



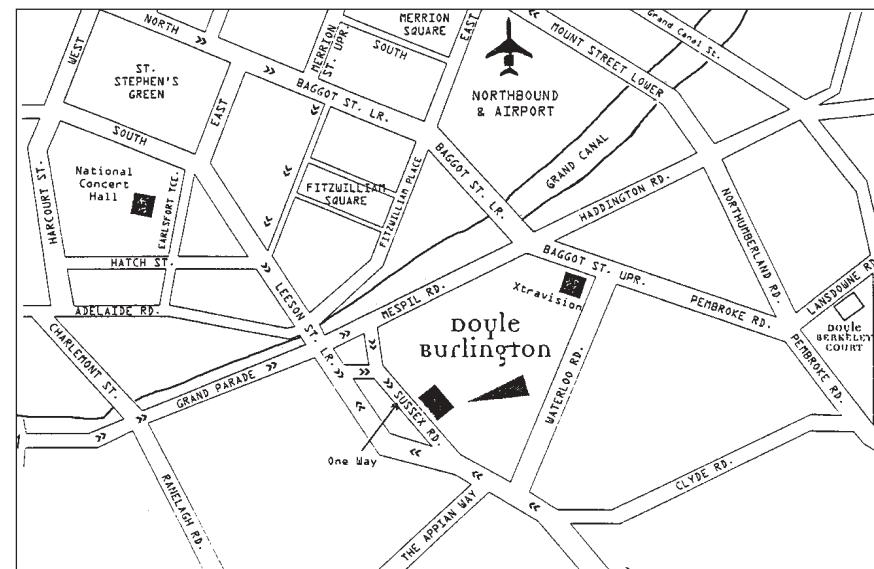
REPORT FOR YEAR
1999



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During the year the Committee received 410 claims and ratified 384.

SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1999

(Dates of capture 1999 unless otherwise stated)

SALMON

Record, 57 lbs; Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 26 0 | River Corrib | 12th July | Michael Murphy | Shrimp |
| 25 4 | River Bann, Carnroe | 11th July | Ken McClean | Spinner |
| 21.4 | River Dargle | 10th August | Stephen Sutton | Flying C |

SEA TROUT

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| 9.3 | River Lee | 12th June | Ciaran Cahalane | Spinner |
| 9 3 | Lough Currane | 20th May | Tom Sweeney | Fly |
| 8.16 | Lough Currane | 7th June | Barry Patterson (UK) | Fly |
| 6 14 | Lough Namona | 26th September | Ashley Mathews | Fly |
| 6 12 | Lough Currane | 22nd April | Vincent Appleby | Rapala |
| 6 8 | Lough Currane | 30th April | Bob Priestley | Fly |
| 6 4 | Lough Currane | 29th June | Bryan Hanson (UK) | Fly |
| 6 4 | Lough Currane | 17th September | Michael Ryan | Fly |
| 6 1 | Lough Currane | 19th May | Roy M. Freeman (UK) | Fly |
| 6 1 | Lough Currane | 27th June | Eamon McEvoy | Fly |
| 6 1 | Lough Currane | 19th September | Roger MacNaughton | Fly |



Ciaran Cahalane from Cork with his 9.3 lb Sea Trout from the River Lee.

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record, 26 lbs 2 ozs; Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 14 12 | Lough Sheelin | 24th April | James O'Reilly | Rapala |
| 12.54 | Lough Corrib | 1st April | Christopher John Martin (UK) | Copper & Silver Spoon |
| 12 8 | Lough Corrib | 18th July | John Gibbons | Roach |
| 12 0 | Lough Corrib | 11th July | Fr. Francis Murphy | Roach |
| 11 14 | Lough Erne | 4th April | Marius Breen | Fly |
| 5.238 kg | Lough Corrib | 5th September | Brian Duffy | Fly |
| 11 8 | Lough Corrib | 4th July | John Gibbons | Roach |
| 11 6 | Lough Mask | 26th September | Gerard Finn | Fly |
| 11.28 | Lough Corrib | 8th August | Patrick Dunning | Plug |
| 11 2 | Lough Erne | 19th March | Francis Noble | Tasmanian Devil |
| 11 0 | Lough Corrib | 4th July | Fr. Francis Murphy | Roach |
| 10.6 | Lough Mask | 24th April | Noel McCaffrey | Copper Spoon |
| 10 8 | Lough Corrib | 10th July | John Gibbons | Roach |
| 10.35 | Lough Corrib | 2nd August | Brian Noonan | Rudd |
| 10 0 | Lough Corrib | 4th July | Daniel Paris (F) | Rapala |
| 10 0 | Lough Sheelin | 7th October | Vaughan Ruckley (UK) | Fly |



Marius Breen with an 11 lb 14 oz Brown Trout from Lough Erne.

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record, 20 lbs; Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 16 7 | Cong Canal | 30th September '98 | Eddie Shanagher Jnr. | Worm |
| 14 11 | Cong Canal | 30th September '98 | Eddie Shanagher Jnr. | Worm |
| 9.34 | River Lung | 31st May | John Corcoran | Fly |
| 8.3 | River Lung | 4th June | John Corcoran | Fly |
| 7 13 | River Clare | 16th September | Duncan Brown | Mepps No. 4 |
| 7.75 | Cong Canal | 1st March | Bobby Connolly | Worm |
| 7 11 | River Inny, Abbeylara | 21th March | Philip Donoghue | Nymph |
| 7 8 | River Corrib | 10th May | Jan Tinnemans (NL) | Dead Roach |
| 6 15 | Cong Canal | 6th March | Christy Emmett | Mepps |
| 6.59 | River Suir, Ardfinnan | 24th June | David Rylands | Fly |
| 6 8 | River Liffey, Millicent Br. | 12th September | Ted O'Callaghan | Fly |
| 6 5 | River Liffey, Millicent Br. | 1st August '98 | Patrick Fennessy | Worm |
| 6 4 | River Suir, Ardfinnan | 31st July | Philip Maher | Dry Fly |
| 6.2 | River Lung | 3rd June | John Corcoran | Fly |
| 6 2 | River Liffey, Millicent Br. | 2nd August '98 | Patrick Fennessy | Worm |

BROWN TROUT (RIVER) (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 5.77 | Cong Canal | 2nd March | Sean Morrin | Worm |
| 5.61 | River Liffey, Clane | 23rd August | Jonathon Morrissey | Dry Fly |
| 5.42 | Cong Canal | 26th June | John Wilkinson | Pheasant Tail Nymph |
| 5 6 | River Moyola | 11th August | Joseph O'Neill | Fly |
| 5.29 | River Liffey, Newbridge | 2nd September | Dermott McDermott | Wetfly |
| 2.284 kg | Cong Canal | 2nd March | Peter McCartin | Worm |

BREAM

Record, 12 lbs. 3 ozs; Specimen Weight, 7.5 lbs; 3.402 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 10 11 | Lough Ree | 6th June | Alastair Rawlings | Bread Flake |
| 10 7 | Monalty Lake | 26th March | Fred Foster | Maggots |
| 10 6.5 | Monalty Lake | 30th May | Colm Crean | Maggots |
| 10 6 | Lough Ree | 6th June | Alastair Rawlings | Bread Flake |
| 10 6 | Monalty Lake | 30th May | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 10 3.5 | Monalty Lake | 30th May | Colm Crean | Maggots |
| 10 2 | Monalty Lake | 14th July | Colm Crean | Maggots |
| 10 1.5 | Monalty Lake | 31st January | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 9 11 | Monalty Lake | 24th March | Fred Foster | Maggots |
| 9 9 | Monalty Lake | 6th April | Brendan Doran | Bread |
| 9 7 | Monalty Lake | 25th April | Fred Foster | Maggots |
| 9 4 | River Bann, Toome | 2nd May | Colin Martin | Worm/Maggot |
| 9 4 | Lough Ree | 6th August | Roy Gretton | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 9 4 | Monalty Lake | 9th April | Brendan Doran | Bread |
| 9 4 | Monalty Lake | 31st January | James McMahon | Maggots |
| 9 3 | Monalty Lake | 6th September | Albert Bedford (UK) | Sweetcorn |
| 9 1 | Monalty Lake | 8th September | Albert Bedford (UK) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 15 | Lough Ree | 7th August | Roy Gretton | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 8 12 | Lough Ree | 6th August | Roy Gretton | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 8 10 | Monalty Lake | 8th September | Albert Bedford (UK) | Sweetcorn |
| 8 7 | Ballinacid Lake | 23rd July | Brendan Doran | Worm |
| 8 4.5 | Ballycullinan Lake | 1st May | Nick Parry | Corn |
| 8 3.5 | River Bann, Toome | 30th July | Nick Parry | Worm |
| 3.675 kg | River Shannon, Lanesboro | 20th April | Barry Lister (UK) | Bread |
| 8 1 | Drumlaheen Lake | 19th June | Ron Patterson | Maggots |
| 7 15 | Monalty Lake | 10th September | R. W. Mabbutt (UK) | Maggots/Corn |
| 7 14 | Ballycullinan Lake | 28th August | Christy Lane | Sweetcorn |



A 7 lb 9 oz "two-tone" Bream taken by Ken Horgan in Ballycullinan Lake.

BREAM (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 7 14 | River Bann, Toome | 30th July | Kenneth Crooks | Worm |
| 3.565 kg | River Shannon, Lanesboro | 26th May | Barry Lister (UK) | Bread |
| 7 12.5 | Ballycullinan Lake | 5th June | David A. Spokes | Worm |
| 7 12 | Ballycullinan Lake | 13th June | Liam Kane | Maggots/Corn |
| 7 12 | Ballycullinan Lake | 15th August | Conor Healy | Worm/Corn |
| 7 11 | Ballycullinan Lake | 5th June | Duncan Brown | Worm/Sweetcorn |
| 7 10 | Ballycullinan Lake | 28th August | Noel Lane | Sweetcorn |
| 7 10 | Ballycullinan Lake | 14th August | Conor Healy | Worm/Corn |
| 7 9 | Ballycullinan Lake | 19th July | Derek Sneyd | Worms |
| 7 9 | Ballycullinan Lake | 15th August | Ken Horgan | Worm/Corn |
| 7 8.5 | River Bann, Toome | 30th July | Kenneth Crooks | Worm |



Two Bream (10 lbs 11 ozs and 10 lbs 6 ozs) taken in Lough Ree by Alastair Rawlings on June 6th.

PIKE (LAKE)

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| 36 4 | Lough Ramor | 20th April | Edward Tobin | Dead Roach |
| 30 8 | Lough Allua | 21st November | Roy Gretton | Rapala |
| 30 3 | Lough Derg, Islandmor | 17th March | William Gleeson | Rapala |
| 30 2 | Lough Allua | 2nd November | Roy Gretton | Roach |

PIKE (RIVER)

Record, 42 lbs; Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| 35 8 | Ulster Blackwater River | 7th June | Noel McGahan | Fish |
| 31 9 | Clare River | 1st September | Michael McCabe | Perch |
| 29 12 | River Barrow, Goresbridge | 6th February | Joseph Marsella | Herring |
| 28 1 | River Inny | 8th March | Leo Farrell | Sandeel |
| 27.5 | Cong Canal | 27th May | Toni Arendt (D) | Rapala |
| 27 8 | River Erne, Co. Fermanagh | 17th November | Andy Nicholson (UK) | Roach |
| 26 0 | River Barrow, St. Mullins | 13th March | Daniel Murphy | Herring |



This 20 lb 2 oz Pike was taken by Alastair Rawlings in the River Suck at Ballyforan in February.

PIKE (RIVER) (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 23.8 | River Barrow, St. Mullins | 20th March | Daniel Murphy | Herring |
| 10.75 kg | Philipstown River | 14th February | Joe Tracey | Mackerel |
| 23 10 | River Erkina, Durrow | 23rd February | Joseph Marcella | Smelt |
| 22 11 | Lower River Bann | 25th May | Charlie O'Kane | Fly |
| 22.25 | River Barrow | 30th January | Master Gary Doyle | Hybrid |
| 22 3 | River Barrow, Bagnelstown | 21st November | Ken Garry | Roach |
| 22 0 | Clare River | 16th October | David A. O'Connell | Herring |
| 21 11 | Clare River | 31st August | Michael Canney | Perch |
| 21.37 | River Barrow, Leighlinbridge | 14th March | Peter Bolger | Fish |
| 20.75 | River Barrow | 30th January | Master Gary Doyle | Rudd |
| 20 6 | River Annalee | 5th May | Stephen McEnroe | Toby |
| 20 6 | River Lung | 26th January | Alastair Rawlings | Sardine |
| 20 6 | River Inny | 4th July | Leo Farrell | Dead Roach |
| 20 3 | River Fergus, Ruan | 25th October | Nick Parry | Dead Bait |
| 20 2 | River Suck, Ballyforan | 17th February | Alastair Rawlings | Herring Tail |



Eleven year-old Bill Brazier caught this 12 lb 6.5 oz Carp in Lake Gorteen.

CARP

Record, 29 lbs. 13 ozs; Specimen Weight, 12 lbs; 5.443 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 28 0 | The Lough | 11th September | John Healy | Maggots |
| 24 4 | The Lough | 1st September | Sidney Kennedy | Boilie |
| 22 14 | The Lough | 9th September | Sidney Kennedy | Bread |
| 22 12 | The Lough | 9th September | Sidney Kennedy | Boilie |
| 21 10 | Ballinafid Lake | 17th March | Fred Foster | Boilie |
| 19 10 | The Lough | 20th September | John Healy | Boilie |
| 18 8 | The Lough | 20th September | John Healy | Maggots |
| 18 0 | The Lough | 14th September | John Feeney | Boilie |
| 15 12 | Ballinafid Lake | 14th August | John O'Shaughnessy | Boilie |
| 15 10 | Ballinafid Lake | 18th July | Brendan Doran | Boilie |
| 15 8 | Ballinafid Lake | 23rd July | Brendan Doran | Boilie |
| 15 5 | Ballinafid Lake | 23rd May | Brendan Doran | Boilie |
| 14 12 | Butler's Pond, Tipperary | 13th July | Robin Brazier | Maize |
| 14 10 | Ballinafid Lake | 26th August | Ron Patterson | Boilie |
| 14 8 | Butler's Pond | 28th March | Robin Brazier | Boilie |
| 14 6.5 | Lake Gorteen | 25th September | Robin Brazier | Dog Biscuit |
| 14 5 | The Lough | 11th September | John Feeney | Boilie |

CARP (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 13 15 | Ballinafid lake | 19th March | John O'Shaughnessy | Boilie |
| 12 12 | Dysart Lake | 8th August | Master Bill Brazier | Boilie |
| 12 8 | Ballinafid Lake | 17th March | Fred Foster | Boilie |
| 12 6.5 | Lake Gorteen | 26th September | Master Bill Brazier | Boilie |
| 12 3 | Lake Gorteen | 30th January | Master Bill Brazier | Boilie |
| 12 2 | Royal Canal, Ashtown | 29th April | Daniel Smith | Bread Crust |

EEL

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 4 15.5 | Lake Gorteen | 26th September | Robin Brazier | Dog Biscuit |
| 4 0 | The Lough | 2nd September | Sidney Kennedy | Maggot |
| 3.81 | Callows Lake, Carrigallen | 26th May | Sean Cooke | Worms |
| 3 12 | Lough Lene | 30th May | Patrick Taite | Worms |
| 3 7 | Lough Ree | 15th July | Alastair Rawlings | Worm |
| 3.38 | Callows Lake | 16th July | Bob O'Callaghan | Worm |
| 3 0 | The Lough | 11th September | John Feeny | Worm |
| 3 0 | The Lough | 11th September | Toney Cotter | Maggots |

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

New Record, 5 lbs. 14.5 ozs; Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 5 14.5 | Lough Kinale | 13th June | Daniel Smith | Maggots |
| 5 4 ⁷ / ₈ | River Bann | 17th April | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 5 3 | River Inny, Castlepollard | 6th April | Michael Norton | Maggots |
| 4 15.5 | Lough Kinale | 19th May | Daniel Smith | Sweetcorn |
| 4 9.5 | Lough Kinale | 19th May | Ken Garry | Sweetcorn |
| 4.51 | Galloncurra Lake | 8th July | David McNamee | Sweetcorn |
| 4 5 | Galloncurra Lake | 27th May | Ray Bannerman | Maggots/Sweetcorn |
| 4 4 | Galloncurra Lake | 16th August | Godfrey Donohue | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 4 0.5 | River Bann | 17th April | Garnett Coulter | Maggots |
| 4 0.125 | River Bann | 25th April | Kenneth Crooks | Maggots |
| 3.75 | Galloncurra Lake | 8th July | David McNamee | Sweetcorn |
| 3 10 ⁷ / ₈ | River Bann | 24th April | Eileen Coulter | Maggots |



Dan Smith from Dublin with his record Roach/Bream Hybrid of 5 lbs. 14.5 ozs taken in Lough Kinale.

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record, 7 lbs. 10 ozs; Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 4 3.5 | Ballycullinan Lake | 10th May | Nick Parry | Maggots |
| 4 1 | Ballycullinan Lake | 6th June | Duncan Brown | Worm |
| 4 0 | River Inny | 1st May | Ray Bannerman | Maggots |
| 3 5.375 | Ballycullinan Lake | 1st May | Nick Parry | Corn/Maggots |
| 3 1 | River Barrow | 11th June | Pat Dalton | Corn/Maggot Cocktail |
| 3 1 | River Barrow | 1st October | Eamonn Lyons | Maggots |

PERCH

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| 3.12 | River Barrow | 26th October | Daniel Murphy | Lobworm |



Well known specimen hunter Bill Collins with a lovely Tench of 7 lbs 5 ozs from Lough Atedaun.

TENCH

Record, 8.15 lbs; Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 7.5 | Holly Island Lake | 16th June | Nick Parry | Corn/Maggots |
| 7 | 6 Lakyle Lake | 6th October | Robin Brazier | Sweetcorn |
| 7 | 5 Lough Atedaun | 4th July | Bill Collins | Lobworm |
| 7 | 2 R. Shannon, Shannonbridge | 30th May | Fred Foster | Bread/Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 12 Black Lake, Co. Clare | 26th June | Tom Sneyd | Sweetcorn |
| 3.040 kg | Black Lake, Co. Clare | 16th June | Tobias Zick (D) | Sweetcorn/Maggots |
| 6 | 11 Ballycullinan Lake | 13th June | Liam Kane | Maggots/Corn |
| 6 | 9.5 Lakyle Lake | 27th July | Master Bill Brazier | Peanuts |
| 6 | 8 Lough Atedaun | 23rd May | Bill Collins | Bread Flake |
| 6 | 8 Lakyle Lake | 4th September | Robin Brazier | Maize/Worm |
| 6 | 6.5 Lakyle Lake | 12th June | Robin Brazier | Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 6 Kilgory Lough | 13th June | Alan Kilroy | Corn |
| 6 | 6 Lakyle Lake | 27th August | Fergus Dunne | Sweetcorn |

TENCH (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 | 5 Lough Ree | 6th June | Bill Collins | Lobworm |
| 6 | 5 Kilgory Lough | 14th June | Alan Kilroy | Corn |
| 6 | 5 Fin Lough | 2nd June | Conor Healy | Corn/Caster |
| 6 | 4 Holly Island Lake | 25th June | Nick Parry | Corn |
| 6 | 3.5 Kilgory Lough | 14th June | Alan Kilroy | Corn |
| 6.20 | Royal Canal | 30th May | Rinus de Bruin | Worm |
| 6 | 3 Lakyle Lake | 4th August | Martin Bennett | Maggots/ Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 2.75 Farm Pond, Tubber | 18th March | Nick Parry | Corn |
| 6 | 2 Lough Ree | 6th June | Alastair Rawlings | Worm |
| 6 | 2 Lough Ree | 3rd July | Roy Gretton | Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 1.5 Lough Bridget | 12th June | Garnett Coulter | Sweetcorn/ Maggots |
| 6 | 1.5 Ballycullinan Lake | 7th June | David A. Spokes | Worm/Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 1 Lough Ree | 7th June | Alastair Rawlings | Worm |
| 6 | 0.5 Lakyle Lake | 31st August | Master Bill Brazier | Sweetcorn |
| 6 | 0.5 Lough Bridget | 12th June | Garnett Coulter | Sweetcorn/ Maggots |
| 6 | 0 Lakyle Lake | 29th August | Master Bill Brazier | Sweetcorn |

BASS

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 5.59 kg | Ballycotton | 1st September | Jamie Hayes | Ragworm |
| 12 0 | Tralee Bay | 1st August | Eugene Farrelly | Toby |
| 5.37 kg | Inch, Co. Cork | 7th May | Donal Domoney | Crab |
| 11.80 | Bannow Bay | 2nd July | Declan Ratigan | Rapala |
| 11.5 | Cahore | 16th August | Martin Foreman | Mackerel |
| 5.2 kg | Hook Head, Co. Wexford | 12th September | John Brown | Peeler Crab |
| 5.034 kg | Tinnabearna | 3rd April | Hugh Hayden | Peeler Crab |
| 5 kg | Hook Head | 25th October | John Brown | Peeler Crab |
| 4.9 kg | Hook Head | 25th October | Henry Lynam | Crab |
| 10 8 | Tramore | 4th October | John O'Keefe | Lugworm |
| 4.7 kg | Saleens, Waterford | 20th June | Henry Lynam | Kilty Catcher |
| 4.6 kg | Saleens, Waterford | 20th June | John Brown | German Sprat |
| 10 2 | Tramore | 16th October | Liam Doheny | Peeler Crab/Lugworm |

COALFISH

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| 7.45 kg | Kinsale | 13th June | Andre de Groot (NL) | Baited Feather |
| 16 0 | Courtmacsherry | 13th June | Louis Gevers (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

COD

Record, 42 lbs; Specimen Weight, 20 lbs; 9.072 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|-------------|
| 25.40 | Baltimore | 8th July | David Smith (UK) | Baited Pirk |

CONGER EEL

Record, 72 lbs; Specimen Weight, 40 lbs; 18.144 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 20.5 kg | Valentia | 22nd July | P. Rynsburger (NL) | Mackerel |
| 43.6 | Caherciveen | 12th June | Frank Prendergast | Mackerel |
| 43.6 | Valentia | 10th September | Johan De Vlieger (B) | Mackerel Flapper |
| 42 0 | Courtmacsherry | 7th June | D. Kruykamp (NL) | Mackerel |
| 18.44 kg | Ballycotton | 29th November | Stephen O'Neill | Mackerel baited pirk |

DAB

Record, 2.02 lbs; Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; 0.680 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1.58 | Courtmacsherry | 14th September | Dave Clark (UK) | Peeler Crab/ Lugworm |
| 1 9 | Little Killary | 8th November '98 | Declan Horan | Lugworm |

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 9.2 kg | Valentia | 9th August | Dykstra Romke (NL) | Mackerel |
| 8.31 kg | Schull | 6th June | Bill Davidson | Sandeel |
| 7.785 kg | Glenarm | 9th October | William Kirkpatrick | Mackerel |
| 7.6 kg | Valentia | 23rd July | Stephan Vollenbroek (NL) | Mackerel |
| 16 8 | Kenmare Bay | 12th August | J.J.C. Dumay (NL) | Mackerel |
| 16 8 | Kenmare Bay | 27th August | Cees Toeset (NL) | Mackerel |
| 16 0 | Kenmare Bay | 21st September | M.M. Jacques (NL) | Mackerel |



Dutch angler Stephan Vollenbroek with a Greater Spotted Dogfish taken off Valentia in July

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record, 4 lbs. 4 ozs; Specimen Weight, 3.25 lbs; 1.4737 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------|
| 1.5 kg | Cork Harbour | 11th January | John Warner | Mackerel |
| 1.495 kg | Glenarm, Co. Antrim | 26th July | Stuart Landridge | Mackerel |

SPUR DOGFISH

New Record, 21 lbs; Specimen Weight, 12 lbs; 5.443 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|----------|
| 18 13 | Kenmare Bay | 1st September | Robert Smit (NL) | Mackerel |
| 17 0 | Kenmare Bay | 23rd April | J.A. Vermeulen (NL) | Mackerel |
| 17 0 | Kenmare Bay | 19th August | J.J.C. Dumay (NL) | Mackerel |
| 15 0 | Kenmare Bay | 11th September | Alfons Van Kempen (NL) | Mackerel |
| 15 0 | Kenmare Bay | 31st August | Bas Joeset (NL) | Mackerel |
| 15 0 | Kenmare Bay | 23rd April | Richard Lich (NL) | Mackerel |
| 14 0 | Dun Laoghaire | 6th May '98 | Gerry Connolly | Mackerel |
| 14 0 | Kenmare Bay | 11th September | Gerard Stouten (NL) | Mackerel |

SPUR DOGFISH (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 14 0 | Kenmare Bay | 14th September | Marc Van der Velden (NL) | Mackerel |
| 13 4 | Kenmare Bay | 24th March | Liam Brennan | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13 0 | Kenmare Bay | 13th May | Alex Streefland (NL) | Mackerel |
| 12.5 | Dun Laoghaire | 7th May '98 | Jonathan Boylan | Mackerel |
| 12 0 | Dun Laoghaire | 26th April '98 | Paul Sainsbury | Cod Feathers/ Mackerel Strip |
| 12 0 | Kenmare Bay | 14th September | J.A. Vermeulen (NL) | Mackerel |
| 12 0 | Kenmare Bay | 11th September | Vincent Van Oosten (NL) | Mackerel |

FLOUNDER

Record, 4.91 lbs; Specimen Weight, 3 lbs; 1.361 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1.56 kg | Lacken | 17th October | Desmond Boyle | Crab |
| 1.52 kg | Castlerock | 30th September '98 | Richard Kennedy | Ragworm |
| 3.04 | Dingle | 15th October | Terry Rothery (UK) | Crab |

GARFISH (Belone bellone)

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 2.53 | Courtmacsherry | 7th August | Ferry Minnaap (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 1.124 kg | Kinsale | 28th August | Michael Van Beest (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 2.32 | Courtmacsherry | 2nd September | A. Oversteegen (NL) | Mackerel Strip |

GREY GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz; Specimen Weight, 1.5 lbs; 0.680 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1 10 | Downings | 1st September | Paul H. McConnell | Feathers |
| 1.61 | Sheephaven | 21st August | Jan Sengers (NL) | Mackerel |
| 1 9 | Red Bay | 25th July | Norman Lindsay | Mackerel |

RED GURNARD

Record, 3 lbs. 9.5 ozs; Specimen Weight, 2 lbs; 0.907 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2 4 | Port na Blagh | 12th September | Jock Leslie | Mackerel |
| 2 3.25 | Rathmullan | 5th September | Donal Kennedy | Mackerel Strip |
| 2.19 | Belmullet | 13th June | Sylvy Sweeney | Mackerel Strip |
| 0.965 kg | Inistrahull Island | 26th September | Des Mills | Mackerel Strip |
| 2 2 | Brandon Bay | 31st July | John Boyle | Mackerel |
| 2.11 | Rathmullan | 5th September | Mattie Foley | Mackerel/Ragworm |
| 2 1.625 | Rathmullan | 11th July | Niall A. Doherty | Mackerel |
| 2.05 | Sheephaven | 1st August | Raymond Devlin | Baited Muppet |

TUB GURNARD

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 7.92 | Belmullet | 29th August | Brian Smallwood | Mackerel Strip |
| 5.85 | Downings | 26th June | Terry Kane | Mackerel Strip/ Feathers |
| 2.625 kg | Achill Island | 15th August | Joe Cooney | Mackerel |
| 5.46 | Belmullet | 18th July | Sylvy Sweeney | Mackerel Strip |
| 5.11 | Achill | 23rd July | Gerard Sweeney | Muppet |

LING

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 40 0 | East Ferry | 10th July | Rodney George Mitchell (UK) | Baited Muppet |
| 38 0 | East Ferry | 10th July | David Mason (UK) | Baited Hokkai |
| 33 8 | East Ferry | 4th September | Stephen A. Mason (UK) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 30 8 | Baltimore | 8th July | John Victor Reynolds (UK) | Mackerel Strip |
| 30 0 | East Ferry | 10th July | Brian MacDonald (UK) | Hokkai |
| 30 0 | East Ferry | 4th September | Keith Wild (UK) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 13.14 kg | Guileen | 5th September | Sean Clohessy | Mackerel |
| 13.1 kg | Kinsale | 23rd July | Stefan Mieras (NL) | Mackerel |
| 28.8 | Baltimore | 25th July | Tony Rainer (UK) | Mackerel Flapper |
| 28.01 | Baltimore | 29th July | Kevin Padden (UK) | Mackerel Fillet |
| 27.56 | Baltimore | 8th July | Charles Alfred Boetiger (UK) | Baited Pirk |



A 13.14 kg Ling caught by Sean Clohessy out of Guileen.

LING (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 27.16 | Baltimore | 5th July | Barry Wood (UK) | Mackerel Strip |
| 27 0 | East Ferry | 10th July | Kenneth R. Salmon (UK) | Baited Hokkai |
| 26.52 | Baltimore | 20th August | Matt Holbrook (UK) | Mackerel Flapper |
| 26.06 | Baltimore | 29th July | Tony Rainer (UK) | Mackerel Flapper |
| 26 0 | East Ferry | 10th July | Brian MacDonald (UK) | Baited Hokkai |
| 26 0 | Courtmacsherry | 8th July | Jan Bovendeur (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 26 0 | Courtmacsherry | 23rd June | Mark Gannon | Mackerel |
| 26 0 | Courtmacsherry | 30th May | Paul Cusack | Mackerel |
| 25 1 | Dunmore East | 29th May | Thomas McCormack | Baited Feathers |

MACKEREL

Record, 4 lbs 2 ozs; Specimen Weight, 2.5 lbs; 1.134 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| 2.6 | Downings | 21st August | Ian McCrorie | Feathers |



Niall O'Sullivan is delighted with the heaviest Pollack of the year (17 lbs) taken off Courtmacsherry

GREY MULLET

Record, 9.10 lbs; Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 5 6 | River Liffey | 2nd September | Peter Bolger | Bread Flake |
| 5 5 | River Liffey | 9th July | Peter Bolger | Bread |
| 5 4 | Lough Furnace | 29th September | Ger Rogan | Fly |
| 5 3 | River Dodder | 26th July | Peter McCartin | Bread |
| 2.294 kg | Courtmacsherry | 20th August | Stephen Blake | Mackerel |

PLAICE

Record, 8.23 lbs; Specimen Weight, 4 lbs; 1.814 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 6.29 | Cork Harbour | 27th October | Bill Emery | Crab/Herring |
| 5 9 | Cork Harbour | 8th October | Colin Philpott | Lugworm |
| 2.4 kg | Cork Harbour | 27th September | I. J. Booth (UK) | Razor fish/Squid |
| 2.08 kg | Causeway Coast | 29th August | Jim Shoddy | Ragworm/Mackerel |
| 2.08 kg | Guileen | 30th September | Sean Clohessy | Crab |
| 4 2 | Cork Harbour | 5th October | Christy O'Sullivan | Crab |
| 4.08 | Cork Harbour | 24th September | Christy O'Sullivan | Lugworm |



A Twister Tail tempted this 12.5 lb Pollack for Paul Taylor off Killybegs in April.

POLLACK

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 17 0 | Courtmacsherry | 5th October | Niall O'Sullivan | Mackerel Strip |
| 14 8 | Ballydavid | 2nd August | Patrick Donnelly | Sandeel |
| 12.5 | Killybegs | 25th April | Paul Taylor | Twister Tail |
| 12.43 | Ballydavid | 31st July | Brian Buckley | Jellyworm |
| 12 6.5 | Port na Blagh | 24th October | Master Richard Alcorn | Lure |
| 12.39 | Crosshaven | 21th June | J.L.A. Nieuwland (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 12.28 | Ballydavid | 22nd June | John Bailey (UK) | Jellyworm |
| 12.25 | Skelligs Rock | 21st September '98 | Franz Diessner (D) | Lure |
| 5.5 kg | Kinsale | 22nd August '98 | Tom Wagenaar (NL) | Mackerel Fillet |

POUTING

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 13 | Courtmacsherry | 13th August | Rini Anemaet (NL) | Mackerel Strip/ Octopus |
| 1.684 kg | Kinsale | 2nd May | Peter Broek (NL) | Mackerel Strip |
| 3 8 | Caherciveen | 31st July | Paul Keen | Mackerel Strip/Red Muppet |
| 1.395 kg | Caherciveen | 1st May | Brian Thomas | Mackerel |
| 3 0 | Courtmacsherry | 19th June | Alex Brien | Mackerel Strip |



Norman Dunlop (right), ISFC Committee member, with his 30 lb Blonde Ray taken while fishing out of East Ferry. Skipper Brian Byrne is on the left.

BLONDE RAY

Record, 36 lbs. 8 ozs. Specimen Weight, 25 lbs; 11.34 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 30 | East Ferry | 3rd September '99 | Norman Dunlop | Mackerel Fillet |
| 29 | East Ferry | 21st August '99 | Tony Smyth | Mackerel Strip |

HOMELYN RAY

Record, 8.28 lbs; Specimen Weight, 5 lbs; 2.268 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|------------|----------|
| 5 10 | Portrush | 4th September | John McKay | Mackerel |

PAINTED RAY

Record, 17.21 lbs; Specimen Weight, 10 lbs; 4.536 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 5.19 kg | Garryvoe | 3rd October | Brian Foley | Mackerel |
| 10.22 | Fermoyle | 17th November | Christopher J. Dean (UK) | Sandeel |
| 10 3 | Tralee Bay | 5th September | Liam Griffin | Mackerel Strip |



Michael Wall from Tralee (and friends) with his record Sting Ray of 33.2 kg taken from the shore in Tralee Bay in May.

STING RAY

New Record, 33.2 kg; Specimen Weight, 30 lbs; 13.608 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 33.2 kg | Tralee Bay | 19th May | Michael Wall | Mackerel Strip |
| 31.36 kg | Tralee Bay | 17th May | Michael Wall | Mackerel Strip |
| 28.18 kg | Tralee Bay | 30th May | Michael Wall | Mackerel Strip |
| 59 0 | Rossbeigh | 14th August '98 | Tony Santry | Sandeel |
| 58 0 | Tralee Bay | 22nd September | Allen Griffin | Mackerel |
| 22.27 kg | Tralee Bay | 30th May | Noel Burke | Mackerel Strip |
| 35 0 | Tralee Bay | 25th July | Michael Counihan | Mackerel |
| 33 0 | Tralee Bay | 25th July | Richard Kelter | Mackerel Strip |

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record, 3 lbs. 1 oz; Specimen Weight, 1.75 lbs; 0.794 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2 7 | Belfast Lough | 2nd September | Michael Latham | Mackerel Fillet |
| 0.888 kg | Cork Harbour | 21st November | Dan Coughlan | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 14.5 | Moneypoint | 14th November | Jack Lacey | Crab/Herring |
| 1.8 | Moneypoint | 25th October | Finbarr Stewart (UK) | Mackerel |
| 1.8 | Moneypoint | 23rd August | Gareth Reed (NL) | Mackerel |
| 0.805 kg | Dunmore | 1st June | Peter McMahon | Crab |
| 1.75 | Moneypoint | 27th April | P. Verschoor (NL) | Mackerel |

TWAITE SHAD

New Record, 1.54 kg; Specimen Weight, 2.125 lbs.; 0.964 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.54 kg | River Barrow, St. Mullins | 7th May | Michael O'Leary | Tasmanian Devil |
| 3.22 | St. Mullins | 5th May | Nicholas Ward | Tasmanian Devil |
| 3.01 | St. Mullins | 5th May | Ian Mulligan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 3 0 | St. Mullins | 9th May | Ray Lennon | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.99 | St. Mullins | 2nd May | Liam Ryan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.69 | St. Mullins | 12th May | Paddy Keating | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.65 | St. Mullins | 5th May | Thomas McCabe | Spinner |
| 2 9 | St. Mullins | 12th May | Sean Byrne | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.54 | St. Mullins | 2nd May | Liam Ryan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 8 | St. Mullins | 8th May | Gerard Whelan | Tasmanian Devil |

TWAITE SHAD (Continued)

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2.5 | St. Mullins | 20th May | John Bermingham | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.5 | St. Mullins | 3rd May | Michael O'Leary | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.48 | St. Mullins | 11th May | Gordon Darker | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.47 | St. Mullins | 12th May | Paddy Keating | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.45 | St. Mullins | 7th May | Ray Bannerman | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.44 | St. Mullins | 8th May | Paddy Keating | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 7 St. Mullins | 7th May | Thomas P. Keogh | Jensen Pirk |
| 2 | 7 St. Mullins | 10th May | Brian Buckley | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.38 | St. Mullins | 12th May | John Mulligan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 6 St. Mullins | 8th May | Damian Wilson | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 6 St. Mullins | 15th May | Thomas Walsh | Lure |
| 2.32 | St. Mullins | 15th May | Noel O'Sullivan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 5 St. Mullins | 4th May | Christy Lane | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 4.5 St. Mullins | 9th May | Denis Butler | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.28 | St. Mullins | 6th May | Brian Buckley | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.25 | St. Mullins | 8th May | Ray Bannerman | Lure |
| 2 | 4 St. Mullins | 3rd May | Christy Lane | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.22 | St. Mullins | 12th May | Noel O'Sullivan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.22 | St. Mullins | 12th May | Noel O'Sullivan | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2.2 | St. Mullins | 11th May | John Bermingham | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 1st May | Pat Coakley | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 7th May | Frank Baxter | Jensen Tobis |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 13th May | P. J. Coleman | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 9th May | Ray Lennon | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 9th May | Denis Butler | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 16th May | Peter Bolger | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 3 St. Mullins | 4th May | Noel Lane | Tasmanian Devil |
| 2 | 2 St. Mullins | 7th May | Michael Nolan | Tasmanian Devil |

BLUE SHARK

Record, 206 lbs; Specimen Weight, 100 lbs; 45.359 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 54.4 kg | Kinsale | 6th July | Anders Ebreblad (SW) | Mackerel |

TOPE

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 41 0 | Tralee Bay | 22nd August | Liam Griffin | Mackerel Flapper |

TORSK

Record, 10 lbs 11 ozs; Specimen Weight, 6 lbs; 2.721 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 7 0.25 | Port na Blagh | 14th November | Pat Robinson | Mackerel Fillet |

BALLAN WRASSE

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

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 5.03 | Dingle Peninsula | 15th August | Bob Moss | Crab |
| 5 0 | Kilmore Quay | 24th September | John A.N. Hook (UK) | Hokkai Lures |
| 4 14 | Kinsale | 10th July | Pat Coakley | Crab |
| 4.77 | Kilmore Quay | 24th September | N.J. Barnett (UK) | Ragworm |

CUCKOO WRASSE

New Record, 2 lbs. 7 ozs; Specimen Weight, 1.25 lbs; 0.567 kg

| WEIGHT lbs. ozs. | PLACE | DATE | CAPTOR | METHOD |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 7 | Causeway Coast | 15th September '98 | Brian McLaughlin | Mackerel strip |
| 0.686 kg | Creevy, Donegal Bay | 3rd July | Cormac Burke | Crab |
| 1.43 | Belmullet | 29th August | Chris McEleavy | Mackerel |
| 0.66 kg | Arranmore Bay | 8th August | Master Ross Ward | Ragworm |
| 1 7.625 | Port na Blagh | 4th August | Aaron Sterling | Mackerel Strip |
| 1 5.5 | Caherciveen | 26th September | Gerald Evans | Shrimp |
| 0.584 kg | Killybegs | 31st July | John McGilloway | Mackerel Strip |
| 0.582 kg | Kinsale | 2nd September | Julian Smith | Mackerel baited Hokkai |

NEW RECORDS

Four new records were ratified in 1999:

A **ROACH/BREAM HYBRID** of 5 lbs 14.5ozs was taken by Daniel Smith, 11 Kilmashoge Grove, Greenpark, Walkinstown, Dublin in Lough Kinale on 13th June 1999.

A **STING RAY** of 33.2 kg was taken by Michael Wall, Derrymore West, Tralee, Co. Kerry in Tralee Bay on the 19th May 1999.

A **TWAITE SHAD** of 1.54 kg was taken by Michael O'Leary, 7 Bahana St., St. Mullins, Co. Carlow at St. Mullins on the River Barrow on the 7th May 1999.

A **CUCKOO WRASSE** of 2 lbs 7ozs was taken by Brian McLaughlin, 2 Straham View, Dervock, Co. Antrim on the Causeway Coast on the 15th September 1998.

TEN SPECIES AWARD

In 1976 the Committee decided to recognise the angling prowess of those anglers who have authenticated specimen claims for 10 different species of fish. No angler qualified in 1999.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1999 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Bill Collins, "The Gables", Ballycunningham, Donoughmore, Co. Cork.

Mattie Foley, 18 Upper Lotabeg Road, Mayfield, Cork.

Sidney Kennedy, 145 Connolly Road, Ballyphehane, Cork.

Niall O'Sullivan, Ardmore Cottage, Timoleague, Co. Cork.

Noel O'Sullivan, 44 Saint John's Park, Waterford City.

Dan Smith, 11 Kilmashogue Grove, Green Park, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

Dr. A.E.J. Went donated a special award for the best specimen taken by a juvenile angler (i.e. 13 years old or younger on 31st December 1999). The award goes to: Ross Ward, Burtonport, Co. Donegal, for a Cuckoo Wrasse of 0.66 kg caught in Arranmore Bay on 8th August 1999.

THE MINISTER'S AWARD

In 1993, the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources inaugurated this award for the best specimen fish of the year (other than a new record). The award is presented to the angler who catches a fish which represents the highest percentage of an existing record. This year's award goes to:

Nicholas Ward, 22 St. Conleth's Road, Greenhills Est., Dublin 12 for a Twaite Shad of 3.22 lbs. taken at St. Mullins on 5/5/1999.

REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHT/NEW CLASS

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

The specimen weight for Dace has been reduced from 1 lb to **400 g** and the specimen weight for Twaite Shad has been increased from 2 lbs 2 ozs to **1 kg (2.205 lbs)** from January 1st, 2000.

A small number of claims for roach/rudd hybrids was submitted for consideration in 1999. The Committee decided not to "set up" a new class for this hybrid but, in keeping with existing practise, the situation will be kept under review.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS

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

EXCLUSION FROM SPECIMEN STATUS

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

WEIGHING OF FISH

The Committee insists that all fish be weighed on scales which are verified for accuracy. Shop scales normally used in trade are checked regularly by the Department of Weights and Measures and are acceptable for weighing specimen and record fish. Some scales not normally certified by the Weights and Measures Authority for trade can be certified by them for accuracy. Such scales if certified in advance are acceptable to the Committee for weighing purposes and the certification will be valid for one year from the date of issue of the certificate of accuracy. Scales which are not certified at the time of weighing will not be accepted nor will retrospective certification.

METRIFICATION

As and from 1978, the schedule of specimen weights on the Specimen Fish Claims Forms has given the weight in lbs and ozs., and also in kilos and grammes. Claims will be accepted under either system until E.U. legislation dictates otherwise. As many weighing scales also weigh in decimal instead of lbs. and ozs., claims are also accepted in lbs. and decimal of lb.

COMMON SKATE

In 1976 the Committee, in the interest of conservation of the species, decided to remove the Common Skate (*Raja batis*) from the list of eligible fishes and not to consider any claims whatsoever, except for a possible new record (i.e., a fish weighing in excess of 221 lbs.) The Committee has been delighted with the response to its appeal. In most angling centres throughout the country, common skate are returned unharmed to the water. The situation came up for review at the Committee's final meeting for the year 1980 and it was decided to extend the ban until further notice. The Committee in the meantime will keep the situation under annual review and looks forward to the continued co-operation of anglers in this matter.

CAPTORS ADDRESSES

Because of difficulties in establishing eligibility for the Ten Specimen and Ten Species Awards, captors are advised to inform the Committee of any changes in their addresses.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMEN AWARDS

The number of specimen fish taken by visiting anglers in recent years may be of interest for comparative purposes. The 1999 total is 384, and the breakdown is:-

| Year | Ireland | Britain | Netherlands | Germany | Belgium | France | Other |
|------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| 1972 | 169 | 126 | 23 | 29 | 7 | 2 | - |
| 1973 | 235 | 91 | 40 | 23 | 9 | 5 | - |
| 1974 | 170 | 117 | 36 | 16 | 6 | 9 | - |
| 1975 | 204 | 132 | 27 | 46 | 3 | 6 | - |
| 1976 | 214 | 123 | 36 | 40 | 2 | 5 | - |
| 1977 | 272 | 135 | 47 | 35 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 1978 | 281 | 126 | 86 | 19 | 7 | 1 | - |
| 1979 | 235 | 126 | 52 | 18 | 6 | 5 | - |
| 1980 | 355 | 77 | 54 | 13 | 9 | 2 | - |
| 1981 | 390 | 111 | 31 | 19 | 6 | 2 | - |
| 1982 | 404 | 104 | 61 | 18 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 1983 | 532 | 116 | 31 | 15 | 2 | 4 | - |
| 1984 | 442 | 131 | 29 | 17 | 5 | 2 | - |
| 1985 | 443 | 90 | 25 | 15 | 3 | 2 | - |
| 1986 | 349 | 93 | 21 | 16 | 3 | 7 | - |
| 1987 | 300 | 59 | 36 | 8 | 1 | 4 | - |
| 1988 | 259 | 60 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 1989 | 261 | 48 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1990 | 286 | 45 | 21 | 23 | 4 | 1 | - |
| 1991 | 332 | 46 | 30 | 19 | 1 | 3 | - |
| 1992 | 336 | 56 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 3 | - |
| 1993 | 352 | 45 | 30 | 16 | 3 | 4 | - |
| 1994 | 282 | 39 | 33 | 13 | 1 | 2 | - |
| 1995 | 295 | 55 | 35 | 18 | 7 | 1 | - |
| 1996 | 307 | 69 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 2 | - |
| 1997 | 449 | 57 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 4 | - |
| 1998 | 344 | 53 | 46 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 1999 | 310 | 35 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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Two sections of the Department of Agriculture Northern Ireland (DANI) continue to provide an excellent service for anglers in Northern Ireland and the ISFC is indebted to staff in both.

Special thanks are due to the staff of the Legal Metrology Service, NSAI for certification of scales.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS 1998

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1998 was made at the Garda Club, Dublin on 27th February, 1999 by Dr. Michael Woods, TD, Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources.

At the VISMA exhibition in Rotterdam on 27th March 1999, Dutch anglers were presented with their awards by the ISFC in association with Bord Failte.



A happy group of Dutch anglers who were presented with their specimen awards by ISFC Secretary William Roche at a ceremony held at the VISMA Exhibition in Rotterdam in March.

FUND RAISING

The Committee are indebted to the generosity of the Central Fisheries Board and the Department of the Marine who contributed £2,000 and £1,500 respectively.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1998 is given in this Report. The 1999 accounts will be published in the Report for 2000.



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The ISFC is a voluntary body representative of all angling interests in Ireland. Financially it depends on donations and the Committee gratefully acknowledges all benefactors in 1999 as detailed below:

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| IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE | | | | |
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| Expenditure and Revenue Account – 1st January – 31st December, 1998 | | | | |
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Post | £173.00 | — | | |
| Printing | £3,681.40 | £3,354.03 | | |
| Medals | £890.00 | £135.00 | £2,000.00 | |
| Travel | £541.25 | £0.00 | £1,500.00 | |
| Late Dr. Went's Prize | £25.00 | £25.00 | — | |
| Miscellaneous | £200.00 | £795.00 | | |
| Equipment | — | £309.00 | | |
| Presentation Expenses | £100.00 | £100.00 | £1,859.38 | |
| Bank Charges | £22.91 | £16.95 | — | |
| TOTAL | | £4,734.98 | | |
| Balance c/d | | £3,744.15 | | |
| | | £8,479.13 | Balance b/d | |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Balance b/f | | | | £3,083.69 |
| Grants | | | | |
| Central Fisheries Board | | | | £2,000.00 |
| Marine Institute | | | | £1,500.00 |
| ESB | | | | £500.00 |
| Donations | | | | |
| Clubs, Feds. & Individuals | | | | £895.44 |
| Regional Fishery Boards | | | | £500.00 |
| | | | | £8,479.13 |
| | | | | £3,744.15 |

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

SIGNED:  
N. O'Farrell & P. Byrne (Auditors)

IRISH RECORD FISH LISTING

FRESHWATER SPECIES

| Species | Weight lbs. ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture | Captor |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Salmon | 57 0 | 1874 | River Suir | M. Maher |
| Sea Trout | 16 6 | 29.10.1983 | Shimna River, Co. Down | Thomas McManus |
| Brown Trout (River) | 20 0 | 22.2.1957 | River Shannon, Corbally | Major Hugh Place |
| Brown Trout (Lake) | 26 2 | 15.7.1894 | Lough Ennell | Wm. Mears |
| Bream | 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 |
| Perch | 5 8 | 1946 | Lough Erne | S. Drum |
| Pike (River) | 42 0 | 22.3.1964 | River Barrow | M. Watkins |
| Pike (Lake) | 39 3 | 11.4.1993 | Lough Key | Michael Egan |
| Roach | 2 13.5 | 11.8.1970 | River Blackwater, Cappoquin | Lawrie Robinson |
| Rudd | 4 8 | 5.9.1996 | Coney Lake | Hugh Gough |
| Rudd/Bream Hybrid | 7 10 | 19.10.1996 | Monalty Lake | Brendan Doran |
| Roach/Bream Hybrid | 5 14.5 | 13.6.1999 | Lough Kinale | Daniel Smith |
| Tench | 8.15 | 20.6.1995 | Ballyeighter Lake | Nick Parry |
| River Eel | 6 15 | 12.6.1979 | L. Droumenisa, Bantry | J. Murnane |

MARINE SPECIES

| Species | Weight lbs. ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture | Captor |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Angler Fish | 42.985 Kg. | 3.11.1985 | Belfast Lough | Sean Neill |
| Bass | 17 1.25 | 27.4.1977 | Whiting Bay, Ardmore | Malcolm Tucker |
| Black Sole | 6.32 lbs | 28.12.1986 | Ballycotton | Eddie Cull |
| Brill | 9 8 | 8.9.1984 | Causeway Coast | Deborah Gregg |
| Coalfish | 12.5 Kg. | 21.9.1983 | Kinsale | E. Masheijer |
| Cod | 42 0 | 1921 | Ballycotton | I.L. Stewart |
| Conger | 72 0 | June, 1914 | Valentia | J. Green |
| Dab | 2.02 | 28. 1.1989 | Dunmore East | Paul Beglin |
| Spur Dogfish | 21 | 14.3.1998 | Kenmare Bay | John Augusta |
| Greater Spotted Dogfish | 23 12 | 29.5.1983 | Valentia | Tony Outmayjer |
| Lesser Spotted Dogfish | 4 4 | 26.7.1982 | Valentia | Cor Heinis |
| Flounder | 4.91 | 2.10.1993 | Ballyteigue Co. Wexford | Brian Russell |

MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

| Species | Weight lbs. ozs. | Date of Capture | Place of Capture | Captor |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Garfish (<i>B. bellone</i>) | 3 10.25 | 16.9.1967 | Kinsale | Evan Bazzard |
| Garfish (<i>B. svetovidovi</i>) | 1.11 | 5.8.1994 | Courtmacsherry | Eric Leijten |
| Tub Gurnard | 12 3.5 | 8.8.1973 | Bullsmouth, Achill | Robert Seaman |
| Grey Gurnard | 3 1 | 21.9.1967 | Rosslare Bay | Brendan Walsh |
| Red Gurnard | 3 9.5 | 17.7.1968 | Belmullet | James Prescott |
| Haddock | 10 13.5 | 15.7.1964 | Kinsale | F.A.E. Bull |
| Hake | 25 5.5 | 28.4.1962 | Belfast Lough | H. W. Steele |
| Halibut | 156 | 23.7.1972 | Belmullet | Frank Brogan |
| Herring | 0.425 kg | 11.7.1986 | Rathlin Island | Wm. McMath |
| John Dory | 7 8 | 12.8.1984 | Killala Bay | Cleona Walkin |
| Ling | 46 8 | 26.7.1965 | Kinsale | A. J. C. Bull |
| Mackerel | 4 2 | 18.9.1979 | Ballycotton | Ulrich Plassmann |
| Megrim | 1.85 kg | 26.7.1987 | Killala | Paul Hennigan |
| Monkfish | 73 0 | 1.6.1980 | Fenit, Co. Kerry | James Boyd |
| Grey Mullet | 9.10 | 26.9.1993 | Cork Harbour | Cay Heerwagen |
| Plaice | 8.23 | 23.1.1982 | Ballycotton Pier | Edmund Cull |
| Pollack | 19 3 | 1904 | Ballycotton | J.N. Hearne |
| Pouting | 4 13.5 | 2.4.1983 | Kilmore Quay | John Devereaux |
| Thornback Ray | 37 0 | 28.5.1961 | Ling Rocks, Kinsale | M. J. Fitzgerald |
| Blonde Ray | 36 8 | 9. 9.1964 | Cork Harbour | D. Minchin |
| Sting Ray | 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, Co. Cork | Edmund Cull |
| Electric Ray | 72.5 | 19.8.1933 | Crosshaven | D. A. Lefranc |
| Ray's Bream | 6 4.25 | 26.8.1979 | Valentia | Martin Sarney |
| Red Sea Bream | 9 6 | 24.8.1963 | Valentia | P. Maguire |
| Twaite Shad | 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 | 7.10.1959 | Achill Head | J. McMonagle |
| Six Gilled Shark | 154 | 28.8.1968 | Kinsale | Andrew Bull |
| Common Skate | 221 | 1913 | Ballycotton | T. Tucker |
| White Skate | 165 | 7.8.1966 | Clew Bay | Jack Stack |
| Scad | 1.97 | 6.9.1986 | Clonakilty | Master R. McCarthy |
| Smooth Hound | 13.75 | 27.6.1991 | Five Mile Point | Peter Mooney |
| Stone Basse | 10 13 | 2.8.1989 | Kinsale | Stefano D'Amico |
| Three Bearded Rockling | 3 1 | 11.5.1990 | Arklow | Maurice Laurent |
| Tope | 66 8 | 15.7.1979 | Carlingford Lough | Cyril Young |
| Torsk | 10 11 | 17.9.1995 | Port-na-Blagh | Liam Brennan |
| Trigger Fish | 4.83 | 30.9.1995 | Ballydavid | Nicholas Ward |
| Turbot | 34 | 9.6.1982 | Cork Harbour | Frank Fleming |
| Whiting | 4 14.5 | 19.3.1981 | Kenmare Bay | Comdt. M.J. O'Connor |
| Ballan Wrasse | 4.3 kg | 20.8.1983 | Clogher Head | Bertrand Kron |
| Cuckoo Wrasse | 2 7 | 15.9.1998 | Causeway Coast | Brian McLoughlin |

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED) (2000 revision in bold type)

| FRESHWATER FISH | IRISH RECORD | | SPECIMEN lbs. | WEIGHT | |
|---|--------------|------|------------------|--------|------------|
| | lbs. | ozs. | | kg | |
| Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) | 57 | 0 | 20 | | 9.072 |
| Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) | 16 | 6 | 6 | | 2.721 |
| Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (River) | 20 | 0 | 5 | | 2.268 |
| Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) (Lake) | 26 | 2 | 10 | | 4.536 |
| Slob Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) | – | – | 10 | | 4.536 |
| Bream (<i>Abramis brama</i>) | 12 | 3 | 7.5 | | 3.402 |
| Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>) | 29 | 13 | 12 | | 5.443 |
| Dace (<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>) | 1 | 2 | 14.08 ozs | | 0.4 |
| Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>) | 6 | 15 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Perch (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>) | 5 | 8 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (Lake) | 39 | 3 | 30 | | 13.608 |
| Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (River) | 42 | 0 | 20 | | 9.072 |
| Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>) | 2 | 13.5 | 2 | | 0.907 |
| Rudd (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>) | 4 | 8 | 2.25 | | 1.021 |
| Rudd/Bream Hybrid | 7 | 10 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Roach/Bream Hybrid | 5 | 14.5 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>) | 8.15 | | 6 | | 2.721 |
| SEA FISH | | | | | |
| Angler Fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>) | 42.985 | kg | 40 | | 18.144 |
| Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>) | 17 | 1.25 | 10 | | 4.536 |
| Black Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>) | 6.32 | | 2 | | 0.907 |
| Brill (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>) | 9 | 8 | 5 | | 2.268 |
| Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>) | 12.5 | kg | 15 | | 6.804 |
| Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) | 42 | 0 | 20 | | 9.072 |
| Conger (<i>Conger conger</i>) | 72 | 0 | 40 | | 18.144 |
| Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>) | 2.02 | | 1.5 | | 0.680 |
| Dogfish - Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>) | 21 | | 12 | | 5.443 |
| – Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>) | 4 | 4 | 3.25 | | 1.474 |
| – Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>) | 23 | 12 | 16 | | 7.257 |
| Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>) | 4.91 | | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Garfish (<i>Belone bellone</i>) | 3 | 10.5 | 2.25 | | 1.021 |
| (<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>) | 1.11 | | 14 ozs | | 0.355 |
| Gurnard – Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>) | 12 | 3.5 | 5 | | 2.268 |
| – Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>) | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | | 0.680 |
| – Red (<i>Aspitigla cuculus</i>) | 3 | 9.5 | 2 | | 0.907 |
| Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>) | 10 | 13.5 | 7 | | 3.175 |
| Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>) | 25 | 5.5 | 10 | | 4.536 |
| Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>) | 156 | 0 | 50 | | 22.680 |
| Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) | 0.425 | kg | 0.75 | | 0.340 |
| John Dory (<i>Zeus faber</i>) | 7 | 8 | 4 | | 1.814 |
| Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>) | 46 | 8 | 25 | | 11.340 |
| Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>) | 4 | 2 | 2.5 | | 1.134 |

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED) (Continued)

| SEA FISH | IRISH RECORD | | SPECIMEN lbs. | WEIGHT | |
|--|--------------|------|------------------|--------|------------|
| | lbs. | ozs. | | kg | |
| Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>) | 1.85 | kg | 1.75 | | 0.794 |
| Monkfish (<i>Squatina squatina</i>) | 73 | 0 | 50 | | 22.680 |
| Mullet - Grey, thick lipped (<i>Crenimugil labrosus</i>) | 9.10 | | 5 | | 2.268 |
| Mullet – Red (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>) | – | – | 1 | | 0.454 |
| Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>) | 8.23 | | 4 | | 1.814 |
| Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>) | 19 | 3 | 12 | | 5.443 |
| Pouting (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>) | 4 | 13.5 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Ray – Thornback (<i>Raja clavata</i>) | 37 | 0 | 20 | | 9.072 |
| – Blonde (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) | 36 | 8 | 25 | | 11.340 |
| – Cuckoo (<i>Raja naevus</i>) | 5 | 11 | 4.5 | | 2.041 |
| – Electric (<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>) | 72.5 | | 20 | | 9.072 |
| – Homelyn (<i>Raja montagui</i>) | 8.28 | | 5 | | 2.268 |
| – Undulate (<i>Raja undulata</i>) | 18 | | 14 | | 6.350 |
| – Painted (<i>Raja microcellata</i>) | 17.21 | | 10 | | 4.536 |
| – Sting (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>) | 33.2 | kg | 30 | | 13.608 |
| Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>) | 6 | 4.25 | 5 | | 2.268 |
| Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>) | 9 | 6 | 4.5 | | 2.041 |
| Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsarus vulgaris</i>) | 3 | 1 | 1.75 | | 0.794 |
| Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>) | 1.97 | | 1.5 | | 0.680 |
| Shad – Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>) | – | | 4 | | 1.814 |
| – Twaite (<i>Alosa fallax</i>) | 1.54 | kg | 2.205 | | 1.0 |
| Shark – Porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>) | 365 | 0 | 150 | | 68.038 |
| – Blue (<i>Prionace glauca</i>) | 206 | 0 | 100 | | 45.359 |
| – Thresher (<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>) | – | – | 120 | | 54.431 |
| – Mako (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>) | – | – | 200 | | 90.718 |
| – Six-Gilled (<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>) | 154 | | 100 | | 45.359 |
| Skate – Common (<i>Raja batis</i>) | 221 | 0 | | | Suspended |
| – White (<i>Raja alba</i>) | 165 | 0 | 120 | | 54.431 |
| – Long Nose (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>) | – | – | 80 | | 36.287 |
| Smooth Hound (<i>Mustelus asterias</i>) | 13.75 | | 7 | | 3.175 |
| Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>) | 10 | 13 | 8 | | 3.628 |
| Tope (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>) | 66 | 8 | 40 | | 18.144 |
| Torsk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>) | 10 | 11 | 6 | | 2.721 |
| Trigger Fish (<i>Balistes carolinensis</i>) | 4.83 | | 3.25 | | 1.474 |
| Tunny (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>) | – | – | 100 | | 45.359 |
| Turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>) | 34 | 0 | 18 | | 8.165 |
| Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>) | 4 | 14.5 | 3 | | 1.361 |
| Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>) | 4.3 | kg | 4.75 | | 2.154 |
| Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>) | 2 | 7 | 1.25 | | 0.567 |

Scientific names in accordance with the "List of Irish Fishes" (Third edition, 1976) by A.E.J. Went, D.Sc., M.R.I.A., and M. Kennedy, Ph.D., Published by the Stationery Office for the National Museum.

R U L E S

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- (1) **IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE:** This Committee consists of representatives of the Irish Angling Federations and the Government Departments and official organisations interested in angling. Its objective is to verify, record and publicise the capture of large fish on rod and line in Irish waters. A list of Specimen Fish is published annually by the Committee. Only fish which can be fully vouched for as to weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee.
- (2) **FAIR ANGLING:** "Fair Angling" means any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method. A fish must be hooked in or in the immediate vicinity of the mouth when it has taken the bait or lure; fish which have been foul-hooked, even accidentally, are not eligible. A fish in respect of which a claim is made must be hooked, played and brought to gaff or net by the angler **UNAIDED**, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- (3) **WEIGHING:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the Weights and Measures Officer (see List of Weighing Scales Certification Centres on Page 40. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., fish in the 2 to 5 lb range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lbs or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which have been weighed on board a boat.

Please note: Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e. after the fish has been weighed.

- (4) **IDENTIFICATION:** The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason, the Committee, in respect of some species, insists 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. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim.

The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi Boreen, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, in the case of fish taken in the Republic of Ireland. In the case of marine fish taken in Northern Ireland, send to Dr. R. Briggs, Aquatic Systems Group, AESD, Department of Agriculture, Newforge Lane, Belfast, BT9 5PX. Tel: 0801-232-255503; Fax: 0801-232-382244. In the case of freshwater species send to Dr. Walter Crozier, D.A.N.I., River Bush Salmon Station, 21 Church Street, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, BT57 8QJ. Tel: 0801-2657-31435; Fax: 0801-2657-32130.

The actual body must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species:- DACE, RUDD, RUDD/BREAM HYBRID, ROACH, ROACH/BREAM HYBRID, MACKEREL, SCAD, HERRING, SHAD, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, SMOOTH HOUND, RAYS BREAM, CUCKOO WRASSE, TORSK, "RIVER" EELS taken in tidal waters and GARFISH (head and gills only).

CLEAR, SHARP, CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHS, showing the entire fish with its fins and other features easily seen, and not fore-shortened or obscured by shadows or bystanders must be provided in the case of TOPE, SHARKS, SKATE, RAYS, MONKFISH, POLLACK, COALFISH, BALLAN WRASSE, TRIGGER FISH.

If necessary, the fish should be hung up. In the case of skates and rays, photographs of both back and belly surfaces should be provided and particulars of the coloration given (with particular reference to the presence of dark or grey spots, or streaks or patches on the belly side). Samples of the teeth should be furnished in the case of Porbeagle and Mako Sharks. In addition, there should be a clear close-up photograph showing the jaws and teeth exposed.

- (5) **LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS:** A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, provision will be made that when an angler achieves this target and subsequently captures larger fish, these will be taken into account but the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three awards. By including this latter provision, it

will ensure that the anglers competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.

(6) SENDING FISH TO THE COMMITTEE:

Please

- (1) Notify the Committee when a fish is being sent in for identification (Telephone 01 – 8379206; Fax: 01-8360060).
E.Mail: isfc@cfb.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 (except small examples which have been previously soaked in formalin for at least 12 hours) should not be sent in polythene bags or wrapped in aluminium foil as this causes very rapid decomposition. They should be wrapped in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper.
- (7) **AWARDS:** Anglers whose claims have been accepted by the Committee will be awarded special "Merit Badges" in the case of Specimen Fish and Silver Medals in the case of Record Fish. Specimen Fish Certificates will also be issued in respect of all ratified specimen fish, special medals to anglers who have captured ten or more species and special badges are issued each year for fish of exceptional merit though not of record size.

IMPORTANT – Correspondence to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (Tel: 01-8379206). Fish should be sent to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

In the case of marine fish taken in Northern Ireland send to Dr. R. Briggs, Aquatic Systems Group, AESD, Department of Agriculture, Newforge Lane, Belfast, BT9 5PX (Tel: 0801-232-255503; Fax: 0801-232-382244). In the case of freshwater species send to Dr. Walter Crozier, D.A.N.I., River Bush Salmon Station, 21 Church Street, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, BT57 8QJ. (Tel: 0801-2657-31435; Fax: 0801-2657-32130).

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Sean Cloghessy caught this 2.08 kg Plaice on 30th September last.

“Read it Carefully”

By Des Brennan

This piece appeared in last year's report. The Committee makes no apology for publishing it again, particularly as the number of rejected claims was very low in 1999. It is reasonable to suggest that Des Brennan got his message across extremely effectively in 1998. Help us to help you and “READ IT CAREFULLY”.

Over its lifetime, the Committee has had its share of problems and indeed controversy in respect of its rules and regulations. Anglers, on occasion, have been critical of some of its procedures and have campaigned to have some aspects altered and some others set aside. If the Committee is to have any authenticity, then only fish which can be fully vouched for as to means of capture and weight and species can be accepted and listed by the Committee. The main requirements for accepting Record and Specimen Fish is that they should be caught by "Fair Angling", that they should be properly identified and weighed on a certified scales.

Any legitimate method of angling with rod and reel which is recognised as a fair and sporting method is generally well understood by anglers. The fish must be hooked and played by the angler unaided before being brought to the gaff or net. Assistance may be given by another person in gaffing or netting the fish which incidentally must be fair hooked in the mouth. Foul hooked fish are not eligible for listing and breakage of rod or reel and substitution of tackle while the fish is being played will also disqualify for claim or record purposes. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Fish must be weighed on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales used in trade or an official Club scales which is covered by a certificate from the Weights & Measures Officer. It must be weighed in the presence of reliable witnesses. Claims for fish weighed on uncertified scales, e.g., anglers spring balances or for fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g., small fish in the 2 lbs to 5 lbs range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 lbs and over and graduated in large divisions cannot be accepted. It must be noted that the scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing and that certification cannot be accepted in retrospect, i.e., after the fish has been weighed. Weighing a fish on board a boat is not acceptable.

When a certified weighing scales is not available at the waterside, then the fish must be brought to where there is one. This usually necessitates killing the fish and today many anglers, particularly coarse fishermen will not or do not want to kill their fish. This is well understood and appreciated by the Committee and the decision whether to claim or not rests with the angler. The Committee cannot relax its rules on weighing and retain credibility.

The question of identification is another one which creates problems. Many anglers feel they are fully capable of identifying species which may create problems for biologists and indeed some anglers. However, if we accept one angler's identification, then we must accept others as well. I remember well one angler who sent in a claim for a Record Lesser Spotted Dogfish which was rejected because on examination, it proved to be a Greater Spotted Dogfish, which grows to a much larger size. He could not be convinced that he was wrong and actually called to see me and demand that we accept his identification. His parting shot was that he knew that he was right as he had counted all the spots on the fish.

It is only in the case of species which may be confused with other (and often larger) species that full documentation as to identify as required. Scales from the body of the fish must be submitted in the case of three species and the actual body must be sent for identification in no less than 24 species. Clear, sharp, close-up photographs showing the entire fish with its fins, lateral line and other features easily seen are required in the case of 8 species. You would be surprised at the number of excellent photographs we receive showing the proud captor but so little of the actual fish as to be useless for identification purposes.

All the necessary information to enable the angler to submit a successful claim is given on the Claim form. Please **Read It Carefully** and avoid the disappointment of having your claim rejected.



Twenty-one anglers from the Howth Sea Angling Club in Dublin, including Derek Evans, the *Irish Times* angling correspondent, recently travelled to the Canary Islands for a one week angling expedition in search of tuna. Tuna fishing has a special attraction and even though anglers in other boats landed tuna up to 127 kg in weight, the Howth contingent was unsuccessful and had to be content with exotic species such as red snapper, puffer and bonito in addition to less exotic species including scad, spurdog, sting ray and eels. Despite the absence of tuna from their catches the party was well pleased with the "craic" in the Canaries! But why travel to foreign destinations when all the while tuna are virtually on our own doorstep?

Recently, Derek Noble proved the sceptics wrong. Setting out in a south-westerly direction off the Skelligs aboard his vessel *Nicolisa* out from Caherciveen, Co. Kerry he journeyed out about 60 miles and achieved a truly remarkable

feat.

Tackle comprised five rods, two attached to outriggers and three on the stern, each trailing American tango-type lures rigged in a "daisy chain" pattern. Rods were Penn 20-45 lb medium tuna class and Penn



Derek Noble stuck in a big one!

GLS 45 reels loaded with Dynon 3000 braid.

The first strike came at 11.20 am resulting in a fine 12-lb albacore tuna. Twenty minutes later another strike, this time a fish of 18 lb. The next strike came at 12.30 p.m. but was unfortunately lost. By 4.30 p.m. five tuna had been boated and before heading for home another fish hit one of the stern rods and 20 minutes later, a tuna of 25-lb was on board.

Derek is convinced the area holds sailfish and swordfish and has plans for more outings in 2000. Indeed a recent report prepared by

the Institute of Technology, Tralee for Central Fisheries Board and Bord Iascaigh Mhara recommends that big game fishing for tuna (albacore and possibly blue fin) and swordfish should be researched with a view to further enhancing this market.

Derek has shown that it can be done. The major challenge is the distances involved but recent developments point to exciting possibilities. Sightings of blue fin tuna, including "boiling water," in Donegal Bay in September 1999 were reported by several charter boat skippers. One even tried

trolling but with no success. In the same month up to twenty blue fin weighing up to 700 lbs. each were taken by commercial boats fishing for scad at night some eight miles north of Downings.

Although blue fin are listed on the Irish Specimen Fish Committee's marine list, the other species like tuna, sailfish and swordfish are not. Who will be the first angler to set up a new class?



The journey home with six tuna ranging from 12 to 25 lbs in weight

