



**REPORT FOR YEAR
1985**

**REPORT
OF
IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 1985**

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During 1985 the Committee was composed of A. Gibson (Chairman), and Miss E. Twomey (Department of Fisheries & Forestry); D. Brennan and P. Fitzmaurice (Central Fisheries Board); B. Geraghty (Bord Failte Eireann); C. P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers); J. Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland); G. Timmins (Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association) and P. Byrne (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland).

During the year the Committee received 632 claims and ratified 582.

(Dates of capture 1985 unless otherwise stated).

SALMON

Record 57 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
25 8	River Rundrowes	16 April	Anton Basso (D)	Worm
25	Muckross Lake	26 January	Pat Curran	Blue/Silver Devon
22 9	Lake Currane	13 February	Michael R. Dwyer	Rapalla Plug
22	River Bandon	18 March	Thomas P. F. O'Connor	Plastic Lure
21 8	River Slaney	27 February	John Victor Luce	3" Spoon
21 8	River Blackwater	13 September	Dan Irwin	Worm
20 4	Lough Eske	10 April	Anthony O'Malley Daly	Abu Toby
20 4	River Slaney	27 February	John Victor Luce	3" Devon Spoon

SEA TROUT

Record 16 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
8 6.8	Lough Currane	23 June	John Cahill	Wet Fly
7 14	Lough Currane	4 September	James Donnelly	Wet Fly
7 7.3	Lough Currane	14 April	Rafat Jah (GB)	Wet Fly
7 4	Carrigh Lake, Connemara	19 September	Martin Folan	Wet Fly
7 3.7	Casla River	5 September	Frank Barrett	Wet Fly
7 2	Lough Currane	4 July	R. G. Walters (GB)	Wet Fly
7 0.8	Lough Currane	11 May	M. Lane	Wet Fly
6 13.6	Lough Currane	23 June	Ruary Rudd	Wet Fly
6 10.7	Cloonaughlin Lake	30 June	James O'Shea	Rapalla
6 6.7	Elly Bay, Belmullet	4 July	Stephen Fitzpatrick	Mackerel Strip
6 4	Lough Currane	1 April	Lydia Manzel (A)	Rapala Plug
6 2	Lough Currane	12 June	Peter M. Owens	Wet Fly

BROWN TROUT (LAKE)

Record 26 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
15 12	Lough Leane	11 June	Ted O'Connor	Toby
13 4.8	Lough Corrib	28 September	Frank Costello	Abu Hi-Lo
12 6.2	Lough Mask	2 June	Desmond Elliott	Copper/Silver Spoon
12 4.4	Lough Mask	30 May	Ivor Haslett	Toby

BROWN TROUT (LAKE) (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 2	Lough Corrib	1 June	Liam Tierney	Toby
11 12.6	Lough Deravaragh	18 September	Jimmy Fox	Rapala
11 8.5	Lough Corrib	30 May	Kaul Jungen (D)	Toby
10 10.5	Lough Leane	11 August	Dermot Casey	Fly
10 5.5	Lough Mask	28 April	Liam Conroy	Copper/Silver Toby
10 5.4	Lough Mask	10 May	Brendan Costello	Abu Koster
10 4.5	Lough Mask	17 May	Michael Whelan	Spoon
10 2.5	Lough Corrib	17 September	Walter Langenberger (D)	Toby
10 2	Lough Mask	15 June	Desmond Elliott	Spoon

BROWN TROUT (RIVER)

Record 20 lbs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 4	Lwr. Bann River	8 May	Patrick J. Melia	Worm
7	Ringsend Basin	21 April	Brian Healy	Dead Roach
6 13	River Bann	19 June	Herbert D. Wolsey	Lob Worm
6 6	River Liffey, Straffan	5 May	Barry Simpson	Fly
5 7.3	River Inny	6 May	David Harris (GB)	Maggot
5 4	River Keel	10 June	Martin Feerick	Sooty Olive
5 2.8	River Shannon, Ballintra	8 July	Patrick J. Fergus	Toby

BREAM

Record 11 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 7 lbs. 8 ozs.; 3.402 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 5.5	Lough na Glack	21 July	James McMahon	Sweetcorn & Maggots
10 4.5	Lough na Glack	27 October	Colm Crean	Maggots
10 3	Lough na Glack	15 May	John P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots
10 2.5	Lough na Glack	26 October	Colm Crean	Maggots
10 1	Lough na Glack	29 July	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn
9 15	Lough na Glack	30 October	Vincent Baker	Maggots
9 14	Lough na Glack	16 October	James McMahon	Maggots
9 11.5	Monalty Lake	1 September	Stephen Barry (GB)	Maggots
9 11.5	Lough na Glack	20 October	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 10	Lough na Glack	26 August	James McMahon	Sweetcorn & Maggots
9 10	Lough na Glack	15 May	Norman Haworth	Maggots
9 9.5	Lough na Glack	21 October	Norman Haworth	Worms
9 9	Lough na Glack	30 July	Sean Browne (GB)	Caster
9 8.7	Lough na Glack	13 October	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 8.5	Lough na Glack	24 August	Colm Crean	Sweetcorn
9 7	Lough na Glack	23 July	John Conlon	Sweetcorn
9 6.5	Lough na Glack	21 June	Norman Haworth	Maggots
9 6	Lough na Glack	3 August	Vincent Baker	Sweetcorn
9 6	Lough na Glack	11 June	David Ward (GB)	Worm
9 2	Monalty Lake	5 May	John Conlon	Maggots
9 2	Lough na Glack	2 August	Brendan Doran	Sweetcorn
9 2	Lough na Glack	8 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 2	Monalty Lake	20 March	Joseph Magee	Maggot
9 1	Monalty Lake	3 August	Keith Salter (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 0.5	Monalty Lake	9 March	Brendan Doyle	Maggots

BREAM (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 0.3	R. Shannon, Lanesboro	14 May	Gerry Whyte	Bread
9	Monalty Lake	17 August	John Conlon	Sweetcorn
9	Monalty Lake	14 April	Alan Ivory	Maggots
8 15.5	Lanesboro	4 May	Karin Stich (D)	Bread Flake
8 15.5	Lough na Glack	16 August	Carl Scholes (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 15	Monalty Lake	8 April	Philip Arthur	Maggot & Caster
8 14	Lanesboro	14 May	Gerry Whyte	Bread
8 14	Monalty Lake	10 April	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8 14	lough na Glack	18 August	Philip Arthur	Sweetcorn
8 13	Monalty Lake	2 August	Robert Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 13	Monalty Lake	29 March	Tony Michell (GB)	Maggot/Worm
8 12.1	Lanesboro	4 May	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
8 12	Monalty Lake	27 March	Tony Michell (GB)	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	28 March	Roger Marshall (GB)	Worm & Maggot
8 11	Monalty Lake	8 April	Philip Arthur	Maggot & Caster
8 10	Lough na Glack	30 October	Master Gary Baker	Maggots
8 10	Lough na Glack	10 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 10	Monalty Lake	3 August	Keith Salter (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 10	Monalty Lake	11 May	Sean Browne (GB)	Maggots
8 10	Monalty Lake	9 May	Sean Browne (GB)	Maggots
8 10	Monalty Lake	3 April	Sean Fay (GB)	Maggot
8 9.5	Monalty Lake	8 April	Philip Arthur	Worm & Maggot
8 9.4	Lanesboro	8 May	W. A. Lister (GB)	Maggot
8 9	Monalty Lake	17 April	Raymond Duffy	Maggots
8 9	Monalty Lake	23 July	David Boulstridge (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 9	Lough na Glack	15 May	John P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots
8 9	Monalty Lake	29 May	Don Wheeler (GB)	Maggots
8 8.7	Monalty Lake	9 June	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
8 8.4	Lanesboro	13 May	Peter Belling	Bread
8 8.4	Lanesboro	14 May	Gerry Whyte	Bread
8 8.3	Lanesboro	13 May	Roger Paul Gatland (GB)	Maggot
8 8	Lough na Glack	16 August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 8	Monalty Lake	2 August	Robert Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 8	Lough na Glack	15 May	John P. Nolan (GB)	Maggots
8 7.5	Monalty Lake	10 October	Richard Hancox (GB)	Maggots
8 7	Monalty Lake	11 April	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8 6.7	Lanesboro	4 May	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
8 6	Monalty Lake	23 July	David Boulstridge (GB)	Maggots
8 6	Monalty Lake	23 September	Stephen B. Collier (GB)	Worms
8 6	Monalty Lake	5 October	Michael Connell	Bread
8 6	Monalty Lake	25 August	Michael Connell	Bread
8 6	Capragh Lake	8 October	Richard Hancox (GB)	Red Worms & Casters
8 6	Monalty Lake	29 March	Tony Michell (GB)	Sweetcorn/Maggot
8 6	Ballinacid Lake	11 June	M. Sloane (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 5.7	Monalty Lake	20 July	Gordon Dickenson	Maggots
8 5.2	Lough Ree	21 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
8 5	Monalty Lake	7 October	Mrs. Carol McMahon	Sweetcorn & Maggots
8 5	Monalty Lake	6 April	Darren Cox (GB)	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
8 4.1	Lanesboro	2 May	W. A. Lister (GB)	Bread
8 4	Lough na Glack	3 August	Colette Baker	Sweetcorn
8 4	Lough Ree	3 October	Martin James (GB)	Bread Flake

BREAM (continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 4	Lough na Glack	15 May	Allan P. Gallyer (GB)	Maggots
8 4	Monalty Lake	29 March	Roger Marshall (GB)	Worm & Maggot
8 3.7	Monalty Lake	7 April	Alastair Smyth	Maggots
8 3.5	Lough na Glack	5 June	W. Boal	Maggot
8 3.2	Lanesboro	3 May	Karin Stich (D)	Bread Flake
8 3	Lough na Glack	17 October	David Glass	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	11 April	Neil McCabe	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	25 July	Colin S. Franklin (GB)	Maggots
8 3	Monalty Lake	25 June	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	3 August	Keith Salter (GB)	Maggots/Caster
8 2	Monalty Lake	27 April	Ray Bannerman	Maggots
8 2	Monalty Lake	27 April	Ray Bannerman	Maggots
8 1.7	Monalty Lake	17 April	Alastair Smyth	Maggots
8 1	Lough na Glack	12 June	Don Dambrosio (GB)	Sweetcorn & Maggot
8 0.8	Lanesboro	4 May	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
8 0.1	Lough Ree	21 April	Mauro Mazzo (I)	Castor & Worm Cocktail
8 1	Monalty Lake	18 October	Philip Arthur	Sweetcorn
8	Monalty Lake	31 March	Alastair Smyth	Maggots
8	Ballinfid Lake	8 September	Fred Foster	Worm
8	Lough na Glack	11 June	David Ward (GB)	Worm
8	Monalty Lake	21 August	Stephen B. Collier (GB)	Maggots
8	Lough na Glack	12 June	Don Dambrosio (GB)	Maggots
8	Lough na Glack	17 July	Richard Hancox (GB)	Maggots
8	Lough na Glack	16 August	Carl Scholes (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 15.6	Lanesboro	8 May	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 15	Monalty Lake	15 September	Alan O'Hagan	Sweetcorn
7 15	Lanesboro	28 April	Gerard Maguire	Bread & Maggot
7 15	Lough na Glack	5 June	W. Boal	Maggot
7 14.5	Lanesboro	14 May	Joseph Doyle	Bread
7 14	Lough na Glack	7 August	Colette Baker	Sweetcorn
7 14	Lough na Glack	25 September	Paul Dinsdale (GB)	Casters
7 14	Monalty Lake	22 June	Don Tickle (GB)	Maggots
7 13.9	Lanesboro	1 May	W. A. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 13.9	Lough Ree	23 August	Stuart Bowdler (GB)	Worm & Caster
7 13	Monalty Lake	25 April	Raymond Duffy	Maggots
7 13	Monalty Lake	22 September	Fred Foster	Worm
7 13	Monalty Lake	21 March	Richard J. F. McCallum	Maggot
7 13	Monalty Lake	9 March	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
7 12.9	River Inny	13 May	Anthony J. Knights	Worm
7 12	Lough na Glack	9 May	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots
7 12	Monalty Lake	15 September	Alan O'Hagan	Sweetcorn
7 12	Monalty Lake	5 April	Simon Davis (GB)	Maggots
7 11.5	Lanesboro	11 May	Trevor Belling	Bread
7 11	Monalty Lake	2 August	Robert Keene (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 11	Monalty Lake	3 September	Ian Short (GB)	Maggots
7 11	Monalty Lake	29 March	Roger Marshall (GB)	Worm & Maggot
7 10	Lough na Glack	12 May	Steve Gilliver (GB)	Maggots & Caster
7 10	Lanesboro	7 April	Fred Foster	Bread Flake
7 10	Monalty Lake	23 July	David Boulstridge (GB)	Maggots
7 10	Lough na Glack	22 July	Mrs. Carol McMahon	Sweetcorn & Maggots
7 10	Lough na Glack	17 August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 10	Ballinfid Lake	10 June	John Foy (GB)	Lobworm
7 9	Monalty Lake	9 March	Brendan Doyle	Maggots
7 9	Lough na Glack	5 June	Barry Barr	Maggot
7 9	Lough na Glack	5 June	W. Boal	Maggot

BREAM (continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 8.8	Lanesboro	6 May	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 8.8	Lanesboro	9 May	B. Lister (GB)	Bread
7 8.5	Monalty Lake	21 March	Alan O'Hagan	Maggot
7 8	Lough na Glack	3 August	Colette Baker	Sweetcorn
7 8	Lough na Glack	10 August	Derek Dabbs (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 8	Monalty Lake	21 March	Seamus Sands	Maggots

CARP

Record 22 lbs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12 2	Ballinfid Lake	16 May	Anthony Gower (GB)	Maggots
10 13	Ballinfid Lake	14 July	Fred Foster	Worm

EEL

Record 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 11	River Barrow	11 July	Kevin Murphy	Worm
3	Lough Furnace	28 June	Declan Quigley	Maggots

PIKE (LAKE)

Record 38 lbs. 2 ozs.

Specimen Weight 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32	Lough Derravaragh	27 October	Cathal Orme	Copper Spoon

PIKE (RIVER)

Record 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
32	River Slaney	2 March	Maurice Laurent	Dead Bait
27 8	River Barrow	10 March	Master John Duggan	Balzer Colonel
23	River Suck	6 June	E. Egginton (GB)	Spoon
22	River Barrow	23 April	Maurice Laurent	Devon
21 9.1	River Boyne, Trim	30 Dec. '84	John Joe O'Brien	Artificial Frog
21	River Shannon	23 July	Bataille Werner (B)	Dead Perch
20	Lower Bann	20 October	Philip Arthur	Dead Rudd

RUDD

Record 3 lbs. 1 oz.

Specimen Weight 2 1/4 lbs. 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 8	R. Shannon, Athlone	3 August	Joseph Brill	Bread
2 4.5	R. Shannon, Athlone	9 August	Master Declan Brill	Sweetcorn

RUDD/BREAM HYBRID

Record 5 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 1.5	River Shannon, Athlone	5 August	Joseph Brill	Sweetcorn
4 0.8	River Shannon, Lanesboro	3 July	Geoffrey Heath (GB)	Bread Flake
3 12.1	Lanesboro	13 May	Peter Belling	Bread
3 10.2	Lanesboro	30 April	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread
3 8.	Ballycullinan	9 May	Hasan Masarrat	Dough

TENCH

Record 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 13.9	River Shannon, Lanesboro	30 May	J. Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
6 11.8	Lanesboro	2 July	W. H. Barker (GB)	Bread Flake
6 9.5	Drumlonan Lake	28 June	Don Smith (GB)	Sweetcorn
6 8.3	Lanesboro	25 May	Joseph Lavery (GB)	Worm
6 8.1	Lanesboro	20 May	Joseph Lavery (GB)	Sweetcorn
6 6.5	Ballinafid Lake	30 June	Brendan Doran	Maggots
6 4.8	Lanesboro	17 June	J. Mills (GB)	Bread Flake
6 4.6	Lanesboro	20 June	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
6 3.6	Lanesboro	25 May	David Coyle	Maggot/Worm
6 3.5	Lanesboro	12 May	Guenther Stich (D)	Bread Flake
6 2.5	Drumlonan Lake	28 June	Maurice Barber (GB)	Sweetcorn
6 1.4	Lanesboro	10 May	Anthony Donegan (GB)	Maggot/Bread
6 1	Drumlonan Lake	1 July	Roger Whincup (GB)	Worm
6 0.6	Lanesboro	4 July	Jack Heath (GB)	Bread Flake
6 0.5	Drumlonan Lake	29 June	Don Smith (GB)	Sweetcorn
6	Ballinafid Lake	24 June	Brendan Doran	Maggots

ANGLER FISH

Record 42.985 kilos

Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
42.985 kilos	Belfast Lough	3 November	Sean Neill	Pirk

BASS

Record 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.54 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14 15.2	Cork Harbour	23 April	Michael Roche	Ragworm
14 1.5	Tramore	14 Sept. '84	Eamon O'Brien	Sandeel
13 4.5	Dollymount Strand	26 September	Bill Malone	Ragworm
13 2.7	Cork Harbour	21 September	John A. Johnston	Mackerel Strip
5.60 kilos	Balinoulart, Wexford	26 May	T. E. Barnes (GB)	Peeler Crab
11 .13	Inchydoney, Clonakilty	30 August	Joseph Gaule	Sandeel
11 0.8	Blennerville, Tralee	7 July	Colm Quinn	Peeler Crab
10 8	Clonakilty	18 August	Dr. Jeff Fetherstone (GB)	Sand Eel
10 7.5	Baltray	20 September	Francis Reid	Soft Crab
10 6	Corballis, Donabate	27 August	James Jones	Ragworm
10 0.7	Malahide	5 August	Tomas Gardiner	Ragworm

COALFISH

Record 12.5 kilos

Specimen Weight 15 lbs.; 6.804 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 8	Crosshaven	13 August	F. J. G. Joosten (NL)	Mackerel
17	Courtmacherry	5 September	Ledamoisel Laurent(F)	Feathers

COD

Record 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36	Causeway Coast	4 August	Jackson McCaughan	Pirk
36	Causeway Coast	30 June	Lennox Fisher	Mackerel
29	Greystones	16 July	Frank McNamara	Mussel on Feather
28	Causeway Coast	7 August	Brian McLoughlin	Mackerel/Squid Cocktail
27	Causeway Coast	11 August	Roy Brown	Mackerel
26 8	Portrush	13 August	Norman Green	Pirk

CONGER EEL

Record 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
52	Cork Harbour	25 August	Johannis De Leeuw (NL)	Mackerel
41 8	Achill	24 July	John O'Shea	Mackerel
18.2 kilos	Youghal	1 September	Philip Tobin	Mackerel Head

DAB

Record 2 lbs.

Specimen Weight 1¼ lbs.; 0.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12.7	Cork Harbour	20 November	Noel Lane	Lugworm

GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record 18 lbs.

Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
17 11	Bantry Bay	8 April	Horst Muller	Mackerel Fillet
17 4	Cahore	18 May	Liam Tully	Crab
16 8	Cahore	18 May	Miss Carmel Tully	Crab
16 3	Cahore	2 June	Ian Bottomley	Herring
16 2.5	Valentia	17 August	Gerald Fitzgerald	Mackerel Strip

LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

Record 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs. 8 ozs.; 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 12.1	Valentia	12 July	Henk Daniel Breukel (NL)	Mackerel Strip
3 10.2	Valentia	14 July	Tony Outmaijer (NL)	Pollock & Feathers
3 10	Rush	11 August	John O'Brien	Mackerel
3 9.2	Valentia	26 July	Marlies Limback (D)	Mackerel Strip
3 8.9	Ballinacourty, Dungarvan	19 January	John Cronin	Sand Eel

SPURDOG

Record 18 lbs.		Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
15 4	Valentia	14 June	Jan Veerman (NL)	Mackerel
14 15	Howth	7 July	Derek Evans	Mackerel
14 8	Rush	7 June	Noel Harford	Mackerel
14	Kish Lighthouse	7 July	Gerard Miller	Mackerel Strip
13 12	Lambay Island	25 August	James Troy	Mackerel Strip
13 8.6	Dundalk Bay	16 June	John Muldoon	Herring Lask
13 8	Rush	7 June	Peter Warran	Mackerel
13 6	Rush	7 July	John Donnelly	Mackerel Strip
13 4	Rush	7 June	C. Carrick	Mackerel Strip
13	Howth	30 June	Jacinta Doyle	Mackerel
13	Howth	7 July	Robert Tully	Herring
13	Sneem	17 September	N. J. Spruit (NL)	Mackerel
12 14.5	Belmullet	25 June	Frank Robbins	Mackerel
12 14	Kish Bank	7 July	Barbara Harford	Mackerel Strip
12 14	Howth	7 July	Trevor Belling	Herring
12 12	Rush	9 June	Ian Boylan	Mackerel
12 12	Howth	30 June	Mick O'Leary	Mackerel
12 11	Kish Bank	7 July	Barbara Harford	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Rush	25 August	Derek Evans	Mackerel
12 8	Wicklow	5 July	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Wicklow	5 July	Dan Corcoran	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Howth	30 June	Jacinta Doyle	Mackerel
12 8	Howth	30 June	Mick O'Leary	Mackerel
12 8	Wicklow	25 August	Des O'Connell	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Rush	9 June	C. Fottrell	Mackerel Strip
12 8	Cahore	13 July	Brendan Walsh	Mackerel Strip
12 7.2	Belmullet	25 June	Martin Murphy	Mackerel
12 6	Kish Bank	7 July	Noel Harford	Whiting Head
12 6	Rush	25 August	Ken Rundle Jnr.	Mackerel Strip
12 4	Moville	21 August	Agnes Tate	Mackerel
12 4	off Bolus Head	4 August	Gerald Fitzgerald	Mackerel
12 4	Howth	7 July	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12 3.7	Donaghadee	22 September	Nick McCready	Mackerel Strip
12 2	Howth	10 July	Liam Tully	Mackerel
12 0.1	Carlingford Lough	21 July	Frank Goggin	Mackerel
12	Rush	23 June	Eamon Mulligan	Herring
12	Cahore	8 June	Ian Bottomley	Garfish
12	Howth	30 June	Conor Gaffey	Herring Strip
12	Cahore	16 June	Desmond Keating	Mackerel
12	Sneem	17 September	F. W. Grul (NL)	Mackerel

FLOUNDER

Record 4 lbs. 6½ ozs.		Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
3 12	Ballyteigue Bay	10 November	Martin Ffrench	Lugworm
3 4.3	Tramore Strand	21 September	James McCartan	Lugworm
3 1	Cullenstown, Co. Wexford	28 October	Master Shane Gray	Lugworm
3 0.7	Tramore	5 October	Michael A. Cunningham	Ragworm
3 0.2	Roches Point	25 Nov. '84	Tony Ahern	Lugworm
3	Bannow Bay	6 January	Niall Burke	Lugworm
3	Dungarvan	19 October	Patrick Power	Lugworm

GARFISH

Record 3 lbs. 10¼ ozs.		Specimen Weight 2¼ lbs.; 1.134 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
2 11.3	Crosshaven	6 Sept. '84	W. Duin (NL)	Mackerel
2 8.1	Crosshaven	6 Sept. '84	W. Duin (NL)	Mackerel

TUB GURNARD

Record 12 lbs. 3½ ozs.		Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
5 12	Sheephaven Bay	10 August	Master Liam McCabe	Baited Feathers

GREY GURNARD

Record 3 lbs. 1 oz.		Specimen Weight 1 lb. 8 ozs.; 0.680 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
1 8	Causeway Coast	8 July	Leslie Maxwell	Ragworm & Mackerel

RED GURNARD

Record 3 lbs. 9¼ ozs.		Specimen Weight 2 lbs.; 0.907 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
2	Ballinskelligs Bay	11 August	Brenda Clarke (GB)	Mackerel Strip

HADDOCK

Record 10 lbs. 13½ ozs.		Specimen Weight 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos		
WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
lb. ozs.				
8 3	Causeway Coast	27 May	William Bowl	Lugworm
8 1	Causeway Coast	14 October	Joseph S. Mullan	Lugworm & Mackerel C'ktail
7 14.7	Causeway Coast	29 June	William Kerrigan	Lugworm
7 14	Causeway Coast	28 July	Adam Bones	Mackerel Strip
7 12	Portrush	18 June	George R. Gordon	Ragworm
7 12	Causeway Coast	28 July	William Gilbert	Mackerel
7 9	Causeway Coast	8 July	Harry Colgan	Ragworm & Mackerel
7 8	Port Ballintrae	22 September	Robert Ferguson	Mackerel
7 6	Causeway Coast	28 July	Thomas W. Evans	Mackerel & Ragworm
7 6	Causeway Coast	26 October	Joe Rankin	Lugworm
7 4.2	Portrush	30 June	Colin Reynolds	Lugworm
7 4	Causeway Coast	27 October	Arthur Thurrat	Mackerel/Rag Cocktail
7 3	Ballintoy	18 August	William Irvine	Lugworm
7 0.5	Causeway Coast	17 June	Joe Holland	Lug/Squid
7 0.2	Causeway Coast	8 June	William Fenton	Lugworm
7	Causeway Coast	24 October	Robert Stephen McGowan	Lug/Rag/ Mackerel C'ktail

LING

Record 46 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
28	Crosshaven	7 Aug. '84	John Gardner	Mackerel
12.3 kilos	Youghal	8 September	Peter Neary	Mackerel
12.2 kilos	Youghal	8 September	Peter Neary	Mackerel
12.2 kilos	Youghal	8 September	John Power	Mackerel Strip
26 8	Kinsale	24 July	D. F. Barry (GB)	Mackerel Strip
12 kilos	Youghal	8 September	J. Fitzgerald	Mackerel Strip
26 2	Youghal	19 October	James P. Neary	Mackerel Strip
11.35 kilos	Kinsale	1 September	S. Schurer (NL)	Mackerel Strip

MEGRIM

Record 2 lbs. 6 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1 lb. 12 ozs.; 0.794 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 6	Portrush	16 June	Arthur Thurrat	Lugworm
2 5	Kinsale	9 September	Peter Joseph H.M.(NL)	Mackerel Strip
2 5	Kinsale	22 September	George Kelly	Mackerel Strip
2 4	Causeway Coast	28 July	Adam Bones	Mackerel
2 3	Dungarvan	30 June	Bepi Van Leeuwen (NL)	Mackerel Strip
2 2	Causeway Coast	14 July	Roy Brown	Pirk
1 12.2	Tory Island	4 August	Samuel Orr	Mackerel
1 1	Achill	21 July	Kieran Connaghan	Mackerel

MONKFISH

Record 73 lbs.

Specimen Weight 50 lbs.; 22.680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
57 8	Barrow Harbour	13 July	Geoffrey Bambroot	Mackerel Strip
54	Tralee Bay	24 June '84	Donal Doney	Mackerel
50 13	Cahore	9 July	Patrick Bolger	Mackerel

GREY MULLET

Record 7 lb. 10 ozs.

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 9	Lough Furnace	26 June	Declan Quigley	Maggots

PLAICE

Record 8.23 lbs.

Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 10.5	Ballintoy	6 July	Mr. A. Eades	Ragworm
6 15.6	Cork Harbour	13 July	Philip A. Blakey (GB)	Sandeel Strip
6 9	Causeway Coast	12 September	Lawrence N. Baalham	Baited Spoon
6 8	Cobh	28 October	Eoin Russell	Lugworm/ Razor Fish C'ktail

PLAICE (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6	Crosshaven	19 Oct. '84	N. H. Man (NL)	Mackerel
5 14	Causeway Coast	10 September	Derek Wallace	Ragworm
5.13 lbs.	Cork Harbour	13 June	Joseph Pey	Lugworm
5 12	Causeway Coast	11 August	W. A. Ferris	Ragworm
5 11	Causeway Coast	12 August	Peter Schofield	Ragworm
5 8	Greystones	10 August	Tommy Ivory	Baited Spoon
5 7	Causeway Coast	28 August	John Patrick McHugh	Lug + Mackerel
5 7	Causeway Coast	11 August	Maurice Foster	Lugworm
5 6.5	Cork Harbour	20 November	Noel Lane	Lugworm
5 6	Cork Harbour	2 November	Mattie Foley	Lugworm
5 4	Portrush	18 August	Ian Robertson	Lugworm
5 4	Portrush	8 September	Mervyn Campbell	Lug & Rag Cocktail
5.06 lbs.	Cork Harbour	10 July	Joseph Pey	Lugworm
4 15.8	Cork Harbour	28 October	Kilian Russell	Razor/Lugworm Cocktail
4 15	Cork Harbour	2 November	Denis Murphy	Lugworm
4 14.5	Cork Harbour	2 November	Norman Lomas	Lugworm
4 14	Portrush	13 July	Raymond Pollock	Ragworm/ Mackerel C'ktail
4 14	Greystones	29 June	Frank Lawlor	Ragworm/ Mackerel Strip
4 14	Causeway Coast	18 August	J. M. Keating	Mackerel & Ragworm
4 14	Causeway Coast	10 September	Albert Gregg	Ragworm
4 14	Causeway Coast	8 September	Alan Reynolds	Lug & Mackerel
4 12.4	Cork Harbour	23 October	Philip Barry	Lugworm/ Mussel Cocktail
4 12	Causeway Coast	28 August	Irvine Tanahill	Ragworm
4 11	Cork Harbour	13 November	Christy Lane	Lugworm
4 10	Causeway Coast	18 August	Noel Haslam Coop	Lugworm & Mackerel
4 9.9	Causeway Coast	13 October	William F. McLoughlin	Lug/Mackerel Cocktail
4 8.7	Whitepark Bay, Co. Antrim	29 June	Paul Macleod	Lugworm & Mackerel C'ktail
4 8	Portrush	29 Sept. '84	Thomas Neeson	Baited Spoon
4 7.5	Causeway Coast	30 June	Kieran Savage	Mackerel & Lug
4 5	Causeway Coast	23 June	Peter Boyd	Mackerel
4 4	Causeway Coast	30 June	John O'Hara	Lug & Mackerel
4 4	Causeway Coast	19 August	J. M. Keating	Mackerel & Ragworm
4 4	Causeway Coast	29 October	William J. Yeaman	Ragworm
4 3.5	Causeway Coast	18 August	David Allen	Ragworm
4 2.2	Causeway Coast	12 May	Stephen Magee	Lugworm
4 2	Causeway Coast	10 September	Simon Greer	Ragworm/ Mackerel C'ktail
4 2	Dungarvan	12 August '84	Tom Cowming	Mackerel
4 1	Causeway Coast	19 August	A. O. Hays	Mackerel & Ragworm
4 1	Causeway Coast	4 August	Donald Stewart	Mackerel
4 1	Causeway Coast	16 October	David McGaffin	Mackerel/ Ragworm
4 1	Portrush	6 September	John Carleton	Ragworm & Mackerel
4	Causeway Coast	9 September	William Fenton	Ragworm
4	Causeway Coast	8 September	Gary Dickson	Baited Spoon

POLLACK

Record 19 lbs. 3 ozs.

Specimen Weight 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
16 7.5	Hook Head	23 August	Joseph McInerney	Mackerel Fillet
14 13	Causeway Coast	13 August	David Morris	Orange & Green Muppet
14 7	Killybegs	24 September	Donal McMenamin	Mackerel
14 3	Causeway Coast	8 September	David McGaffin	Pirk
13	Malin Head	26 October	Mervyn Norris	Artificial Squid
12 12.8	Kilmore Quay	2 June	Shay McDonnell	Hair Jig
12 8	Courtmacsherry	28 July	Anja Boere (NL)	Red Rubber Eel
12 4	Crosshaven	10 June '84	William Renshaff (NL)	Mr. Twister
12 4	Clifden	13 July	J. Scheewe (NL)	Mackerel
12	Courtmacsherry	22 August	Martin Langeveld (NL)	Rubber Eel

POUTING

Record 4 lbs. 13½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 13	Portballintrae	1 June '84	Mrs. V. Montgomery	Haddock Spoon
3 12	Causeway Coast	11 August	Frank McLernon	Mackerel
3 7.5	Dungarvan	1 September	Michael Healy	Mackerel Strip
3 6	Causeway Coast	11 August	James Hanna	Mackerel
3 4	Stranford Lough	2 June	Stephen Woodantill	Ragworm
3 1.7	Belfast Lough	8 July	Herbert Cochrane	Mackerel
3 1	Kilmore Quay	14 July	Gerard Scully	Mackerel

BLONDE RAY

Record 36 lbs.

Specimen Weight 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
33 8	Cobh	28 October	Master Herbert Plummer	Mackerel
30 8	Cork Harbour	19 October	Pat Craven	Mackerel Fillet
30.02 lbs.	Crosshaven	13 October	Leen Heuvelman (NL)	Mackerel
29 8	Cobh	28 September	Pat O'Shea	Mackerel
29 5.2	Crosshaven	12 October	Roger Debeur (B)	Mackerel Strip
28.05 lbs.	Crosshaven	13 October	P. Ysselsteijn (NL)	Mackerel
28	Cobh	14 June	George Stockley	Mackerel Strip
26.95 lbs.	Crosshaven	10 December	Geert Jan Fiesler (NL)	Mackerel Strip
26 10.7	Crosshaven	12 October	Andre Awouters (B)	Mackerel Strip
26	Crosshaven	18 July '84	J. J. Vullings (NL)	Mackerel
25 8	Cork Harbour	26 July	Michael Long	Mackerel Strip
25 7	Greystones	1 September	Gerard Scully	Mackerel
25 2	Cork Harbour	13 September	Mattie Foley	Mackerel

STING RAY

Record 51 lbs.

Specimen Weight 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
30 1.7	Castlegregory	29 September	Alan Yates (GB)	Sandeel

HOMELYN RAY

Record 8.28 kilos

Specimen Weight 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 11	Causeway Coast	13 August	Guy Benson Harper	Lug & Ragworm
5 15	Portrush	10 September	Michael McVeigh	Rag & Mackerel
2.6 kilos	Causeway Coast	15 August	John Harten	Lug & Mackerel
5 9.6	Killougher Beach, Wicklow	20 July	Bill Ryan	Mackerel
5 2	Causeway Coast	27 July	Norman Green	Mackerel
5 0.3	Westport	18 August	Raphaëlle McCabe	Mackerel Strip

PAINTED RAY

Record 14.37 lbs.

Specimen Weight 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 4	Tralee Bay	5 August	Richard Kelter	Mackerel Strip

THORNBACK RAY

Record 37 lbs.

Specimen Weight 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9.2 kilos	Kinsale	6 September	M. Peters Sjeff (NL)	Mackerel Strip
20 1.6	Greystones	9 June	Shay McDonnell	Mackerel Fillet

BLUE SHARK

Record 206 lbs.

Specimen Weight 100 lbs.; 45.359 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
118	Inniscrone	16 Aug. '84	Ernest Plazar (D)	Mackerel
113	Inniscrone	15 Aug. '84	Walter Heymann (D)	Mackerel
110	Crosshaven	7 Sept. '84	Wm. Lenders (NL)	Mackerel
110	Kinsale	5 July	Werner Kinderdick (D)	Mackerel
109	Valentia	22 August	A.M.Schoemaker (NL)	Mackerel

SMOOTH HOUND

Record 10 lbs. 11 ozs.

Specimen Weight 4 lbs.; 1.810 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 11	Tinnabearna, Co. Wexford	12 June	Peter McCartin	Soft Crab
10 10	Tinnabearna	1 June	Paul Clarke	Crab
10 6	Tinnabearna	1 June	Eamonn Fogerty	Crab
10 4	Tinnabearna	2 June	Thomas P. Keogh	Crab
9 2	Tinnabearna	22 May	Henry Lynam	Soft Crab
9 2	Tinnabearna	12 June	Peter McCartin	Crab
9 2	Tinnabearna	1 June	Paul Clarke	Crab

SMOOTH HOUND (continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 1	Tinnabearna	1 June	Tony Davis	Crab
8 14	Tinnabearna	12 June	Peter McCartin	Crab
8 8	Tinnabearna	7 June	Edward Bermingham	Peeler Crab
8 8	Tinnabearna	2 June	Chris Denvir	Peeler Crab
8 6	Tinnabearna	2 June	Thomas C. Keogh	Peeler Crab
8 5.7	Cahore	23 June	John O'Brien	Crab
8	Tinnabearna	1 June	Paul Clarke	Crab
7 13.9	Tinnabearna	17 May	Ashley Hayden	Ragworm
7 11.3	Wexford	17 June	Harold Bailey	Crab
7 10	Tinnabearna	5 June	M. Kearney	Peeler Crab
7 6	Tinnabearna	2 June	Thomas C. Keogh	Peeler Crab
7 5.9	Morriscastle	4 May	John L. O'Brien	Crab
7 4.5	Courtown	20 September	Michael Redmond	Mackerel Strip
7 4	Cahore	11 August	Philip Connolly	Mackerel Strip
7 2	Kilmichael Point	1 September	T. P. Keogh	Ragworm
7 2	Tinnabearna	3 June	Thomas C. Keogh	Crab
7	Tinnabearna	5 June	Norman Dunlop	Peeler Crab
6 14	Tinnabearna	7 June	Frank Gibson	Crab
6 13	Tinnabearna	7 June	Michael Dixon	Peeler Crab
6 12	Tinnabearna	1 June	Tony Davis	Crab
6 9.1	Tinnabearna	22 May	Henry Lynam	Soft Crab
6 6	Morriscastle	22 May	Bill Ryan	Soft Crab
6 4	Tinnabearna	7 June	Stephen Donoghue	Peeler Crab
6 2.8	Rosslare	25 July	Sylvester Barry	Lugworm
6 2	Tinnabearna	2 June	Thomas Kiernan	Peeler Crab
6 2	Killoughter	15 June	Cormac McKenna	Soft Crab
6 1	Tinnabearna	24 June	John Halley	Crab
5 13.2	Rosslare	25 July	Sylvester Barry	Lugworm
5 11	Morriscastle	9 May	Eamon Fogerty Jnr.	Crab
5 8	Tinnabearna	28 May	Tony Davis	Crab
5 6	Rosslare	25 July	Tony Morgan	Lugworm
5 1.9	Wicklow	7 July	Joe McCafferty	Ragworm
5	Cahore	16 June	Peter Gaffey	Crab
5	Cahore	21 June	David Gray	Clam
4 14.1	Newcastle (Wicklow)	13 July	Sean Mulligan	Ragworm
4 11.5	North Wexford	22 May	Martin Kennedy	Maggot

TOPE

Record 66 lbs. 8 ozs.

Specimen Weight 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
53	Strangford Lough	29 September	Harold Forsythe Ritchie	Mackerel
44	Rathmullan	31 May	Arthur Bowden (GB)	Mackerel Fillet
43	Cahore	2 June	Willie Bolger	Mackerel
41	Lough Swilly	1 June	John Johnston	Mackerel Fillet
40 6	Cahore	12 October	Stuart H. Feeney	Mackerel Fillet
18.23 kilos	Lough Swilly	30 May	Derek Davis	Mackerel

TURBOT

Record 34 lbs.

Specimen Weight 18 lbs.; 8.165 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
24 4	Cork Harbour	23 October	Noel Lane	Lug/Mackerel
24	Causeway Coast	4 August	Noel H. Smyth	Pirk
22.92lbs	Crosshaven	13 October	Leo Vos (NL)	Mackerel Strip
21 8	Crosshaven	14 June	William Renshaff (NL)	Mackerel

TURBOT (Continued)

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18 12	Causeway Coast	17 August	James Greer	Sand Eel
18 10	Cork Harbour	26 August	Bill Howie	Sandeel
18 2	Causeway Coast	22 October	Dennis Gutteridge	Mackerel/ Lugworm Cocktail

WHITING

Record 4 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Specimen Weight 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3	Causeway Coast	25 October	David McGaffin	Herring Strip

BALLAN WRASSE

Record 4.3 kilos

Specimen Weight 4 lbs. 12 ozs.; 2.154 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 3	Kilmore Quay	4 June	Michael Busher	Feathers
6 0.7	Smerwick	5 October	Stuart Cresswell (GB)	Crab
6	Saltee Islands	1 June	Patrick O'Toole	Ragworm
5 13.1	Dunmore East	10 August	Joseph McEvoy	Ragworm
5 10	Causeway Coast	25 September	Robert H. Anderson	Ragworm
5 8.9	Courtmacsherry	3 November	Richard Doyle	Mackerel Strip
5 5.1	Caliso Bay, Youghal	11 January	John Cronin	Lugworm
5 4.5	Slea Head, Dingle	21 October	Chris J. Woodley (GB)	Peeler Crab
5 3.2	Dunmore East	27 June	John Kelly	Ragworm
5 2.7	Kilmore Quay	6 April	Sean L. Moynihan	Ragworm
5 2	Valentia	2 October	J. A. Glazier (GB)	Lugworm
5 2	Port Ballintrae	14 July	Jim McQueen	Ragworm
5 2	Port Ballintrae	14 July	Alan Hedley	Ragworm
5 2	Wexford	2 May	Michael Lyons	Ragworm
5 1.5	Slea Head	21 October	Terry Bewes (GB)	Crab
4 15	Kinsale	25 October	Robert Hancock (GB)	Peeler Crab
4 12.8	Achill	27 July	Sean T. Lavelle	Mackerel
4 12.2	Furbo (Galway)	15 June	Stephen Keane	Lugworm
4 8.6	Kilmore Quay	18 May	Ronald O'Toole	Ragworm

CUCKOO WRASSE

Record 1 lb. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight 1 lb. 4 ozs.; 0.567 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 9.7	Larne	27 October	D. Read	Baited Feathers
1 4.5	Causeway Coast	28 July	James Quinn	Ragworm
1 4	Belmullet	14 August	J. P. Vernizeau (F)	Mackerel Strip
1 4	Causeway Coast	9 September	Colin Reynolds	Lugworm

TWAITE SHAD

TWAITE SHAD (Continued)

Record 2 lbs. 13.92 ozs Specimen Weight 1 lb. 12 ozs.; 0.794 kilos

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2	13.9 River Barrow, St. Mullins	5 May	Peter McCartin	Caster
2	10 St. Mullins	5 May	Liam Kane	Caster
2	9.9 St. Mullins	5 May	Bearnard Kenny	Koster
2	9.6 St. Mullins	5 May	Nicholas McEvoy Jnr.	Toby
2	9.2 St. Mullins	5 May	Peter McCartin	Spinner
2	9 St. Mullins	13 May	Oliver Moore	Koster
2	8.8 St. Mullins	5 May	Liam Kane	Caster
2	8.8 St. Mullins	18 May	John Halley	Toby
2	8.1 St. Mullins	12 May	Niall Gaffey	Toby
2	7.7 St. Mullins	5 May	Shay McDonnell	Tobis Blue
2	7.6 St. Mullins	5 May	Shay McDonnell	Tobis Blue
2	5.9 St. Mullins	5 May	Oliver Moore	Silver Cruiser
2	4.8 St. Mullins	13 May	Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr.	Toby
2	4.1 Ballyquin	2 May	Brian Mansfield	Lugworm
2	4 St. Mullins	19 Dec. 1984	Andrew Young	Cruiser
2	4 St. Mullins	5 May	Derek Sneyd	Tobis
2	4 St. Mullins	15 May	Henry Wolohan	German Sprat
2	4 St. Mullins	22 May	Andrew Young	Cruiser
2	3.8 St. Mullins	5 May	Jacinta Doyle	Silver Toby
2	3.7 St. Mullins	4 May	Dan Smith	Tobis
2	3.5 St. Mullins	15 May	Andrew Young	Cruiser
2	2.7 St. Mullins	5 May	Liam Kane	Caster
2	2.6 St. Mullins	5 May	Peter McCartin	Spinner
2	2.5 St. Mullins	5 May	Willie Bolger	Toby
2	2.2 R. Barrow	26 May	Garnett Coulter	Tobis
2	2 St. Mullins	11 May	Michael A. Cunningham	Cruiser
2	2 St. Mullins	5 May	Robert Tully	Mepps Black
2	1.3 St. Mullins	4 May		Fury
2	0.7 St. Mullins	5 May	Tadhg Bannerman	Cruiser
2	0.4 St. Mullins	14 May	Des O'Connell	Silver Cruiser
2	0.3 St. Mullins	2 May	Patrick Purcell	Cruiser
2	St. Mullins	15 May	Thomas Sneyd	Tobis Silver
2	St. Mullins	4 May	Dermot Cooney	Abu Toby
1	15.8 St. Mullins	4 May	Liam Tully	Silver Toby
1	15.7 St. Mullins	4 May	Pascal Halley	Cruiser
1	15.6 St. Mullins	15 May	David Gray	Bar Spoon
1	15.5 St. Mullins	12 May	Sean McDonnell	Tobis Blue
1	15.4 St. Mullins	5 May	Noel McEvoy	Toby
1	14.9 St. Mullins	14 May	Liam Tully	Silver Toby
1	14.7 St. Mullins	4 May	Henry Wolohan	German Sprat
1	14.5 St. Mullins	21 May	Eamonn Fogarty	Krill
1	14.5 St. Mullins	21 May	Patrick Purcell	Silver Cruiser
1	14.4 St. Mullins	26 May	David J. Fay	Toby
1	14.2 St. Mullins	5 May	Gerard Maguire	Caster
1	14.1 St. Mullins	3 May	Robert Tully	Mepps Black
1	14 St. Mullins	28 April		Fury
1	13.7 St. Mullins	11 May	Tom Sneyd	Jensen Tobis
1	13.4 St. Mullins	2 May	Patrick Purcell	Cruiser
1	13 St. Mullins	5 May	Christopher Cloak	Tobis
1	13 St. Mullins	5 May	Nicholas McEvoy, Jnr.	Abu Toby
1	13 St. Mullins	19 May	Sean Hogan	Tobis
1	13 St. Mullins	5 May	George Whittle	Toby
1	12.8 St. Mullins	5 May	Antony John Power	Toby
1	12.8 St. Mullins	19 May	Garnett Coulter	Tobis Silver
1	12.8 River Barrow	26 May	Willie Bolger	Toby

WEIGHT b. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1	12.6 St. Mullins	5 May	Antony John Power	Toby
1	12.6 St. Mullins	13 May	David Glass	Crusader
1	12.5 St. Mullins	5 May	Shay McDonnell	Tobis Blue
1	12.4 St. Mullins	8 May	Raymond Yates	Silver Cruiser
1	12.4 St. Mullins	13 May	David Glass	Salmo
1	12.2 St. Mullins	5 May	Sean McDonnell	Tobis Blue
1	12.2 St. Mullins	2 May	Des O'Connell	Silver Cruiser
1	12 St. Mullins	12 May	Zoe Gray	Bar Spoon
1	12 St. Mullins	4 May	Dermot Cooney	Abu Toby
1	12 St. Mullins	2 May	Jacinta Doyle	Toby
1	12 River Barrow	26 May	James G. Cosgrave	Toby
1	12 St. Mullins	18 May	John Halley	Toby
1	12 St. Mullins	11 May	James Mulhall	Jensen Tobis
1.86 lbs.	St. Mullins			

THREE BEARDED ROCKLING

Record 2 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight 1 lb. 12 ozs.; 0.794 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2	12 Dunmore East	1 September	Nicholas McEvoy Snr.	Mackerel & Ragworm C'tail
2	7 Dunmore East	16 August	Nicholas McEvoy Jnr.	Mackerel Strip
2	4.8 Dunmore East	13 May	Martin Kennedy	Mackerel
2	4 Dunmore East	31 August	Michael Lyons	Mackerel Strip
2	4 Dunmore East	12 May	Martin Kennedy	Mackerel
2	1.4 Dunmore East	16 May	Michael Cunningham	Mackerel Strip
1	15.8 Dunmore East	13 May	Anthony J. Power	Mackerel
1	14.5 Dunmore East	3 September	Margaret Lucas	Mackerel
1	13.9 Waterford	25 July	Anthony Heery	Mackerel
1	13.6 Crosshaven	26 September	G. L. Ruygrok (NL)	Mackerel Strip
1	13.4 Naval Base, Haulbowline	18 October	Desmond Reynolds	Mackerel Strip

NEW RECORDS

Five new Irish Records were established during 1985.

- (1) ANGLER FISH, 42.985 kilos, caught by Sean Neill, 89 Ballyhalbert Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, in Belfast Lough, on the 3rd November, 1985.
- (2) MEGRIM, 2 lbs. 6 ozs., caught by Arthur Thurrat, 28 Greenburn Way, Lambeg, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, at Portrush on the 16th June, 1985.
- (3) SMOOTH HOUND, 10lbs. 11 ozs., caught by Peter McCartin, 5 Bawnville Drive, Tallaght, Dublin 24, at Tinnabearna, on the 12th June, 1985.
- (4) THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, 2.75 lbs. caught by Nicholas McEvoy, Snr., 33 Morrison's Avenue, Waterford City, at Dunmore East on the 1st September, 1985.
- (5) TWAITE SHAD, 2.87 lbs. caught by Peter McCartin, 5 Bawnville Drive, Tallaght, Dublin 24, in the River Barrow, St. Mullins, on the 5th May, 1985.

TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1985 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Michael Connell, 204 Roden Street, Donegal Road, Belfast, N.I.
James Cosgrave, Cahore Point, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Gerald Fitzgerald, 13 Marian Place, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry.
John Hartin, 22 Roe Mill Gardens, Limavady, Londonderry, N.I.
Thomas Keogh Jnr., 9 St. Mary's Road, East Wall, Dublin.
Maurice Laurent, Leskinfere, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Mrs. Margaret Lucas, 43 Avondale, Kilcohan, Waterford.
Peter McCartin, 5 Bawnville Drive, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
Liam Tully, 9 Coolatree Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

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 1986. The award goes to: Herbert Plummer, 36 Castle Oliver, Cobh, Co. Cork, for a 33 lb. 8 ozs. Blonde Ray caught at Cobh on the 28th October, 1985.

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 alteration to specimen weights:

The specimen weight for SMOOTH HOUND (*MUSTELUS ASTERIAS*) has been increased from 4 lbs. to 7 lbs. and for TWAITE SHAD (*Alosa fallax*) from 1 ¼ lbs. to 2 lbs.

NEW CATEGORY

It is now known that there are two species of Garfish present in our waters, i.e., *Belone belone* and *Belone svetovidovi*.

The Committee has decided to include a category for the latter at a specimen weight of 14 oz. (.355 kilos).

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 until further notice. The Committee in the meantime will keep the situation under annual review and looks forward to the continued co-operation of anglers in the conservation of the species.

"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, 1983, 1984 and 1985.

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
1984	442	131	17	29	5	2
1985	443	90	15	25	3	2

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 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 1984 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 1985 awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 1st March 1986. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

ABROAD

Presentations were held for British anglers who were due awards for 1984 in Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and London.

A Presentation was held at the Visma Exhibition in Rotterdam for anglers from the Netherlands who were due awards.

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 Steampacked Co. Ltd.) for their assistance during the year.

ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1984 is given in this Report. The 1985 account will only be available early in 1986 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, 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 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 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.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Many anglers have changed their address over the past decade and this causes the Committee great difficulty in sorting out the Ten Species and Ten Specimen Award Winners. If you have changed your address, would you please advise the Committee of your new address.

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:—

The Central Fisheries Board; Bord Failte Eireann; The Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association; Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; The Ulster Provincial Council of the Irish Federation of Sea Anglers; Aer Lingus S.A.C.; Aghada A.A.; Ardmore S.A.C. Athlone Junior C.A.C.; B.B.C. (Belfast) Club Angling Society; Carrickfergus & District A.C. Celtic S.A.C.; Dolphin Richview S.A.C.; Donaghadee S.A.C.; Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club; Glengormley & District S.A.C.; Greystones Ridge S.A.C. Knights of the Silver Hook S.A.C.; Monaghan C.A.C.; Old Head S.A.C.; Royal Ulster Constabulary S.A.C.; Rush S.A.C.; Saltee S.A.C. South Shore S.A.C.; Waterford Glass S.A.C.; Waterville Anglers Association; John Ahern, 14 Park Road, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, Co. Cork; Robert H. Anderson, 6 Onslow Drive, Bangor, Co. Down, N.I.; Albert Ashworth, "Cedar Cottage", 15A Gronant Road, Prestatyn, N. Wales; Laurence N. Ballaham,

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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	42.985 kilos	3.11.1985	Belfast Lough	Sean Neill
Bass	17 ¼	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	4.29	14.11.1980	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Edmund Cull
Brill	9 8	8.9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
Coalfish	12.5 kilos	21.9.1983	Kinsale	E. Mashejjer
Cod	42 0	1921	Ballycotton	I. L. Stewart
Conger	72 0	June 1914	Valentia	J. Green
Dab	2 0	28.1.1984	Cobh	Timothy O'Shea
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 8	12.8.1984	Killala Bay	Cleona Walkin

Marine Species (Continued)

Species	Weight	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Mackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton, Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann
Megrim	2 6	16.6.1985	Portrush	Arthur Thurrat
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 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	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	2.87 lbs	5.5.1985	St. Mullins	Peter McCartin
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donal 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
Smooth Hound	10 11	12.6.1985	Tinnabearna	Peter McCartin
Stone Basse	9 6	31.8.1983	Kinsale	W. R. Bohmermann
Three Bearded Rockling	2.75 lbs	1.9.1985	Dunmore East	Nicholas McEvoy Snr.
Topo	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. 9.1982	Larne	Richard Patterson
	1 12	16.9.1982	Belfast Lough	P.A. Webb

SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN lb.	WEIGHT Kilos
	lb.	ozs.		
Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	57	0	20	9.072
Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	16	6	6	2.721
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)(river)	20	0	5	2.268
Brown Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)(lake)	26	2	10	4.536
Slob Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	-	-	10	4.536
Bream (<i>Abramis brama</i>)	11	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	13½	6	2.721
Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>)	6	15	3	1.361

SEA FISH	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN lb.	WEIGHT kilos
	b.	oz.		
Angler Fish (<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>)	42.985	kilos	40	18.144
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	17	1¼	10	4.536
Black Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	4.29	-	2	.907
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>)	9	8	5	2.268
Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	12.5	kilos	15	6.804
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	42	0	25	11.340
Conger (<i>Conger conger</i>)	72	0	40	18.144
Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	2	0	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
(<i>Belone svetovidovi</i>)	-	-	14 ozs.	.355
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
Hallibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	156	0	50	22.680
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	-	-	¾	.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	2½	1.134
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>)	2	6	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>)	3.28	-	5	2.268
-Undulate (<i>Raja undulata</i>)	18	-	14	6.350
-Painted (<i>Raja microcellata</i>)	14.37	-	10	4.536
-Sting (<i>Dasyatis pastinaca</i>)	51	-	30	13.608
Ray's Bream (<i>Brama brama</i>)	6	0	5	2.268
Red Sea Bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	9	5	4½	2.041
Rockling, Three Bearded (<i>Gaidropsaurus vulgaris</i>)	2.75	-	1¾	.794
Scad (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	-	-	1½	.680
Shad—Allis (<i>Alosa alosa</i>)	-	-	4	1.814
-Twaite (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	2.87	-	2	.907
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>)	155	0	120	54.431
-Long Nose (<i>Raja oxyrinchus</i>)	-	-	80	36.287
Smooth Hound (<i>Mustelus asterias</i>)	10	11	7	1.810
Stone Basse (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>)	9	6	8	3.628
Topo (<i>Galeobinus galeus</i>)	56	8	40	18.144

IRISH record
lb. oz. SPECIMEN
lb. WEIGHT
kilos.

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 bergylla</i>)	4.3 kilos	4½	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

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

Expenditure and Revenue Accounts — 1st January — 31st December, 1984

1983	EXPENDITURE	1984	1983	REVENUE	1984
£1,473.00	To Balance		Dec. 31	By Balance	£ 908.90
£ 468.00	Printing	£1,405.00	£ 394.67	GRANTS	
£ 951.72	Medals	£1,816.73	£1,250.00	Central Fishery Board	£1,500.00
£ 270.86	Travel	£1,217.69	£1,238.38	Bord Failte	£1,268.52
£ 908.90	Miscellaneous	£ 291.75		Subscriptions	
	To Balance	£ 699.59	£ 670.91	Angling Clubs	£1,132.36
			£ 518.52	Individual Donations	£ 607.82
				E.B.S. Interest	£ 13.16
					<u>£5,430.76</u>
<u>£4,072.48</u>		<u>£5,430.76</u>	Dec. 31 1984	By Balance	£ 699.59

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

SIGNED: George A. Timmins
Christopher P. O'Toole

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE

The Committee is a voluntary body and it depends for funds on the subscriptions of well-wishers. The Banker's Order is for the convenience of those who wish to participate in our work. If you cannot assist us financially please help us by making anglers aware of the work we are doing and by recording all specimens and record fish taken by fair angling.

BANKER'S ORDER

To:

On January 1st each year, please debit my account with the sum of £
being my annual subscription to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee, c/o Allied Irish Banks Ltd.,
Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

SIGNED

DATE .

This form may be used by those who wish to pay their subscription through their Bank.

RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE. This Committee consists of representative 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.

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. Breackage of rod, reel or line, or alteration or substitution of tackle, while a fish is being played, disqualify it for claim or record purposes. A fish may not be shot, lanced, clubbed or harpooned before landing. Claims for fish caught during the statutory close season for the species (where this applies) cannot be accepted.

WEIGHING: Fish must be weighed in the presence of independent, reliable witnesses on a properly certified scales, e.g. a shop scales or an official club scales which is covered by a certificate from the local Weights and Measures Officer. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, e.g. fish in the 2 to 5 lb. range weighed on balances weighing up to 100 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, SCAD, HERRING, SHAD, FLOUNDER, DAB, BRILL, MEGRIM, GURNARDS, GREY MULLET, ANGLER FISH, LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH, THREE BEARDED ROCKLING, SMOOTH HOUND, RAYS BREAM, "RIVER" eels taken in tidal waters and GARFISH (head and gills only).

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

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.

(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 weekends; (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 Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (phone 379206). FISH should be sent to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Boreen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. In the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland to Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I. (Phone 4521).