



REPORT FOR

YEAR

1983

**REPORT
OF
IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 1983**

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During the year the Committee received 735 claims and ratified 703.

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SALMON

Record: 57 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.339 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30	River Suir, Carrick-on-Suir.	16th March	Patrick Madigan	Minnow

SEA TROUT

Record: 16 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 6	Shimna River, Co. Down	29th October	Thomas McManus	Worms
11 1	Lough Currane, Waterville	7th June	Vincent Sullivan	Wetfly
11	River Dodder	20th September	Norman Greene	Worm
10.49	Bell Harbour Co. Clare	1st August	Gus Murphy	German Sprat
9.23	Lough Currane	2nd October '82	Joseph Lane	Wetfly
8.94	Bell Harbour	31st July	Gus Murphy	German Sprat
8 2½	Lough Inagh, Connemara	1st October	Michael J. O'Sullivan	Wetfly

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record: 20 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 8	River Cong	3th March	Michael Ryan	Mepps No. 1
12.54	River Cong	13th March	Michael Ryan	Mepps No. 0
11 8	River Cong	3th March	Michael Ryan	Mepps No. 1
11	River Shannon, Ballintra	22nd May	Oliver Lee	Copper Toby
9.23	River Blackwater, Fermoy	15th February	Anthony Spillane	Gold Devon
8 4	River Cong	3th March	Michael Ryan	Mepps No. 0
7 4	River Dodder	20th March	Mark Tobin	Spinner
7 2	River Cong	11th March	Michael Ryan	Mepps No. 0
5 14	River Suck	24th April	Josephine Mannion	Worms
5 9	River Corrib	29th May	John McDonnell	Minnow
5 3½	River Shannon, Athlone	26th June	William Smith (GB)	Sweetcorn
5 3	River Dodder	18th March	David Tilly	Mepps No. 2

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record: 26 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 11 7/8	Lough Mask	25th September	Desmond Elliott	Silver Spoon
16 1	Ardcooney, Killaloe	23rd July	Master D. Mollaghan	Worm
13 10	Lough Mask	22nd September	Eamon Sheridan	Toby
12.25	Lough Mask	5th June	Dermot Solan	Rapala
11 9	Lough Mask	26th May	Al Oberman (USA)	Black Fury No. 3
11 9	Lough Corrib	29th May	Mrs. Ann Smith	ABU Copper and Silver
11 6	Lower Lough Erne	11th May	Maurice Fallis	Spoon
11 4	Lough Corrib	5th June	Frankie Costello	Toby
11	Lough Corrib	17th July	Walter Langenberger (D)	Perch
10 8 3/4	Lough Mask	14th May	P. W. Higgins	Toby
10 8 1/2	River Annalee	23rd April	Martin Bravender	Baited spoon
10 7 1/2	Lough Corrib	25th April	Ernie Lydon	Toby
10 2 1/2	Lough Corrib	11th July	Walter Langenberger (D)	Perch

BREAM

Record: 11 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 8 lbs.; 3.629 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 15	Lough Na Glack	27th May	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggot and Caster
9 14	Lough Na Glack	18th May	Norman Haworth	Maggots
9 13 1/2	Lough Na Glack	28th April	David Shorthouse	Bread
9 11 5 dr	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Jason Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
9 11	Lough Na Glack	10th April	Norman Haworth	Bread Flake
9 11	Monalty Lake	23rd April	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 8	Lough Na Glack	20th May	Nigel Williams (GB)	Bread Flake
9 8	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Barry Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot
9 8	Lough Na Glack	26th May	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggot and Caster
9 8	Lough Na Glack	16th October	Norman Haworth	Maggots
9 7 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th April	Norman Haworth	Worm
9 6	Lough Na Glack	3rd June	James McMahon	Maggots
9 5	Lough Na Glack	22nd June	James McMahon	Maggots
9 5	Monalty Lake	15th May	Mick Butler (GB)	Maggots
9 4	Lough Na Glack	8th August	Colm Crean	Bread
9 4	Lough Na Glack	17th September	Alan Ross	Maggots
9 3	Lough Na Glack	21st April	David Shorthouse	Caster
9 3	Lough Na Glack	31st August	James McMahon	Maggots
9 3	Lough Na Glack	6th May	Stephen Quinn (GB)	Maggots
9 2 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th September	Colm Crean	Worm/Maggot Caster
9 2 1/2	Lough Na Glack	29th July	James McMahon	Maggots
9 1 3/4	Lough Na Glack	30th July	Norman Haworth	Maggots
9	Lough Na Glack	25th August	Colm Crean	Bread
9	Ballinafid Lake	8th June	John Foy (GB)	Scented Corn
8 15 1/2	Lough Na Glack	23rd May	Don Wheeler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8 15	Lough Na Glack	29th July	Colm Crean	Maggots and Sweetcorn
8 14 3/4	Lough Na Glack	28th September	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn
8 14 1/2	Lough Na Glack	6th May	Stephen Quinn (GB)	Maggots
8 14	Lough Na Glack	9th October	Michael Connell	Maggots
8 14	Monalty Lake	3rd July	Michael Connell	Maggots
8 13	Monalty Lake	24th July	Ian Short (GB)	Maggots
8 13	Lough Na Glack	10th April	Norman Haworth	Worm and Maggot
8 13	Monalty Lake	10th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 13	Ballinafid	18th June	Oliver Purcell	Worm
8.72	Lanesboro	5th May	Anthony Donegan (GB)	Maggot
8 12	Lough Na Glack	14th April	David Shorthouse	Maggot and Worm
8 12	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Roland Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8 12	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Barry Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 12	Monalty Lake	9th September	Mark McCleery	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	24th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 12	Lough Na Glack	3rd August	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn and Maggots
8 11 3/4	Lough Na Glack	27th May	Edmund O'Connor (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8 10	Lough Na Glack	6th September	Michael Twigg (GB)	Worm and Caster
8 10	Lough Na Glack	28th June	Roy Wheeler (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8 10	Lanesboro	21st May	Brendan Doran	Bread and Maggot
8 10	Lough Na Glack	16th October	Michael Connell	Maggots
8 8 3/4	Ballinafid	18th June	Oliver Purcell	Worm
8 9 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th September	Colm Crean	Worm and Caster
8 9 1/2	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Roland Hill (GB)	Worm and Caster
8 9	Lough Na Glack	28th July	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8 9	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Roland Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8 9	Lough Na Glack	27th September	Colm Crean	Worm and Caster
8 9	Lough Na Glack	7th April	David Shorthouse	Worm and Maggot
8 9	Lough Na Glack	29th July	James McMahon	Maggots
8 8 1/2	Monalty Lake	24th July	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8 8	Monalty Lake	9th September	Mark McCleery	Maggots
8 8	Lough Na Glack	30th June	Roy Wheeler (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8 8	Lough Na Glack	28th July	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8 8	Monalty Lake	18th September	Stuart Johnstone (GB)	Red Maggot
8 8	River Barrow	12th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Lobworm
8 8	Clashacanny, River Barrow	19th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Cheese Paste
8 8	Lanesboro	7th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
8 7 1/2	Lough Na Glack	28th September	Colm Crean	Worm and Maggot
8 7	Monalty Lake	28th August	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 7	Lough Na Glack	9th April	Norman Haworth	Bread Flake
8 7	Monalty Lake	9th September	Mark McCleery	Maggots
8 7	Monalty Lake	23rd August	Colm Crean	Bread
8 7	Lough Na Glack	14th April	David Shorthouse	Maggot and Worm
8 7	Monalty Lake	10th April	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 7	Lough Na Glack	6th August	Richard Baker (GB)	Maggots
8 6 1/2	Lough Na Glack	10th April	Norman Haworth	Worm and Caster
8 6 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 6	Lough Na Glack	16th October	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8 6	Lough Na Glack	27th June	Roy Wheller (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 6	Lough Na Glack	27th May	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8 6	Monalty Lake	17th September	Mick West (GB)	Red Maggot
8 6	Clashacanny	17th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Lobworm
8 6	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Alan Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8 6	Lanesboro	9th May	Gabriel O'Mara	Bread Flake
8.35	River Shannon	23rd May	Michael Roche	Bread Flake
8 5 3/4	Ballinafid	10th June	Fred Foster	Bread
8 5 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 5 1/2	Monalty Lake	24th April	Phil Mussen	Bread
8 5 1/4	Monalty Lake	7th October	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 5 1/4	Monalty Lake	7th October	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 5	Lough Na Glack	14th May	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8 5	Mentrim Lake	21st September	Christopher Adelizzi (GB)	Maggots
8 5	Lough Na Glack	30th May	Martin Yorkshire (GB)	Bread Flake
8 5	Monalty Lake	9th September	Mark McCleery	Maggots
8 5	River Barrow	12th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Cheese Paste
8 5	River Barrow	18th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Two Lobworms
8 4 3/4	Lough Na Glack	23rd October	Colm Crean	Maggots
8 4 1/2	River Barrow - Borris	26th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Lobworm
8 4	Lough Na Glack	6th August	Richard Baker (GB)	Maggots
8 4	Lough Na Glack	25th August	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
8	4	Lough Na Glack	5th April	David Shorthouse	Bread
8	4	Lough Na Glack	10th April	Norman Haworth	Worm and Caster
8	4	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Roland Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8	4	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Roland Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggots
8	4	River-Barrow	30th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Worms
8	4	Lough Na Glack	11th August	Jason Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	4	Ballinafid Lake	8th June	John Foy (GB)	Scented Corn
8	4	River Barrow	26th May	A. J. Lasenby (GB)	Lobworm
8	4	River Barrow	30th May	John Lasenby (GB)	Lobworm
8	3 3/4	Lough Na Glack	30th May	Mark Holding (GB)	Bread
8	3 1/2	Lough Na Glack	11th August	Alan Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	3 1/2	Monalty Lake	6th April	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	3	Lough Na Glack	19th May	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8	3	Monalty Lake	6th April	Michael Connell	Maggots
8	3	Lough Na Glack	11th August	Alan Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	3	Lanesboro	21st May	Brendan Doran	Bread and Maggots
8	3	Monalty Lake	9th September	Graeme Boyd	Maggots
8	3	Lough Na Glack	11th August	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	3	Monalty Lake	9th April	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	3	Lough Ree	30th June	Eric Rogers (GB)	Maggots
8	3	River Shannon,	24th April	Richard Baker (GB)	Bread Flake
8	2 1/2	Monalty Lake	6th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	28th August	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8	2	Monalty Lake	11th September	Graeme Boyd	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Barry Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8	2	Lough Na Glack	30th July	Seamus Martin	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	28th July	Ian Short (GB)	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Alan Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	2	Lough Na Glack	7th April	Norman Haworth	Worm and Caster
8	2	Lanesboro	21st May	Brendan Doran	Bread and Maggot
8	2	Lough Na Glack	4th August	James McMahan	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	28th July	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	2	Lough Na Glack	3rd August	Colm Crean	Maggots and Sweetcorn
8	1 3/4	Ballyquirke Lakes	1st April	David A. Spokes	Maggots
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	30th July	Seamus Martin	Maggots
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	23rd May	Don Wheller (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	27th May	Edmund O'Connor (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	1 1/2	Monalty Lake	24th July	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	29th July	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Jason Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	1 1/2	Lough Na Glack	9th August	Jason Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8	1 1/4	Lough Na Glack	30th July	Seamus Martin	Maggots
8	1	Monalty Lake	17th September	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	1	Lough Na Glack	29th July	Colm Crean	Maggots and Sweetcorn
8	1	Monalty Lake	24th July	Norman Haworth	Maggots
8	1	Lough Na Glack	12th April	Barry Hill (GB)	Worm and Maggots
8	1	River Shannon	21st May	Brendan Doran	Bread and Maggots
8	1	Monalty Lake	10th April	Colm Crean	Maggots
8	1	Lough Na Glack	23rd October	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn
8	1/2	Ballinafid Lake	28th May	John Foy (GB)	Scented Corn
8	1/4	Monalty Lake	7th October	Colm Crean	Maggots
8		Lough Na Glack	27th August	Patrick Doyle	Maggots and Caster Cocktail
8		Lough Na Glack	28th July	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots
8		Lough Na Glack	11th August	Jason Sadler (GB)	Maggot and Caster
8		Lough Na Glack	27th June	Roy Wheeler (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8		Monalty Lake	9th September	Mark McCleery	Maggots

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
8		Lough Na Glack	13th May	Steven Horsley (GB)	Worm and Maggot
8		Lough Na Glack	3rd June	James McMahan	Maggots
7	13	Monalty Lake	14th Sept. '82	Mark McCleery	Bread
7	11	Monalty Lake	14th Sept. '82	Mark McCleery	Sweetcorn
7	9	Monalty Lake	17th Sept. '82	Mark McCleery	Bread

CARP

Record: 22 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
22		The Lough, Cork	28th January	David Mears	Sweetcorn
21		The Lough	23rd August	Tim O'Connor	Sweetcorn
18	1	The Lough	30th Dec. '82	David Mears	Sweetcorn
14	4	The Lough	26th Dec. '82	David Mears	Sweetcorn
14	4	The Lough	27th Dec. '82	Eddie Broughal	Sweetcorn
13	8	The Lough	27th Dec. '82	David Mears	Sweetcorn
12	2	The Lough	29th Dec. '82	David Mears	Sweetcorn

EEL

Record: 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
3	5	River Barrow	12th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Worms

PERCH

Record: 5 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
3	8	Skrean Pond, Co. Wexford	25th May	Tom Coster (GB)	Sweetcorn
3.4		R. Boyne, Leinster Bridge	1st November	Paul Kinsella	Suissex
3	6	River Barrow, Clashacanny	14th September	Tom Coster (GB)	Lobworm

PIKE (LAKE)

Record: 38 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
33		Lough Ennell	7th November	Peter Delaney	Silver Spoon
33		Templehouse Lake, Ballymote	1st March	Annetiese Kleinhenz (D)	Dead Rudd

PIKE (RIVER)

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT		PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb.	ozs.				
27	8	River Barrow, Slyguff	16th January	James Fisher	Plug
26		River Shannon, Killaloe	30th October '82	Jean Flamand (F)	ABU Plug
25	4	River Suck, Ballygar	22nd January	John Harvey	Herring
22	4	River Barrow, Borris	13th February	Maurice Laurent	Spoon
21	14	River Maine, Ballymena	23rd April	John Black	Herring Strip
20		River Suck	11th December	Des. Keighery	Perch
20		River Shannon, Drumshanbo	25th April	Joachim Wulf (D)	Dead Roach
20		R. Liffey, Clane	31st October	Patrick Grady	Salmon Mepps, No. 4

ROACH/BREAM HYBRID

Record: 3 lbs. 15½ ozs. Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 15½	Drumreaske Lake	17th May	Colm Quinn	Sweetcorn
3 8½	Drumreaske Lake	17th May	Peter Walsh	Sweetcorn

RUDD

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight: 2¼ lbs.; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	3allinafid Lake	3th September	Brendan Doran	Sweetcorn and Maggot

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record: 5 lbs. 13½ ozs. Specimen Weight: 3 lbs. 8 ozs.; 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 9	Inny Bay, Lough Ree	30th April	Paul Harris (GB)	Worm
4 6	Lough Ree	28th April	Barry Brill	Sweetcorn
4 2	Inny Bay	30th April	Mike Farrell (GB)	Worm
4 1	Lough Ree	8th May	Ann Patton	Maggot
4	Inny Bay	7th May	Declan Brennan	Worm
3 14	Lough Ree	28th May	Graham Hill (GB)	Breadflake
3 13	Lough Ree	28th April	Barry Brill	Sweetcorn
3 12	Inny Bay	30th April	C. Tarrant (GB)	Worm
3 11	Charleville Lake	10th Sept. '82	Brendan Doran	Maggots
3 9½	Lough Ballyclare	18th June	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
3 9	Charleville Lake	28th August	Brendan Doran	Maggots
3 9	Lough Ree	7th May	Desmond Brennan	Worm
3 8	Charleville Lake	28th August	James Bennett	Maggots and Sweetcorn

TENCH

Record: 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs. Specimen Weight: 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7.53	River Shannon, Lanesboro	11th June	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
7 7	Lanesboro	1st June	A. J. Hall (GB)	Bread Flake
7.20	Lanesboro	12th June	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
7.16	Lanesboro	20th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Bread
3.7	Lanesboro	15th June	David Cain (GB)	Sweetcorn
5.63	Lanesboro	2nd June	J. W. Green (GB)	Bread
5.62	Lanesboro	11th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
3.56	Lanesboro	4th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
5.54	Lanesboro	19th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm
3.42	Lanesboro	18th May	Neil Mills (GB)	Worm
6 6	Lanesboro	2nd June	Michael Roche	Bread
3.35	Lanesboro	11th June	David Cain (GB)	Sweetcorn
3.34	Lanesboro	4th May	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
3.24	Lanesboro	12th June	David Cain (GB)	Sweetcorn
3.21	Lanesboro	11th June	John Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
3 2	Lanesboro	2nd June	David Whittaker (GB)	Bread
3 2	Monalty Lake	17th April	Roy Craig	Maggots
3 2	Lanesboro	22nd May	J. W. Green (GB)	Bread

BASS

Record: 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs. Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 3	Ring, Clonakilty	3rd October	Dr. J. Featherstone (GB)	Sandeel
14 11¼	Cork Harbour	18th August	Donal Geary	Sandeel Strip
14	Causeway Coast	12th October	Norman Cairns	Clam
13 12	Brandon Bay, Co. Kerry	31st October	Declan O'Mahony	Lugworm
12 4	Garryvoe Beach, Co. Cork	3rd October	P. J. Barton	Mackerel Strip
11 13	Barrow Harbour, Co. Kerry	12th August	Clive Richards (GB)	Peeler Crab
11.66	Whitehole, C. Wexford	3rd October	John Morgan	Lugworm
11 8	Bullock Harbour, Dalkey	22nd August '82	John J. Clark	Mackerel
5.1 kilos	Clonea Strand, Co. Waterford	1st October	William Whelan	Lugworm
11 4	East Ferry, Co. Cork	24th July	David McCarthy	Soft Crab
11.18	Ballybrannigan, Co. Cork	24th Nov. '82	Eddie Cull	Soft Crab
11.04	Kilmore Quay	5th July	Master Neil Bates	Mackerel
10 15	Wexford	5th June	Paul O'Kelly	Peeler Crab
10 13	Castlerock, Co. Antrim	6th October	John Black	Ragworm
10 13	Cork Harbour	1st August	John Barry	Sandeel
10.38	Ballycraoneen Strand, Co. Cork	9th March	Eddie Cull	Mackerel Strip and Lug
10 5	Kinsale	28th August	John Ahern	Soft Crab
10 2½	Dollymount Strand, Dublin	20th June	Richard Murray	Ragworm
4.6 kilos	Rosscarbery	5th October	George Provst (GB)	Rubber Eel

BLACK SOLE

Record: 4.29 lbs. Specimen Weight: 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 6	Arklow	8th October	Derek Evans	Ragworm
2 2¼	Ballinskelligs Bay, Co. Kerry	4th August	Bryan F. Fox	Ragworm
2	Arklow	8th October	Derek Evans	Ragworm

COALFISH

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12.5 kilos	Kinsale	21st Sept. '82	E. Masheijer (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26	Kilmore Quay	19th July	James Devlin	Mackerel
20	Courtmacsherry	28th July	Nora van der Lit (NL)	Mackerel Strip
18 12	Achill	5th August	John O'Shea	Eel
16 12	Rathlin	2nd July	Daniel McMullan	Mackerel Strip
16 1	Achill	28th August	Peter Finlay Mulligan	Red Gill
15 2	Causeway Coast	15th June	R. Cardwell	Red Gill

COD

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33 4	Causeway Coast	5th July	William D. Colvin	Mackerel Feathers
30 3	Causeway Coast	26th July	Mrs. Valerie Montgomery	Mackerel
27 10	Port-na-Blagh,	31st July	Thomas Donald	Pirk

COD (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
26 4	Port-na-Blagh	31st July	Ivan Anderson	Pirk
25 12	Rathlin, Co. Antrim	2nd July	P. J. McFall	Pirk
25 8	Causeway Coast	29th August	Billy Magee	Mackerel

CONGER

Record: 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
20.41 kilos	Youghal Bay	26th June	Valerie Waterman	Mackerel
41 12	Causeway Coast	16th August	Robert J. Kee	Mackerel
41 8	Fraser Bank, Dublin Bay	26th June	Des Murphy	Mackerel Strip

DAB

Record: 1 lb. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 1½ lb.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
695 kilos	Courtmacsherry	10th August	Nico U/D Marcel (NL)	Mackerel Strip
1 10	Kinsale Bridge	18th November	Michael McCarthy	Mackerel Strip
1 8	Cobh	6th February	Tim Hayes	Mackerel

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 23¾ lbs.

Specimen Weight: 16 lbs.; 7.257 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
23 12	Valentia	29th May	Tony Outmayjer	Mackerel Strip
17 10	Portmagee, Co. Kerry	23rd July	Brendan Rooney	Mackerel
17 4	Valentia	30th September	P. J. Donovan	Mackerel
16 14½	Valentia	30th July	George K. Hudson	Herring Strip
16 12	Fenit	2nd October	Clive Tregale (GB)	Squid Strip
16 8½	Valentia	20th August	Jan Maliepaard (NL)	Mackerel
16 8	Sneem	18th Sept. '82	P. Kemp (NL)	Mackerel
16 1½	Valentia	7th August	Theo Oelen (NL)	Mackerel
16	Schull	15th July	Jack O'Connell	Mackerel Strip
16	Portmagee	22nd July	Peter Kearns	Mackerel

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record: 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3¼ lbs.; 1.475 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 15½	Valentia	10th August	Theo Oelen (NL)	Mackerel
3 15	Valentia	20th August	Paul Bakker (NL)	Mackerel
3 12	Valentia	29th May	Tony Outmayjer	Mackerel Strip
3 12	Courtmacsherry	4th May	J. J. Andre (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 12	Valentia	2nd June	Dirk Adriaan Aal (NL)	Sandeel
3 11¼	Valentia	6th July	Reinhold Roder (D)	Mackerel
3 11	Slade, Co. Wexford	10th September	William Power	Mackerel
3 11	Belmullet	24th July	Jean Claude Reuland (F)	Mackerel Strip
3 10	Bonmahon, Co. Waterford	14th September	Michael Roche	Sandeel
3 10	Valentia	29th July	George K. Hudson	Herring Strip
3 9	Valentia	17th July	C. D. Hull (GB)	Mackerel Strip
3 9	Lambay	19th June	Eamon Mulligan	Herring Strip
3 9	Portmagee	22nd July	Brendan Rooney	Mackerel
3 8	Rush	25th September	Gary Jones	Mackerel Strip
3 7½	Valentia	29th July	J. D'Art	Herring

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 7	Burham, Dingle	1st October	Robert Moss	Razor Fish
3 7	Fethard-on-Sea, Co. Wexford	17th June	Thomas O'Leary	Mackerel Strip
3.36	Dun Laoghaire	21st September	Richard Dodd	Squid
3 6½	Courtmacsherry	5th September	Wiebe De Vries (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 6½	Dunmore East	18th July	Mrs. Margaret Hoban	Mackerel
3 6	Courtmacsherry	14th September	Cor Luckaart (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Dingle Bay	21st October	Anthony R. Paul (GB)	Sandeel
3 5¾	Cushendone Beach	3th November	David Steel	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Courtmacsherry	11th August	Kor Tongehotter (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Courtmacsherry	14th September	Cor Luckaart (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Courtmacsherry	29th July	H. Ponsteen (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Valentia	10th August	George K. Hudson	Mackerel Strip
3 5	Belfast Lough	20th August	Robert Montgomery	Mackerel
3 4½	Courtmacsherry	31st May	Klaas Holkamp (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 4½	Courtmacsherry	19th September	Hermann U/A AA (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 4	Valentia	12th July	Arthur Usinger	Mackerel
3 4	Dingle Harbour	21st October	Jacqueline Hankinson (GB)	Herring Strip
3 4	Causeway Coast	13th November	Richard Patterson	Ragworm and Lugworm

SPUR DOGFISH

Record: 18 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 10	Dundalk Bay	3rd July	Paddy Myers	Mackerel
14.46	Dundalk Bay	26th June	Nicholas Kearns	Mackerel and Herring Strip
13 12	Rush	18th June	Patrick J. O'Hara	Mackerel Strip
13 8	Rush	17th September	Larry Doyle	Mackerel Strip
13 7	Valentia	30th August	Francis Van Schoubroeck (B)	Mackerel
13.375	Kish Bank	17th July	Chriss Hopper	Mackerel Cutlet
13	Kells Bay, Co. Kerry	30th July	Gerald Fitzgerald	Mackerel Strip
13	Rush	24th September	James Keegan	Herring Strip
13	Morriscastle Strand	16th June	Paul Tilly	Baited Herring
12 9	Bray	14th July	Eamon Slevin	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Wicklow Head	2nd June	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Rush	29th May	Peter Warren	Mackerel Strip
12 4	Kish Bank	10th July	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
12	Clare Island	24th June	Pat. Slevin	Mackerel
12	Rush	24th September	Roland Fenton	Mackerel Strip

FLOUNDER

Record: 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2½ lbs.; 134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 14	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Joseph Nolan	Lugworm
3 11¼	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Shay McDonnell	Lugworm
3 10¼	Timoleague, Co. Cork	4th June	Martin Lordan	Soft Crab
3 9½	Ballyteigue Bay	6th November	Robbie Coventry	Crab
3 8	Ballyquin - Ardmore	30th September	Des Brennan	Crab
3 8	Smerwick Harbour	1st January	John O'Brien	Peeler Crab
3 7	Kinsale	13th August	John Ahern	Soft Crab
3 5¼	Dungarvan	30th January	Margaret Hoban	Lugworm
3 5	Kinsale	29th October	Noel Lane	Soft Crab

FLOUNDER (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 5	Ballyteigue Bay	30th October	Peter McMorow	Lugworm
3 5	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Christopher Cloak	Lugworm
3 4	Dungarvan	27th Dec. '82	Walter Keane	Lugworm
3 2½	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
3 2	Ballyteigue Bay	9th January	Peter McCartin	Lugworm
3 1½	Timoleague Cork	30th May	Barry Lordan	Peeler Crab
3.12	Cork Harbour	21st November	Norman Lomas	Lugworm
3 1	Ring - Clonakilty	6th June	Robert C. Kirk	Peeler Crab
3.05	Dungarvan	13th January	D. M. Lewis	Lugworm
3.01	Rossbeigh Strand	31st October	Michael Cronin	Lugworm
3 ½	Kinsale	10th August	John Ahern	Soft Crab
3 ½	Dungarvan	12th February	Margaret Hoban	Lugworm
3	Argideen Estuary, Co. Cork	27th March	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
3	Courtmacsherry	14th March	Dr. J. Featherstone (GB)	Lugworm
3	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Eddie Brennan	Lugworm
3	Ballyteigue Bay	30th October	Edward Brennan	Lugworm
3	Ballyteigue Bay	24th April	Peter Bolger	Crab
3	Ballinrannig Dingle	19th October	Timothy D. Jones (GB)	Lug and White Rag Cocktail
2 15¾	Ballyteigue Bay	1st May	Chris Denvir	Peeler Crab
2 15	Cullinstown, Wexford	24th April	David Tilly	Peeler Crab
2 14¾	Kinsale	28th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 14½	Burren Pier, Courtmacsherry	19th June	Catherine Gannon	Peeler Crab
2 14¼	Courtmacsherry	8th Dec. '82	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 14	Ballyteigue Bay	29th August	Thomas Kiernan	Crab
2 14	Ring	10th July	Denis Collins	Soft Back Crab
2 13½	Ballyteigue Bay	27th June	Robbie Coventry	Crab
2 13½	Argideen Estuary	27th March	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 13½	Ballyteigue Bay	9th January	Christopher Cloak	Lugworm
2 13¼	Kinsale	13th October	Christopher Lane	Crab
2 13¼	Kinsale	10th November	Christy Lane	Crab
2 13	Kinsale	14th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 13	Ballyteigue Bay	28th August	Damien Ryan	Crab
2 13	Wexford Harbour	8th January	Thomas O'Neill	Ragworm
2.82	Kinsale	20th October	John Ahern	Soft Crab
2.81	Argideen Estuary	17th October	Noel Lane	Soft Crab
2.80	Ballyteigue Bay	10th August	Thomas Keogh	Crab
2.78	Clonakilty	30th October	Christy Lane	Crab
2 12¾	Kinsale	12th October	Noel Lane	Soft Crab
2 12	Dungarvan	10th October	Thomas Kiernan	Lugworm
2 12	Dungarvan	1st April	David Lewis	Lugworm
2 12	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Sean P. Hogan	Lugworm
2 12	Dungarvan	27th Dec. '82	Walter Keane	Lugworm
2 12	Cloghane	18th October	Thomas Byrne	Crab
2 12	Argideen Estuary	1st November	Christy Lane	Crab
2.74	Clonakilty	5th November	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 11½	Kinsale	12th October	Christy Lane	Crab
2 11¼	Ballyteigue Bay	6th November	Paul Hogan	Lugworm
2 11	Ring	9th January	Kieran Kidney	Lugworm
2 11	Ballyteigue Bay	28th August	Thomas Kiernan	Crab
2 11	Courtmacsherry	19th June	Colman O'Sullivan	Soft Back Crab
2 11	Ballyteigue Bay	5th June	Thomas Keogh Jnr.	Peeler Crab
2 11	Ballyteigue Bay	12th May	Patrick Wilson Snr.	Crab
2 11	Ballyteigue Bay	12th May	Patrick Wilson Jnr.	Crab
2 10½	Cullinstown	20th August	Master Shane Gray	Soft Crab
2 10½	Kinsale	28th August	John Ahern	Peeler Crab

FLOUNDER (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 10½	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Christopher Cloak	Lugworm
2 10½	Ballybrannigan Beach, Cork	22nd October	Patrick Ahern	Lugworm
2 10	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Sean McDonnell	Lugworm
2 10	Courtmacsherry	6th November	Denis Collins	Ragworm
2 10	Ballyteigue Bay	6th February	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
2 10	Kinsale	29th October	Christy Lane	Crab
2 10	Ballyteigue Bay	30th October	Edward Brennan	Lugworm
2 10	Cloghane, Co. Kerry	21st October	Thomas Keogh Jnr.	Lugworm
2 10	Ballyteigue Bay	20th February	John Devereux	Lugworm
2 10	Ballyteigue Bay	12th May	Patrick Wilson Jnr.	Crab
2 9¾	Courtmacsherry	30th July	Dr. J. Featherstone (GB)	Soft Crab
2 9¾	Ballyteigue Bay	12th February	Liam Kane	Lugworm
2 9½	Kinsale	20th August	Noel Lane	Soft Crab
2 9½	Dungarvan	12th February	Margaret Hoban	Lugworm
2 9½	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Eddie Brennan	Lugworm
2 9¼	Kinsale	28th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 9¼	Timoleague	29th May	Martin Lordan	Soft Crab
2.60	Cullinstown, Cork	30th October	David J. Fay	Lugworm
2 9	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Shay McDonnell	Lugworm
2 9	Ring	17th July	John F. O'Donovan	Crab
2 9	Ballyteigue Bay	29th Dec. '82	Shay McDonnell	Lugworm
2 9	Youghal Harbour	10th July	Jim Drake	Peeler Crab
2 9	Courtmacsherry	4th June	Denis Collins	Soft Back Crab
2 9	Clonakilty	20th October	Christy Lane	Crab
2 9	Wexford Harbour	31st Dec. '82	Thomas O'Neill	Ragworm
2 8½	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Ray Bannerman	Lugworm
2.58	Clonakilty	19th October	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 8½	Ballyteigue Bay	23rd January	Peter McCartin	Lugworm
2 8¼	Dungarvan	20th November	David Lewis	Lugworm
2.52	Clonakilty	5th November	Noel Lane	Peeler Crab
2 8	Cloghane	18th October	M. Dixon	Crab
2 8	Dungarvan	29th January	D. M. Lewis	Lugworm
2 8	Dungarvan	2nd January	Brendan Wall	Lugworm
2 8	Ballyteigue Bay	29th Dec. '82	Peter McCartin	Lugworm
2 8	Dungarvan	27th Dec. '82	Walter Keane	Lugworm

GARFISH

Record: 3 lbs. 10¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2½ lbs.; 1.134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 13	Kinsale	9th September	P. C. Weekhout (NL)	Feathers

GREY GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight: 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12	Valentia	19th August	Tom Keen (GB)	Mackerel Strip
1 9¾	Achill	20th August	Michael Cosgrave	Mackerel
1 8¾	Portballintrae	6th August	A. McKeown	Ragworm

RED GURNARD

Record: 3 lbs. 9½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.350 kilos	Port-na-Blagh	5th Sept. '82	S. P. Grevett	Mussel
2 11½	Achill	20th August	Terry McCarthy	Mackerel Strip

RED GURNARD (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8½	Portrush	13th August	William Irvine	Ragworm
2 8¼	Achill	28th August	Joe Kilbane	Mackerel Strip and Feathers
2 8	Causeway Coast	27th August	Gavin Morrow	Baited Spoon
2 4	Portstewart Bay	2nd October	Raymond Pollock	Lugworm
2 3	Dowings Bay	29th May	William Duffy	Lugworm
2 2	Port-na-Blagh	28th August	Charles Hinds	Mackerel
2 1	Causeway Coast	10th August	W. W. Bradford	Mackerel
2 ½	Causeway Coast	18th June	John Eakin	Ragworm
2	Causeway Coast	16th August	Master Niall Murphy	Feathers
2	Killala Bay	7th August	Kitty Sweeney Molloy	Mackerel Strip

TUB GURNARD

Record: 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 3	Killala Bay	4th June	Joseph Davis	Mackerel Strip
6 4	Killala Bay	4th June	Brendan Mulrennan	Mackerel Strip
6 3½	Downings	31st July	Colin Reynolds	Mackerel
5 5½	Achill	13th August	Martin O'Donnell (GB)	Mackerel

HADDOCK

Record: 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 8	Portballintrae	5th June	M. Hawkes	Lugworm
7 15	Causeway Coast	19th June	William Lorimer	Spoon with Ragworm
7 11½	Causeway Coast	28th May	Graham Colvin	Lugworm
7 3	Portrush	2nd June	C. J. Bowler	Baited Spoon
7 1	Portballintrae	25th September	Samuel Burns	Lugworm

HAKE

Record: 25 lbs. 5½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11 15	Enniscrone	31st July	Brian Kavanagh	Mackerel

HERRING

Record:

Specimen Weight: ¾ lb.; .340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
.350 kilos	Rathlin	27th July	John Hartin	Feathers

JOHN DORY

Record: 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight: 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 14	The Hook Lighthouse, Co. Wexford	4th June	Cyril Thompson	Pollack Feathers
5 11½	Killala Bay	4th June	William J. Hutton	Mackerel

LING

Record: 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36 4	Galway Bay	20th August	Michael Griffin	Mackerel Strip
33	Youghal	11th September	Paddy Purcell	Mackerel Strip
31 2	Cobh	15th July	Damien O'Neill	Mackerel
30	Causeway Coast	14th August	M. F. Walker	Squid
29 8	Cobh	7th August	Heinz Schulze (D)	Baited Feathers
13.2 kilos	Kinsale	31st July	P. J. Coleman	Mackerel
29	Valentia	6th August	Shay McDonnell	Mackerel Fillet
28 8	Ballycotton	13th August	Jack Desmond	Mackerel Strip
28.36	Baltimore	26th August	R. J. Kingston (GB)	Mackerel Strip
28.36	Baltimore	26th August	R. J. Kingston (GB)	Mackerel Strip
28	Courtmacsherry	29th July	Wil Franken (NL)	Mackerel Strip
28	Schull	23rd June	Ken Hendy (GB)	Mackerel Strip
27 1	Cobh	7th August	Klaus Timmann (D)	Mackerel Strip
26.93	Belmullet	5th June	Gerry Shevlin	Mackerel Strip
26 2	Rathlin	2nd July	Andrew McGarry	Herring Strip
11.8 kilos	Kinsale	8th August	J. J. Hardenbol (NL)	Mackerel
26	Courtmacsherry	11th August '82	Niall O'Sullivan	Mackerel Strip
25 8	Ballycotton	30th June	Hans Laube (D)	Mackerel
11.35 kilos	Kinsale	6th August	John Hurley	Baited Feathers
25	Cobh	5th August	Walter Emmen (D)	Mackerel Strip
25	Courtmacsherry	1st September	W. Den Hollander (NL)	Mackerel Fillet

MACKEREL

Record: 4 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 2½ lbs.; 1.134 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.62	Kinsale	3rd September	Leslie Hanlon	Feathers

MONKFISH

Record: 73 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 50 lbs.; 22.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
37	Fenit, Tralee Bay	6th June	Linda Dow (GB)	Mackerel
35 12	Fenit	23rd June '82	P. G. Heath (GB)	Herring Fillet
54	Fenit	13th August	Stephen Hibbard	Mackerel Head
53	Fenit	1st October '82	Albert Steffens (NL)	Mackerel
53	Fenit	25th June '82	P. G. Heath (GB)	Herring Fillet
51	Fenit	14th August	Charlotte O'Connor	Mackerel Head

MULLET

Record: 7 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CPATOR	METHOD
6.05	Lough Furnace, Co. Mayo	2nd August	Shaun Leonard (GB)	Bread Crust
6.04	Lough Furnace	5th August	Shaun Leonard (GB)	Bread Crust
5 13	Lough Furnace	23rd June	Declan T. Quigley	Bread Crust
5.08	Lough Furnace	4th August	Shaun Leonard (GB)	Bread Crust
5.02	Lough Furnace	10th September	Declan T. Quigley	Bread/Maggot Cocktail
	Achill	12th August	John O'Shea	Pollack Strip

PLAICE

Record: 8.23 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11½	Saleens, Co. Waterford	12th August	Garry Fennelly	Mackerel Strip
5 6	Causeway Coast	4th September	Peter McCartney	Ragworm
2.37 kilos	Portrush	8th September	David J. Metcalf (GB)	Lugworm
5 2¼	Causeway Coast	5th June	Jim Craig	Mackerel Strip
5.09	Greystones	27th August	Thomas Falconer	Peeler Crab
4 14	Causeway Coast	2nd September	Derek Shanks	Herring
4 12	Causeway Coast	7th September	William McManus	Ragworm
4 10	Causeway Coast	16th August	J. R. H. Knox	Ragworm
4 10	Dun Loughaire Harbour	27th July	Justin Branagan	Ragworm
4 8	Portrush	7th September	Alan Foster (GB)	Ragworm
4 8	Causeway Coast	23rd August	Michael Baird	Ragworm
4 7½	Causeway Coast	14th August	Dominic Rihan	Mackerel
4 7	Causeway Coast	22nd September	William A. Archer	Rag and Mackerel
4 6	Causeway Coast	6th October	Robert H. Anderson	Ragworm
4 6	Causeway Coast	26th August	Derek Hoyle	Ragworm and Mackerel Strip
4 6	Causeway Coast	22nd August	Jim Kennedy	Ragworm
4 5½	Causeway Coast	13th November	Ken Laverick	Herring
4 4	Causeway Coast	18th June	Sydney Maguire	Lugworm
4 4	Causeway Coast	10th August	J. R. H. Knox	Ragworm
4 4	Causeway Coast	25th August	Dominic Rihan	Lugworm
4 3	Causeway Coast	14th November	William J. Patton	Ragworm
4 2	Causeway Coast	14th August	Denis N. Collins	Lugworm Cocktail
4 2	Portrush	8th September	Brabazon Hallowes (GB)	Ragworm
4 1¾	Causeway Coast	26th August	Samuel Collins	Ragworm and Mackerel Strip
4 1	Causeway Coast	4th September	Harry Colgan	Worm and Mackerel
4 1	Portrush	25th August	Michael Ormsby	Ragworm
4 1	Causeway Coast	4th September	George Barr (GB)	Ragworm and Cocktail
1.825 kilos	Portrush	7th September	John Hartin	Lugworm
4 ¼	Kish Bank, Dublin	9th June	Maurice Cole	Lugworm
4 ¼	Causeway Coast	22nd September	James Cross	Rag and Lugworm Cocktail
4	Causeway Coast	20th September	Robert H. Catherwood	Ragworm

POLLACK

Record: 19 lbs. 3 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7.25 kilos	Kinsale	7th June	H. Toedheide (D)	Spinner
14 5	Causeway Coast	29th June	Samuel Steele	Lugworm
14	Rathlin	17th August	Stephen O'Neill	Lugworm
13.57	Ballycotton	31st July	Bob O'Brien	Mackerel Fillet
13 7	Cobh	7th August	Gunther Van Deyn (D))	Pirk
13 2	Rathlin	4th July	Andrew McGarry	Red Eel
13.01	Causeway Coast	7th August	Phil Mussen	Mackerel
12 14	Schull	25th August	Nick Dent	Baited Feathers
12 10	Belmullet	8th August	Pierre Lefer (F)	Rubber Eel
12 5	Crosshaven	8th June	B. Cox (NL)	Mr. Twister
12 4	Port-Na-Blagh	30th July	Lawrence Lannie	Mackerel baited Feathers
5.5 kilos	Kinsale	6th August	Pat O'Driscoll	Mackerel
12.09	Cork Harbour	8th June	David Kidney	Rubber Eel

POUTING

Record: 4 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 13½	Kilmore Quay	2nd April	John Devereux	Mackerel Feathers
3 8	Kilmore Quay	18th June	Pat Mee	Sandeel Strip
1.525 kilos	Causeway Coast	22nd May	Robert J. McKee	Lugworm
3 6½	Kinsale	17th August	Carlo Muller (L)	Mackerel
3 3	Kilmore Quay	2nd July	James Troy	Mackerel

BLONDE RAY

Record: 36 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30	Cork Harbour	23rd July	Pat Dunne	Mackerel Strip
28 10	Cork Harbour	22nd July	Donal Geary	Sandeel Strip
27 15	Cork Harbour	21st August	Donal Geary	Sandeel Strip
26.40	Crosshaven	23rd Sept. '82	A. Kroon (NL)	Mackerel
26	Crosshaven	15th Sept. '82	W. T. T. Coremans (NL)	Mackerel

PAINTED RAY

Record: 14.37 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 2	Mauricecastle, Co. Wexford	9th July	Thomas Fogarty	Mackerel

HOMELYN RAY

Record: 8.28 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8.28	Cork Harbour	28th September	Edmund Cull	Mackerel Strip and Squid
6 13	Causeway Coast	26th August	Robin Little	Mackerel & Ragworm
6 10	Portstewart	21st August	W. A. Ferris	Mackerel Strip
6 7½	Causeway Coast	24th Sept. '82	Grahame Foote	Mackerel/Ragworm
6 7	Causeway Coast	28th August	Brian Keeble	Mackerel & Lugworm
6.27	Belmullet	11th August	Raymond Slattery	Mackerel
6 4	Causeway Coast	24th August	Peter Kane	Lugworm & Mackerel
6 4	Causeway Coast	20th August	Irvine Tannahill	Sandeel with Spoon
6 1	Causeway Coast	31st August	James Walker	Mackerel & Ragworm
6	Causeway Coast	24th August	Frank Hughes	Putting
5 14	Causeway Coast	27th August	Sam Lunn	Mackerel
5 10	Belmullet	29th June	Norman Dunlop	Mackerel Last
5 10	Belmullet	11th August	Mrs. Sue Tynan	Mackerel
5 8	Causeway Coast	30th August	M. Cochrane	Mackerel & Ragworm
5.49	Belmullet	11th August	Mrs. Sue Tynan	Mackerel
2.450 kilos	Causeway Coast	29th August	Dave Glasser	Ragworm
5.24	Belmullet	11th August	Mrs. Sue Tynan	Mackerel
5 4	Portrush	2nd October	Thomas Black	Mackerel
5 1	Belmullet	9th August	Roslyn Tynan	Mackerel
5	Causeway Coast	21st August	Dominic Rihan	Mackerel & Ragworm
5	Causeway Coast	4th September	Michael Cochrane	Mackerel
5	Belmullet	29th June	Eddie Diver	Mackerel Last

THORNBACK RAY

Record: 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight: 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
23 12	Wicklow Bay	5th June	Michael Brophy	Mackerel
21 7	Carnlough	12th June	Phillip Dickson	Baited Spoon

HORNBACK RAY (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21	Courtmacsherry	19th June	Ruud Hoogland (NL)	Mackerel Strip
20.38	Valentia	9th June	Armand Van Impe (B)	Mackerel

RED SEA BREAM

Record: 9 lbs. 6 ozs. Specimen Weight: 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 14	Achill	17th September	Dermot Cahill	Mackerel Strip

BLUE SHARK

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

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
130	Donegal Bay	11th July	Josef Theisen (D)	Mackerel
124	Courtmacsherry	9th September	H. Hoverda (NL)	Mackerel
55 kilos	Kinsale	2nd Sept. '82	Oliver L. G. Hill (GB)	Mackerel
53 kilos	Donegal Bay	19th August	Uwe Kummer (D)	Mackerel Fillet
50.8 kilos	Youghal	28th August	Ray Morris	Mackerel
48½ kilos	Kinsale	22nd June	Peter Van Der Werff (NL)	Mackerel
48 kilos	Donegal Bay	19th August	Uwe Kummer (D)	Mackerel Fillet
48 kilos	Kinsale	23rd July	A. J. Muelmeester	Mackerel
104½	Achill	7th August	Bob Kieran	Mackerel
46 kilos	Kinsale	26th June	Liam Walley	Mackerel

SMOOTH HOUND

Record: 7¼ lbs. Specimen Weight: 4 lbs., 1.810 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 4	Cahore Co. Wexford	21st May	Maurice Laurent	Lugworm
5 15	Wexford	5th June	Paul O'Kelly	Crab
5 14	Wexford	5th June	Paul O'Kelly	Crab
5 14	Wexford	6th June	Des. Boyle	Peeler Crab
5 11	Wexford	5th June	Des. Boyle	Peeler Crab
5 7	Wexford	5th June	Paul O'Kelly	Crab
5.21	Cahore	2nd July	John L. O'Brien	Peeler Crab
5 2	Maurice Castle Strand Co. Wexford	6th June	Chris Denvir	Peeler Crab
4 11	Maurice Castle Strand	6th June	Chris Denvir	Peeler Crab
4.47	Maurice Castle Strand	11th June	John L. O'Brien	Peeler Crab

TOPE

Record: 66½ lbs. Specimen Weight: 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
58	Poulnasharry Bay, Co. Clare	23rd July	Patrick Pyne	Mackerel
40	Bray	5th Sept. '82	Sam Doyle	Mackerel Fillet

TURBOT

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21.64	Cork Harbour	27th July	Patrick Coleman	Mackerel Strip

TURBOT (Continued)

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
21 8	Courtmacsherry	10th August	M. D. Anemaet	Mackerel Strip
19	Courtmacsherry	1st June	Jan Arends	Mackerel Strip

WHITING

Record: 4 lbs. 14½ ozs. Specimen Weight: 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 2	Ballycotton	26th July	Manhart Johann (A)	Mackerel Strip

BALLAN WRASSE

Record: 4.3 kilos Specimen Weight: 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.3 kilos	Clogher Head	20th August	Bertrand Kron (F)	Lugworm
6 6	Rosbeg, Co. Donegal	6th August	Seaghan Sutton	Lugworm
6.22	Mullaghmore	9th September	Arthur Herrmann	Mackerel Strip
5.89	Kilmore Quay	24th September	James Devlin	Feathers
5.78	Dunmore East	20th August	Edward Roche	Lugworm
5 8½	Kilmore Quay	7th May	John Barry Dawson (GB)	Baited Feathers
5.46	Hook Head	10th September	Bernard Colgan	Ragworm
5 4½	Smerwick Harbour	26th September	Rorie O'Sullivan	Lugworm
2.35 kilos	Kinsale	25th September	Erika Kalwa (D)	Feathers
4.93	Dunmore East	28th August	Dominick Kearns	Ragworm
4 15	Portrush	13th August	Denis Joseph Horgan	Ragworm
4 14½	Smerwick Harbour	25th October	John Cole (GB)	Crab
4 13½	Kilmore Quay	5th June	P. J. Coleman	Ragworm
4.81	Dunmore East	7th August	Raymond Beckett	Ragworm
4 10½	Slade	11th September	Bernard Thompson	Ragworm
4 10	Rush	24th September	Jacinta Doyle	Ragworm
4 10	Portrush	13th August	T. Jones	Ragworm
4 10	Brownstown Head, Co. Waterford	8th August	Nicholas McEvoy Snr.	Lugworm
4.68	Kilmore Quay	5th November	Patrick O'Shea	Ragworm
4.62	Kilmore Quay	3rd April	Peter McCartin	Crab
4 9½	Kilmore Quay	29th May	Pat Mee	Ragworm
4 9	Causeway Coast	14th August	Jonathon Moore	Ragworm
4.59	Kilmore Quay	5th June	Vincent Talbot	Mackerel Strip
4.56	Carne, Co. Wexford	2nd July	Richard Horan	Mackerel Strip
4.55	Dunmore East	28th May	Dominick Kearns	Ragworm
4 8	Rush	17th September	Christopher Walker	Ragworm
4 8	Carne	2nd July	Martin Gallagher	Feather

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record: 1 lb. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight: 1¼ lbs.; .567 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 6	Causeway Coast	7th August	Kitchener French	Artificial Redgill
1 6	Causeway Coast	13th July	Martin Cassidy	Ragworm
1 5½	Ballintoy	8th May	Robert T. Boyd	Lugworm
1 4¾	Larne	19th November	Joseph Bradley	White Feather
1 4	Causeway Coast	26th August	Samuel Collins	Ragworm
1 4	Rathlin Island	14th August	George Creighton	Mackerel Strip
1 4	Rathlin Island	14th August	Thomas J. Black	Mackerel Strip
1 4	Portrush	13th August	Christy Lane	Ragworm
1 4	Causeway Coast	13th July	Martin Cassidy	Sandeel

TWAITE SHAD

Record: 2 lbs. 11½ ozs.

Specimen Weight: 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.48	R. Barrow	29th May	John L. O'Brien	Abu Toby
2.42	R. Barrow	29th May	John L. O'Brien	Abu Toby
2.19	River Barrow, St. Mullins	2nd June	Paul A. Bourke	Silver Toby
2 1	St. Mullins	10th June	Martin Malone	Silver Toby
1.97	St. Mullins	2nd June	Joseph Caffrey	Mepps No. 3
1.96	St. Mullins	2nd June	Kenneth Whelan	Abu Toby
1.95	St. Mullins	11th June	Shay McDonnell	Toby
1 15¼	St. Mullins	29th May	Michael Burke	Silver Toby
1.76	R. Barrow	31st May	Michael Dixon	Abu Koster
1.75	R. Barrow	4th June	Shane Gray	Baited Spoon

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record: 2 lbs. 9 ozs.

Specimen Weight: 1 lb. 4 ozs.; .566 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 9	Ballycastle Pier	14th September	Thomas Bailey	Mackerel Bailey
2 5	Dunmore East	18th September	James Russell	Mackerel Strip
2.22	Dunmore East	18th May	Martin Kennedy	Mackerel
2 1¾	Dunmore East	31st May	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
2 1	Rockabill — Rush	24th September	Liam Tully	Ragworm
1 15	Dunmore East	15th May	Michael Lyons	Mackerel Strip
1 14½	Dunmore East	23rd May	Brendan Cuddihy	Mackerel Strip
1 14	Brownstown Head, Co. Waterford	28th July	John Halley	Mackerel Strip
1 14	Slade — Co. Wexford	11th September	Richard Pierce	Mackerel Strip
1 14	Dunmore East	15th May	Walter Keane	Mackerel
1 13	Cobh	4th December	Alec Little	Mackerel
1.81	Cork Harbour	17th September	Alex Robinson	Mackerel Strip
1 12¼	Dunmore East	31st May	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
1.78	Dunmore East	15th May	Dominick Kearns	Mackerel/Ragworm Cocktail
0.80 kilos	Dunmore East	23rd May	Raymond Whelan	Mackerel Strip
1 11	Causeway Coast	16th September	Paul G. Marshall	Herring
1.70	Dunmore East	27th August	Peter Dower	Mackerel
1 11	Brownstown Head	16th July	Kevin Barry	Mackerel
1 10¾	Dunmore East	8th June	Margaret Hoban	Mackerel
1 10	Tramore Rocks	27th March	Eamonn Lyons	Mackerel Strip
1 9¼	Dunmore East	17th May	Brian Whelan	Mackerel Strip
1 9	Brownstown Head	7th September	Joe Hennessy	Sandeel
1 9	Dunmore East	8th May	Dominick Kearns	Mackerel Strip
1 8¾	Dunmore East	7th June	Margaret Hoban	Mackerel
1.56	Dunmore East	18th September	Edward Roche	Mackerel
1.55	Dunmore East	23rd July	Anthony J. Power	Ragworm
1.53	Dunmore East	15th May	Raymond Beckett	Mackerel Strip
1 7½	Brownstown Head	20th July	Eamonn Lyons	Mackerel Strip
1.47	Cork Harbour	11th September	Billy Kenneally	Mackerel Strip
1 7½	Dunmore East	17th May	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
1 6½	Brownstown Head	1st August	Joe Ryan	Mackerel Strip
1 6½	Cobh	2nd May	John Conroy	Mackerel
1.40	Dunmore East	15th May	Dominick Kearns	Mackerel/Ragworm Cocktail
1.380	Cobh	5th October	Tony Korte (NL)	Mackerel
1 6	Dunmore East	8th June	John Reilly	Mackerel Squid
1 6	Dunmore East	8th June	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
1.37	North Beach, Greystones	15th October	John Reilly	Mackerel Squid Cocktail
1.365	Cobh	8th September	Ben Van Der Geest (NL)	Mackerel

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 5%	Ardglass, Co. Down	14th August	Suzanne Wallace	Ragworm
1 5½	Cork Harbour	16th July	Thomas Johnson	Mackerel Strip
1.32	Cork Harbour	25th September	David Kidney	Mackerel Strip
1 5½	Dunmore East	8th May	Margaret Hobar	Mackerel
1 5¼	Dunmore East	17th May	Margaret Hoban	Mackerel
1 5	Brownstown Head	20th July	Pat. Whelan	Mackerel Strip
1 5	Dunmore East	2nd June	Martin Lucas	Mackerel
1.25	Cork Harbour	28th August	George Vickery	Mackerel Strip
1.25	Cork Harbour	29th May	Daniel K. Cronin	Pollack Strip
1 4	Fenit Pier	20th October	Eamonn Fogarty	Mackerel
1 4	Blackhead, Co. Clare	14th August	Shane Minogue	Mackerel Strip

STONE BASSE

Record:

Specimen Weight: 8 lbs.; 3.628 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 6	Kinsale	31st August	W. R. Bohmermann (NL)	Mackerel Strip

NEW RECORDS

Nine new Irish Records were established during 1983.

- (1) SEA TROUT, 16 lbs. 6 ozs., caught by Thomas McManus, 1 Royal Court, Dundrum Road, Newcastle, Co. Down, in the Shimna River, Co. Down on October 29th, 1983.
- (2) ROACH/BREAM HYBRID, 3 lbs. 15½ ozs., caught by Colm Quinn, 52 Grace O'Malley Drive, Howth, Co. Dublin, in Drumreask Lake on 17th May, 1983.
- (3) COALFISH, 12.5 kilos, caught by E. Masheijer, Breukelen, XY3621, Griffenstein 17, Holland, at Kinsale, Co. Cork, on 21st September, 1982.
- (4) GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH, 23 lbs. 12 ozs., caught by Tony Outmayjer, 7 Old Post Office Street, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, off Valentia, Co. Kerry, on 29th May, 1983.
- (5) HOMELYN RAY, 8.28 lbs., caught by Edmund Cull, "Woodlands", Garryduff, Midleton, Co. Cork, from the shore in Cork Harbour on 28th September, 1983.
- (6) POUTING, 4 lbs. 13½ ozs., caught by John Devereux, Highfield Avenue, Templarainey, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, at Kilmore Quay, on 2nd April, 1983.
- (7) SMOOTH HOUND, 7 lbs. 4 ozs., caught by Maurice Laurent, Leskinferre House, Gorey, Co. Wexford, at Cahore, Co. Wexford, on 21st May, 1983.
- (8) THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, 2 lbs. 9 ozs., caught by Thomas Bailey, 29 Hillmount Gardens, Larne, Co. Antrim, at Ballycastle Pier, on 14th September, 1983.
- (9) BALLAN WRASSE, 4.3 kilos, caught by Bertrand Kron, Bais le Ray, 28500 Vermovillet, France, at Clogher Head on August 20th, 1983.

MULLET RECORD: It has been brought to the notice of the Committee that the 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Record Mullet was not caught according to the Rules of the Committee. Accordingly, this fish has been dropped from the list of Records and the previous Record, a fish weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs., is re-instated as the Irish Record for the species.

TEN PIN AWARD WINNERS

The following qualified in 1983 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

James Bennett, Green Road, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath.
Martin Cassidy, Ballynarrig, Limavady, Co. Derry.
Walter Keane, Killure Cross, Co. Waterford.
Christopher Lane, 4 Devonshire Street North, Cork City.
Noel Lane, 65 Silver Heights Avenue, Mayfield, Cork.
Mark McCleery, 13 Witham Street, Belfast, BT4 1HP.
James McMahon, Carrick Sports Centre, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUVENILES

Each year Dr. A. E. J. Went donated a special award for the best specimen taken by a juvenile who has not reached his or her fourteenth birthday on 1st January, 1984.

The award goes to Darragh Mollaghan, 12, St. Lua's Villas, Killaloe, Co. Clare for a Lake Trout weighing 16 lbs. 1 oz. taken in Ardcooney, Killaloe, Co. Clare, on July 23rd, 1983.

SPECIAL AWARD

In 1976, the Committee decided to recognise the angling prowess of those anglers who have had authenticated claims for specimens of ten separate species of fish. Only five of these awards have been made to date and those who qualified during 1983 are:

3. K. Hudson, 12 McDonnell Drive, Athy, Co. Kildare.

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.

REVISED SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

The Committee has decided to make the following alterations to specimen weights.

1. Flounder (*Platichthys flesus*) raised from 2½ lbs. to 3 lbs.
2. Ballan Wrasse (*Labrus bergylta*) raised from 4½ lbs. to 4¾ lbs.
3. Lesser Spotted Dogfish (*Scyliorhinus caniculus*) raised from 3¼ lbs. to 3½ lbs.
4. Three Bearded Rockling (*Gaidropsarus vulgaris*) raised from 1¼ lbs. to 1¾ lbs.

The specimen weight for the following species has been reduced.

1. Bream (*Abramis brama*) reduced from 8 lbs. to 7½ lbs.
2. Rudd/Bream Hybrid reduced from 3½ lbs. to 3 lbs.
3. Brill (*Scopthalmus rhombus*) reduced from 8 lbs. to 5 lbs.
4. Megrim (*Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis*) reduced from 3 lbs. to 1¾ lbs.
5. Scad (*Trachurus trachurus*) reduced from 2 lbs. to 1½ lbs.
6. Garfish (*Belone belone*) reduced from 2 lbs. 8 ozs. to 2 lbs. 4 ozs.

All of these altered qualifying weights will be subject to review at the Annual General Meeting at the end of 1984.

EXCLUSION FROM SPECIMEN STATUS

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

WEIGHING OF FISH

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

METRIFICATION

As and from 1978, the schedule of specimen weights on the Specimen Fish Claim Forms has given the weight in lbs. and ozs., and also in kilos and grammes. Claims will be accepted under either system until we eventually go metric altogether. As many weighing scales also weigh in decimal instead of lbs. and ozs., claims are also accepted in lbs. and decimals of lb.

COMMON SKATE

In the interest of conservation of the species, the Committee during 1976 decided to remove the Common Skate (*Raja batis*) from the list of eligible fishes for three years, i.e., 1977/1979, and not to consider any claims whatsoever, except a possible new record (i.e. a fish weighing in excess of 221 lbs.) during the three-year period. The Committee has been delighted with the response to its appeal and it is gratifying to know that in most angling centres throughout the country, common skate are returned unharmed to the water. The situation came up for review at the Committee's final meeting for the year 1980 and it was decided to extend the ban for a further three-year period at the end of which it is hoped that the position will have further improved. The Committee in the meantime will keep the situation under annual review and looks forward to the continued co-operation of anglers in the conservation of the species.

"SETTING UP" CLASSES

The Committee would like to get together a national collection of exceptionally big fish and so, in the case of fish of or above the weights listed below, if the angler so wishes, the Committee will accept the fish for setting up as part of such a national collection. Where a fish of marketable species is accepted by the Committee for setting up, the market value of the fish will be paid to the donor, if requested. Freight charges will also be paid by the Committee.

The following is a list of species (with minimum weights) which the Committee would like to receive for "setting up":—

COD (40 lbs.); CONGER (70 lbs.); JOHN DORY (7 lbs.); GREY MULLET (8 lbs.); POLLACK (16 lbs.); POUTING (4 lbs.); RED SEA BREAM (7 lbs.); SHAD ALLIS (5 lbs.); SHAD TWAITE (3 lbs.); PORBEAGLE SHARK (300 lbs.); MAKO SHARK (200 lbs.); WHITING (4½ lbs.); BALLAN WRASSE (9 lbs.); CUCKOO WRASSE (1½ lbs.).

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMEN AWARDS

The number of specimen fish taken by visiting anglers in recent years may be of interest for purposes of comparison. The details are listed below for 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

YEAR	IRELAND	BRITAIN	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	FRANCE
1972	169	126	29	23	7	2
1973	235	91	23	40	9	5
1974	170	117	16	36	6	9
1975	204	132	46	27	3	6
1976	214	123	40	36	2	5
1977	272	135	35	47	4	4
1978	281	126	19	86	7	1
1979	235	126	18	52	6	5
1980	355	77	13	54	9	2
1981	390	111	19	31	6	2
1982	404	104	18	61	4	4
1983	532	116	15	31	2	4

FUND RAISING

A list of those who contributed so generously to the funds of the Committee is given at the end of this Report but we feel that special mention must be given to special fund raising efforts made on our behalf. The South Shore S.A.C. once again ran a very successful angling competition on our behalf and donated the proceeds which amounted to £350 to our funds. The Rush Sea Angling Festival also donated part of the proceeds of their Festival to us. To both Committees and to all the members who worked so hard to make these events successful, we tender our sincere and grateful thanks.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1982 was made at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. A Presentation was also held in Belfast for those anglers from Northern Ireland who were unable to attend the Dublin Presentation. The Presentation for the 1983 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 25th February, 1984. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1982 in Leicester, Liverpool, Leeds, Bristol and London. It is hoped that similar presentations will be held early in 1984 and award winners will receive invitations.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) and the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for making these presentations possible and also to Aer Lingus (Irish Airlines) and B & I (British & Irish Steampacket Co. Ltd.) for their assistance during the year.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1982 is given in this Report. The 1983 account will only be available early in 1984 and will be published in the next Report.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The transfer of the Department of Fisheries & Forestry Laboratory to Abbotstown, Co. Dublin, and the fact that there are no Saturday postal deliveries in Dublin caused difficulties during the year with fish sent for identification. In future, all fish for identification must be sent to the Committee at Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, (Phone 379206). All correspondence should also be sent to this address.

Fish taken in Northern Ireland should be sent as heretofore to the Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine (Phone: 4521) indicating that the fish has been sent for identification on behalf of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee.

A label must be attached to each fish giving the captor's name and address, date and place of capture and the weight of the fish.

In the case of the following freshwater species, Dace, Rudd, Roach, Rudd/Bream Hybrid and Roach/Bream Hybrid, where the actual body is required for identification by our biologists, it should be noted that these fishes can be presented to us alive and not necessarily dead. Many live fish are presented to the Committee at Balnagowan House for identification and arrangements made to return the fish safely to the water.

REJECTED CLAIMS

As in every year since its inception, the Committee with considerable regret, has had to reject a number of claims because of incomplete or inadequate documentation.

These included instances where fish were weighed on balances which were not, or could not, be checked for accuracy. Some photographs submitted as evidence of identity of species of fish were inadequate for identification purposes because they were out of focus, or obscured by spectators or were taken at such an angle that the important diagnostic features could not be certified. Some claims were also rejected because the actual fish, or its scales (where required under the rules) were not sent to the Committee's Biologists for identification, or if the fish was sent, it was in such a state of advanced decomposition as to render positive identification impossible. In some cases, the fish were not delivered at all but were destroyed by the Postal Authorities.

Fish must not be sent before Bank Holidays or week-ends. If they cannot reach the Committee before Friday afternoon, then they should be kept in cold storage until Monday. Fish must not be wrapped in aluminium foil or polythene bags, as this hastens decomposition. They should first be wrapped in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper. Please also attach a label to each fish, giving the captor's name and address, date and place of capture and weight of fish.

Where photographs are requested as proof of identification, it is essential that these be sharp, clear and close-up, showing the entire fish with its fins and other features easily seen. They must not be foreshortened or obscured by shadows or bystanders. (See rules on Claim Form).

DONATIONS

The Irish Specimen Fish Committee is a voluntary body representative of all angling interests in Ireland. It depends for funds on the subscriptions of well-wishers and the Committee wishes to convey its sincere thanks to those who have already subscribed namely:—

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**IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE
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1981	EXPENDITURE	1982	1981	REVENUE	1982
31 Dec. 1981			31 Dec. 1981		
£ 144.38	To Balance			By Balance	£ 506.78
£ 1,108.61	Printing	£ 1,254.53		Grants	
£ 566.25	Medals, etc.	£ 1,205.00	£ 1,250.00	Central Fisheries Board	£ 1,250.00
£ 617.19	Travel	£ 808.82	£ 750.00	Bord Failte	£ 850.00
£ 300.00	Deposit — E.B.S.		£ 243.89	Ditto towards expenses	£ 291.05
£ 14.21	Miscellaneous	£ 161.73	£ 300.00	Estate of Dr. A. E. J. Went	
£ 506.78	To Balance	£ 394.67		Subscriptions	
			£ 351.91	Angling Clubs	£ 402.30
			£ 361.56	Individual Donations	£ 524.62
			<u>£ 3257.42</u>		<u>£ 3,824.75</u>
			31 Dec. 1982	By Balance	£ 394.67

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

Signed: G. A. TIMMINS
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IRISH RECORD FISH

Freshwater Species

Species	Weight lb. 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 Ennel	Wm. Meares
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	18 13	9.9.1982	The Lough, Cork	Eddie Broughal
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)	38 2	25.2.1973	Lough Corrib	Brendan Hardiman
Roach	2 13½	11.8.1970	River Blackwater, Cappoquin	Lawrie Robinson
Rudd	3 1	27.6.1959	Kilglass Lake	A. E. Biddlecombe
Rudd/Bream Hybrid	5 13½	12. 4.1975	River Shannon, Lanesboro	P. J. Dighton
Roach/Bream Hybrid	3 15½	17.5.1983	Drumreask L.	Colm Quinn
Tench	7 13¼	25.5.1971	River Shannon, Lanesboro	Raymond Webb
River Eel	6 15	12.6.1979	L. Droumenisa, Bantry	J. Murnane

Marine Species

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Angler Fish	71 8	5.7.1964	Cork Harbour	Ml. Fitzgerald
Bass	17 1¼	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	4.29	14.11.1980	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Coalfish	12.5 kilos	21.9.1983	Kinsale	E. Masheijer
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	I. L. Stewart
Conger	72 0	June 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Dab	1 13½	20.10.1979	Ballycotton	P. Curtin
Spur Dogfish	18 12	10.9.1977	Bantry	John Murnane
Greater Spotted Dogfish	23 12	29.5.1983	Valentia	Tony Outmayjer
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	4 4	26.7.1982	Valentia	Cor Heinis
Flounder	4 6½	21.8.1979	Ballyteigue Co. Wexford	David Gray
Garfish	3 10¼	16.9.1967	Kinsale	Evan Bazzard
Tub Gurnard	12 3½	8.8.1973	Bullsmouth, Achill	Robert Seaman
Grey Gurnard	3 1	21.9.1967	Rosslare Bay	Brendan Walsh
Red Gurnard	3 9½	17.7.1968	Belmullet	James Prescott
Haddock	10 13½	15.7.1964	Kinsale	F. A. E. Bull
Hake	25 5½	28.4.1962	Belfast Lough	H. W. Steele
Halibut	156	23.7.1972	Belmullet	Frank Brogan
Ling	46 8	26.7.1965	Kinsale	A. J. C. Bull
John Dory	7 1	6.9.1970	Tory Island Donegal	Stanley Morrow
Mackerel	4	18.9.1979	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Monkfish	73 0	1.6.1980	Fenit, Co. Kerry	James Boyd
Grey Mullet	7 10	8.6.1972	Killybegs Pier	Kevin Boyle
Plaice	8.23	23.1.1982	Ballycotton Pier	Edmund Cull
Pollack	19 3	1904	Ballycotton	J. N. Hearne
Pouting	4 13½	2.4.1983	Kilmore Quay	John Devereux
Thornback Ray	37 0	28.5.1961	Ling Rocks Kinsale	M. J. Fitzgerald
Blonde Ray	36 8	9.9.1964	Cork Harbour	D. Minchin
Sting Ray	51. 0	8.8.1970	Fenit, Co. Kerry	John White
Cuckoo Ray	5 11	3.8.1975	Causeway Coast	V. Morrison
Undulate Ray	18	11.6.1977	Fenit	Ann-Mari Liedecke
Homelyn Ray	8.28	28.9.1983	Cork Harbour	Edmund Cull
Painted Ray	14.37	18.6.1980	Garryvoe, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Ray's Bream	6 4¼	26.8.1978	Valentia	Martin Sarney
Red Sea Bream	9 6	24.8.1963	Valentia	P. Maguire
Twaite Shad	2 11½	2.5.1982	River Barrow	Vincent Baker
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, Westport	Jack Stack
Smooth Hound	7 4	21.5.1983	Cahore, Co. Wexford	Maurice Laurent
Three Bearded	2 9	14.9.1983	Ballycastle Pier	Thomas Bailey
Rockling				
Tope	66 8	15.7.1979	Carlingford Lough	Cyril Young
Turbot	34	9.6.1982	Cork Harbour	Frank Fleming
Whiting	4 14½	19.3.1981	Kenmare Bay	Comdt. M. J. O'Connor
Ballan Wrasse	4.3 Kilos	20.8.1983	Clogher Head	Bertrand Kron
Cuckoo Wrasse	1 12	10.19.1982	Larne	Richard Patterson
	1 12	16.9.1982	Belfast Lough	P. A. Webb

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH

	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN WEIGHT	
	lb.	ozs.	lb.	kilos
Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	57	0	25	11.339
Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	16	6	6	2.721
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> (river))	20	0	5	2.268
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> (lake))	26	2	10	4.536
Slob Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)			10	4.536
Bream (<i>Abramis brama</i>)	11	12	7½	3.402
Carp (<i>Cyprinus caprio</i>)	18	13	10	4.536
Dace (<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>)	1	2	1	.454
Perch (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>)	5	8	3	1.361
Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (Lake)	38	2	30	13.608
Pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) (River)	42	0	20	9.072
Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	2	13½	2	1.021
Rudd (<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>)	3	1	2¼	1.021
Rudd/Bream hybrid	5	13½	3	1.361
Roach/Bream hybrid	3	15½	3	1.361
Tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>)	7	13¼	6	2.721
Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>)	6	15	3	1.361
SEA FISH				
Angler fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	1	8	40	18.144
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	7	1¼	10	4.536
Black Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	29		2	.907

RULES

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	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN WEIGHT	
	lb.	ozs.	lb.	kilos
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus Rhombus</i>)	—	—	5	2.268
Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	12.5	kilos	15	6.804
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	42	0	25	11.340
Conger (<i>Conger conger</i>)	72	0	40	18.144
Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	1	13½	1½	.680
Dogfish — Spur (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	18	0	12	5.443
— Lesser Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus caniculus</i>)	4	4	3½	1.587
— Greater Spotted (<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>)	23	12	16	7.257
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	4	6½	3	1.361
Garfish (<i>Belone bellone</i>)	3	10¼	2¼	1.134
Gurnard — Tub (<i>Trigla lucerna</i>)	12	3½	5	2.268
— Grey (<i>Eutrigla gurnardus</i>)	3	1	1½	.680
— Red (<i>Aspitrigla cuculus</i>)	3	9½	2	.907
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	10	13½	7	3.175
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	25	5½	10	4.536
Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156	0	50	22.680
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	—	—	¾	.340
John Dory (<i>Zues faber</i>)	7	1	4	1.814
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	46	8	25	11.340
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	4	2	2½	1.134
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	—	—	1¾	.794
Monkfish (<i>Squatina squatina</i>)	73	0	50	22.680
Mullet — Grey, thick lipped (<i>Crenimugil labrosus</i>)	7	10	5	2.268
— Red (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	—	—	1	.454
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	8.23	—	4	1.814
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	19	3	12	5.443
Pouting (<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>)	4	13½	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	4½	2.041
— Electric (<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>)	—	—	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 microocellata</i>)	14.37	—	10	4.536
— Sting (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>)	51	—	30	13.608
Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>)	6	0	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9	6	4½	2.041
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsaurs vulgaris</i>)	2	9	1¾	.794
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	—	—	1½	.680
Shad — Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	—	—	4	1.814
— Twaiter (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	2	11½	1¾	.794
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>Mustelas asterias</i>)	7	4	4	1.810
Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>)	—	—	8	3.628
Tope (<i>Galeobhinus galeus</i>)	66	8	40	18.144
Tunny (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	—	—	100	45.359
Turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>)	34	0	18	8.165
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	4	14½	3	1.361
Wrasse Ballan (<i>Labrus bergylta</i>)	4.3	kilos	4¾	2.154
Wrasse Cuckoo (<i>Labrus mixtus</i>)	1	12	1¼	.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.

- 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 object 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 UN-AIDED, though the fish may be gaffed or netted by another, and it is permissible for the person using the gaff to take hold of the trace or doubled line (in the case of big game fishing) to steady the fish when it has been played out and brought within reach. Breakage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.
- 3) WEIGHING: Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g., a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on uncertified scales, e.g., anglers' spring balances or 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 lb. or over and graduated in large divisions. Claims cannot be accepted in the case of fish which have been weighed on board a boat.
Please note: Weighing scales must be covered by a Certificate of Accuracy at the time of weighing. They cannot be certified in retrospect, i.e., after the fish has been weighed.
- 4) IDENTIFICATION. The identification of a fish must be fully documented where there is a possibility of its confusion with any other (and particularly larger) species. For this reason the Committee in respect of some species insists on scales from the fish, close up photographs or the actual body as actual proof of identification before it will consider claims. Scales must be submitted in respect of claims for SALMON, SEA TROUT, BROWN TROUT (including SLOB TROUT). Any brown trout taken in tidal waters, i.e., in the sea or in an estuary below the freshwater boundary as defined for that river will be regarded for claim purposes as a slob trout. About 50 scales scraped from each shoulder of the fish should be sent with the claim.

The fish itself should be forwarded for identification to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, in the case of fish taken in the Republic of Ireland, and to the Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I., in the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland.

The actual body must be forwarded for identification in the case of the following species — DACE, RUDD, ROACH, RUDD BREAM HYBRID, ROACH BREAM HYBRID; MACKEREL, WRASSE, SCAD, HERRING, SHAD, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, SMOOTH HOUND, RAYS BREAM, and "RIVER" eels taken in tidal waters.

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.

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 colouration 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 the Porbeagle and Mako Sharks. In addition, there should be a clear close-up photograph showing the jaws with teeth exposed.

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

CLAIM FORM 1984

(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) **"SETTING UP" CLASSES.** The Committee would like to get together a national collection of exceptionally big fish, and so, in the case of the fish of or above the weights listed below, if the angler so wishes, the Committee will accept the fish to setting up as part of such national collection. Where a fish of marketable species is accepted by the Committee for setting up, the market-value of the fish will be paid to the donor, if requested. Freight charges will also be paid by the Committee.

The following is a list of species (with minimum weights) which the Committee would like to receive for "setting up": —

COD (40 lbs.); CONGER (70 lbs.); JOHN DORY (7 lbs.); GREY MULLET (8 lbs.); POLLACK (16 lbs.); POUTING (4 lbs.); RED SEA BREAM (7 lbs.); ALLIS SHAD (5 lbs.); TWAITE SHAD (3 lbs.); PORBEAGLE SHARK (300 lbs.); MAKO SHARK (200 lbs.); WHITING (4½ lbs.); BALLAN WRASSE (9 lbs.); CUCKOO WRASSE (1½ lbs.)

(7) **SENDING FISH TO COMMITTEE:**

- Please (1) Notify Committee when a fish is being sent in for identification or setting up (telephone Dublin 379206).
- (2) Do not send fish on their travels before Bank Holidays or week-ends; (keep in a cold store 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 first in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper.

(8) **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. Special badges are also awarded to anglers who have captured ten or more specimen fish, special medals to anglers who have caught specimens of ten different 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 Rd., Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (phone 379206). FISH should be sent to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. In the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland to Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I. (phone 4521).

1. **Species of Fish**..... **Weight**.....
 (See Rule 4)
Where Caught..... **Shore** **Boat** **Date of Capture**.....
Length..... **Girth/Wingspread**.....

(Note: Length measured in a straight line — not over curve of body — between tip of snout and end of middle rays of tail fin. Greatest girth, usually in front of dorsal fin. Wing spread, in case of rays and skate only — Horizontal distance — not over curve of body — from wingtip to wingtip).

2. **NAME OF CLAIMANT (Block Letters)**.....
ADDRESS.....

DATE OF BIRTH if 14 years or under

3. **WITNESS TO CAPTURE**
We the undersigned certify that we were witnesses to the capture by fair angling of the fish described in this claim, and confirm that the captor's certificate is correct. (If there are no witnesses to the capture the Statutory Declaration on page 2 must be completed).

Signed Address Occupation.....

4. **WEIGHING:** Details of type and make of weighing machine (see Rule 3).

WHERE LOCATED

Note: The weighing scales must be covered by a certificate of accuracy at the time the fish is weighed.

WITNESSES TO WEIGHING AND MEASURING

We, the undersigned hereby certify that we were witnesses to the weighing and measuring of the fish described herein, and that the weight and measurements given are correct.

Signed Address Occupation.....

(To be completed by angler making claim)

I certify that the fish details of which are set out above, was taken by me by fair angling with single rod and line.

Signed..... Date.....

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	Date
Fish/Photograph received/examined	
Identified	Signature

Tackle (*Type of rod and reel*)

Type of breaking strain of line

Nature of terminal tackle (*In case of trolling or bottom gear*)

(In case of sea fishing, state whether paternoster, leger, etc.; number of hooks; whether wire trace used, and if so, length and breaking strain).

Bait or Lure

Important Note:

Many claims are rejected because the following rules are not strictly adhered to:

- (1) Rule 3 Weighing of the fish.
- (2) Rule 4 Identification of the fish.

Please read both of these Rules carefully

9. STATUTORY DECLARATION (*To be completed by angler if no witnesses to capture of fish. To be signed before Peace Commissioner.*)

of.

do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars given in this claim form as to the capture of the fish described herein are correct. I make this solemn declaration solemnly and conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1938.

Declared before me by of
(Claimant)

who is personally known to me/who has been introduced to me

by of

who is personally known to me (*strike out whichever does not apply*)

this day of 19....

(Peace Commissioner)

Issued by The Irish Specimen Fish Committee, Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. (Phone 379206)