

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics Report

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Firstly, I want to thank the team at Inland Fisheries Ireland, the angling community and all other stakeholders in the sector for their ongoing commitment in making the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme a success. The more data we collect, the better the decisions we can make to improve conservation and protection of our fish stocks.

2020 was a year like no other. And as we know, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a massive impact on communities across Ireland and right around the world.

The work of Inland Fisheries Ireland, which is to protect, conserve and manage our freshwater fish and habitats, never stopped in 2020. In fact, our work has become even more important than ever.

Why?

Wildlife and freshwater species - especially Wild Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout which are the focus of this report - are under threat. Environmental factors, water quality, urbanisation and global warming are all contributing to the decline in fish populations.

That's why Inland Fisheries Ireland's new corporate plan (2021 to 2025), is maintaining its focus on the areas of conservation, habitat works and protection in the years ahead. And for conservation to be successful, everyone must continue to play their part.

Looking at statistics from the 2020 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Report, it is encouraging to see that an increasing number of Anglers are practicing 'catch and release.' Anglers released 51% of their Wild Salmon catches last year, compared with 47% in 2019. However, if you look at another jurisdiction - Scotland - their 'catch and release' rates are much higher at over 90%.

Along with catch and release, Inland Fisheries Ireland will continue implementing other measures such as fish barrier mitigation, water quality monitoring, predator control and fisheries patrols. All of which are crucial to protecting and conserving this precious and declining resource.

Given the travel restrictions around Covid-19, it's not surprising to see that sales of salmon rod licences were down in 2020. 14,138 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers, a decrease in sales of 18% over 2019 (17,281).

The majority of these licence sales (82%) were to residents within the Republic of Ireland, 12% to Northern Ireland and a further 2.6% to UK residents. Anglers returned 7,969 logbooks in 2020, with a national return rate of 56.4% down from 57.7% on 2019 logbook returns.

The 2020 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics also show that the total number of salmon caught by all methods (commercial and angling including catch and release) was 27,829 salmon and 1,394 sea trout. This represents an increase of 10% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2019 (25,327) and an increase of 1.5% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2019 (1,373).

18% of the 2020 total salmon catch was taken on the River Moy, 16% on the River Blackwater (Lismore), 11% on the River Laune, 5% on the Corrib and 5% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 55% of the entire salmon catch in 2020.

The 2020 angling catch was 21,650 salmon (19,604 in 2019) and 1,341 sea trout (1,328 in 2019). Of the 21,650 salmon caught by anglers, 10,562 were harvested and 11,088 subsequently released. As I mentioned previously, anglers released 51% of salmon caught by rod and line (47% in 2019).

2,675 anglers (19% of total licence holders) harvested salmon in 2020. 1,639 anglers (11.6% of total licence holders) caught and released salmon in 2020.

Commercial fishermen caught 22% of the salmon catch in 2020, compared to 23% in 2019 and recreational anglers caught 78% in 2020 compared to 77% in 2019.

The commercial catch was 6,179 salmon (5,723 in 2019) and 53 sea trout (over 40 cm) (45 in 2019) which represent 73% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 8,526 (7,897 in 2019) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector.

The greatest landings of commercial salmon catches in 2020 were in Counties Kerry and Cork on the River Laune (Kerry) with 2,302 salmon (37.3% of the overall commercial catch), the River Blackwater (Lismore) with 1,481 salmon (24% of the commercial catch), the River Lee with 759 salmon (12.3% of the commercial catch) and in Castlemaine Fishery with 588 salmon (9.56% of commercial catch).

Once again, I want to thank everyone who participated in the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme and I would urge everyone concerned to keep playing their part in securing the future of this invaluable resource - for many more generations to come.

Fintan Gorman
Chairperson
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Mission Statement

To ensure that the valuable natural resources of inland fisheries and sea angling are conserved, managed, developed and promoted in their own right to generate a positive return for the community and the environment.

About Inland Fisheries Ireland

Inland Fisheries Ireland is the statutory agency responsible for inland fisheries in Ireland and operates under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

The principal functions of Inland Fisheries Ireland are to:

- promote, support, facilitate and advise the Minister on the conservation, protection, management, marketing, development and improvement of inland fisheries, including sea angling,
- to develop and advise the Minister on policy and national strategies relating to inland fisheries including sea angling, and
- to ensure implementation and delivery of policy and strategies developed and agreed with the Minister.

The six river basins have responsibility for conservation, protection, development, management and promotion of inland fisheries in their river basins. They have a duty to co-ordinate and co-operate in the delivery of a national fisheries service, observing principles of sustainability, biodiversity and the conservation of all species in inland water ecosystems.

Each river basin is divided up into one or more fishery districts, of which there are 17 in total. Commercial salmon fishermen are licensed to fish a particular fishery district. Angling licenses are valid to fish all river basins or a particular fishery district in where rivers are open for fishing, depending on the type of license purchased.

INTRODUCTION

The Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme commenced for both commercial and recreational salmon fishing licence holders on 1st January 2001, having been provided for in the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1999 (No. 35 of 1999). This was followed by the introduction of Total Allowable Catches (TAC) for the commercial salmon fishing sector and bag limits for recreational anglers in 2002. The Report of the Standing Scientific Committee of the National Salmon Commission was presented to the Minister for the 2006 season outlining the scientific catch advice for the forthcoming season and the requirements to meet international obligations. Since 2007, following consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Standing Scientific Committee which has been replaced since 2018 season with the Technical Expert Group on Salmon (TEGOS), the Minister sets the total allowable harvest on an annual basis for each of the rivers which exceed the Conservation Limit, including those rivers open to 'catch and release' angling. From 2010 onwards the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme for both commercial and recreational salmon fishing licence holders is provided for in Section 69 of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 (no. 10 of 2010)

The principal aims of the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme are to provide a means of collecting accurate nominal catch statistics and estimates of salmon and sea trout stock exploitation, to develop best management strategies and to ensure these species are exploited in a manner consistent with their long-term sustainability on a national, river basin, fishery district and river basis.

Under the regulations all fishermen must affix a coded tag to each salmon (or sea trout over 40 cm) they catch and retain. A logbook entry must then be made giving details of each fish caught. All logbooks and unused tags must be returned to River Basin Districts within a period of 7 days after the last day of the relevant fishing season, or after the licence has been in force, as set out in the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations (The relevant Statutory Instrument (S.I.) in place for the 2019 angling and commercial fishing season was S.I. No. 585 of 2018). 2019 saw the continuation of a system of brown gill tags for angling to be used in association with blue gill tags for the tagging of wild salmon and sea trout in certain listed rivers which had a low surplus for harvesting.

The data contained in this report is taken from salmon licence and logbook data supplied by commercial and recreational fishermen. This data is entered by Inland Fisheries Staff into a national database and following this the validation, collation and analysis of the data is performed before the final statistics report is produced.

For 2020, there was an annual bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm). Subject to the annual bag limits an angler could take: 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day until May 11th, with a maximum of three fish in total for this period; 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from 12th May until the end of August; 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from the 1st September to the end of the season on open rivers. After the daily bag limit was taken, anglers were permitted to fish catch and release, using single barbless hooks with a ban on the use of worms.

On certain 'closed' and 'catch and release' rivers there were additional measures in place to afford additional protection to salmon stocks by prohibiting the use of any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks as well as a prohibition on the use of worms as bait in angling for all species of fish.

Chapter 1

Summary Commercial & Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2020

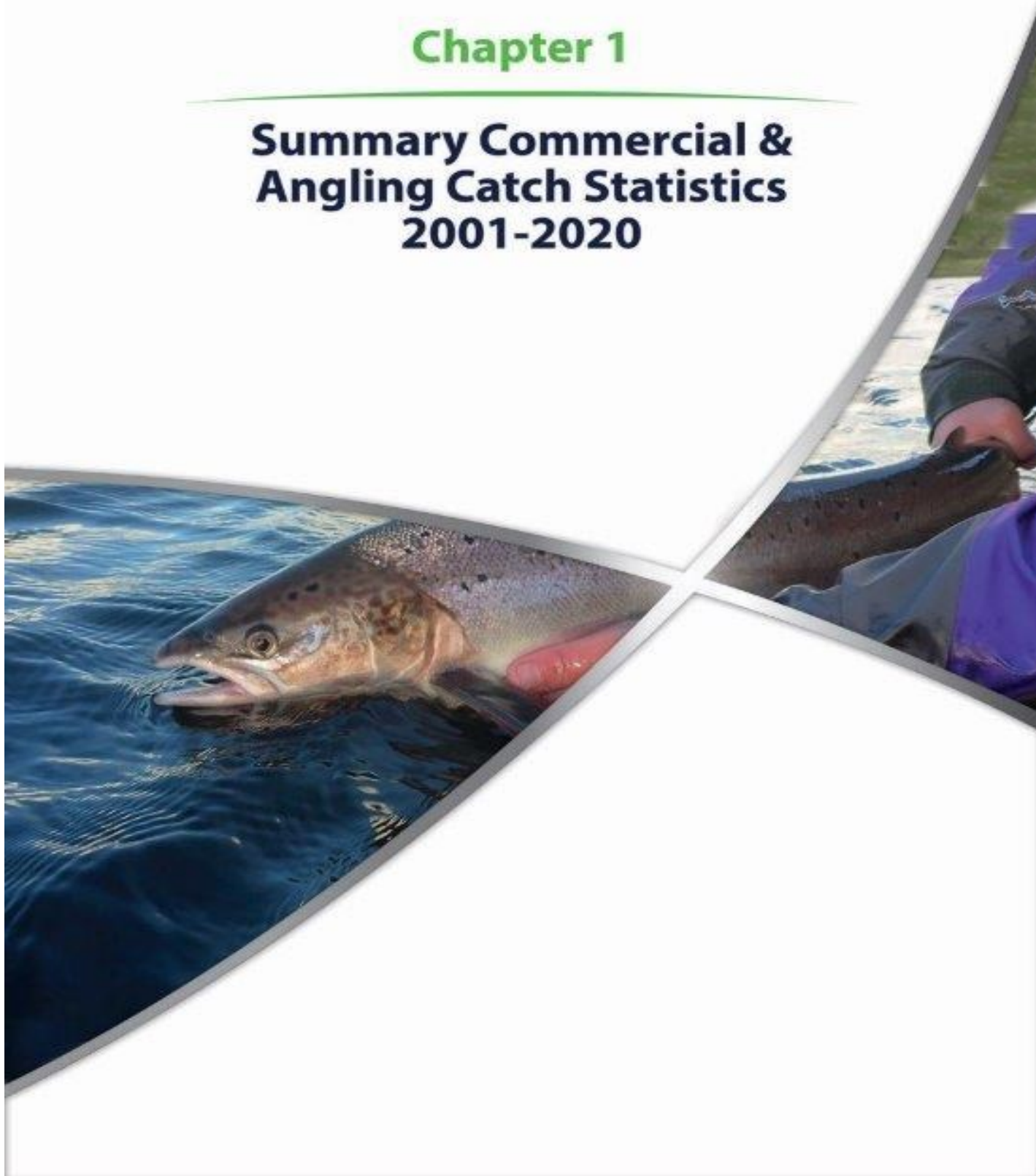


Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 - 2020

Year	Drift Net	Draft Net	Other Engine	Salmon Angling Harvest	Total Salmon Harvest by all methods	% change on previous year	Total Allowable Catch (TAC)**	Weight in tonnes (based on 2.7Kg avg weight per fish)
2001	197,172	30,861	5,368	26,074	259,475			700,583Kg
2002	179,177	23,032	4,690	29,408	236,307	- 8.9%		638,029Kg
2003	141,222	21,100	4,552	20,888	187,762	- 20.5%		506,957Kg
2004	120,303	19,443	3,860	26,202	169,808	- 9.6%		458,482Kg
2005	101,231	16,735	3,214	22,361	143,541	- 15.5%		387,561Kg
2006	70,105	13,398	2,673	22,485	108,661	- 24.3%		293,385Kg
End to mix stock salmon fishing at sea and a move to single stock management of salmon*								
2007	N/A	8,843	N/A	19,430	28,273	- 73.98%	68,744	76,337Kg
2008	N/A	8,903	N/A	22,215	31,118	10.06%	86,217	84,019Kg
2009	N/A	6,178	579	17,521	24,278	-21.98%	78,792	65,551Kg
2010	N/A	12,261	1,898	22,336	36,495	50.32%	85,251	98,537Kg
2011	N/A	9,200	2,773	20,306	32,279	-11.55%	91,453	87,153Kg
2012	N/A	8,044	2,275	22,287	32,606	1%	89,933	88,036Kg
2013	N/A	9,603	4,522	18,178	32,303	-0.93%	83,819	87,218Kg
2014	N/A	7,237	2,333	11,313	20,883	-35.35%	79,502	56,384Kg
2015	N/A	6,981	710	15,724	23,415	12.12%	66,920	63,221Kg
2016	N/A	6,553	364	14,587	21,504	-8.16%	58,599	58,061Kg
2017	N/A	6,162	521	15,159	21,842	+1.55%	53,754	58,973Kg
2018	N/A	4,859	696	11,413	16,968	-22.31%	57,284	45,813Kg
2019	N/A	4,728	995	10,481	16,204	-4.50%	51,916	43,751Kg
2020	N/A	5,415	764	10,562	16,741	+3.31%	47,046	45,200Kg

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2020. Angling figures shown represent the raised salmon harvest (Angling salmon caught and released not included). Also presented is the percentage change on previous years and the total weights in Kgs. Due to rounding differences in raising the angling catch, some totals may vary slightly. For 2007, the total harvest of salmon by all engines was 28,273. By 2020, this had fallen to 16,741. This represents a decrease of c. 41% between 2007 and 2020.

* In 2006 Irish authorities commit to aligning with the scientific advice and an end to mixed stock salmon fishing at sea. From 2007 onwards, the scientific advice is provided in the context of single stock management of salmon where harvest of salmon is only allowed in rivers where there is a surplus above the conservation limit.

** The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is the sum of the TAC's for each river as set out in the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations

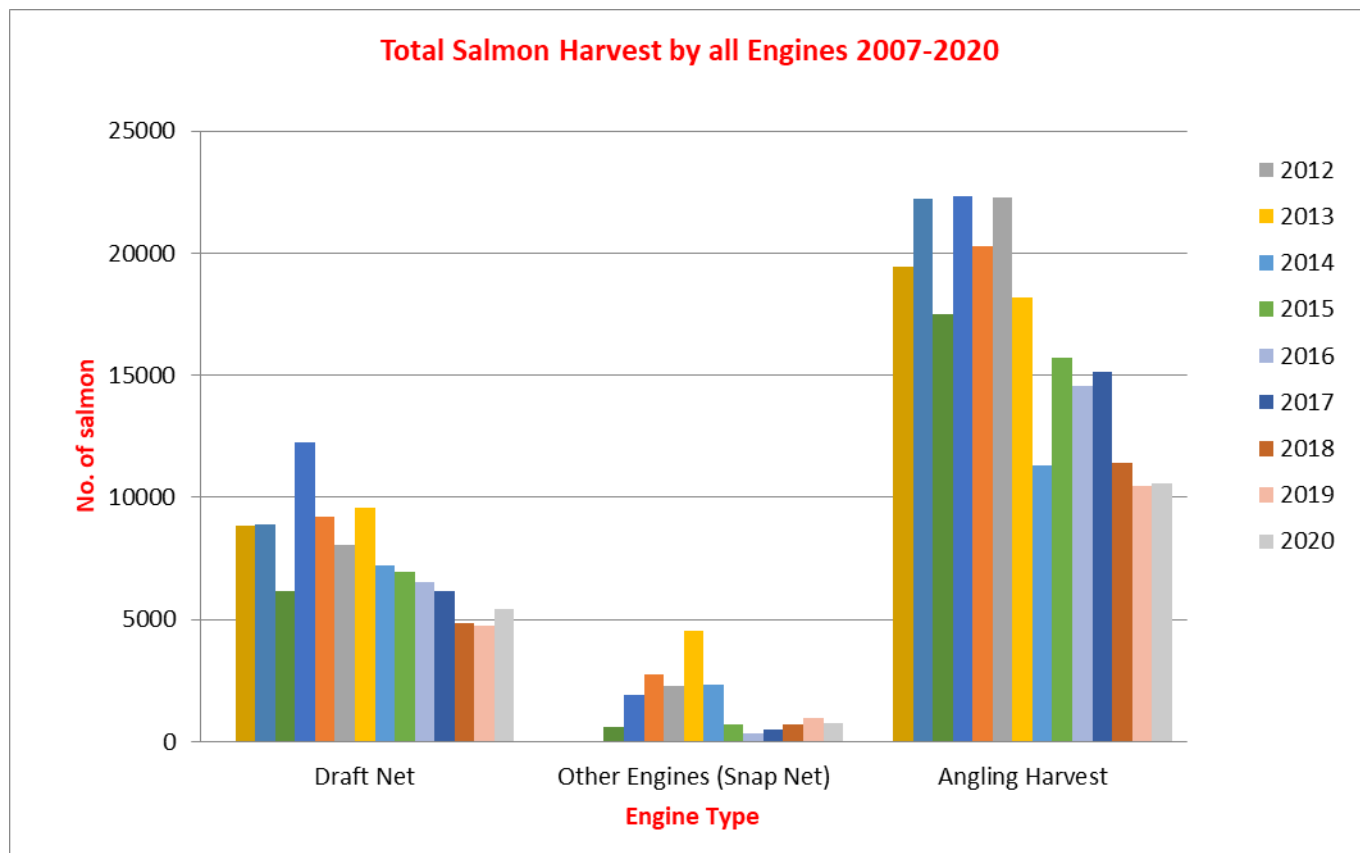


Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2007-2020

For 2020, anglers caught 78% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 22% (Table 10). 18% of the 2020 total salmon catch (commercial and angling (including those caught and released)) was taken on the River Moy, 16% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 11% on the River Laune, 5% on the Corrib and 5% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 55% of the entire salmon catch in 2020.

Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2020

Year	Drift Net	Draft Net	Other Engine	Sea Trout Angling Harvest	Total Sea Trout Harvest	% change on previous year
2001	1,787	2,192	246	1,066	5,291	
2002	874	1,083	126	1,464	3,547	- 33%
2003	712	1,024	203	997	2,936	- 17%
2004	640	929	78	519	2,166	- 26%
2005	279	535	50	770	1,634	- 25%
2006	116	311	47	543	1,017	- 38%
2007	N/A	34	N/A	331	365	- 64%
2008	N/A	59	N/A	448	507	+ 38.90%
2009	N/A	35	10	455	500	-1.4%
2010	N/A	61	6	387	454	-9.2%
2011	N/A	48	13	362	423	-6.83%
2012	N/A	28	6	382	416	-1.65%
2013	N/A	42	23	290	355	-14.66%
2014	N/A	30	11	306	347	-2.25%
2015	N/A	41	6	390	437	+25.9%
2016	N/A	63	0	264	327	-25.2%
2017	N/A	22	2	198	222	-32.11%
2018	N/A	59	5	184	248	+11.71%
2019	N/A	34	11	186	231	-6.67%
2020	N/A	38	15	130	183	-20.78%

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2020. Angling figures shown represent the raised sea trout harvest. (Angling sea trout caught and released not included). Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout harvest for all sectors in 2007 was 365 sea trout (over 40 cm). By 2020, this had fallen to 183 sea trout, a drop of 50% (Table 11).

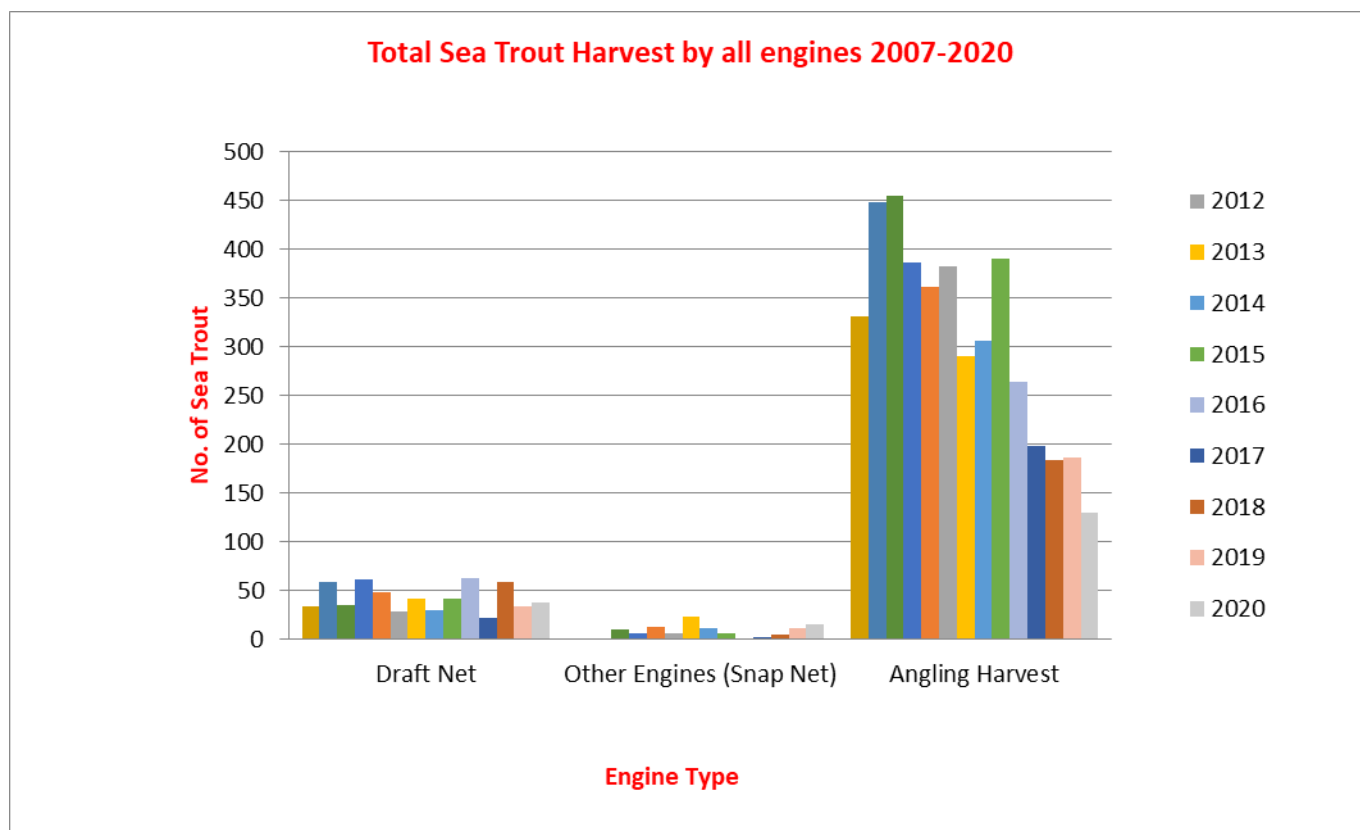


Fig. 2 - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2007-2020.

For 2020, anglers caught 96% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 4% (Table 11). 7.4% of the 2020 total sea trout catch was taken on Lough Currane (Kerry) and 6.9% on the River Erne (Ballyshannon).

Chapter 2

Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2020



Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2020

Year	TAC	Total Reported Harvest	% of TAC
2001	-	237,626	
2002	219,649	208,982	95.14%
2003	182,000	168,819	92.76%
2004	161,951	145,253	89.69%
2005	139,900	122,044	87.24%
2006	91,367	86,650	94.84%
End to mix stock salmon fishing at sea and a move to single stock management of salmon			
2007	17,305	8,877	51.30%
2008	17,314	8,962	51.76%
2009	18,211	6,802	37.35%
2010	18,530	14,226	76.77%
2011	17,399	12,034	69.16%
2012	18,376	10,353	56.34%
2013	18,276	14,190	77.64%
2014	14,834	9,611	64.79%
2015	12,348	7,738	62.67%
2016	11,131	6,980	62.71%
2017	9,256	6,707	72.5%
2018	8,887	5,619	63.2%
2019	7,897	5,768	73%
2020	8,526	6,232	73%

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2020 was 8,526. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 6,232 represents 73% of TAC (Table 14).

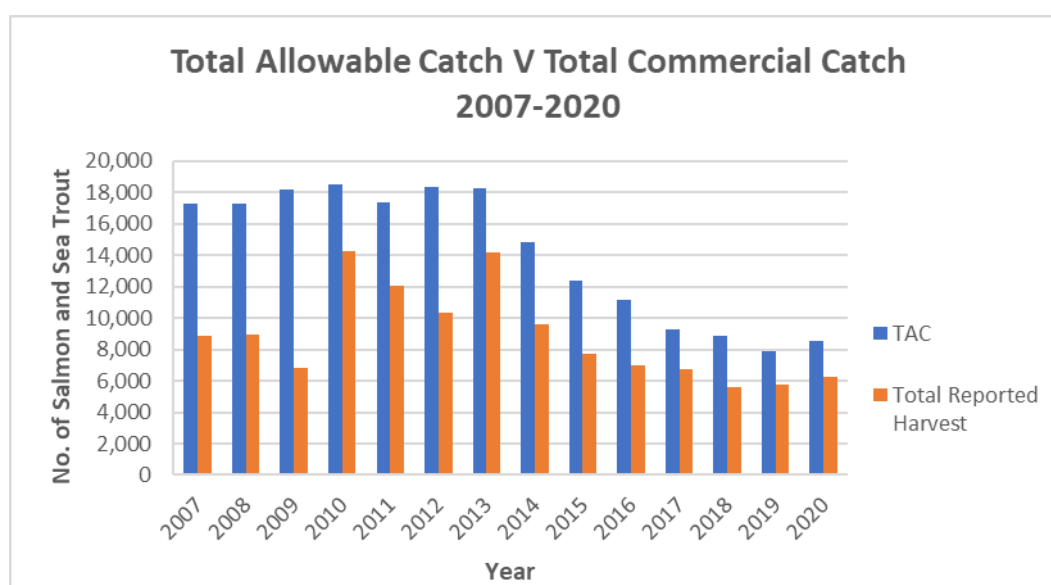


Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) V Total Commercial Catch 2007 - 2020.

In 2020, the TAC was allocated on an individual river basis and no distinction was made between commercial and angling fisheries. The district fisheries committee in each River Basin allocated the identified surplus for each river between the commercial and angling fishery as appropriate. The figure of 8,526 above for 2020 is the TAC for commercial fishery only and is the sum of the individual

river quotas allocated by each district fishery committee. Some fisheries had no commercial element in which case the full TAC was allocated to angling.

Commercial Salmon Catch 2020

In the 2020 commercial salmon harvest, 88% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 12% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2020 was 6,179.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2020 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

Table 4 - Top 5 Commercial Fisheries in 2020

2020			
Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Kerry	Laune	2,302	37%
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	1,481	24%
Cork	Lower Lee	759	12%
Kerry	Castlemaine	588	9.5%
Limerick	Owenduff	389	6%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 5 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2020 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2020

The table below shows the 2020 commercial salmon catch disposals:

Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2020	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	70%
Private Sales	15%
Domestic Consumption	11%
Restaurant	1%
Other (Supermarket/B&B)	3%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2020. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.

Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2020

In the 2020 commercial sea trout harvest, 72% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 28% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2020 was 53. Sea trout catches were highest on the River Laune (Kerry) at 70% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2020 was 0.85% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).

Chapter 3

Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2020



Angling Salmon Catch 2001 - 2020

Table 6.0 - Salmon Angling Catch 2001 - 2020

Year	Salmon Angling Harvest	Salmon Angling Caught & Released	% Catch and Release rate	Total Salmon Angling Catch	% change on previous year
2001	26,074	N/a		26,074	
2002	29,408	N/a		29,408	+ 12.8%
2003	20,888	N/a		20,888	- 29.0%
2004	26,202	2,540		28,742	+ 37.6%
2005	22,361	3,032		25,393	- 11.65%
2006	22,485	6,177		28,662	+ 12.87%
End to mix stock salmon fishing at sea and a move to single stock management of salmon					
2007	19,430	15,113	44%	34,543	-20.52%
2008	22,215	13,563	38%	35,778	+3.58%
2009	17,521	11,422	39%	28,943	-19.1%
2010	22,336	15,142	40%	37,478	+29.5%
2011	20,306	12,688	38%	32,994	-11.96%
2012	22,287	11,891	35%	34,178	+3.59%
2013	18,178	10,682	37%	28,860	-15.56%
2014	11,313	6,537	37%	17,851	-38.14%
2015	15,724	9,383	37%	25,107	+40.65%
2016	14,587	10,252	41%	24,838	-1.07%
2017	15,159	12,562	45%	27,722	+11.6%
2018	11,413	8,647	43%	20,060	-27.64%
2019	10,481	9,123	47%	19,604	-2.27%
2020	10,562	11,088	51%	21,650	+10.44%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2020. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2020 was 21,650 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 10.44% on the 2019 salmon angling catch of 19,604 salmon.

From 2007 onwards, the scientific advice for salmon is provided in the context of single stock management of salmon where harvest of salmon is only allowed in rivers where there is a surplus above the conservation limit. In 2020, rivers not meeting the conservation limit (CL) were open to catch and release only angling where the CL met or exceeded 50%. Rivers below this 50% threshold or with an average rod catch of less than 10 salmon were closed to angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm) unless catchment wide electro-fishing results (15 or greater) merited the opening on a catch and release only basis.

Table 6.1 - 2 SW / MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2020

Year	2 SW/MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Harvest	2 SW/MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Caught & Released	Total 2 SW/MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Catch	% change on previous year
2007	1,900	1,498	3,398	N/A
2008	2,443	1,492	3,935	+16%
2009	3,065	1,610	4,675	+19%
2010	2,260	1,255	3,515	-25%
2011	3,232	1,657	4,889	+39%
2012	2,736	1,463	4,199	-14%
2013	2,970	1,861	4,831	+15%
2014	2,633	1,430	4,063	-16%
2015	2,699	1,573	4,272	+5%
2016	2,393	1,391	3,784	-11%
2017	2,196	1,586	3,782	0%
2018	2,382	1,463	3,845	+1.64%
2019	1,857	1,320	3,177	-17.37%
2020	637	723	1,361	-57.16

Table 6.2 - 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2020

Year	1 SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Harvest	1 SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Caught & Released	Total 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch	% change on previous year
2007	17,530	13,615	31,145	N/A
2008	19,772	12,071	31,843	+2%
2009	14,456	9,812	24,268	-24%
2010	20,076	13,890	33,966	+40%
2011	17,074	11,031	28,105	-17%
2012	19,551	10,429	29,980	+7%
2013	15,208	8,821	24,029	-20%
2014	8,680	5,107	13,787	-43%
2015	13,025	7,810	20,835	51%
2016	12,194	8,861	21,055	+1%
2017	12,963	10,977	23,940	+14%
2018	9,031	7,184	16,215	-32%
2019	8,624	7,803	16,427	+1.31%
2020	9,925	10,365	20,290	+23.52%

Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 - 2020

Table 7 - Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 - 2020

Year	Sea Trout Harvest	Sea Trout Caught & Released	Total Sea Trout Angling Catch	% change on previous year
2001	1,066	N/A	1,066	
2002	1,464	N/A	1,464	+ 37.3%
2003	997	N/A	997	- 31. 9%
2004	519	N/A	519	- 47.9%
2005	770	N/A	770	+ 48.4%
2006	543	N/A	543	- 29.5%
2007	331	N/A	331	- 39.0%
2008	448	1329	1,777	+ 436.9
2009	455	2,100	2,555	+ 43.78%
2010	387	1,812	2,198	-13.97%
2011	362	2,376	2,738	+24.57%
2012	382	2,406	2,788	+1.83%
2013	290	1,441	1,732	-37.88%
2014	306	1,206	1,512	-12.7%
2015	390	1,403	1,793	+18.6%
2016	264	1,064	1,328	-25.93%
2017	198	1,616	1,814	+36.6%
2018	184	903	1,087	-40%
2019	186	1,142	1,328	+22.17%
2020	130	1,211	1,341	+1%

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2020. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2020 was 1,341 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 1% on the 2019 sea trout angling catch of 1,328.

Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 - 2020

14,138 salmon rod licences were sold in 2020, a decrease of 18% on 2019 licence sales (17,281) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 7,969 logbooks in 2020, with a national return rate of 56.37%, down from 57.75% on 2019 logbook returns (Table 17).

Table 8 - Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 - 2020

Year	Licence Sales	Logbook Returns	% Return
2001	32,814	14,238	43%
2002	35,024	18,116	52%
2003	31,809	18,088	57%
2004	30,807	17,955	58%
2005	28,738	17,682	62%
2006	27,341	18,554	68%
Move to single stock management of salmon			
2007	19,986	12,962	65%
2008	20,061	13,917	69%
2009	18,314	12,890	70 %
2010	17,983	12,813	71%
2011	19,899	14,414	72%
2012	19,588	14,597	75%
2013	19,109	14,035	73.5%
2014	18,085	12,880	71%
2015	18,460	13,010	70.5%
2016	18,303	12,562	68.6%
2017	18,212	9,923	54.5%
2018	16,755	9,557	57%
2019	17,281	9,979	57.7%
2020	14,138	7,969	56.4%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 - 2020 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

Salmon Angling Catch 2020

Over one fifth of all salmon angling catch nationally (23%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 5,005 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught on 88 fisheries in 2020. The top three salmon producing fisheries made up 43% (9,270) of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2020 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster) and Corrib).

Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2020

7.65% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on Lough Currane (Table 24) with an angling catch of 103 sea trout. Sea Trout were caught on 73 fisheries in 2020. The top four sea trout producing water systems made up 25.5% (342) of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2020 (Waterville/Cummeragh/L.Currane system (Kerry), Erne (Ballyshannon), Slaney (Wexford), Lackagh (Letterkenny).

Catch per Angler

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 2,675 anglers harvested salmon in 2020 (Table 53), a decrease of 9.4% on 2019 (2,953). 1,639 anglers caught and released salmon in 2020 (Table 52) a decrease of 1% on 2019 (1,657). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

Of the 2,675 anglers who harvested salmon, 70% (1,861 anglers) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 18% (496 anglers) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 12% (318) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

Catch and Release Estimates

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2020. A total of 11,088 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 10,562 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 21,650 giving a national catch and release rate of 51% (Table 21).

13% of all salmon caught and released, were released on the Blackwater (Munster (Table 21) which had a catch and release of 1,470 salmon. The Moy accounted for 9.8% of all salmon caught and released (1,084 salmon) and the Suir also accounted for 9.8% of all salmon caught and released (1,087 salmon). The top three rivers where salmon were caught and released made up almost one third (33%) of the national catch and release by rod and line in 2020 (Rivers Blackwater (Munster), Moy and Suir).

Angling Catch of Spring Salmon

An assessment on the number of salmon caught between 1st January 2020 and 31st May 2020 was made to estimate the number of spring (or multi-sea winter) salmon being taken by rod and line (Table 22). The catch indicates that a total of 1,361 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2020 (3,177 in 2019), of which 723 were released and 637 harvested. The figure of 1,361 spring salmon catch represents 6% of the total angling catch (21,650). A total of 202 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina) and 183 spring fish for the River Blackwater (Lismore) in 2020.

Angler Nationality

Anglers from 28 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2020. 82% of anglers were from Ireland, 12% from Northern Ireland, 2.6% from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), 0.5% from France, and 0.5% from Germany (Tables 19-20).

Table 9 - Summary Angler Nationality 2012 - 2020

No.	Nationality	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	11,374	11,447	11,310	11,221	10,167	10,563	11,781	+11.53%
2	Great Britain	1,673	1,705	1,698	1,663	1,601	1,725	371	-78.50%
3	Northern Ireland	2,074	2,213	2,038	1,924	1,824	1,865	1,720	-7.77%
4	France	914	931	889	954	809	843	71	-91.58%
5	Germany	610	589	572	578	560	517	77	-85.11%
6	USA	461	508	564	765	673	737	13	-98.24%

Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2014 to 2020.

Angling Catch by Month and Capture Method

Following are the reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for all Salmon Angling Rivers in 2020 (includes salmon caught and released).

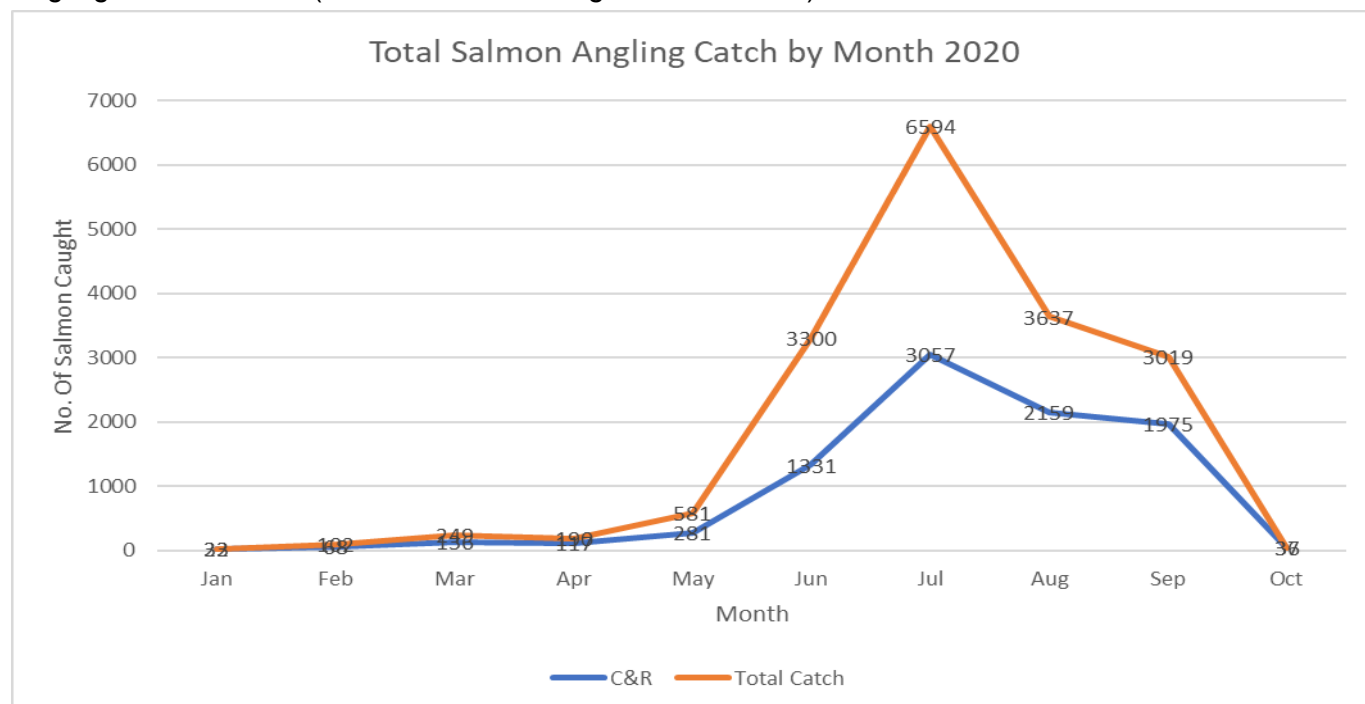


Fig. 4 Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2020

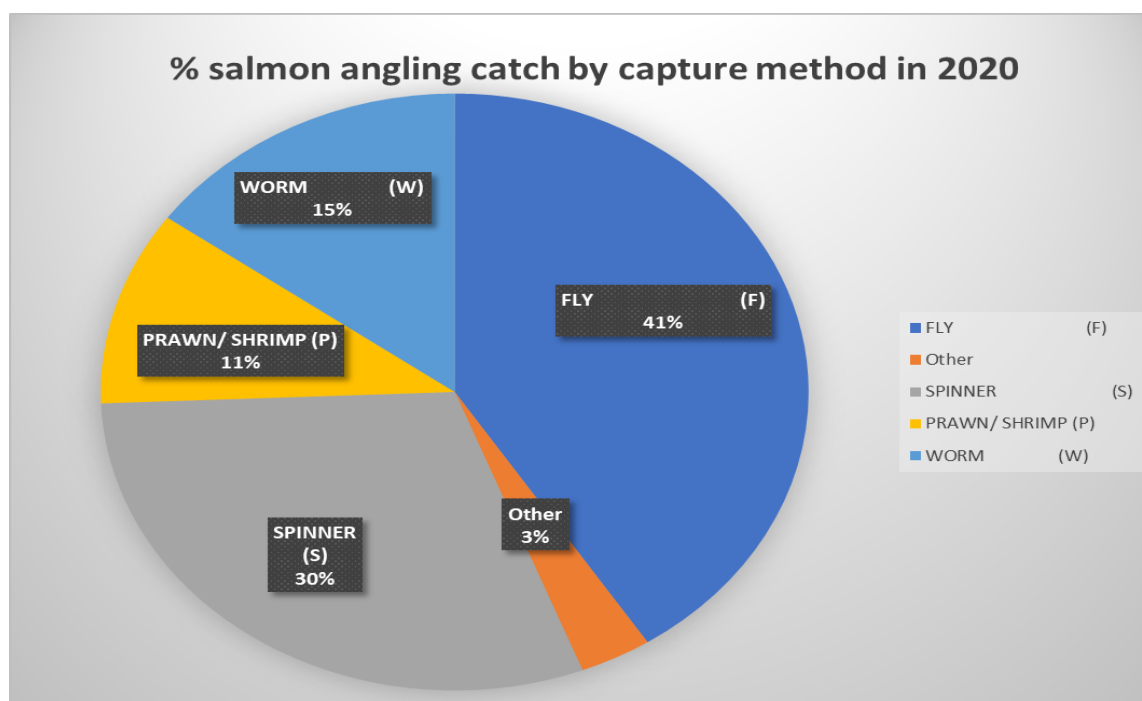


Fig. 5 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2020

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2020 are presented in Fig.8-36.

Chapter 4

Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2020



Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2020 determined from Logbook Returns

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Catch	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Salmon catch by all methods	Total Salmon Harvest by all methods	Total Allowable Catch
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina		1		1	1		
Moy	110	Ballina		1,084	3920	5,005	5,005	3,920	11,603
Easkey	114	Ballina		119	200	319	319	200	586
Unknown	265	Ballina		4		4	4		
Carrowbeg	125	Ballinakill		1		1	1		
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill		13		13	13		
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		56		56	56		
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		21		21	21		
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		87	99	186	186	99	223
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		140	78	218	218	78	366
Common	Killary	Ballinakill	176				176	176	399
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	31	8	4	12	43	35	218
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	24	86	48	134	158	72	511
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill		27	3	29	29	3	
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		238		238	238		
Glenadarragh	53	Ballyshannon		1		1	1		
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon		20		20	20		
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		10		10	10		
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		89		89	89		
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		20		20	20		
Owenwee	61	Ballyshannon		71		71	71		
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		33		33	33		
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		307	400	707	707	400	2,512
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon			11	11	11	11	
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	16	9	20	29	45	36	133
Owenmore	105	Bangor		270	1	271	271	1	
Owenduff	106	Bangor	389	89	94	182	571	483	772
Newport (L.	108	Bangor	21	71	40	111	132	61	414
Carrowmore	109	Bangor		79	78	157	157	78	548
Moyour	124	Bangor			3	3	3	3	
Unknown	266	Bangor		3	3	5	5	3	
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		48	72	120	120	72	280
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		27	17	44	44	17	133
Glashaboy	193	Cork		6	3	10	10	3	
Glengarriff	219	Cork		3	11	14	14	11	303
Adrigole	224	Cork		4		4	4		
Coomhola	225	Cork		46	61	107	107	61	85
Owvane	226	Cork		28	27	55	55	27	533
Mealagh	227	Cork		3	17	21	21	17	191
Lower Lee	228	Cork	759	506	85	591	1,350	844	1,072
Bandon	229	Cork		201	331	532	532	331	500
Owenboy	230	Cork		9		9	9		
Argideen	232	Cork		17		17	17		
Ilen	233	Cork		144	253	397	397	253	824
Boyne	159	Drogheda		265		265	265		
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		1		1	1		
Malahide	248	Dublin		1		1	1		
Castletown	92	Dundalk		22		22	22		
Fane	94	Dundalk		92		92	92		

table 10 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Salmon Catch	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Salmon catch by all methods	Total Salmon Harvest by all Methods	Total Allowable Catch
Glyde	95	Dundalk		136		136	136		
Dee	96	Dundalk		43		43	43		
Corrib	143	Galway		199	1,154	1,353	1,353	1,154	5,761
Owendatulleagh	146	Galway			3	3	3	3	
Unknown	262	Galway			9	9	9	9	
Maine	197	Kerry		22	139	161	161	139	343
Owenascaul	200	Kerry		1		1	1		
Owenmore	203	Kerry	164	9	1	10	174	165	210
Laune	207	Kerry	2,302	201	635	836	3,138	2,937	4,209
Caragh	208	Kerry		35	75	109	109	75	809
Ferta	210	Kerry		16	28	44	44	28	72
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		99		99	99		
Waterville\Cummeragh\Curr	213	Kerry		81	164	245	245	164	343
Sneem	214	Kerry		19	37	56	56	37	695
Blackwater	215	Kerry		90		90	90		
Roughy	217	Kerry	140	120	171	291	431	311	453
Sheen	218	Kerry		36	49	84	84	49	1,248
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		5	2	8	8	2	265
Castlemaine Harbour		Kerry	588				588	588	588
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny		18		18	18		
Crana	9	Letterkenny		137		137	137		99
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		31	10	40	40	10	94
Clady	23	Letterkenny		59	47	106	106	47	272
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		46	29	75	75	29	129
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		29		29	29		
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		45		45	45		
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	88	68	50	118	206	138	355
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		584		584	584		
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny		1		1	1		
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny		3		3	3		
Buncrana	243	Letterkenny		10		10	10		
Mulkear	153	Limerick		333		333	333		
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		27		27	27		
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		250		250	250		
Feale	194	Limerick		445		445	445		
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,481	1,470	1442	2913	4,394	2,923	5,438
Bride	191	Lismore		51		51	51		
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		189	483	672	672	483	3,304
Garvogue	117	Sligo		123		123	123		
Drumcliff (inc Glencar L	119	Sligo		44	138	181	181	138	153
Rosses Point	250	Sligo			3	3	3	3	
Unknown	267	Sligo		26		26	26		
Suir	182	Waterford		1,087		1087	1087		
Barrow	183	Waterford		84		84	84		
Nore	184	Waterford		363		363	363		
Slaney	175	Wexford		68		68	68		
Unknown	999	NWRBD			10	10	10	10	
Unknown	999	WRBD-B		3	7	9	9	7	
		Totals	6,179	11,088	10,562	21,650	27,829	16,741	47,046

22%

78%

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish, 2 - Caught and released are Wild Atlantic Salmon, 3 - River Catch and Release in 2020, 4 - River Closed in 2020

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2020. Rod and line figures shown represent salmon catch including caught and released.
(There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor).

Table 11 - Commercial and Angling Sea Trout Catch 2020 determined from Logbook Returns

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Sea Trout Catch	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Unknown	265	Ballina		8	3	11	11
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina		3		3	3
Moy	110	Ballina		33	26	59	59
Easkey	114	Ballina		48		48	48
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		3		3	3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		8		8	8
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		3		3	3
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		5		5	5
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		9		9	9
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		25		25	25
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon		1		1	1
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		3		3	3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		3		3	3
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon		15		15	15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		3		3	3
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon		96		96	96
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		1		1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor		1	1	3	3
Owenduff	106	Bangor		52	3	54	54
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		33		33	33
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		9		9	9
Unknown	266	Bangor			1	1	1
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		3		3	3
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		8		8	8
Glashaboy	193	Cork		32	11	43	43
Owvane	226	Cork		2		2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork		11	2	13	13
Bandon	229	Cork		23	2	25	25
Owenboy	230	Cork		6		6	6
Argideen	232	Cork		57		57	57
Ilen	233	Cork		6	4	11	11
Boyne	159	Drogheda		33		33	33
Vartry*	170	Dublin		8		8	8
Malahide	248	Dublin		15	3	18	18
Castletown	92	Dundalk		15		15	15
Fane	94	Dundalk		1		1	1
Glyde	95	Dundalk		12		12	12
Dee	96	Dundalk		11		11	11
Corrib	143	Galway		1		1	1

table 11 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Sea Trout Catch	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Maine	197	Kerry		15	3	18	18
Owenmore	203	Kerry		11		11	11
Laune	207	Kerry	37	12	5	17	54
Caragh	208	Kerry		5	3	9	9
Ferta	210	Kerry		1		1	1
Inny	212	Kerry		14		14	14
Waterville\Cumm	213	Kerry		103		103	103
Roughy	217	Kerry		6	6	13	13
Ray*	3	Letterkenny		6		6	6
Crana	9	Letterkenny		10		10	10
Crolly	22	Letterkenny		6		6	6
Clady	23	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny		3	3	6	6
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny		67	1	68	68
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		20		20	20
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		29		29	29
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		1		1	1
Feale	194	Limerick		33		33	33
Mulkear	153	Limerick		3		3	3
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		4		4	4
Blackwater	190	Lismore	16	49	10	58	74
Bride	191	Lismore		24		24	24
Grange	5	Sligo			1	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		9	13	22	22
Garvogue	117	Sligo		11		11	11
Drumcliff (inc	119	Sligo		20	15	34	34
Rosses Point	250	Sligo			1	1	1
Strandhill	251	Sligo		1		1	1
Unknown	267	Sligo		20	7	26	26
Unknown	999	NWRBD		17	4	21	21
Suir	182	Waterford		8		8	8
Barrow	183	Waterford		1		1	1
Nore	184	Waterford		6		6	6
Mahon*	185	Waterford		3		3	3
Colligan*	188	Waterford		1		1	1
Slaney	175	Wexford		75		75	75
Cullenstown	270	Wexford		2		2	2
Totals			53	1,211	130	1,341	1,394

*Sea trout under 40cm

3.8%

96.2%

Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2020. Rod and line figures shown represent sea trout catch including caught and released.
(There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor)

Chapter 5

Commercial Catch Tables 2020

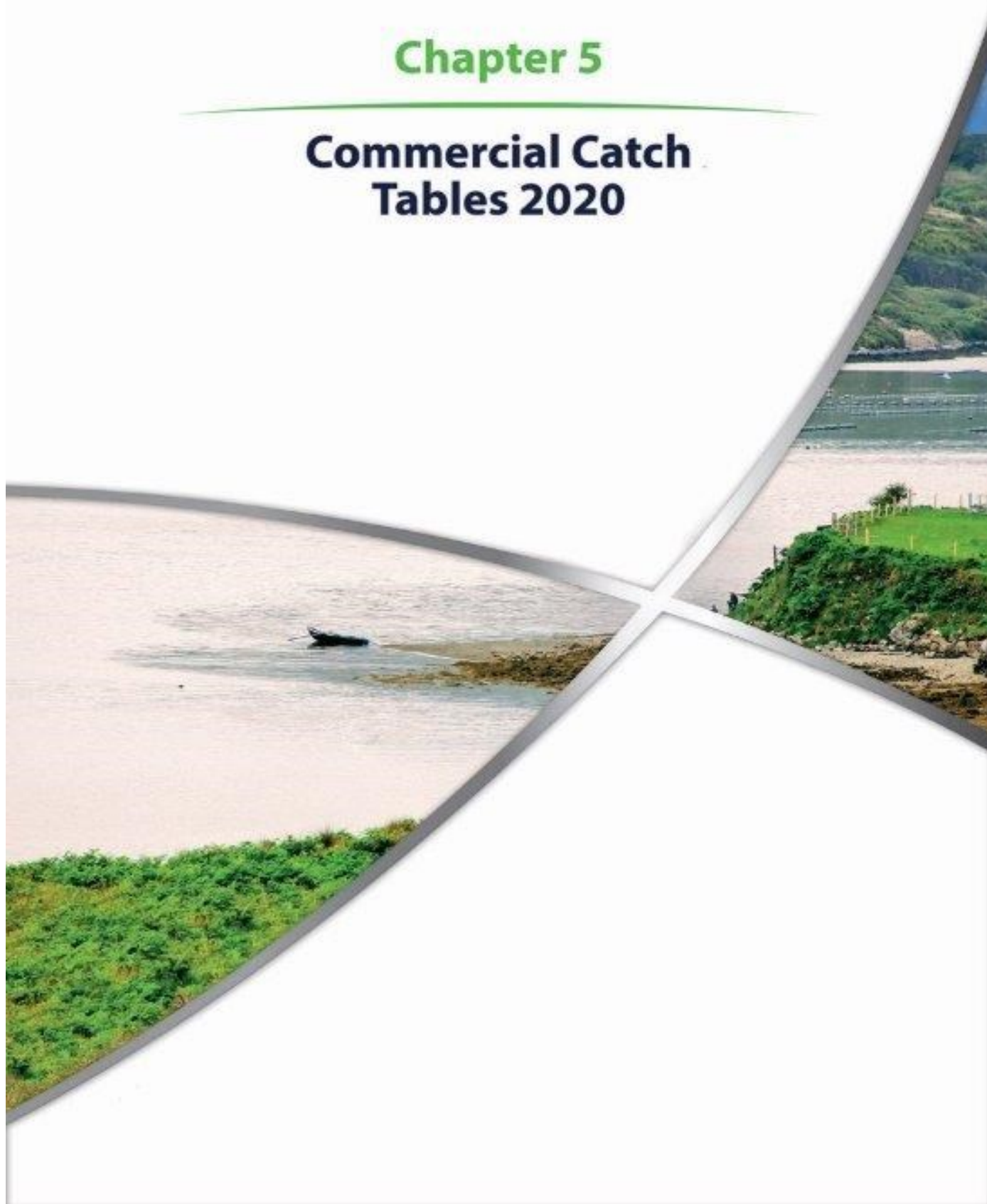


Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2020 determined from Logbook Returns

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Harvest	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	764	1,481	12.4%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	717		11.6%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	759	759	12.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	588	3,194	9.5%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	2,302		37.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	164		2.7%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	140		2.3%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff & Bundorragha) Note 1	176	231	2.8%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	24		0.4%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	31		0.5%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	389	426	6.3%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	16		0.3%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	21		0.3%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	88	88	1.4%
Total			6,179	6,179	100%

Note 1 - Killary Harbour is made up of the Erriff and Bundorragha (Delphi).

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2020 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and commercial harvest (draft & snap nets), including the % harvest by river.

Table 13 - Commercial Sea Trout (over 40cm) Harvest 2020 determined from Logbook Returns

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Sea Trout Harvest	Fishery District Sea Trout Harvest	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	15	16	28.3%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	1		1.9%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)		0	0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine		37	0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	37		69.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)			0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff & Bundorragha) Note 1		0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff		0	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy			
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)			
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra		0	0.0%
Total			53	53	100%

Note 1 - Killary Harbour is made up of the Erriff and Bundorragha (Delphi).

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2020 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and commercial harvest (draft & snap nets), including the % harvest by river.

Table 14 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of Salmon and Sea Trout provided for in the Commercial Sector in 2020

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Total Sea Trout Harvest	Total Salmon & Sea Trout Harvest	Commercial TAC	% of TAC Caught
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	764	15	1,497	1,498	99.9%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	717	1			
Cork	Draft Net	Lower Lee (Cork)	759		759	764	99.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	588		588	588	100.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	2,302	37	2,339	2,839	82.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	164		164	164	100.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	140		140	254	55.1%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary Common Estuary Erriff & Bundorragha) Note 1	176		176	399	57.9%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	24	0	24	511	4.7%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	31	0	31	218	14.2%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	389		389	389	102.9%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	16		16	133	12.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	21		21	414	5.1%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	88		88	355	24.8%
Total			6,179	53	6,232	8,526	73%
			99.15%	0.85%	100%		

Note 1 - Killary Harbour is made up of the Erriff and Bundorragha (Delphi).

Table 14 shows the Total allowable catch (TAC) of salmon (all sizes) and sea trout (over 40cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2020, presented with the reported harvest determined from commercial logbooks (rod caught fish not included). The percentage of TAC achieved per river is also presented.

Table 15 - Commercial Salmon Harvest by Month 2020 determined from Logbook Returns

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	May	Jun	Jul	Total Salmon Harvest
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	59	442	216	717
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	43	470	251	764
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	101	482	176	759
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	46	331	211	588
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	185	1,348	769	2,302
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	9	71	84	164
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughy		21	119	140
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary Common Estuary (Erriff & Bundorragha) Note 1	37	96	43	176
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin		22	9	31
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)		16	8	24
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	50	92	247	389
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy		1	15	16
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)		19	2	21
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	12	10	66	88
Totals			542	3,421	2,216	6,179
			9%	55%	36%	100%

Note 1 - Killary Harbour is made up of the Erriff and Bundorragha.

Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2020 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.

Table 16 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2020.

Fishery District	Total Caught	Domestic Consumption	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Restaurant	Other
Ballinakill	231	80	113	35	3	
Bangor	426	80	36	294	1	15
Cork	759	38	570	147		4
Kerry	3,194	191	2,720	273	10	
Letterkenny	88	44		44		
Lismore	1,481	241	864	130	69	177
Total Sales by Category	6,179	674	4,303	923	83	196
% Totals	100%	11%	70%	15%	1%	3%

Table 16 shows an analysis of the distribution of sales and disposals for salmon harvest by commercial fishermen (draft and snap net) by fishery district in 2020

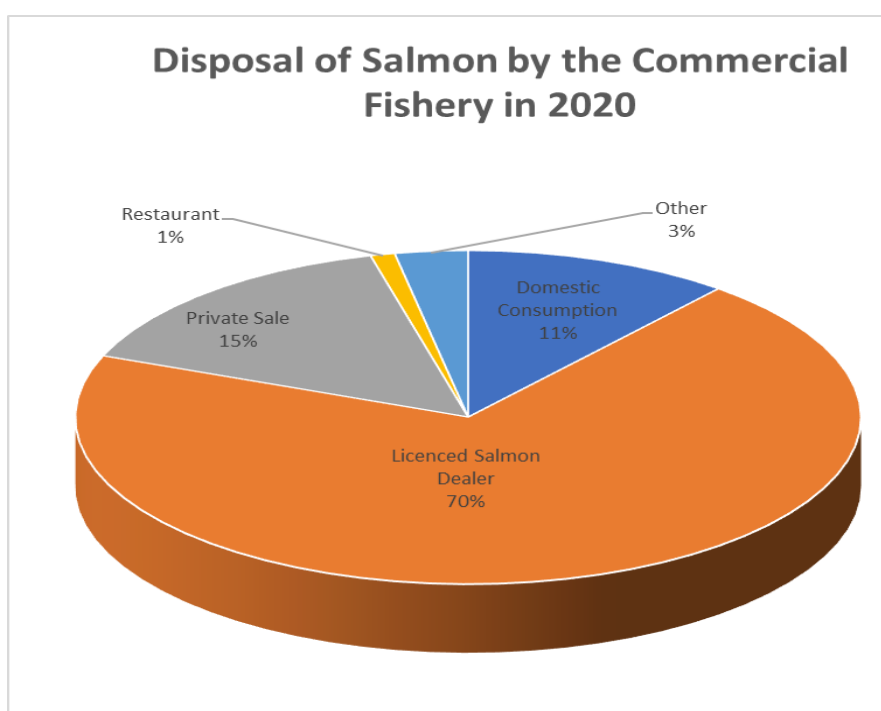


Fig. 6 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2020.

Chapter 6

Angling Catch Tables 2020



Table 17 - Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2020

River Basin	Angling Licence Sales 2020	Angling Logbook Returns 2020	% Returns 2020	Raising Factor
ERBD	1,125	498	44%	1.377711
SERBD	1,292	880	68%	1.140455
SWRBD	3,066	2,418	79%	1.080397
ShRBD	594	433	73%	1.111547
WRBD-G	1,686	794	47%	1.337028
WRBD-B	3,812	1,838	48%	1.322198
NWRBD	2,563	1,108	43%	1.393953
Totals	14,138	7,969	56.37%	1.232237

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2020 and the number and percentage of logbook returns to each river basin. The wild salmon and sea trout angling catch statistics are generated based on the logbook returns obtained from salmon and sea trout anglers.

Table 18 - Angling Licence Sales by Licence Type and River Basin 2020

River Basin	Total Licence Sales	Salmon A (Annual)	Salmon B (District)	Salmon P (Juvenile)	Salmon R (21 Day)	Salmon S (1 Day)	Salmon W (Area EXT)	Special Local X
Eastern	1,125	557	300	62	111	90	5	
South Eastern	1,292	411	631	113	80	57	0	0
South Western	3,066	827	1503	285	221	230	0	0
Shannon	594	227	260	39	31	37		
Western - G	1,686	342	650	168	213	311	2	0
Western - B	3,812	620	1615	480	530	522	45	
North Western	2,563	411	742	165	264	325	314	342
Totals	14,138	3,395	5,701	1,312	1,450	1,572	366	342
	100%	24%	40%	9%	10%	11%	3%	2%

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2020 by River Basin and Licence type.

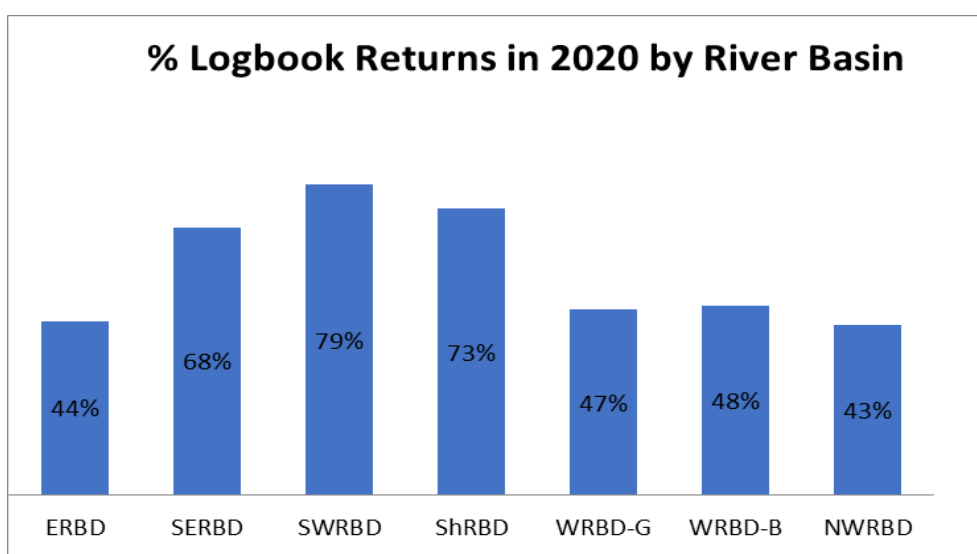


Fig. 7. Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2020.

Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2020 by River Basin

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Afghanistan	1						1	
Austria	4			4				
Belgium	8			7		1		
Canada	1						1	
Finland	2			1				1
France	71		2	20	3	6	21	19
Germany	77	1	2	21	2	18	21	12
Great Britain	371		7	40	1	26	83	214
Iceland	2						1	1
Iran	1				1			
Ireland	11,781	1,115	1,267	2,892	578	1,522	3,131	1,276
Isle Of Man	10	1		2	5	1		1
Israel	2	1		1				
Italy	7			4			3	
Liechtenstein	1					1		
Luxembourg	5			2				3
Netherlands	4			2			2	
Northern Ireland	1,720	6	10	59	3	84	541	1,017
Panama	1					1		
Poland	1						1	
Romania	1						1	
Spain	7		1	2			2	2
Sweden	8					7		1
Switzerland	15			2	1		1	11
United Arab Emirates	1			1				
United States	13	1	3	4		1	1	3
Unknown	23			2		18	1	2
Totals	14,138	1,125	1,292	3,066	594	1,686	3,812	2,563

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2020 by Angler Nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2020 by Licence Type

Nationality	Totals	SALMON A (ANNUAL)	SALMON B (DISTRICT)	SALMON P (JUVENILE)	SALMON R (21 DAY)	SALMON S (1 DAY)	SALMON W (Area Ext)	SALMON X (Special local)
Afghanistan	1	1						
Austria	4		3		1			
Belgium	8		1	3	4			
Canada	1		1					
Finland	2				2			
France	71	4	8	4	53	1		1
Germany	77	8	18	2	43	6		
Great Britain	371	56	50	14	113	62	71	5
Iceland	2	1			1			
Iran	1			1				
Ireland	11,781	3,121	5,166	1,213	865	1,162	64	190
Isle Of Man	10	5	3		1	1		
Israel	2	1	1					
Italy	7		4		2	1		
Liechtenstein	1				1			
Luxembourg	5				5			
Netherlands	4		1	1	2			
Northern Ireland	1,720	190	439	68	325	321	231	146
Panama	1					1		
Poland	1				1			
Romania	1		1					
Spain	7	2	1		1	3		
Sweden	8				7	1		
Switzerland	15				15			
United Arab Emirates	1					1		
United States	13	5	1		5	2		
Unknown	23	1	3	6	3	10		
Totals	14,138	3,395	5,701	1,312	1,450	1,572	366	342

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2020 by angler nationality and by licence type.

Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina	1		1
Moy	110	Ballina	1,084	3,920	5005
Easkey	114	Ballina	119	200	319
Unknown	265	Ballina	4		4
Carrowbeg	125	Ballinakill	1		1
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	13		13
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	56		56
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	21		21
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	87	99	186
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	140	78	218
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	8	4	12
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	86	48	134
Owenglin (Clifden) 3	135	Ballinakill	27	3	29
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	238		238
Glenadarragh	53	Ballyshannon	1		1
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	20		20
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	10		10
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	89		89
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	20		20
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	71		71
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	33		33
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	307	400	707
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		11	11
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	9	20	29
Owenmore	105	Bangor	270	1	271
Owenduff	106	Bangor	89	94	182
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	71	40	111
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	79	78	157
Moyour	124	Bangor		3	3
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	3	5
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	48	72	120
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	27	17	44
Glashaboy	193	Cork	6	3	10
Glengarriff	219	Cork	3	11	14
Adrigole	224	Cork	4		4
Coomhola	225	Cork	46	61	107
Owvane	226	Cork	28	27	55
Mealagh	227	Cork	3	17	21
Lower Lee	228	Cork	506	85	591
Bandon	229	Cork	201	331	532
Owenboy	230	Cork	9		9
Argideen	232	Cork	17		17
Ilen	233	Cork	144	253	397
Boyne	159	Drogheda	265		265
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1		1

table 21 cont'd

Malahide	248	Dublin	1		1
Castletown	92	Dundalk	22		22
Fane	94	Dundalk	92		92
Glyde	95	Dundalk	136		136
Dee	96	Dundalk	43		43
Corrib	143	Galway	199	1,154	1353
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway		3	3
Unknown	262	Galway		9	9
Maine	197	Kerry	22	139	161
Owenascaul	200	Kerry	1		1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	9	1	10
Laune	207	Kerry	201	635	836
Caragh	208	Kerry	35	75	109
Ferta	210	Kerry	16	28	44
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	99		99
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	81	164	245
Sneem	214	Kerry	19	37	56
Blackwater	215	Kerry	90		90
Roughty	217	Kerry	120	171	291
Sheen	218	Kerry	36	49	84
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	5	2	8
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny	18		18
Crana	9	Letterkenny	137		137
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	31	10	40
Clady	23	Letterkenny	59	47	106
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	46	29	75
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	29		29
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	45		45
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	68	50	118
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	584		584
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	3		3
Buncrana	243	Letterkenny	10		10
Mulkear	153	Limerick	333		333
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	27		27
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	250		250
Feale	194	Limerick	445		445
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,470	1,442	2,913
Bride	191	Lismore	51		51
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	189	483	672
Garvogue	117	Sligo	123		123
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	44	138	181
Rosses Point	250	Sligo		3	3
Unknown	267	Sligo	26		26
Suir	182	Waterford	1,087		1087
Barrow	183	Waterford	84		84
Nore	184	Waterford	363		363
Slaney	175	Wexford	68		68
Unknown	999	NWRBD		10	10
Unknown	999	WRBD-Ballina	3	7	9
		Totals	11,088	10,562	21,650

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish, 2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon, 3 - River Catch and Release in 2020, 4 - River Closed in 2020

Table 21 shows the salmon harvest, caught and released and the total salmon catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2020. (There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor).

Table 22 - Angling Catch of 2 Sea-Winter & Multi-Sea Winter (Spring) Salmon in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Moy	110	Ballina	44	159	202
Easkey	114	Ballina		3	3
Bundorragha (Delphi	130	Ballinakill	9	31	40
Eriff	131	Ballinakill	8	11	19
Owenglin (Clifden) 3	135	Ballinakill	1		1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	32	57	89
Owenduff	106	Bangor	7	8	15
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	24	7	30
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	3	9	12
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	3	1	4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	1	2
Owvane	226	Cork	2	1	3
Lower Lee	228	Cork	35	8	42
Bandon	229	Cork	21	14	35
Argideen	232	Cork	3		3
Ilen	233	Cork	1	4	5
Boyne	159	Drogheda	15		15
Glyde	95	Dundalk	1		1
Corrib	143	Galway	1	41	43
Unknown	262	Galway		4	4
Maine	197	Kerry	2	2	4
Laune	207	Kerry	41	119	160
Caragh	208	Kerry	4	11	15
Ferta	210	Kerry		1	1
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	40	39	79
Sneem	214	Kerry		1	1
Roughty	217	Kerry	4	13	17
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1		1
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	1		1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	4		4
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	1		1
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	6		6
Mulkear	153	Limerick	17		17
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	54		54
Feale	194	Limerick	62		62
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	102	81	183
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	3	3	5
Garvogue	117	Sligo	16		16
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	3	9	12

table 22 cont'd

Suir	182	Waterford	90		90
Barrow	183	Waterford	23		23
Nore	184	Waterford	31		31
Slaney*	175	Wexford	5		5
		Totals	723	637	1,361

3 - River Catch and Release in 2020

Table 22 shows the Spring Salmon (1st Jan - 31st May) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2020.

(There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor).

Table 23 - Angling Catch of 1 Sea Winter (Grilse) Salmon in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina	1		1
Moy	110	Ballina	1,041	3,762	4,802
Easkey	114	Ballina	119	197	316
Unknown	265	Ballina	4		4
Carrowbeg	125	Ballinakill	1		1
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	13		13
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	56		56
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	21		21
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	78	68	146
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	132	67	199
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	8	4	12
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	86	48	134
Owenglin (Clifden) 3	135	Ballinakill	25	3	28
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	238		238
Glenadarragh	53	Ballyshannon	1		1
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	20		20
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	10		10
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	89		89
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	17		17
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	71		71
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	33		33
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	275	343	618
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		11	11
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	9	20	29
Owenmore	105	Bangor	270	1	271
Owenduff	106	Bangor	82	86	168
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	48	33	81
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	77	69	145
Moyour	124	Bangor	0	3	3
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	3	5
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	45	71	116
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	27	17	44
Glashaboy	193	Cork	6	3	10
Glengarriff	219	Cork	2	10	12
Adrigole	224	Cork	4		4
Coomhola	225	Cork	46	61	107
Owvane	226	Cork	26	26	52
Mealagh	227	Cork	3	17	21
Lower Lee	228	Cork	471	78	549
Bandon	229	Cork	180	317	497
Owenboy	230	Cork	9		9
Argideen	232	Cork	14		14
Ilen	233	Cork	143	248	391
Boyne	159	Drogheda	249		249
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1		1

table 23 cont'd

Malahide	248	Dublin	1		1
Castletown	92	Dundalk	22		22
Fane	94	Dundalk	92		92
Glyde	95	Dundalk	135		135
Dee	96	Dundalk	43		43
Corrib	143	Galway	198	1,112	1,310
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway		3	3
Unknown	262	Galway		5	5
Maine	197	Kerry	19	137	157
Owenascaul	200	Kerry	1		1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	9	1	10
Laune	207	Kerry	160	516	676
Caragh	208	Kerry	30	64	94
Ferta	210	Kerry	16	27	43
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	99		99
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane	213	Kerry	41	125	166
Sneem	214	Kerry	19	36	55
Blackwater	215	Kerry	90		90
Roughty	217	Kerry	116	158	273
Sheen	218	Kerry	36	49	84
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	4	2	6
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny	18		18
Crana	9	Letterkenny	137		137
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	29	10	39
Clady	23	Letterkenny	59	47	106
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	46	29	75
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	25		25
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	43		43
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	68	50	118
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	578		578
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	3		3
Buncrana	243	Letterkenny	10		10
Mulkear	153	Limerick	317		317
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	27		27
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	196		196
Feale	194	Limerick	382		382
Blackwater	190	Lismore	1,369	1,361	2,730
Bride	191	Lismore	51		51
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	186	480	666
Garvogue	117	Sligo	107	0	107
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	41	128	169
Rosses Point	250	Sligo		3	3
Unknown	267	Sligo	26		26
Suir	182	Waterford	997		997
Barrow	183	Waterford	62		62
Nore	184	Waterford	332		332
Slaney	175	Wexford	64		64
Unknown	999	WRBD-B	3	7	9
Unknown	999	NWRBD		10	10
		Totals	10,365	9,925	20,290

3 River Catch and Release in 2020

4 River Closed in 2020

Table 23 shows the 1 Sea Winter Salmon (Grilse) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2020. (1st June - 30th Sept).

(There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor).

Table 24 - Number of Sea Trout Caught by Rod and Line in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line
Unknown	265	Ballina	8	3	11
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina	3		3
Moy	110	Ballina	33	26	59
Easkey	114	Ballina	48		48
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	3		3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	8		8
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	3		3
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	5		5
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	9		9
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	25		25
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	1		1
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	3		3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	3		3
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	15		15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	3		3
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	96		96
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1		1
Owenmore	105	Bangor	1	1	3
Owenduff	106	Bangor	52	3	54
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	33		33
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	9		9
Unknown	266	Bangor		1	1
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara	3		3
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	8		8
Glashaboy	193	Cork	32	11	43
Owvane	226	Cork	2		2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	11	2	13
Bandon	229	Cork	23	2	25
Owenboy	230	Cork	6		6
Argideen	232	Cork	57		57
Ilen	233	Cork	6	4	11
Boyne	159	Drogheda	33		33
Vartry*	170	Dublin	8		8
Malahide	248	Dublin	15	3	18
Castletown	92	Dundalk	15		15
Fane	94	Dundalk	1		1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	12		12
Dee	96	Dundalk	11		11
Corrib	143	Galway	1		1

table 24 cont'd

Maine	197	Kerry	15	3	18
Owenmore	203	Kerry	11		11
Laune	207	Kerry	12	5	17
Caragh	208	Kerry	5	3	9
Ferta	210	Kerry	1		1
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	14		14
Waterville\Cummeragh\ Currane	213	Kerry	103		103
Roughty	217	Kerry	6	6	13
Ray*	3	Letterkenny	6		6
Crana	9	Letterkenny	10		10
Crollly	22	Letterkenny	6		6
Clady	23	Letterkenny	3		3
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	3	3	6
Lackagh 3	27	Letterkenny	67	1	68
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	20		20
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	3		3
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	29		29
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	1		1
Feale	194	Limerick	33		33
Mulkear	153	Limerick	3		3
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	4		4
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	49	10	58
Bride	191	Lismore	24		24
Grange	5	Sligo		1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	9	13	22
Garvogue	117	Sligo	11		11
Drumcliff (inc Glencare Lake)	119	Sligo	20	15	34
Rosses Point	250	Sligo		1	1
Strandhill	251	Sligo	1		1
Unknown	267	Sligo	20	7	26
Unknown	999	NWRBD	17	4	21
Suir	182	Waterford	8		8
Barrow	183	Waterford	1		1
Nore	184	Waterford	6		6
Mahon*	185	Waterford	3		3
Colligan*	188	Waterford	1		1
Slaney	175	Wexford	75		75
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	2		2
		Totals	1,211	130	1,341

* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

3 River Catch and Release in 2020

Table 24 shows the sea trout harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2020. (There may be marginal differences in totals due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor).

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - EASTERN RIVER BASIN

Table 25 - Salmon Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
N/A		Dundalk		
N/A		Drogheda		
N/A		Dublin		
		Total		

Table 26 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Malahide/Sea*	248	Dublin	2	3
		Total	2	3

Table 27 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	16	22
Fane	94	Dundalk	67	92
Glyde	95	Dundalk	99	136
Dee	96	Dundalk	31	43
Boyne	159	Drogheda	192	265
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1	1
Malahide	248	Dublin	1	1
		Total	407	561

Table 28 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	11	15
Fane	94	Dundalk	1	1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	9	12
Dee	96	Dundalk	8	11
Boyne	159	Drogheda	24	33
Vartry*	170	Dublin	6	8
Malahide*	248	Dublin	11	15
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		Total	70	96

Tables 25-28 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Eastern River Basin in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - SOUTH EASTERN RIVER BASIN

Table 29 - Salmon Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
N/A	N/A	Wexford		
N/A	N/A	Waterford		
		Total		

Table 30 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
N/A	N/A	Wexford		
		Total		

Table 31 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	60	68
Suir	182	Waterford	953	1,087
Barrow	183	Waterford	74	84
Nore	184	Waterford	318	363
		Total	1,405	1,602

Table 32 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Slaney*	175	Wexford	66	75
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	2	2
Suir	182	Waterford	7	8
Barrow	183	Waterford	1	1
Nore	184	Waterford	5	6
Mahon*	185	Waterford	3	3
Colligan*	188	Waterford	1	1
		Total	85	97

* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

Tables 29-32 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the South Eastern River Basin in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - SOUTH WESTERN RIVER BASIN

Table 33 - Salmon Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,335	1,442
Glashaboy	193	Cork	3	3
Glengarriff	219	Cork	10	11
Coomhola	225	Cork	56	61
Owvane	226	Cork	25	27
Mealagh	227	Cork	16	17
Lower Lee	228	Cork	79	85
Bandon	229	Cork	306	331
Ilen	233	Cork	234	253
Maine	197	Kerry	129	139
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	1
Laune	207	Kerry	588	635
Caragh	208	Kerry	69	75
Ferta	210	Kerry	26	28
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	152	164
Sneem	214	Kerry	34	37
Roughy	217	Kerry	158	171
Sheen	218	Kerry	45	49
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	2	2
		Total	3,268	3,531

Table 34 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	9	10
Glashaboy	193	Cork	10	11
Lower Lee	228	Cork	2	2
Bandon	229	Cork	2	2
Ilen	233	Cork	4	4
Maine	197	Kerry	3	3
Laune	207	Kerry	5	5
Caragh	208	Kerry	3	3
Roughy	217	Kerry	6	6
		Total	44	48

Table 35 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,361	1,470
Bride	191	Lismore	47	51
Glashaboy	193	Cork	6	6
Glengarriff	219	Cork	3	3
Adrigole	224	Cork	4	4
Coomhola	225	Cork	43	46
Owvane	226	Cork	26	28
Mealagh	227	Cork	3	3
Lower Lee	228	Cork	468	506
Bandon	229	Cork	186	201
Owenboy	230	Cork	8	9
Argideen	232	Cork	16	17
Ilen	233	Cork	133	144
Maine	197	Kerry	20	22
Owenascaul	200	Kerry	1	1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	8	9
Laune	207	Kerry	186	201
Caragh	208	Kerry	32	35
Ferta	210	Kerry	15	16
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	92	99
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	75	81
Sneem	214	Kerry	18	19
Blackwater	215	Kerry	83	90
Roughty	217	Kerry	111	120
Sheen	218	Kerry	33	36
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	5	5
		Total	2,983	3,223

Table 36 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	45	49
Bride	191	Lismore	22	24
Glashaboy	193	Cork	30	32
Owvane	226	Cork	2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	10	11
Bandon	229	Cork	21	23
Owenboy	230	Cork	6	6
Argideen	232	Cork	53	57
Ilen	233	Cork	6	6
Maine	197	Kerry	14	15
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10	11
Laune	207	Kerry	11	12
Caragh	208	Kerry	5	5
Ferta	210	Kerry	1	1
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	13	14
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	95	103
Roughy	217	Kerry	6	6
		Total	350	378

Tables 33-36 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the South Western River Basin in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - SHANNON RIVER BASIN

Table 37 - Salmon Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
N/A		Limerick	0	0
		Total	0	0

Table 38 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
N/A		Limerick	0	0
		Total	0	0

Table 39 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Mulkear ²	153	Limerick	300	333
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	24	27
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	225	250
Feale	194	Limerick	400	445
		Total	949	1,055

Table 40 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Mulkear	153	Limerick	3	3
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	4	4
Feale	194	Limerick	30	33
		Total	37	41

¹ Ranched Salmon

² Wild Atlantic Salmon

Tables 37-40 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Shannon River Basin in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - WESTERN RIVER BASIN - GALWAY

Table 41 - Salmon Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	74	99
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	58	78
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	3	4
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	36	48
Owenglin 3	135	Ballinakill	2	3
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	54	72
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	13	17
Corrib	143	Galway	863	1,154
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway	2	3
Unknown	262	Galway	7	9
		Total	1,112	1,487

Table 42 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Carrowbeg	125	Ballinakill	1	1
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	10	13
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	42	56
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	16	21
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	65	87
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	105	140
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	6	8
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	64	86
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	20	27
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	36	48
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	20	27
Corrib	143	Galway	149	199
		Total	534	714

Table 43 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	2	3
Carrowniskey	128	Ballinakill	6	8
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	2	3
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	4	5
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	7	9
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	2	3
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	6	8
Corrib	143	Galway	1	1
		Total	30	40

Table 44 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
N/A		N/A	0	0
		Total	0	0

3 - River Catch and Release in 2020

Tables 41-44 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - WESTERN RIVER BASIN - BALLINA

Table 45 - Salmon Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	15	20
Owenmore	105	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	71	94
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	30	40
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	59	78
Moyour	124	Bangor	2	3
Unknown	266	Bangor	2	3
Moy	110	Ballina	2,965	3,920
Easkey	114	Ballina	151	200
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	365	483
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	104	138
Rosses Point	250	Sligo	2	3
Unknown	266	WRBD-B	5	7
		Total	3,772	4,987

1 - Ranched Fish

Table 46 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Owenmore*	105	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	2	3
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1
Moy	110	Ballina	20	26
Unknown	265	Ballina	2	3
Grange 4	5	Sligo	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	10	13
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	11	15
Rosses Point	250	Sligo	1	1
Unknown	267	Sligo	5	7
		Total	54	71

4 - River Closed in 2020

Table 47 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	7	9
Owenmore	105	Bangor	204	270
Owenduff	106	Bangor	67	89
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	54	71
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	60	79
Unknown	266	Bangor	2	3
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	1	1
Moy	110	Ballina	820	1,084
Easkey	114	Ballina	90	119
Unknown	265	Ballina	3	4
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	143	189
Garvogue	117	Sligo	93	123
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	33	44
Unknown	267	Sligo	20	26
Unknown	268	WRBD-B	2	3
		Total	1,599	2,114

Table 48 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	39	52
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	25	33
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	7	9
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	2	3
Moy	110	Ballina	25	33
Easkey	114	Ballina	36	48
Unknown	265	Ballina	6	8
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	7	9
Garvogue	117	Sligo	8	11
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	15	20
Strandhill	251	Sligo	1	1
Unknown	267	Sligo	15	20
		Total	188	249

Tables 45-48 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM - NORTH WESTERN RIVER BASIN

Table 49 - Salmon Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	287	400
Unknown	122	Ballyshannon	8	11
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	7	10
Clady	23	Letterkenny	34	47
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	21	29
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	36	50
Unknown	999	NWRBD	7	10
		Total	400	558

Table 50 - Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	2	3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	1	1
Unknown	999	NWRBD	3	4
		Total	6	8

Table 51 - Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	171	238
Glenadarragh	53	Ballyshannon	1	1
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	14	20
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	7	10
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	64	89
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	14	20
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	51	71
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	24	33
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	220	307
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny	13	18
Crana	9	Letterkenny	98	137
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	22	31
Clady	23	Letterkenny	42	59
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	33	46
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	21	29
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	32	45
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	49	68
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	419	584
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1	1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	2	3
Buncrana	243	Letterkenny	7	10
Totals			1,305	1,819

4 - River Closed in 2020

Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2020

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	18	25
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	1	1
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	11	15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	2	3
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	69	96
Glen*	52	Ballyshannon	18	25
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	1	1
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	11	15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	2	3
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	14	20
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	2	3
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	21	29
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	1	1
Unknown	999	NWRBD	12	17
		Total	191	266

* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

Tables 49-52 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the North Western River Basin in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

Table 53 - Analysis of Salmon Caught and Released per Angler in 2020

No. of Salmon Released	No. of Anglers who 'Caught & Released' Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Released
1	390*	390
2	242	484
3	208	624
4	156	624
5	112	560
6	82	492
7	56	392
8	58	464
9	55	495
10	37	370
11	31	341
12	27	324
13	28	364
14	27	378
15	17	255
16	12	192
17	13	221
18	10	180
19	9	171
20	6	120
21	13	273
22	5	110
23	7	161
24	5	120
25	7	175
26	3	78
27	4	108
29	2	58
30	2	60
32	3	96
33	2	66
34	1	34
36	1	36
37	2	74
38	2	76
45	2	90
46	1	46
80	1	80
Total Anglers who Caught & Released Salmon	1,639*	9,182 Reported Salmon Released

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 80 salmon in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 390 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon. 1,639 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 9,182 salmon. This figure was raised to 11,088 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught and released' where no logbook was returned.

In 2020, 1,639 anglers Caught and Released salmon. Of this figure, 51% (840 anglers) caught and released no more than 3 salmon, a further 21% (350 anglers) caught and released between 4-6 salmon, 13% (206 anglers) caught and released between 7 and 10 salmon and 15% (243 anglers) caught and released more than 10 salmon. Subsequently 11.5% (1,639 anglers) of licence holders (14,138 anglers) caught and released salmon.

Table 54 - Analysis of Salmon Harvest per Angler in 2020

No. of Salmon Harvested	No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Harvest
1	829*	829
2	472	944
3	560	1,680
4	200	800
5	139	695
6	157	942
7	113	791
8	65	520
9	49	441
10	91	910
Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon	2,675*	8,552 Reported Salmon Harvest

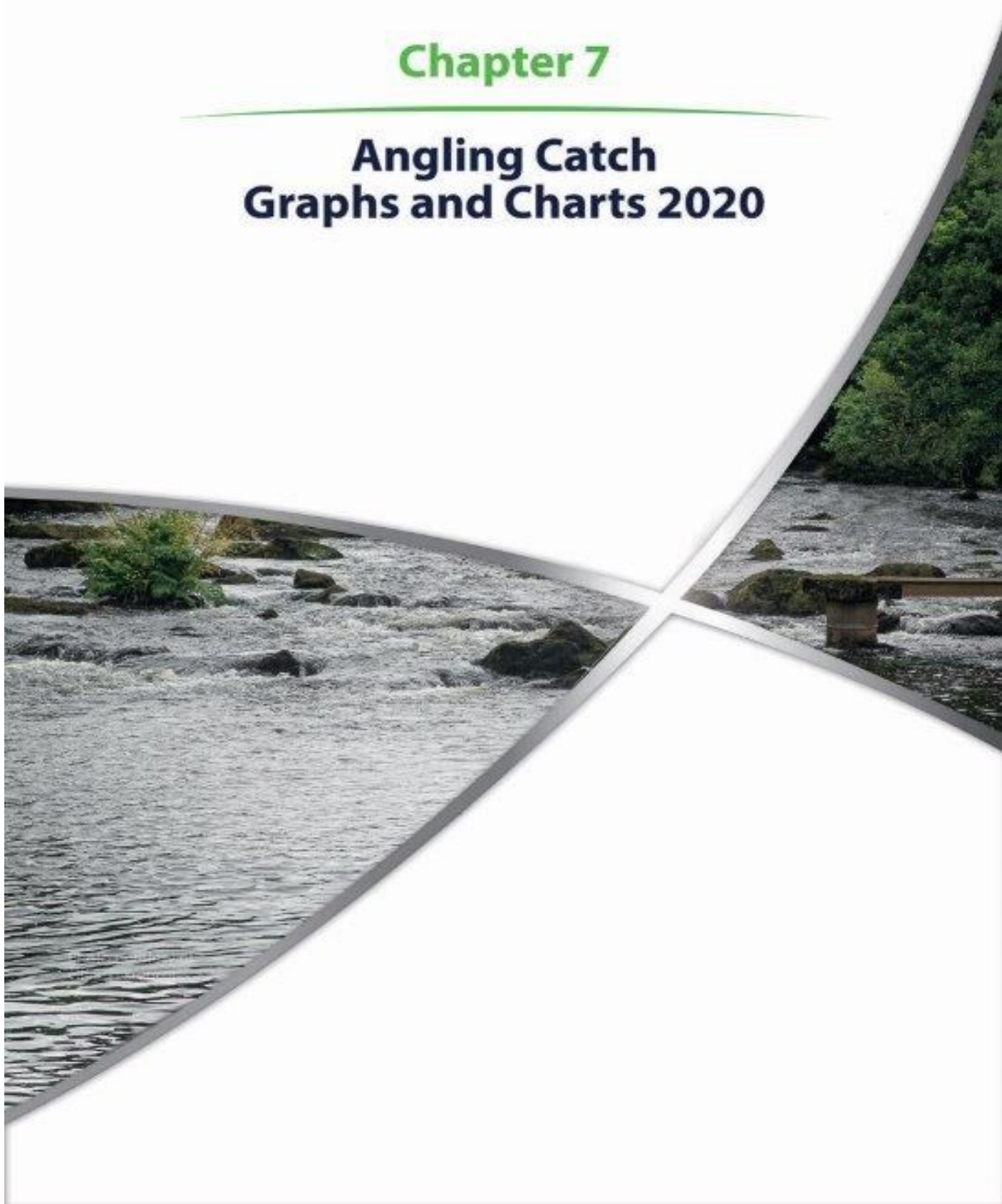
Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 10 salmon in 2020 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 829 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 2,675 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 8,552 salmon. This figure of 8,552 was raised to 10,562 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

In 2020, 2,675 anglers harvested salmon. Of this figure, 70% of anglers (1,861) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 18% (496) of anglers harvested between 4-6 salmon, 12% (318) of angler's harvest between 7 and 10 salmon and 3.5% (91 anglers) harvested the maximum permitted of 10 salmon.

Subsequently 19% (2,675 anglers) of licence holders (14,138 anglers) harvested salmon.

Chapter 7

Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2020



Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2020 (total salmon catch by rod and line including salmon caught and released).

Fig. 8 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Moy (Ballina) in 2020.

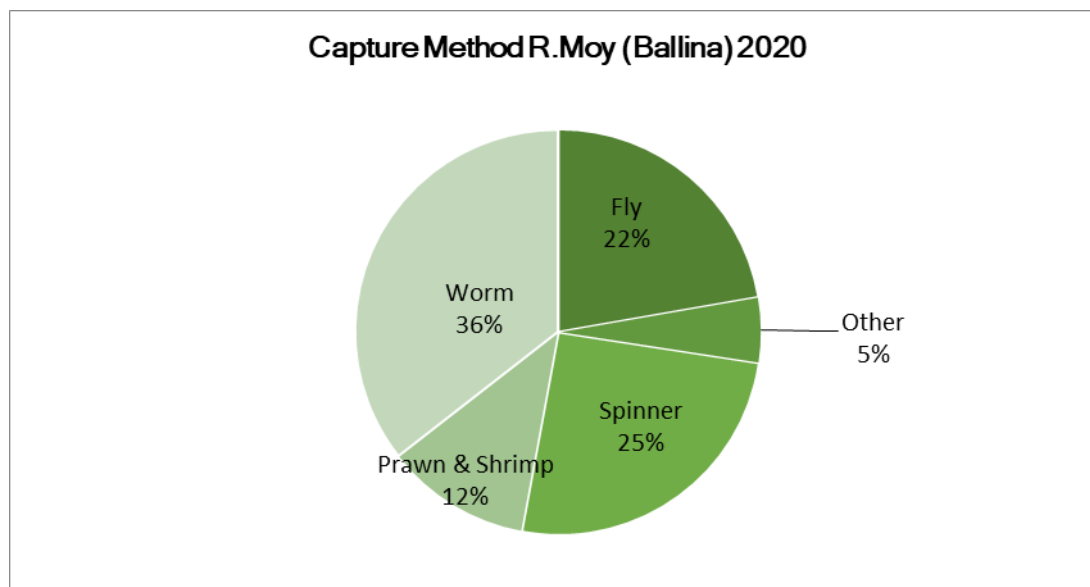
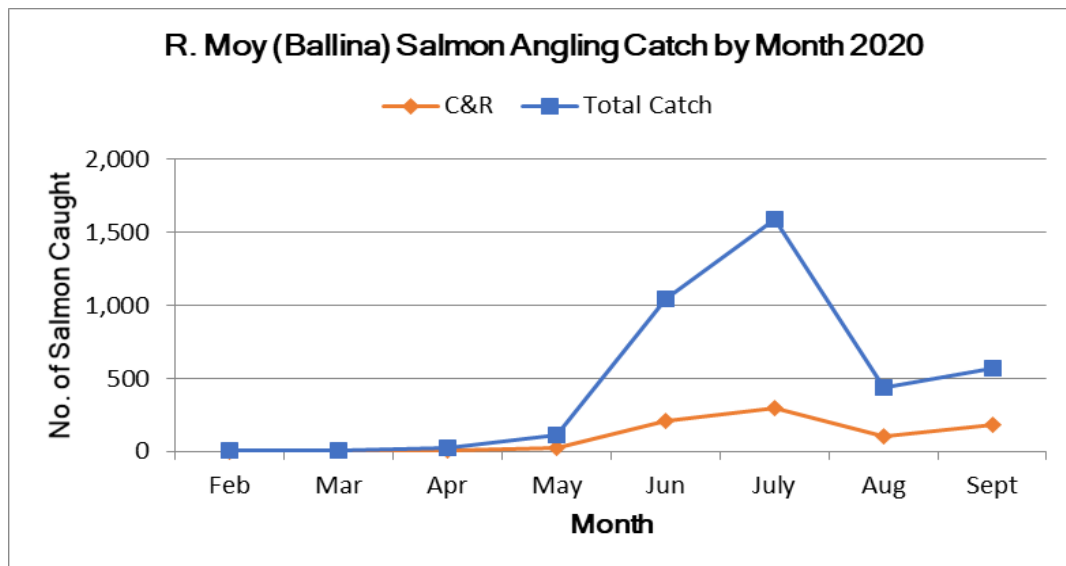


Fig. 9 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Blackwater Munster (Lismore) in 2020.

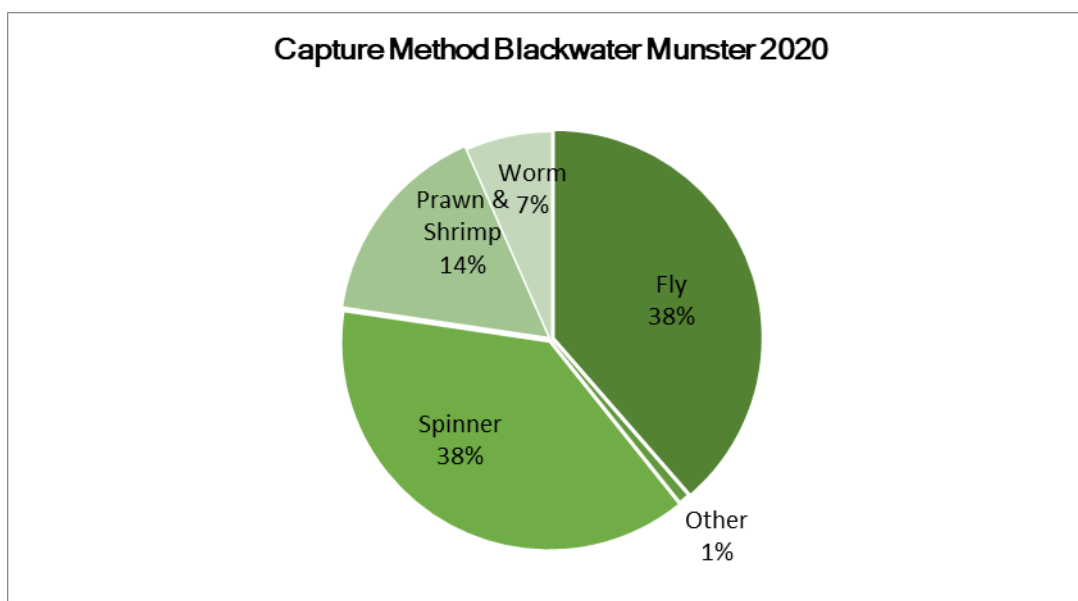
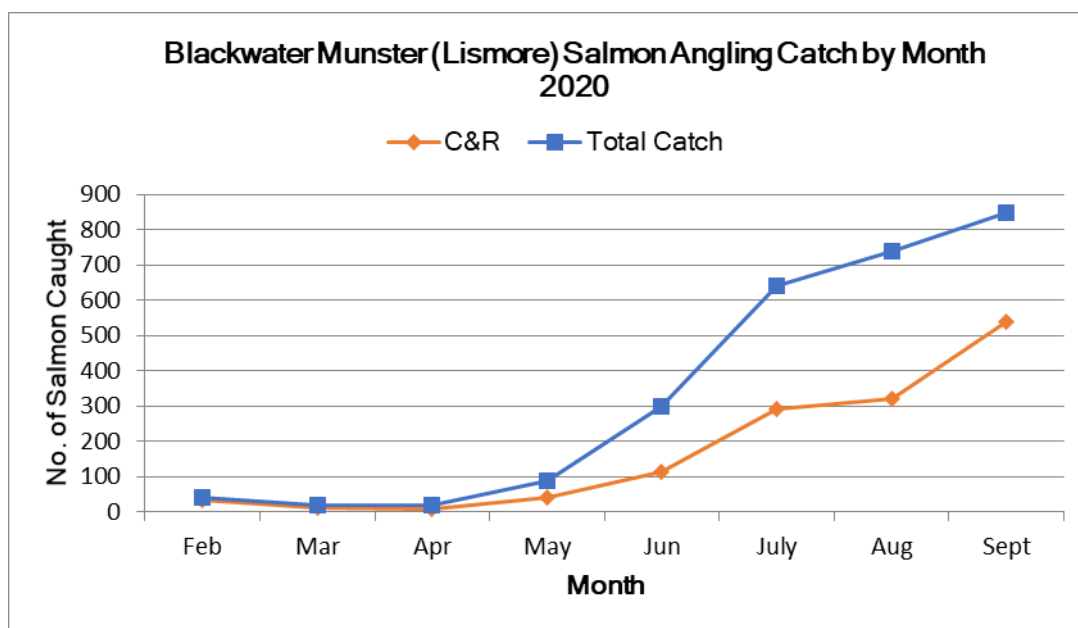


Fig. 10 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Corrib (Galway) in 2020

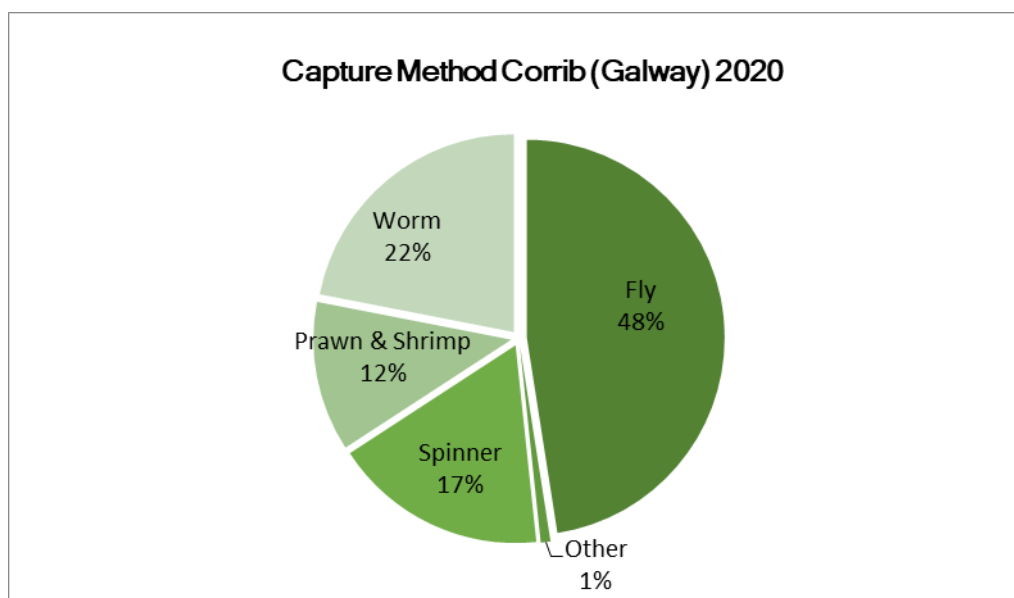
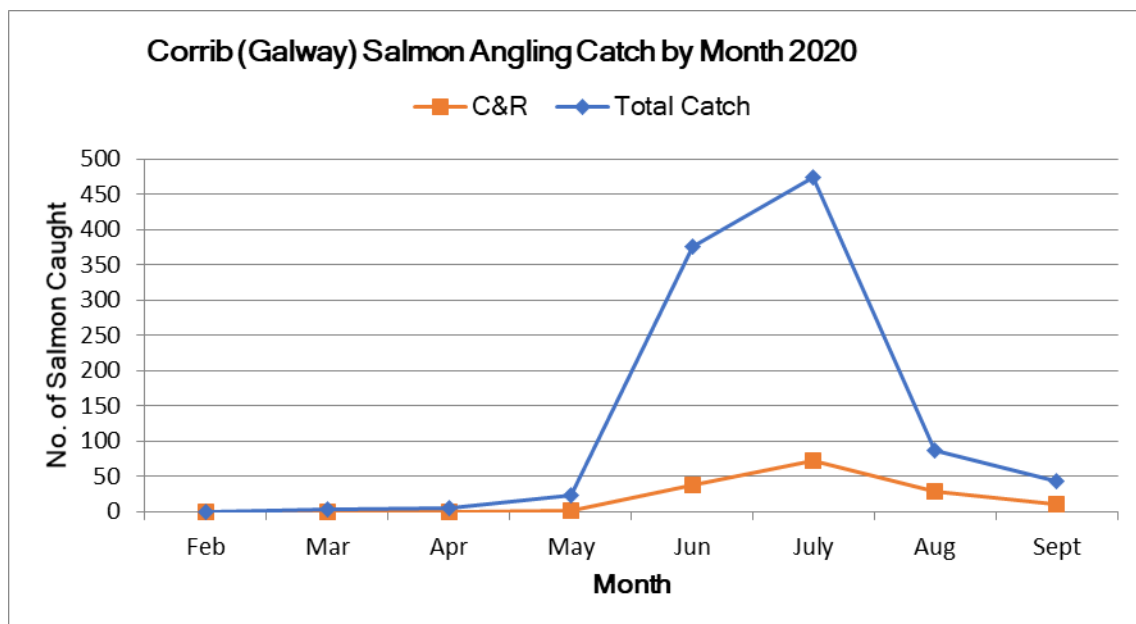


Fig. 11 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Suir (Waterford) in 2020

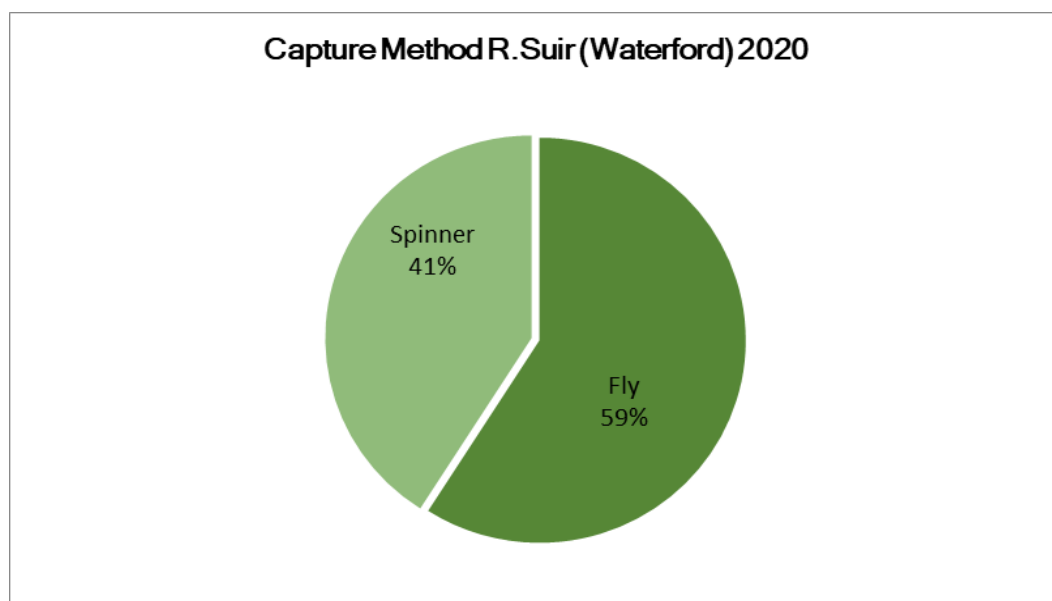
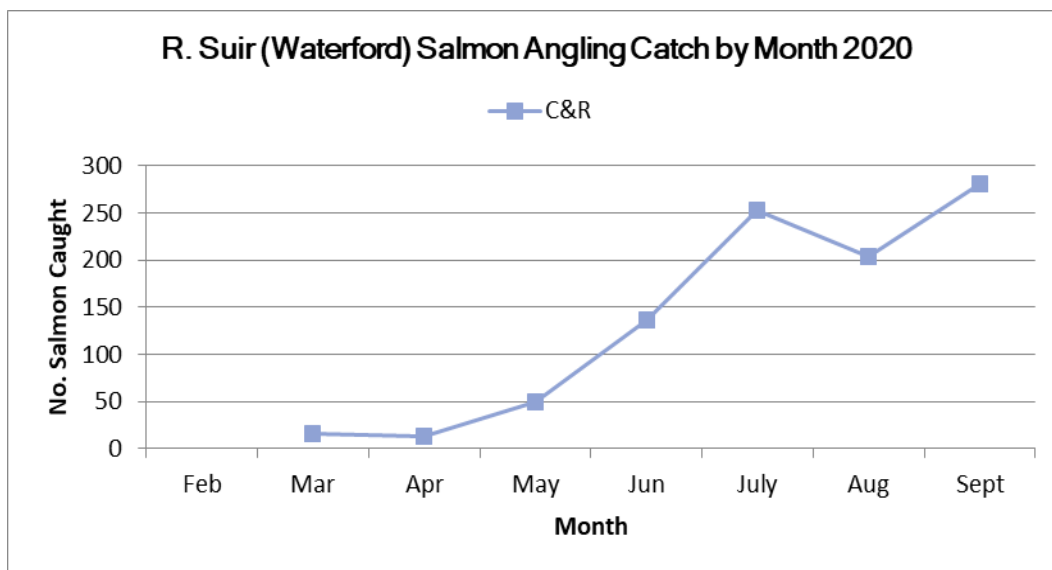


Fig. 12 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Laune (Kerry) in 2020

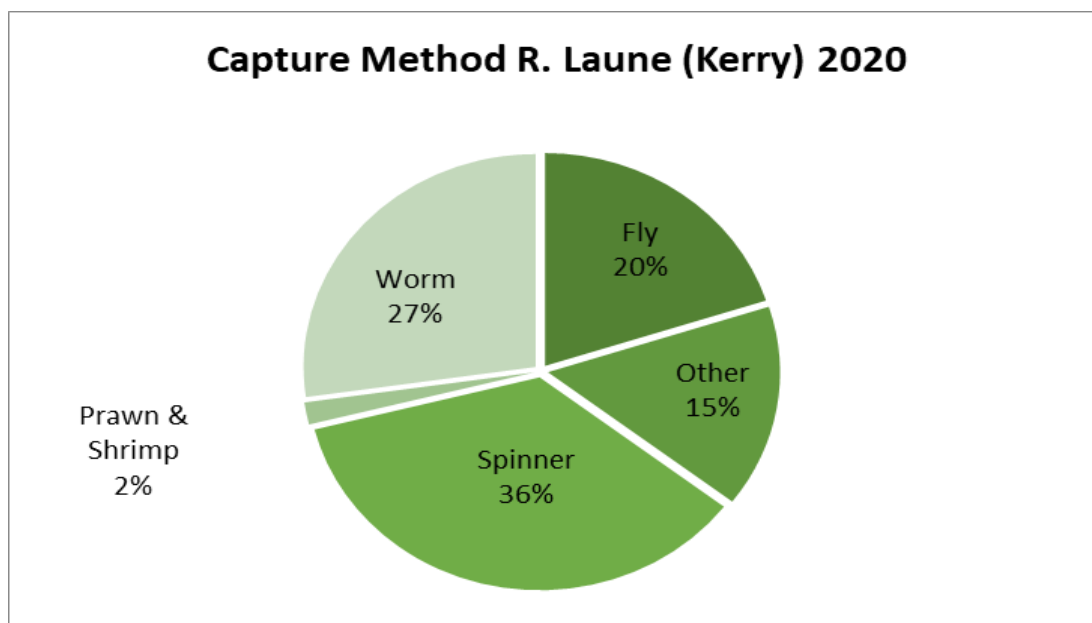
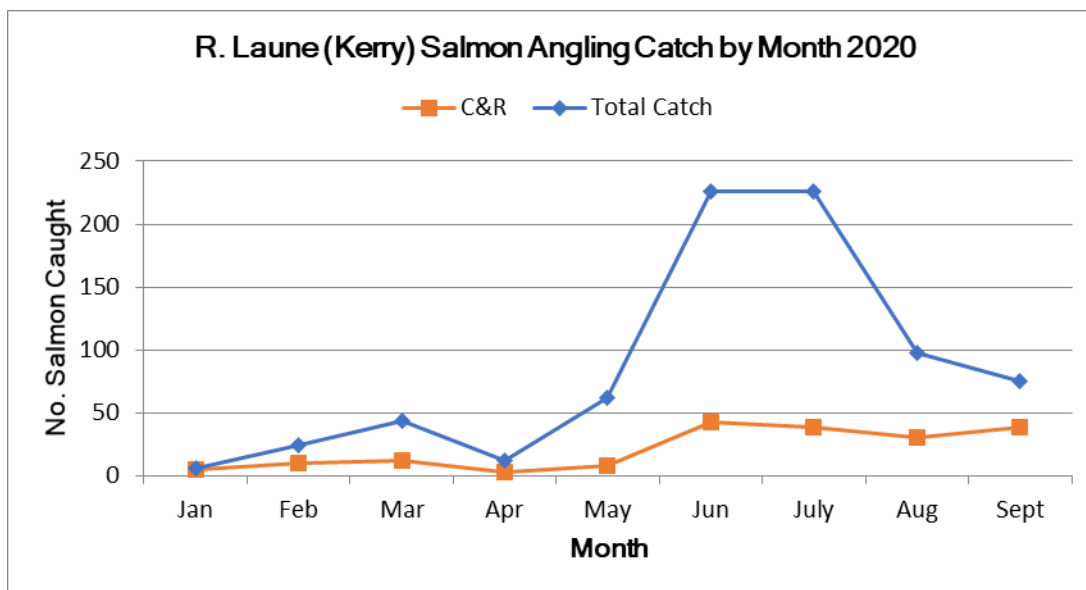


Fig. 13 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Lee (Cork) in 2020

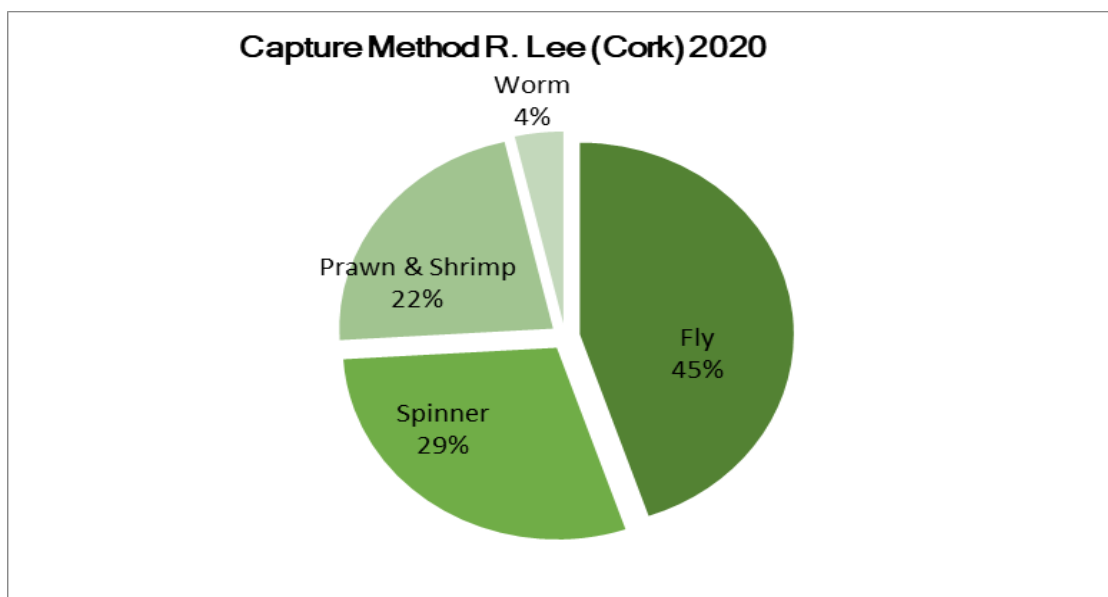
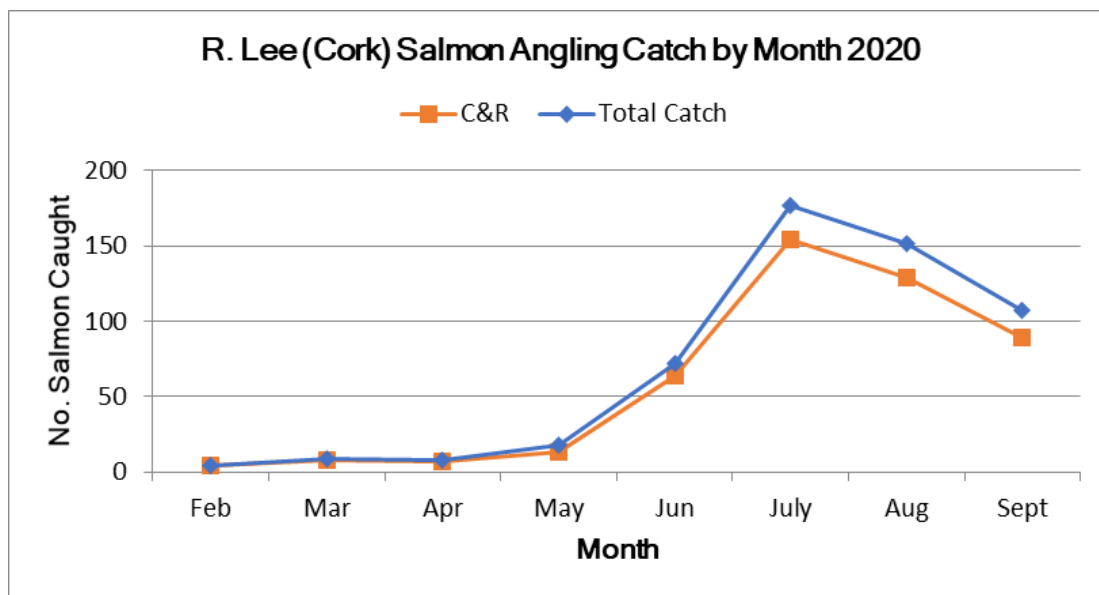


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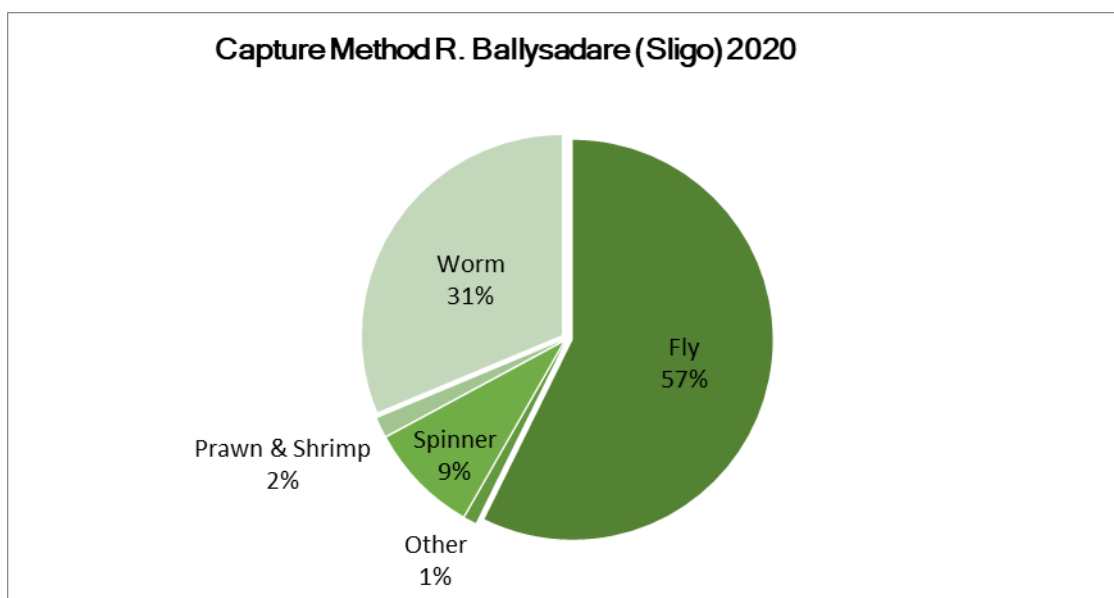
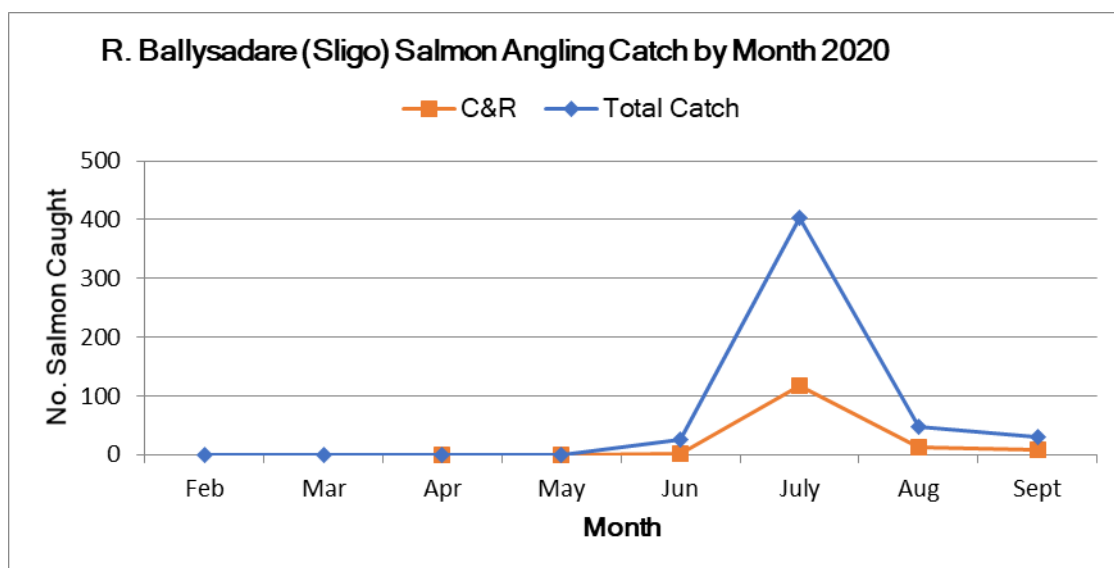


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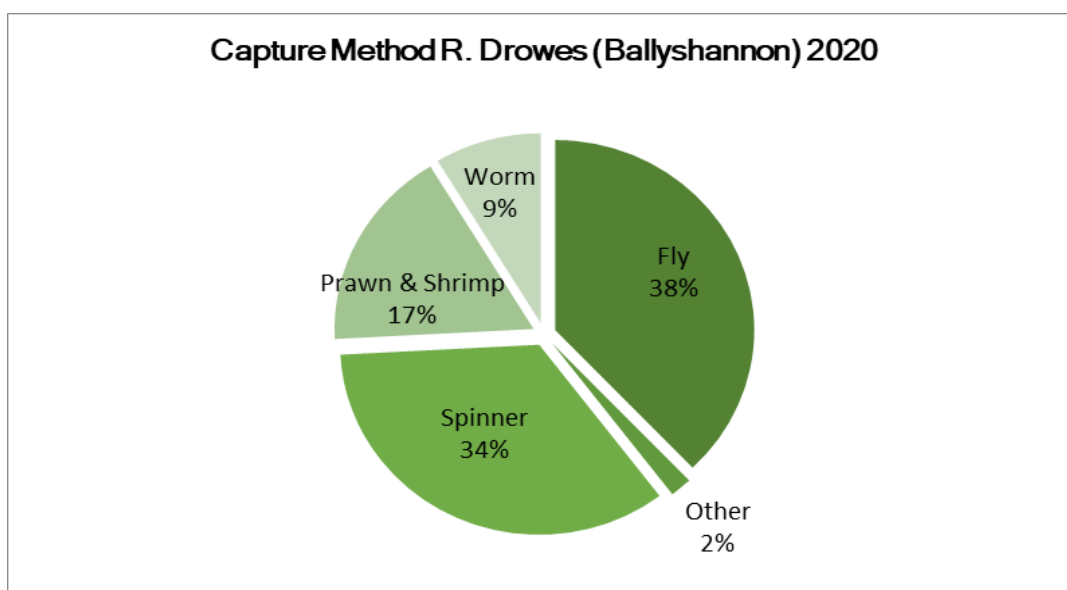
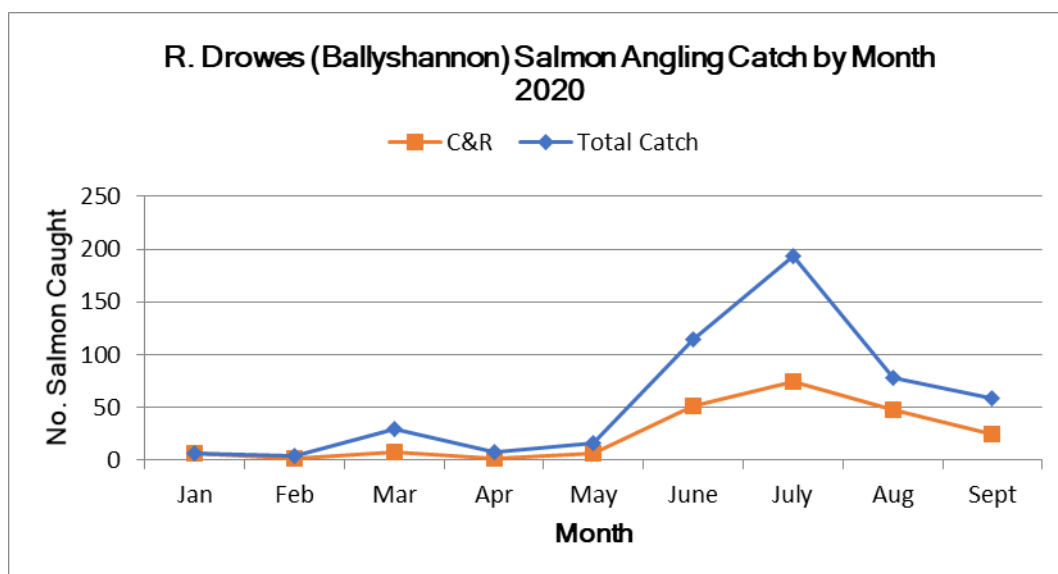


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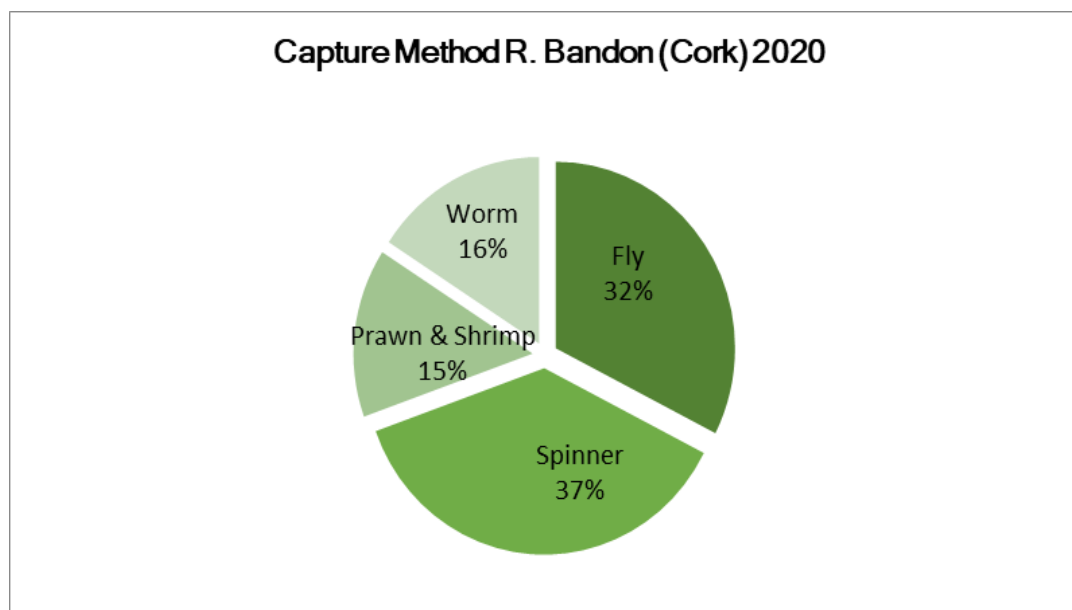
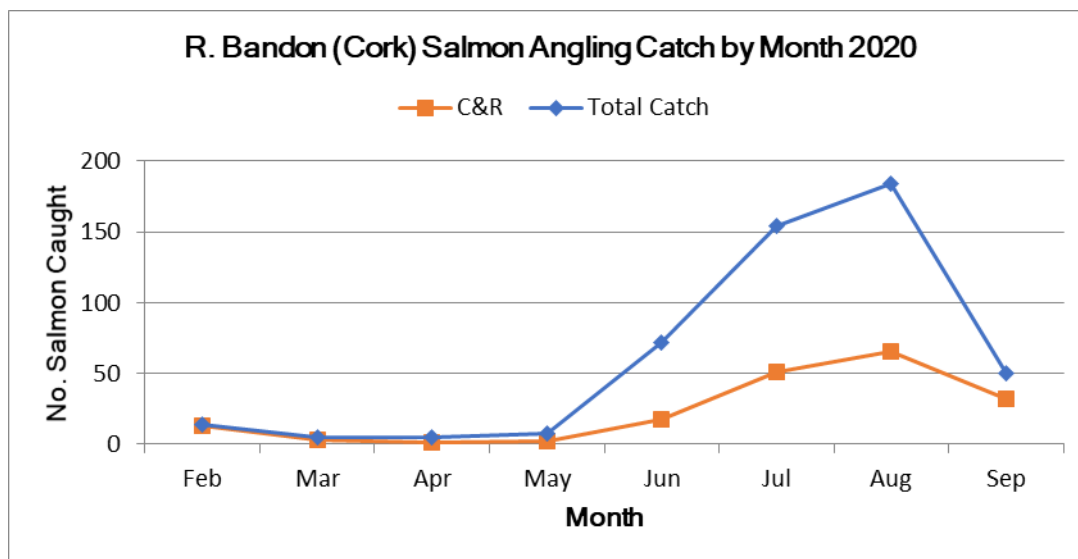


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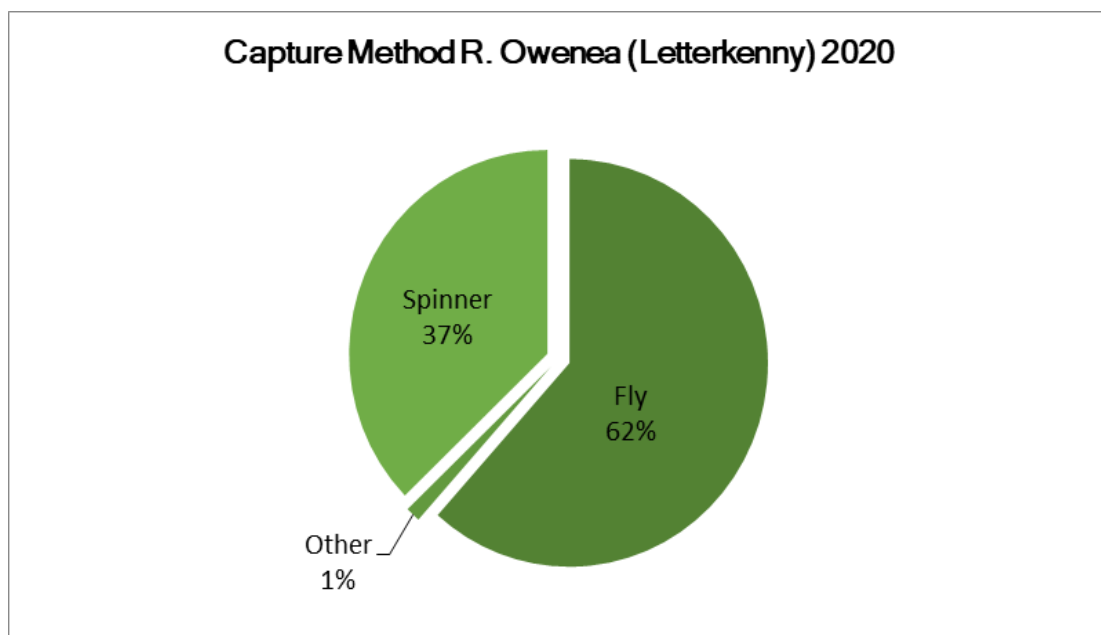
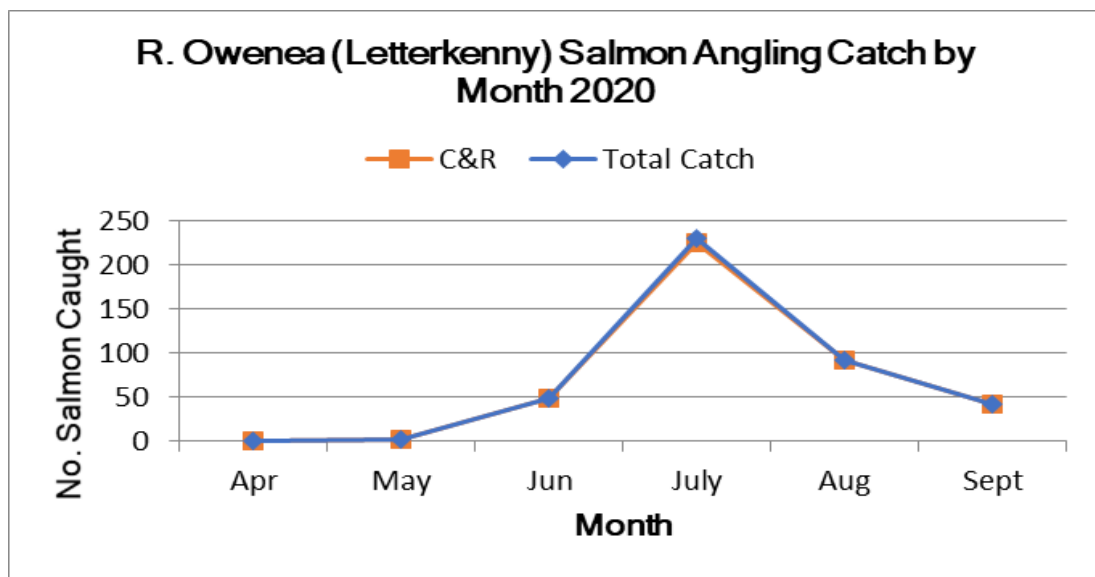


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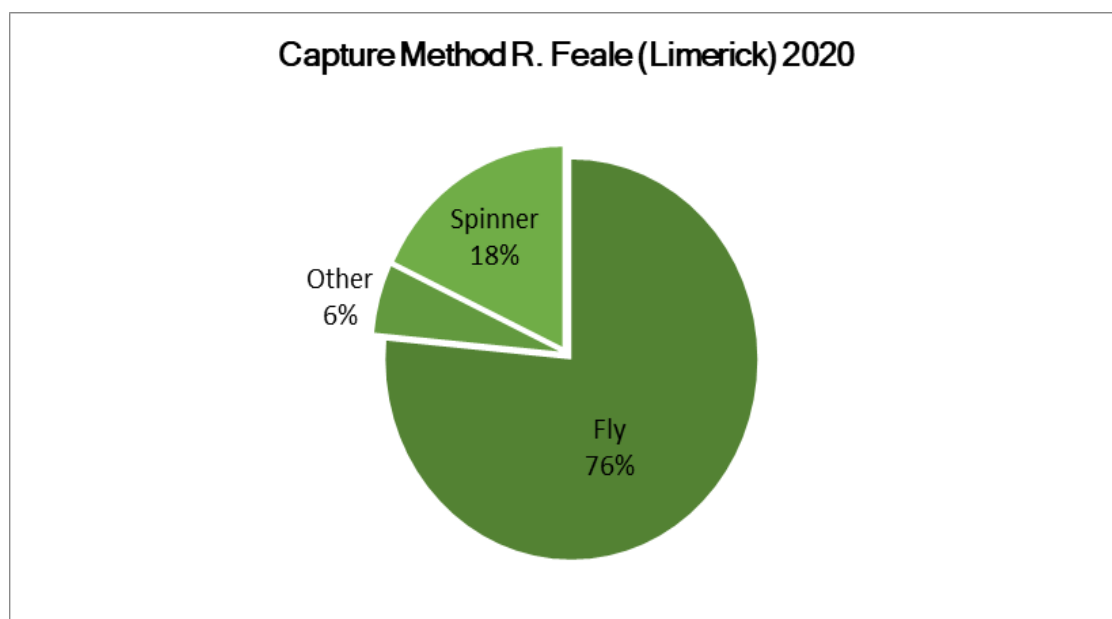
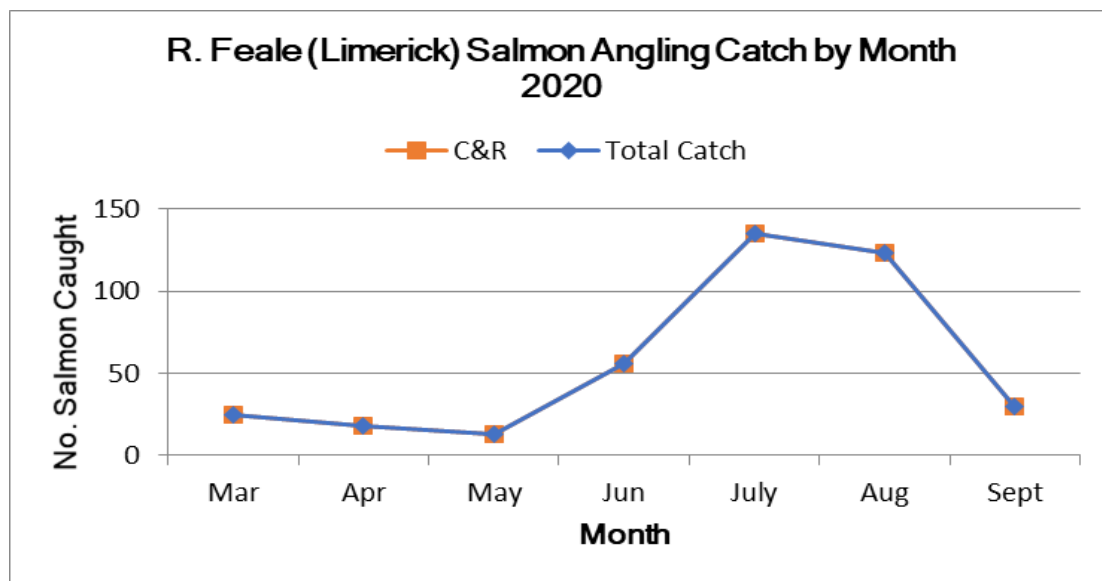


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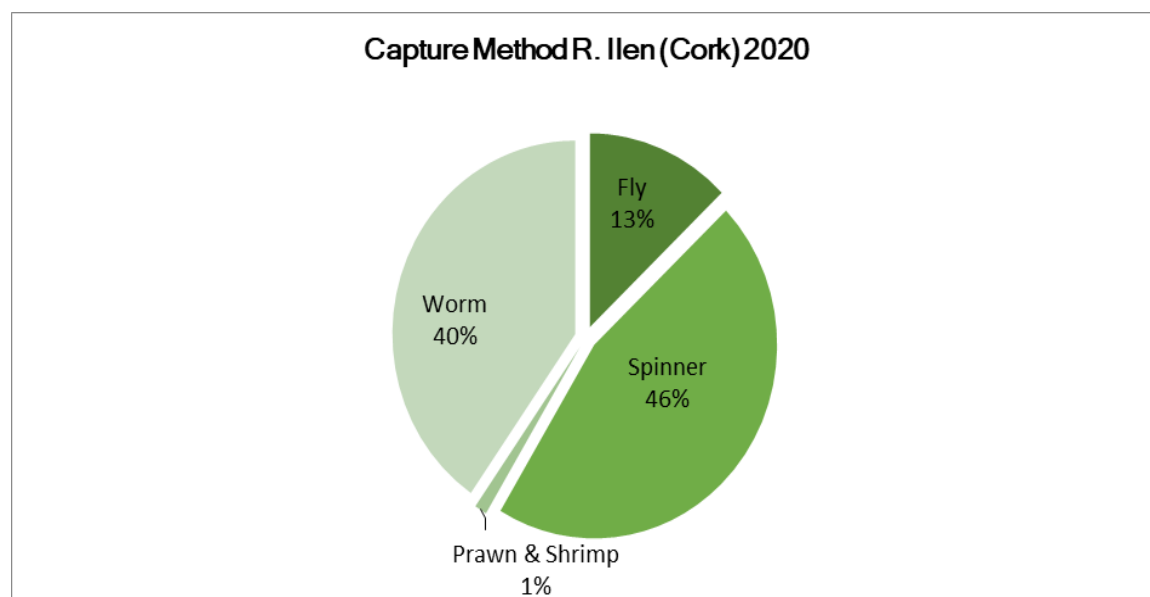
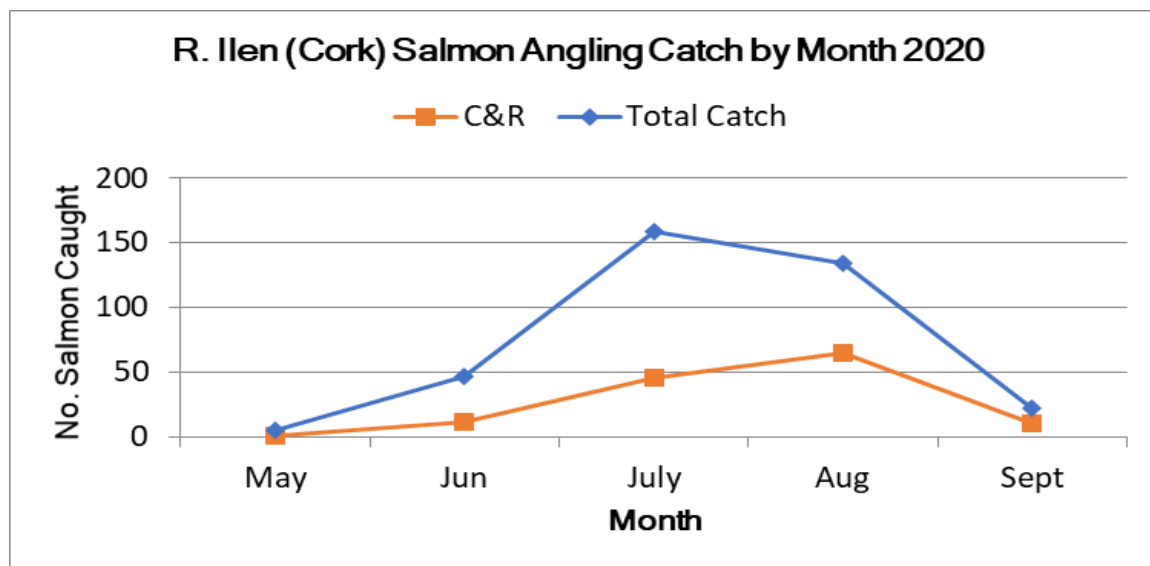


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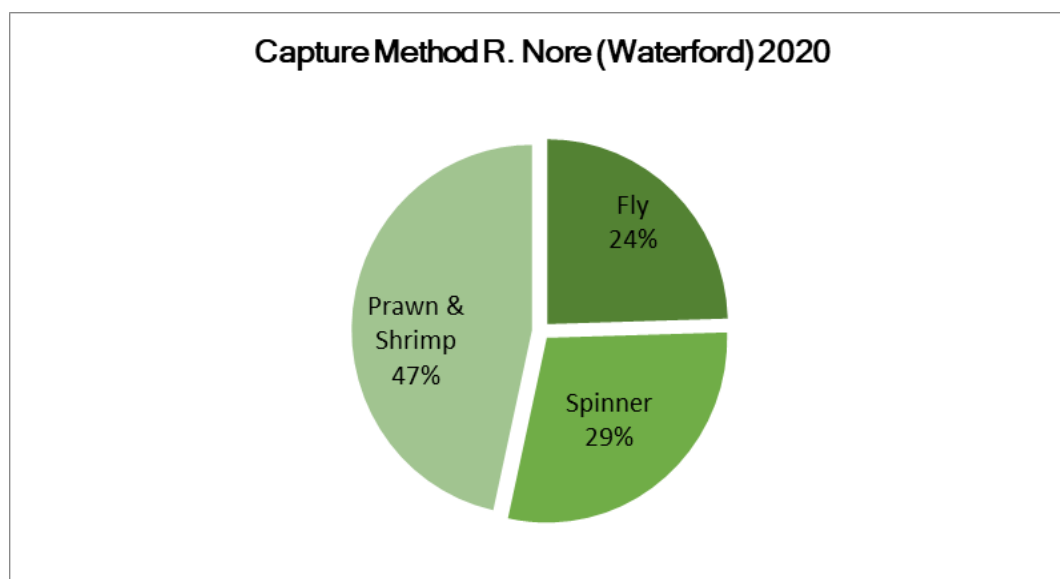
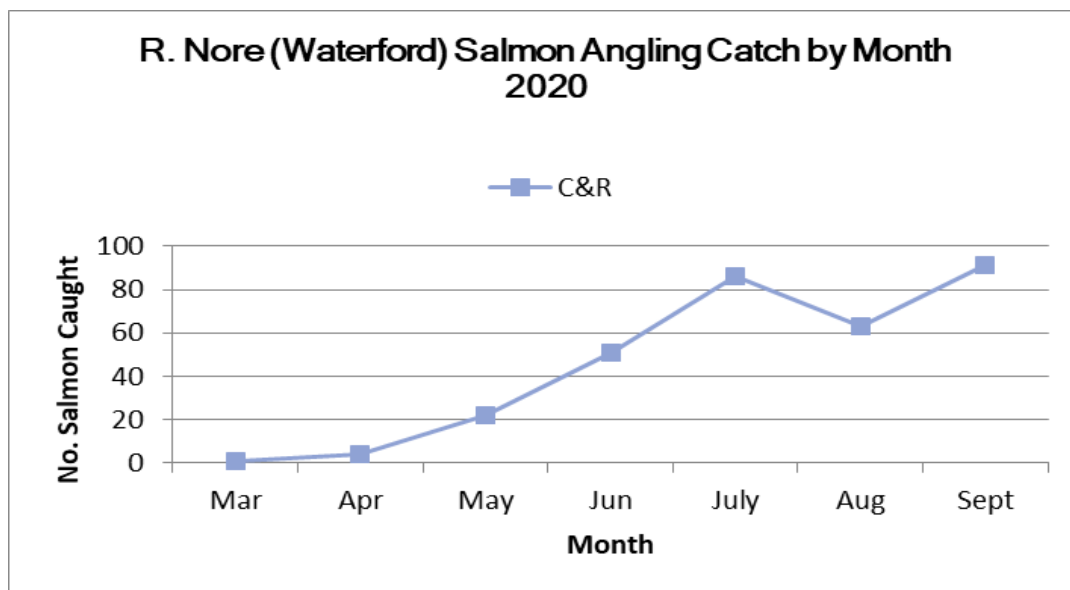


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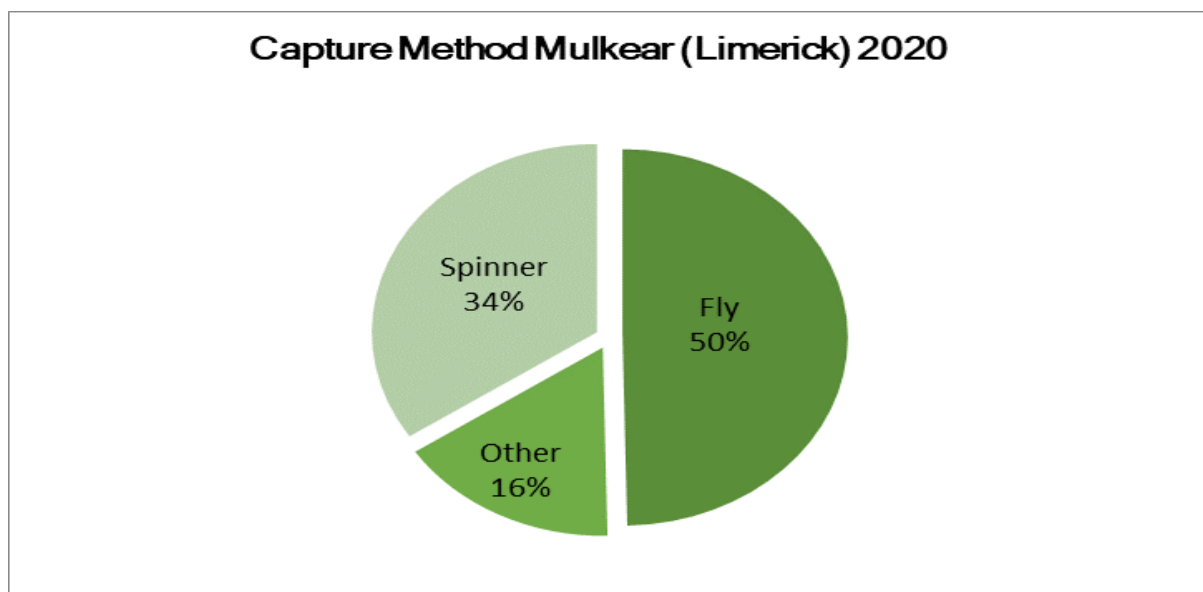
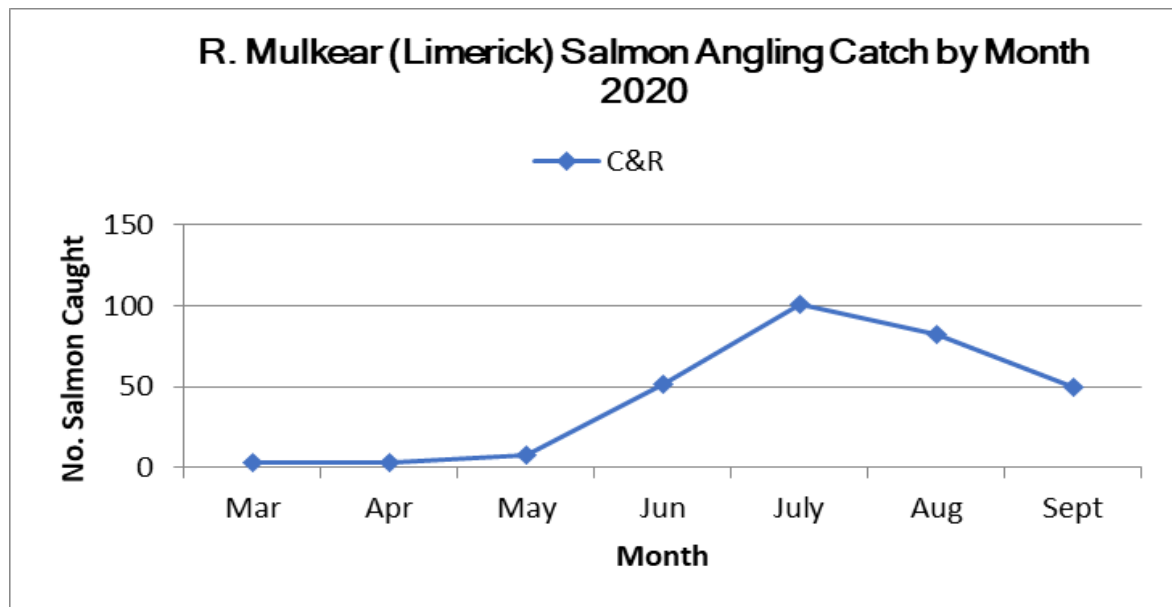


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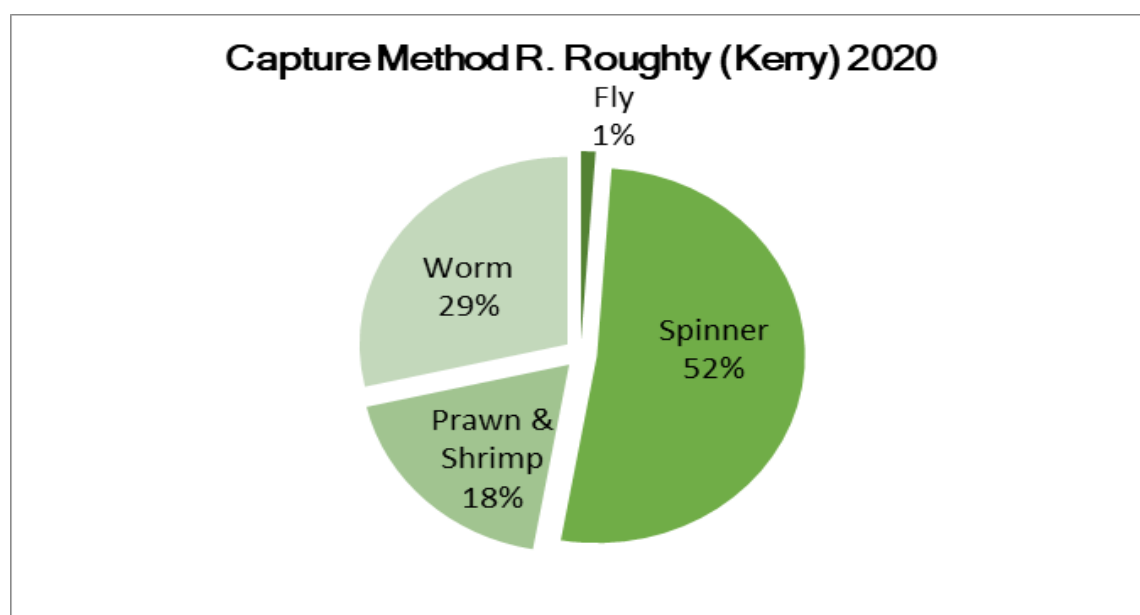
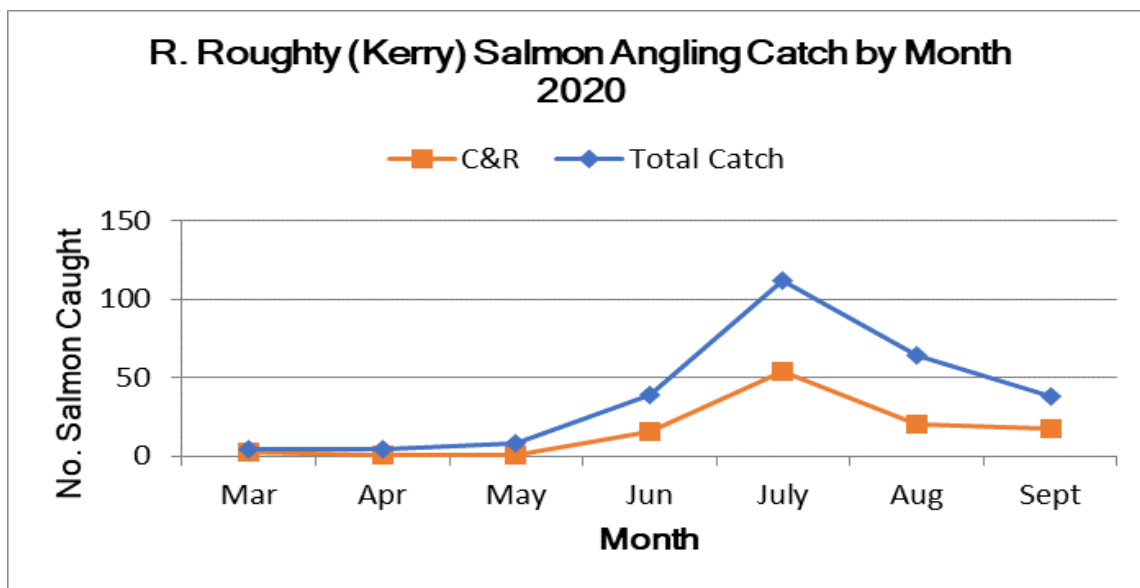


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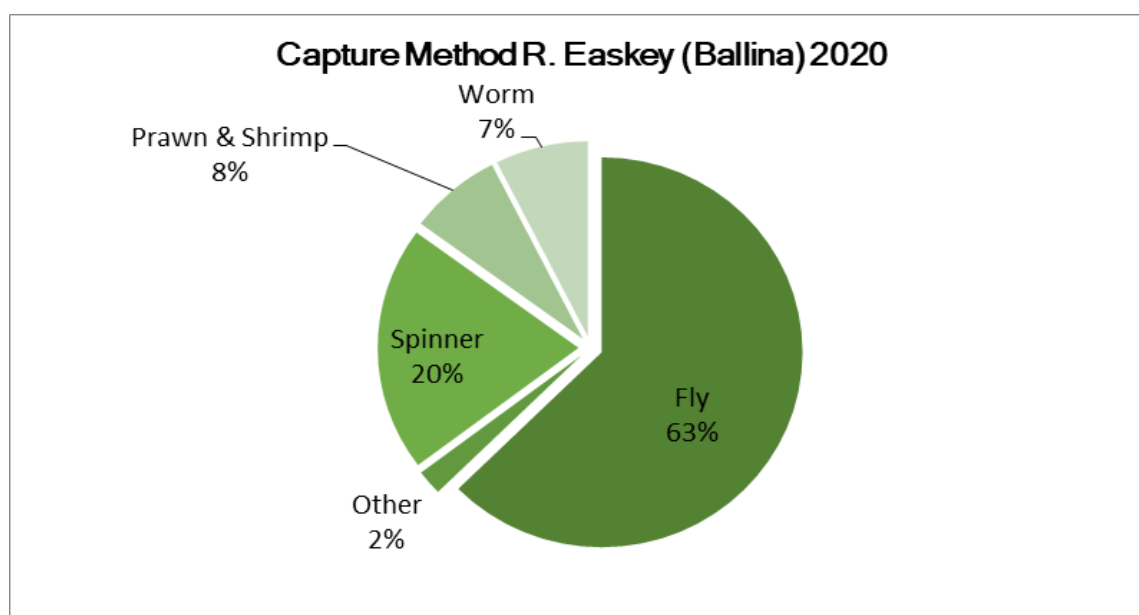
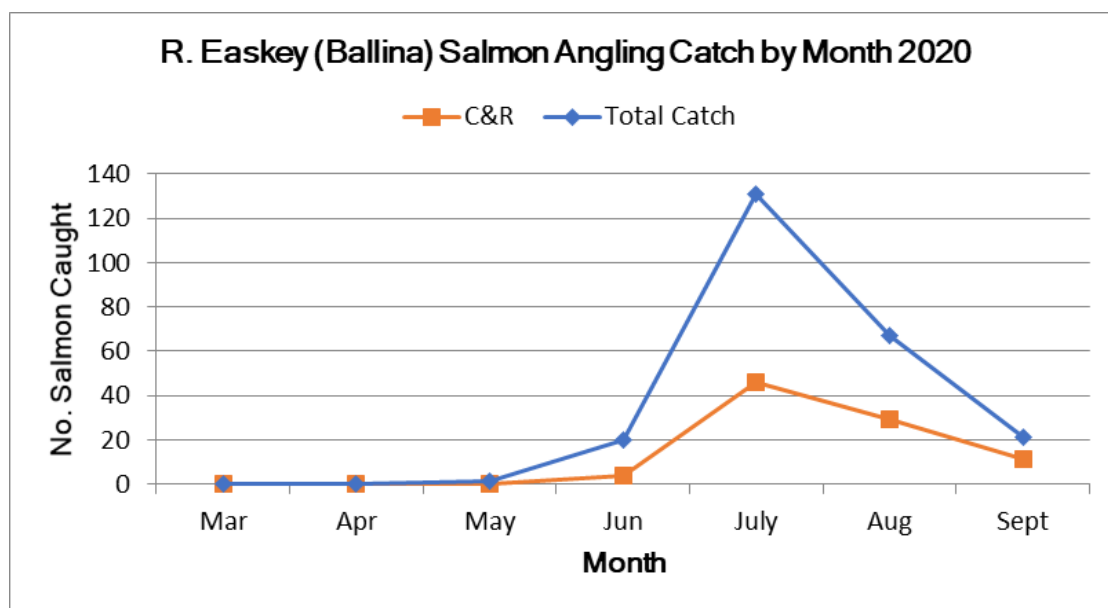


Fig. 24 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (Kerry) in 2020

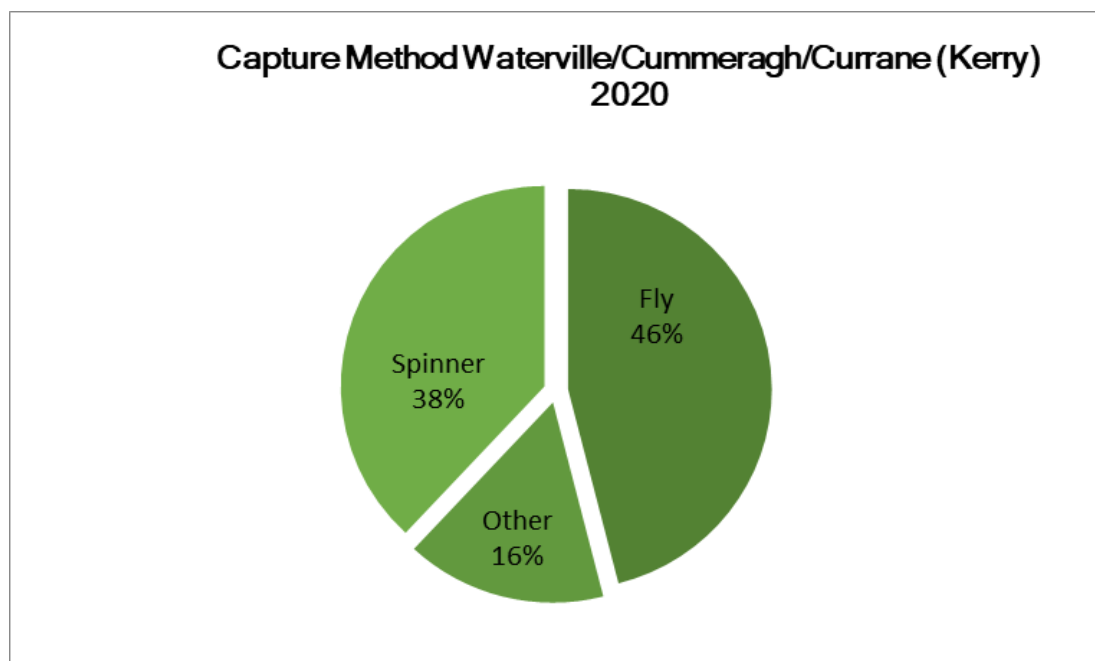
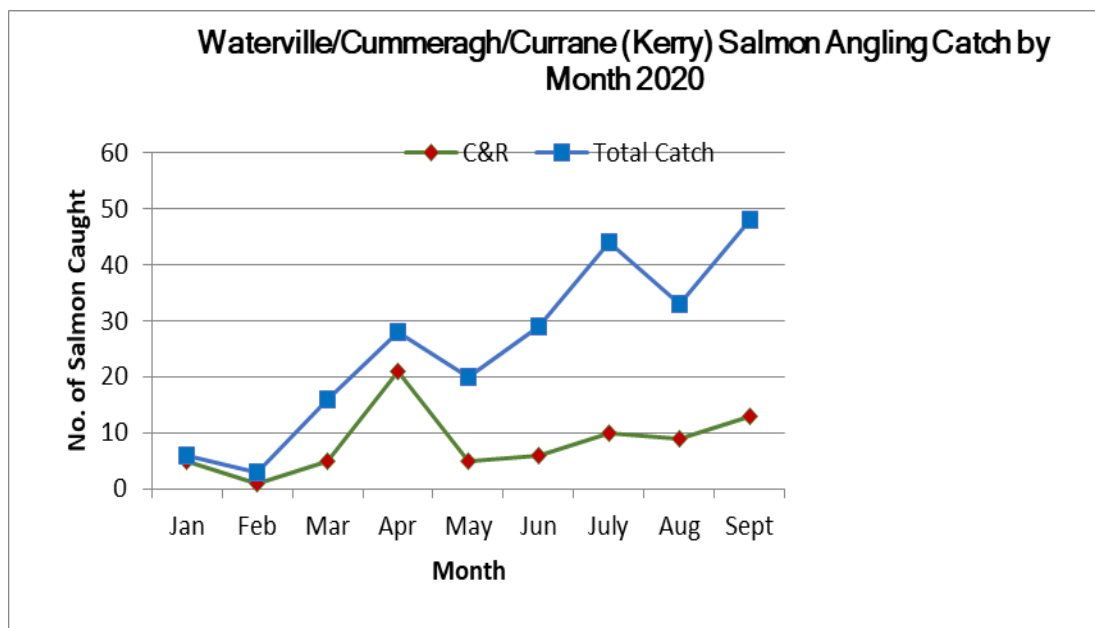


Fig.25 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenmore (Bangor) in 2020

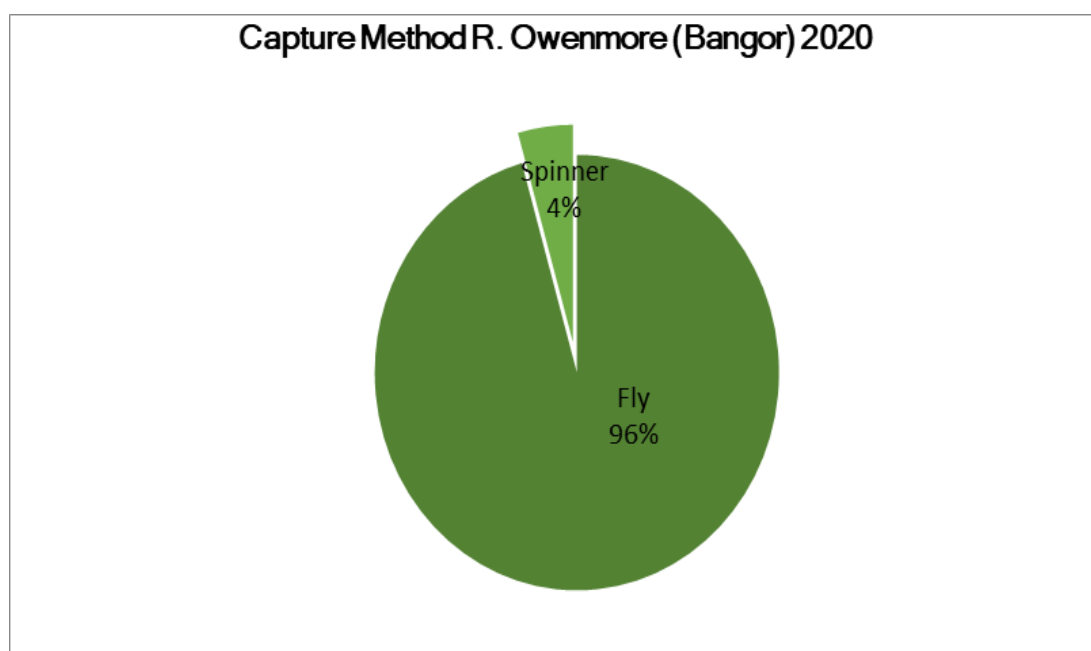
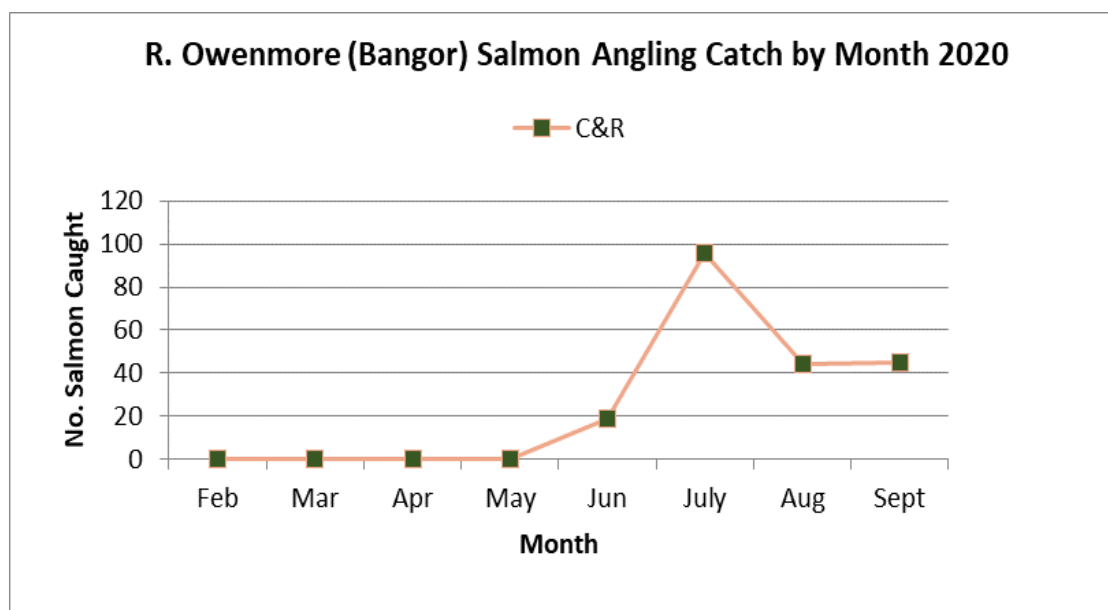


Fig. 26 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Lower Shannon (Limerick) in 2020

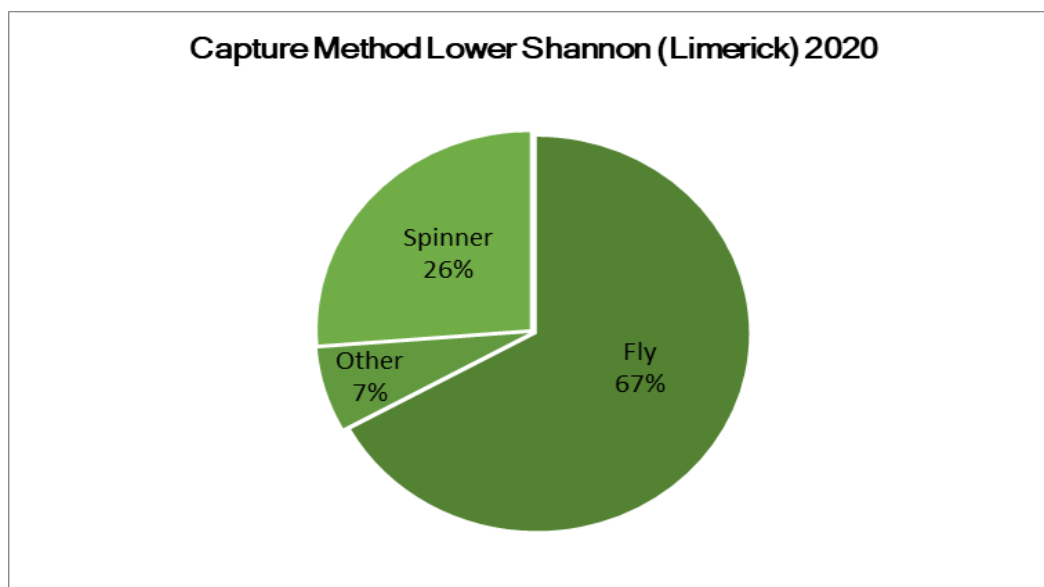
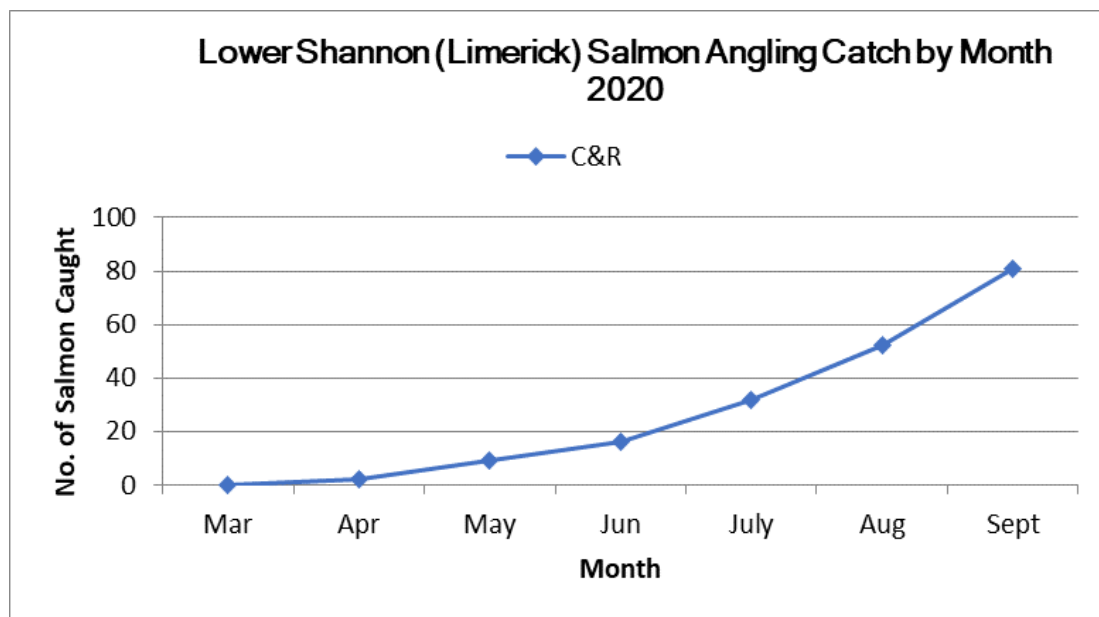


Fig. 27 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Boyne (Drogheda) in 2020

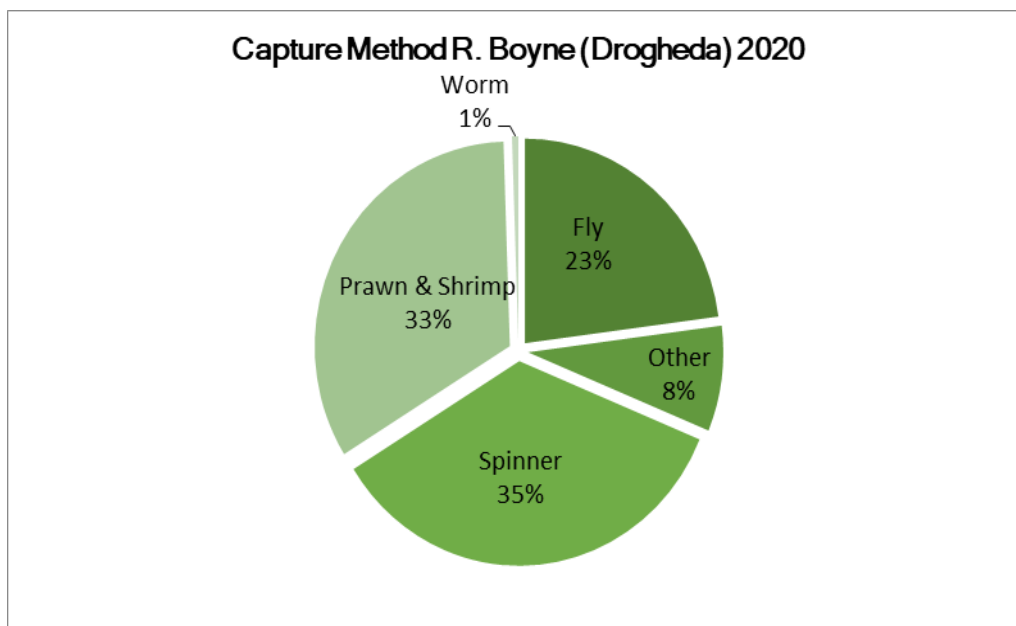
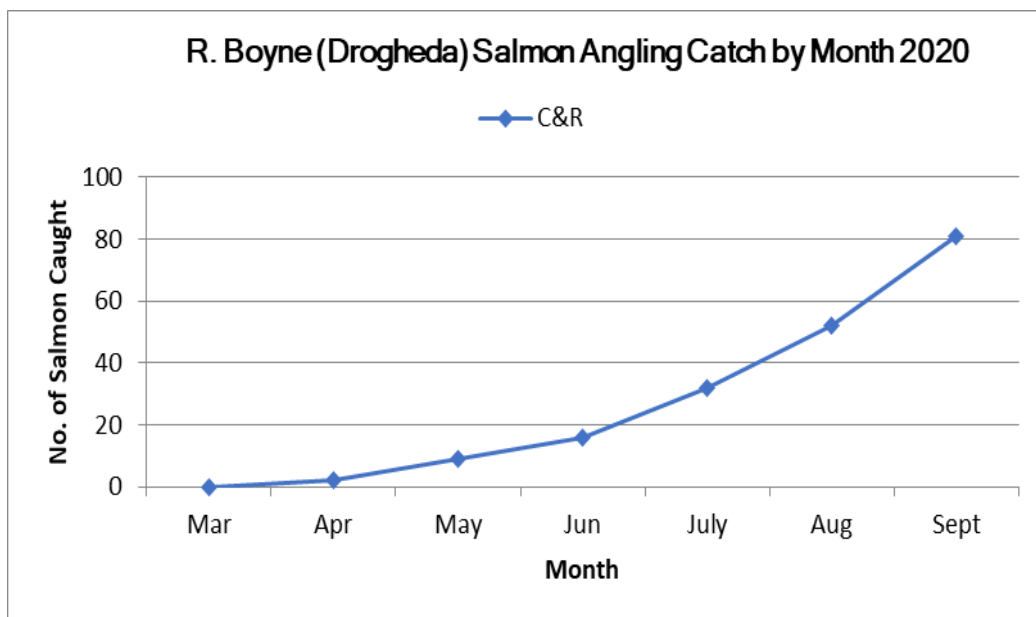


Fig. 28 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Glen (Ballyshannon) in 2020

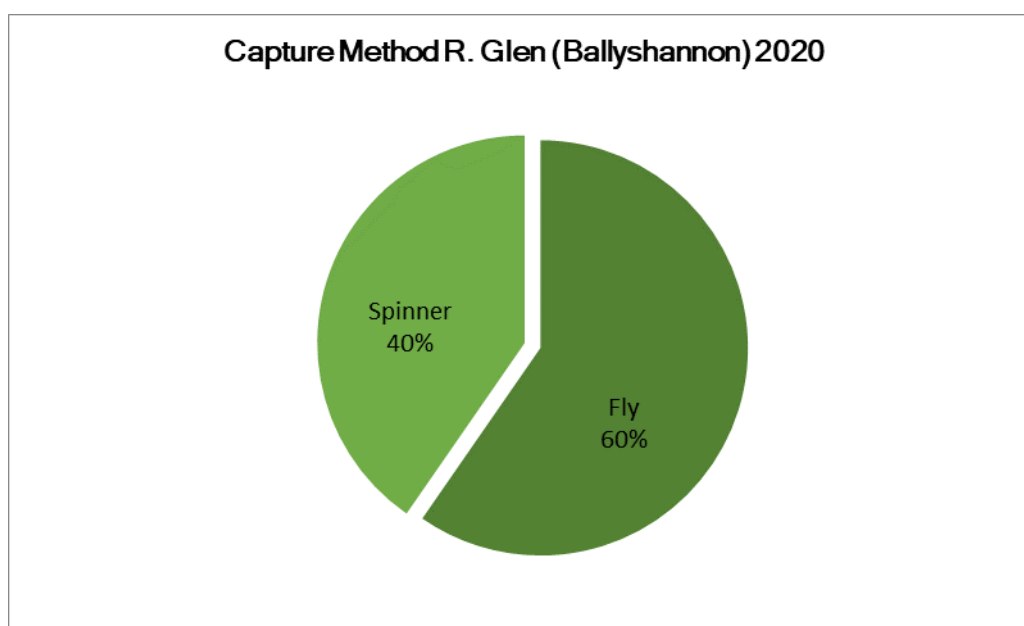
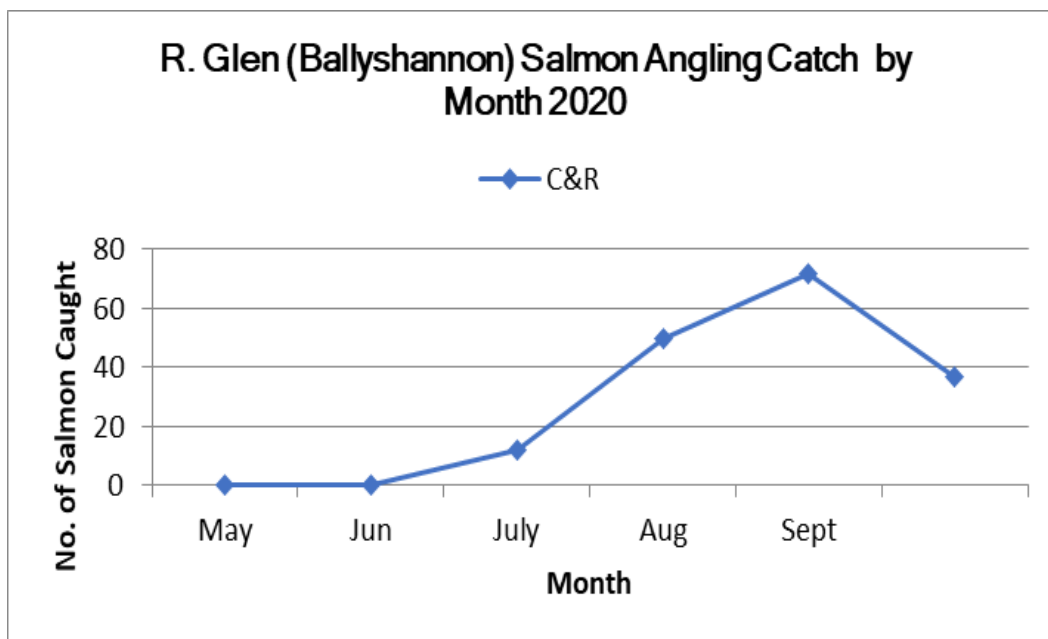


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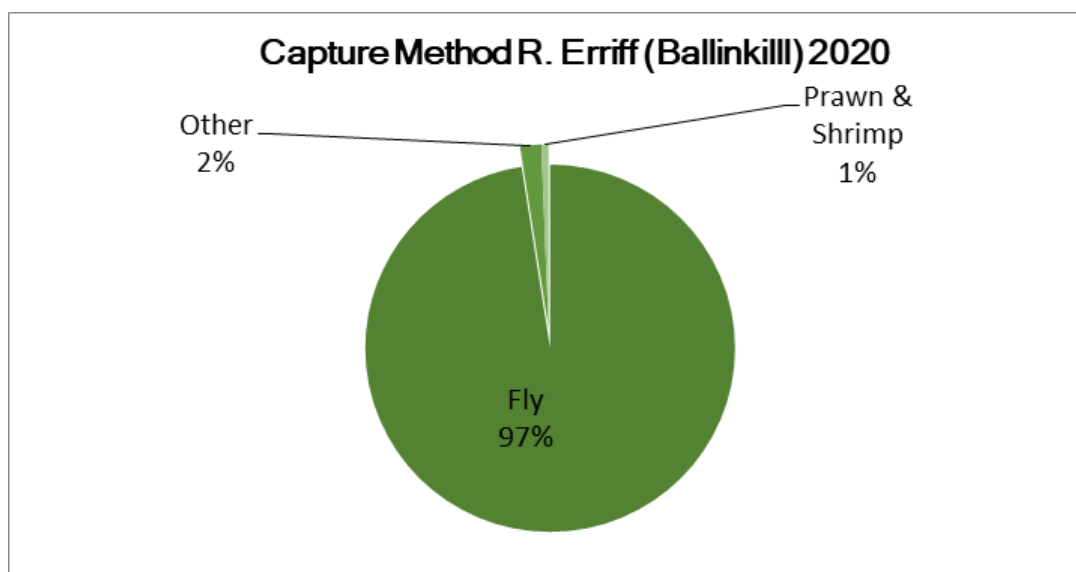
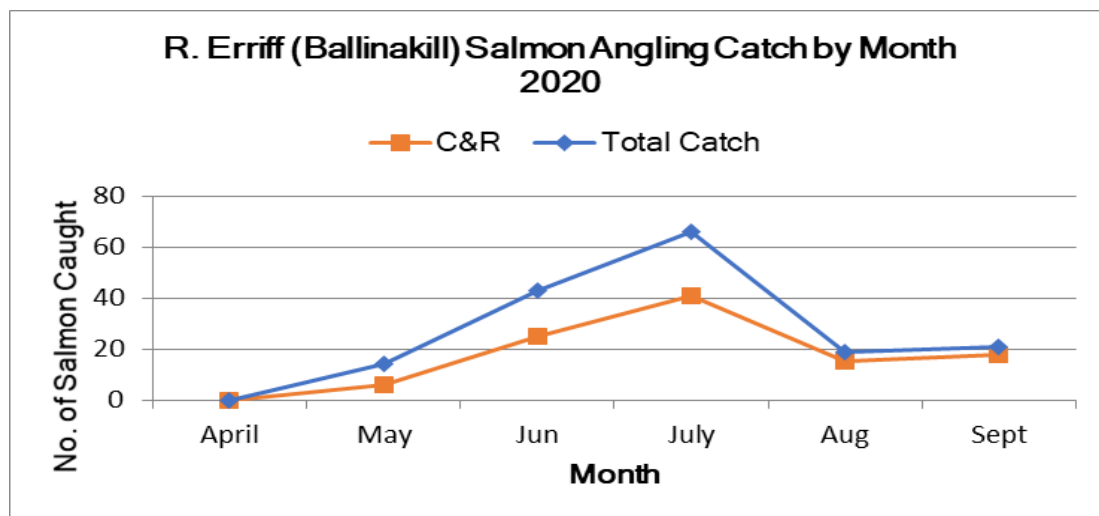


Fig. 30 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Maine (Kerry) in 2020

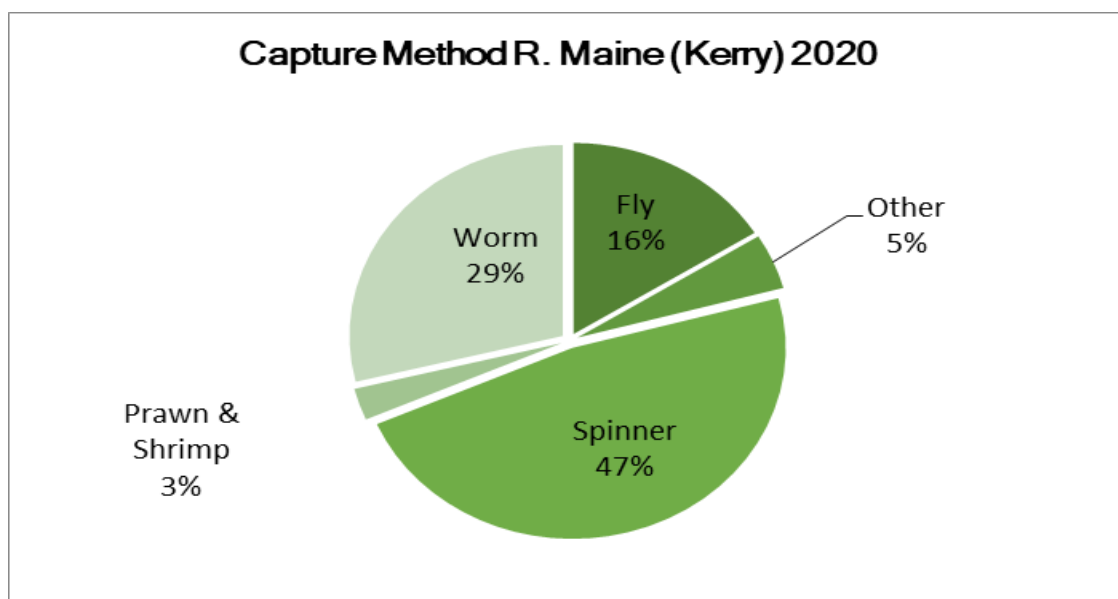
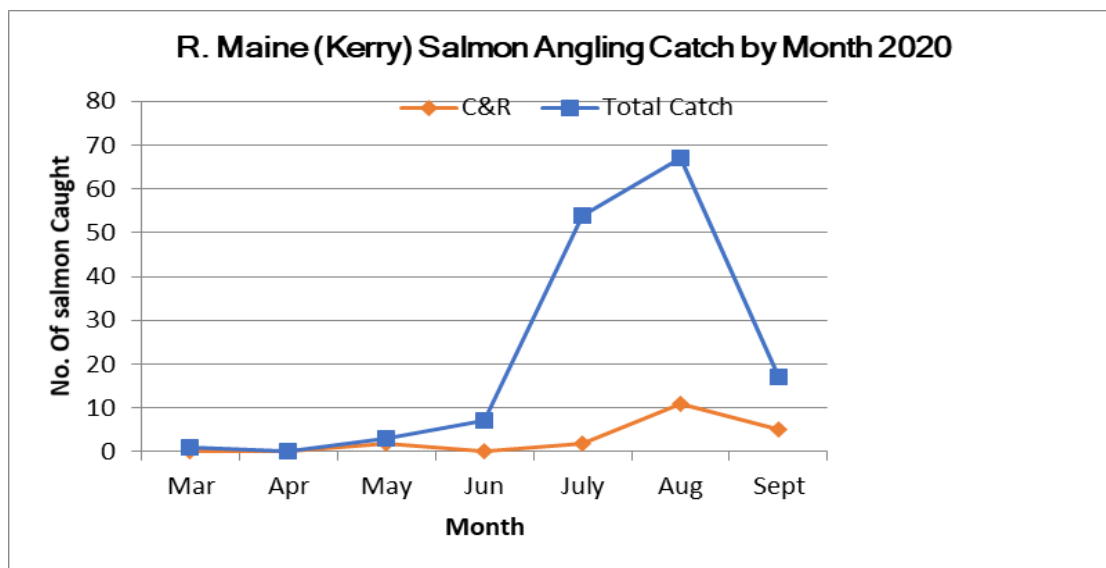


Fig. 31 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Bundorragha - Delphi (Ballinakill) in 2020

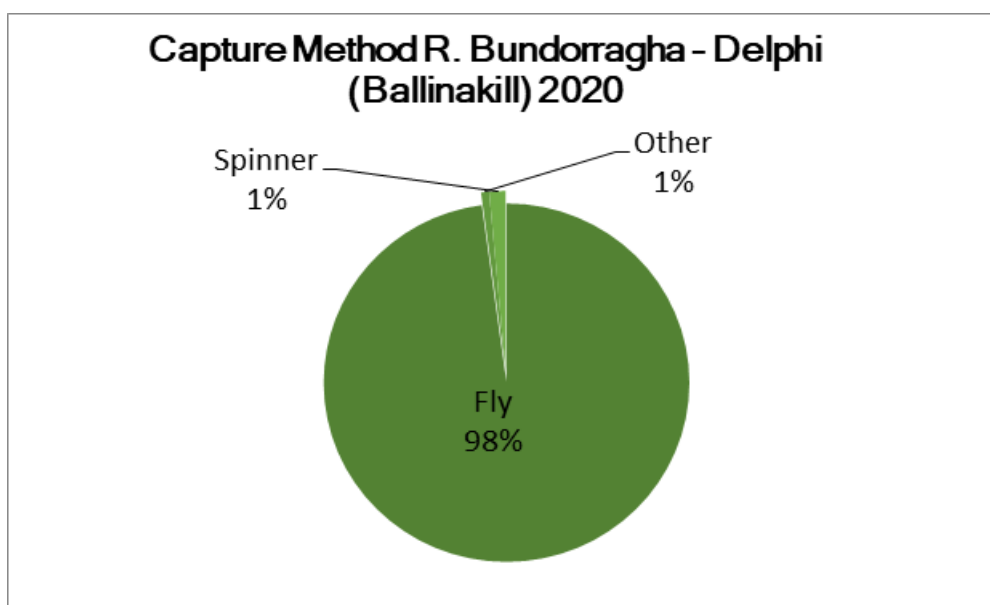
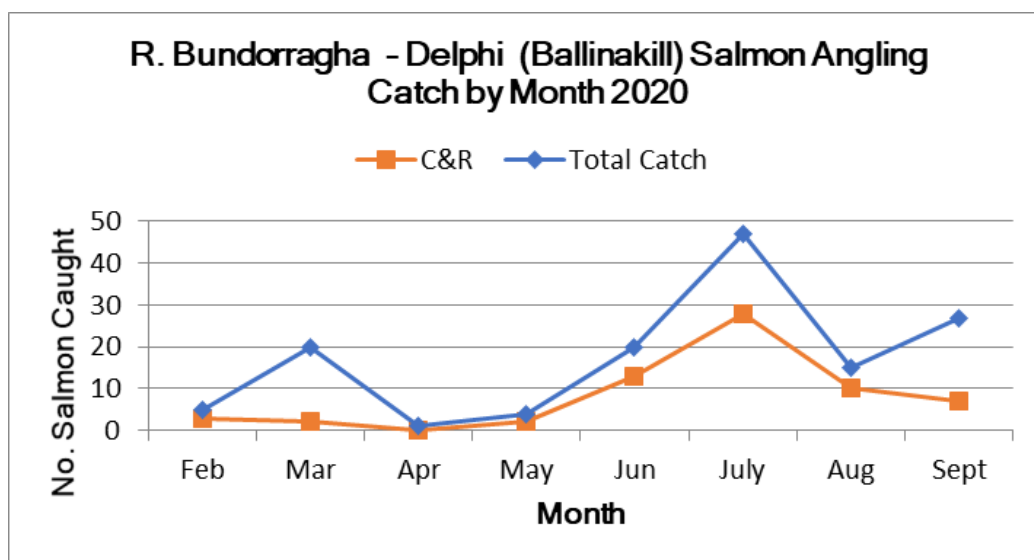


Fig. 32 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenduff (Bangor) in 2020

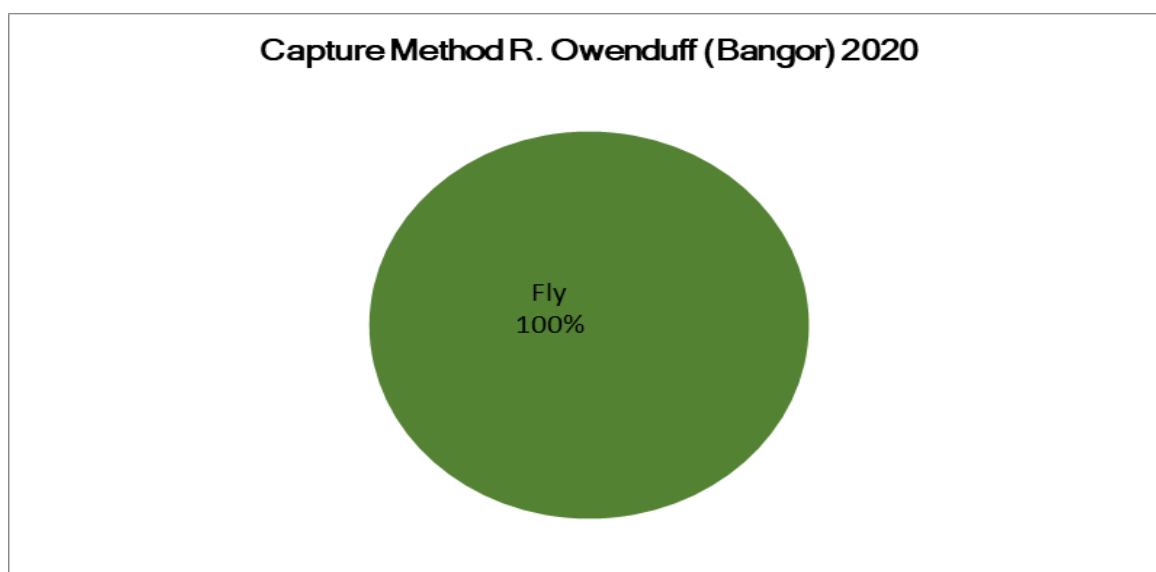
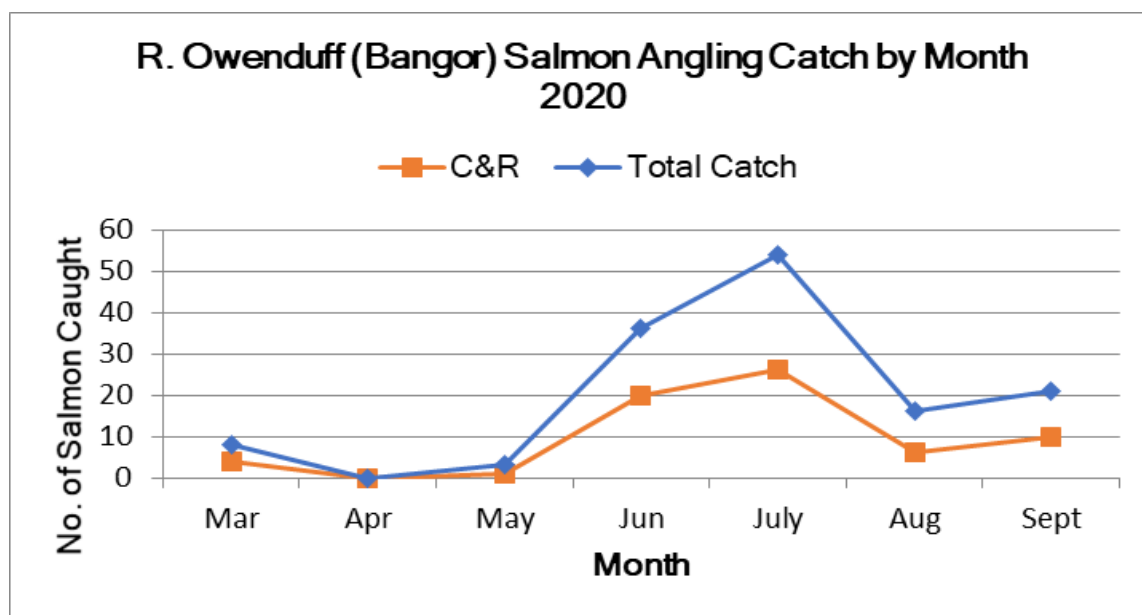


Fig. 33 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Drumcliff (Sligo) in 2020

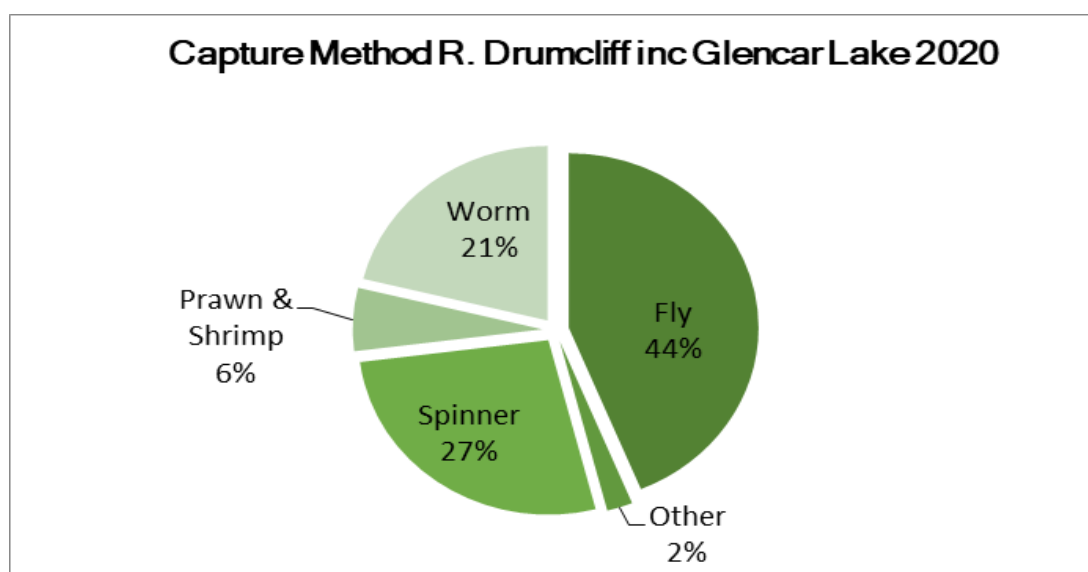
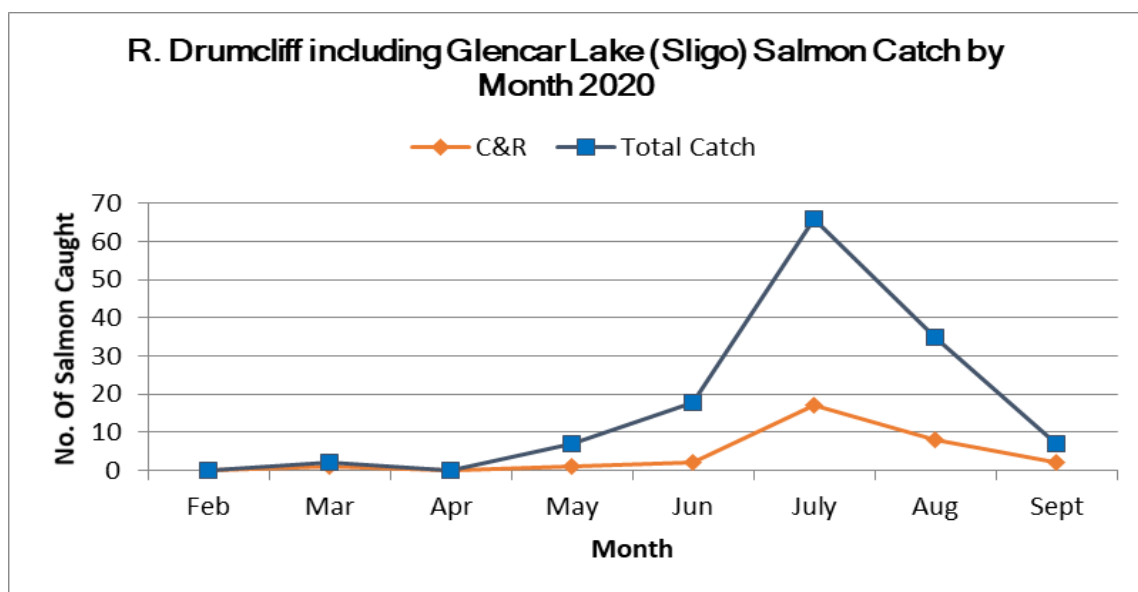


Fig. 34 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Carrowmore Lake (Bangor) in 2020

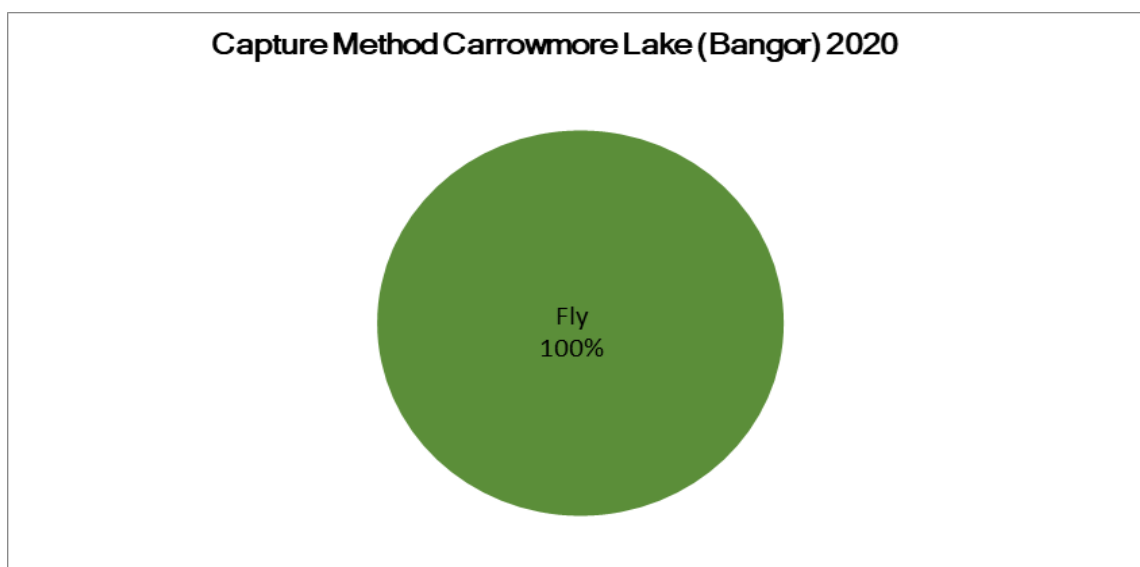
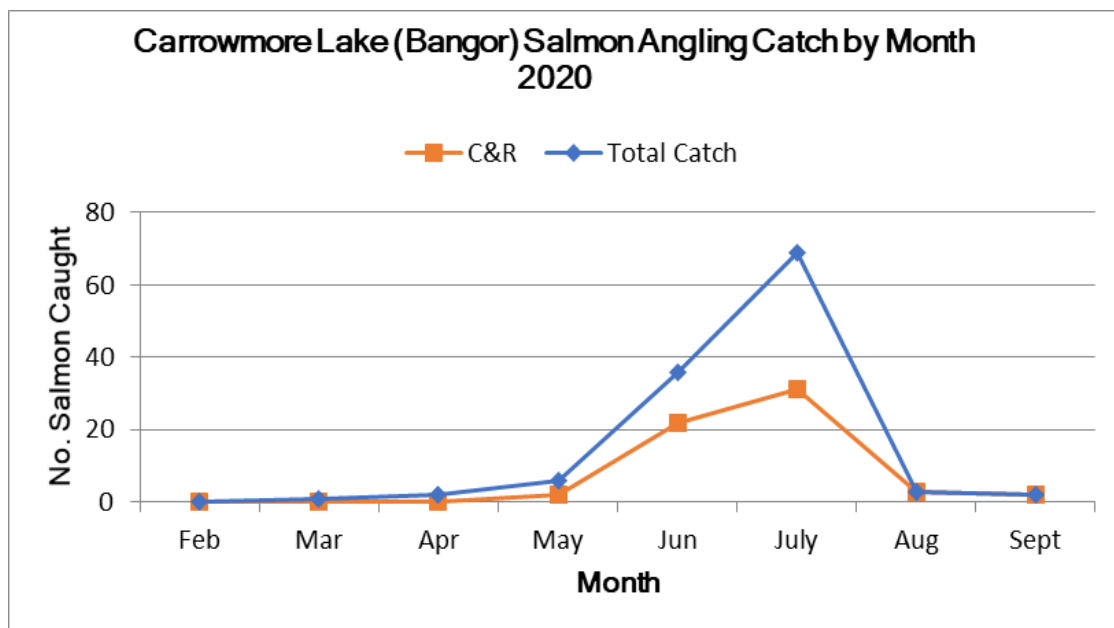


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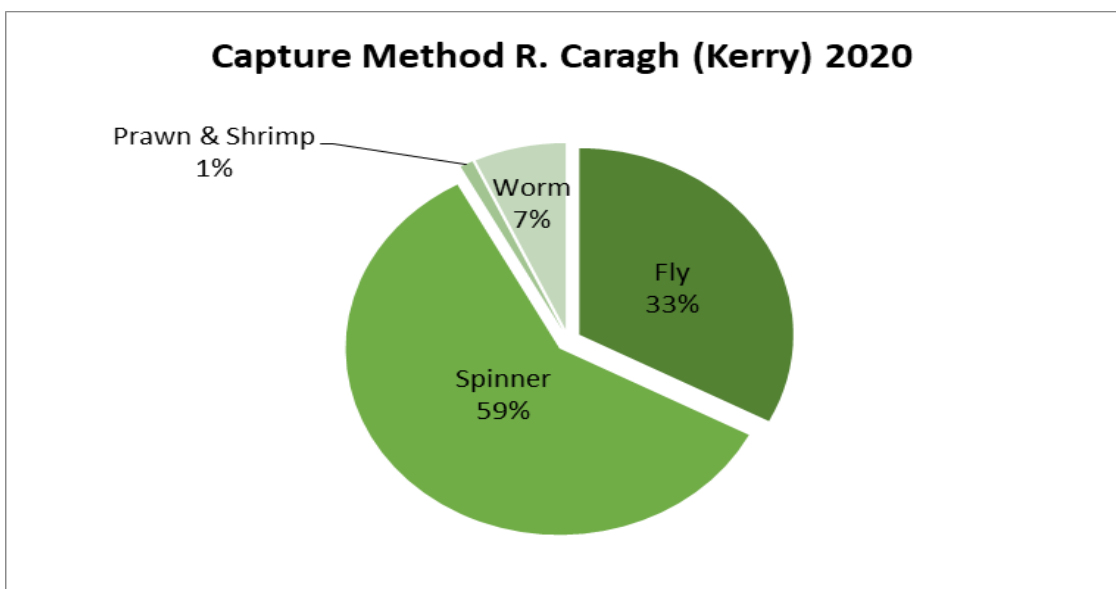
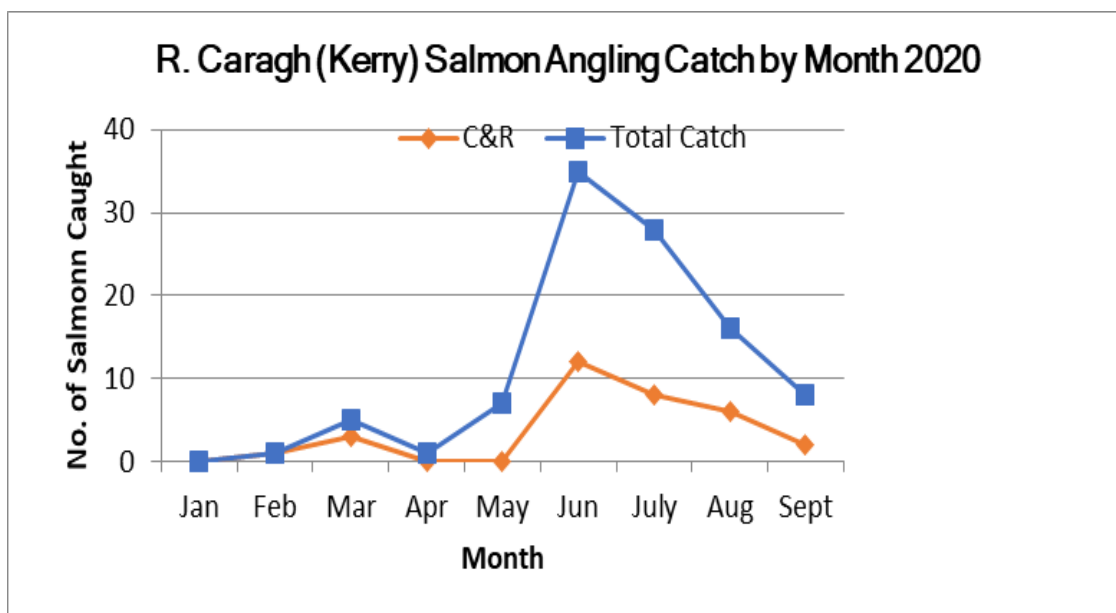
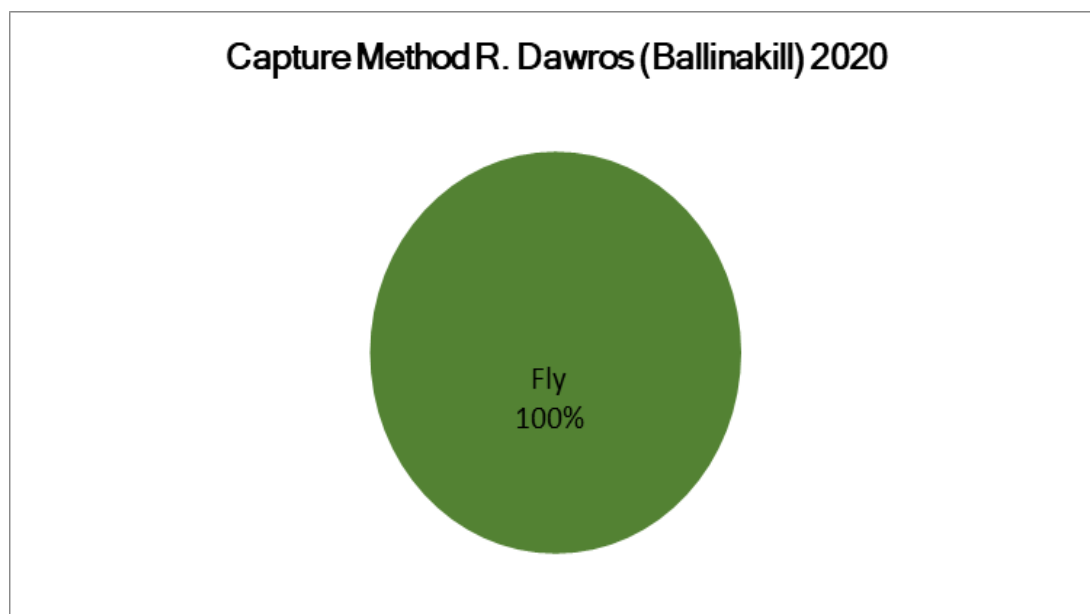
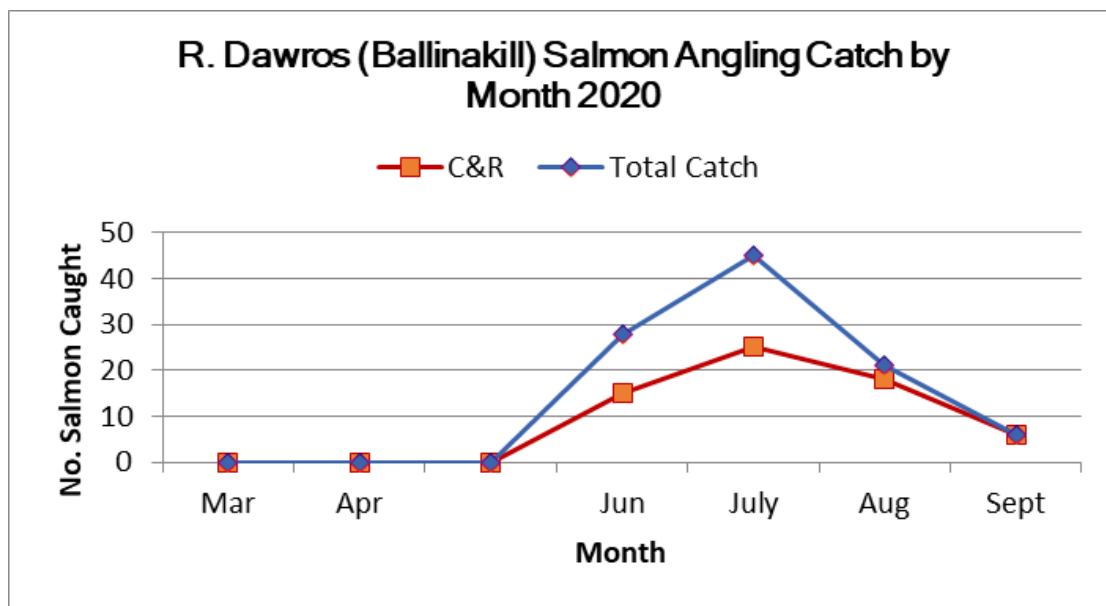


Fig. 36 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Dawros (Ballinakill) in 2020



Appendix I -

Open, 'Catch and Release' and 'Closed' Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2020

Table 1 - Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2020	
No. 4 or Lismore District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Blackwater,	Corrib,
Glenshelane,	No. 9(2) or Connemara District
Finisk,	Cashla,
No. 5 or Cork District	Ballynahinch (Owenmore),
Bandon,	No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District
Lower Lee (brown tag required – code M4),	Bundorragha (Delphi) (brown tag required – code P4),
Ilen,	Erriff (brown tag required – code N4),
Mealagh,	Culfin,
Owvane,	Dawros,
Coomhola,	No. 10(2) or Bangor District
Glengarriff,	Carrowmore Lake (brown tag required – code S4),
No. 7 or Kerry District	Glenamoy,
Roughty,	Owenduff,
Sheen,	Newport River (including Lough Beltra and Crumpaun R.),
Laune,	No. 11 or Ballina District
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane,	Moy,
Cottoners,	Easkey,
Sneem,	No. 12 or Sligo District
Caragh,	Ballysadare,
Owenmore R.,	Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,
Maine,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Croanshagh,	Drowes,
Ferta,	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
	Gweebarra (brown tag required – code R4),
	Clady,
	Gweedore (Crolly),
	Tullaghobegley,
	Crana (brown tag required – code B4),

Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2020

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 10(2) or Bangor District
Lower Liffey (downstream of Leixlip Dam), ® ®+	Owenmore R., ®
No. 2 or Wexford District	Shramore, ®
Slaney, (Catch and Release 1 st April - 31 st Aug, Otherwise Closed), ®	No. 11 or Ballina District
	Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown), ®
No. 3 or Waterford District	No. 12 or Sligo District
Barrow,	Garvogue River (including L. Gill and R. Bonet), ®-
Suir,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Pollmounty,	Eany, ®
Nore,	Glen, ®
No. 4 or Lismore District	Oily, ®
Bride, ®	Bungosteen, ®
No. 5 or Cork District	Duff, ®
Adrigole, ®	Eske, ®
Argideen, ®	Owenwee (Yellow), ®
No. 7 or Kerry District	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Blackwater, ®	Leannan, (Catch and Release from 12 th May), ®
Owenascaul, ®	Lackagh, ®
Cloonee, ®	Owenea, ®
Milltown, ®	Owentocker, ®
Inny, ®	No. 17(1) or Drogheda District
No. 8 or Limerick District	Boyne, ®-
Mulkear, ®	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Feale, (including Rivers Galey & Brick), ®	Castletown, ®
Doonbeg, ®	Dee, (Catch and Release from 12 th May), ®-
Lower Shannon,	Fane, ®
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	Glyde, ®
Screebe, ®	
No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	
Carrownisky, ®	
Owenglin (Clifden), ®	
Bunowen, ®	
Owenwee (Belclare), ®	

Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2020

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Dargle, ®	Clarinbridge, ®
Vartry, ®	Knock, ®
Upper Liffey (upstream of Leixlip Dam), ®-	Aille, ®
No. 2 or Wexford District	Owenboliska, Spiddal, ®
Avoca, ®	Kilcolgan,
Owenavorrage, ®	No. 9(2) or Connemara District
Slaney, (Closed to 31 st March, Closed from 1 st Sept), ®	L. na Furnace, ®
No. 3 or Waterford District	No. 10(2) or Bangor District
Owenduff, ®	Owengarve, ®
Mahon, ®	Muingnabo, ®
Tay, ®	No. 11 or Ballina District
Colligan, ®	Brusna, ®
Corrock, ®	Leaffony, ®
No. 4 or Lismore District	Ballingen, ®
Lickey, ®	No. 12 or Sligo District
Tourig, ®	Grange, ®
Womanagh, ®	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
No. 5 or Cork District	Abbey, ®
Upper Lee,	Ballintra (Murvagh), ®-
Owenacurra, ®	Laghy (Stream), ®
No. 7 or Kerry District	Erne,
Owenshagh, ®	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Finni, ®	Brack, ®
Feohanagh, ®	Isle (Burn), ®
Owenreagh, ®	Mill, ®
Emlaghmore, ®	Clonmany, ®
Carhan, ®	Straid, ®
Emlagh, ®	Owenamarve, ®
Lee (Kerry), ®	Swilly, ®
Behy, ®	Donagh, ®
Kealinda, ®	Culoort, ®
Lough Fadda, ®	Glenna, ®
No. 8 or Limerick District	Glenagannon, ®
Deel, ®	Leannan, (Closed until 11 th May), ®
Aughyvackeen, ®	Ray, ®
Annageeragh, ®	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Inagh, ®	Flurry, ®
Fergus,	Dee, (Closed until 11 th May), ®-
Maigue, ®	
Upper Shannon (upstream of Parteen Weir),	
Owenagarney,	
Skivilean, ®	

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme

The Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme regulates salmon and sea trout fishing in Ireland and is administered by Inland Fisheries Ireland. Please note that the regulations and bye-laws are subject to change. Contact your local Inland Fisheries Ireland office for information on individual rivers.

All salmon rod licence holders must affix a gill tag to all retained salmon (any size), or sea trout (over 40cm).

1. BAG LIMITS

There is an angling bag limit of 10 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40 cm) on rivers where you may catch and retain salmon (Table 1). The bag limits are subject to any quota allocated to a river and its tributaries.

Subject to the maximum annual bag limit of ten fish an angler may take:

- ☛ **Daily Bag Limit - 1st January to 11th May** - A total of one salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day (three fish in total may be retained for this period).
- ☛ **Daily Bag Limit - 12th May to 31st August** - Three salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day (except where a salmon rod (one-day) ordinary licence is held, 1 fish).
- ☛ **Daily Bag Limit - 1st September to the close of the season** - One salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day.
- ☛ There is a daily bag limit of three sea trout (under 40cm) per angler per day.
- ☛ Please note that it is an offence to kill any sea trout in the following waters;
 - Galway, Connemara or Ballinacilly Fisheries Districts including of sea from Hags Head in County Clare to Clew Bay (and in any waters flowing into Clew Bay) in the Bangor Fishery District south of a line drawn due east and west through Achill Head,
 - Kerry District, in that part of the sea east of a line between Boka Head and Lamba Head and all the waters discharging into it (i.e. Waterville area).

After the daily bag limit has been taken, anglers are permitted to fish catch and release, using single or double barbless hooks and anglers may not use worms. The killing and possession of foul hooked fish is prohibited.

On rivers where catch and release is permitted (Table 2):

- ☛ anglers may not use worms.
 - ☛ anglers must use single or double barbless hooks.
 - ☛ the fish must be handled carefully and should not be removed from the water prior to release.
- On all other rivers (Table 3) angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm) is prohibited.

- ☛ The Regulations on the River Avoca prohibit the taking of any sea trout (under 40cm) as well as prohibiting the use of worms as bait and any fish hooks other than single barbless hooks in angling for sea trout (under 40cm) (bye-law no. 890, 2011).
- ☛ The River Tor and its tributaries are closed for angling for all species of fish (bye-law no. 311, 2011).
- ☛ The Regulations on the River Suir prohibit the use of worms, prawn, shrimp or any other crustacean or artificial forms thereof as bait and any fish hooks other than single or double barbless hooks (bye-law no. 977, 2019).

2. OBTAINING A LICENCE

Anglers can obtain their licence from Inland Fisheries Ireland, any rod licence distributor or online at fisheriesireland.info/salmon/salmon-licence.htm. On payment of the rod licence fee, the angler will be given:

- ☛ The relevant rod licence, associated logbook and a plastic wallet for the licence/logbook.
- ☛ 3 gill tags where a salmon rod (annual) ordinary, juvenile, district or 21-day ordinary licence is issued up until 11th May and a further 7 gill tags (issued in lots of 3 or 4) from the period 12th May to 30th Sept up to a maximum of 10 gill tags in total provided they demonstrate that they have completed their logbook appropriately.
- ☛ 1 gill tag where a salmon rod (one day) ordinary licence is issued up until the close of the season.
- ☛ A business reply envelope for return of the logbook and unused tags to the relevant Inland Fisheries Ireland office.

3. THE TAG

The tag to be used by anglers is a blue plastic self-locking device (an additional brown tag is also required for certain rivers (refer to Table 1 – Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2020) to ensure angling quotas are not exceeded. Contact the relevant IFI office for details on how to obtain brown tags). Each blue tag is embossed with a code identifying where the tag was issued, the year in which the tag can be used, a security code and a tag serial number.

Anglers should carefully note the following concerning the use of these tags:

- ☛ Each rod licence holder will be issued tags for his/her use only. Tags are not transferable between licence holders.
- ☛ One tag shall be attached to each salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40 cm) caught and retained.
- ☛ Tags must be attached immediately on landing the fish. These tags shall not be re-used.
- ☛ Tags shall be attached through the gill opening and mouth of the fish and securely double locked around the gill cover.
- ☛ Additional tags shall be issued on presentation of logbook information showing that the licence holder has used the gill tags issued to him or her, subject to bag limits.
- ☛ Lost and accidentally destroyed tags may be replaced upon presentation of a signed declaration completed by the angler and signed by an Authorised Officer of Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- ☛ Gill tags shall only be removed from the fish at the time of processing in accordance with the Tagging Scheme Regulations. For the purposes of this scheme processing includes: smoking, marinating or cooking the fish, gutting and freezing the fish or cutting any steaks, cutlets or portions of the fish.

4. THE LOGBOOK

On receipt of tags the angler will also receive a logbook. Details of the gill tags issued to an angler will be entered into the angler's logbook by the issuing agent.

Each angler shall:

- ☛ Have the logbook in his/her possession while fishing for salmon or sea trout.
- ☛ Record all details of their catch in their logbook immediately after tagging the fish.
- ☛ Make a catch record even if the fish is released.
- ☛ Record details of any lost or damaged tags.
- ☛ Declare lost or damaged logbooks to Inland Fisheries Ireland.



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This leaflet includes information on the status of rivers (open, closed and catch and release), bag limits, obtaining a licence, correct use of logbooks and gill tags.

5. RETURNING LOGBOOKS AND UNUSED TAGS

In accordance with the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Regulations anglers are required by law to return their completed logbook (even if there is no catch recorded) and all unused tags to the issuing office of Inland Fisheries Ireland by the 19th October 2020. A business reply envelope is provided for this purpose. Anglers are required to obtain proof of postage and to retain such proof for 12 months.

6. PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ROD CAUGHT SALMON OR SEA TROUT

Anglers are prohibited from selling salmon (any size) or sea trout (any size) caught by rod and line.

These guidelines have been prepared for information purposes only and do not purport to be a legal interpretation. The holder of a rod licence should familiarise himself or herself with section 69 of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 (No. 10 of 2010), the current Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations and the Salmon and Sea Trout Conservation Bye-laws.

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Appendix II - Legislation

Legislation - 2020

Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 (no. 10 of 2010).

Salmon and Sea Trout caught by Rod and Line (Prohibition on Sale) Order, 2001 - S.I. No. 53 of 2001.

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2020 - S.I. No. 669 of 2020.

Bag Limits 2020

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 974, 2019.

Catch & Release Rivers 2020

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 975, 2019.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 976, 2019.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 977, 2019.

Conservation of Sea Trout (No. 7 or Kerry District) (Waterville Area) Bye-Law No. 971 of 2019.

Closed Rivers 2020

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 330, 2019.

Other Bye-laws 2020

Angling Bye-law No. 973, 2019.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 978, 2019.

Commercial Fishing 2020

Control of Fishing for Salmon Order 2020 - S.I. No 63 of 2020

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 979, 2020

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Appendix IV -

Glossary of Terms used in Report

“River Basins” and “Fishery Districts”

There are 7 River Basins and 17 fishery districts. The River Basins are made up of fishery districts as follows;

River Basin District (RBD)	Fishery District
Eastern River Basin District (ERBD)	Dundalk
	Drogheda
	Dublin
South Eastern River Basin District (SERBD)	Wexford
	Waterford
South Western River Basin District (SWRBD)	Lismore
	Cork
	Kerry
Shannon River Basin District (ShRBD)	Limerick
Western River Basin District - Galway (WRBD)	Galway
	Connemara
	Ballinakill
Western River Basin District - Ballina (WRFB)	Bangor
	Ballinakill
	Sligo
North Western River Basin District (NWRFB)	Ballyshannon
	Letterkenny

Logbook means a salmon and sea trout commercial fishing logbook or a salmon and sea trout angler's logbook. The logbook will be issued along with a salmon and sea trout commercial and/or anglers licence. The logbook must be completed by the licence holder. The licence holder must populate the logbook with his/her fishing effort for salmon and sea trout including days fished where there was no catch.

Logbook Returns

Completed Logbooks are returned to the river basin district which issued the licence not later than 28th August for commercial fishing logbooks and no later than 19th October for angler's logbooks of the year to which they relate.

Harvest

This is the number of salmon and/or sea trout “caught and retained”, “caught and tagged”, “caught and killed”. All commercially caught salmon and/or sea trout are harvested. All rod caught salmon harvested must be tagged.

Caught and Released (C&R)

This is the number of salmon and/or sea trout caught by rod and line in specified waters, handled carefully and immediately returned alive to those waters.

Reported Catch

This is the actual salmon or sea trout catch taken directly from angler’s logbook. Commercial catch represents the reported catch only as 100% of logbooks are returned by commercial fishermen.

Adjusted/Raised Catch

The assessment of wild salmon and sea trout angling catches includes an adjustment to the reported angling catch to take into account the numbers of fish caught by anglers who have not returned their logbook. Raised catch for individual rivers are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number therefore the sum catch of all rivers will appear to be out by +or- 0.1%.

Small

The method for adjusting/raising the reported angling catch follows investigations published by Small (1991). Commercial catch is not adjusted as 100% of logbooks are returned by commercial fishermen

Raising Factor

The Wild Salmon and Sea Trout statistics are generated based on the logbook returns obtained from recreational salmon and sea trout anglers. The reported catches taken from logbooks are raised to provide an adjusted/raised catch to take account of those anglers who did not return logbooks. This reported catch is multiplied by a raising factor which is obtained based on a formula $((0.3/X)+0.7)$ called Small 1991. X represents the total licence sales divided by the total logbooks returned by anglers.

Spring Salmon - Salmon which are caught between 1st January and 31st May.

Returning from the sea after spending two or more years, 2 sea-winter or multi-sea winter salmon. These older fish are larger and usually return in the springtime and are often referred to as spring salmon.

Grilse - Salmon which are caught between 1st June and 30th September, returning having spent one year at sea (1 sea-winter salmon).

Draft Net

Draft Net includes a single wall of netting attached to a floating head rope and a weighted ground rope, designed so that a bag is formed into which the catch is drafted or hauled, for the purpose of taking or fishing for, or attempting to take or fish for, salmon or sea trout.

Drift Net

Drift Net includes a single sheet of netting attached to a floating head rope and a weighted ground rope, designed to drift freely at the surface of waters for the purpose of taking or fishing for, or attempting to take or to fish for, salmon or sea trout, to which net or ropes no weights or anchoring devices are attached which in any way hinder or prevent the free movement of the net in those waters.

Other Fishing Engine

Other fishing engine - means any fishing engine not being a drift net, a draft net, a snap net or rod and line, capable of being used for the purpose of taking or fishing for, or attempting to take or to fish for, salmon or sea trout.

Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

The maximum number of gill tags that may be issued, in respect of wild salmon and sea trout which may be lawfully taken, by the holders of fishing licences, in a river or a fishery district.

Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers Licence

A licence - Annual licence, entitles you to fish in all 17 fishery districts (excluding the Foyle area) in which rivers are open for fishing for the duration of the season.

B licence - A district licence entitles you to fish in one specified fishery district only (excluding the Foyle area) in which rivers are open for fishing for the duration of the season.

P licence - A juvenile licence entitles you to fish in all 17 districts (excluding the Foyle area) in which rivers are open for fishing for the duration of the season.

R licence - A twenty one day licence, entitles you to fish in all 17 fishery districts (excluding the Foyle area) in which rivers are open for fishing.

S licence - A one day licence entitles you to fish in all 17 fishery districts (excluding the Foyle area) in which rivers are open for fishing.

W licence - Foyle Area extension licence

X licence - A special local licence for selected waters -

(Additional permit may be required in association with a state licence for certain lakes/ivers)

River System Number

River names and code numbers are as per the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

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