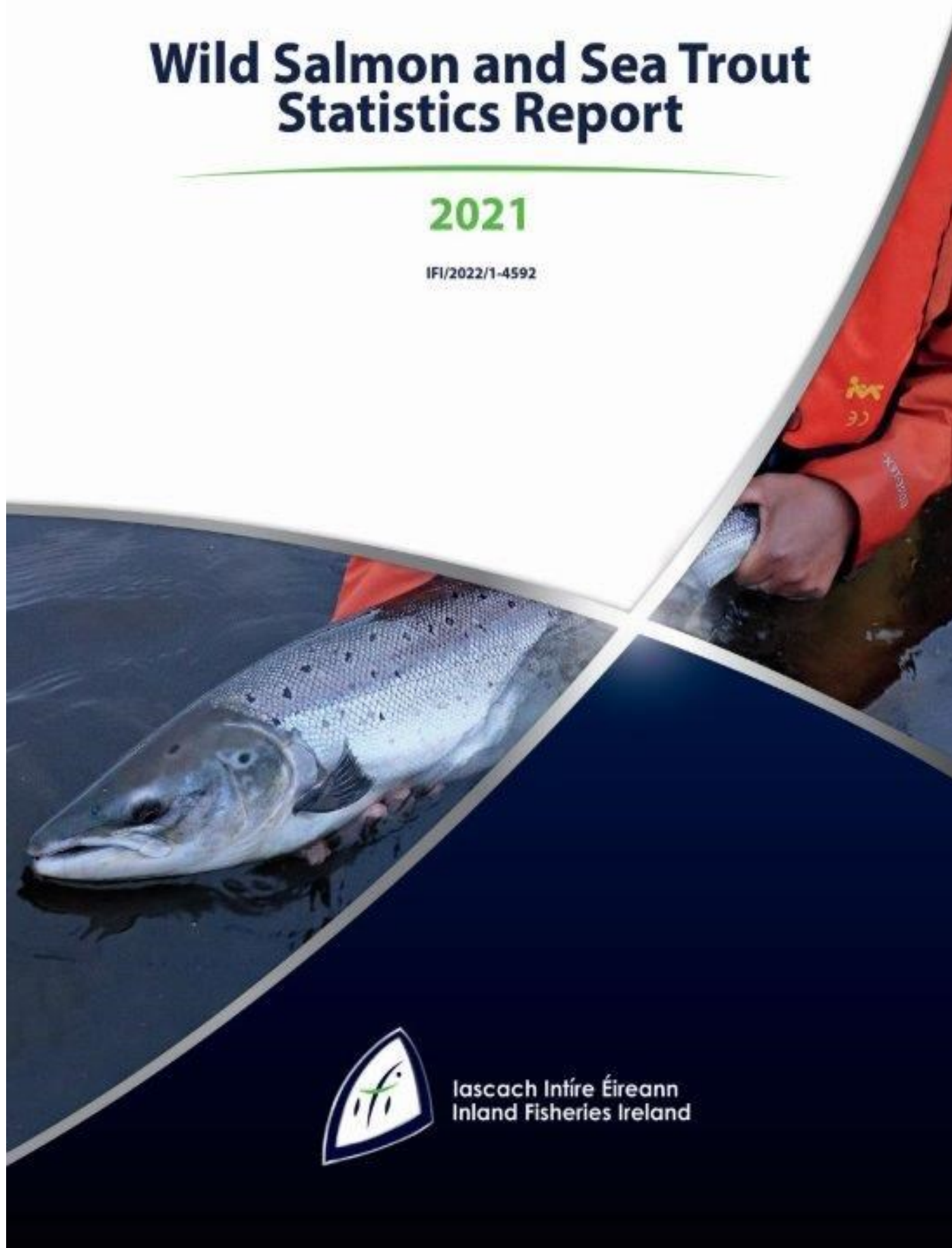


# Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics Report

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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.

The work of Inland Fisheries Ireland, which is to protect, conserve and manage our freshwater fish and habitats, never stopped in 2021. In fact, our work has become even more important than ever.

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 2021 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Report, it is encouraging to see that an increasing number of Anglers are practicing 'catch and release.' Anglers released 52% of their Wild Salmon catches last year, compared with 51% in 2020 and 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.

Whilst Covid-19 remains, the sales of salmon rod licences are beginning to return to normal. 15,547 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers in 2021 an increase of 10% over 2020 (14,138).

The majority of these licence sales (82%) were to residents within the Republic of Ireland, 10% to Northern Ireland and a further 4% to UK residents. Anglers returned 8,462 logbooks in 2021, with a national return rate of 54.4% down from 56.4% on 2020 logbook returns.

The 2021 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 31,148 salmon and 1,595 sea trout. This represents an increase of 12% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2020 (27,829) and an increase of 14.4% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2020 (1,394).

19% of the 2021 total salmon catch was taken on the River Moy, 16% on the River Blackwater (Lismore), 9.7% on the River Laune, 5.4% on the Corrib and 4.6% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 55% of the entire salmon catch in 2021.

The 2021 angling catch was 24,668 salmon (21,650 in 2020) and 1,538 sea trout (1,341 in 2020). Of the 24,668 salmon caught by anglers, 11,900 were harvested and 12,768 subsequently released. As I

mentioned previously, anglers released 52% of salmon caught by rod and line (51% in 2020).

2,991 anglers (19% of total licence holders) harvested salmon in 2021 (2,675 in 2020). 1,771 anglers (11% of total licence holders) caught and released salmon in 2021 (1,639 in 2020) .

Commercial fishermen caught 21% of the salmon catch in 2021, compared to 22% in 2020 and recreational anglers caught 79% in 2021 compared to 78% in 2020.

The commercial catch was 6,480 salmon (6,179 in 2020) and 57 sea trout (over 40 cm) (53 in 2020) which represents 93% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 7,037 (8,526 in 2020) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector.

The greatest landings of commercial salmon catches in 2021 were in Counties Kerry and Cork on the River Laune (Kerry) with 2,130 salmon (33% of the overall commercial catch), the River Blackwater (Lismore) with 1,755 salmon (27% of the commercial catch), in Castlemaine Fishery with 672 salmon (10% of commercial catch) and the River Lee with 539 salmon (8% of the 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.

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Fintan Gorman  
Chairperson  
Inland Fisheries Ireland  
May 2022

# **INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND**

## **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 2021 angling and commercial fishing season was S.I. No. 585 of 2018 amended by SI no. 667 of 2020). 2021 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.

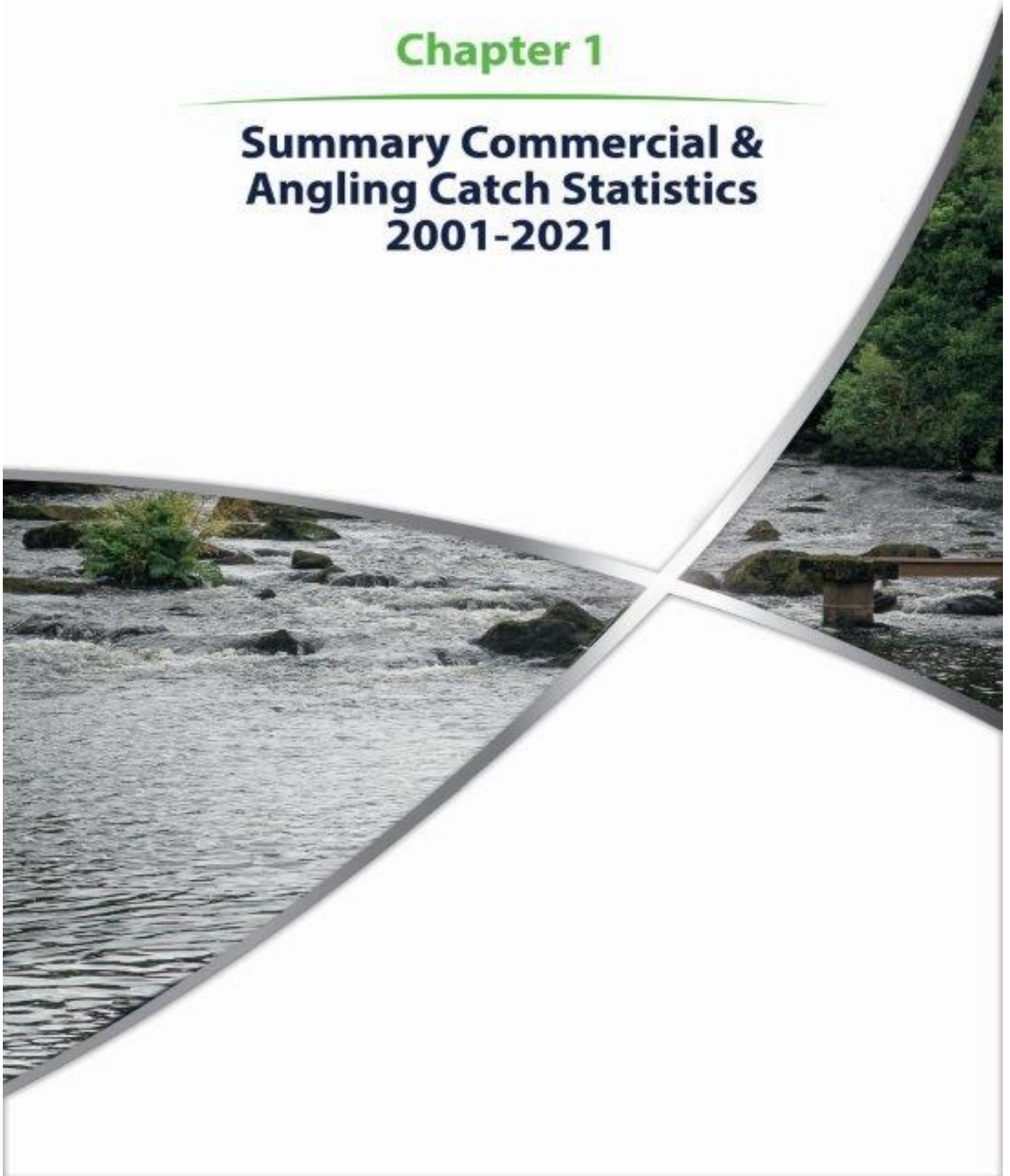
The data contained in this report is taken from salmon licence and logbook data supplied by commercial and recreational fishermen. This data is entered by Inland Fisheries Staff into a national database and following this the validation, collation and analysis of the data is performed before the final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

For 2021, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, with a maximum of three fish in total for this period; 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from 12<sup>th</sup> May until the end of August; 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2001-2021**





**Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 – 2021**

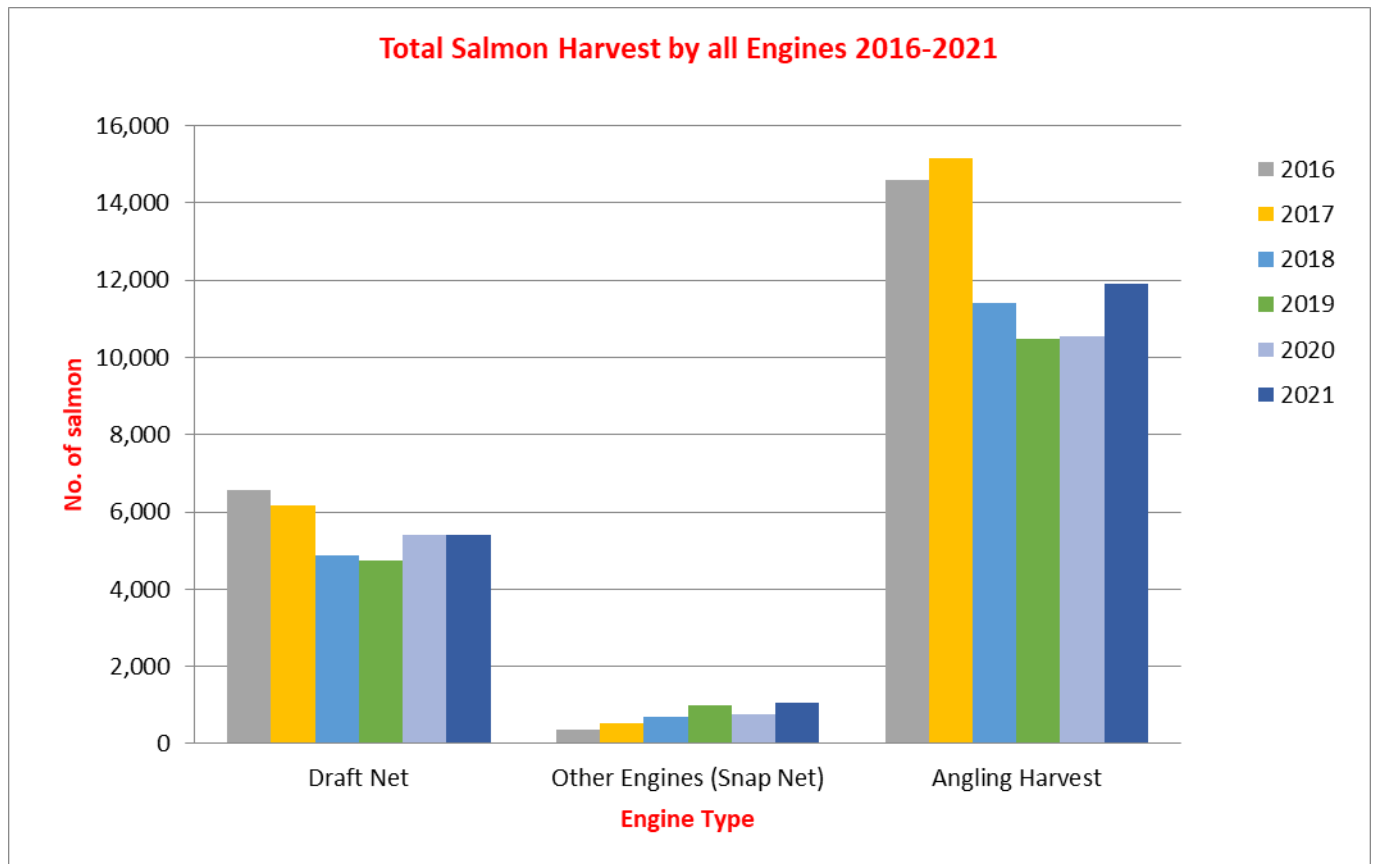
Year	Drift Net	Draft Net	Other Engine	Salmon Angling Harvest	Total Salmon Harvest by all methods	% change on previous year	Total Allowable Catch (TAC)**	Weight in tonnes (based on 2.7Kg avg weight per fish)
2001	197,172	30,861	5,368	26,074	259,475			700,583Kg
2002	179,177	23,032	4,690	29,408	236,307	– 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
2021	N/A	5,412	1,068	11,900	18,380	+9.79%	46,324	49,688Kg

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2021. 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 2021, this had fallen to 18,380. This represents a decrease of c. 35% between 2007 and 2021.

\* 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.





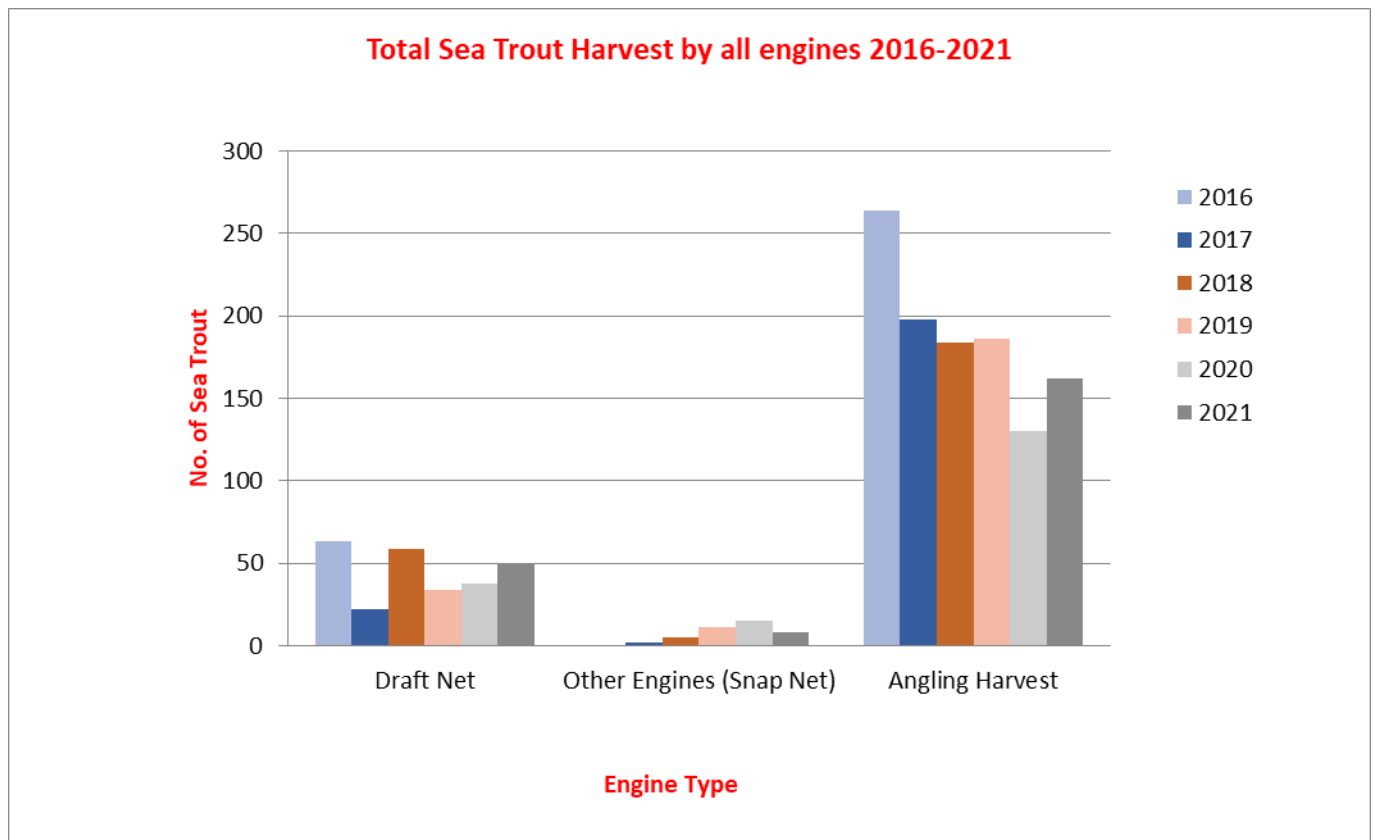
**Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2007-2020**

For 2021, anglers caught 79% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 21% (Table 10). 19% of the 2021 total salmon catch (commercial and angling (including those caught and released)) was taken on the River Moy, 16% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 10% 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 2021.

**Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2021**

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%
End to mix stock fishing at sea and a move to single stock management						
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%
2021	N/A	49	8	162	219	19.78%

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2021. 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 2021, this had fallen to 219 sea trout, a drop of 40% (Table 11).



**Fig. 2** - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2007-2021.

For 2021, anglers caught 96% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 4% (Table 11). 8.7% of the 2021 total sea trout catch was taken on the Slaney (Wexford) and 8.35% on Lough Currane (Kerry).

## Chapter 2

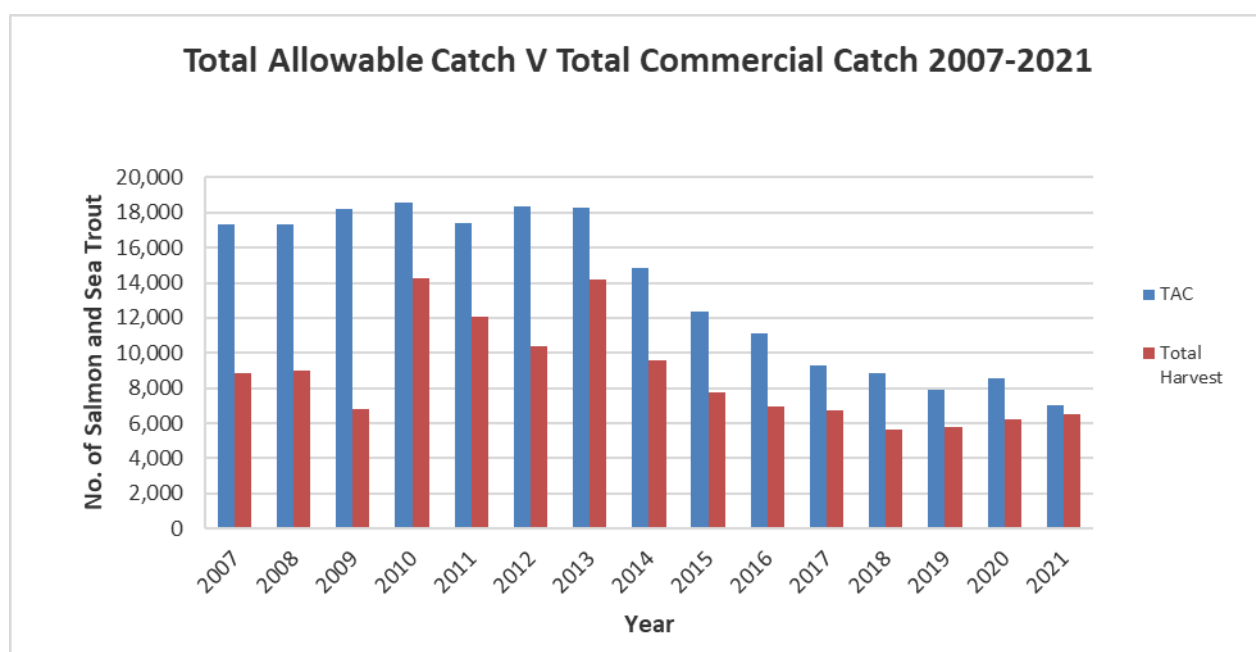
# Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2021



**Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2021**

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%
2021	7,037	6,537	93%

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2021 was 7,037. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 6,537 represents 93% of TAC (Table 14).



**Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) V Total Commercial Catch 2007 – 2021.**

In 2021, 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 7,037 above for 2021 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 2021

In the 2021 commercial salmon harvest, 83.5% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 16.5% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2021 was 6,480.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2021 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

**Table 4 – Top 4 Commercial Fisheries in 2021**

Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Kerry	Laune	2,130	33%
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	1,755	27%
Kerry	Castlemaine	672	10%
Cork	Lower Lee	539	8%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 4 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2021 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

### Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2021

The table below shows the 2021 commercial salmon catch disposals:

**Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals**

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2021	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	72%
Private Sales	13%
Domestic Consumption	11%
Restaurant	2%
Other (Supermarket/B&B)	2%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2021. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.

### Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2021

In the 2021 commercial sea trout harvest, 86% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 14% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2021 was 57. Sea trout catches were highest on the River Laune (Kerry) at 56% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2021 was 0.87% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).

## Chapter 3

### **Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2021**





## Angling Salmon Catch 2001 – 2021

**Table 6.0 – Salmon Angling Catch 2001 – 2021**

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%
2021	11,900	12,768	52%	24,668	+13.94%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2021. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2021 was 24,668 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 13.94% on the 2020 salmon angling catch of 21,650 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 2021, 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 of the river on a catch and release only basis.

**Table 6.1 – 2 SW / MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 – 2021**

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
2021	1,410	1,965	3,375	+148%

**Table 6.2 – 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 – 2021**

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	+23.5%
2021	10,491	10,803	21,293	+4.94%

## Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 – 2021

**Table 7 – Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 – 2021**

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%
End to mix stock fishing at sea and a move to single stock management				
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%
2021	162	1,376	1,538	+14.7%

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2021. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2021 was 1,538 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 14.7% on the 2020 sea trout angling catch of 1,341.

## Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 – 2021

15,547 salmon rod licences were sold in 2021, an increase of 9.96% on 2020 licence sales (14,138) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 8,462 logbooks in 2021, with a national return rate of 54.4%, down from 56.4% on 2020 logbook returns (Table 17).

**Table 8 – Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 – 2021**

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%
2021	15,547	8,462	54.43%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 – 2021 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

## **Salmon Angling Catch 2021**

Over one fifth of all salmon angling catch nationally (24%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 5,997 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught on 83 fisheries in 2021. The top three salmon producing fisheries made up 44% (10,926) of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2021 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster) and Corrib).

## **Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2021**

9% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on the Slaney (Table 24) with an angling catch of 139 sea trout. Sea Trout were caught on 79 fisheries in 2021. The top four sea trout producing water systems made up 28% (435) of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2021 (Slaney (Wexford), Waterville/Cummeragh/L.Currane system (Kerry), Moy (Ballina), Argideen (Cork).

## **Catch per Angler**

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 2,991 anglers harvested salmon in 2021 (Table 54), an increase of 11.8% on 2020 (2,675). 1,771 anglers caught and released salmon in 2021 (Table 53) an increase of 8% on 2020 (1,639). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

Of the 2,991 anglers who harvested salmon, 68.6% (2,052 anglers) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 20.3% (606 anglers) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 11.1% (333) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

## **Catch and Release Estimates**

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2021. A total of 12,768 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 11,900 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 24,668 giving a national catch and release rate of 52% (Table 21).

13% of all salmon caught and released, were released on the Blackwater (Munster (Table 21) which had a catch and release of 1,706 salmon. The Moy accounted for 11% of all salmon caught and released (1,438 salmon) and the Suir accounted for 8% of all salmon caught and released (1,029 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 2021 (Rivers Blackwater (Munster), Moy and Suir).

## Angling Catch of Spring Salmon

An assessment on the number of salmon caught between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 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 3,375 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2021 (1,361 in 2020), of which 1,965 were released and 1,410 harvested. The figure of 3,375 spring salmon catch represents 13.7% of the total salmon angling catch (24,668). A total of 457 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina) and 311 spring fish for the River Blackwater (Lismore) in 2021.

## Angler Nationality

Anglers from 32 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2021. 82% of anglers were from Ireland, 10% from Northern Ireland, 3.7% from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), 1.6% from France, and 0.8% from Germany (Tables 19-20).

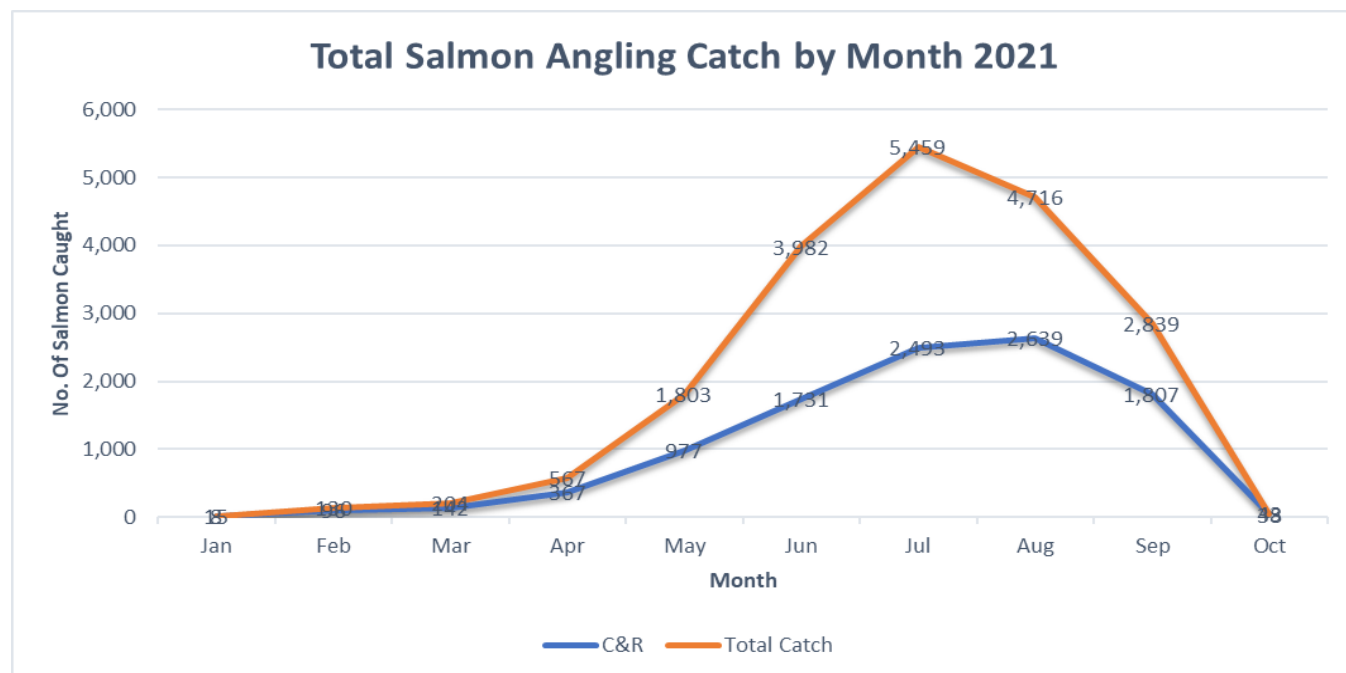
**Table 9 – Summary Angler Nationality 2015 – 2021**

No.	Nationality	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	11,447	11,310	11,221	10,167	10,563	11,781	12,733	8%
2	Great Britain	1,705	1,698	1,663	1,601	1,725	371	571	54%
3	Northern Ireland	2,213	2,038	1,924	1,824	1,865	1,720	1,577	-8%
4	France	931	889	954	809	843	71	250	252%
5	Germany	589	572	578	560	517	77	126	64%
6	USA	508	564	765	673	737	13	52	300%

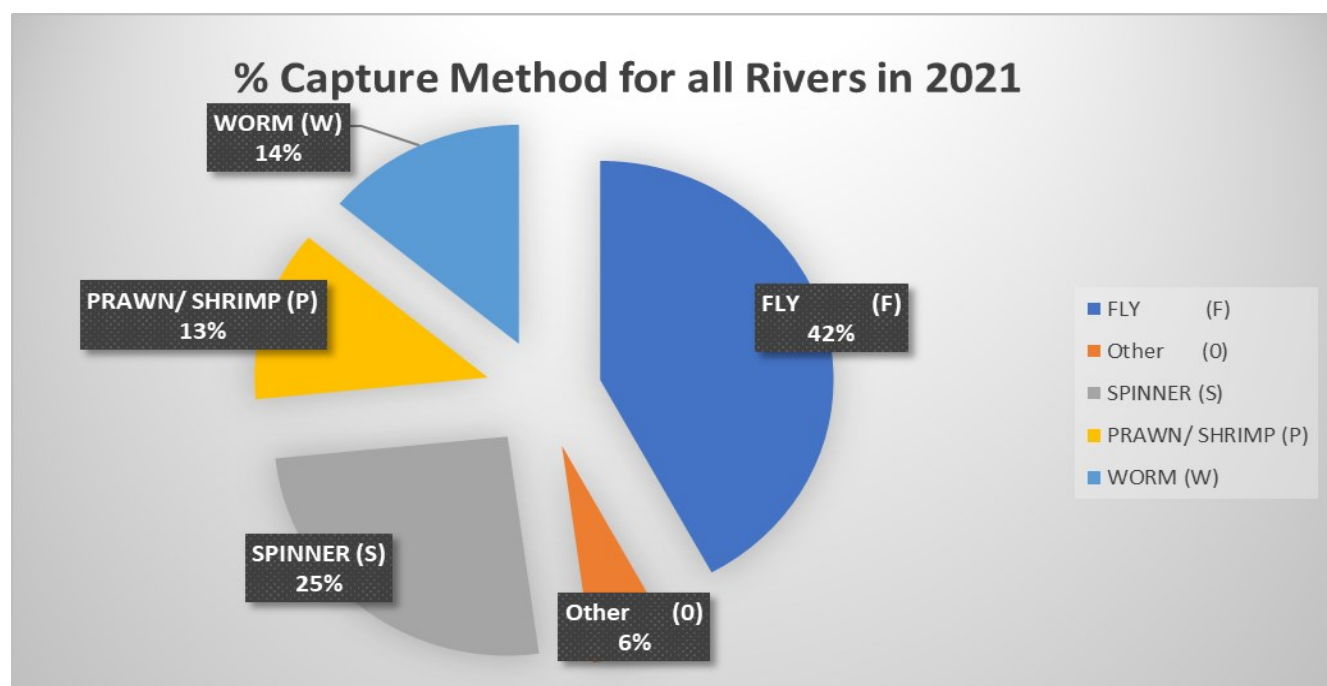
Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2015 to 2021.

## 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 2021 (includes salmon caught and released).



**Fig. 4** Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2021



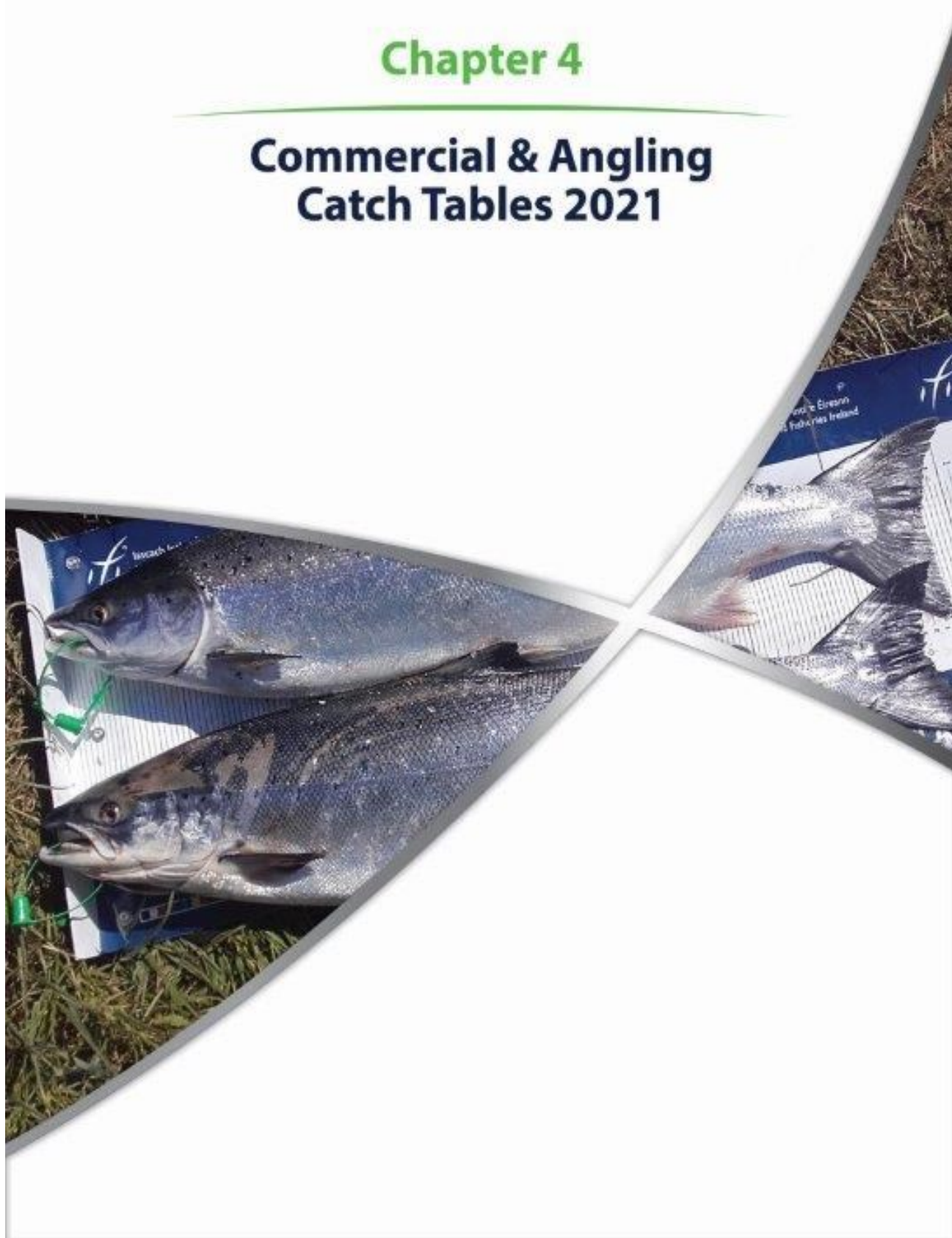
**Fig. 5** Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2021

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2021 are presented in Fig.8–28.



## Chapter 4

### Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2021



**Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2021 determined from Logbook Returns**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Catch	Raised Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Raised Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Raised Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Harvest by all methods	Total Salmon Catch by all methods	Total Allowable Harvest 2021
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina		3		3		3	0
Moy	110	Ballina		1,438	4,559	5,997	4,559	5,997	12,908
Easkey	114	Ballina		117	226	343	226	343	315
Unknown	265	Ballina		3	17	19	17	19	0
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill		39		39		39	0
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		43		43		43	0
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		54		54		54	0
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		37	78	115	78	115	95
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		234	129	363	129	363	155
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	95	1	3	4	98	99	232
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	234	106	34	140	268	374	589
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	12	38	10	48	22	60	37
Common Estuary	Killary	Ballinakill	222				222	222	227
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		103		103		103	0
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon		3		3		3	0
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		5		5		5	0
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		54		54		54	0
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		21		21		21	0
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		15	3	17	3	17	28
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		15		15		15	0
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		376	427	803	427	803	2,362
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	61	28	4	32	65	93	129
Owenmore	105	Bangor	113	334	32	366	145	479	224
Owenduff	106	Bangor	192	181	147	328	339	520	750
Tullaghan Bay (Common Est.)		Bangor	45			0	45	45	
Shramore (Burrishoole)1	107	Bangor		15	29	45	29	45	0
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	55	107	42	149	97	204	400
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		108	96	204	96	204	502
Unknown	266	Bangor		3	5	8	5	8	0
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		93	16	109	16	109	234
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		27	14	42	14	42	97
Screebe	239	Connemara		1		1		1	0
Glashaboy	193	Cork		4	1	5	1	5	0
Glengarriff	219	Cork		2	12	14	12	14	332
Adrigole	224	Cork		2	4	6	4	6	35

table 10 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Catch	Raised Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Raised Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Raised Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Harvest by all methods	Total Salmon Catch by all methods	Total Allowable Harvest 2021
Coomhola	225	Cork		17	40	56	40	<b>56</b>	151
Owvane	226	Cork		2	10	12	10	<b>12</b>	562
Mealagh	227	Cork		7	6	13	6	<b>13</b>	191
Lower Lee	228	Cork	539	816	86	902	625	<b>1,441</b>	755
Bandon	229	Cork		322	277	599	277	<b>599</b>	568
Owenboy	230	Cork		1	4	5	4	<b>5</b>	0
Argideen	232	Cork		17		17		<b>17</b>	0
Ilen	233	Cork		67	118	185	118	<b>185</b>	1,061
Boyne	159	Drogheda		389		389		<b>389</b>	
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		2		2		<b>2</b>	
Fane	94	Dundalk		76	1	77	1	<b>77</b>	29
Glyde	95	Dundalk		146		146		<b>146</b>	
Dee	96	Dundalk		53		53		<b>53</b>	0
Corrib	143	Galway		256	1,437	1,693	1,437	<b>1,693</b>	4,540
Maine	197	Kerry		18	90	108	90	<b>108</b>	319
Owenmore	203	Kerry	156	10		10	156	<b>166</b>	210
Laune	207	Kerry	2,130	155	739	894	2,869	<b>3,024</b>	3,664
Caragh	208	Kerry		54	120	174	120	<b>174</b>	549
Ferta	210	Kerry		37	25	62	25	<b>62</b>	140
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		188		188		<b>188</b>	0
Waterville\ Cumberagh\ Currane	213	Kerry		113	154	266	154	<b>266</b>	276
Sneem	214	Kerry		26	61	88	61	<b>88</b>	695
Blackwater	215	Kerry		60		60		<b>60</b>	
Roughty	217	Kerry		156	229	385	229	<b>385</b>	415
Sheen	218	Kerry		17	37	54	37	<b>54</b>	1,236
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		19	1	20	1	<b>20</b>	254
Castlemaine	Harbour	Kerry	672			0	672	<b>672</b>	674
Ray	3	Letterkenny		27		27		<b>27</b>	0
Crana	9	Letterkenny		60		60		<b>60</b>	187
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		27	23	50	23	<b>50</b>	118
Clady	23	Letterkenny		20	54	74	54	<b>74</b>	144
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		13	8	21	8	<b>21</b>	121
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	5	27	8	35	13	<b>40</b>	154
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		21		21		<b>21</b>	0
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	100	66	55	120	155	<b>220</b>	316

table 10 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Catch	Raised Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Raised Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Raised Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Harvest by all methods	Total Salmon Catch by all methods	Total Allowable Harvest 2021
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	94	321	41	363	135	<b>457</b>	199
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny		1		1		<b>1</b>	
Mulkear	153	Limerick		160		160		<b>160</b>	0
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		28		28		<b>28</b>	0
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		353		353		<b>353</b>	0
Feale	194	Limerick		414		414		<b>414</b>	0
Blackwater	190	Lismore	1,755	1,706	1,530	3,236	3,285	<b>4,991</b>	<b>6,420</b>
Bride	191	Lismore		209		209		<b>209</b>	0
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		179	769	948	769	<b>948</b>	2,587
Garvogue	117	Sligo		144		144		<b>144</b>	0
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo		57	83	140	83	<b>140</b>	138
Rosses Point	250	Sligo			1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0
Bunduff	267	Sligo		6		6		<b>6</b>	0
Suir	182	Waterford		1,029		1,029		<b>1,029</b>	0
Barrow	183	Waterford		65		65		<b>65</b>	0
Nore	184	Waterford		876		876		<b>876</b>	0
Slaney	175	Wexford		324		324		<b>324</b>	0
Unknown	999	ERBD			7	7	7	<b>7</b>	0
1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish			<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>12,768</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>24,668</b>	<b>18,380</b>	<b>31,148</b>
				<b>21%</b>		<b>79%</b>			

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2021. 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 2021 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
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina		3		3	3
Moy	110	Ballina		31	54	84	84
Easkey	114	Ballina		17		17	17
Unknown	265	Ballina		1	1	3	3
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill		1		1	1
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		7		7	7
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill		5		5	5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		3		3	3
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		1		1	1
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		19	1	20	20
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		1		1	1
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon		3		3	3
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon			1	1	1
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		8		8	8
Owenmore	105	Bangor		19		19	19
Owenduff	106	Bangor		37	10	47	47
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		11		11	11
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		52	4	56	56
Unknown	266	Bangor		1		1	1
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara		30		30	30
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		3		3	3
Glashaboy	193	Cork		12	6	18	18
Lower Lee	228	Cork	1	5		5	6
Bandon	229	Cork		8	5	13	13
Owenboy	230	Cork		13		13	13
Argideen	232	Cork		79		79	79
Ilen	233	Cork		12	1	13	13
Roscarbery	259	Cork		2	1	4	4
Boyne	159	Drogheda		62		62	62
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		1		1	1
Dargle*	169	Dublin		5		5	5
Vartry*	170	Dublin		70		70	70
Sutton Estuary	255	Dublin		4		4	4
Castletown*	92	Dundalk		72		72	72
Fane	94	Dundalk		5		5	5
Glyde	95	Dundalk		18		18	18
Dee	96	Dundalk		9		9	9

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
Corrib	143	Galway		3	1	4	4
Maine	197	Kerry		24	5	29	29
Owenmore	203	Kerry	8	18	2	20	28
Laune	207	Kerry	32	10	12	22	54
Caragh	208	Kerry		8	1	10	10
Ferta	210	Kerry		8	1	10	10
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		8		8	8
Waterville\ Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry		133		133	133
Sneem	214	Kerry		6		6	6
Blackwater	215	Kerry		1		1	1
Roughty	217	Kerry			1	1	1
Brandon/Clahan	260	Kerry		4		4	4
Castlemaine	Harbour	Kerry	2				2
Ray	3	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny		21	1	23	23
Crana	9	Letterkenny		8		8	8
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Crolla	22	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Clady	23	Letterkenny		1	1	3	3
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny		1	1	3	3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	1	45	1	47	48
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		11		11	11
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	2	8	5	13	15
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		19		19	19
Dungloe	238	Letterkenny		4		4	4
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny		8	4	12	12
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny		1		1	1
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		12		12	12
Fergus*	158	Limerick		1		1	1
Feale	194	Limerick		27		27	27
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	11	20	6	26	37
Bride	191	Lismore		36		36	36

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
Grange*	5	Sligo			1	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		19	20	40	40
Garvogue	117	Sligo		13		13	13
Drumcliff (inc Glencare Lake)	119	Sligo		38	9	47	47
Strandhill	251	Sligo			1	1	1
Bunduff	267	Sligo			1	1	1
Nore	184	Waterford		10		10	10
Mahon*	185	Waterford		1		1	1
Colligan*	188	Waterford		4		4	4
Bannow Bay	242	Waterford		1		1	1
Avoca*	171	Wexford		22		22	22
Slaney	175	Wexford		139		139	139
Owenavorrigh*	177	Wexford		23		23	23
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford		2		2	2
Unknown	999	ERBD		2		2	2
Unknown	999	SERBD		7		7	7
Unknown	999	WRBD-B		1		1	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>1,595</b>

\*Sea trout under 40cm

3.6%

96.4%

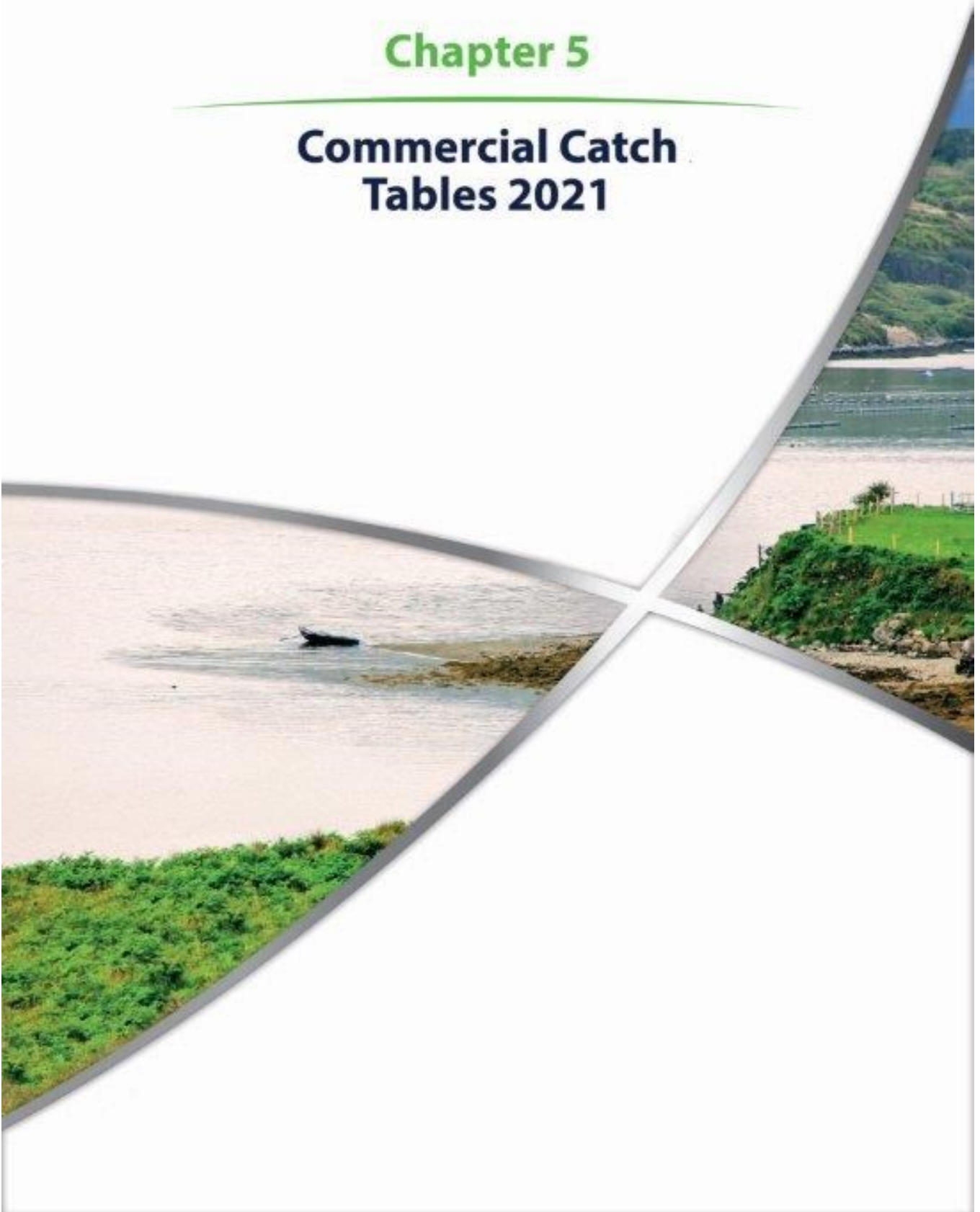
Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2021. Rod and line figures shown represent sea trout catch including caught and released.

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



## Chapter 5

# Commercial Catch Tables 2021



**Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2021 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	1,068	1,755	16.5%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	687		10.6%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	539	539	8.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	672	2,958	10.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	2,130		32.9%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	156		2.4%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1)	222	563	3.4%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	234		3.6%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	95		1.5%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden R.	12		0.2%
Bangor	Draft Net	Tullaghaun Bay	45	466	0.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	192		3.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	61		0.9%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	55		0.8%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	113		1.7%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	100	199	1.5%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Lackagh	5		0.1%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea	22		0.3%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	72		1.1%
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,480</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2021 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 2021 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	8	11	14.0%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	3		5.3%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	1	1	1.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	2	42	3.5%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	32		56.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	8		14.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1 )		0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden R.			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Tullaghaun Bay		0	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)			0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	2	3	3.5%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Lackagh	1		1.8%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea			0.0%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea			0.0%
<b>Total</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2021 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 2021**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Total Sea Trout Harvest	Total Salmon & Sea Trout Catch	Comm TAC	% of TAC Caught
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	1,068	8	1,076	1,769	60.8%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	687	3	690		39.0%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	539	1	540	544	99.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	672	2	674	674	100.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	2,130	32	2,162	2,471	87.5%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	156	8	164	164	100.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1 )	222		222	232	95.7%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	234		234	295	79.3%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	95		95	116	81.9%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden R.	12		12	19	63.2%
Bangor	Draft Net	Tullaghaun Bay	45		45	77	58.4%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	192		192	192	100.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	61		61	64	95.3%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	55		55	68	80.9%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	113		113	126	89.7%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	100	2	102	100	102.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Lackagh	5	1	6	30	20.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea	22		22	24	91.7%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	72		72	72	100.0%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>6,480</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6,537</b>	<b>7,037</b>	<b>92.9%</b>

**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 2021, 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 2021 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	May	June	July	Total salmon Catch
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	98	409	561	1,068
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	90	233	364	687
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	12	253	274	539
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	29	285	358	672
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	17	859	1254	2,130
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	9	43	104	156
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1)		176	46	222
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)		19	215	234
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.			95	95
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden R.			12	12
Bangor	Draft Net	Tullaghaun Bay	1	6	38	45
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	50	66	76	192
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy		3	58	61
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)		5	50	55
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	3	12	98	113
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	1	72	27	100
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Lackagh			5	5
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea			22	22
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea			72	72
<b>Totals</b>			<b>310</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>3,729</b>	<b>6,480</b>

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

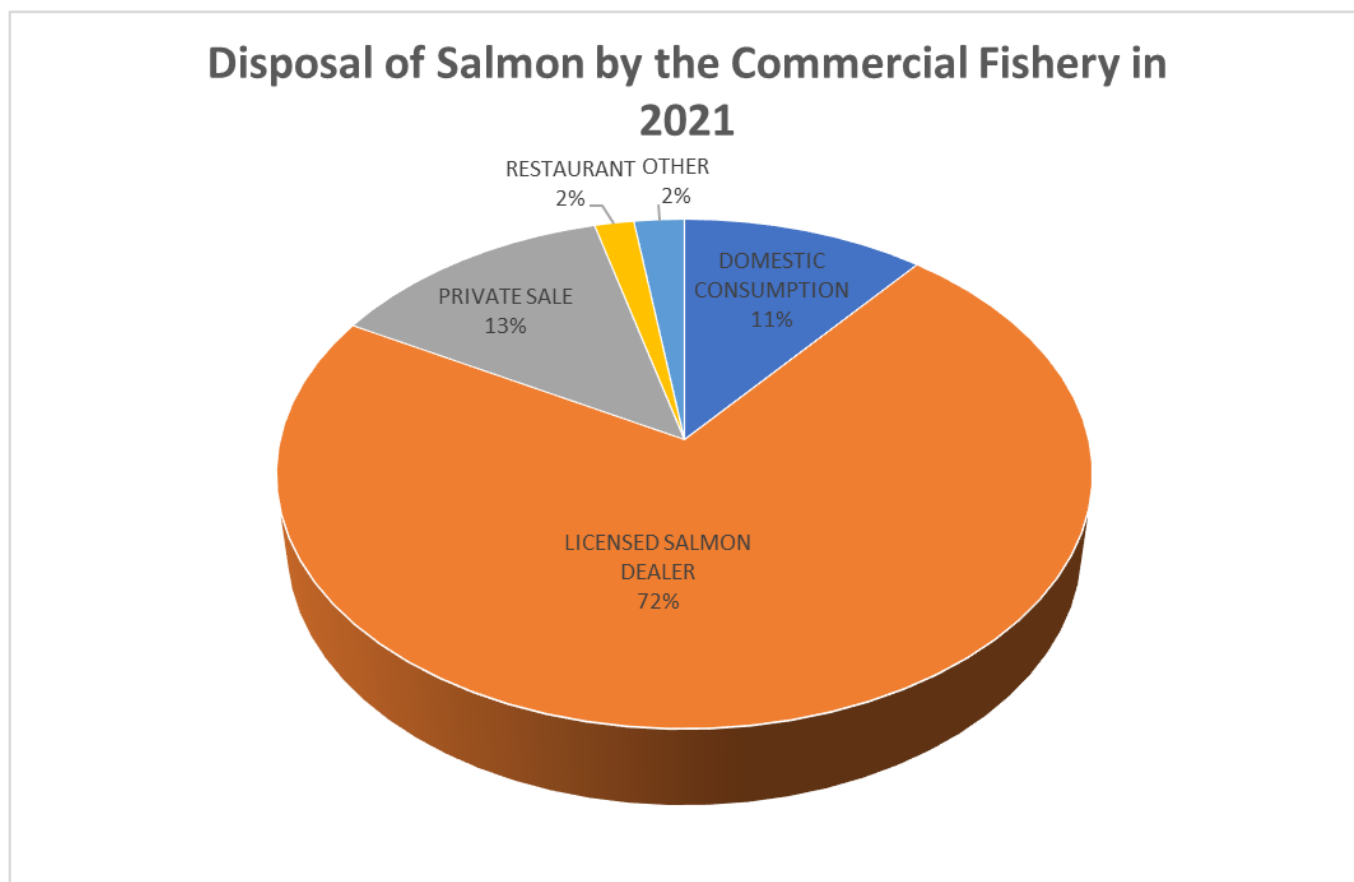
Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2021 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.

**Table 16 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2021.**

Fishery District	Total Caught	Domestic Consumption	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Restaurant	Other
Ballinakill	563	103	390	50	12	8
Bangor	466	143	30	261		32
Cork	539	31	441	40	27	
Kerry	2,958	134	2,533	222	14	55
Letterkenny	199	100	14	85		
Lismore	1,755	199	1,265	177	62	52
Total Sales by Category	6,480	<b>710</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>147</b>
% Totals	100%	11%	72%	13%	2%	2%

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 2021

#### Disposal of Salmon by the Commercial Fishery in 2021



**Fig. 6 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2021.**

## Chapter 6

### Angling Catch Tables 2021





**Table 17 – Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2021**

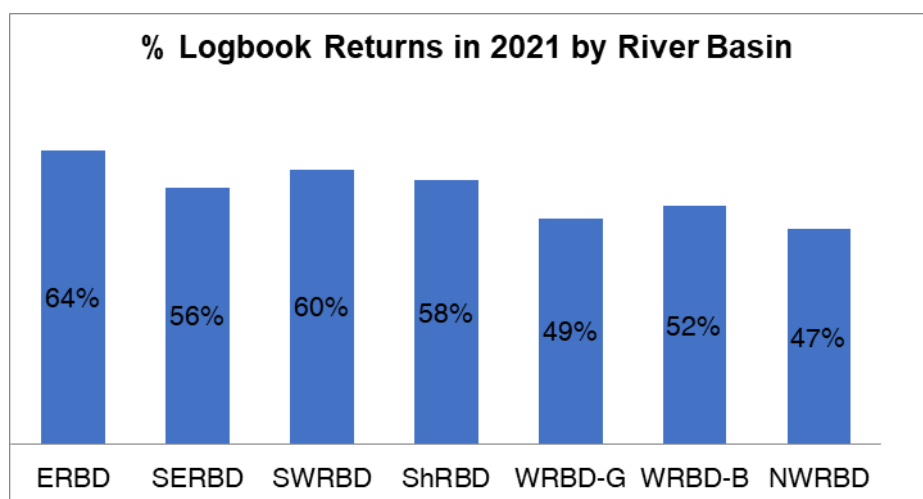
River Basin	Angling Licence Sales 2021	Angling Logbook Returns 2021	% Returns 2021	Raising Factor
ERBD	1,209	777	64%	1.166795
SERBD	1,377	774	56%	1.233721
SWRBD	3,550	2131	60%	1.199765
ShRBD	803	463	58%	1.220302
WRBD-G	1,759	869	49%	1.307250
WRBD-B	4,492	2340	52%	1.275897
NWRBD	2,357	1108	47%	1.338177
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,547</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>54.43%</b>	<b>1.251182</b>

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2021 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 2021**

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	1,209	638	261	78	143	87	0	2
South Eastern	1,377	546	592	126	72	41	0	0
South Western	3,550	1,025	1,559	379	274	313	0	0
Shannon	803	310	332	62	58	41	0	0
Western - G	1,759	421	647	162	222	294	13	0
Western - B	4,492	848	1,769	494	812	506	63	0
North Western	2,357	411	731	147	281	172	303	312
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,547</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>314</b>
	<b>100%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2021 by River Basin and Licence type.



**Fig. 7.** Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2021.  
**Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2021 by River Basin**

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Afghanistan	1					1		
Austria	18			5	3	3	7	
Belgium	20			1		14	2	3
Canada	4			3			1	
Czech Republic	2					2		
Denmark	7		1	2		2	2	
England	124	1		5	1	11	96	10
France	250	9	11	38	8	37	103	44
Germany	126	1		11	1	17	92	4
Iran	2				1		1	
Ireland	12,733	1,188	1,345	3,278	742	1,499	3,464	1,217
Isle Of Man	6	1		2	1			2
Israel	1	1						
Italy	12			3	5	2	2	
Japan	2				2			
Kenya	1			1				
Luxembourg	1			1				
Netherlands	16			6	2	1	5	2
Niue	1							1
Northern Ireland	1,577	4	11	39	13	77	572	861
Poland	1						1	
Romania	1			1				
Saudi Arabia	1						1	
Scotland	26			3		1	13	9
Singapore	2					2		
South Africa	1			1				
Spain	51	1	1	8		4	13	24
Swaziland	1						1	
Switzerland	45		1	3	2	8	16	15
United Kingdom	400	2	6	110	16	38	71	157
United States	52	1	1	9	5	23	12	1
Unknown	40			18	1	13	3	5
Wales	21			2		3	14	2
Zambia	1					1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,547</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>2,357</b>

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2021 by Angler Nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

**Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2021 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	18		2		14	2		
Belgium	20		2		12	4		2
Canada	4				1	3		
Czech Republic	2				2			
Denmark	7				7			
England	124	5	9	1	86	23		
France	250	5	25	7	186	24		3
Germany	126	5	23		95	2		1
Iran	2	1	1					
Ireland	12,733	3,897	5,384	1,353	804	1,036	70	189
Isle Of Man	6		4	2				
Israel	1	1						
Italy	12		3	1	7	1		
Japan	2	2						
Kenya	1					1		
Luxembourg	1				1			
Netherlands	16		1	1	13	1		
Niue	1		1					
Northern Ireland	1,577	220	383	70	324	222	253	105
Poland	1		1					
Romania	1		1					
Saudi Arabia	1				1			
Scotland	26	1	2		16	7		
Singapore	2				2			
South Africa	1					1		
Spain	51	4	3	4	29	8		3
Swaziland	1				1			
Switzerland	45	3	4		34	1		3
United Kingdom	400	51	33	5	198	49	56	8
United States	52		2	3	8	39		
Unknown	40	2	6	1	4	27		
Wales	21	1	1		17	2		
Zambia	1					1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,547</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>314</b>

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2021 by angler nationality and by licence type.

**Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2021**

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 (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	3		3
Moy	110	Ballina	1,438	4,559	5,997
Easkey	114	Ballina	117	226	343
Unknown	265	Ballina	3	17	19
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	39		39
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	43		43
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	54		54
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	37	78	115
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	234	129	363
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	3	4
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	106	34	140
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	38	10	48
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	103		103
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	3		3
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	5		5
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	54		54
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	21		21
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	15	3	17
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	15		15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	376	427	803
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	28	4	32
Owenmore	105	Bangor	334	32	366
Owenduff	106	Bangor	181	147	328
Shramore (Burrishoole)1	107	Bangor	15	29	45
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	107	42	149
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	108	96	204
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	5	8
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	93	16	109
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	27	14	42
Screebe	239	Connemara	1		1
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4	1	5
Glengarriff	219	Cork	2	12	14
Adrigole	224	Cork	2	4	6
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	40	56
Owvane	226	Cork	2	10	12
Mealagh	227	Cork	7	6	13
Lower Lee	228	Cork	816	86	902
Bandon	229	Cork	322	277	599
Owenboy	230	Cork	1	4	5
Argideen	232	Cork	17		17
Ilen	233	Cork	67	118	185
Boyne	159	Drogheda	389		389
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	2		2
Fane	94	Dundalk	76	1	77
Glyde	95	Dundalk	146		146
Dee	96	Dundalk	53		53

table 21 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Corrib	143	Galway	256	1,437	1,693
Maine	197	Kerry	18	90	108
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10		10
Laune	207	Kerry	155	739	894
Caragh	208	Kerry	54	120	174
Ferta	210	Kerry	37	25	62
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	188	0	188
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	113	154	266
Sneem	214	Kerry	26	61	88
Blackwater	215	Kerry	60		60
Roughy	217	Kerry	156	229	385
Sheen	218	Kerry	17	37	54
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	19	1	20
Ray	3	Letterkenny	27		27
Crana	9	Letterkenny	60		60
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	27	23	50
Clady	23	Letterkenny	20	54	74
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	13	8	21
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	27	8	35
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	21		21
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	66	55	120
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	321	41	363
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	1		1
Mulkear	153	Limerick	160		160
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	28		28
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	353		353
Feale	194	Limerick	414	0	414
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,706	1,530	3,236
Bride	191	Lismore	209		209
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	179	769	948
Garvogue	117	Sligo	144	0	144
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	57	83	140
Rosses Point	250	Sligo		1	1
Bunduff	267	Sligo	6		6
Suir	182	Waterford	1,029		1,029
Barrow	183	Waterford	65		65
Nore	184	Waterford	876		876
Slaney	175	Wexford	324		324
Unknown	999	ERBD		7	7
1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish			<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,768</b>	<b>11,900</b>
				<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>
					<b>100%</b>

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 2021. (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 2021**

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	97	360	457
Easkey	114	Ballina	1	4	5
Unknown	265	Ballina		3	3
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	7		7
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	3		3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	3		3
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	9	21	30
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	4	3	7
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	3	1	4
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	1		1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	4		4
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	74	80	154
Owenmore	105	Bangor	41	10	51
Owenduff	106	Bangor	73	63	135
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	92	23	115
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	47	63	110
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	1		1
Glashaboy	193	Cork		1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	1
Glashaboy	193	Cork		1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	1
Coomhola	225	Cork		4	4
Lower Lee	228	Cork	209	13	222
Bandon	229	Cork	32	56	89
Owenboy	230	Cork	1	2	4
Argideen	232	Cork	6		6
Ilen	233	Cork	7	25	32
Boyne	159	Drogheda	51		51
Fane	94	Dundalk	5	1	6
Glyde	95	Dundalk	21		21
Dee	96	Dundalk	8		8
Corrib	143	Galway	8	86	94
Maine	197	Kerry	5	2	7
Laune	207	Kerry	38	246	284
Caragh	208	Kerry	12	31	43
Ferta	210	Kerry	2		2
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	1		1
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	52	30	82
Sneem	214	Kerry		8	8
Roughty	217	Kerry	8	14	23
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1	2

**table 22 cont'd**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Crana	9	Letterkenny	5		5
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	9	3	12
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	7		7
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	4	8
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	16	1	17
Mulkear	153	Limerick	23		23
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	71		71
Feale	194	Limerick	131		131
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	156	155	311
Bride	191	Lismore	31		31
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	27	82	108
Garvogue	117	Sligo	38		38
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	6	10	17
Suir	182	Waterford	194		194
Barrow	183	Waterford	12		12
Nore	184	Waterford	122		122
Slaney	175	Wexford	183		183
Unknown	999	ERBD		1	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1,965</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>3,375</b>

Table 22 shows the Spring Salmon (1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31<sup>st</sup> May) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2021.

(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 2021**

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 (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	3		3
Moy	110	Ballina	1,341	4199	5540
Easkey	114	Ballina	116	222	338
Unknown	265	Ballina	3	14	17
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	33		33
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	41		41
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	51		51
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	27	58	85
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	230	127	357
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	3	4
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	103	33	136
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	37	10	47
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	103		103
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	3		3
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	5		5
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	54		54
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	17		17
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	15	3	17
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	12		12
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	302	347	649
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	28	4	32
Owenmore	105	Bangor	293	22	315
Owenduff	106	Bangor	108	84	193
Shramore (Burrishoole)1	107	Bangor	15	29	45
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	15	19	34
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	61	33	94
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	5	8
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	93	16	109
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	26	14	41
Screebe	239	Connemara	1		1
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4		4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	2	11	13
Adrigole	224	Cork	2	4	6
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	36	53
Owvane	226	Cork	2	10	12
Mealagh	227	Cork	7	6	13
Lower Lee	228	Cork	607	73	680
Bandon	229	Cork	289	221	510
Owenboy	230	Cork		1	1
Argideen	232	Cork	11		11
Ilenn	233	Cork	60	92	152
Boyne	159	Drogheda	337		337
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	2		2
Fane	94	Dundalk	71		71
Glyde	95	Dundalk	125		125
Dee	96	Dundalk	44		44



table 23 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Corrib	143	Galway	248	1350	1599
Maine	197	Kerry	13	88	101
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10		10
Laune	207	Kerry	116	493	609
Caragh	208	Kerry	42	89	131
Ferta	210	Kerry	35	25	60
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	187		187
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	61	124	185
Sneem	214	Kerry	26	53	79
Blackwater	215	Kerry	60		60
Roughy	217	Kerry	148	215	362
Sheen	218	Kerry	17	37	54
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	18		18
Ray	3	Letterkenny	27		27
Crana	9	Letterkenny	55		55
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	27	23	50
Clady	23	Letterkenny	20	54	74
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	13	8	21
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	17	5	23
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	15		15
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	62	51	112
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	305	40	345
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	1		1
Mulkear	153	Limerick	137		137
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	28		28
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	282		282
Feale	194	Limerick	283		283
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,550	1,375	2,925
Bride	191	Lismore	178		178
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	152	688	840
Garvogue	117	Sligo	106		106
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	51	73	124
Rosses Point	250	Sligo		1	1
Bunduff	267	Sligo	6		6
Suir	182	Waterford	835		835
Barrow	183	Waterford	53		53
Nore	184	Waterford	754		754
Slaney	175	Wexford	142		142
Unknown	999	ERBD		6	6
1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish		<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>10,491</b>	<b>21,293</b>

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 2021. (1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2021**

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
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	3		3
Moy	110	Ballina	31	54	84
Easkey	114	Ballina	17		17
Unknown	265	Ballina	1	1	3
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	1		1
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	7		7
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	5		5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	3		3
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	1		1
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	19	1	20
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	3		3
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		1	1
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	8		8
Owenmore	105	Bangor	19		19
Owenduff	106	Bangor	37	10	47
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	11		11
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	52	4	56
Unknown	266	Bangor	1		1
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara	30		30
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	3		3
Glashaboy	193	Cork	12	6	18
Lower Lee	228	Cork	5		5
Bandon	229	Cork	8	5	13
Owenboy	230	Cork	13		13
Argideen	232	Cork	79		79
Ilenn	233	Cork	12	1	13
Roscarbery	259	Cork	2	1	4
Boyne	159	Drogheda	62		62
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1		1
Dargle*	169	Dublin	5		5
Vartry*	170	Dublin	70		70
Sutton Estuary	255	Dublin	4		4
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	72		72
Fane	94	Dundalk	5		5
Glyde	95	Dundalk	18		18
Dee	96	Dundalk	9		9
Corrib	143	Galway	3		3
Maine	197	Kerry	24	5	29
Owenmore	203	Kerry	18	2	20
Laune	207	Kerry	10	13	23
Caragh	208	Kerry	8	1	10
Ferta	210	Kerry	8	1	10
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	8		8
Waterville\Cummeragh\Curran	213	Kerry	133		133

table 24 cont'd

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
Sneem	214	Kerry	6		6
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1		1
Roughy	217	Kerry		1	1
Brandon/Clahan	260	Kerry	4		4
Ray	3	Letterkenny	5		5
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny	3		3
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	21	1	23
Crana	9	Letterkenny	8		8
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	3		3
Crolly	22	Letterkenny	3		3
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1	3
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny	1	1	3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	45	1	47
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	11		11
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	8	5	13
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	19		19
Dungloe	238	Letterkenny	4		4
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	8	4	12
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny	1		1
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	12		12
Fergus*	158	Limerick	1		1
Feale	194	Limerick	27		27
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	20	6	26
Bride	191	Lismore	36		36
Grange*	5	Sligo		1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	19	20	40
Garvogue	117	Sligo	13		13
Drumcliff (inc Glencare Lake)	119	Sligo	38	9	47
Strandhill	251	Sligo		1	1
Bunduff	267	Sligo		1	1
Nore	184	Waterford	10		10
Mahon*	185	Waterford	1		1
Colligan*	188	Waterford	4		4
Bannow Bay	242	Waterford	1		1
Avoca*	171	Wexford	22		22
Slaney	175	Wexford	139		139
Owenavorrhagh*	177	Wexford	23		23
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	2		2
Unknown	999	ERBD	2		2
Unknown	999	SERBD	7		7
Unknown	999	WRBD-B	1		1
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,538</b>

Table 24 shows the sea trout harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2021. (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 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Fane	94	Dundalk	1	1
ERBD	999	Unknown	6	7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

**Table 26 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 27 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Fane	94	Dundalk	65	76
Glyde	95	Dundalk	125	146
Dee	96	Dundalk	45	53
Boyne	159	Drogheda	333	389
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	2	2
		<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>665</b>

**Table 28 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	62	72
Fane	94	Dundalk	4	5
Glyde	95	Dundalk	15	18
Dee	96	Dundalk	8	9
Boyne	159	Drogheda	53	62
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1	1
Dargle*	169	Dublin	4	5
Vartry*	170	Dublin	60	70
Sutton Estuary	255	Dublin	3	4
Unknown	999	ERBD	2	2
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>247</b>

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 2021 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 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
N/A	N/A	Wexford		
N/A	N/A	Waterford		
<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 30 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2021**

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

**Table 31 – Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	263	324
Suir	182	Waterford	834	1,029
Barrow	183	Waterford	53	65
Nore	184	Waterford	710	876
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,860</b>	<b>2,295</b>

**Table 32 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Avoca*	171	Wexford	18	22
Slaney	175	Wexford	113	139
Owenavorragh*	177	Wexford	19	23
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	2	2
Nore	184	Waterford	8	10
Mahon*	185	Waterford	1	1
Colligan*	188	Waterford	3	4
Bannow Bay	242	Waterford	1	1
Unknown	999	SERBD	6	7
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>211</b>

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 2021 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 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,275	1,530
Glashaboy	193	Cork	1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	10	12
Adrigole	224	Cork	3	4
Coomhola	225	Cork	33	40
Owvane	226	Cork	8	10
Mealagh	227	Cork	5	6
Lower Lee	228	Cork	72	86
Bandon	229	Cork	231	277
Owenboy	230	Cork	3	4
Ilen	233	Cork	98	118
Maine	197	Kerry	75	90
Laune	207	Kerry	616	739
Caragh	208	Kerry	100	120
Ferta	210	Kerry	21	25
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	128	154
Sneem	214	Kerry	51	61
Roughy	217	Kerry	191	229
Sheen	218	Kerry	31	37
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>3,543</b>

**Table 34 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	5	6
Glashaboy	193	Cork	5	6
Bandon	229	Cork	4	5
Ilen	233	Cork	1	1
Roscarbery	259	Cork	1	1
Maine	197	Kerry	4	5
Owemore	203	Kerry	2	2
Laune	207	Kerry	11	13
Caragh	208	Kerry	1	1
Ferta	210	Kerry	1	1
Roughy	217	Kerry	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>



**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	1,422	1,706
Bride	191	Lismore	174	209
Glashaboy	193	Cork	3	4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	2	2
Adrigole	224	Cork	2	2
Coomhola	225	Cork	14	17
Owvane	226	Cork	2	2
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	7
Lower Lee	228	Cork	680	816
Bandon	229	Cork	268	322
Owenboy	230	Cork	1	1
Argideen	232	Cork	14	17
Ilen	233	Cork	56	67
Maine	197	Kerry	15	18
Owenmore	203	Kerry	8	10
Laune	207	Kerry	129	155
Caragh	208	Kerry	45	54
Ferta	210	Kerry	31	37
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	157	188
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	94	113
Sneem	214	Kerry	22	26
Blackwater	215	Kerry	50	60
Roughty	217	Kerry	130	156
Sheen	218	Kerry	14	17
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	16	19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>4,025</b>

**Table 36 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	17	20
Bride	191	Lismore	30	36
Glashaboy	193	Cork	10	12
Lower Lee	228	Cork	4	5
Bandon	229	Cork	7	8
Owenboy	230	Cork	11	13
Argideen	232	Cork	66	79
Ilen	233	Cork	10	12
Roscarbery	259	Cork	2	2
Maine	197	Kerry	20	24
Owenmore	203	Kerry	15	18
Laune	207	Kerry	8	10
Caragh	208	Kerry	7	8
Ferta	210	Kerry	7	8
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	7	8
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	111	133
Sneem	214	Kerry	5	6
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1	1
Brandon/Clahan	260	Kerry	3	4
		<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>409</b>

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 2021 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 2021**

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

**Table 38 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
		Limerick	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 39 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Mulkear	153	Limerick	131	160
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	23	28
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	289	353
Feale	194	Limerick	339	414
		<b>Total</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>954</b>

**Table 40 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	10	12
Fergus*	158	Limerick	1	1
Feale	194	Limerick	22	27
		<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>

\*Sea trout (under 40cm)

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 2021 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 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	60	78
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	99	129
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	2	3
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	26	34
Owenglin	135	Ballinakill	8	10
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	12	16
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	11	14
Corrib	143	Galway	1,099	1,437
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,722</b>

**Table 42 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	30	39
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	33	43
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	41	54
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	28	37
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	179	234
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	1
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	81	106
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	29	38
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	71	93
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	21	27
Screebe	239	Connemara	1	1
Corrib	143	Galway	196	256
<b>Total</b>			<b>711</b>	<b>929</b>

**Table 43 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	1	1
Carrowniskey	128	Ballinakill	5	7
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	4	5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	2	3
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	1	1
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	23	30
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	2	3
Corrib	143	Galway	2	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 44 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2021**

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

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 2021 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 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	3	4
Owenmore	105	Bangor	25	32
Owenduff	106	Bangor	115	147
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sup>1</sup>	107	Bangor	23	29
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	33	42
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	75	96
Unknown	266	Bangor	4	5
Moy	110	Ballina	3,573	4,559
Easkey	114	Ballina	177	226
Unknown	265	Ballina	13	17
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	603	769
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	65	83
Rosses Point	250	Sligo	1	1
1 Ranched Fish		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>6,009</b>

**Table 46 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Owenduff	106	Bangor	8	10
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	3	4
Unknown	265	Ballina	1	1
Moy	110	Ballina	42	54
Grange*	5	Sligo	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	16	20
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	7	9
Strandhill	251	Sligo	1	1
Bunduff	267	Sligo	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>102</b>

**Table 47 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	22	28
Owenmore	105	Bangor	262	334
Owenduff	106	Bangor	142	181
Shramore (Burrishoole)	107	Bangor	12	15
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	84	107
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	85	108
Unknown	266	Bangor	2	3
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	2	3
Moy	110	Ballina	1,127	1,438
Easkey	114	Ballina	92	117
Unknown	265	Ballina	2	3
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	140	179
Garvogue	117	Sligo	113	144
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	45	57
Bunduff	267	Sligo	5	6
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,724</b>

**Table 48 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	6	8
Owenmore	105	Bangor	15	19
Owenduff	106	Bangor	29	37
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	9	11
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	41	52
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	2	3
Moy	110	Ballina	24	31
Easkey	114	Ballina	13	17
Unknown	265	Ballina	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	15	19
Garvogue	117	Sligo	10	13
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	30	38
Unknown	999	WRBD-B	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>251</b>

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 2021 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).

## ANGLING CATCH BY RIVER SYSTEM – NORTH WESTERN RIVER BASIN

**Table 49 – Salmon Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	2	3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	319	427
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	17	23
Clady	23	Letterkenny	40	54
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	6	8
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	6	8
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	41	55
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	31	41
<b>Total</b>			<b>462</b>	<b>618</b>

**Table 50 – Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Glen*	52	Ballyshannon	1	1
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	1	1
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	1	1
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	1	1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	1	1
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	5
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	3	4
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

\*Sea trout (under 40cm)



**Table 51 – Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	77	103
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	2	3
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	4	5
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	40	54
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	16	21
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	11	15
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	11	15
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	281	376
Ray	3	Letterkenny	20	27
Crana	9	Letterkenny	45	60
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	20	27
Clady	23	Letterkenny	15	20
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	10	13
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	20	27
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	16	21
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	49	66
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	240	321
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,175</b>

**Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2021**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	14	19
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	2	3
Ray	3	Letterkenny	4	5
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny	2	3
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	16	21
Crana	9	Letterkenny	6	8
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	2	3
Crolly	22	Letterkenny	2	3
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	1	1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	34	45
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	8	11
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	6	8
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	14	19
Dungloe	238	Letterkenny	3	4
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	6	8
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny	1	1
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>165</b>

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 2021 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 2021**

No. of Salmon Released	No. of Anglers who 'Caught & Released' Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Released
1	455*	455
2	311	622
3	212	636
4	112	448
5	97	485
6	82	492
7	73	511
8	53	424
9	58	522
10	51	510
11	34	374
12	27	324
13	27	351
14	19	266
15	18	270
16	10	160
17	15	255
18	16	288
19	8	152
20	12	240
21	10	210
22	6	132
23	7	161
24	9	216
25	13	325
26	5	130
27	2	54
28	3	84
29	1	29
30	2	60
31	2	62
33	3	99
34	2	68
35	2	70
36	1	36
37	2	74
39	1	39
43	1	43
48	1	48
55	1	55
57	1	57
59	1	59
62	1	62
64	1	64
69	1	69
93	1	93
107	1	107
<b>Total Anglers who Caught &amp; Released Salmon</b>	<b>1,771*</b>	<b>10,291 Reported Salmon Released</b>

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 107 salmon in 2021 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 455 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon only. 1,771 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 10,291 salmon. This figure was raised to 12,768 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught and released' where no logbook was returned.

In 2021, 1,771 anglers Caught and Released salmon. Of this figure, 55% (978 anglers) caught and released no more than 3 salmon, a further 16% (291 anglers) caught and released between 4-6 salmon, 13% (235 anglers) caught and released between 7 and 10 salmon and 15% (267 anglers) caught and released more than 10 salmon. Subsequently only 11.4% (1,771 anglers) of total licence holders (15,547 anglers) caught and released salmon.

**Table 54 – Analysis of Salmon Harvest per Angler in 2021**

No. of Salmon Harvested	No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Harvest
1	978*	978
2	514	1,028
3	560	1,680
4	247	988
5	155	775
6	204	1,224
7	126	882
8	60	480
9	56	504
10	91	910
<b>Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon</b>	<b>2,991*</b>	<b>9,449 Reported Salmon Harvest</b>

Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 10 salmon in 2021 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 978 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 2,991 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 9,449 salmon. This figure of 9,449 was raised to 11,900 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

In 2021, 2,991 anglers harvested salmon. Of this figure, 68.6% of anglers (2,052) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 20.3% (606) of anglers harvested between 4-6 salmon, 11.1% (333) of angler's harvest between 7 and 10 salmon. 3% (91 anglers) harvested the maximum permitted of 10 salmon. Subsequently only 19.2% (2,991 anglers) of licence holders (15,547 anglers) harvested salmon.

## Chapter 7

# Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2021



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**Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2021 (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 2021.

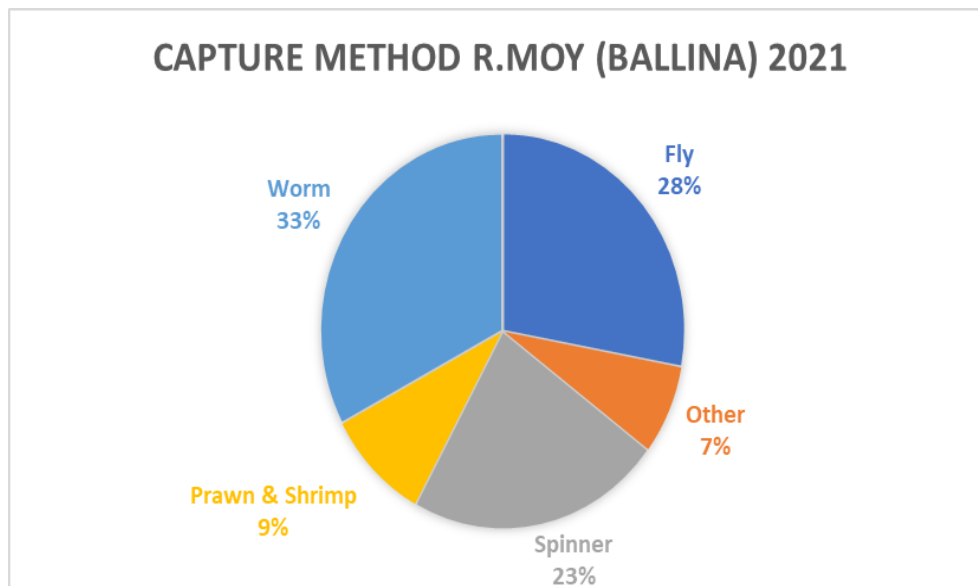
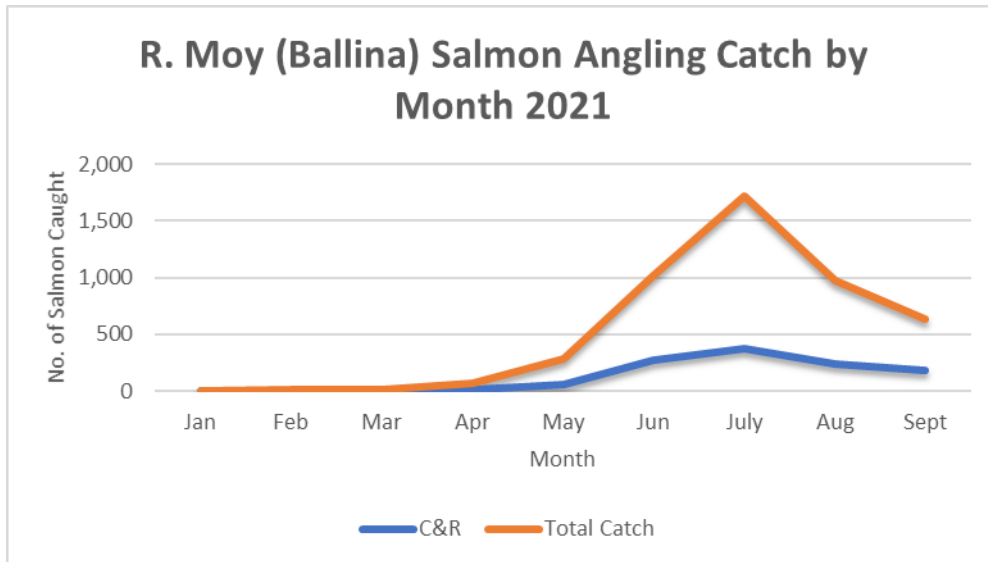


Fig. 9 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Blackwater Munster (Lismore) in 2021.

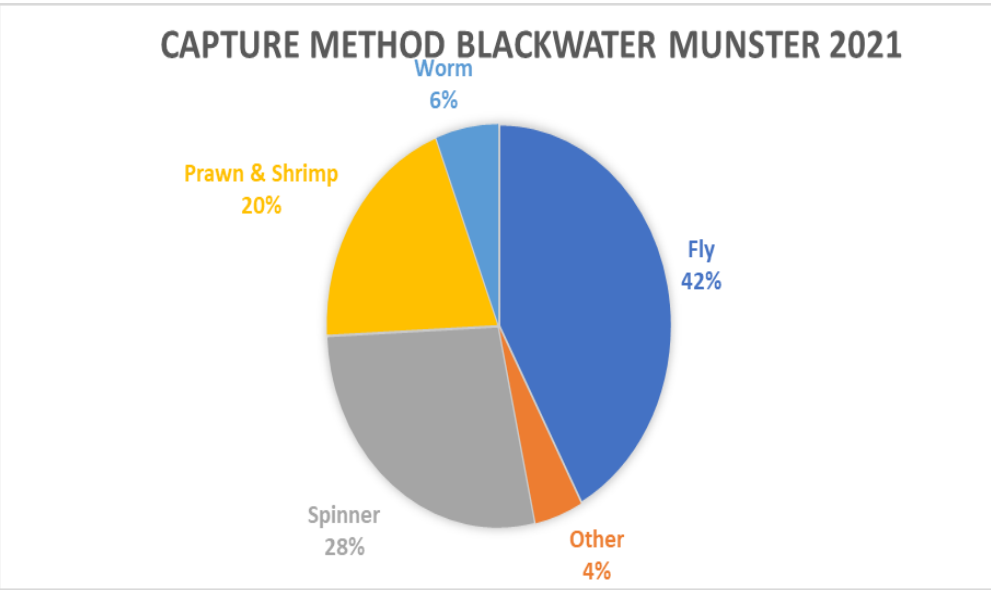
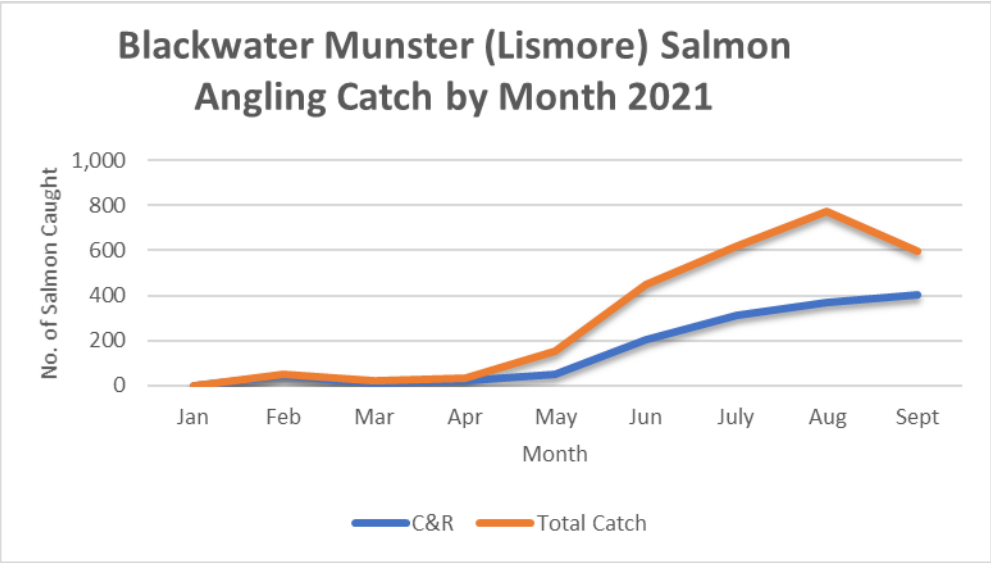


Fig. 10 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Corrib (Galway) in 2021.

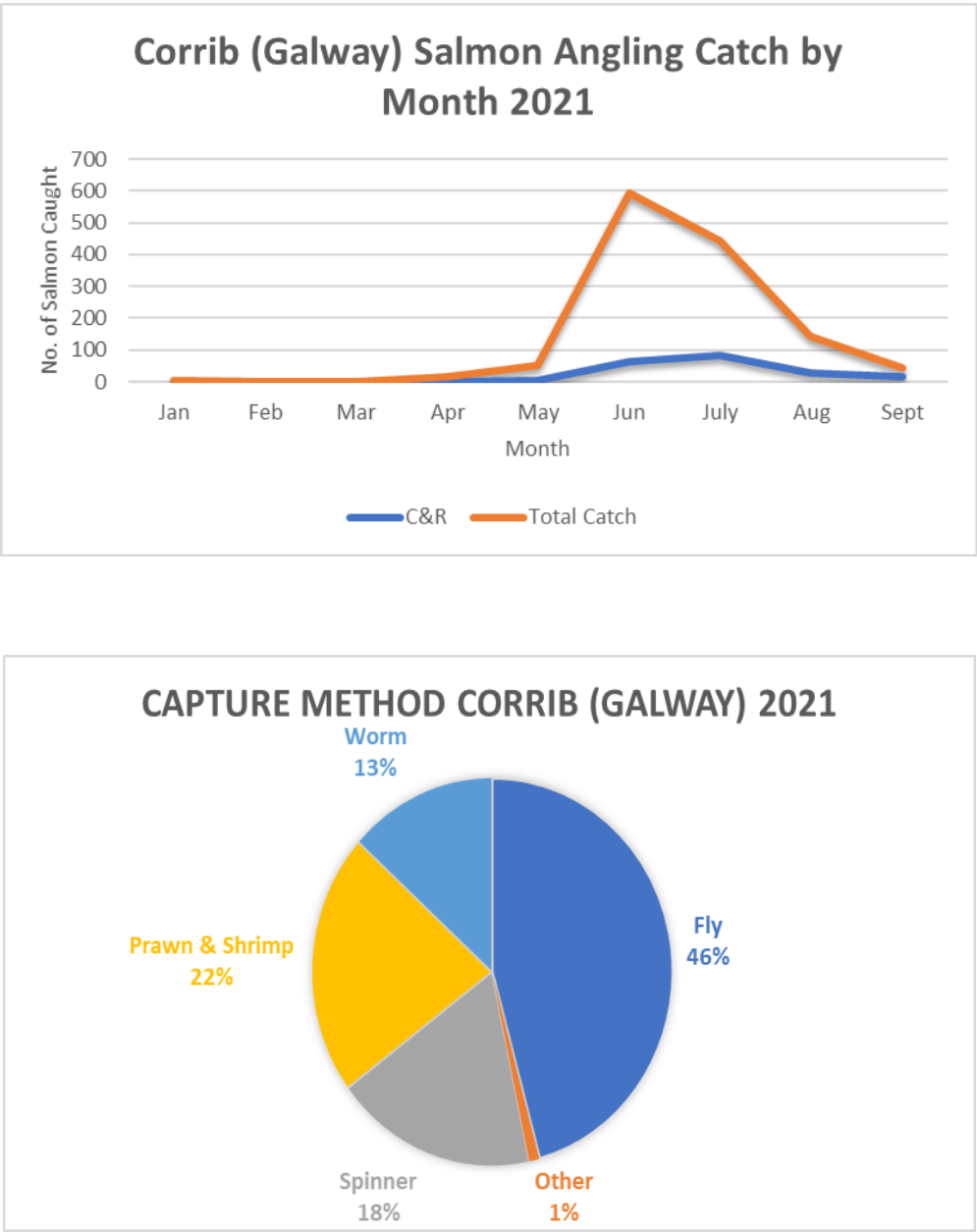




Fig. 11 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Suir (Waterford) in 2021

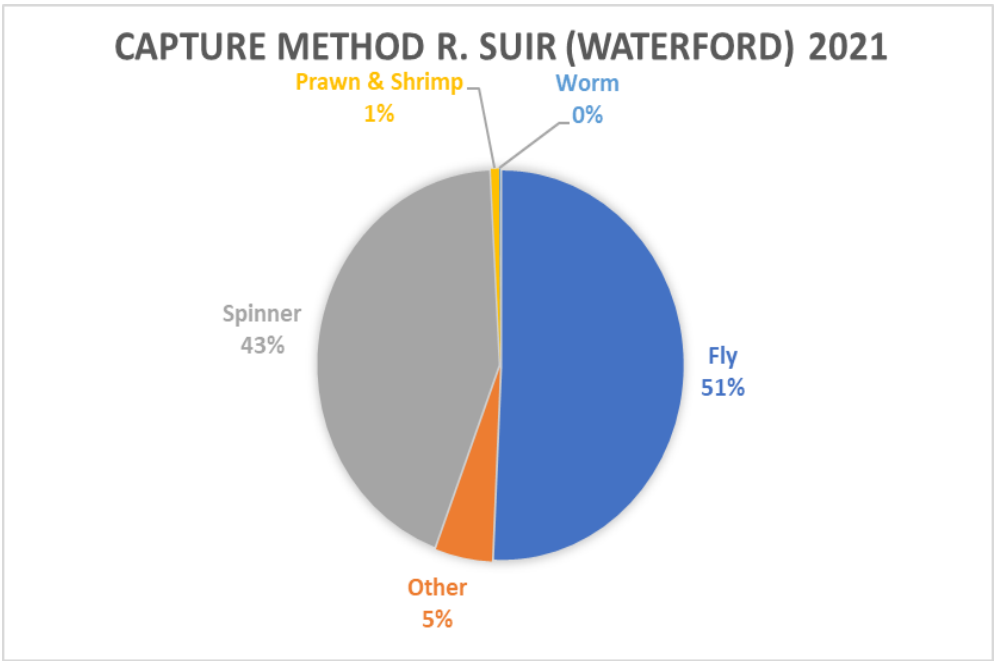
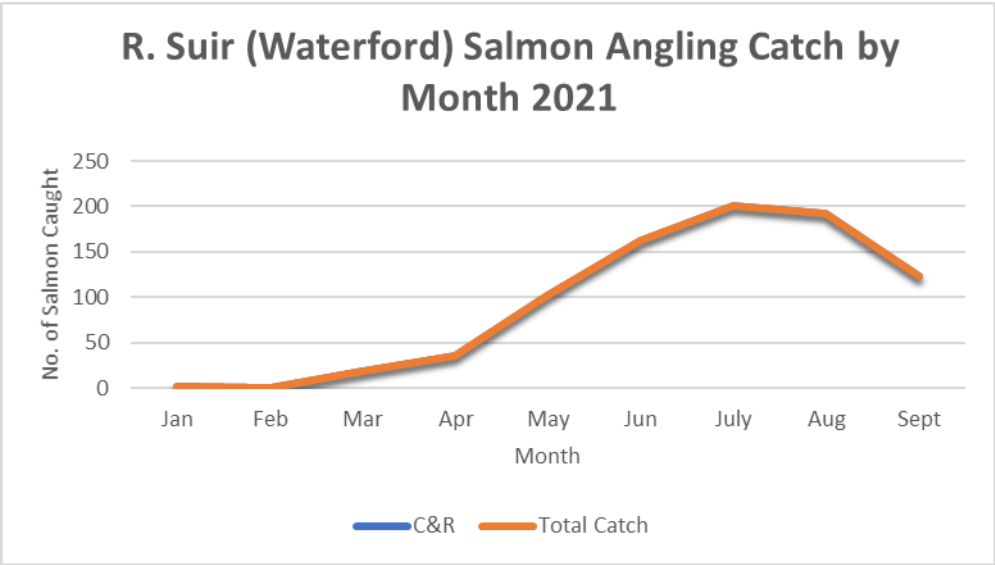


Fig. 12 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Lee (Cork) in 2021

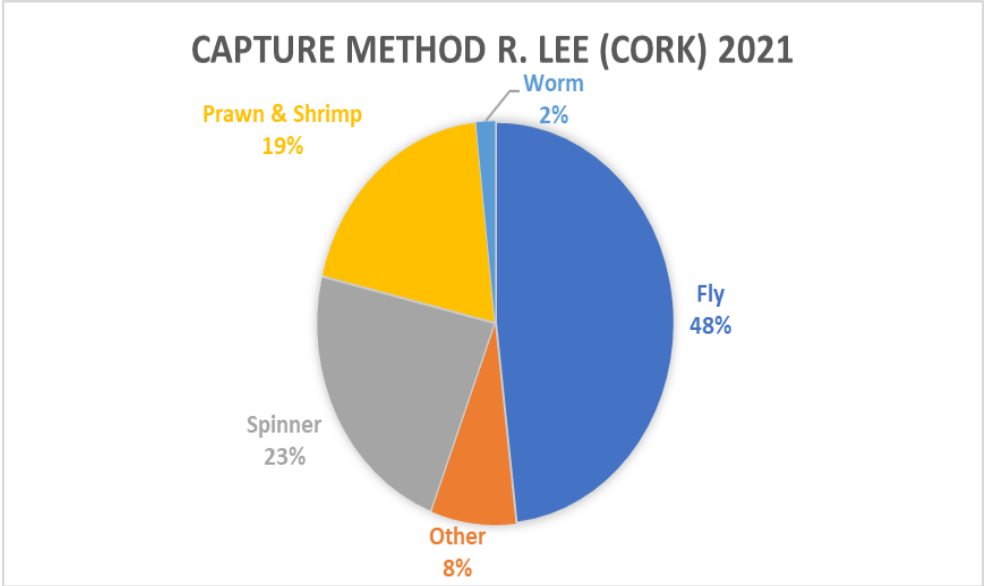
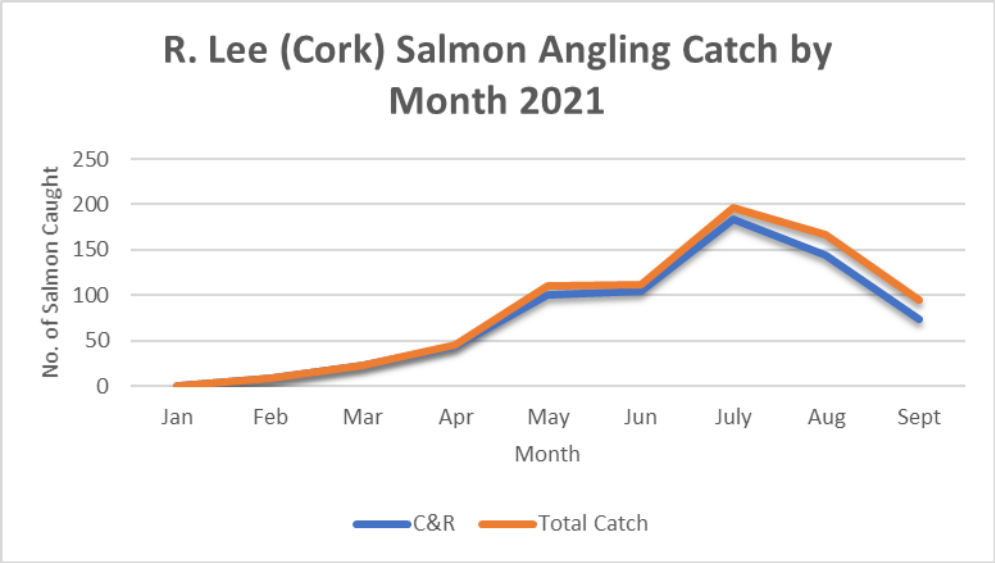


Fig. 13 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Laune (Kerry) in 2021

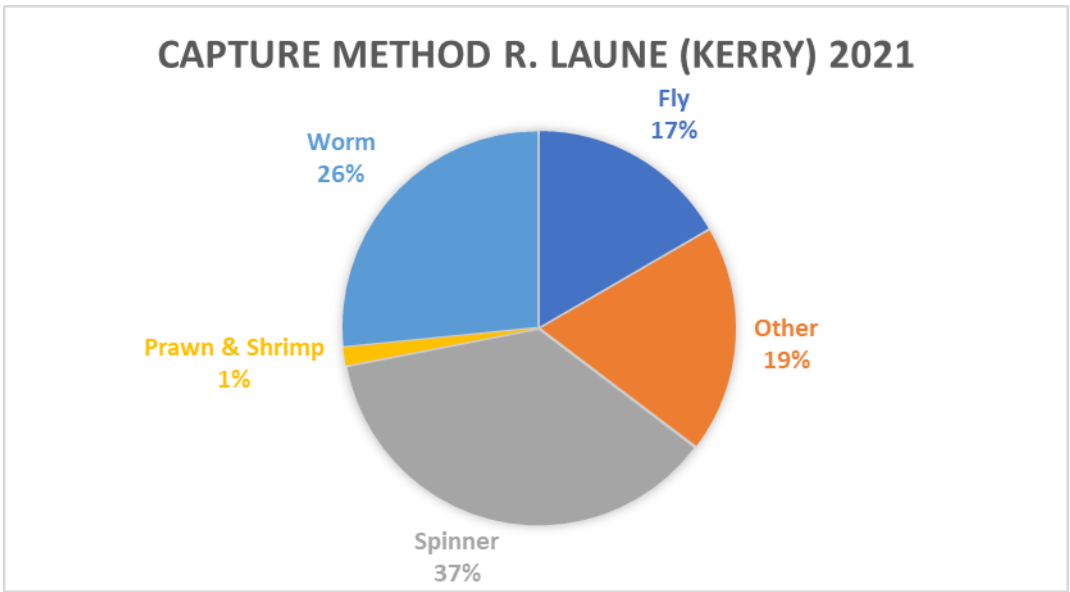
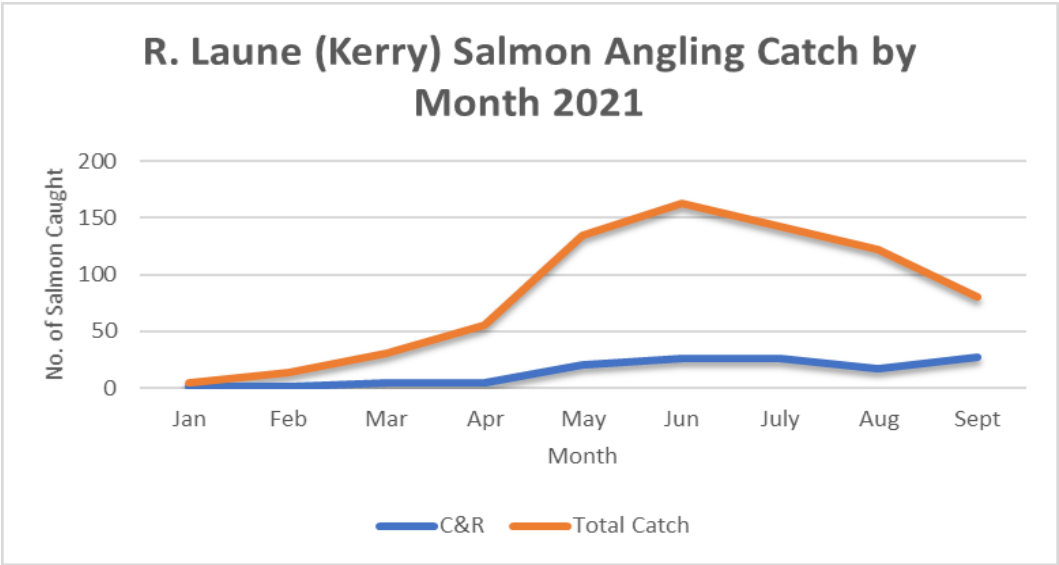


Fig. 14 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Ballysadare River (Sligo) in 2021

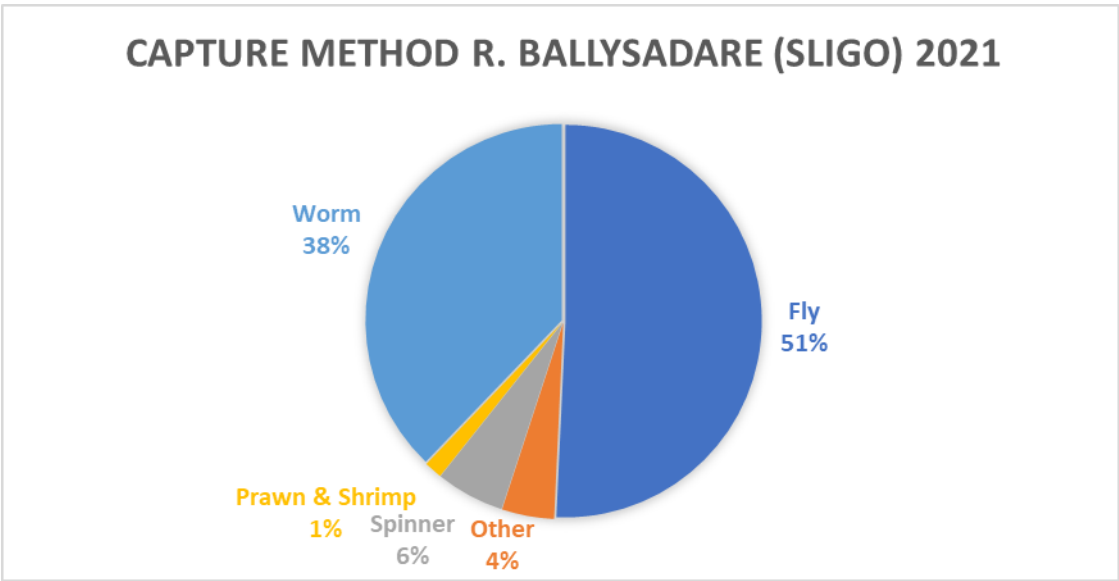
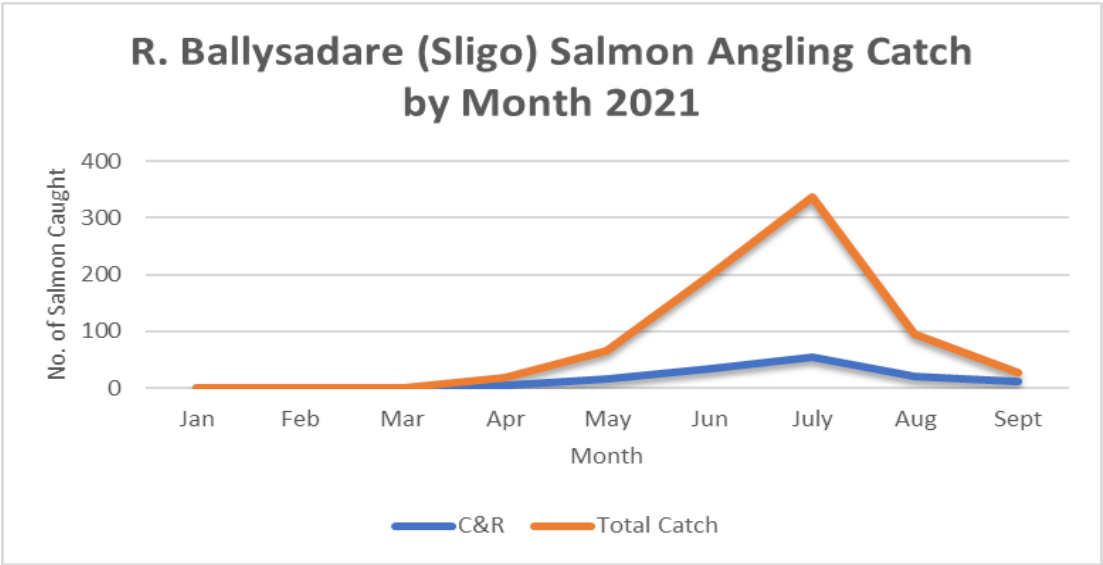


Fig. 15 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Nore (Waterford) in 2021

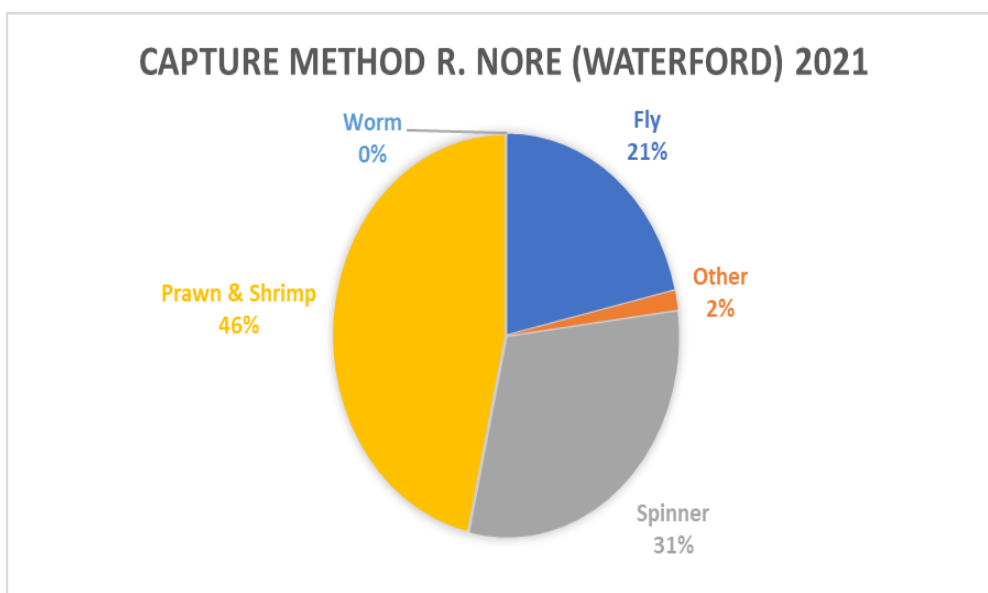
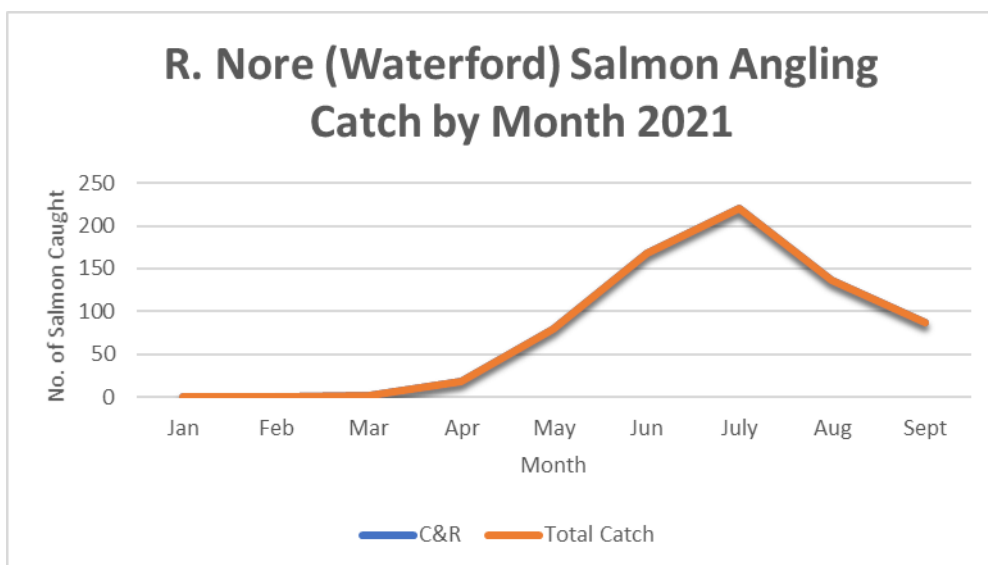


Fig. 16 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Drowes (Ballyshannon) in 2021

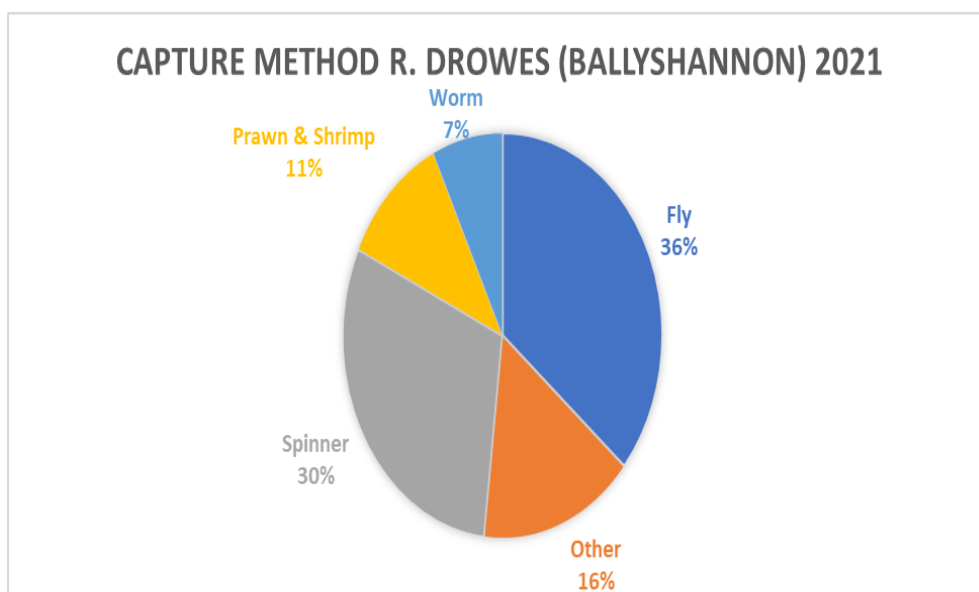
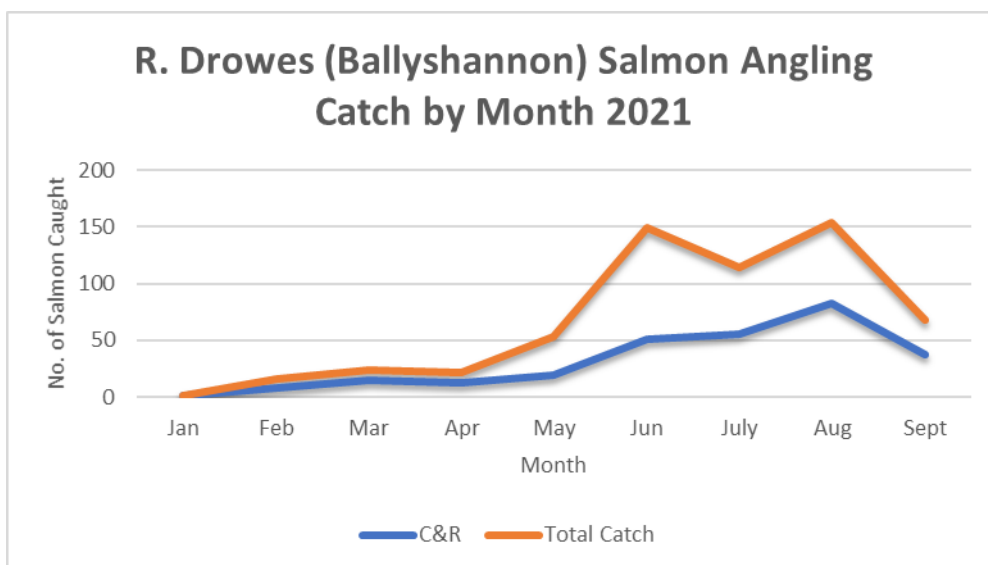


Fig. 17 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Bandon (Cork) in 2021

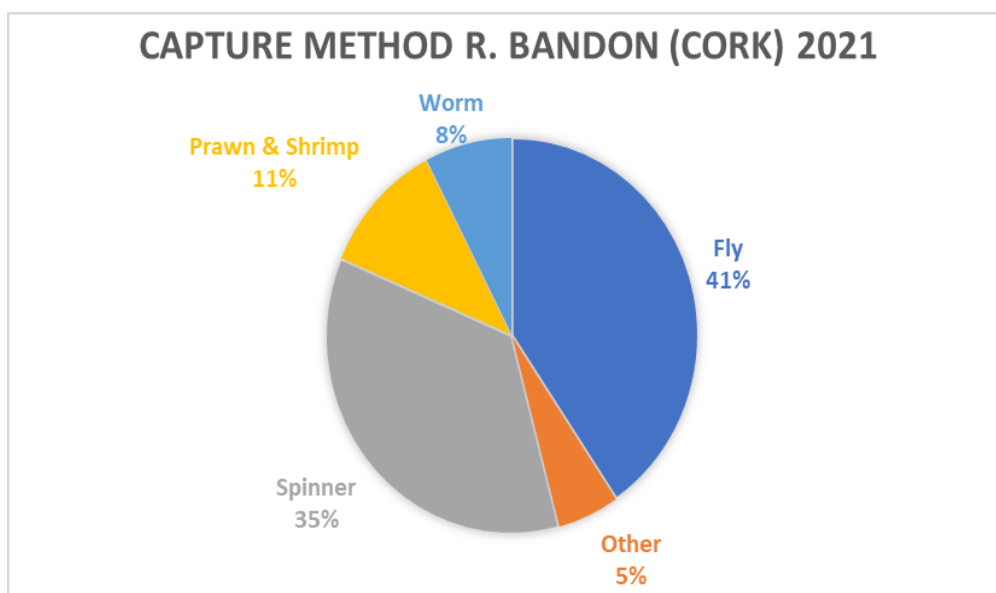
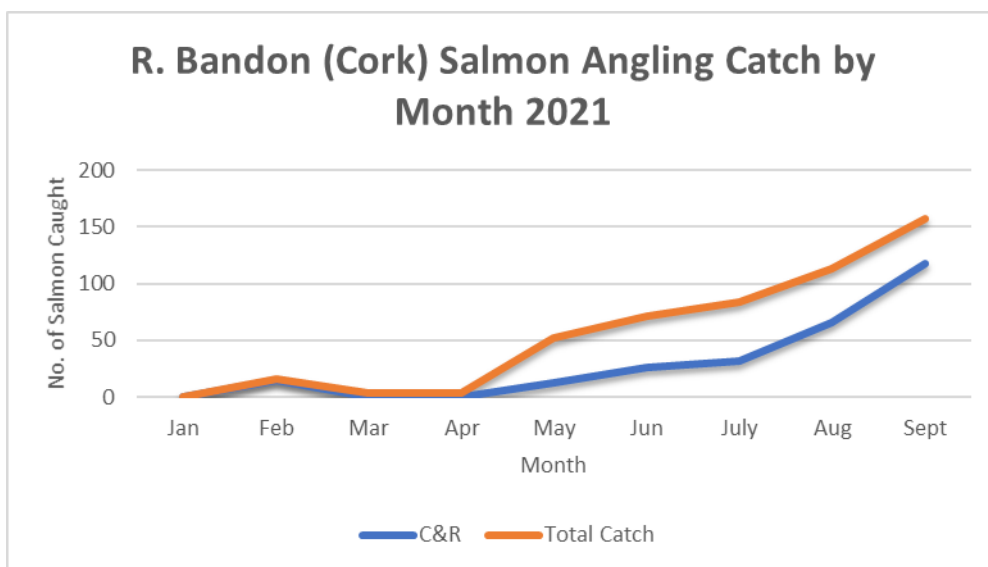


Fig. 18 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Feale (Limerick) in 2021

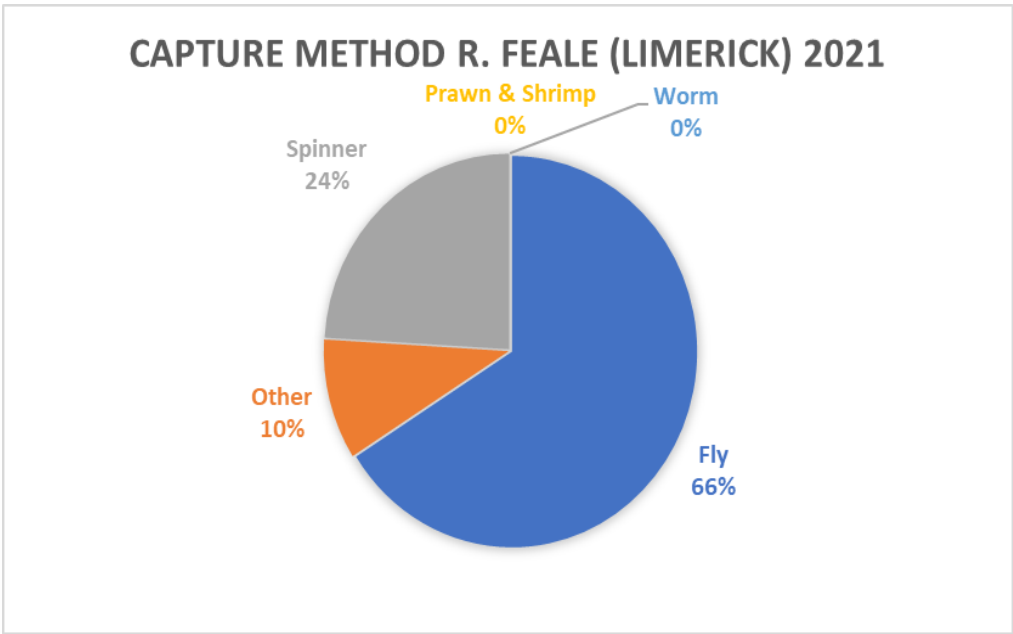
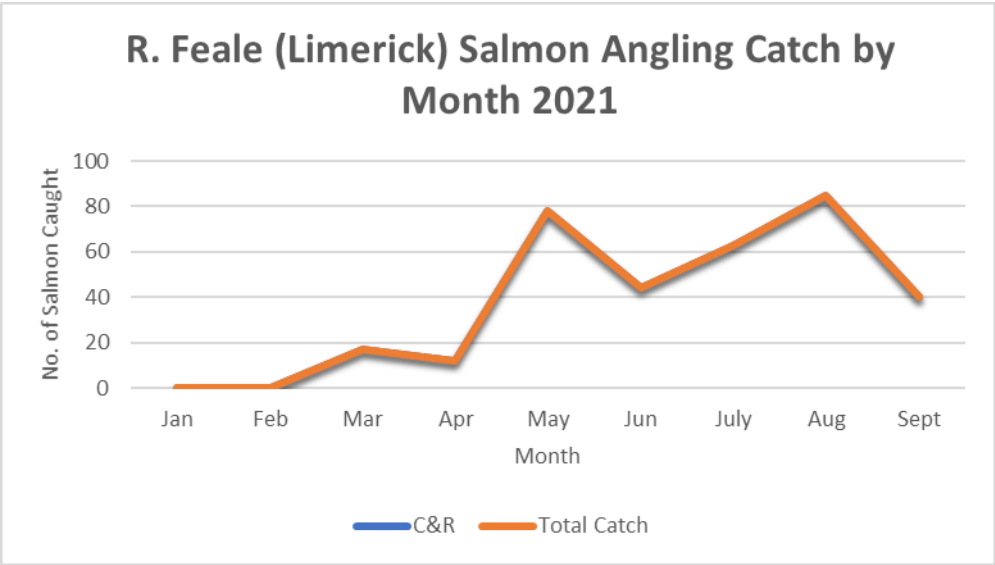




Fig. 19 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Boyne (Drogheda) in 2021

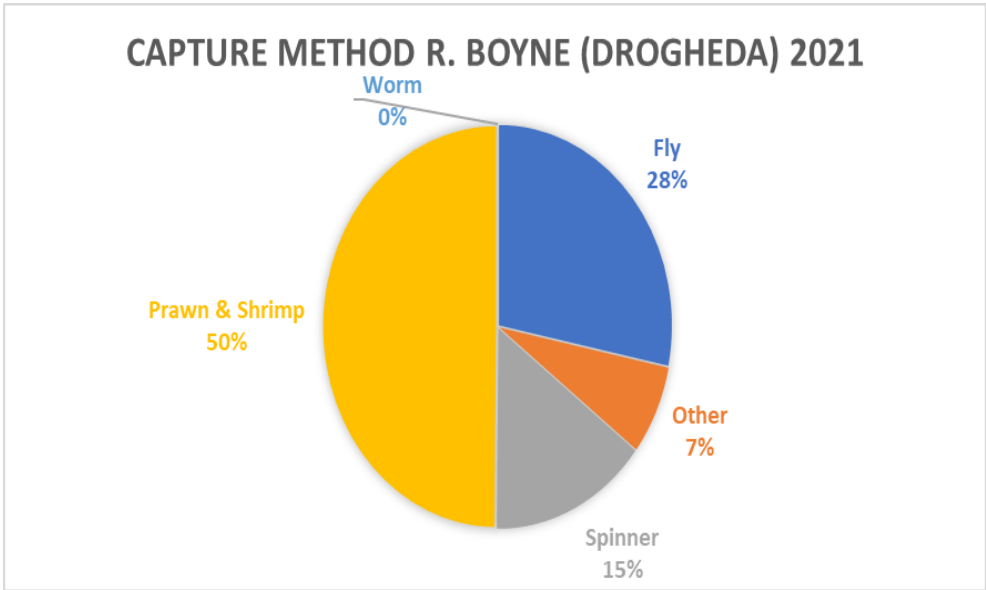
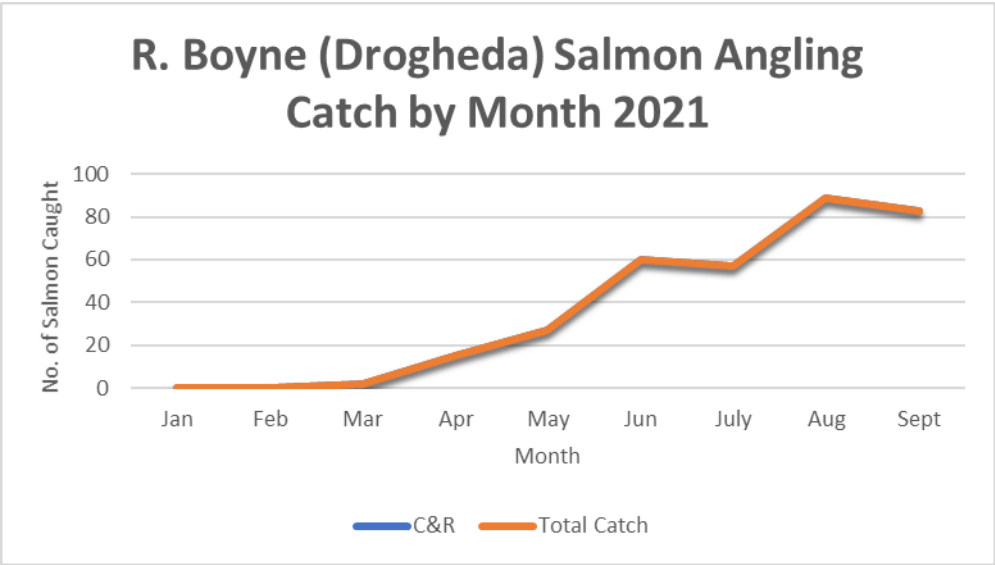


Fig. 20 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Roughty (Kerry) in 2021

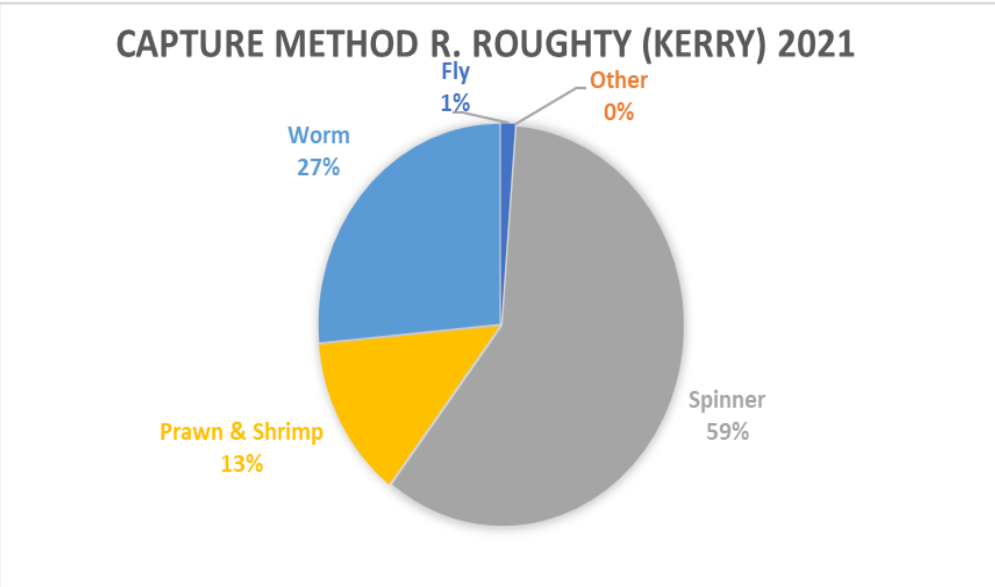
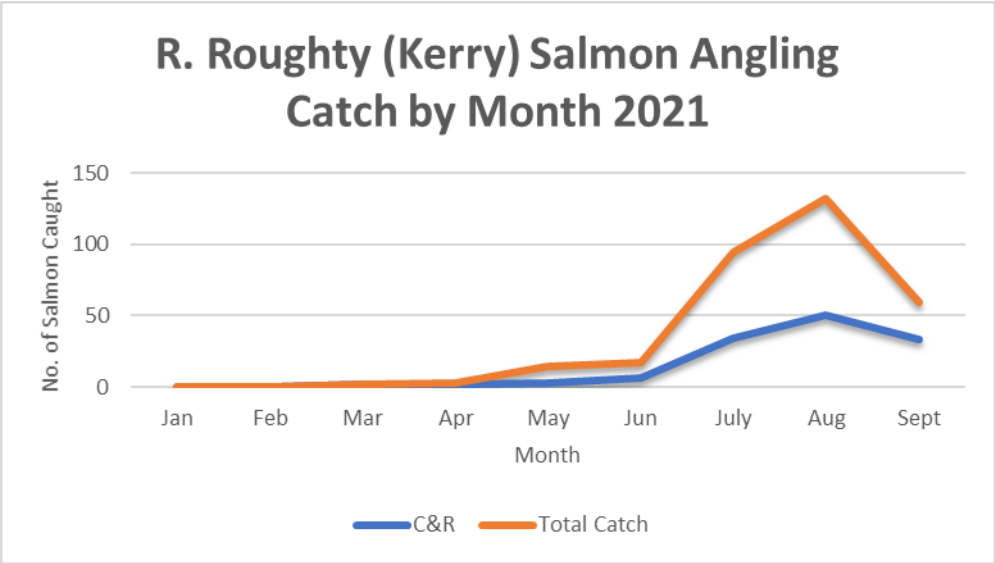


Fig. 21 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Lower Shannon (Limerick) in 2021

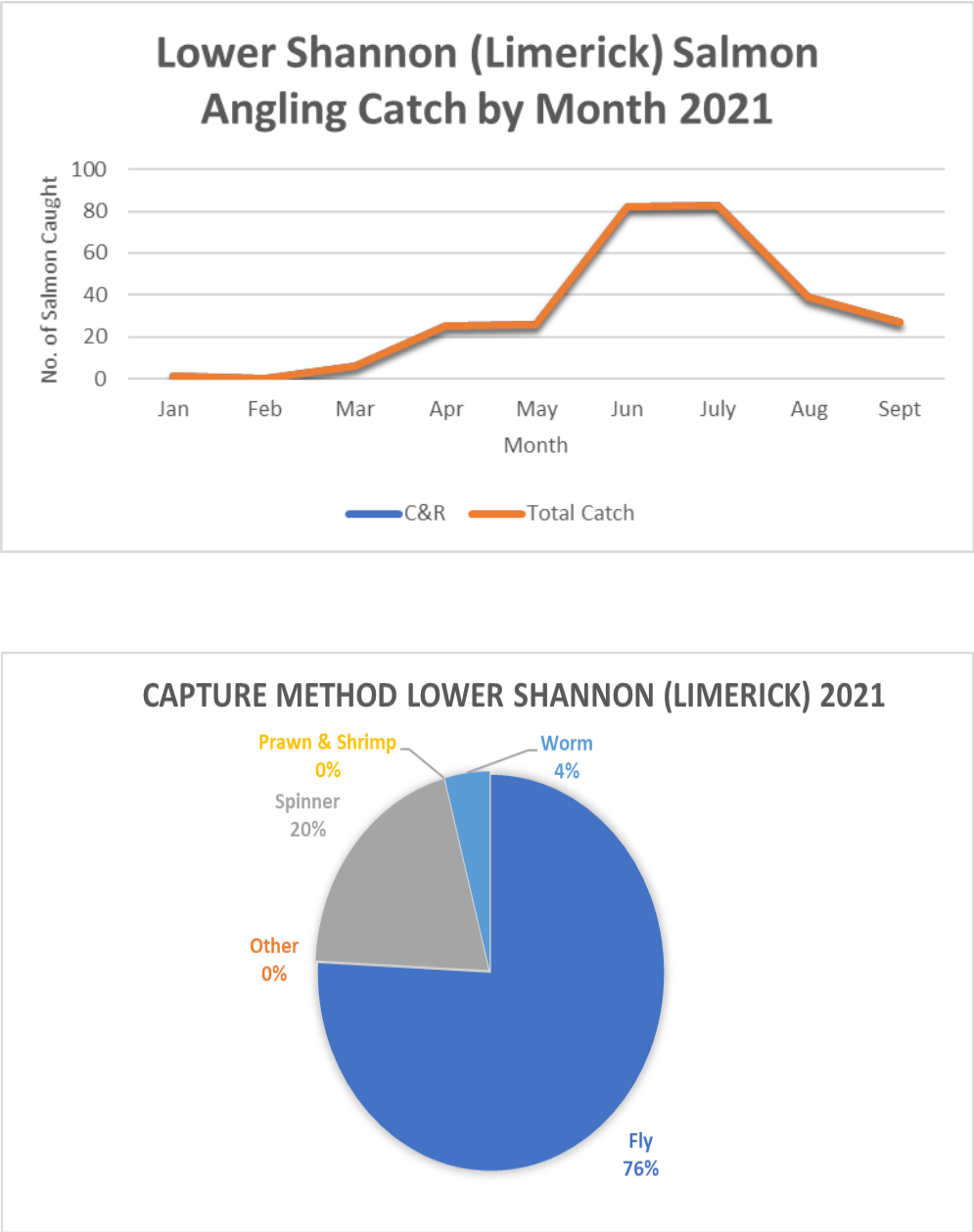


Fig.22 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenmore (Bangor) in 2021

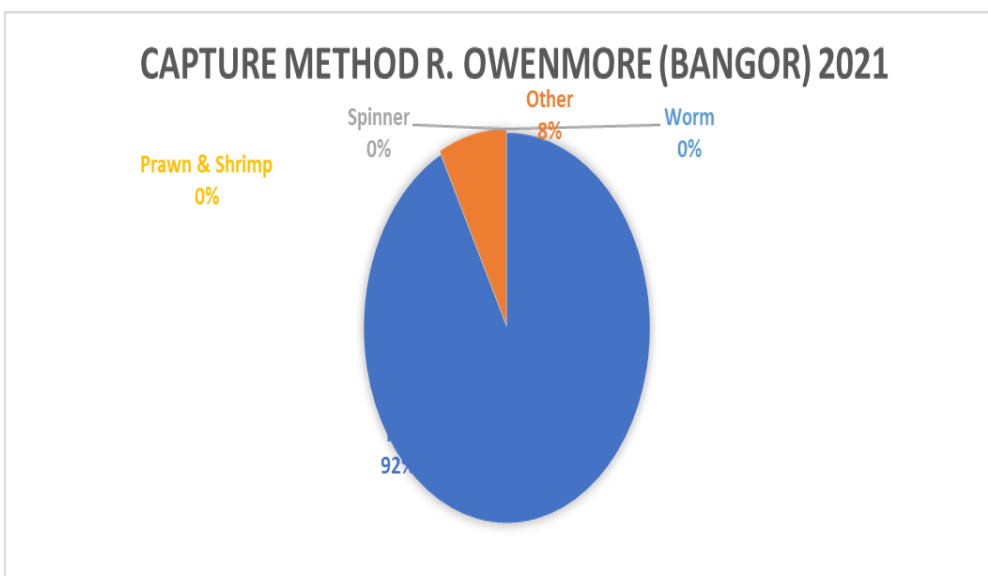
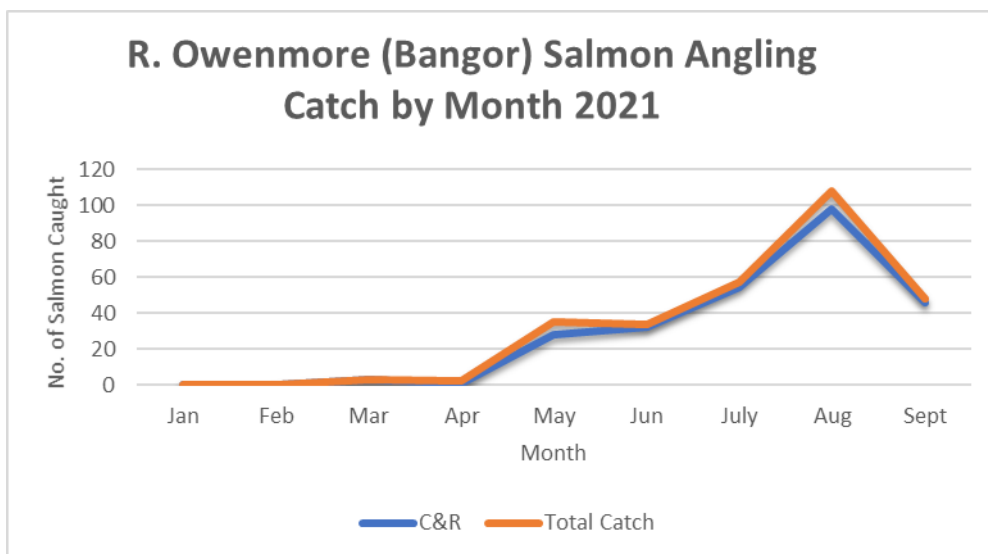


Fig. 23 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Erriff (Ballinakill) in 2021

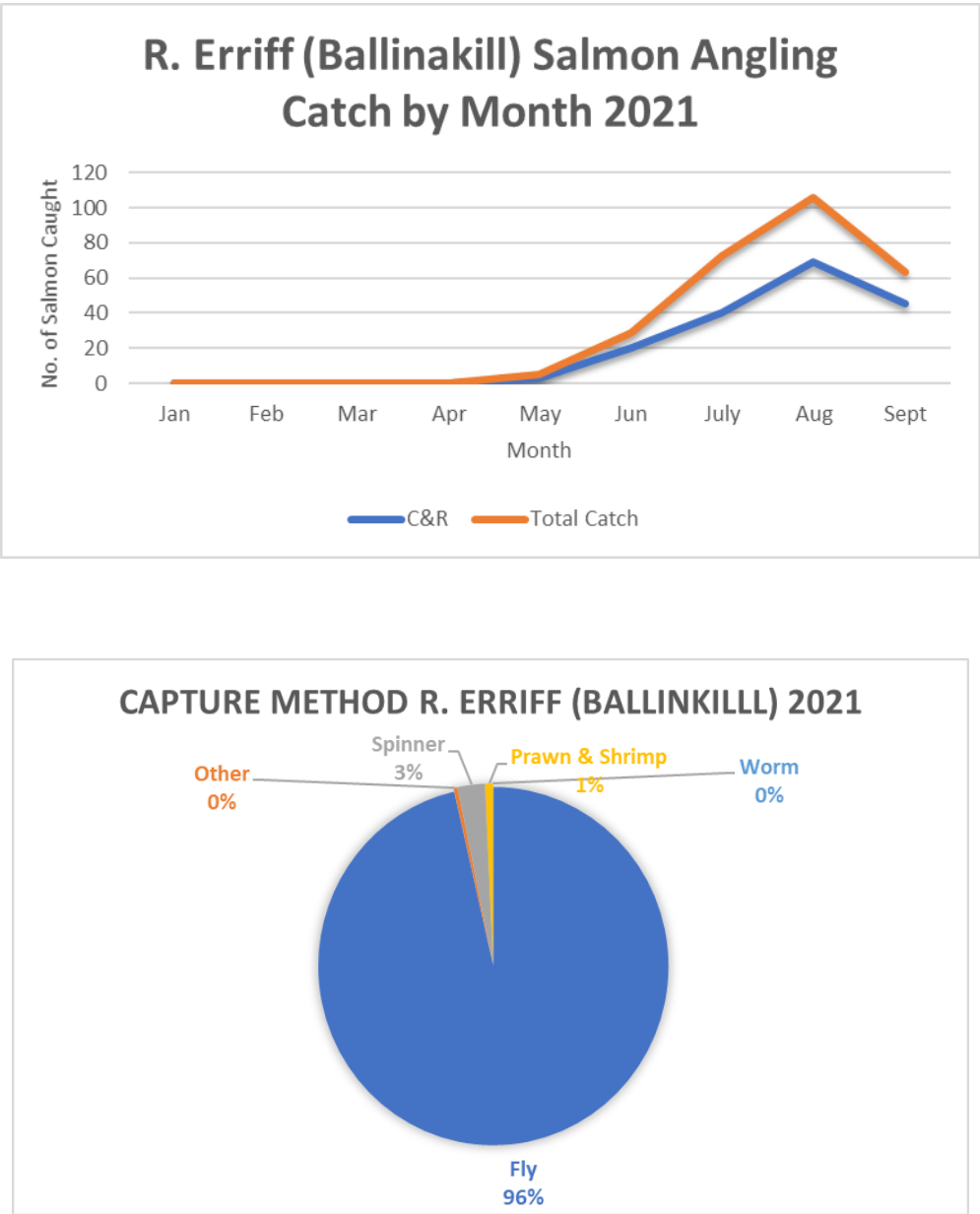


Fig. 24 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenea (Letterkenny) in 2021

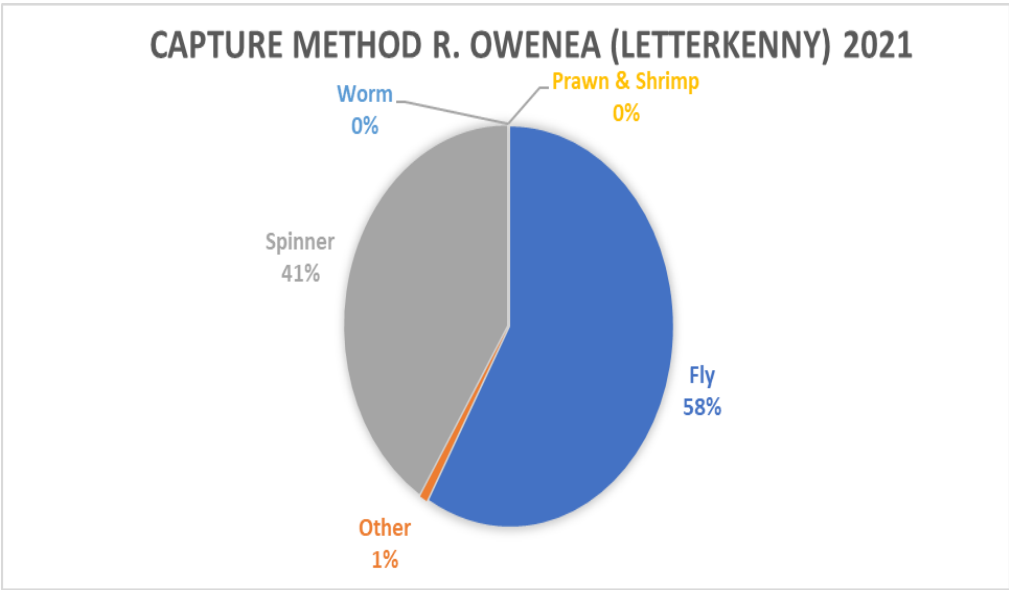
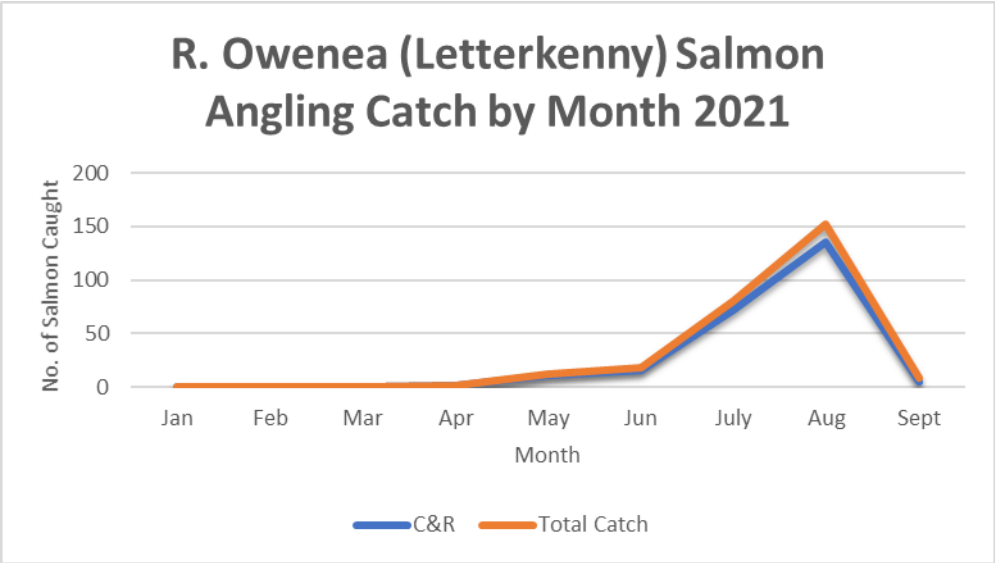


Fig. 25 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Easkey (Ballina) in 2021

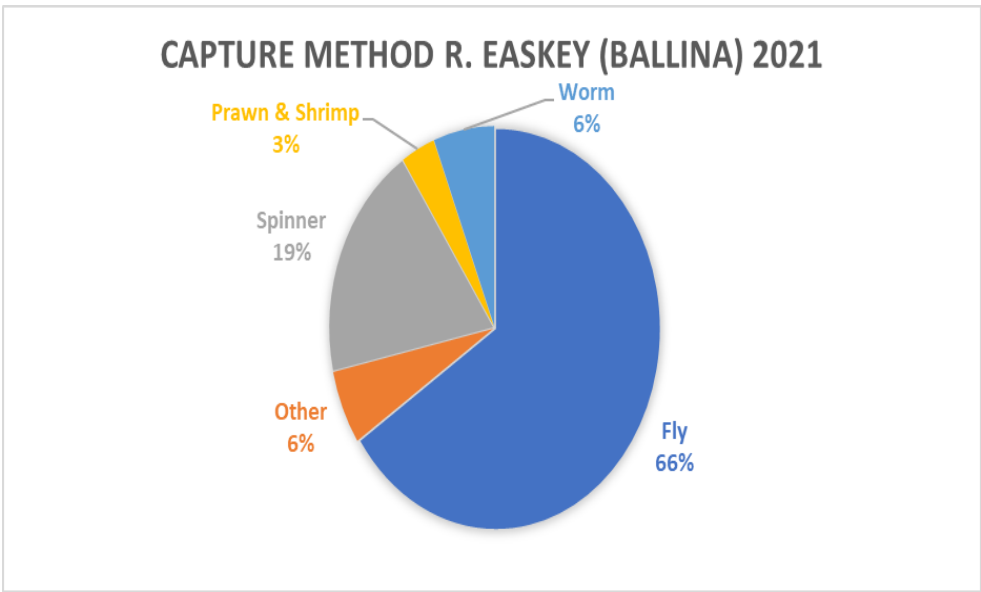
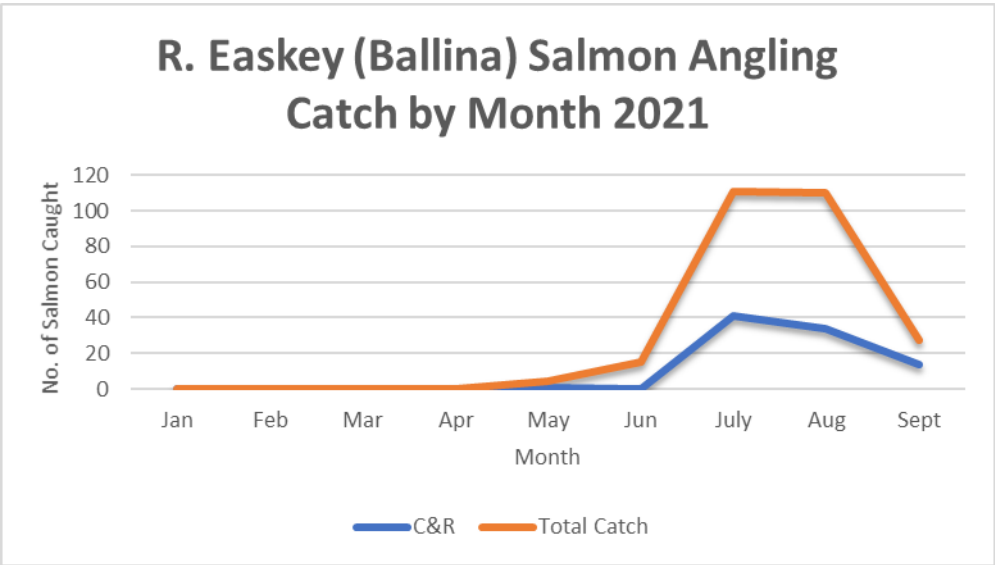


Fig. 26 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Slaney (Wexford) in 2021

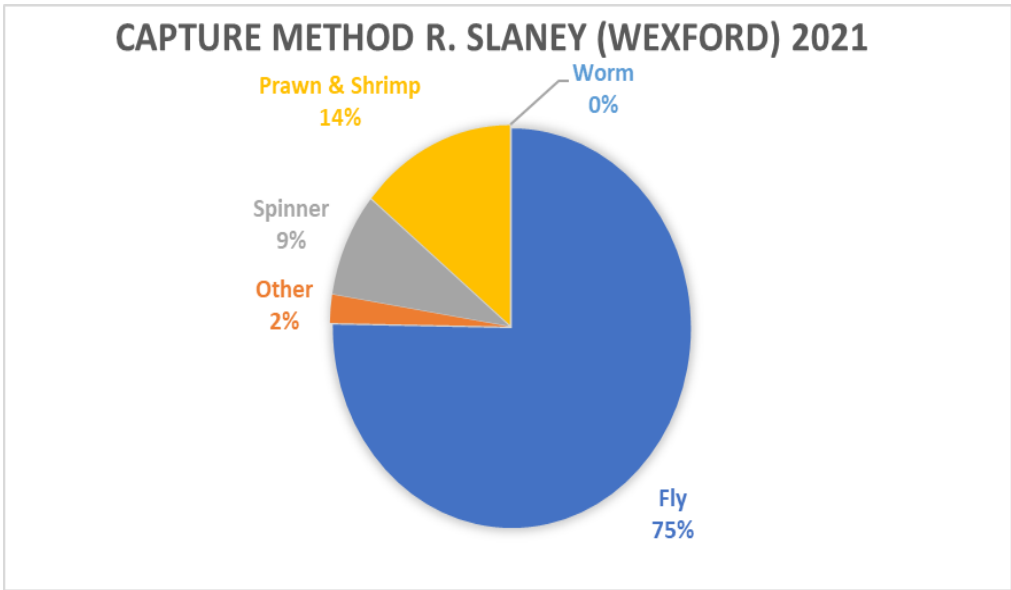
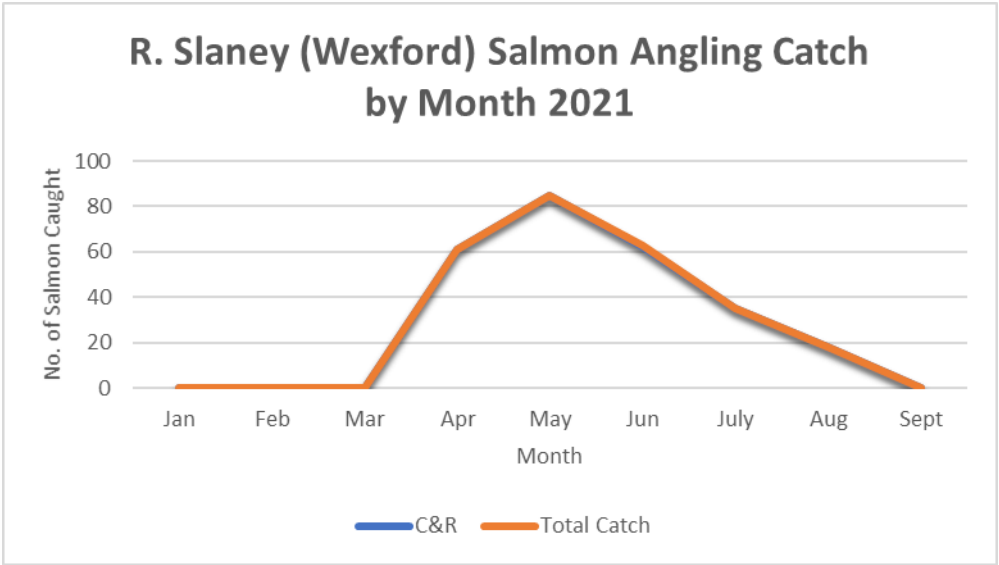




Fig. 27 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Owenduff (Bangor) in 2021

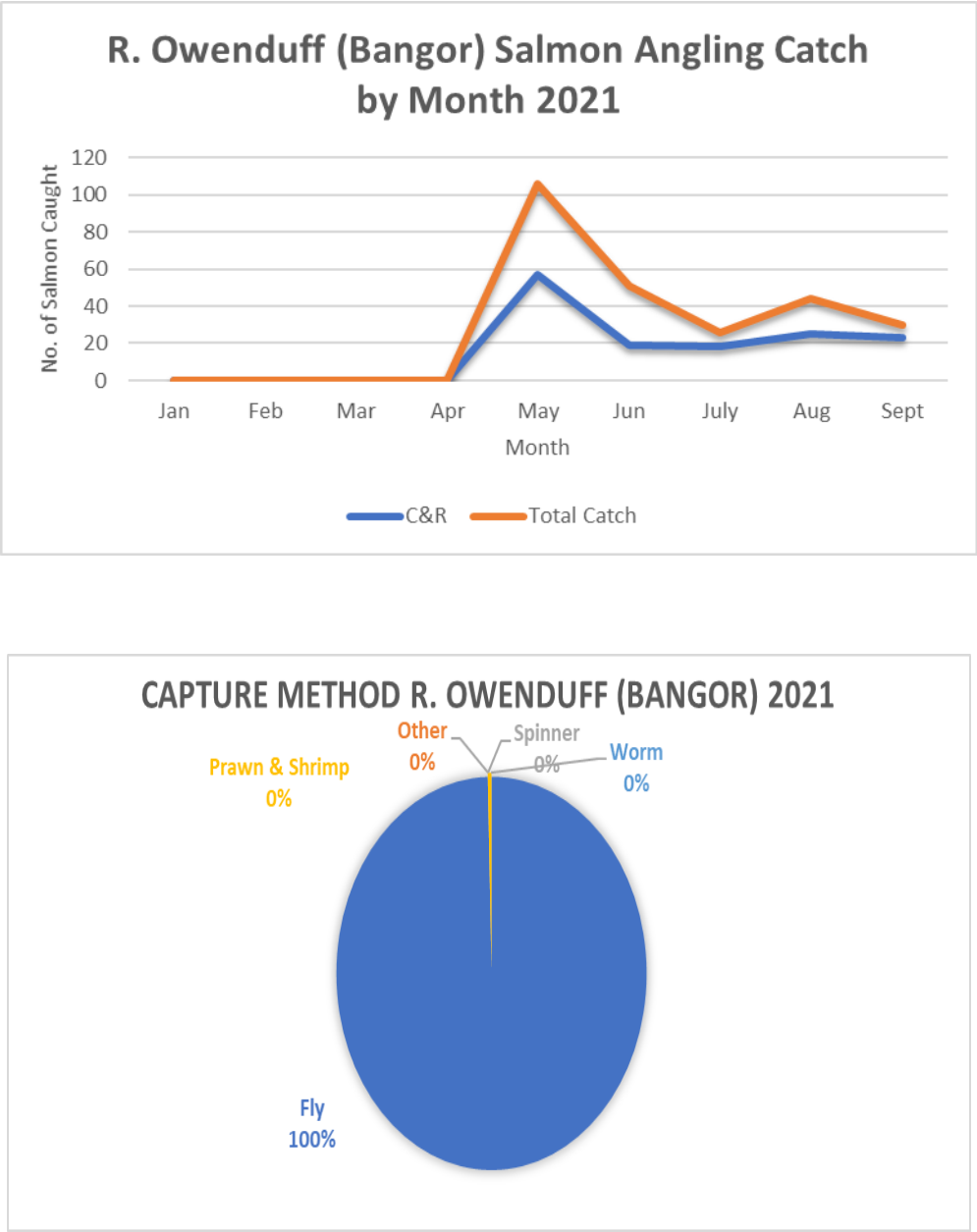
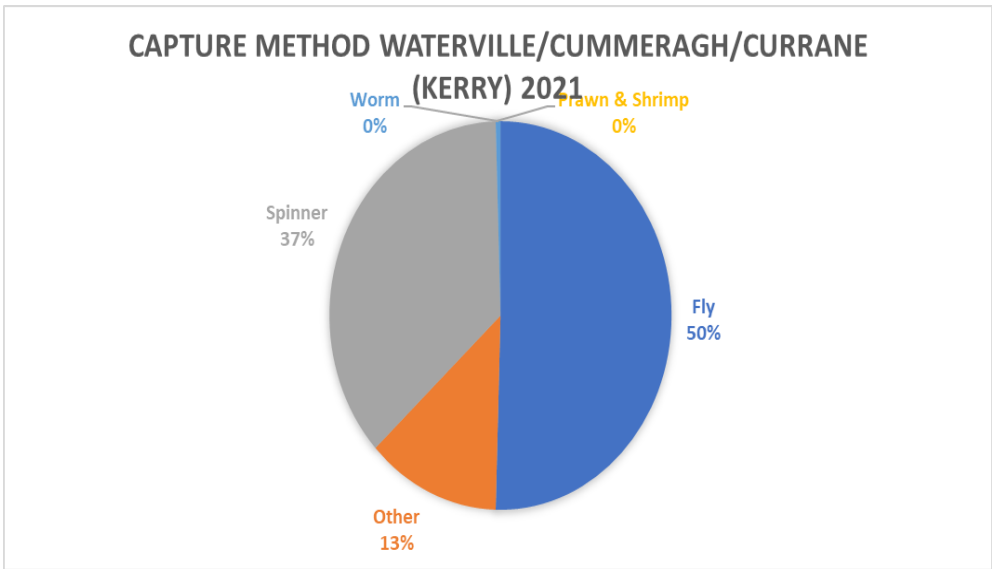
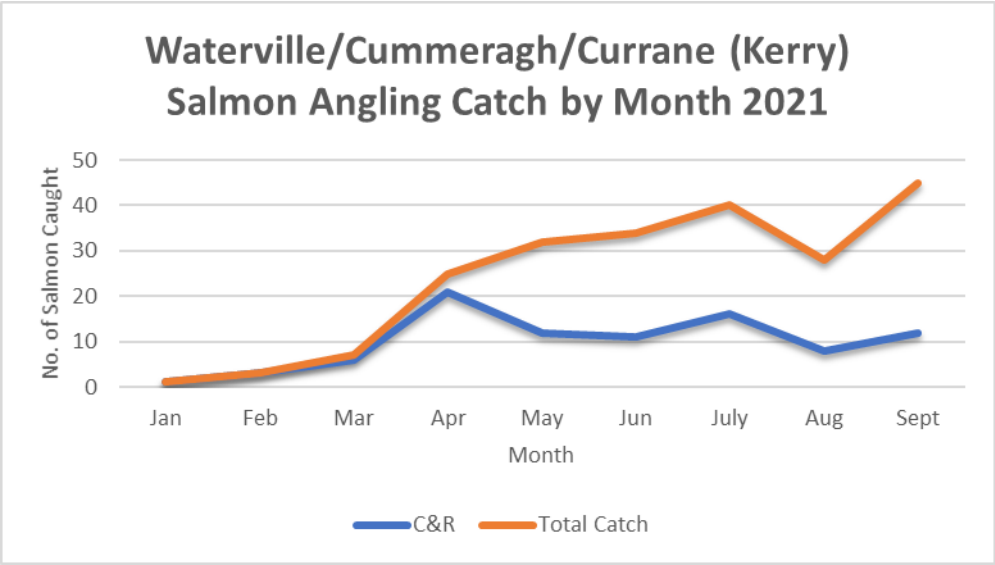


Fig.28 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (Kerry) in 2021



**Appendix I –  
Open, ‘Catch and Release’ and ‘Closed’  
Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2021**

**Table 1 - Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2021**

<b>No. 4 or Lismore District</b>	<b>No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District</b>
Blackwater,	Bundorragha (Delphi) (brown tag required – code L4),
Glenshelane,	Erriff,
Finisk,	Culfin,
<b>No. 5 or Cork District</b>	Dawros,
Bandon,	Owenglin (Clifden) (brown tag required – code Q4),
Lower Lee (brown tag required – code F4),	<b>No. 10(2) or Bangor District</b>
Ilen,	Carrowmore Lake (brown tag required – code G4),
Mealagh,	Glenamoy,
Owvane,	Owenduff,
Coomhola,	Newport River (including Lough Beltra and Crumpaun R.) (brown tag required to 11 <sup>th</sup> May only - code K3),
Glengarriff,	Owenmore R. (brown tag required – code D3),
Adrigole,	<b>No. 11 or Ballina District</b>
<b>No. 7 or Kerry District</b>	Moy,
Roughy,	Easkey,
Sheen,	<b>No. 12 or Sligo District</b>
Laune,	Ballysadare,
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (brown tag required to 11 <sup>th</sup> May only - code C3),	Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,
Cottoners,	<b>No. 13 or Ballyshannon District</b>
Sneem,	Drowes,
Caragh,	Owenwee (Yellow) (brown tag required – code P3),
Owenmore R.,	<b>No. 14 or Letterkenny District</b>
Maine,	Gweebarra (brown tag required to 11 <sup>th</sup> May only - code N3),
Croanshagh,	Clady,
Ferta,	Gweedore (Crolly),
<b>No. 9(1) or Galway District</b>	Tullaghobegley,
Corrib,	Crana (brown tag required – code H4),
<b>No. 9(2) or Connemara District</b>	Owentocker (brown tag required – code K4),
Cashla,	Owenea (brown tag required – code K4),
Ballynahinch (Owenmore),	Lackagh (Open from 12 <sup>th</sup> May) (brown tag required - code B4),
	<b>No. 17(2) or Dundalk District</b>
	Fane (brown tag required – code S4),

**Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2021**

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

**Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2021**

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



## 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) once the fish has been killed.

### 1. BAG LIMITS

There is a National 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ballinacallil Fisheries Districts including at 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 Boks Head and Lambs 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 Regulations on the River Slaney prohibit the use of: (a) any lure other than artificial fly using single or double barbless hooks in that part of the River Slaney upstream from the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy, or (b) worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, in that part of the River Slaney downstream from the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy to the mouth of the River Slaney (bye-law no. 985, 2020).
- The Regulations on the River Suir prohibit the use of worms, prawns, 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. 986, 2020).

### 2. OBTAINING A LICENCE

Anglers can obtain their licence from Inland Fisheries Ireland, online at [store.fishingireland.info](https://store.fishingireland.info) or from any rod licence distributor. 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 11<sup>th</sup> May and a further 7 gill tags (issued in lots of 3 or 4) from the period 12<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 2021) 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.
- Deduce lost or damaged logbooks to Inland Fisheries Ireland.



## Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Regulations 2021



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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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 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 – 2021**

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 Regulations 2018 – S.I. No. 585 of 2018.

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – S.I. No. 667 of 2020.

### **Bag Limits 2021**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 983, 2020.

### **Catch & Release Rivers 2021**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 984, 2020.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 985, 2020.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 986, 2020.

### **Closed Rivers 2021**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 331, 2020.

### **Other Bye-laws 2021**

Angling Bye-law No. 982, 2020.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 987, 2020.

### **Commercial Fishing 2021**

Control of Fishing for Salmon Order 2021 - S.I. No 102 of 2021

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 988, 2021



## Appendix III - References

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**Technical Expert Group on Salmon** - The Status of Irish Salmon Stocks in 2020 with Precautionary Catch Advice for 2021. <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/publications>

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> August for commercial fishing logbooks and no later than 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> 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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