

**REPORT  
OF  
IRISH SPECIMEN FISH COMMITTEE  
FOR THE YEAR 1988**

During 1988, the Committee was composed of P. Fitzmaurice (Chairman) and K. Linnane (Central Fisheries Board); A. Gibson and Miss E. Twomey (Department of the Marine); B. Geraghty (Bord Fáilte Éireann); C. P. O'Toole (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers); J. Keaveney (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland); G. Timmins (Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association); P. Byrne (Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland) and D. Brennan.

During the year the Committee received 390 claims and ratified 351.

**SPECIMEN FISH CLAIMS RATIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1988**

(Dates of capture 1988 unless otherwise stated)

**SALMON**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
28 8	River Dee	21 April	William Burke	Shrimp
11.5 kilos	River Fergus	7 March	Joe Kerin	2½" Devon
22.30	Luggeen River (L?)	4 September	Paul Burke-Kennedy	Fly
22	Galway Weir	4 May	Dave Lenihan	Fly
9.25 kilos	Ballynahinch River	12 September	Pierre Perret (F)	Prawn

**SEA TROUT**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 7	Lough Currane	1 May	Joe Lane	Fly
8 1	Correel	28 July	Michael E. Barry	Black Pennell
7 9	Lough Currane	3 July	John L. Jermyn	Black Zulu
7.53	Lough Currane	5 September	Kenneth Partington	Wetfly
7 5½	Gowla Lough	1 July	Paul D. Fingleton	Donegal Blue
6 15	Waterville Lake	3 June	Ernest Quaring (Lux)	Fly
6.85	Screebe Lake	6 August	Lawson Owen Clements	Wetfly
5.84	Lough Currane	6 August	Paul Barry	Fly
5.73	Lough Furnace	3 September '87	Nicholas Westendarp	Delphi Spider
5.60	Colligan River	12 June	Iony Crowe	Worms
5 6½	Lough Currane	8 July	Karl Ganter	Watson's Fancy
5 5½	Lough Currane	2 September	Pierre Garan Andre (GB)	Fly
5 4¼	Glenshesk River	15 October	Jimmy Gray	Mepps Spinner
5 3¾	Lough Currane	6 July	Sean O'Leary	Fly
5.20	Clogher Lake	20 August	Henry Cosgrove	Fly
5 3	Ballynahinch River	22 July	Martin J. Burns (GB)	Fly
5.16	Fin Lough	20 July	Ken McMillan	Green Peter
5 1¼	Lough Currane	5 September	Lawson Owen Clements	Wetfly
	Lough Oorid	17 September	Denis Perkins	Fly
	Fermoyle	25 August	Larry Bohan	Fly
	Erriff River	28 May	Gareth Beattie	Spoon

**BROWN TROUT (LAKE)**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 0¼	Lough Mask	4 April	Desmond Elliott	Rapala
16 5	Lough Mask	26 May	Burkhard Hobler	Rapala
10 15	Lough Mask	23 April	Rolf Laufer (D)	Rapala
10 4	Killarney Lake	3 June	Jim Linehan	Copper Toby

**BROWN TROUT (RIVER)**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9 8	River Bush	4 September	Trevor Johnston	Copper & Silver Spoon
5 8	River Inny	30 June	Mary Dooner	Worms
5 4	Cong Canal	11 August	Peter R. Brown	Dry Fly
5 3	Coole River, Gort	29 May	David Murray	Worm

**SLOB TROUT**

Record: Specimen Weight, 10 lbs., 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
11.73	Dunkellin River	2 September	Kenneth Cahill	ABU Dropen

**BREAM**

Record: 11 lbs. 12 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7½ lbs.; 3.402 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10 1	Lough Ree	5 May	A. J. Blackmore (GB)	Maggots
10 1	Lough na Glack	22 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Bread Flake
10	Lough na Glack	4 April	Brendan Doran	Maggots
9 13½	Lough na Glack	11 May	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 13	Lough na Glack	18 August	Tony Michell (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 11½	Lough na Glack	9 April	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 10	Lough na Glack	18 August	Paul Riley (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 9	Lough na Glack	23 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
9 8	Lough na Glack	11 May	James McMahon	Maggots
9 8	Lough na Glack	18 August	Tony Michell (GB)	Sweetcorn/Maggot Cocktail
9 7¾	Lough na Glack	6 September	Colm Crean	Maggots
9 6	Lough na Glack	5 September	James McMahon	Maggots
9 6	Lough na Glack	11 September	James McMahon	Maggots
9 5	Lough na Glack	5 May	David Leng (GB)	Maggots
9 4	Lough na Glack	18 August	Tony Michell (GB)	Sweetcorn
9 3	Monalty Lake	22 October	John O'Shaughnessy	Maggots
9 2½	Lough na Glack	16 October	Garnett Coulter	Maggots
9 2	Monalty Lake	25 August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
9	Monalty Lake	12 September	Albert Bedford (GB)	Sweetcorn
9	Lough na Glack	18 August	Paul Riley (GB)	Sweetcorn
9	Lough na Glack	16 September	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggots

**BREAM (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
9	Monalty Lake	15 March	Peter McCartin	Maggots
9	Lough Ree	26 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
9	Monalty Lake	27 August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 15	Lough na Glack	27 September	Keith Salter (GB)	Worm/Maggot Cocktail
8 14	Monalty Lake	19 September	James Miller (GB)	Maggot/Caster
8 14	Lough na Glack	4 April	James G. Singleton	Maggots
8 14	Monalty Lake	8 September	Jeff Marsh (GB)	Casters
8 14	Monalty Lake	20 September	James Miller (GB)	Maggots
8 14	Lough na Glack	6 May	David Leng (GB)	Maggots
8 13	Lough na Glack	15 October	Garnett Coulter	Maggots
8 13	Monalty Lake	11 September	JJohn Martin (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 12	Monalty Lake	23 October	Michael Connell	Bread
8 12	Lough na Glack	4 April	James G. Singleton	Maggots
8 12	Monalty Lake	21 September	James Miller (GB)	Maggots & Caster
8 12	Lough na Glack	6 May	Alan Hargreaves (GB)	Maggots
8 11¼	Lough na Glack	15 October	Garnett Coulter	Maggots
8 11	Lough na Glack	19 August	Paul Riley (GB)	Sweetcorn
8 10	River Shannon, Lanesboro	29 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread & Worms
3 10	Lough na Glack	6 May	Alan Hargreaves (GB)	Maggots
3 9	Lough na Glack	3 April	Ian Forde	Maggots
3 8	Monalty Lake	11 September	John Martin (GB)	Sweetcorn
3 8	Lough Ree	26 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
3 8	Lanesboro	29 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread & Worms
3 7	Lough na Glack	20 August	Raymond G. Greyo (GB)	Sweetcorn
3 7	Lough na Glack	3 April	Ian Forde	Maggots
3 5	Monalty Lake	25 August	Paul Johnson (GB)	Sweetcorn
3 5	Monalty Lake	20 September	Gary White (GB)	Maggot & Caster
3 5	Lough na Glack	13 April	Aidan Crean	Maggots
3 4	Lough na Glack	4 April	James G. Singleton	Maggots
3 4	Lough Ree	26 April	Martin Bernard	Bread
3 4	Monalty Lake	23 March	Peter McCartin	Maggots/Worm
3 4	Lough na Glack	11 September	Ian Forde	Maggots
3 4	Lough na Glack	4 May	Eddie Ashworth (GB)	Maggots
3 3	Monalty Lake	20 September	Gary White (GB)	Maggot/Caster
3 3	Lough na Glack	14 September	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggot/Worm
3 2	Lough na Glack	4 May	David Leng (GB)	Maggots
3 1	Lough na Glack	13 September	Roland Hawkins (GB)	Maggot/Worm
3 1	Monalty Lake	19 September	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots & Casters
3 1	Monalty Lake	8 September	Jim Nurse (GB)	Caster
3 1	Lough na Glack	1 August	Master Gareth McMahon	Maggots
3 1	Lanesboro	29 April	John Mills (GB)	Bread & Worms
3	Monalty Lake	12 August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Sweetcorn
3	Killarney Lake	11 May '87	B. Porter (GB)	Maggots
3	Monalty Lake	15 March	Andrew J. Young	Maggots
7 15½	Monalty Lake	12 August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 15	Monalty Lake	19 September	Robert G. Rosier (GB)	Maggots & Caster
	Monalty Lake	21 September	Gary White (GB)	Maggot/Caster

**BREAM (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7 14	Monalty Lake	15 October	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 14	Monalty Lake	23 March	Peter McCartin	Maggots/Worms
7 13	Lough na Glack	20 August	Master Matthew Smith (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 12	Monalty Lake	1 October	Michael Connell	Sweetcorn
7 12	Monalty Lake	12 August	William E. Crompton (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 12	Monalty Lake	20 March	Liam Kane	Maggots
7 11	Monalty Lake	4 April	J. O'Neill	Maggots
7 11	Lough na Glack	11 May	Terry Goldsmith	Maggots
7 9	Capragh Lake	16 July	Chris Godfrey (GB)	Maggots
7 9	Monalty Lake	11 September	Richard Fobbester (GB)	Sweetcorn
7 8	Monalty Lake	24 March	Edward Brennan	Maggots
7 8	Lanesboro	22 May	Master Anthony Farrell	Maggots

**CARP**  
Record: 24 lbs. 14 ozs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
23 14	The Lough, Cork	4 August	Martin O'Sullivan	Maggots
23	The Lough	1 July	Pakey O'Callaghan	Sweetcorn
21 2	The Lough	27 August	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie
20 12	The Lough	21 March	Ernest McGrath	Sweetcorn
20 8	The Lough	9 October	John O'Shaughnessy	Boilie
19 14	The Lough	18 March	Fred Foster	Boilie
19 13	The Lough	14 October	Duncan Lennox	Maggots
19 7	The Lough	2 November	Liam Flynn	Boilie
18 4	The Lough	2 November	Liam Flynn	Sweetcorn
18	The Lough	27 August	Neil Husker	Sweetcorn
17 15	The Lough	7 September	Joe Forde	Sweetcorn
17 10	The Lough	10 October	Colm Quinn	Boilie
17 8	The Lough	19 May	Diarmuid Noonan	Sweetcorn
17 7	The Lough	16 June	Noel Marian	Sweetcorn
17 5	The Lough	19 July	Martin O'Sullivan	Sweetcorn
16 12	The Lough	21 March	Ernest McGrath	Sweetcorn
16 2	The Lough	27 July	Noel Marian	Sweetcorn
16 1	The Lough	17 September	Joe Forde	Sweetcorn
16	The Lough	18 March	Fred Foster	Sweetcorn
16	The Lough	14 May	Diarmuid Noonan	Sweetcorn
15	The Lough	19 July	Martin O'Sullivan	Sweetcorn
13 14	The Lough	27 June	Master Padraig O'Sullivan	Sweetcorn
13 14	The Lough	27 August	John O'Shaughnessy	Sweetcorn
13	The Lough	21 May	Diarmuid Noonan	Sweetcorn
10	Ballinafid Lake	2 August	Ian Forde	Boilie

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 2	White Lake	5 June	Paddy Carolan	Worm
5 2	White Lake	19 June	Oliver Kelly	Worm
4.01	Lough Furnace	23 May	Russell Poole	Flounder

**EEL (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 15	Lough Bawn	2 July	Samuel Taylor	Worms
3 12 1/4	Monkstown	28 August	Tony Higgins	Mackerel
3 9	Lough Derravaragh	24 September	Tony O'Toole	Dead Roach
3.53	Lough Bawn	21 July	Samuel Taylor	Worm
3 3	Lough Gill	20 July	James G. Singleton	Eel Section
3 3	Lough Derravaragh	25 September	John O'Shaughnessy	Dead Roach
3.02	Lough Furnace	23 May	Patrick Devennie	Flounder
3	Lough Derravaragh	18 September	John O'Shaughnessy	Dead Roach

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3.23	River Barrow, St. Mullins	22 April '87	Maurice Laurent	Spoon

**PIKE (LAKE)**  
Record: 38 lbs. 2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
31	Hollygrove Lake	20 February	Hugh Mannix	Mackerel
30 2	Lough Acannon	31 January	Philip Arthur	Dead Roach

**PIKE (RIVER)**  
Record: 42 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
35	River Suck	28 February	Christy Keighery	Herring
22	River Shannon, O'Brien's Bridge	7 April	Jean-Michel Walbecq (F)	Rapala
21	Royal Canal	5 March	Edward Brennan	Dead Minnow
20.6	River Slaney	19 April	Mrs. Monica McKenna	Yellow Belly

**ROACH**  
Record: 2 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 4	The Lodge Lough	1 August	Michael Wyse	Maggots

**RUDD**  
Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 2 1/4 lbs.; 1.021 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.52	R. Shannon, Athlone	5 July	Barry Brill, Snr.	Bread Flake

**RUDD/BREAM HYBRID**  
Record: 5 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 9	Monalty Lake	11 Dec. '87	William A. Ferris	Maggots
4 3/4	Rivery Inny	24 September	Master Aaron Wyse	Maggot
3.32	R. Shannon, Clonown	26 June	Barry Brill, Jnr.	Bread Flake

**FENCH**

Record: 7 lbs. 13¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.; 2.721 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.76	River Shannon, Lanesboro	2 May	George Raby (GB)	Worm
6.76	Lanesboro	20 May	Stephen Waine (GB)	Bread
6 12	Lanesboro	27 May	Geoff Dawson (GB)	Sweetcorn
6 4	Lanesboro	28 April	Martin Bernard	Sweetcorn
6 2	Lanesboro	25 May	Geoff Dawson(GB)	Bread Flake

**BASS**

Record: 17 lbs. 1¼ ozs.

Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
12	Dollymount	29 June	Francis Campbell	Rag & Lugworm Cocktail
11.48	Donabate	6 September	Paul Fogarty	Ragworm
11.44	Tramore	11 August	Eddie Cull	Crab/Mackerel
11.35	Ballyteigue	12 June	Peter Hickey	Peeler Crab
11	Ferrycarrig	8 July	Patrick Murphy	Peeler Crab
10 12	Corballis	28 October	Sean Sherry	Ragworm
10.04	Clonakilty	22 May	William Knowles	Mackerel Strip
10	Corballis	8 August	Sean Sherry	Ragworm

**BLACK SOLE**

Record: 6.32 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.46	Ballycotton	30 Dec. '87	Eddie Cull	Mackerel & Squid
3.82	Ballycotton	30 Dec. '87	Eddie Cull	Mackerel & Squid

**COALFISH**

Record: 12.5 kilos

Specimen Weight, 15 lbs.; 6.804 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
10.6 kilos	Kinsale	22 July	Tadhg Hurley	Mackerel Strip
9.250 kilos	Kinsale	16 August	Dr. Richard F. Palmer (GB)	Mackerel Strip
19	Courtmacsherry	23 June	Daniel Whelton	Feathers
18	Courtmacsherry	30 May	Dullaert Georges (B)	Mackerel
16.31	Crosshaven	23 August	Rudi Hias (B)	Pollack Feathers
7 kilos	Kinsale	10 July	Frank Sheehan	Mackerel

**COD**

Record: 42 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 25 lbs.; 11.340 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
25 14	Portballintrae	9 July	Trevor Brown	Mackerel with Ragworm

**CONGER**

Record: 72 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 40 lbs.; 18.144 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs. 18.5 kilos	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
	Youghal	21 August	Joseph Butler	Mackerel

**DAB**

Record: 2 lbs.

Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.95	Cork Harbour	20 July	Paddy Shaughnessy	Mackerel Strip
1.59	Baltimore	23 September	Eddie Aldridge (GB)	Mackerel Strip
1.59	Baltimore	25 November	Colin Wigley	Mackerel Strip
1.58	Cork Harbour	4 June	Thomas Hanlon	Mackerel Strip
1.50	Cork Harbour	7 June	William Howie	Mackerel Strip

**GREATER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

Record: 23 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 16 lbs.; 7.257 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18.30	Cahore	10 May	Ian Bottomley	Mackerel
18	Cahore	24 April	Willie Bolger	Mackerel Strip
17.09	Carbery Centre	15 June	M. Hesketh (GB)	Sandeel
17	Cahore	7 August	James R. Larkin	Mackerel Fillet
16.60	Cahore	10 May	Ian Bottomley	Mackerel
16 8	Cahore	10 April	Michael Elliott	Mackerel Fillet
16.01	Bray	1 August	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
16	Courtmacsherry	30 July '87	D. J. Van Jaarsveld (NL)	Mackerel Strip

**LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH**

Record: 4 lbs. 4 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 3½ lbs.; 1.587 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 9	Ballintoy	13 January	Samuel Burns	Herring Fillet
3.54	Clew Bay	30 July	Martin O'Donnell	Mackerel
3 8	Causeway Coast	13 July	Brian McLaughlin	Mackerel

**SPUR DOGFISH**

Record: 18 lbs. 12 ozs.

Specimen Weight, 12 lbs.; 5.443 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
18 1	Sneem	20 July	Horst Willi Muller	Mackerel Strip
15 8	Skerries	24 June	Frank McMahon	Mackerel
14 1	Sneem	24 June	T. Lammers (NL)	Mackerel Strip
14	Sneem	29 May	Horst Willi Muller	Mackerel Strip
14	Kish	6 August	Peter Warren	Mackerel Strip
13 12	Rush	19 June	Liam Dunne	Mackerel Strip
13 10	Sneem	7 April	Horst Willi Muller	Mackerel Strip
13.6	Sneem	16 October	Michael Leane	Mackerel Fillet
13.54	Bray	14 June	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
13.45	Cahore	31 May '87	Denis Horgan	Mackerel
13 4	Kish	6 August	Pat Kelly	Mackerel Strip

**SPUR DOGFISH (Continued)**

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
13	Sneem	25 June	J. Dieke (NL)	Mackerel
12 15	Sneem	2 September	C. W. v. d. Flier (NL)	Mackerel
12 15	Sneem	17 August	Frans Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel
12 12	Kish	6 August	Pat Kelly	Mackerel Strip
12 10	Rush	4 September	Robert Troy	Mackerel Fillet
12 9	Cahore	16 October	Peter McCartin	Mackerel
12 8	Sneem	8 September	Johan Van Assen (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12 6	Sneem	7 September	P. Stokvis (NL)	Mackerel Fillet
12 4	Cahore	5 June	Thomas Nolan	Herring
2.08	Bray	1 August	Donal Kennedy	Mackerel Strip
12	Sneem	20 September	Rudi Falkenhagen (NL)	Mackerel
12	Rush	28 August	Kit Carrick	Mackerel

**FLOUNDER**

Record: 4 lbs. 6½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 14	Ballyteigue	8 October	Robbie Coventry	Peeler Crab
3 12	Ballyteigue	23 October	Thomas C. Keogh, Jr.	Peeler Crab
3.67	Ballyteigue	11 Dec. '87	Pat Dalton	Lugworm
3 10	Ballyteigue	13 November	Garnett Coulter	Lugworm
3 10	Ballyteigue	7 December	Robbie Coventry	Lugworm
3 9	Ballyteigue	16 October	David Glass	Peeler Crab
3 8	Ballyteigue	30 October	Shay McDonnell	Peeler Crab
3 8	Ballyteigue	30 October	Shay McDonnell	Peeler Crab
3 8	Wexford	3 November	Kevin Barry	Lugworm
3 6	Ballyteigue	8 October	Robbie Coventry	Peeler Crab
3 4	Youghal	16 October	Marion O'Donovan	Peeler Crab
3 3	Ballyteigue	5 October	Mick Dalton	Peeler Crab
3.11	Rosscarbery	5 June	Kenneth Casey	Peeler Crab
3.10	Ballyqin	24 April	John Cronin	Lugworm
3 1	Ballyteigue	5 October	Mick Dalton	Peeler Crab
3 1	Ballyteigue	12 October	James Glover	Crab
3	Ballyteigue	5 Dec. '87	Anthony J. Power	Lugworm

**GREY GURNARD**

Record: 3 lbs. 1 oz. Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12	Killala	10 September	Shay McDonnell	Peeler Crab
1.71	Blacksod	26 June	Michael Lavelle	Mackerel Strip
1 10	Causeway Coast	31 July	Frank Kennedy McLernon	Mackerel
15	Crosshaven	26 August	Pete Thipthorpe (GB)	Feathers & Mackerel
11	Crosshaven	17 September	A. Peene (NL)	Mackerel & Feathers
	Cahore	30 August '87	Martin Coleman	Mackerel Strip

**RED GURNARD**

Record: 3 lbs. 9½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 5	Killala Bay	9 August	John Good (GB)	Mackerel
2 4.8	Moville	15 Nov. '87	Tom McDonagh	Mackerel
2.3	Achill	20 August	Bronagh Sweeney	Mackerel
2 4	Donegal Bay	23 August	Ernst Schuh (D)	Silver Pirk
2 1¼	Killybegs	29 Sept. '87	Enda O'Callaghan	Mackerel Strip
2.01	Blacksod	26 June	Master Matthew Murray	Ragworm

**TUB GURNARD**

Record: 12 lbs. 3½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.31	Killala	31 July	Shane Gilvarry	Mackerel
5 3½	Killala	11 September	Robert W. Donaldson	Sandeel
5 2	Killala	15 September	Roger Maruani (F)	Sandeel
5.12	Killala	13 August	Norman Dunlop	Mackerel baited feathers

**HADDOCK**

Record: 10 lbs. 13½ lbs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8 7½	Causeway Coast	18 June	Jackie Best	Lugworm
7 10½	Causeway Coast	24 May	George Cree	Lugworm

**JOHN DORY**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 8	Killala	15 July	Julia Heinelt (A)	Mackerel Feathers
4.17	Killala	31 July	Master Barry McDonnell	Mackerel Strip

**LING**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
29	Ballycofion	30 September	Cay Heerwagen (D)	Mackerel Strip
27	Portrush	13 July	George Quinn	Mackerel baited feathers
11.7 kilos	Youghal	4 Oct. '87	Albie O'Sullivan	Mackerel Fillet
25.16	Schull	11 September	Brian C. Murphy	Mackerel Strip
25	Courtmacsherry	1 June	Dullaert Georges (B)	Coalfish Strip
25	Courtmacsherry	18 August	A. G. Kooyenga (NL)	Mackerel Strip

**MONKFISH**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
50	Tralee Bay	12 June	Louis Caethoven (B)	Mackerel

**GREY MULLET**

Record: 7 lbs. 10 ozs. Specimen Weight, 5 lbs.; 2.268 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6	Brandon	6 September	Paul Carton (GB)	Mackerel & Ragworm

**PLAICE**

Record: 8.23 lbs. Specimen Weight, 4 lbs.; 1.814 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5.72	Ballycotton	30 Nov. '87	Eddie Cull	Crab/Lugworm
5	Portrush	4 August	William Yeaman	Mackerel
4.52	Ballycotton	30 Dec. '87	Eddie Cull	Mackerel & Squid
4 8	Causeway Coast	11 September	Joe Cochrane	Ragworm
4 7¼	Red Bay	16 October	David Harbinson	Ragworm
4 5½	Causeway Coast	11 June	Ian Dick	Ragworm
4 5¼	Monkstown	13 November	Pat Hill	Lugworm
4 5¼	Causeway Coast	15 July '87	William I. Fenton	Ragworm/Mackerel Strip
4 4¾	Causeway Coast	25 June	Master Neill Gibson	Rag & Mackerel
4 3½	Causeway Coast	11 June	Ray Snowdon	Ragworm
4 2	Causeway Coast	29 Aug. '87	Stephen McAfee	Baited spoon
4 1	Bray	7 July	Thomas W. Carton	Lugworm
4	Causeway Coast	4 October	Paul Ross	Ragworm & Herring

**POLLACK**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4 4	Kinsale	7 July	Arthur Long	Twister
3.97	Ballycotton	14 September	Kurt Rohrs (D)	Mackerel baited spoon
3 10	Kish	25 September	P. C. Keay	Pirk
3 4	Dunmore East	3 July	Joe Hennessy	Mackerel baited feathers

**POUTING**

Record: 4 lbs. 13½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 3 lbs.; 1.361 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
3 2	Valentia	19 June	Michael S. O'Driscoll	Mackerel
3 1	Portrush	22 May	Trevor Stewart	Ragworm

**CUCKOO RAY**

Record: 5 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 4½ lbs.; 2.041 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
5 9	Causeway Coast	23 July	Irvine Tannahill	Mackerel baited spoon
4 13	Causeway Coast	0 September	James Martin	Baited Spoon

**PAINTED RAY**

Record: 14.37 lbs. Specimen Weight, 10 lbs.; 4.536 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
14	Brandon Bay	18 September	Richard Kelter	Mackerel Strip
10 2	Brandon Bay	18 September	Richard Kelter	Mackerel Strip
10 1	Morriscastle	25 June	John Rice	Whiting
10	Cahore	14 May	Bert Farmer	Mackerel

**UNDULATE RAY**

Record: 18 lbs. Specimen Weight, 14 lbs.; 6.350 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
15 1	Tralee Bay	2 June	Joe Auty (GB)	Squid

**STING RAY**

Record: 51 lbs. Specimen Weight, 30 lbs.; 13.608 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
36 2	Tralee Bay	13 September	Robert Bankhead	Peeler Crab

**THORNBACK RAY**

Record: 37 lbs. Specimen Weight, 20 lbs.; 9.072 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
22 13	Belfast Lough	25 June	James Clifford Potts	Mackerel Strip
20 6	Cahore	10 April	Shay McDonnell	Herring Strip

**HOMELYN RAY**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
7	Causeway Coast	6 August	Rowan Doonan	Ragworm
6.75	Kilcoole	17 June	Thomas Cowap	Mackerel/Lug Cocktail
5 11	Portrush	28 August	Alan Robertson	Mackerel Strip
5 11	Causeway Coast	6 August	Harry F. Ritchie	Ragworm & Mackerel
5 8	Causeway Coast	23 July	Bertie Greer	Baited Spoon
5 7	Portballintrae	11 September	George Quinn	Herring Strip
5 5	Causeway Coast	17 August	John Boyd	Mackerel
5 2	Causeway Coast	28 August	William D. Bowron	Ragworm
5 2	Cahore	10 July	James Cosgrave	Herring
5 1	Cahore	17 June	Joseph English	Mackerel
5	Cahore	6 May	Anthony Byrne	Mackerel

**THREE BEARDED ROCKLING**

Record: 2.75 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1¼ lbs.; .794 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2.11	Carnsore Point	15 August	Cecil Barron	Mackerel baited feathers
1.97	Slade	10 September	Patrick Slevin	Mackerel
1.92	Crosshaven	2 May	Dirk Lieman (NL)	Mackerel
1 14	Portrush	3 July	Ronan Mullan	Mackerel Strip
1.84	Dunmore East	27 August	Ian Burns	Mackerel

**SCAD**

Record: 1.97 lbs. Specimen Weight, 1½ lbs.; .680 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1.55	Carnsore	August	Master Peter Barron	Feathers

**FWAITE SHAD**

Record: 2.87 lbs. Specimen Weight, 2 lbs.; .907 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
2 7	River Barrow, St. Mullins	14 May	Philip Connolly	ABU Krill
2.19	St. Mullins	20 May	Billy Doyle	Toby
2	St. Mullins	30 April	Joe Hennessy	Silver Spinner

**BLUE SHARK**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
150	Ballycotton	7 August	Walter Dworzack (A)	Mackerel
120 12	Kinsale	5 September	Will van Gils (NL)	Mackerel
51.8 kilos	Kinsale	23 August	P. V. Dam (NL)	Mackerel
110	Ballycotton	18 June	Manfred Lengefeld (D)	Mackerel

**SMOOTH HOUND**

Record: 10 lbs. 11 ozs. Specimen Weight, 7 lbs.; 3.175 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
8	Cahore	21 May	Ray Bannerman	Crab

**TOPE**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
51 4	Co. Wicklow	25 September	Anthony Hynes	Mackerel
42	Greystones	19 July	Robert O'Callaghan	Mackerel

**TORSK**

Record: Specimen Weight, 6 lbs.; 2.750 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6.28	Belmullet	21 August	Samuel Hull	Pirk

**WHITING**

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

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
4.67	Crosshaven	2 August	Ian Robinson	Mackerel Strip
3 7	Crosshaven	5 July	Ilean-Marie Awad (F)	Mackerel

**MALLAN WRASSE**

Record: 4.3 kilos. Specimen Weight, 4¾ lbs.; 2.154 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
6 2	Causeway Coast	19 September	Dawson Cotton	Ragworm
5 13	Saltees	5 October	Roger Carter (GB)	Ragworm
5.61	Dunmore East	5 August	Michael A. Cunningham	Ragworm
5 8	Ballyreen	20 June	R. G. Corlett (IOM)	Lugworm
5.44	Carnsore	31 July	Cecil Barron	Ragworm
5.41	Clifden	19 September	J. Kleeven (NL)	Mackerel Strip
5 4	Carne	18 September	David Maloney	Feathers
5 3	Portrush	31 July	Barry Dalzell	Ragworm
2.30 kilos	Killybegs	20 September	David McNeilly	Ragworm
5 1	Kilmore	5 June	Alan Best	Ragworm
4.94	Kilmore	3 September	Ray O'Sullivan	Baited Feathers
4 13½	Fahamore	23 August	Alan J. Pollock	Lugworm
4 13½	Kilmore	17 September	John Cullen	Baited Feathers

**CUCKOO WRASSE**

Record: 1 lb. 12½ ozs. Specimen Weight, 1¾ lbs.; .567 kilos

WEIGHT lb. ozs.	PLACE	DATE	CAPTOR	METHOD
1 12½	Carne	18 September	Brigid B. Monaghan	Ragworm
1.65	Tuskar	31 July	Rory O'Connor	Ragworm
1 9	Carne	18 September	Tom Crawford	Baited Feathers
1 5	Larne	18 September	John Campbell	Ragworm
1 5	Larne	24 July	Samuel Burns	Ragworm
1 4½	Causeway Coast	2 July	Darren Cockshott	Ragworm
1 4½	Larne	30 August	Samuel Hull	Ragworm
1.26	Carnsore Point	20 August	Cecil Barron	Mackerel baited feathers
1.26	Youghal	21 August	Nicholas McEvoy Jnr	Baited Feathers

## NEW RECORDS

Only one New Record was established in 1988 –

A **CUCKOO WRASSE** weighing 1 lb. 12½ ozs. caught by Brigid Bernadette Monaghan, 26A Binn Eadair View, Sutton, Dublin 13, at Carne on the 18th September, 1988.

## TEN PIN AWARDS

The following qualified in 1988 for the special award made to anglers who have ten or more specimen fish:

Keith Salter, 27 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leics, England.  
Colm Quinn, 79 Knockmoyle, Tralee, Co. Kerry.  
Donal Kennedy, 35 St. John's Wood, St. John's Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.  
Robert Coventry, 304 Glenview Lawn, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

## 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 31st December, 1988. The award goes to:  
Master Padraig O'Sullivan, 18 Boston Park, The Lough, Cork  
for a Carp weighing 13 lbs. 14 ozs., taken in The Lough, Cork, on the 27 June, 1988.

## 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 ten of these awards have been made to date and those who qualified during 1988 are:-

Colm Quinn, 79 Knockmoyle, Tralee, Co. Kerry.  
Peter McCartin, 5 Bawnville Drive, Tallaght, Dublin 24.  
John Cronin, Lisarow, Ardmore, Co. Waterford.  
Shay McDonnell, 45 Tamarisk Avenue, Kilnamanagh Estate, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

## 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.

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

## METRIFICATION

As and from 1978, the schedule of specimen weights on the Specimen Fish 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.

## OBITUARY

GEORGE TIMMINS who died recently was a member of the Irish Specimen Fish Committee since 1978. He replaced the late Dave Ring as the Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association Representative which organisation he served in various capacities since 1958. His great love for trout angling was apparent to all who came in contact with him and his enthusiasm was reflected in his contributions to the Irish Specimen Fish Committee. He acted as Auditor until his death and the continued success of the Committee's work is in no small measure attributable to George. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

## 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.

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
1986	349	93	16	21	3	7
1987	300	59	8	36	1	4
1988	259	60	5	14	4	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 came to £750, 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. Our thanks also to I.R.D. Waterville Ltd., for their generous donation of £500, Garda S.A.C. and Burrough S.A.C., who each contributed £100.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### IN IRELAND

The Annual Presentation of Awards to anglers whose claims were accepted during 1987 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 1988 Awards will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, at 3.00p.m. on Saturday, 4th February, 1989. All Irish anglers who are due awards are cordially invited to attend.

### N. IRELAND

Presentations were held for Northern Ireland anglers who were due Awards for 1987 in Belfast. Our grateful thanks are due to the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for making these Presentations possible.

## ACCOUNTS

A statement of the Committee's accounts for the calendar year 1987 is given in this Report. The 1988 account will only be available in 1989 and will be published in the next Report.

## 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 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	15.7.1984	Lough Ennel	Wm. Meares
Bream	11 12	1882	River Blackwater, (Monaghan)	A. Pike
Carp	24 14	9.5.1987	The Lough, Cork	Joe Forde
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/Bréam 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	42.9 85 Kg	3.11.1985	Belfast Lough	Sean Neill
Bass	17 1¼	27.4.1977	Whiting Bay, Ardmore	Malcolm Tucker
Black Sole	5.32 lbs.	28.12.1986	Ballycotton	Eddie Cull
Brill	9 8	8.9.1984	Causeway Coast	Deborah Gregg
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	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

### MARINE SPECIES (Continued)

Species	Weight lb. ozs.	Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Captor
Halibut	156	23.7.1972	Belmullet	Frank Brogan
Herring	425 kilos	11.7.1986	Rathlin Island	Wm. McMath
John Dory	7 8	12.8.1984	Killala Bay	Cleona Walkin
Ling	46 8	26.7.1965	Kinsale	A. J. C. Bull
Mackerel	4 2	18.9.1979	Ballycotton Co. Cork	Ulrich Plassmann
Megrim	1.85 kilos	26.7.1987	Killala,	Paul Hennigan
Monkfish	73 0	1.6.1980	Fenit, Co. Kerry	James Boyd
Grey Mullet	7 10	8.6.1972	Killybegs Pier	Kevin Boyle
Plaice	3.23	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
Electric Ray	69	5.9.1977	Courtmacsherry	J. Rynsburger
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	5.5.1985	St. Mullins	Peter McCartin
Porbeagle Shark	365	1932	Keem Bay, Achill	Dr. O'Donel Brown
Blue Shark	206	7.10.1959	Achill Head	J. McMonagle
Six Gilled Shark	154	28.8.1968	Kinsale	Andrew Bull
Common Skate	221	1913	Ballycotton	T. Tucker
White Skate	165	7.8.1966	Clew Bay	Jack Stack
Scad	1.97 lbs	6.9.1986	Clonakilty	Master R.McCarthy
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	1.9.1985	Dunmore East	Nicholas McEvoy Snr.
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 12½	18.9.1988	Larne	Brigid B. Monaghan

## SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

FRESHWATER FISH	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	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
Sllob Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> )	—	—	10	4.536
Bream ( <i>Abramis brama</i> )	11	12	7½	3.402
Carp ( <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> )	24	14	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	.907
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
<b>SEA FISH</b>				
Angler fish ( <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> )	42.985	kilos	40	8.144
Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )	17	1¼	10	4.536
Black Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	6.32		2	.907
Brill ( <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> )	9	8	5	2.268
Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	12.5	kilos	15	6.804
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )	42	0	25	11.340
Conger ( <i>Conger conger</i> )	72	0	40	18.144
Dab ( <i>Limanda limanda</i> )	2	0	1½	.680
Dogfish - Spur ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> )	18	12	12	5.443
- Lesser Spotted ( <i>Scylliorhinus caniculus</i> )	4	4	3½	1.587
- Greater Spotted ( <i>Scylliorhinus 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	1.021
( <i>Belone svetovidori</i> )	—	—	4 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
Halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> )	56	0	50	22.680
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	.425	kilos	¼	.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> )	1.85	kilos	1¼	.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> )	—	—	—	.454
Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	8.23		4	1.814
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	19		2	5.443

## SCHEDULE OF SPECIMEN WEIGHTS (REVISED)

(Continued)

SEA FISH	IRISH RECORD		SPECIMEN	WEIGHT
	lb.	ozs.		
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 nobilitiana</i> )	69	0	20	9.072
- Homelyn ( <i>Raja montagui</i> )	8.28		5	2.268
- Undulate ( <i>Raja undulata</i> )	18		14	6.350
- Painted ( <i>Raja microcellata</i> )	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>Gaidropsarus vulgaris</i> )	2.75		1¼	.794
Scad ( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	1.97		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> )	165	0	120	54.431
- Long Nose ( <i>Raja oxyrinchus</i> )	—	—	80	36.287
Smooth Hound ( <i>Mustelus asterias</i> )	10	11	7	3.175
Stone Bass ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> )	9	6	8	3.628
Tope ( <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> )	66	8	40	18.144
Torsk ( <i>Brosme brosme</i> )	—	—	6	2.721
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	12½	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 Account — 1st January - 31st December, 1987

	1986	1987	1986	1987
<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>Revenue</b>	
Balance B/fwd.		£704.72	<b>Grants</b>	£1,500.00
Printing	£1,574.30	£1,648.13	Central Fisheries Board	£1,015.05
Medals	£1,544.26	£285.57	Bord Failte	
Travel	£1,969.33	£448.34	<b>Subscriptions</b>	
Late Dr. Went Prize	£25.12	£25.00	Angling Clubs, etc.	£736.62
Sec. Expenses	£71.62	£125.00	Individual donations	£865.45
Miscellaneous	£178.96	£845.87	E. B. S. Interest	£23.54
Bank Charges & Interest	£12.68	£92.29	By Balance c/d	£34.26
<b>Balance b/d</b>		£4,174.92		£4,174.92

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

SIGNED: Des Brennan,  
Christopher P. O'Toole

## RULES

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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

- (5) **LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS:** A maximum of three (3) awards will be made to any particular claimant for a single species in any one year. However, provision will be made that when an angler achieves this target and subsequently captures larger fish, these will be taken into account but the final number of awards for any species in a single year will not be more than three awards. By including this latter provision, it will ensure that the anglers competitive spirit is kept up and higher achievements could still be sought.
- (6) **SENDING FISH TO COMMITTEE:**  
Please (1) Notify Committee when a fish is being sent in for identification (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 in greaseproof paper and then in newspaper and brown paper.
- (7) **AWARDS:** Anglers whose claims have been accepted by the Committee will be awarded special 'Merit Badges' in the case of Specimen Fish, and Silver Medals in the case of Record Fish. Specimen Fish Certificates will also be issued in respect of all ratified specimen fish, special medals to anglers who have captured ten or more species, and special badges are issued each year for fish of exceptional merit though not of record size.

**IMPORTANT — Correspondence to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Breen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (Phone 379206). FISH should be sent to Balnagowan House, Mobhi Breen, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. In the case of fish taken in Northern Ireland to Fisheries Laboratory, The Cutts, Coleraine, N.I. (Phone: 4521).**