg (2.205 lbs)**

1.33	2.94	67.0	Red Bay	10-Aug	Jan Vrieswijk (NL)	Mackerel
1.30	2.88	67.0	Red Bay	10-Aug	Peter van den Berg (NL)	Mackerel
1.16	2.56	68.0	Red Bay	24-Apr	Hamish Currie	Mackerel
1.11	2.44	67.0	Red Bay	12-Apr	Richard McAlorum	Mackerel
1.11	2.44	-	Red Bay	23-Apr	Connor McNeill	Mackerel
1.10	2.43	68.0	Carnlough	24-Apr	Terry Jackson	Mackerel Fillet
1.08	2.38	67.0	Red Bay	04-Dec-10	Connor McNeill	Mackerel
1.08	2.38	76.0	Red Bay	25-Apr	Brian Menary	Mackerel
1.08	2.38	67.0	Red Bay	25-Jun	George Leslie	Mackerel
1.08	2.38	67.0	Red Bay	12-Jul	Jim Walsh	Mackerel
1.05	2.31	67.0	Red Bay	25-Apr	Brian Menary	Mackerel
1.05	2.31	67.0	Red Bay	24-Apr	Robert McFarland	Mackerel
1.05	2.31	66.0	Red Bay	25-Feb	Hamish Currie	Mackerel
1.04	2.29	68.0	Islandmagee	22-Aug	David Craig	Mackerel

BLACKMOUTHED DOGFISH – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.02	2.25	66.0	Red Bay	28-Mar	Martin Bedwell	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	66.0	Red Bay	25-Apr	Peter Burns	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	66.0	Red Bay	24-Apr	Gary Morrow	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	66.0	Red Bay	27-Feb	Paul Woodside	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	66.5	Red Bay	13-Jan	Nicholas McAlorum	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	68.6	Larne	10-Apr	David McCormick	Mackerel
1.02	2.25	67.3	Larne	06-Nov	David McCormick	Mackerel
1.00	2.20	69.0	Carnlough	24-Apr	Philip Oliver	Squid
1.00	2.20	70.0	Islandmagee	29-Jun	David Craig	Mackerel/Squid



*UK angler
John Holmes
with his
Kilmore Quay
Ballan Wrasse
taken in
September*

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record 4 lbs 4ozs (1.928 kg); Specimen Weight 1.47 kg (3.25 lbs)

1.59	3.50	77.0	Cork Harbour	08-Jun	Jerry Crowley	Mackerel
1.52	3.35	74.0	Cork Harbour	15-Jun	Eddy Scheepmaker (NL)	Mackerel
1.50	3.31	73.0	Red Bay	10-Sep	Joe McBride	Mackerel
1.50	3.30	75.0	Cork Harbour	15-Jun	Pat Condon	Mackerel

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.47	3.25	73.0	Cork Harbour	23-Aug	Stephen O'Neill	Mackerel
1.47	3.25	76.2	Larne	13-Mar	David McCormick	Mackerel



One of Bert McGregor's two specimen Bullhuss from the Kish Bank off Dublin

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record 23 lbs 13 ozs (10.801 kg); Specimen Weight 7.257 kg (16 lbs)

8.62	19.00	132.0	Red Bay	20-Nov	Andy Logan	Mackerel
8.56	18.88	133.0	Red Bay	14-Oct	Hamish Currie	Herring
7.98	17.60	108.0	Kenmare Bay	02-Oct	Martin Bouwhuis (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
7.92	17.46	120.0	Rosslare	15-Sep	John Ed. Williams (UK)	Mackerel
7.89	17.40	108.0	Kenmare Bay	18-Sep	Leo den Borr (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
7.85	17.31	133.0	Kish L/house	06-Aug	Bert McGregor	Mackerel Fillet
7.60	16.75	130.0	Red Bay	05-Dec-10	Hamish Currie	Coalfish
7.59	16.73	135.0	Kish L/house	01-Aug	Bert McGregor	Mackerel Flapper
7.57	16.70	107.0	Kenmare Bay	09-Sep	Martijn Westers (NL)	Mackerel Fillet

SPUR DOGFISH

New Record 10.6 kg (23.38 lbs); Specimen Weight 5.443 kg (12 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
10.60	23.38	106.0	Red Bay	25-Jul	Albert Koawenhourn (NL)	Mackerel Flapper
9.02	19.88	107.0	Red Bay	10-Aug	Jan Vrieswijk (NL)	Mackerel
8.50	18.75	106.0	Red Bay	28-May	Hamish Currie	Whiting
8.50	18.75	106.0	Red Bay	12-Jul	Tom Walsh	Mackerel Flapper
8.50	18.75	106.0	Red Bay	27-Jun	Rini Anemaet (NL)	Mackerel Flapper
8.50	18.75	106.0	Red Bay	14-Oct	Hamish Currie	Herring
8.31	18.31	106.0	Red Bay	09-Jun	Marcel Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
7.97	17.56	105.0	Red Bay	29-May	Darren Guy	Mackerel Flapper
7.97	17.56	105.0	Red Bay	25-Jun	Connor McNeill	Joey Mackerel
7.94	17.50	105.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Brian Menary	Mackerel
7.94	17.50	105.0	Red Bay	28-May	Hamish Currie	Whiting
7.94	17.50	105.0	Red Bay	12-Jul	Tom Walsh	Mackerel Flapper
7.74	17.06	103.0	Red Bay	28-Feb	Brian Menary	Mackerel
7.74	17.06	104.0	Red Bay	09-Jun	Andre Pauly (NL)	Mackerel
7.71	17.00	-	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Dessy Young	Mackerel



A Carrigaholt Spurdog for John Barry from Cork

SPUR DOGFISH – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
7.60	16.75	105.0	Red Bay	07-Aug	Tony Tierney	Squid
7.54	16.63	103.0	Red Bay	26-Jun	Darren Guy	Mackerel
7.48	16.50	106.0	Rathlin Island	26-Jun	Brian Foster	Mackerel
7.09	15.63	101.0	Red Bay	21-Aug	Arian Huijbregts (NL)	Mackerel
7.00	15.44	100.0	Red Bay	24-Aug	Cornelis Plomp (NL)	Mackerel
6.98	15.39	109.0	Islandmagee	27-Jul	David Craig	Mackerel/Squid
6.86	15.13	94.0	Red Bay	29-May	Gary Morrow	Mackerel
6.86	15.13	92.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Cecil Kelly	Mackerel
6.83	15.06	92.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Andre Pauly (NL)	Mackerel
6.80	15.00	104.0	Ballycastle	25-Jul	Lee Mathers	Squid
6.80	15.00	101.0	Ballycastle	25-Jul	Mark McGivern	Mackerel
6.80	15.00	95.0	Red Bay	23-Apr	George Leslie	Mackerel
6.80	15.00	100.0	Ballycastle	25-Jul	Terry Jackson	Mackerel
6.80	14.99	106.0	Ballycastle	24-Sep	Shane McNicholl	Baited Muppets
6.75	14.88	-	Red Bay	06-Jun	Frank Schoonbrood (NL)	Mackerel
6.72	14.81	94.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Joel Eijdemans (NL)	Mackerel
6.69	14.75	95.0	Red Bay	19-Nov	Tony Tierney	Mackerel
6.66	14.69	94.5	Red Bay	11-Jun	Robert McFarland	Coalfish
6.66	14.69	95.0	Red Bay	10-Aug	Jan Vrieswijk (NL)	Mackerel
6.63	14.63	105.0	Rathlin Island	03-Jul	Brian Foster	Mackerel
6.62	14.59	108.0	Islandmagee	27-Jul-10	David Craig	Mackerel/Squid
6.61	14.56	99.0	Red Bay	24-Aug	Cornelis Plomp (NL)	Mackerel
6.60	14.55	104.0	Ballycastle	24-Sep	Shane McNicholl	Baited Muppets
6.55	14.44	94.0	Red Bay	27-Mar	Darren Guy	Mackerel
6.55	14.44	94.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Min Jacobs (B)	Mackerel
6.55	14.44	94.0	Red Bay	10-Aug	Pieter van den Berg (NL)	Mackerel
6.52	14.38	104.0	Ballycastle	24-Aug	Terry Jackson	Mackerel
6.46	14.25	93.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Robert McFarland	Coalfish
6.44	14.19	93.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Frank Schoonbrood (NL)	Mackerel
6.44	14.19	93.0	Red Bay	27-May	Nigel Ritchie	Mackerel
6.44	14.19	94.0	Red Bay	10-Jul	Nigel Ritchie	Mackerel Flapper
6.41	14.13	93.0	Red Bay	23-Apr	Connor McNeill	Mackerel
6.38	14.06	93.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Marcel Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
6.38	14.06	-	Red Bay	26-Aug	Cornelis Plomp (NL)	Mackerel
6.35	14.00	93.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Matt Barr	Mackerel
6.35	14.00	-	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Derick O'Brien	Mackerel
6.35	14.00	107.0	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
6.35	14.00	106.0	Ballycastle	24-Aug	Terry Jackson	Mackerel

SPUR DOGFISH – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
6.24	13.75	93.5	Red Bay	29-May	Gary Morrow	Mackerel
6.24	13.75	92.0	Red Bay	29-Jan	Nigel Bell	Mackerel
6.24	13.75	103.0	Rathlin Island	03-Jul	Brian Foster	Baited Muppet
6.24	13.75	93.0	Red Bay	10-Jul	Harry Ritchie	Mackerel
6.24	13.75	97.0	Red Bay	24-Aug	Antoon De Jongh (NL)	Mackerel
6.20	13.67	100.0	Ballycastle	24-Sep	Shane McNicholl	Baited Muppets
6.15	13.56	94.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Robert McFarland	Coalfish
6.12	13.50	94.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Joel Eijdems (NL)	Mackerel
6.12	13.50	102.0	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
6.10	13.44	94.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Frank Schoonbrood (NL)	Mackerel
6.04	13.31	94.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Pascal Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
6.04	13.31	94.0	Red Bay	23-Apr	Siobhan Currie (UK)	Mackerel
6.04	13.31	93.0	Red Bay	07-Aug	Jonathan Stewart	Mackerel
6.02	13.27	106.0	Islandmagee	28-Jan	David Craig	Mackerel
6.00	13.23	107.0	Rathlin Island	03-Jul	William F McLaughlin	Mackerel
5.98	13.19	93.0	Red Bay	27-May	John Love	Mackerel



*Peter McGrath
with his
Bannow Bay Flounder*

SPUR DOGFISH – *continued*

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
5.98	13.19	93.0	Red Bay	25-Jul	Ed van Haagen (NL)	Mackerel
5.92	13.05	105.0	Carrigaholt	20-Aug	John Barry	Mackerel
5.90	13.00	92.5	Red Bay	28-May	David Cherry	Mackerel
5.90	13.00	102.0	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
5.90	13.00	103.0	Ballycastle	03-Jul	Noel McFetridge	Squid
5.81	12.81	93.0	Red Bay	27-Feb	Gary Morrow	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	92.5	Red Bay	11-Jun	Joe McBride	Whiting
5.78	12.75	93.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Min Jacobs (B)	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	92.0	Red Bay	09-Jun	Pascal Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	91.0	Red Bay	28-Jul	Hans van Nieuwkerk (NL)	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	92.5	Red Bay	10-Aug	Rene Blokland (NL)	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	92.0	Red Bay	27-Jun	Hans Dijke (NL)	Mackerel
5.78	12.75	92.0	Red Bay	26-Aug	Arie de Koning (NL)	Mackerel
5.75	12.69	92.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Joel Eijdemis (NL)	Mackerel
5.75	12.69	92.0	Red Bay	04-Aug	Nicholas McAlorum	Mackerel
5.75	12.69	92.0	Red Bay	09-Aug	Jan Vrieswijk (NL)	Mackerel
5.73	12.63	92.0	Red Bay	28-May	David Cherry	Mackerel
5.70	12.56	92.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Marcel Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
5.70	12.56	92.0	Red Bay	28-May	George Leslie	Mackerel
5.67	12.50	96.0	Kerry Head	28-Jul	Philip Barry	Mackerel Fillet
5.67	12.50	92.0	Red Bay	29-Jan	Nigel Bell	Mackerel
5.67	12.50	92.0	Red Bay	26-Jun	Peter McFarland	Mackerel
5.67	12.50	-	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Derick O'Brien	Mackerel
5.64	12.44	92.0	Red Bay	09-Jun	Pascal Ligter (NL)	Mackerel
5.61	12.38	92.0	Red Bay	29-May	Peter McFarland	Mackerel
5.61	12.38	92.0	Red Bay	28-May	David Cherry	Mackerel
5.61	12.38	91.0	Red Bay	28-Jul	Hans van Nieuwkerk (NL)	Mackerel
5.58	12.31	92.0	Red Bay	27-May	Richard Fowler	Mackerel
5.58	12.31	92.0	Red Bay	11-Jun	Matt Barr	Mackerel
5.56	12.25	92.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Min Jacobs (B)	Mackerel
5.56	12.25	97.8	Larne	10-Apr	Jonathan Vance	Mackerel
5.51	12.15	103.0	Wicklow Bay	27-Nov	Dan Lynch	Squid
5.50	12.13	99.1	Ballycastle	24-Sep	William F McLaughlin	Mackerel/Squid
5.50	12.13	97.8	Larne	02-Jan	David McCormick	Mackerel/Squid
5.47	12.06	95.0	Ballycastle	25-Jul	Ashley Woodward	Mackerel
5.47	12.06	91.0	Red Bay	06-Jun	Andre Pauly (NL)	Mackerel
5.44	12.00	-	Ballycastle	23-Aug	Derick O'Brien	Mackerel
5.44	12.00	99.0	Red Bay	07-Aug	Glenn Drennan	Mackerel



Specimen Flounder for Des Chew

FLOUNDER

Record 4.91 lbs (2.229 kg); Specimen Weight 1.1 kg (2.436 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.45	3.19	45.7	Youghal	13-Nov	Noel Lane	Crab
1.43	3.15	53.4	Youghal	25-Apr	Michael Maher	Crab
1.36	3.00	44.0	Ballyteigue Estuary	20-Jan	Joseph Connell	Lugworm
1.35	2.98	46.0	Youghal Estuary	22-Nov	Philip Barry	Peeler Crab
1.22	2.69	46.0	Stradbally Beach	31-Jan	Daniel Cronin	Lugworm
1.18	2.59	46.5	Timoleague Estuary	14-Oct	John Twomey	Crab
1.16	2.56	43.0	Bannow Bay	19-Oct	Brian Cooke	Peeler Crab
1.14	2.51	-	Bannow Estuary	26-Oct	Des Chew	Crab/Lug Cocktail
1.13	2.50	-	Ballyteigue Bay	10-Nov-10	Liam Tully	Ragworm
1.13	2.50	-	Ring, Co. Cork	16-Nov	Dara Tuohy	Peeler Crab
1.13	2.50	44.5	East Ferry	02-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Lugworm/Crab
1.13	2.50	41.0	Bannow Bay	19-Oct	Brian Cooke	Peeler Crab
1.12	2.47	-	Ballyteigue	28-Nov	Des Chew	Crab
1.11	2.45	44.0	Bannow Bay	20-Oct	Peter McGrath	Crab

GARFISH (*B. belone*)

Record 4.91 lbs (2.229 kg); Specimen Weight 1.0 kg (2.205 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.30	2.87	98.0	Courtmacsherry	28-Jul-10	Kees Martejijn (NL)	Mackerel Strip



A Rosscarbery Gilthead Bream for Ian Mulligan

GILTHEAD BREAM

Record 3.24 kg (7.14 lbs); Specimen Weight 1.4 kg (3.08 lbs)

2.10	4.63	50.8	Rosscarbery	29-Aug	Ian Mulligan	Lugworm
2.07	4.56	52.1	Rosscarbery	29-Aug	Ian Mulligan	Lugworm
2.01	4.44	48.0	Rosscarbery	31-Aug	Micheál Hennessy	Lugworm
1.96	4.31	50.0	Rosscarbery	28-Aug	Micheál Hennessy	Lugworm
1.93	4.25	48.0	Courtmacsherry	03-Sep	Bobby Ahern (J)	Lugworm
1.93	4.25	46.0	Rosscarbery	31-Aug	John Millerick	Lugworm
1.91	4.20	49.0	Clonakilty	03-Sep	Peter McGroary	Lugworm
1.81	4.00	43.5	Cork Harbour	02-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Crab
1.78	3.92	-	Bannow Bay	04-Jul	Joseph Connell	Lugworm
1.64	3.63	44.0	Rosscarbery	31-Aug	John Millerick	Lugworm
1.62	3.56	43.5	Cork Harbour	02-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Crab
1.56	3.44	47.0	Rosscarbery	28-Aug	Micheál Hennessy	Lugworm
1.47	3.25	42.0	Rosscarbery	10-Sep	Evan Millerick (J)	Lugworm
1.45	3.20	45.7	Bannow Bay	04-Jun	Tony Scully	Lugworm
1.42	3.13	42.5	Cork Harbour	01-Jun	Sidney Kennedy	Ragworm/Crab
1.42	3.12	48.0	Bannow Estuary	03-Jun	Ger Doran	Lugworm

GREY GURNARD

Record 3 lbs 1 oz (1.39 kg); Specimen Weight 0.68 kg (1.5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.90	1.98	49.0	Cork Harbour	11-Jul	Denise Collier (UK)	Mackerel



*Stefan Rabbitt
with his
specimen
Red Gurnard*

RED GURNARD

Record 3 lbs 9.5 ozs (1.63 kg); Specimen Weight 0.907 kg (2 lbs)

1.25	2.75	47.0	Loop Head	07-Aug	Thomas Doherty	Feathers
1.19	2.63	49.5	Ling Rocks	30-May-10	John Higgins	Baited Feathers
1.06	2.34	48.0	Cork Harbour	24-Apr	Martyn Rayner	Mackerel/Ragworm
1.00	2.20	47.0	Cork Harbour	03-Jul	Donal Domenev	Mackerel
1.00	2.20	-	Crosshaven	17-Sep	Dan Lynch	Mackerel
0.98	2.16	45.0	Carrigaholt	11-Aug	Stefan Rabbitt (UK)	Mackerel
0.96	2.12	47.0	Cork Harbour	24-Apr	Martyn Rayner	Mackerel
0.96	2.12	47.0	Ling Rocks	23-Apr	Gary Morton	Ragworm/Mackerel
0.94	2.06	45.0	Red Bay	13-Jul	Hamish Currie	Mackerel



*A specimen
Ballan Wrasse
for Lancashire
angler
Phil Dawson*

TUB GURNARD

Record 12 lbs 3.5 ozs (5.424 kg); Specimen Weight 2.268 kg (5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
2.72	5.99	61.0	Achill Island	31-Aug	Paul Barron Jnr	Mackerel
2.61	5.76	61.0	Fanad Head	11-Oct-10	Michael Vambeck	Mackerel
2.59	5.70	-	Downings	01-Aug	Conor Mitchell (UK)	Mackerel Strip
2.49	5.48	60.0	Downings	02-Oct	David Norton	Mackerel Strip
2.33	5.14	-	Downings	19-Aug	Harry Klaver (NL)	Mackerel



*Downings
produced
three specimen
Tub Gurnard
in 2011
including one for
David Norton*

HERRING

Record 0.454 kg (1 lb); Specimen Weight 0.34 kg (0.75 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.43	0.94	40.0	Red Bay	30-Nov	Daniel McMahon	Feathers
0.43	0.94	40.0	Red Bay	30-Oct	James Silcock	Feathers
0.43	0.94	41.0	Red Bay	17-Sep	Eddie McCarrick	Shrimp
0.43	0.94	40.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	John Tierney	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	30-Oct	Frank Dunnin	Feathers
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	30-Oct	Daniel McMahon	Feathers
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	05-Feb	Hamish Currie	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	05-Feb	Hamish Currie	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	08-Jul	Hamish Currie	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	04-Oct	Neil Mathews	Shrimp rig
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	05-Nov	Matt Barr	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	05-Nov	Matt Barr	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	John Tierney	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	Tony Tierney	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	Andy Logan	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	06-Nov	Chris Logan	Shrimp
0.40	0.88	41.0	Red Bay	10-Nov	Richard McAlorum	Shrimp
0.37	0.81	40.0	Red Bay	04-Nov	John Love	Shrimp
0.35	0.78	35.0	Cork Harbour	26-Feb-10	Dan Lynch	Feathers

LING

Record 55 lbs (24.95 kg); Specimen Weight 11.34 kg (25 lbs)

12.14	26.76	125.7	Ardmore	19-Jul	John Murphy	Baited Feathers
11.79	26.00	153.0	Courtmacsherry	01-Aug	Henk v.d. Berg (NL)	Mackerel
11.79	26.00	152.0	Courtmacsherry	07-Aug	Dylan Drexler (NL)	Mackerel
11.40	25.13	121.0	Cobh	21-Jan	Ruud Boelhouwer	Mackerel

MEGRIM

Record 1.85 kg; Specimen Weight 0.794 kg (1.75 lbs)

0.87	1.92	52.0	Cork Harbour	06-Nov	Luke Hegarty (J)	Mackerel
0.86	1.90	48.0	Cork Harbour	20-Apr	Jeremy Power	Mackerel
0.83	1.82	49.0	Ling Rocks	03-Jun	Patrick Buckley	Mackerel baited Hokkai



Patrick Buckley holds his specimen Megril taken at the Ling Rocks in June



A Beara Peninsula Thick-Lipped Mullet for UK angler Roger Ball

THICK-LIPPED MULLET

Record 9.1 lbs (4.128 kg); Specimen Weight 2.268 kg (5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
3.06	6.75	63.5	Dunseverick Hbr	23-Aug	Terry Jackson	Fly
3.01	6.63	-	Rosscarbery	19-Aug	Ian Mulligan	Bread Flake
2.86	6.31	62.0	Rosscarbery	03-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Bread
2.78	6.13	61.0	Rosscarbery	04-Jun	Liam Millerick (J)	Bread
2.66	5.88	64.0	Rosscarbery	20-Mar	Patrick Lombard	Bread
2.66	5.88	57.2	Strangford Lough	15-Sep	Terry Jackson	Bread Flake
2.64	5.81	-	Laytown	14-Oct	Raymond McElhinney	Razorfish
2.61	5.75	56.0	Laytown	13-Oct	Liam Kane	Bread
2.58	5.69	-	River Vartry	27-Sep	Christopher McGregor	Bread Flake
2.55	5.63	-	Wicklow Lagoon	12-Aug	Des Chew	Bread Flake
2.55	5.62	58.5	Rosscarbery	21-Jan	Richie Ryan	Fly
2.49	5.50	50.5	R. Liffey, Ringsend	23-Jul	Craig Murphy	Bread Flake
2.49	5.49	-	R. Corrib	07-Aug-10	Jim Murray	Bread
2.49	5.49	-	R. Corrib	08-Aug-10	Jim Murray	Bread
2.47	5.44	60.0	Rosscarbery	02-Oct	John Millerick	Bread Crust
2.47	5.44	-	Rosscarbery	09-Sep	Desmond Frazer	Bread Flake
2.41	5.31	55.9	Strangford Lough	05-Sep	Terry Jackson	Bread Flake
2.41	5.31	-	Wicklow Harbour	24-Aug	Shay McDonnell	Mackerel
2.41	5.31	-	Beara Peninsula	24-May	Roger Ball (UK)	Bread Flake
2.41	5.31	60.0	Rosscarbery	01-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Bread
2.38	5.25	-	Avoca Estuary	06-Aug	Des Chew	Bread Flake
2.37	5.22	57.0	Rosscarbery	28-Mar	Patrick Lombard	Bread
2.35	5.19	56.2	Rosscarbery	01-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Bread
2.35	5.19	55.0	Wicklow	14-Oct	Brian Cooke	Bread Flake
2.32	5.13	55.9	Rosscarbery	03-Apr	Noel Lane	Bread Crust
2.32	5.13	59.0	Eyerics, Co. Cork	24-Jul	Paul O'Sullivan	Tasmanian Devil
2.32	5.13	56.0	Rosscarbery	21-Aug	John Millerick	Bread
2.32	5.13	-	Vartry Estuary	26-Sep	William Walsh	Bread Flake
2.30	5.06	54.0	Lough Furnace	10-Aug-10	Joe Cooney	Bread
2.30	5.06	-	R. Nanny, Laytown	06-Jun	Liam Kane	Bread
2.30	5.06	56.0	Rosscarbery	03-Aug	Patrick Lombard	Bread
2.29	5.05	59.0	Rosscarbery	10-Jul	David Murdoch	Bread
2.27	5.00	55.9	The Warren, West Cork	30-Jan	Christy Lane	Bread Flake
2.27	5.00	-	Vartry Estuary	09-Oct	Des Chew	Bread Flake
2.27	5.00	-	R. Nanny, Laytown	25-Jun	Liam Kane	Bread
2.27	5.00	55.9	Cork Harbour	07-Sep	Noel Lane	Fish bait

*Liam Millerick
had the fourth heaviest
Thick-Lipped Mullet
of 2011*



GOLDEN GREY MULLET

Record 1.191 kg (2.63 lbs); Specimen Weight 0.68 kg (1.5 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.91	2.00	45.7	Cork Harbour	10-Aug	Noel Lane	Ragworm
0.91	2.00	44.0	Clonakilty Bay	02-Aug	Patrick Lombard	Ragworm/Spinner
0.84	1.84	43.0	Clonakilty Bay	02-Aug	Brian Lombard	Ragworm/Spinner
0.75	1.66	42.0	Clonakilty Bay	02-Aug	Don Whelton	Mepps/Ragworm
0.75	1.66	41.0	Clonakilty Bay	02-Aug	Brian Lombard	Ragworm/Spinner
0.72	1.59	44.0	Clonakilty Bay	01-Aug	Patrick Lombard	Ragworm

THIN-LIPPED MULLET

New Record 2.83 kg; Specimen Weight 1.5 kg

2.83	6.25	64.8	Cork Harbour	14-Sep	Noel Lane	Ragworm
1.50	3.31	52.1	Cork Harbour	21-Jun	Noel Lane	Ragworm
1.50	3.31	49.5	Cork Harbour	05-Sep	Christy Lane	Ragworm

RED MULLET

Record 0.82 kg (1.81 lbs); Specimen Weight 0.454 kg (1 lb)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.52	1.14	30.0	Kilmore Quay	01-Oct	William Sammon	Ragworm

PLAICE

Record 8.23 lbs (3.73 kg); Specimen Weight 1.5 kg (3.31 lbs)

1.62	3.56	-	Allihies, Beara Peninsula	12-Oct	Chris Blewett (UK)	Crab
1.59	3.50	52.0	Cork Harbour	28-Aug	Dan Lynch	Ragworm

POLLACK

Record 19 lbs 3 ozs (8.703 kg); Specimen Weight 5.443 kg (12 lbs)

6.69	14.75	78.7	Reen Pier	30-Jan	John Waldron	Shad
6.25	13.78	87.5	Kenmare Bay	11-Jun	Arno van der Sluis (NL)	Feathers
5.58	12.31	85.0	Red Bay	25-Aug	Hamish Currie	Joey Mackerel
5.53	12.19	75.0	Red Bay	22-Aug	Antoon De Jongh (NL)	Mackerel/ Jellyworm



*Dutch angler Arno van der Sluis with his
Kenmare Bay Pollack taken in June*



*A Red Bay Pollack
for Antoon De Jongh*

POUTING

Record 4 lbs 13.5 oz (2.12 kg); Specimen Weight 1.361 kg (3 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.39	3.06	-	S.E. of Power Head	07-Sep-10	Philip Blakey (UK)	Mackerel Strip
1.37	3.02	47.0	Stags Rocks, Union Hall	13-Jun	Stephen Hurley	Baited Feathers

HOMELYN RAY

Record 8.28 lbs (3.756 kg); Specimen Weight 2.268 kg (5 lbs)

2.61	5.75	-	Beara Peninsula	19-Apr	Simon Nutley (UK)	Sandeel
2.52	5.56	-	Castletownbere	18-Jun	John Griffin	Mackerel
2.32	5.13	-	Castletownbere	18-Jun	John Griffin	Mackerel
2.32	5.13	-	Castletownbere	11-Aug	Timo Toornstra (NL)	Mackerel



John Griffin with one of his two Homelyn Ray specimens taken on 18th June



Three Bearded Rockling for Andrew Boyce

PAINTED RAY

Record 17.21 lbs (7.806 kg); Specimen Weight 4.536 kg (10 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
5.05	11.13	75.1	Dingle Peninsula	24-Sep	Rodger Cooney	Mackerel
4.96	10.94	72.8	Dingle Peninsula	24-Sep	Rodger Cooney	Mackerel
4.79	10.56	89.0	Youghal	22-Apr	John Owens	Crab

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record 3 lbs 1 oz (1.389 kg); Specimen Weight 0.794 kg (1.75 lbs)

0.88	1.94	48.0	Larne	16-Jan	David McCormick	Mackerel
0.88	1.94	22.0	Portrush	05-Dec-10	Drew McMinn	Mackerel
0.86	1.90	44.0	Nth Wicklow	15-Nov	Andrew Boyce	Mackerel
0.83	1.82	42.0	Nth Wicklow	28-Nov	Andrew Boyce	Mackerel
0.80	1.76	45.0	Kilmore Quay	15-Sep	Stefan Young (UK)	Twist Rig
0.79	1.75	42.0	Nth Wicklow	28-Nov	Andrew Boyce	Mackerel
0.79	1.75	45.0	Portrush	20-Mar	David McCormick	Mackerel



Dubliner Matthew Fitzsimons with a 1.22 kg Twaite Shad from the River Barrow

Duncan Cole with one of his three specimen Twaite Shad



TWAITE SHAD

Record 1.54 kg (3.4 lbs); Specimen Weight 1.2 kg (2.65 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
1.35	2.98	-	R. Barrow, St. Mullins	18-Apr	Pat Foster	Tasmanian Devil
1.30	2.87	-	St. Mullins	18-Apr	Pat Foster	Tasmanian Devil
1.30	2.87	47.0	St. Mullins	20-Apr	Declan Roberts	Tasmanian Devil
1.29	2.84	-	St. Mullins	25-Apr	Duncan Cole	Tasmanian Devil
1.29	2.84	-	St. Mullins	14-May	Ben Ryan	Tasmanian Devil
1.28	2.82	48.3	St. Mullins	19-May	Terry Jackson	Tasmanian Devil
1.28	2.81	-	St. Mullins	29-May	Derick O'Brien	Tasmanian Devil
1.26	2.78	-	St. Mullins	28-Apr	Padraig Nolan	Tasmanian Devil
1.25	2.75	-	St. Mullins	27-May	Dan Lynch	Tasmanian Devil
1.25	2.75	-	St. Mullins	29-May	Sidney Kennedy	Tasmanian Devil
1.22	2.69	-	St. Mullins	12-May	Matthew Fitzsimons	Tasmanian Devil
1.18	2.60	45.7	St. Mullins	19-May	Terry Jackson	Tasmanian Devil
1.16	2.56	44.5	St. Mullins	25-Apr	Noel Lane	Tasmanian Devil
1.16	2.56	44.0	St. Mullins	15-May-10	Ronald Surgenor	Tasmanian Devil
1.15	2.54	-	St. Mullins	23-Apr	Duncan Cole	Tasmanian Devil
1.15	2.54	-	St. Mullins	24-Apr	Duncan Cole	Tasmanian Devil
1.14	2.51	46.0	St. Mullins	01-May	Martyn Rayner	Tasmanian Devil
1.13	2.50	-	St. Mullins	24-Apr	Peter Bolger	Tasmanian Devil
1.13	2.50	-	St. Mullins	12-May	Ronan Doherty	Tasmanian Devil
1.12	2.47	-	R. Suir, Carrick-on-Suir	20-May	Mark Corps	Tasmanian Devil
1.11	2.45	-	St. Mullins	14-May	Ben Ryan	Tasmanian Devil

SMOOTH-HOUND

Record 16.58 lbs (7.52 kg); Specimen Weight 3.0 kg (6.62 lbs)

6.21	13.69	101.6	Wicklow Bay	02-Jul	Dan Lynch	Crab
5.61	12.38	111.8	Greystones	02-Jul	Sidney Kennedy	Peeler Crab
4.65	10.25	93.0	Kilmore Quay	29-Jun	Anthony Morris	Peeler Crab
3.74	8.25	-	Greystones	31-Jul	John Millerick	Crab
3.20	7.05	91.0	Wicklow Bay	26-Jun	Ken Hegarty	Peeler Crab
3.18	7.01	93.0	Wicklow Bay	25-Jun	John Dennehy	Peeler Crab



Andrew Boyce with the sole specimen Tope of 2011

TOPE

Record 66 lbs 8 ozs (30.159 kg); Specimen Weight 18.144 kg (40 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
22.68	50.0	160.0	Greystones	30-Aug	Andrew Boyce	Mackerel

WHITING

Record 4 lbs 14.5 oz (2.225 kg); Specimen Weight 1.361 kg (3 lbs)

1.38	3.05	54.0	Union Hall	27-Jan	Frank Burke	Baited Feathers
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Specimen Ballan Wrasse for Drew Nelson

BALLAN WRASSE

Record 4.3 kg (9.47 lbs); Specimen Weight 2.154 kg (4.75 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
3.05	6.72	58.6	Dingle Bay	09-Jul	Declan MacGabhann	Bass Lure
2.49	5.50	54.0	Donegal Bay	10-Sep	Ronald Surgenor	Crab
2.41	5.31	51.0	Howth	16-Oct	Raymond Connolly	Ragworm
2.38	5.25	-	Bridges of Ross	09-Sep	James O'Malley (UK)	Crab
2.36	5.20	51.0	Kilmore Quay	14-Sep	John Holmes (UK)	Ragworm
2.30	5.07	52.0	Kilmore Quay	02-Oct	Willie Evesson	Ragworm
2.27	5.00	-	Ballycastle	05-Nov	Noel McFetridge	Mackerel Strip
2.24	4.94	51.0	Donegal Bay	25-Sep	Peter McGroary	Crab
2.21	4.88	-	Bridges of Ross	09-Sep	Bill Ryan	Crab
2.21	4.88	50.0	Red Bay	11-Sep	Drew Nelson	Ragworm
2.20	4.85	50.0	Kilmore Quay	14-Sep	Phil Dawson (UK)	Ragworm
2.18	4.81	52.0	Donegal Bay	24-Sep	Peter McGroary	Crab
2.18	4.81	48.0	Kenmare Bay	18-Sep	Leo Boyman (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
2.15	4.75	-	Ross, Kilbaha	03-Jul	Bill Ryan	Shrimp



*Specimen Smooth-Hound from
Kilmore Quay for Anthony Morris*



*A Red Bay Cuckoo Wrasse for
Berand van der Berg*



Dessy Young

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record 2 lbs 7 ozs (1.106 kg); Specimen Weight 0.567 kg (1.25 lbs)

<u>WT</u> (kg)	<u>WT</u> (lbs)	<u>L</u> (cm)	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAPTOR</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
0.77	1.69	38.0	Red Bay	21-Oct	Tony Tierney	Ragworm
0.77	1.69	37.0	Red Bay	07-Jul	Barend Jan van den Berg (NL)	Mackerel
0.74	1.63	37.0	Red Bay	23-Sep	Chris McArthur	Mackerel
0.74	1.63	39.0	Ballycastle	21-Aug	Dessy Young	Mackerel Strip
0.74	1.63	39.0	Ballycastle	04-Sep	Terry Jackson	Mackerel Strip
0.71	1.56	37.5	Red Bay	21-Oct	Connor McNeill	Ragworm
0.68	1.50	35.6	Larne	12-Dec-10	David McCormick	Mackerel
0.65	1.44	37.0	Red Bay	19-Aug	Hamish Currie	Crab
0.65	1.44	-	Ballycastle	24-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
0.65	1.44	37.0	Red Bay	22-Sep	Hamish Currie	Crab
0.62	1.38	36.5	Red Bay	11-Sep	James McFerran	Mackerel
0.62	1.38	37.0	Red Bay	24-Sep	George Leslie	Mackerel
0.62	1.38	37.0	Red Bay	25-Sep	Robert McFarland	Mackerel
0.62	1.38	36.0	Red Bay	20-Aug	George Leslie	Mackerel
0.62	1.38	37.0	Red Bay	07-Jul	Jet van den Berg (NL)	Mackerel
0.62	1.38	38.0	Ballycastle	23-Oct	Terry Jackson	Mackerel Strip
0.62	1.38	36.0	Red Bay	08-Oct	Brian Menary	Mackerel
0.60	1.32	-	Dunmore East	16-Apr	John O'Connor	Kilmore Killer
0.60	1.31	36.0	Red Bay	19-Oct	Richard McAlorum	Ragworm
0.60	1.31	36.0	Red Bay	21-Aug	Hamish Currie	Crab
0.60	1.31	36.0	Red Bay	07-Jul	Jan Werkendam (NL)	Mackerel
0.60	1.31	-	Ballycastle	24-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
0.60	1.31	-	Ballycastle	24-Aug	Sidney Kennedy	Mackerel
0.60	1.31	37.5	Ballycastle	09-Oct	Terry Jackson	Mackerel Strip
0.60	1.31	36.0	Red Bay	16-Oct	Paul Campbell	Ragworm
0.60	1.31	36.0	Red Bay	18-Oct	Alan Davison	Mackerel
0.60	1.31	35.6	Larne	06-Nov	David McCormick	Mackerel
0.60	1.31	35.6	Larne	06-Nov	Jonathan Vance	Mackerel
0.59	1.31	-	Cork Harbour	24-Jun	Danny Kane	Mackerel
0.58	1.27	34.3	Killybegs	14-Oct	Tommy Gilheany	Jellyworm
0.57	1.26	34.3	Killybegs	14-Oct	Bob O'Callaghan	Mackerel Strip
0.57	1.25	35.5	Red Bay	19-Oct	Nicholas McAlorum	Ragworm
0.57	1.25	36.0	Red Bay	22-Oct	Andy Logan	Ragworm



*Double shot
of specimen
Gilthead
Bream for
Sidney
Kennedy*



*Best Ballan
Wrasse of 2011
for Declan
MacGabhann*

*A 2.15 kg
Kilbaha
Ballan
Wrasse by
Bill Ryan*



*Brian Lombard
with a specimen
Golden Grey
Mullet*

Special Notices

SPECIMEN WEIGHT REVISION

The specimen weight for Twaite Shad is being raised from 1.1 kg to 1.2 kg from January 1st 2012.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMIT FOR MARINE SPECIES CLAIMS

The geographical limit for claiming marine specimen fish is defined as the marine waters bound by the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland sectors of the European Economic Zone (EEZ), and on the north east coast by the midpoint between NI and the remainder of the United Kingdom landmass.

IMPLICATIONS OF COARSE FISH BYE-LAW FOR ISFC AND ANGLERS

In July 2006 the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources introduced a bye law titled CONSERVATION OF AND PROHIBITION ON SALE OF COARSE FISH BYE-LAW NO. 806, 2006 which provided for the following conservation measures:

- a bag limit of 4 coarse fish in any one day,
- prohibits the killing of any coarse fish greater than 25 cm in length,
- prohibits the sale of any coarse fish in Ireland (excluding NI), this provision will not apply to fishing tackle dealers and fish bait suppliers who have been granted an exemption from their respective Regional Fisheries Board.

This bye-law means that the ISFC cannot accept bodies of any coarse fish (dace, roach, rudd or any hybrids > 25 cm) from anglers for the purposes of claiming a specimen. Bodies were required to positively identify to species or hybrid level because of the similarity of their external features.

For many years the Committee recognised that genetic fingerprinting of cyprinids was required for consistent identification of fish, to enable fish to be returned alive to the water and, importantly, to allow anglers to continue to claim specimen cyprinids. Arising from ongoing research into the dynamics of selected cyprinid species in some Irish lakes, being carried out by researchers in the School of Biology and Environmental Science at University College Dublin and funded by the Central Fisheries Board, Swords, Co. Dublin, genetic fingerprinting of cyprinid specimens commenced in 2007.

Results showed clear differentiation and identifications have been made using a combination of these results and all photographic evidence received. Several fish were not as claimed which demonstrated the scope of the technique. Since 2009 this technology has been adopted by the ISFC as the standard approach to cyprinid identification. Arising from the capacity to distinguish between hybrids, rudd/roach hybrids were added to the list of eligible species from 2010.

To support a claim, anglers were requested to submit a small sample of scales (3 scales) in a dry envelope (not in a plastic bag or tin foil) and good quality colour photographs. The entire fish on its side and fins well displayed, the dorsal and the anal fins (fully splayed), with additional close up photographs of the head (side on), are required for each fish claimed.

GENETIC FINGERPRINTING OF SHAD AND SMOOTH-HOUND

The success of ongoing collaborations between the ISFC, Inland Fisheries Ireland and the School of Biology and Environmental Science at University College Dublin on shad (*Alosa* spp.) and smooth-hound (*Mustelas* spp.) meant these species could be identified by genetic fingerprinting from 2009 onwards.

This eliminated the requirement for a body to be presented for both groups of fish.

An extensive study of smooth-hound carried out by Dr. Edward Farrell, formerly UCD, found no evidence of *M. mustelas* (Common smooth-hound) in Irish waters despite extensive sampling. Therefore ISFC will no longer require a tissue sample for genetic analysis to support a claim for a smooth-hound.

For shad 3 scales are required. Scale storage and photographic requirements are described below.

Sample requirements for genetic analysis of selected cyprinids and shads for species/hybrid determination			
Species	Sample required	Storage	Additional information
Roach, Rudd and their hybrids	3 scales	In an envelope with fish details and date	Good quality photographs required
Shad species	3 scales	In an envelope with fish details and date	Ensure fish is retained in water as much as is feasible
Notes: As all fish can be returned alive please handle carefully. Allow envelope to dry out to preserve the sample. Do not store scales or tissue in plastic as sample will degrade.			

ESTABLISHING A NEW SPECIMEN FISH CATEGORY

An important function of the ISFC is to act as a focal point for data collection on the occurrence of notable, rare or unusual species taken on rod and line in Irish waters. In some instances this has led to species previously regarded as "unusual" being added to the list of eligible species. Examples from recent years include smooth-hound (*Mustelas asterias*) and three bearded rockling (*Gaidropsarus vulgaris*), (from 1983), garfish (*Belone svetovidovi*) (from 1986), torsk (*Brosme brosme*) (from 1988), trigger fish (*Balistes carolinensis*) (from 1992), bluemouth (*Helicolenus dactylopterus*) (from 2002), albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) (from 2002), golden grey mullet (*Liza aurata* (Risso)) (from 2005), gillhead bream (*Sparus aurata* L.) (from 2007), blackmouthed dogfish (*Galeus melastomus*) (from 2008), Black Bream (*Spondyliosoma cantharus*) (from 2009), and thin lipped mullet (*Liza ramada*) from 2011.

To begin the process of attempting to establish a new specimen fish category, anglers are requested to submit a completed claim form for each fish captured. This is particularly important as it will establish a database for the species and enable further investigation and comparison of future claims. Claims for 10 fish of that species must be submitted for it to be considered for possible inclusion on the listings. The specimen weight will be set from this dataset and other relevant data. The record fish will be ratified after 5 fish exceeding specimen weight are ratified.

With most species the body will have to be forwarded for positive identification. Other arrangements would apply for large fish. The availability of the body is essential to allow the Committee to verify positive identification of the species. The claim form will allow monitoring of numbers and weights of the species. This facilitates assessment of the likelihood of capture, the likely specimen weight and the availability and seasonality of the species. It is difficult to legislate for every situation that may arise but the final decision will rest with the Committee and will be based on a balanced review of the information available. While this process is progressing some details of interesting fish captured will be reported in the annual report.

OTHER NOTABLE FISH 2011

Chub Mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*) of 0.68 kg from Donegal Bay taken by Gregory McGroary (right) on 18th August, 2011. This species was previously recorded off the Waterford coast by Neville Murphy in June 2005 (ISFC 2005). Closely resembling the mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) the chub mackerel differs by having a marked belly with notable spotting or wavy lines below the lateral line.



A sea trout of 5.19 kg, weighed on scales that was uncertified at time of weighing, was returned alive to Lough Currane on 28 May 2011 by Sean Smith, Wakefield, England. The captor had caught a sea trout of 6.04 kg on 26 May 2011 which is the heaviest sea trout on record for Lough Currane.

GUIDANCE NOTE TO ASSIST ANGLERS TAKING FISH PHOTOGRAPHS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES

In 2005 the ISFC added a clause to Rule 4 which facilitated anglers who wished to present photographs for fish identification purposes instead of presenting a fish body.



High quality Roach/Bream Hybrid identification images from Dubliner Philip Brennan

This means that, for the few species where a body is normally required, photographs may be sufficient **if they provide conclusive evidence of the identity of the fish**. To assist anglers, a list of some external identification features for these particular species are presented below. However, **the Committee cautions that a body, which will be examined by a biologist, is the only reliable means of ensuring a correct identification.**

Photographs should be taken as soon as possible after the fish is captured. The photograph must be in focus, clear and in colour, printed on good quality paper and show the relevant identification features. It should include the name of the angler and date of capture. Close up photographs are required for many features and these photographs should fill the entire frame. **Retain the fish if unsure of photograph quality.**

Species	Features to photograph (a) the whole body (lateral view) must be photographed for all species AND (b) the specific features detailed below
All cyprinids (Dace, Roach, Roach/Bream, Rudd, Rudd/Bream)	Body with fins extended and close ups of: (a) mouth - closed (b) dorsal fin (c) full lateral line (d) anal fin Three scales to be taken
Angler Fish	Head area showing head appendages upright
Brill	Close up of skin
Cuckoo Wrasse	Body – lateral view, close up of head
Dab	Close up of skin and lateral line
Flounder	Full body and close up of lateral line scales close to head
Garfish (<i>B. belone</i>)	Gill rakers count - body required
Garfish (<i>B. svetovidovi</i>)	Gill rakers count - body required
Golden Grey Mullet	Close up of: (a) head including pectoral fin (lying flat) (b) mouth showing upper lip (c) underside of head
Grey Gurnard	Close up of lateral line and head
Grey Mullet	Close up of head showing upper lip (head-on), underside of head to back of gills
Herring	Keel of fish

Species	Features to photograph (a) the whole body (lateral view) must be photographed for all species AND (b) the specific features detailed below
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	Underside of head
Mackerel	Close up of stripes on back
Megrim	Head
Ray's Bream	Close up of head
Red Gurnard	Detail of lateral line, head with pectoral fin fully expanded
Red Mullet	Close up of head
River Eel (in tidal water)	Fully extended body
Scad	Close up of entire lateral line
Shad - Allis & Twaite	Three scales to be taken
Smooth-hound	Close ups of: (a) tail fin (b) underside of head showing mouth (c) back in region of dorsal fin
Three Bearded Rockling	Close up of head and chin area, and close up of area in front of dorsal fin
Torsk	Close up of skin, and dorsal and tail fin area

IMPORTANT POINTS REGARDING CLAIMS

Photographic evidence for new records: Except in cases where a body or presentation of the fish is required for species identification, a series of clear photographs must accompany all **record** fish claims. Fish must also be photographed on a measuring device and the photograph must show the full fish and its length. Supplementary photographs showing the fish being weighed and the recorded weight would assist in further substantiating the claim.

Place of capture: For freshwater species all claims must include the name of the water in which the fish was caught (e.g., Monalty Lake) and in the case of the larger systems, the area (e.g., River Shannon – Rooskey). For marine species taken by boat angling the port of origin, and the place of capture (examples: Burford Bank, 5 km West of Stags Head or Smiths) should be stated.

Closed seasons: Closed seasons apply to several species (e.g. bass, brown trout, salmon, eel etc). Any fish taken in the closed season will not be ratified.

Maximum number of claims per species: A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, if an angler achieves this target

and subsequently captures a larger fish, this fish can be claimed. However, the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three. By including this provision, it ensures that the anglers' competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.

Exclusion from specimen status (stocked fish): 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.

Exclusion from specimen status – Common Skate, Undulate Ray, Monkfish and Eel: Sharks and rays (elasmobranchs) are a group of fishes requiring special consideration. In terms of conservation status, Undulate Ray (*Raja undulata*) are deemed as endangered while Common Skate (*Raja Batis*) and Angelshark (*Squatina squatina*) are deemed as critically endangered (IUCN, 2008). In 2009, the Common Skate received protection from the European Council in ICES boxes IIa, IIIa, IV, VIIa-k, VIII and IX (which include all Irish coastal fisheries) which means that the species cannot be retained by commercial fishermen if captured. Undulate Ray and Angelshark (or Monkfish) also received full protection in 2009 from the European Council in ICES boxes VIa-b, VIIa-k, VIII and IX, meaning that neither species can be retained or landed if caught. Fishing mortality is likely to be substantially reduced due to this mandatory release order.

In 1976, the ISFC, in the interests of conservation, decided to remove the Common Skate 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 100 kg (221 lbs)).

Undulate Ray and Monkfish were removed from the list of eligible species in 2006. Claims for a new record in either species will be considered provided that the fish is weighed on shore, photographed and returned alive. In 2006 as the ISFC wanted to ensure no mortalities arising from specimen angling both were suspended from the listings for a period of three years. Based on a review of all available data for both species in 2009, which showed a decline in the numbers of Angelshark being caught and released by anglers, and no major change in Undulate Ray catches, the ISFC has decided that the moratorium on all three species will continue until 2012 when it will be reviewed again.

Freshwater eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) has been suspended from the specimen listings since mid May 2009 because of the introduction of Bye-law No C.S. 303, 2009 which prohibits angling for eel. This bye-law was introduced to assist in the recovery of eel stocks which have virtually collapsed throughout its natural range in Europe. In keeping with the bye-law the situation will be reviewed in 2012 when the impacts of various measures on eel stock recovery, including the cessation of the commercial eel fishery in Ireland, will be assessed.

Handling fish: Rays and monkfish sharks are elasmobranchs with a flattened shape. Sharks have a more cylindrical form and many species are vulnerable because they mature slowly and produce small numbers of young. Female sharks are often larger than males, and the heaviest are likely to be pregnant when they achieve specimen size. Handle them gently and return them to the water as quickly as possible. The ISFC urges anglers to apply the same handling principles to all species particularly around spawning time.

Captors Addresses: Because of difficulties in establishing eligibility for the 20 Species, 10 Species, 50 Specimen and 10 Specimen Awards, captors are advised to inform the Committee of any changes in their addresses.

BIG GAME FISH

Since 2000 the ISFC has adopted a watching brief with regard to the rules governing the capture of big game fish. Based on the deliberations of an ISFC sub-committee appointed in 2002, revised rules derived from relevant sections from the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) rules have been incorporated into the existing ISFC rules (see Rule 2).

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT WEIGHING OF FISH

Weighing instruments and certification: 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 officers of the Legal Metrology Service (National Standards Authority of Ireland) and are acceptable for weighing specimen and record fish. Club or personalised (i.e. scales not normally certified by the Weights and Measures Authority for trade purposes) can be certified for accuracy by this agency. *A full listing of Legal Metrology Centres throughout the country where scales can be independently certified are presented in this report.* Such scales, if certified in advance are acceptable to the Committee for weighing purposes. Certification will be valid for one year from the date of issue of the certificate of accuracy. The manufacturers certificate of accuracy will not suffice. Weights from scales which are not certified at the time of weighing or certified in retrospect will not be accepted.

Metriification: Since 2006, fish weights have been presented in kilograms in the Annual Report. Many anglers continue to use imperial measurements for fish and, recognising this, the ISFC decided to report in both metric (SI) and imperial metric systems since 2010. Claims will be accepted under either system unless legislation dictates otherwise.

Weight conversion figures: The ISFC decided to use the metric system (kg) for reporting from 2006 onwards, although some older record fish will be reported in the imperial system until a new record is set.

To aid anglers in the conversion between both systems conversion factors are provided below:

Kilogrammes to pounds

X kg divided by 0.454 = Y metric pounds

Pounds to kilogrammes

X lbs divided by 2.205 = Y kg

REVIEW OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

In 2009 the ISFC began to systematically review all species and weights of specimen fish based on the data collated since the ISFC was established. This process aims to reflect current developments in specimen angling and other issues including conservation. This process was carried out for some species in recent years (e.g. Coalfish in 2006 and 2007). Factors taken into account included the number of specimens taken per annum, the geographical distribution of specimens around Ireland and trends in the numbers taken over different periods. In 2010 the review was completed (from Garfish (*B. svetovidovi*) to Cuckoo Wrasse) and resulted in reductions in specimen weights for some species, several of which had not been adjusted since the ISFC was founded. Specimen weights were reduced for three of the eighteen fish categories in freshwater (16.7%) and 15 of 69 marine species (21.7%).

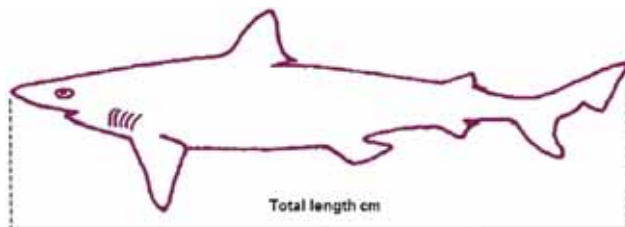
The complete list of specimen weight changes is as per facing table:

Species	Previous specimen weight (kg)	Revised specimen weight (kg)
Rudd	1.021	0.9
Rudd/Bream	1.361	1.2
Dace	0.35	0.3
Anglerfish	18.144	12.0
Black sole	0.907	0.8
Brill	2.268	2.0
Dab	0.68	0.6
Garfish	1.021	1.0
Hake	4.536	3.5
Halibut	22.68	15
Mackerel	1.134	1.0
Plaice	1.814	1.5
Cuckoo Ray	2.041	1.8
Thornback Ray	9.072	8.0
Ray's Bream	2.268	2.0
Red Sea Bream	2.041	1.8
Smooth-hound	3.175	3.0
Turbot	8.165	7.0

LENGTH-BASED SPECIMENS (CONSERVATION SPECIMENS)

Anglers are increasingly conservation orientated and submissions have been received by the ISFC from anglers and others in recent years regarding the desirability of using length as a proxy for weight. This would allow fish (particularly elasmobranchs) to be returned alive to the water without the requirement for measuring weight on land as is required under the existing ISFC rules. The ISFC undertook to examine the possibility of a "Conservation Specimen" category in 2009, for two species Tope and Blue Shark, which would be based on fish length.

A length-based specimen award commenced on a pilot basis for Tope for 2011. The threshold length is 1.6 m or 160 cm. Claims will be made on the existing claim form and the angler will specify that length only is being measured. On board weighing of fish is not acceptable (except where a certified motion compensated balance is used). All length data to be given as total length; this is the measurement most often used as an independent variable and is the standard measurement in scientific shark literature (e.g. Campagno, 1984). The fish has to be placed belly down on the measuring device with its dorsal caudal lobe depressed into line with its body axis and total length measured as a point to point distance (not over the curve of the body) from the snout tip to the tip of the dorsal caudal lobe. The snout tip must be placed against a perpendicular front bar or plate to index the 0 cm measurement accurately.



The following evidence must accompany each length-based specimen claim:

- (a) Photograph(s) showing fish placed belly down on properly extended measuring device with snout against perpendicular bar or plate with the actual recorded length (cm) visible and
- (b) the sex of the fish. Males can be identified by their claspers (modified pelvic fins) which are thin elongated paired fins situated behind the pelvic fins. Females do not have claspers but have an opening between the pelvic fins.

Permanent attachment of a durable, accurate measuring device to the deck of a boat is the preferred means of providing an accurate measurement. High quality, self adhesive measuring tapes are available from various retailers.

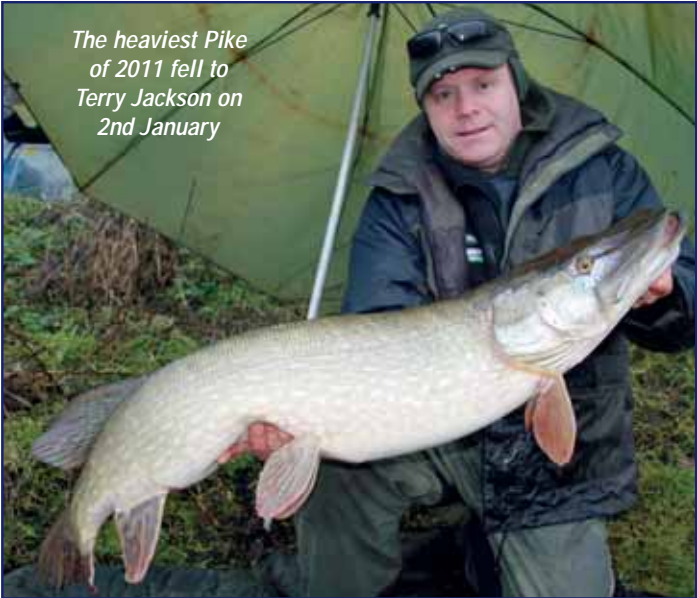
Lengths (cm) as submitted on each claim form were presented in this report for the first time in 2009. Lengths should be recorded on all claims submitted. Significant length variation is evident for most species. This is due to natural variability (time of year, sex, location, feeding etc) but it is likely that fish length measurement techniques were inconsistent also.

The ISFC requests that all specimen fish are measured according to table below:

Species	Measurement (cm) required	Technique
ALL Marine species except Bass	Total length	Place fish on top of measuring device and measure in a straight line from tip of snout to end of tail
ALL Marine species (except ray and skate)	Girth	Measure greatest girth using tape measure – usually in front of dorsal fin
Ray and skate	Wingspan	Place fish on top of measuring device and measure from wingtip to wingtip
ALL Freshwater species AND Bass	Forklength	Place fish on top of measuring device and measure from tip of snout to middle rays of tail
ALL Sharks, Rays and Skates	Sex – state on claim form if fish is male or female	Males can be identified by their claspers (modified pelvic fins) which are thin elongated paired fins situated behind the pelvic fins. Females do not have claspers but have an opening between the pelvic fins.

TAGGING PHOTOGRAPHS

The annual report is greatly enhanced by photographs. Many, particularly digital images, are sent by different means including CD and email. For greater efficiency please tag all photographs, CDs and emailed photographs with relevant details. CDs should have a list of the angler(s), the species, the weight and date(s) of capture printed on the disk. All emailed photographs should be tagged with abbreviated angler name, species and weight.



*The heaviest Pike
of 2011 fell to
Terry Jackson on
2nd January*



*Conor Magrath
with a specimen
Roach*

PRESENTATION OF 2010 AWARDS

Film-maker and angler Éamon de Búitléar made the Annual Presentation of Awards to successful anglers at the Red Cow Morans Hotel, Dublin on 26th February 2011.

In March 2011, Dutch and Belgian anglers were presented with their awards by Micheál Hennessy, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Peter Dohmen, renowned angling journalist, at VISMA, Rotterdam, in association with Tourism Ireland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Photographs: The majority of photographs in this report are taken by anglers. Good quality photographs have enhanced the report considerably over the past decade and anglers are encouraged to send photographs of specimen fish catches to the Committee.

All will be considered for publication. The Committee is extremely grateful to anglers, staff, charter skippers and other supporters who submitted photographs this year.

Special acknowledgements: Charter skippers, club members, guesthouse owners, tackle dealers and the many staff from Inland Fisheries Ireland who follow up claims and ensure that the necessary paperwork is attended to are gratefully acknowledged.

Sincere thanks to Myles Kelly, IFI and ISFC webmaster, for his input throughout 2011 and special thanks to Terry Jackson for his article.

AFBINI continues to provide an excellent fish identification service for anglers in the northern part of Ireland and the ISFC is indebted to those staff.

Special thanks are due to the extremely cooperative staff of the Legal Metrology Service NSAI for certification of anglers' scales over the past 14 years. LMS will cease to provide this service in the future.

The genetic fingerprinting work of Dr. Stefano Mariani and his team at UCD has significantly advanced ISFC identification procedures and the Committee is very grateful to everyone involved in this important activity.

Inland Fisheries Ireland provides unstinting administrative support and other services to the ISFC and is sincerely acknowledged. Bridie Fleming underpins all activity in the ISFC and is a vital part of the continued success of the Committee.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMEN AWARDS

Nationalities of anglers whose claims were ratified:

Year	Ireland	Britain (UK)	Holland (NL)	Germany (D)	Belgium (B)	France (F)	Other	TOTAL
1985	443	90	25	15	3	2	n/d	578
1986	349	93	21	16	3	7	n/d	489
1987	300	59	36	8	1	4	n/d	408
1988	259	60	14	5	4	4	n/d	346
1989	261	48	18	10	0	0	n/d	337
1990	286	45	21	23	4	1	n/d	380
1991	332	46	30	19	1	3	n/d	431
1992	336	56	32	9	1	3	n/d	437
1993	352	45	30	16	3	4	n/d	450
1994	282	39	33	13	1	2	n/d	370
1995	295	55	35	18	7	1	n/d	411
1996	307	69	27	6	4	2	n/d	415
1997	449	57	28	9	5	4	n/d	552
1998	344	53	46	6	5	4	n/d	458
1999	310	35	33	3	1	1	1	384
2000	403	48	41	13	1	0	2	508
2001	427	37	28	5	4	3	4	508
2002	471	43	23	7	6	2	7	559
2003	384	41	63	11	13	4	5	521
2004	412	38	48	3	9	4	4	518
2005	432	52	62	10	7	4	1	568
2006	351	42	44	2	10	0	2	449
2007	424	28	56	6	12	2	2	530
2008	429	23	46	1	3	0	0	502
2009	470	15	39	5	0	0	2	531
2010	521	26	45	6	5	1	3	607
2011	519	14	50	0	3	0	1	587

n/d = not determined

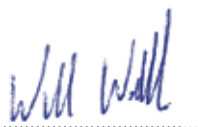
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Expenditure and Revenue Account - 1st January to 31st December 2010

2009	Expenditure	2010	2009	Revenue	2010
€		€	€		€
				Balance b/f	13928.24
				Grants	
8344.52	Printing	5614.00	0.00	CFB/IFI	10500.00
707.15	Award Medals / Trophies	1513.71	150.00	SWRFB	0.00
508.28	Miscellaneous / Postage	579.66	0.00	ERFB	2500.00
136.25	ISFC meeting expenses	45.45	0.00	NRFB	500.00
1760.00	Awards Day costs	810.00	0.00	ShRFB	500.00
200.00	Booking deposit	0.00	500.00	NWRFB	0.00
4.66	Bank charges	10.97	3000.00	Marine Institute	0.00
			2500.00	Failte Ireland	2500.00
			4425.02	Loughs Agency	0.00
	Total	8573.79		Donations	
	Balance c/d	22427.23		Anglers	572.78
		31001.02			
				Balance b/d	22427.23

"The ISFC has prepared a revenue and expenditure account for 12 months ending 31st December 2010 based on the movements in the bank. Upon review of the financial records provided we are satisfied that this Income and Expenditure Account accurately reflects the underlying transactions."

Signed:



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W. Walsh & H. O'Rourke (Auditors)

DONATIONS

Donations: The ISFC is a voluntary body and all of its activities are funded by donations from diverse sources. The ISFC is extremely grateful to all donors.

Benefactors in 2011 were:

Inland Fisheries Ireland, Failte Ireland; Loughs Agency; Irish Charters Skippers Association; Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland;

William E. Crompton, "The Beeches", Tomloskan, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim; **Eric Gosnell**, 52 Marian Park, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork; **Christy Lane**, 10 Harringtons Square, Dillons Cross, Cork City; **Noel Lane**, 65 Silverheights Avenue, Mayfield, Cork; **Dan Lynch**, Halfway Angling Centre, Halfway, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork; **Bert McGregor**, 34 Rivermead Park, St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin; **Vincent McKernan**, 19 Drummaul Park, Randalstown, Co. Armagh, BT41 3AR; **W. F. McLaughlin**, 27 Castle Gardens, Limavady, Co. Londonderry, BT49 0SD; **Derek J. Miller**, 35 Greenmeadows Road, Madeley, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 9EY, England; **Jim Newell**, 129 Haypark Avenue, Belfast, BT7 3FG; **Karl O'Leary**, 33 Meadowlawn, Raheen, Limerick; **Stephen O'Neill**, 35 Ferndale, Carrigaline, Co. Cork; **Mike (Dingle) Tudor**, Lomondside Cottage, Falkland, Cupar, Fife, FY15 7BD, Scotland; **Nicholas Ward**, Ballinacrow Upper, Stratford on Slaney, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow;



*Thick-Lipped Mullet
by Terry Jackson*

*Golden Grey Mullet
by Patrick Lombard*



IRISH RECORD FISH

FRESHWATER SPECIES

Species	Weight		Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
	lbs	ozs			
Bream	12	3	22.5.1997	Bolganard Lake	Paul Mathers
Carp	29	13	5.7.1998	The Lough, Cork	Sidney Kennedy
Dace	1	2	8.8.1966	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	John T. Henry
Eel	6	15	12.6.1979	Lough Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane
Perch	5	8	1946	Lough Erne	S. Drum
Pike (Lake)	42	12	25.9.2005	White Lake	Larry Kelly
Pike (River)	42		22.3.1964	River Barrow	M. Watkins
Roach	1.425 kg		6.10.2002	Drumacritten Lake	Terry Jackson
Roach/Bream Hybrid	7		24.4.2002	River Bann, Toome	Roy Gretton
Roach/Rudd Hybrid	2.1kg		5.5.2009	River Lagan	Terry Jackson
Rudd	4	8	5.9.1996	Coney Lake	Hugh Gough
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	7	10	19.10.1996	Monalty Lake	Brendan Doran
Tench	8.15		20.6.1995	Ballyeighter Lake	Nick Parry
Salmon	57		1874	River Suir	M. Maher
Brown Trout (Lake)	26	2	15.7.1894	Lough Ennell	Wm. Mears
Brown Trout (River)	20		22.2.1957	River Shannon, Corbally	Major Hugh Place
Sea Trout	16	6	29.10.1983	Shimna River	Thomas McManus

MARINE SPECIES

Species	Weight		Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
	lbs	ozs			
Angler Fish	42.985 kg		3.11.1985	Belfast Lough	Sean Neill
Bass	17	13	21.10.2000	Doughmore Strand	Emmet Naughton
Black Sole	6.32		28.12.1986	Ballycotton	Eddie Cull
Bluemouth	1.32 kg		28.7.2008	Caherciveen	Sue Tait
Brill	9	8	8.9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
Coalfish	15.1 kg		30.8.2003	Castletownshend	Roger Barham
Cod	42		1921	Ballycotton	I.L. Stewart
Conger Eel	72		June, 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Dab	2	5.5	2.10.2002	Cork Harbour	Mick Duff
Blackmouthed Dogfish	1.33 kg		10.8.2011	Red Bay	Jan Vrieswijk (NL)
Spur Dogfish	10.6 kg		25.7.2011	Red Bay	Albert Koawenhour (NL)
Greater Spotted Dogfish	23	13	17.09.2003	Kenmare Bay	Perry Dumay
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	4	4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
Flounder	4.91		2.10.1993	Ballyteigue	Brian Russell
Garfish (<i>B. belone</i>)	1.729		28.5.2007	Cork Harbour	Stephen O'Neill
Garfish (<i>B. svetovidovi</i>)	1.11		5.8.1994	Courtmacsherry	Eric Leijten
Gilthead Bream	3.24 kg		10.9.2007	Cork Harbour	Robert McClean
Tub Gurnard	12	3.5	8.8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman

MARINE SPECIES (Contd.)

Species	Weight lbs ozs	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21.9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9.5	17.7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott
Haddock	5.39 kg	21.2.2010	Union Hall	Tony Santry
Hake	25 5.5	28.4.1962	Belfast Lough	H. W. Steele
Halibut	156	23.7.1972	Belmullet	Frank Brogan
Herring	0.454 kg	5.6.2008	Red Bay	Hamish Currie
John Dory	7 8	12.8.1984	Killala Bay	Cleona Walkin
Ling	55	3.1.2004	Cork Harbour	Ailbhe O'Sullivan
Mackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton	Ulrich Plassmann
Megrim	1.85 kg	26.7.1987	Killala	Paul Hennigan
Monkfish	73	1.6.1980	Fenit	James Boyd
Grey Mullet	9.10	26.9.1993	Cork Harbour	Cay Heerwagen
Golden Grey Mullet	1.191 kg	24.6.2006	Cork Harbour	Noel Lane
Thin-Lipped Mullet	2.83 kg	14.9.2011	Cork Harbour	Noel Lane
Red Mullet	0.82 kg	20.9.2010	Killmore Quay	Sue Tait
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	Killmore Quay	John Devereaux
Thornback Ray	37	28.5.1961	Ling Rocks, Kinsale	M. J. Fitzgerald
Blonde Ray	37	10.10.2005	Cobh	Paul Tennant
Sting Ray	33.2 kg	19.5.1999	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	Edmund Cull
Electric Ray	40 kg	24.8.2002	Achill	Shay Boylan
Ray's Bream	6 4.25	26.8.1978	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	9 6	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Twaite Shad	1.54 kg	7.5.1999	St. Mullins	Michael O'Leary
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donel Brown
Blue Shark	206	7.10.59	Achill Head	J. McMonagle
Six Gilled Shark	480 kg	16.6.09	Carrigaholt	Joe Waldis
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	16.58	25.9.2000	Carne	Keith Gray
Stone Basse	11.72	14.7.2005	Baltimore	Tony Rainer
Three Bearded Rockling	3 1	1.5.1990	Arklow	Maurice Laurent
Tope	66 8	15.7.1979	Carlingford Lough	Cyril Young
Torsk	4.858 kg	26.6.2006	Rosguill	Jan de Bakker
Trigger Fish	2.54 kg	7.9.2006	Slea Head	Bob Moss
Turbot	34	9.6.1982	Cork Harbour	Frank Fleming
Tuna – Albacore	29.96 kg	5.9.2007	Caherciveen	Henry McAuley
– Bluefin	440 kg	5.10.2001	Donegal Bay	Adrian Molloy
Whiting	4 14.5	19.3.1981	Kenmare Bay	Comdt. M. J. O'Connor
Ballan Wrasse	4.3 kg	20.8.1983	Clogher Head	Bertrand Kron
Cuckoo Wrasse	2 7	15.9.1998	Causeway Coast	Brian McLoughlin

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

	IRISH RECORD WEIGHT		SPECIMEN WEIGHT		SPECIES IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
	lbs	ozs	kg	lbs	
FRESHWATER FISH					
Bream (<i>Abramis brama</i>)	12	3	3.402	7.5	-
Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	29	13	5.443	12	-
Dace (<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>)	1	2	0.3	0.66	Scales* & photos*
Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>)	6	15	suspended from listings		
Perch (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>)	5	8	1.2	2.646	-
Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (Lake)	42	12	13.608	30	-
Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (River)	42		9.072	20	-
Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	1.425	kg	0.907	2	Scales* & photos*
Roach/Bream Hybrid	7		1.6	3.528	Scales* & photos*
Roach/Rudd Hybrid	2.1	kg	0.9	1.98	Scales* & photos*
Rudd (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>)	4	8	0.9	1.98	Scales* & photos*
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	7	10	1.2	2.64	Scales* & photos*
Tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>)	8.15		2.722	6	-
Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	57		9.072	20	Scales
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (Lake)	26	2	4.536	10	Scales
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (River)	20		2.268	5	Scales
Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	16	6	2.722	6	Scales
Slob Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	-		4.536	10	Scales
* for genetic fingerprinting feasibility study					
SEA FISH					
Angler Fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	42.985	kg	12.0	26.43	Body
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	17	13	4.536	10	-
Black Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	6.32		0.8	1.76	-
Black Bream (<i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i>)	-		1.0	2.205	Body
Bluemouth (<i>Helicolenus dactylopterus</i>)	1.32	kg	0.9	1.9845	Photo
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>)	9	8	2.0	4.4	Body
Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	15.1	kg	6.804	15	Photo
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	42		9.072	20	-
Conger eel (<i>Conger conger</i>)	72		18.144	40	-
Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	2	5.5	0.6	1.32	Body
Dogfish – Blackmouthed (<i>Galeus melastomus</i>)	1.33	kg	1.0	2.205	Photo
Dogfish - Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>)	4	4	1.474	3.25	Body
Dogfish - Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>)	23	13	7.257	16	-
Dogfish – Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	10.6	kg	5.443	12	-
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	4.91		1.1	2.4255	Body
Garfish (<i>Belone belone</i>)	1.729	kg	1.0	2.205	Head and gills
Garfish (<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>)	1.11		0.355	0.875	Head and gills
Gilthead bream (<i>Sparus aurata</i>)	3.24	kg	1.4	3.08	Photo (whole body, head shot showing mouth and eyes)
Gurnard - Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>)	3	1	0.68	1.5	Body
Gurnard - Red (<i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i>)	3	9.5	0.907	2	Body
Gurnard - Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>)	12	3.5	2.268	5	Photo (pectoral fins must be fully expanded)
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	5.39	kg	3.175	7.0	-

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS – *contd.*

	IRISH RECORD WEIGHT		SPECIMEN WEIGHT		SPECIES IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
	lbs	ozs	kg	lbs	
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25	5.5	3.5	7.72	-
Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156		15	33.08	-
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	0.454	kg	0.34	0.75	Body
John Dory (<i>Zeus faber</i>)	7	8	1.814	4	-
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	55		11.34	25	-
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	4	2	1.0	2.5	Body
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	1.85	kg	0.794	1.75	Body
Monkfish (<i>Squatina squatina</i>)	73		suspended from listings		
Mullet - Grey, thick lipped (<i>Chelon labrosus</i>)	9.1		2.268	5	Body
Mullet - Golden Grey (<i>Liza aurata</i>)	1.191	kg	0.68	1.5	Body
Mullet - Thin-Lipped (<i>Liza ramada</i>)	2.83	kg	1.5	3.3	Body
Mullet - Red (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	0.82	kg	0.454	1.0	Body
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	8.23		1.5	3.31	-
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	19	3	5.443	12	Photo
Pouting (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)	4	13.5	1.361	3	-
Ray - Blonde (<i>Raja brachyura</i>)	37		11.34	25	Photo
Ray - Cuckoo (<i>Raja naevus</i>)	5	11	1.8	4.0	Photo
Ray - Electric (<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>)	40	kg	9.072	20	Photo
Ray - Homelyn (<i>Raja montagui</i>)	8.28		2.268	5	Photo
Ray - Painted (<i>Raja microocellata</i>)	17.21		4.536	10	Photo
Ray - Sting (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>)	33.2	kg	13.608	30	Photo
Ray - Thornback (<i>Raja clavata</i>)	37		8.0	17.64	Photo
Ray - Undulate (<i>Raja undulata</i>)	18		suspended from listings		
Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>)	6	4.25	2.0	4.41	Body
Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9	6	1.8	4.0	-
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsarus vulgaris</i>)	3	1	0.794	1.75	Body
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	1.97		0.680	1.5	Body
Shad - Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	-		1.814	4	Scales
Shad - Twaite (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	1.54	kg	1.2	2.65	Scales
Shark - Blue (<i>Prionace glauca</i>)	206		45.359	100	Photo
Shark - Mako (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	-		90.718	200	Photo
Shark - Porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)	365		68.038	150	Photo
Shark - Six-Gilled (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>)	480	kg	45.359	100	Photo
Shark - Thresher (<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>)	-		54.431	120	Photo
Skate - Common (<i>Raja batia</i>)	221		suspended from listings		
Skate - Long Nosed (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>)	-		36.287	80	Photo
Skate - White (<i>Raja alba</i>)	165		54.431	120	Photo
Smooth-Hound (<i>Mustelas asterias</i>)	16.58		3.0	6.62	Photo
Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>)	11.72		3.628	8	-
Tope (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>)	66	8	18.144	40	Photo
Torsk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>)	4.858	kg	2.721	6	Body
Trigger Fish (<i>Ballistes carolinensis</i>)	2.54	kg	1.474	3.25	Photo
Tuna - Albacore (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	29.96	kg	12	26.46	Photo
Tuna - Bluefin (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	440	kg	250	551.88	-
Turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>)	34		7	15.44	-
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4	14.5	1.361	3	-
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergyllta</i>)	4.3	kg	2.154	4.75	Photo
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	2	7	0.567	1.25	Body

N.B. Where species identification states body required, high quality photographs (see Rule 4) may suffice.

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE 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. Except in exceptional circumstances, claims will remain valid for a period of one year following the year of capture.
- (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. If a fixed rod holder is in use while boat fishing, and a fish strikes, the rod must be removed from the holder as quickly as possible. This is to ensure that the angler hooks and plays the fish with rod in hand. Where a fighting chair is employed, it must not have any mechanically driven device which aids the angler in playing a fish. Body harnesses (which attach the rod to the body) are permissible but must not be fixed to the chair. Gimbals must be free swinging including those which move in the vertical plane. Gimbals which permit the angler to rest or reduce strain while playing a fish are prohibited. 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 Weights and Measures Officer (see List of Weighing Scales Certification Centres in this report). Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 1 to 3 kg range weighed on balances weighing up to 50 kg or over and graduated in large divisions. Where weights are in large divisions (e.g. 1 lb/1 kg divisions) the weight of a fish must be rounded **DOWN** to the nearest actual division.

CLAIMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE CASE OF FISH WHICH HAVE BEEN WEIGHED ON BOARD A BOAT, UNLESS WEIGHED ON A CERTIFIED MOTION-COMPENSATED BALANCE.

*Please note: All club and personal scales **MUST** be certified annually by an independent agency. 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 that scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body must be forwarded as actual proof of identification, before it will consider claims.

FISH SCALES must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT), RUDD, ROACH, and their hybrids, and SHAD. 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 10 scales scraped from one shoulder of the salmonid should be sent with the claim.

THE ACTUAL BODY must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species:- MACKEREL, SCAD, HERRING, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GREY & RED GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, GOLDEN GREY, THIN-LIPPED AND RED MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, BLACK BREAM, RAYS BREAM, CUCKOO WRASSE, TORSK, "RIVER" EELS taken in tidal waters and GARFISH (head and gills only). Claims may be ratified where a photograph is of sufficient quality to provide conclusive evidence (i.e. key identification features clearly visible) to identify a fish, to the satisfaction of the Committee. However, the onus to provide suitable evidence rests solely with the angler.

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, BLUEMOUTH, MONKFISH, POLLACK, COALFISH, BALLAN WRASSE, TRIGGER FISH, ALBACORE, TUB GURNARD (pectoral fins of gurnard must be fully expanded), GILTHEAD BREAM (whole body and head shot showing mouth and eyes) and BLACKMOUTHED DOGFISH.

RECORD FISH: A claim for a record fish must be supported by a series of clear photographs for positive identification which also show the actual fish length.

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 01-884 2600; Fax: 01-836 0060. E-mail: info@isfc.ie
- (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 should not be sent in polythene bags or wrapped in aluminium foil as this causes rapid decomposition. Specimens 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 claims. Only one merit badge will be awarded to any angler per annum even where multiple claims are received. Special badges are awarded to anglers who have caught specimens of ten or more species and a special badge is issued each year for fish of exceptional merit though not of record size.

IMPORTANT – Completed claim forms should be sent to: The Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Swords Business Campus, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, Rep. of Ireland (Tel. 00-353-1-884 2600) before 30th November each year. Where required for identification purposes (see Rule 4) fish should be sent to the same address.

For marine fish taken in Northern Ireland contact Dr. Steven Beggs, AFBINI, Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5PX, Ph: +44 (0) 28 9025 5503.

Email: steven.beggs@afbini.gov.uk

For freshwater fish taken in Northern Ireland contact Dr. Robert Rosell, AFBINI, Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5PX. Tel: +44 (0) 28 9025 5236, Fax: +44 (0) 28 9025 5004.
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CHANGES

*David Bowie's classic song deals with growing up and maturing – renowned specimen-hunter **Terry Jackson** has grown up with angling and has seen many changes over his angling career to date. He relates some of his formative experiences and urges anglers to be proactive to ensure conservation of Ireland's hugely valuable angling resource*

My earliest angling memories began at my grandfather's pond over forty years ago. I found an old rod and centrepin reel in his barn and, after a great deal of pestering from me, he eventually taught me how to catch small rudd on bread flake using a porcupine quill as a float. We dug earthworms and kept them in a bucket of damp moss to toughen them up and enhance their colour and these proved to be a perfect bait for the elusive tench and crucian carp that also resided there. Those early angling lessons and the feel of my first rod-caught fish ignited a spark of imagination and excitement that grew and continues to burn brightly to this day. I am quite sure that most anglers would have had similar early experiences.

The seemingly endless summer holidays were spent sitting beside that pond, long hair bleached blonde by sunshine, with my skinny body in T-shirt and shorts being devoured by marauding mosquitoes! Literally covered from head to toe with tell-tale "gnat-bites", I had to be dragged away when it was long past my bed time. Some things never change it seems, although my long hair, hot summers and skinny body aren't quite what they used to be!

As the years progressed, I tried many angling techniques; fly fishing for trout, match angling, shore-angling and deep sea angling out on charter boats. If it had fins, I wanted to catch it! It was on a shore-angling adventure that I first became aware of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee. Fishing from the rocks at Ballintoy Harbour, I was delighted to have landed a sizeable plaice, and slipped it into a shallow rock pool to watch it swim about. A group of shore anglers arrived and were astounded to see the "flattie" cruising around in the shallows. They asked if they could weigh it, and at over four pounds, informed me that this was regarded as a catch of a life time for this particular species. I was intrigued, and wanted to know more about this organisation that collected and published data on exceptional catches.

Following the anglers' instructions, I filled in a claim form and the following year my plaice was accepted. Thanks to those friendly anglers, I had found a fresh angling direction and challenge, and embarked on a life-long journey that has taken me throughout our wonderful island of Ireland. Apart from the numerous species targeted, I have met many fabulous characters and friends, and return each year to stunning locations in search of those elusive "fish of a lifetime" captures.

Back in 2010, whilst carp fishing with my good friends Sid Kennedy and Ross Macklin, we chatted about targeting specimen fish and how it could be possible, under ideal circumstances to take it to the next level. Ross had college commitments for 2011 but Sid and I thought we might be able to dedicate considerable time and effort into pushing the boundaries a little further. Accurate and current information, telephone calls and the ability to drop everything and

travel when the fish are “in” were crucial to achieving results. It was a type of specimen angler’s networking scheme.

Our approach proved very fruitful, with Sid submitting an amazing twenty nine claims for verification at time of writing this piece, with another two months of the year yet to go! Few anglers can dedicate that amount of time and money – my angling fund ran out in September – but it shows what can be achieved when the information and opportunities are available.

The Irish Specimen Fish Committee, founded over fifty years ago by Dr. Michael Kennedy and Dr. Arthur Went, has amassed one of the largest collections of angling data in the world, possibly exceeding their original expectations. Over 25,000 claims have been processed since the early beginnings. The hard work and professional approach by its volunteers over the years is highly commendable. The data collected by anglers and collated by the ISFC is extremely valuable for many reasons but

one of its primary uses is to provide an indicator of angling species status. The accurate information gathered from angling reveals fluctuations in species and numbers in Ireland, and although a record amount of specimens were claimed in 2010, the reports demonstrate that all is not well with our fish populations. It is worrying that over the years very few fish have had their qualifying specimen weight increased. The trend, especially for several marine species, is a decrease in qualifying weights, with certain species being removed from the list entirely due to their vulnerable status.

As anglers, we are important watchdogs and guardians of our seas, lakes and rivers. We must fight to protect, conserve and be responsible for what nature has provided. With determination and information it can be achieved. The bass, for example, are recovering, but are nowhere near the safe and sustainable numbers of the past. In the north, possibly as a result of warming seas, we see signs of bass numbers increasing and are lobbying for protection of this excellent sportfish species which is currently lacking. Hopefully it will be implemented very soon. The revenue to this country from angling based tourism cannot be over-emphasised. We have also brought in a law to protect pike and coarse fish and are currently working hard on the implementation of marine protected areas around the north coast. Changes for the better can happen, but they must be fought for.

To quote Jim Clohessy from his excellent article in the 2010 ISFC report: “you are writing your name into Irish angling history”, “leaving an invaluable record for those who will follow you”, and “your quest is a noble one”. I couldn’t agree more.

Terry Jackson 15/10/11



The flattie!