

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics Report

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HEAD OF OPERATIONS STATEMENT

It is encouraging looking at statistics from the 2022 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Report to see that anglers released 54% of their Wild Salmon catches compared with 52% in 2021 and 51% in 2020. This is the greatest percentage of wild salmon released in Ireland ever and whilst 'catch and release' angling is increasing, year-on-year Scotland reports a much higher C&R rate of over 90%.

A total of 17,318 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers in 2022, which is an increase of 11.4% over 2021 (15,547). Most of these licence sales (66.5%) were to residents within the Republic of Ireland, 11% to Northern Ireland, and a further 7% to UK residents. Anglers returned 9,450 logbooks in 2022, with a national return rate of 54.6%, up from 54.4% on 2021 logbook returns.

The 2022 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 26,715 salmon, and 2,082 sea trout. This represents a decrease of 14.2% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2021 (31,148), and an increase of 30.5% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2021 (1,595).

A total of 18% of the 2022 total salmon catch was taken on the River Moy, 16.1% on the River Blackwater (Lismore), 7.3% on the River Laune, 5.9% on the Corrib and 5.4% on the Lower Lee. These five rivers account for 52.7% of the entire salmon catch in 2022.

The 2022 angling catch was 22,661 salmon (24,668 in 2021) and 2,019 sea trout (1,538 in 2021). Of the 22,661 salmon caught by anglers, 10,348 were harvested and 12,313 subsequently released. As mentioned previously, anglers released 54% of salmon caught by rod and line (52% in 2021).

In 2022, 17,318 anglers purchased a salmon angling licence, of which only 3,783 anglers (21.8%) caught salmon in 2022 (3,802 in 2021). Of this figure, 3,019 anglers (17.4%) harvested salmon in 2022 (2,991 in 2021) and 1,732 anglers (10%) caught and released salmon in 2022 (1,771 in 2021).

The commercial catch was 4,054 salmon (6,480 in 2021) and 63 sea trout (over 40 cm) (57 in 2021) which represents 63% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 6,535 (7,037 in 2021) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector.

The largest landings of commercial salmon catches in 2022 were in counties Cork and Kerry on the River Blackwater (Lismore) with 1,033 salmon (25.5% of the commercial catch), River Laune (Kerry) with 931 salmon (23% of the commercial catch), in Castlemaine Fishery with 538 salmon (13% of commercial catch), and the River Lee with 446 salmon (11% of the commercial catch).

Commercial fishermen caught 15% of the salmon catch in 2022, compared to 21% in 2021 and recreational anglers caught 85% in 2021 compared to 79% in 2021.

All of this data collected enables better decision making towards the protection, conservation, and management of our wild fish stocks. Wild Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout stocks continue to face numerous threats from marine mortality, climate change, water quality and parasites to name a few.

IFI held a public consultation on modernising the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme at the end of 2021 and the results were collated in 2022 which are published on IFI's [website](#). The consultation was open to the public with submissions received mostly from our main stakeholders i.e., anglers, licence sales distributors, and commercial licence holders. IFI is now in the process of improving the scheme on the basis of the feedback received. It is expected that a more modernised scheme will support, inter alia, the collection of more data for use by fisheries managers.

I want to thank all stakeholders who participated in the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme to ensure its continued success.

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INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

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 Environment, Climate and Communications.

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.

Vision

To place the Inland Fisheries resource in the best sustainable position possible for the benefit of future generation.

Mission

To protect, manage and conserve Ireland's Inland Fisheries and sea angling resources and to maximise their sustainability and natural biodiversity.

Values

- We work collaboratively with professionalism.
- We are open, transparent and accountable.
- We act with respect and integrity.
- We are committed to stewardship and sustainability.

The 'High Level Objectives' are as follows;

- To sustainably develop and improve fish habitats
- To protect, maintain and enhance Ireland's wild fish populations
- To actively engage with stakeholders in the continued stewardship
- To play a leadership role in achieving our climate action and biodiversity goals
- To value our people and support their development and performance
- To foster a culture of value for money and evaluation of performance in a measurable, transparent and accountable manner
- Harness the power of innovation to continue to deliver a modern fisheries service

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 2022 angling and commercial fishing season was S.I. No. 585 of 2018 amended by S.I. no. 729 of 2021. 2022 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 2022, there was an annual bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm). Subject to the annual bag limits an angler could take: 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day until May 11th, with a maximum of three fish in total for this period; 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from 12th May until the end of August; 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from the 1st September to the end of the season on open rivers. After the daily bag limit was taken, anglers were permitted to fish catch and release, using single barbless hooks with a ban on the use of worms.

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

Chapter 1

Summary Commercial & Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2022



Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 – 2022

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	49,626Kg
2022	N/A	3,196	858	10,348	14,402	-21.65%	41,066	38,885Kg

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2022. 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 2022, this had fallen to 14,402. This represents a decrease of c. 49% between 2007 and 2022.

* 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.

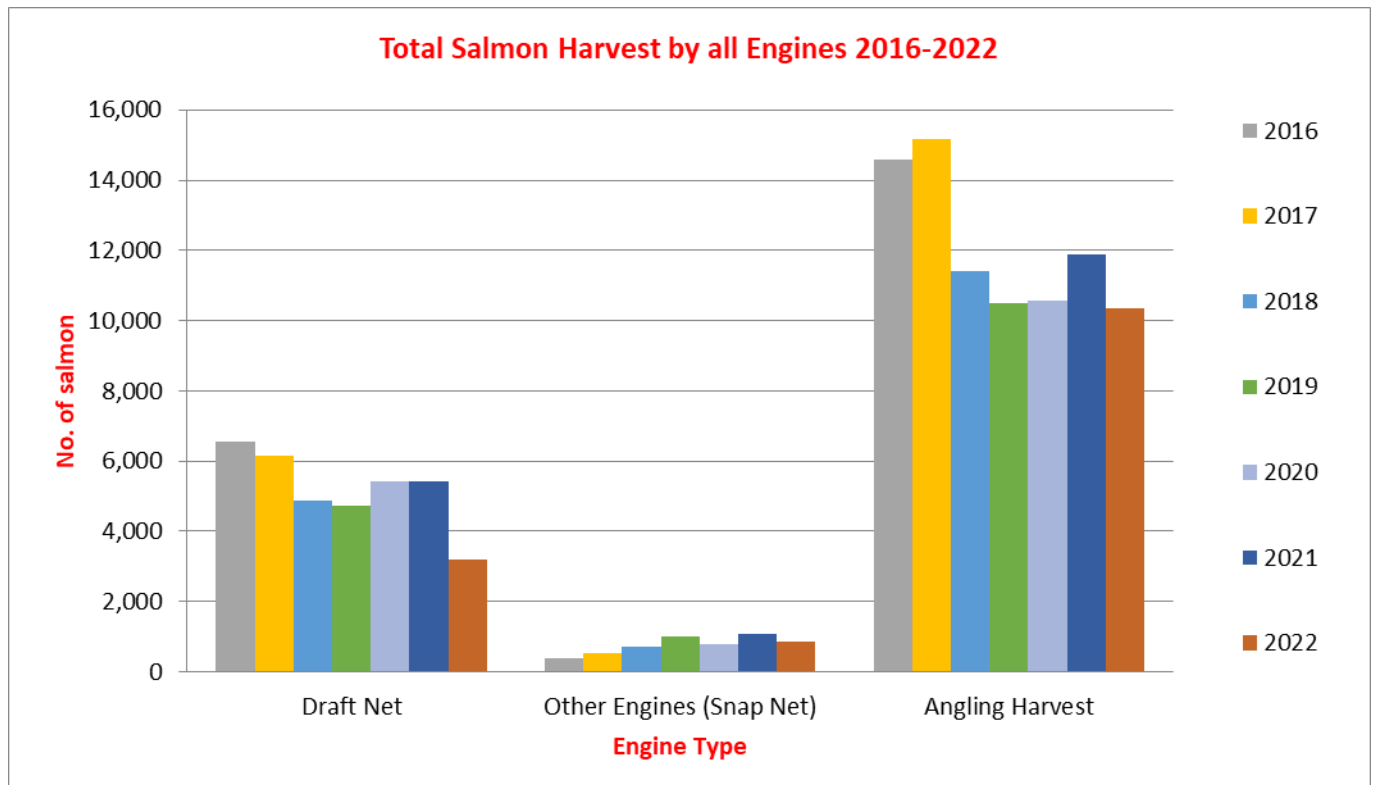


Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2016-2022

For 2022, anglers caught 85% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 15% (Table 10). 18% of the 2022 total salmon catch (commercial and angling (including those caught and released)) was taken on the River Moy, 16.1% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 7.3% on the River Laune, 5.9% on the Corrib and 5.4% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 52.7% of the entire salmon catch in 2022.

Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2022

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%
2022	N/A	61	2	208	271	+23.75%

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2022. 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 2022, this had fallen to 271 sea trout. This represents a decrease of 25.76% between 2007 and 2022 (Table 11).

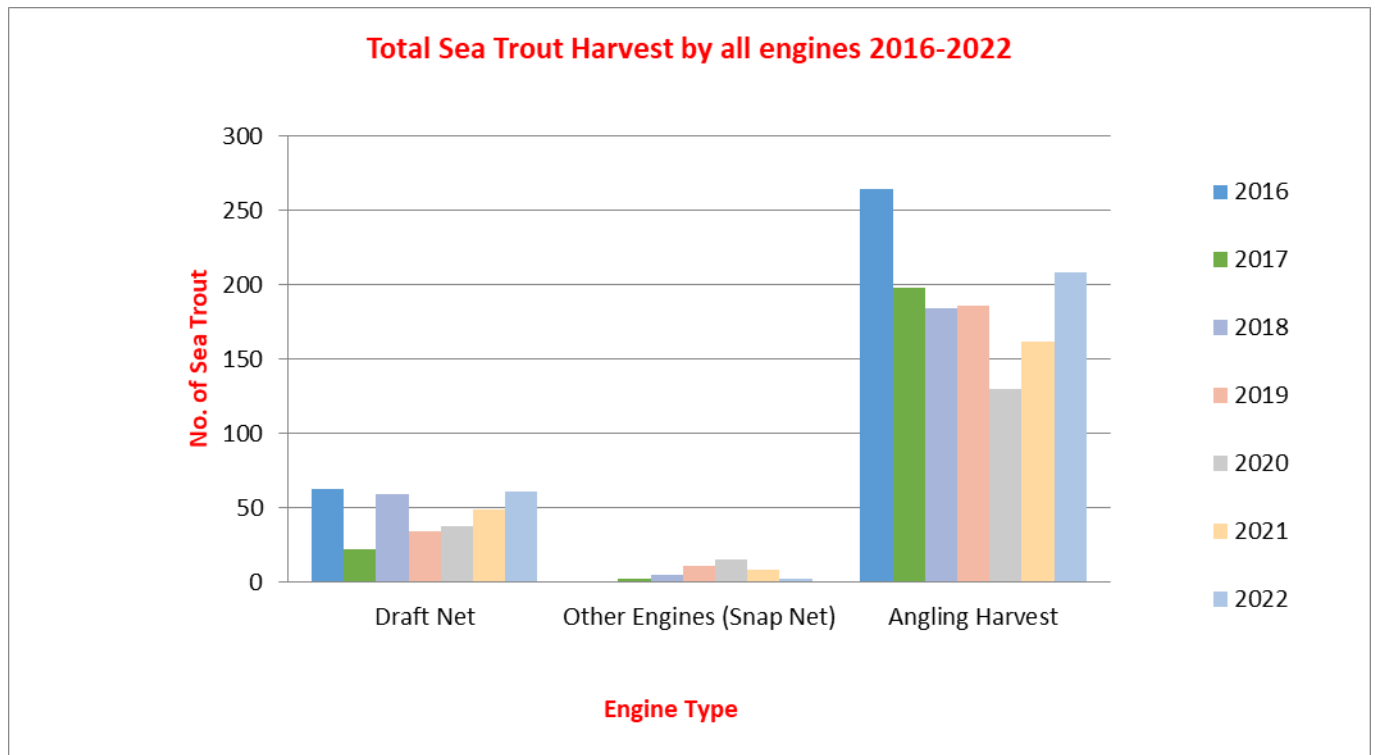


Fig. 2 - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2016-2022.

For 2022, anglers caught 97% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 3% (Table 11). 12.6% of the 2022 total sea trout catch was taken on the Slaney (Wexford) and 7.25% on Moy (Ballina).

Chapter 2

Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2022



Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2022

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%
2022	6,535	4,117	63%

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2022 was 6,535. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 4,117 represents 63% of TAC (Table 14).

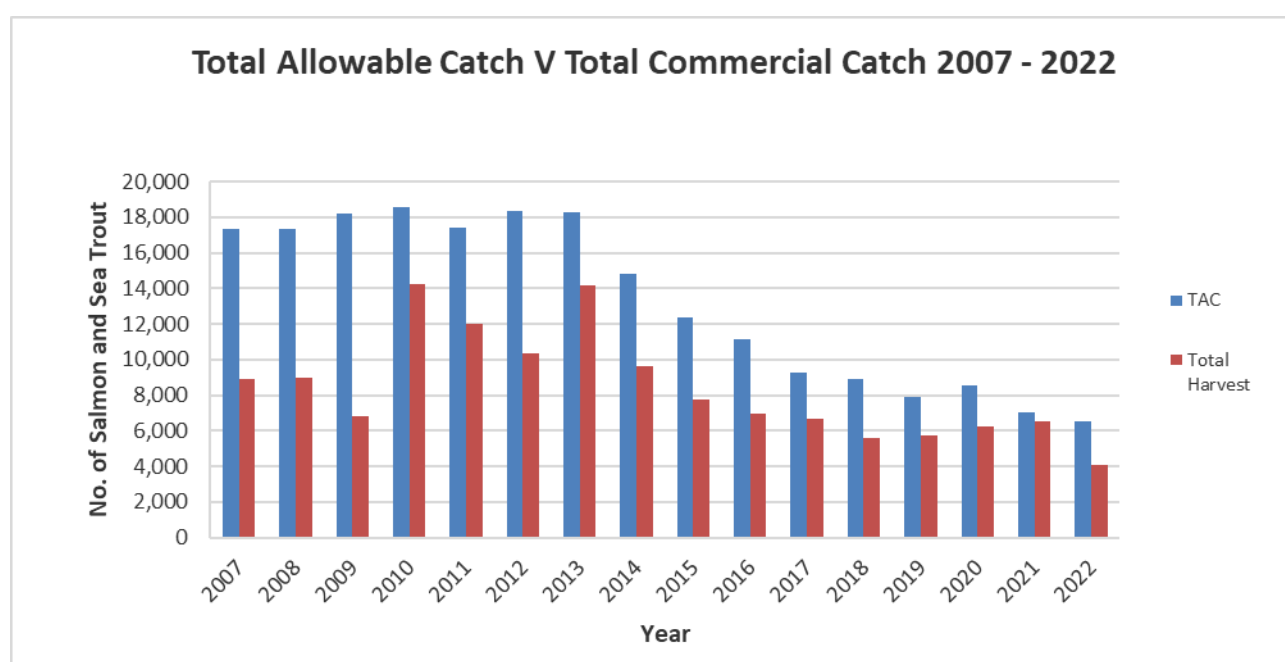


Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) V Total Commercial Catch 2007 – 2022.

In 2022, 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 6,535 above for 2022 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 2022

In the 2022 commercial salmon harvest, 78.8% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 21.2% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2022 was 4,054.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2022 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

Table 4 – Top 4 Commercial Fisheries in 2022

Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	1,033	25.5%
Kerry	Laune	931	23%
Kerry	Castlemaine	538	13%
Cork	Lower Lee	446	11%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 4 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2022 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2022

The table below shows the 2022 commercial salmon catch disposals:

Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2022	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	59%
Private Sales	22%
Domestic Consumption	16%
Restaurant	3%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2022. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.

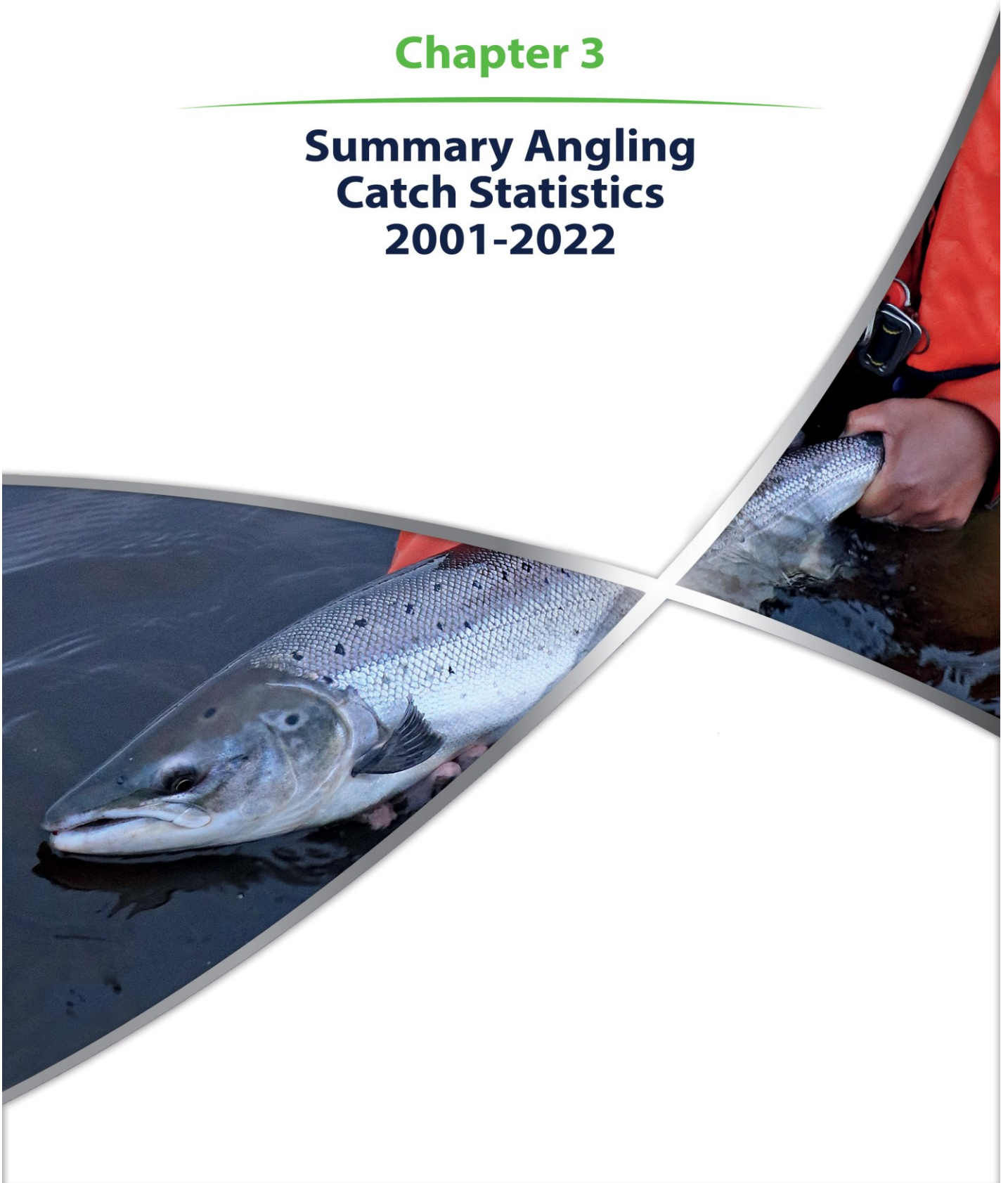
Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2022

In the 2022 commercial sea trout harvest, 97% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 3% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2022 was 63. Sea trout catches were highest on the River Laune (Kerry) at 68% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2022 was 1.5% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).

Chapter 3

Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2022



Angling Salmon Catch 2001 – 2022

Table 6.0 – Salmon Angling Catch 2001 – 2022

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%
2022	10,348	12,313	54%	22,661	-8.14%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2022. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2022 was 22,661 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents a decrease of 8.14% on the 2021 salmon angling catch of 24,668 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 2022, 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 – 2022

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%
2022	1,892	2,320	4,212	+24.8%

Table 6.2 – 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 – 2022

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%
2022	8,456	9,993	18,449	-13.36%

Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 – 2022

Table 7 – Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 – 2022

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%
2022	162	1,376	1,538	+14.7%
2022	208	1,810	2,018	+31.2%

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2022. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2022 was 2,018 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 31.2% on the 2021 sea trout angling catch of 1,538.

Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 – 2022

17,318 salmon rod licences were sold in 2022, an increase of 11.39% on 2021 licence sales (15,547) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 9,450 logbooks in 2022, with a national return rate of 54.6%, up from 54.4% on 2021 logbook returns (Table 17).

Table 8 – Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 – 2022

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%
2022	17,318	9,450	54.6%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 – 2022 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

Salmon Angling Catch 2022

Over one fifth of all salmon angling catch nationally (21%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 4,819 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught on 79 fisheries in 2022. The top three salmon producing fisheries made up 42.7% (9,668) of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2022 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster) and Corrib).

Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2022

13% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on the Slaney (Table 24) with an angling catch of 262 sea trout. Sea Trout were caught on 82 fisheries in 2022. The top three sea trout producing water systems made up 26.7% (539) of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2022 (Slaney (Wexford), Moy (Ballina), Erne (Ballyshannon).

Catch per Angler

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 3,019 anglers harvested salmon in 2022 (Table 54), an increase of 1% on 2021 (2,991). 1,732 anglers caught and released salmon in 2022 (Table 53) a decrease of 2.21% on 2021 (1,771). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

Of the 3,019 anglers who harvested salmon, 76.8% (2,320 anglers) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 14.8% (448 anglers) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 8.3% (251 anglers) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

Catch and Release Estimates

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2022. A total of 12,313 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 10,348 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 22,661 giving a national catch and release rate of 54% (Table 21).

15.3% of all salmon caught and released, were released on the Blackwater (Munster (Table 21) which had a catch and release of 1,882 salmon. The Moy accounted for 9.6% of all salmon caught and released (1,181 salmon) and the Suir accounted for 7.9% of all salmon caught and released (969 salmon). The top three rivers where salmon were caught and released made up almost one third (32.8%) of the national catch and release by rod and line in 2022 (Rivers Blackwater (Munster), Moy and Suir).

Angling Catch of Spring Salmon

An assessment on the number of salmon caught between 1st January 2022 and 31st May 2022 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 4,212 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2022 (3,375 in 2021), of which 2,320 were released and 1,892 harvested. The figure of 4,212 spring salmon catch represents 18.6% of the total salmon angling catch (22,661). A total of 649 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina) and 588 spring fish for the River Blackwater (Lismore) in 2022.

Angler Nationality

Anglers from 42 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2022. 66.5% of anglers were from Ireland, 11% from Northern Ireland, 6.6% from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), 3.9% from France, and 2.3% from Germany (Tables 19-20).

Table 9 – Summary Angler Nationality 2015 – 2022

No.	Nationality	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2022	2022	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	11,447	11,310	11,221	10,167	10,563	11,781	12,733	11,514	-9.57%
2	Great Britain	1,705	1,698	1,663	1,601	1,725	371	571	1,139	99.47%
3	Northern Ireland	2,213	2,038	1,924	1,824	1,865	1,720	1,577	1,900	20.48%
4	France	931	889	954	809	843	71	250	676	170.4%
5	Germany	589	572	578	560	517	77	126	394	212.7%
6	USA	508	564	765	673	737	13	52	650	1,150%

Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2015 to 2022.

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 2022 (includes salmon caught and released).

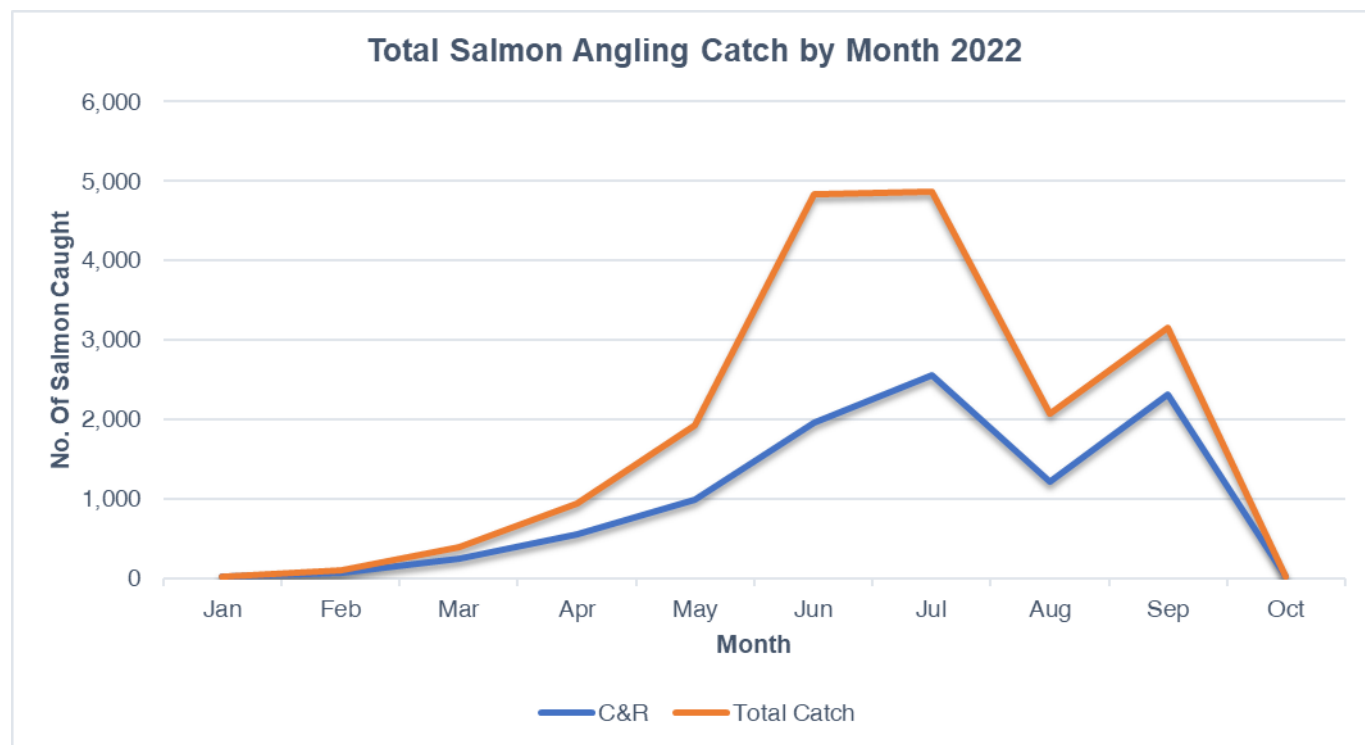


Fig. 4 - Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2022

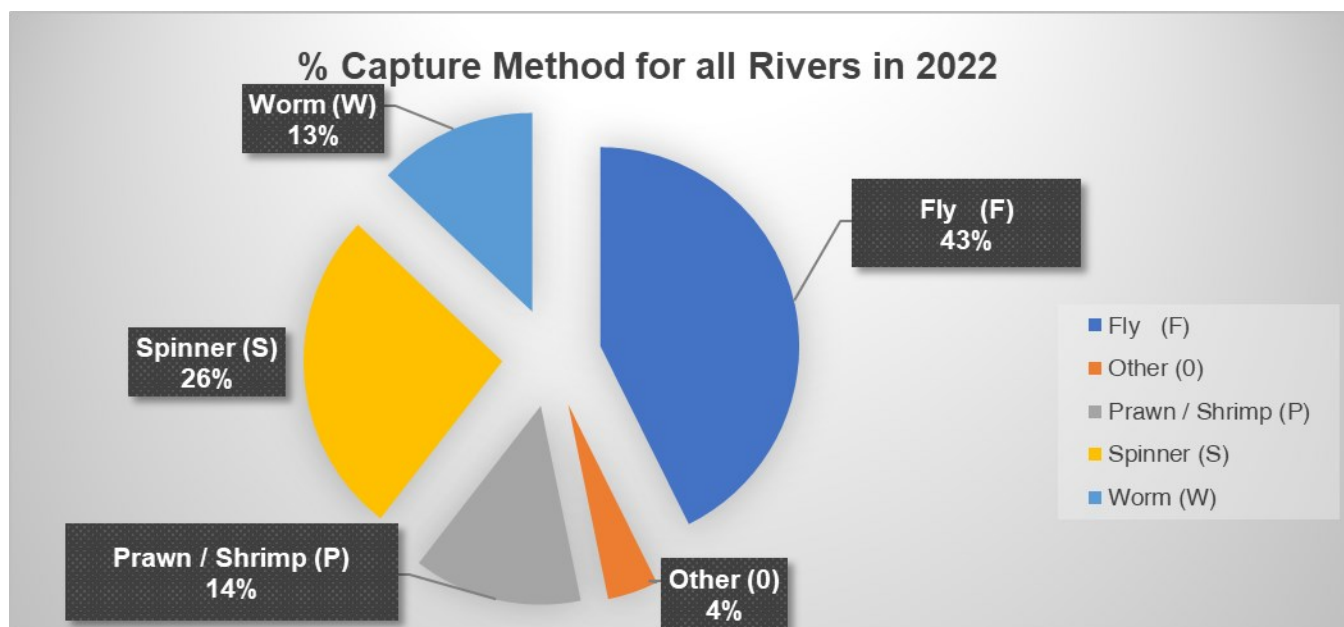


Fig. 5 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2022

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2022 are presented in Fig.8–30.

Chapter 4

Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2022



Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2022 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 2022
Moy	110	Ballina		1,181	3,638	4,819	3,638	4,819	12,555
Easkey	114	Ballina		107	127	234	127	234	225
Unknown	265	Ballina			7	7	7	7	
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill		12		12		12	
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		46	5	51	5	51	90
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		19		19		19	
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill		59	91	150	91	150	92
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		130	57	186	57	186	287
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		4	6	10	6	10	269
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		63	31	94	31	94	814
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	10	19	9	28	19	38	60
Common Estuary	Killary	Ballinakill	208				208	208	366
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		79		79		79	
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon		4		4		4	
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		15		15		15	
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		38		38		38	
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		35		35		35	
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		24	12	37	12	37	117
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		9		9		9	
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		365	463	827	463	827	2,435
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	32	22	10	32	42	64	103
Owenmore	105	Bangor	195	340	29	369	224	564	474
Owenduff	106	Bangor	178	123	121	244	299	422	667
Shramore (Burrishoole)1	107	Bangor		14	19	32	19	32	
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	6	37	31	69	37	75	243
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		109	85	193	85	193	486
Unknown	266	Bangor		1	1	2	1	2	
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	70	57	4	61	74	131	487
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		71	5	76	5	76	43
Owengowla	137	Connemara		4		4			
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		18	12	30	12	30	104
Glashaboy	193	Cork		5		5	0	5	
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	19	20	19	20	191
Coomhola	225	Cork		17	25	43	25	43	134

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 2022
Owvane	226	Cork		3	6	9	6	9	379
Mealagh	227	Cork		6	2	8	2	8	191
Lower Lee	228	Cork	446	941	54	995	500	1,441	628
Bandon	229	Cork		450	325	775	325	775	708
Owenboy	230	Cork		7		7		7	
Argideen	232	Cork		59		59		59	
Ilen	233	Cork		51	97	148	97	148	817
Boyne	159	Drogheda		290		290		290	
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		8		8		8	
Fane	94	Dundalk		118		118		118	
Glyde	95	Dundalk		180		180		180	
Dee	96	Dundalk		43		43		43	
Corrib	143	Galway		245	1,329	1,574	1,329	1,574	4,139
Unknown	262	Galway		4	12	15	12	15	
Maine	197	Kerry		15	120	135	120	135	319
Owencashla	199	Kerry		1		1			
Owenmore	203	Kerry	126	29	1	30	127	156	182
Laune	207	Kerry	931	248	782	1,030	1,713	1,961	2,705
Caragh	208	Kerry		56	78	133	78	133	421
Ferta	210	Kerry		28	16	44	16	44	92
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		88		88		88	
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry		148	146	294	146	294	301
Sneem	214	Kerry		20	27	46	27	46	695
Blackwater	215	Kerry		69		69		69	
Roughty	217	Kerry	99	121	205	326	304	425	349
Sheen	218	Kerry		29	31	60	31	60	710
Croanshagh	222	Kerry						0	112
Castlemaine Harbour	Harbour	Kerry	538				538	538	674
Ray	3	Letterkenny		22		22		22	
Crana	9	Letterkenny		43	3	46	3	46	237
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		24	12	37	12	37	294
Clady	23	Letterkenny		35	79	114	79	114	220
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		11	14	24	14	24	129
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		45		45		45	
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		56		56		56	
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	72	77	39	117	111	189	216
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	110	263	66	330	176	440	340

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 2022
Mulkear	153	Limerick		177		177		177	
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		23		23		23	
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		297		297		297	
Feale	194	Limerick		550		550		550	
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,033	1,882	1,393	3,275	2,426	4,308	3,758
Bride	191	Lismore		106		106		106	
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		176	616	792	616	792	2,013
Garvogue	117	Sligo		190		190		190	
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo		56	87	143	87	143	195
Mullaghmore	249	Sligo		9		9		9	
Unknown	267	Sligo		1		1		1	
Suir	182	Waterford		969		969		969	
Barrow	183	Waterford		154		154		154	
Nore	184	Waterford		669		669		669	
Slaney	175	Wexford		187		187		187	
Unknown	999	WRBD-B			1	1	1	1	
Unknown	999	WRBD-G		3		3		3	
1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish			Totals	4,054	12,313	10,348	22,661	14,402	41,066
				15%		85%			

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2022. 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 2022 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		5		5	5
Moy	110	Ballina		54	97	151	151
Easkey	114	Ballina		2	5	7	7
Unknown	265	Ballina		1	5	6	6
Bunowen (Clew bay)	127	Ballinakill		3		3	3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		4		4	4
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill		4		4	4
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		1		1	1
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		1		1	1
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		4		4	4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		1		1	1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		1		1	1
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon		45		45	45
Laghy*	59	Ballyshannon		1		1	1
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		3		3	
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		20		20	20
Erne	123	Ballyshannon		126		126	126
Glenamoy	100	Bangor			1	1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor		34		34	34
Owenduff	106	Bangor		67	15	82	82
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		9		9	9
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		27		27	27
Unknown	266	Bangor			2	2	2
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor		1		1	1
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara		15		15	15
Owengowla	137	Connemara		1		1	1
Screebe	239	Connemara		1		1	1
Glashaboy	193	Cork		8		8	8
Glengarriff	219	Cork			1	1	1
Bandon	229	Cork		10	5	15	15
Owenboy	230	Cork		3		3	3
Argideen	232	Cork		89		89	89
Ilenn	233	Cork		6	1	7	7
Boyne	159	Drogheda		79		79	79
Nanny	160	Drogheda		1		1	1

table 11 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Sea Trout Catch	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		23		23	23
Dargle*	169	Dublin		5		5	5
Vartry*	170	Dublin		23		23	23
Avoca	171	Dublin		1		1	1
Castletown*	92	Dundalk		26		26	26
Fane	94	Dundalk		7		7	7
Glyde	95	Dundalk		82		82	82
Dee	96	Dundalk		25		25	25
Maine	197	Kerry		13	3	16	16
Owenmore	203	Kerry	16	7		7	23
Laune	207	Kerry	43	20	9	29	72
Caragh	208	Kerry		3	3	7	7
Ferta	210	Kerry		5	1	6	6
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		9		9	9
Waterville\Cummeragh \Currane	213	Kerry		81	1	82	82
Sneem	214	Kerry		3	1	5	5
Blackwater	215	Kerry		3		3	3
Roughty	217	Kerry	1	10	5	15	16
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		1	1	2	2
Unknown	260	Kerry		1		1	1
Castlemaine Harbour	Harbour	Kerry	1				1
Ray	3	Letterkenny		9		9	9
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Crana	9	Letterkenny		8		8	8
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny		9		9	9
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		14		14	14
Clady	23	Letterkenny		1	1	3	3
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny		30		30	30
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		33		33	33
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny		11	7	18	18
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		3	3	5	5
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny		37		37	37
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Isle (Burn)*	250	Letterkenny		1		1	1

table 11 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Sea Trout Catch	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		5		5	5
Feale	194	Limerick		36		36	36
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	2	21	9	30	32
Bride	191	Lismore		12		12	12
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		9	15	24	24
Garvogue	117	Sligo		16		16	16
Drumcliff (inc Glencare Lake)	119	Sligo		77	12	90	90
Rosses Point*	250	Sligo		81	1	82	82
Unknown*	267	Sligo		2	1	4	4
Barrow	183	Waterford		14		14	14
Nore	184	Waterford		5		5	5
Avoca*	171	Wexford		41		41	41
Slaney	175	Wexford		262		262	262
Owenavorrhagh	177	Wexford		60		60	60
Sow*	178	Wexford		8		8	8
Unknown	256	Wexford		1		1	1
Cullenstown Strand*	270	Wexford		4		4	4
Unknown	999	ERBD		3		3	3
Totals			63	1,810	208	2,018	2,081

*Sea trout under 40cm

3%

97%

Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2022. 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 2022



Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2022 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)	858	1,033	21.2%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	175		4.3%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	446	446	11.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	538	1,694	13.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	931		23.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughy	99		2.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	126		3.1%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1)	208	218	5.1%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden R.	10		0.2%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	70	481	1.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	178		4.4%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	32		0.8%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	6		0.1%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	195		4.8%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	72	182	1.8%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	110		2.7%
Total			4,054	4,054	100%

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

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2022 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 2022 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)	2	2	3.2%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	0		0.0%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	0	0	0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	1	61	1.6%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	43		68.2%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	1		1.6%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	16		25.4%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff and Bundorragha)	0	0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	0		0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin	0		0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden	0		0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	0	0	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	0		0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	0		0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	0		0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	0		0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	0	0	0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea	0		0.0%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	0		0.0%
Totals			63	63	100%

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

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2022 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 2022

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)	858		858	1,035	82.9%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	175	2	177		17.1%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	446	0	446	447	99.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	538	1	539	658	81.9%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	931	43	974	2,232	43.6%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	99	1	100	140	71.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	126	16	142	142	100.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1)	208	0	208	366	56.8%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	0	0	0	407	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin	0	0	0	135	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden	10	0	10	30	33.3%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	70	0	70	119	58.8%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	178	0	178	178	100.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	32	0	32	51	62.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	6	0	6	208	2.9%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	195	0	195	195	100.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	72	0	72	72	100.0%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	110	0	110	120	91.7%
Totals			4,054	63	4,117	6,535	63.0%

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 2022, 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 2022 determined from Logbook Returns

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Catch	May	June	July
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	858	180	206	472
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	175	44	43	88
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	446	17	62	367
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	538	12	118	408
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	931	119	387	425
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	99		4	95
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	126	1	34	91
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (note1)	208		73	135
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	0			
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin	0			
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden	10			10
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Ferry Estuary)	70	2	10	58
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	178	47	68	63
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	32			32
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	6			6
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	195	19	45	131
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	72			72
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea	110			110
Totals			4,054	441	1,050	2,563

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

Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2022 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.

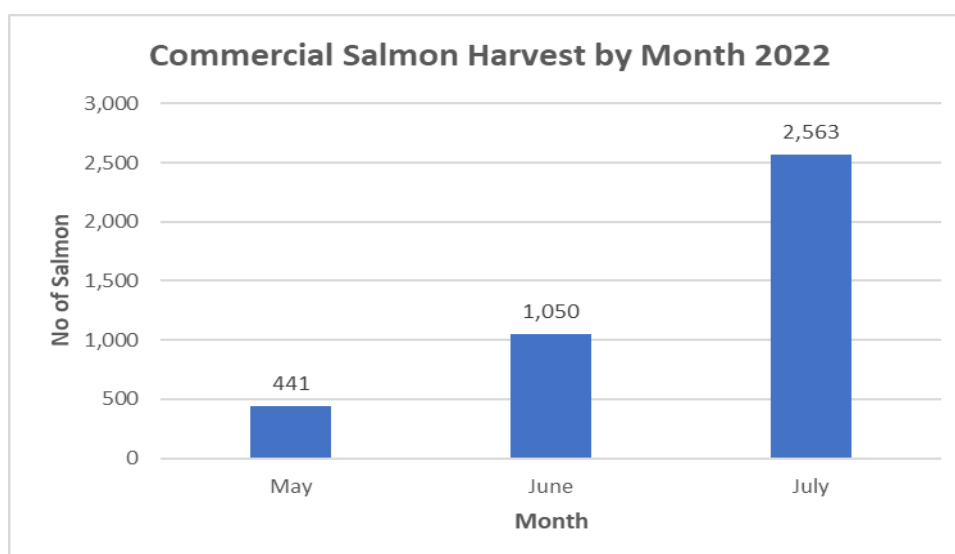


Fig. 6 - Analysis of monthly commercial salmon catch for 2022.

Table 16.1 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2022.

Fishery District	Total Caught	Domestic Consumption	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Restaurant	Other
Ballinakill	218	51	147	20		
Bangor	481	114	34	325		8
Cork	446	32	353	56		5
Kerry	1,694	208	1,194	288	2	2
Letterkenny	182	30	13	138		1
Lismore	1,033	196	647	64	126	
Total Sales by Category	4,054	631	2,388	891	128	16
% Totals	100%	15.6%	58.9%	22.0%	3.2%	0.3%

Table 16 shows an analysis of the distribution of sales and disposals for salmon harvest by commercial fishermen (draft and snap net) by fishery district in 2022

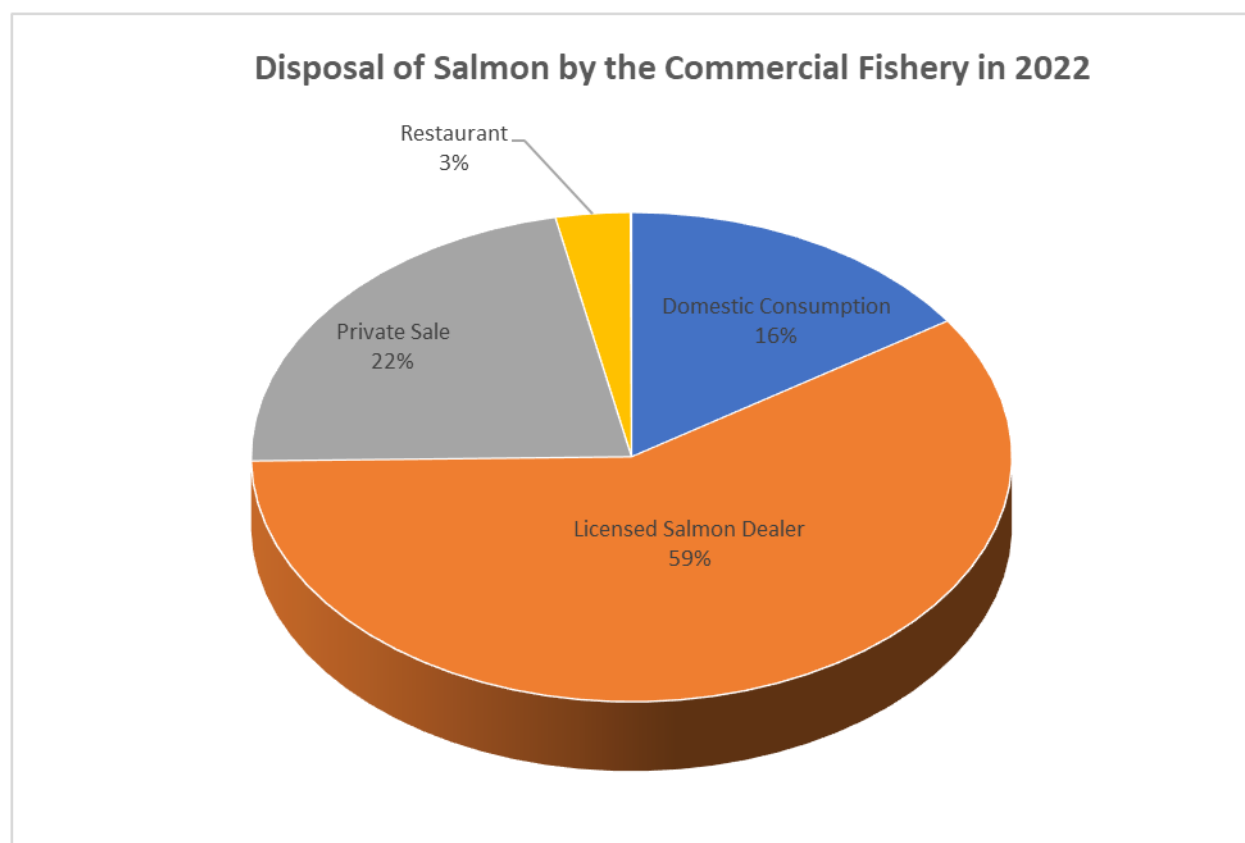


Fig. 7 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2022.

Table 16.2 - Analysis of Commercial Salmon Harvest by Commercial Nets on a District basis for 2022

Fishery District	0	1-10	11-20	21-50	51-100	101-250	251-500	Total licence holders
Lismore Draft						1		1
Lismore Snap				3	5	3		11
Cork				15				15
Kerry	1	9			6	2	2	20
Ballinakill		3	1	2	2			8
Bangor		3	12	7	1			23
Letterkenny	2		4	4				10
Total licence holders per category	3	15	17	31*	14	6	2	88
% licence holders per category	3.4%	17.0%	19.3%	35.2%	15.9%	6.8%	2.3%	100%
Catch per Band	0	48	313	1,258*	921	863	651	4,054
% Catch per Band	0.0%	1.2%	7.7%	31.0%	22.7%	21.3%	16.1%	100%

Table 16.2 shows an analysis of the commercial salmon harvest per band by draft & snap net fishing licence on a district basis in 2022. *E.g. 31 commercial fishermen caught between 21-50 salmon in 2022. These 31 commercial licence holders caught 1,258 salmon in total between them in 2022. The average catch was 46 salmon per licence holder in 2022.

Chapter 6

Angling Catch Tables 2022

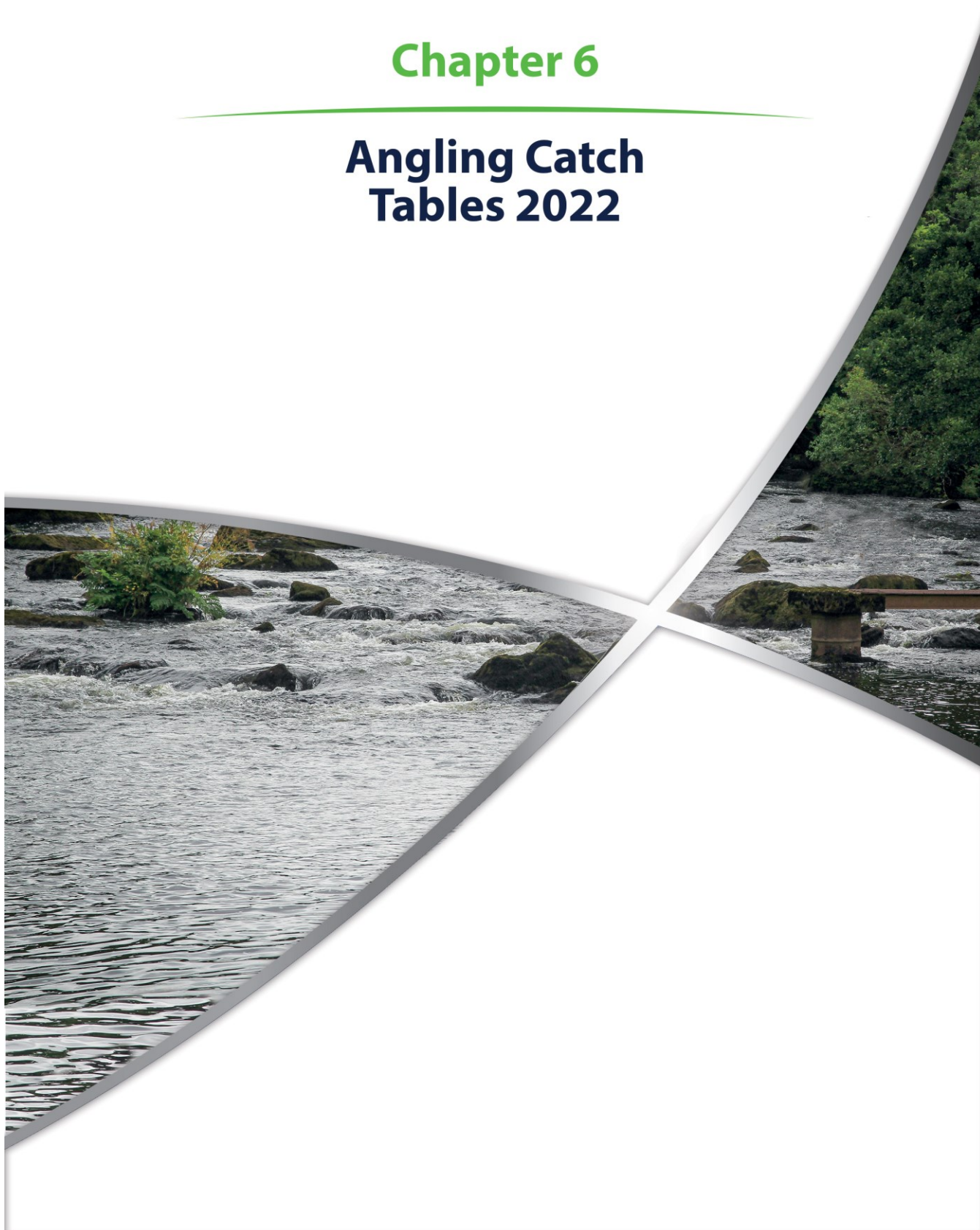


Table 17 – Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2022

River Basin	Angling Licence Sales 2022	Angling Logbook Returns 2022	% Returns 2022	Raising Factor
ERBD	1,229	613	50%	1.301468
SERBD	1,230	645	52%	1.272093
SWRBD	3,934	2,583	66%	1.156911
ShRBD	1,316	655	50%	1.302748
WRBD-G	2,327	1,195	51%	1.284184
WRBD-B	4,728	2,592	55%	1.247222
NWRBD	2,554	1,167	46%	1.356555
Totals	17,318	9,450	54.6%	1.249778

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2022 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 2022

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	1,229	740	175	70	164	80		
South Eastern	1,230	606	425	107	66	26		
South Western	3,934	1238	1337	388	460	511		
Shannon	1,316	632	277	99	224	84		
Western - G	2,327	540	568	175	472	564	8	
Western - B	4,728	1,016	1,586	495	1,215	347	69	
North Western	2,554	494	660	140	320	130	391	419
Totals	17,318	5,266	5,028	1,474	2,921	1,742	468	419

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2022 by River Basin and Licence type.

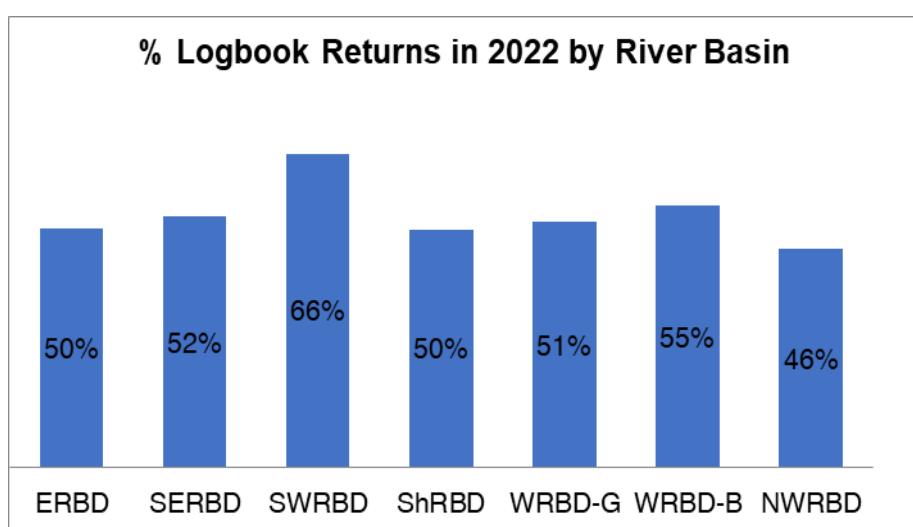
**Fig. 8 - Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2022.**

Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2022 by River Basin

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Afghanistan	3	1				1	1	
American	1						1	
Argentina	1					1		
Australia	15			4		5	5	1
Austria	37			9		6	20	2
Belgium	27			3	2	9	7	6
Canada	46	3	2	7	2	25	6	1
Cyprus	1			1				
Denmark	35		1	13		7	5	9
England	346	1		18	25	53	226	23
Finland	2					1		1
France	676	78	18	71	2	72	332	103
Germany	394			45	27	46	228	48
Ghana	1							1
Iceland	1			1				
Ireland	11,514	1,091	1,174	3,135	792	1,138	3,031	1,153
Isle Of Man	7			2	1		4	
Israel	2			2				
Italy	25			11		8	6	
Liechtenstein	2			1		1		
Luxembourg	13	1		2		4	4	2
Malta	1			1				
Netherlands	39		2	14		8	10	5
Niue	1							1
Northern	1,900	2	3	35	288	108	495	969
Norway	1				1			
Pakistan	1			1				
Portugal	1			1				
Romania	1						1	
Scotland	56	1		6	6	11	26	6
Singapore	8			6		2		
Slovakia	2			2				
South Africa	4			2		2		
Spain	53	8		7		7	10	21
Sweden	6					6		
Switzerland	114		1	9		32	39	33
United Arab	5			2		2	1	
United Kingdom	699	3	7	220	167	104	97	101
United States	650	27	9	258	1	303	43	9
Unknown	587	13	13	36		357	110	58
Uruguay	1				1			
Virgin Islands	1			1				
Wales	38			8	1	8	20	1
Totals	17,318	1,229	1,230	3,934	1,316	2,327	4,728	2,554

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2022 by Angler Nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2022 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	3	3						
American Samoa	1					1		
Argentina	1				1			
Australia	15	1	1		6	7		
Austria	37		4	2	30			1
Belgium	27		2		20	2		3
Canada	46		2		19	25		
Cyprus	1					1		
Denmark	35				30	3		2
England	346	12	36	4	272	21	1	
Finland	2				2			
France	676	23	37	29	498	75		14
Germany	394	25	31	9	308	13		8
Ghana	1				1			
Iceland	1	1						
Ireland	11,514	4,538	4,222	1,181	680	623	84	186
Isle Of Man	7	2	1		3	1		
Israel	2					2		
Italy	25	1	5	3	10	6		
Liechtenstein	2				2			
Luxembourg	13			1	10	1		1
Malta	1				1			
Netherlands	39		7	3	16	13		
Niue	1		1					
Northern Ireland	1,900	447	442	80	280	153	318	180
Norway	1			1				
Pakistan	1					1		
Portugal	1					1		
Romania	1		1					
Scotland	56	3	5	1	35	12		
Singapore	8			1		7		
Slovakia	2				2			
South Africa	4					4		
Spain	53	1	1	3	46			2
Sweden	6				6			
Switzerland	114	8	3	1	88	11		3
United Arab	5				2	3		
United Kingdom	699	81	63	33	358	88	62	14
United States	650	6	7	38	102	496		1
Unknown	587	110	152	82	69	167	3	4
Uruguay	1	1						
Virgin Islands	1					1		
Wales	38	3	5	2	24	4		
Totals	17,318	5,266	5,028	1,474	2,921	1,742	468	419

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2022 by angler nationality and by licence type.

Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2022

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	1,181	3,638	4,819
Easkey	114	Ballina	107	127	234
Unknown	265	Ballina		7	7
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	12		12
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	46	5	51
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	19		19
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	59	91	150
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	130	57	186
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	4	6	10
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	63	31	94
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	19	9	28
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	79		79
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	4		4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	15		15
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	38		38
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	35		35
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	24	12	37
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	9		9
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	365	463	827
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	22	10	32
Owenmore	105	Bangor	340	29	369
Owenduff	106	Bangor	123	121	244
Shramore (Burrishoole)1	107	Bangor	14	19	32
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	37	31	69
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	109	85	193
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1	2
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	57	4	61
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	71	5	76
Owengowla	137	Connemara	4		4
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	18	12	30
Glashaboy	193	Cork	5		5
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	19	20
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	25	43
Owvane	226	Cork	3	6	9
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	2	8
Lower Lee	228	Cork	941	54	995
Bandon	229	Cork	450	325	775
Owenboy	230	Cork	7		7
Argideen	232	Cork	59		59
Ilen	233	Cork	51	97	148
Boyne	159	Drogheda	290		290
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	8		8
Fane	94	Dundalk	118		118
Glyde	95	Dundalk	180		180
Dee	96	Dundalk	43		43

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	245	1,329	1,574
Unknown	262	Galway	4	12	15
Maine	197	Kerry	15	120	135
Owencashla	199	Kerry	1		1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	29	1	30
Laune	207	Kerry	248	782	1,030
Caragh	208	Kerry	56	78	133
Ferta	210	Kerry	28	16	44
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	88		88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	148	146	294
Sneem	214	Kerry	20	27	46
Blackwater	215	Kerry	69		69
Roughty	217	Kerry	121	205	326
Sheen	218	Kerry	29	31	60
Ray	3	Letterkenny	22		22
Crana	9	Letterkenny	43	3	46
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	24	12	37
Clady	23	Letterkenny	35	79	114
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	11	14	24
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	45		45
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	56		56
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	77	39	117
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	263	66	330
Mulkear	153	Limerick	177		177
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	23		23
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	297		297
Feale	194	Limerick	550		550
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,882	1,393	3,275
Bride	191	Lismore	106		106
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	176	616	792
Garvogue	117	Sligo	190		190
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	56	87	143
Mullaghmore	249	Sligo	9		9
Unknown	267	Sligo	1		1
Suir	182	Waterford	969		969
Barrow	183	Waterford	154		154
Nore	184	Waterford	669		669
Slaney	175	Wexford	187		187
Unknown	999	WRBD-B		1	1
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	3		3
1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish			Totals	12,313	10,348
				54%	46%

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 2022. (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 2022

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	113	535	649
Easkey	114	Ballina		1	1
Unknown	265	Ballina		1	1
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	5	1	6
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	24	51	76
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	10	3	13
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	4	1	5
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	1		1
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	4		4
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	138	168	307
Owenmore	105	Bangor	32	5	37
Owenduff	106	Bangor	51	62	113
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	19	24	42
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	57	66	123
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	14		14
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	6		6
Glashaboy	193	Cork	2		2
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	5	6
Owvane	226	Cork		1	1
Lower Lee	228	Cork	275	8	283
Bandon	229	Cork	36	45	81
Argideen	232	Cork	22		22
Ilen	233	Cork		10	10
Boyne	159	Drogheda	68		68
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1		1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	27		27
Dee	96	Dundalk	5		5
Corrib	143	Galway	24	162	186
Unknown	262	Galway		1	1
Maine	197	Kerry		9	9
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1		1
Laune	207	Kerry	69	312	382
Caragh	208	Kerry	17	25	43
Ferta	210	Kerry	1	1	2
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	83	34	117
Blackwater	215	Kerry	2		2
Roughty	217	Kerry	12	14	25
Sheen	218	Kerry	3	3	7

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	1		1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	4		4
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	26		26
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	1	4	5
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	12		12
Mulkear	153	Limerick	9		9
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	68		68
Feale	194	Limerick	152		152
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	308	280	588
Bride	191	Lismore	13		13
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	11	52	64
Garvogue	117	Sligo	16		16
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	7	5	12
Bunduff	267	Sligo	1		1
Suir	182	Waterford	154		154
Barrow	183	Waterford	65		65
Nore	184	Waterford	192		192
Slaney	175	Wexford	142		142
Totals			2,320	1,892	4,212

Table 22 shows the Spring Salmon (1st Jan – 31st May) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2022.

(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 2022

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	1,068	3,103	4,171
Easkey	114	Ballina	107	126	233
Unknown	265	Ballina		6	6
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	12		12
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	41	4	45
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	19		19
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	35	40	74
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	119	54	173
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	4	6	10
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	59	30	89
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	18	9	27
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	79		79
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	4		4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	14		14
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	37		37
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	31		31
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	24	12	37
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	9		9
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	227	294	521
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	22	10	32
Owenmore	105	Bangor	308	24	332
Owenduff	106	Bangor	72	59	131
Shramore (Burrishoole) 1	107	Bangor	14	19	32
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	19	7	26
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	51	19	70
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1	2
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	44	4	47
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	64	5	69
Owengowla	137	Connemara	4		4
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	18	12	30
Glashaboy	193	Cork	2		2
Glengarriff	219	Cork		14	14
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	25	43
Owvane	226	Cork	3	5	8
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	2	8
Lower Lee	228	Cork	665	46	712
Bandon	229	Cork	414	280	694
Owenboy	230	Cork	7		7
Argideen	232	Cork	37		37
Ilen	233	Cork	51	87	138
Boyne	159	Drogheda	223		223
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	7		7
Fane	94	Dundalk	118		118
Glyde	95	Dundalk	152		152
Dee	96	Dundalk	38		38

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	221	1,167	1,388
Unknown	262	Galway	4	10	14
Maine	197	Kerry	15	111	126
Owencashla	199	Kerry	1		1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	28	1	29
Laune	207	Kerry	178	470	648
Caragh	208	Kerry	38	52	90
Ferta	210	Kerry	27	15	42
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	88		88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	65	112	177
Sneem	214	Kerry	20	27	46
Blackwater	215	Kerry	67		67
Roughty	217	Kerry	110	191	301
Sheen	218	Kerry	25	28	53
Ray	3	Letterkenny	22		22
Crana	9	Letterkenny	42	3	45
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	24	12	37
Clady	23	Letterkenny	35	79	114
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	11	14	24
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	41		41
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	30		30
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	76	35	111
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	251	66	317
Mulkear	153	Limerick	168		168
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	23		23
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	229		229
Feale	194	Limerick	397		397
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,575	1,113	2,688
Bride	191	Lismore	94		94
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	165	564	728
Garvogue	117	Sligo	173		173
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	49	82	131
Mullaghmore	249	Sligo	9		9
Suir	182	Waterford	815		815
Barrow	183	Waterford	89		89
Nore	184	Waterford	477		477
Slaney	175	Wexford	45		45
Unknown	998	WRBD-B		1	1
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	3		3
Totals			9,993	8,456	18,449

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

Table 23 shows the 1 Sea Winter Salmon (Grilse - 1st June – 30th Sept) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2022. (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 2022

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	104	Ballina	5		5
Moy	110	Ballina	54	97	151
Easkey	114	Ballina	2	5	7
Unknown	265	Ballina	1	5	6
Bunowen (Clew bay)	127	Ballinakill	3		3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	4		4
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	4		4
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	1		1
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1		1
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	4		4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	45		45
Laghy*	59	Ballyshannon	1		1
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	20		20
Erne	123	Ballyshannon	126		126
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor	34		34
Owenduff	106	Bangor	67	15	82
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	9		9
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	27		27
Unknown	266	Bangor		2	2
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor	1		1
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara	15		15
Owengowla	137	Connemara	1		1
Screebe	239	Connemara	1		1
Glashaboy	193	Cork	8		8
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	1
Bandon	229	Cork	10	5	15
Owenboy	230	Cork	3		3
Argideen	232	Cork	89		89
Ilen	233	Cork	6	1	7
Boyne	159	Drogheda	79		79
Nanny	160	Drogheda	1		1
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	23		23
Dargle*	169	Dublin	5		5
Vartry*	170	Dublin	23		23
Avoca	171	Dublin	1		1
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	26		26
Fane	94	Dundalk	7		7
Glyde	95	Dundalk	82		82
Dee	96	Dundalk	25		25

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
Maine	197	Kerry	13	3	16
Owenmore	203	Kerry	7		7
Laune	207	Kerry	20	9	29
Caragh	208	Kerry	3	3	7
Ferta	210	Kerry	5	1	6
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	9		9
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	81	1	82
Sneem	214	Kerry	3	1	5
Blackwater	215	Kerry	3		3
Roughty	217	Kerry	10	5	15
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1	2
Unknown	260	Kerry	1		1
Ray	3	Letterkenny	9		9
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	5		5
Crana	9	Letterkenny	8		8
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	9		9
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	14		14
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1	3
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny	3		3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	30		30
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	33		33
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	11	7	18
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	5		5
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	3	3	5
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	37		37
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny	3		3
Isle (Burn)*	250	Letterkenny	1		1
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	5		5
Feale	194	Limerick	36		36
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	21	9	30
Bride	191	Lismore	12		12
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	9	15	24
Garvogue	117	Sligo	16		16
Drumcliff (inc Glencare	119	Sligo	77	12	90
Rosses Point*	250	Sligo	81	1	82
Unknown*	267	Sligo	2	1	4
Barrow	183	Waterford	14		14
Nore	184	Waterford	5		5
Avoca*	171	Wexford	41		41
Slaney	175	Wexford	262		262
Owenavorrigh	177	Wexford	60		60
Sow*	178	Wexford	8		8
Unknown	256	Wexford	1		1
Cullenstown Strand*	270	Wexford	4		4
Unknown	999	ERBD	3		3
Totals			1,810	208	2,018

* Sea Trout under 40cm

Table 24 shows the sea trout harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2022. (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 2022

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

Table 26 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2022

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

Table 27 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Fane	94	Dundalk	91	118
Glyde	95	Dundalk	138	180
Dee	96	Dundalk	33	43
Boyne	159	Drogheda	223	290
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	6	8
Total			491	639

Table 28 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	20	26
Fane	94	Dundalk	5	7
Glyde	95	Dundalk	63	82
Dee	96	Dundalk	19	25
Boyne	159	Drogheda	61	79
Nanny	160	Drogheda	1	1
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	18	23
Dargle*	169	Dublin	4	5
Vartry*	170	Dublin	18	23
Avoca*	171	Dublin	1	1
Unknown	999	ERBD	2	3
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		Total	212	276

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 2022 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 2022

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

Table 30 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2022

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

Table 31 – Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	147	187
Suir	182	Waterford	762	969
Barrow	183	Waterford	121	154
Nore	184	Waterford	526	669
		Total	1,556	1,979

Table 32 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Avoca*	171	Wexford	32	41
Slaney	175	Wexford	206	262
Owenavorragh*	177	Wexford	47	60
Sow	178	Wexford	6	8
Unknown	256	Wexford	1	1
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	3	4
Barrow	183	Waterford	11	14
Nore	184	Waterford	4	5
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		Total	310	394

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 2022 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 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,204	1,393
Glengarriff	219	Cork	16	19
Coomhola	225	Cork	22	25
Owvane	226	Cork	5	6
Mealagh	227	Cork	2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	47	54
Bandon	229	Cork	281	325
Ilen	233	Cork	84	97
Maine	197	Kerry	104	120
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	1
Laune	207	Kerry	676	782
Caragh	208	Kerry	67	78
Ferta	210	Kerry	14	16
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	126	146
Sneem	214	Kerry	23	27
Roughy	217	Kerry	177	205
Sheen	218	Kerry	27	31
		Total	2,876	3,327

Table 34 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	8	9
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	1
Bandon	229	Cork	4	5
Ilen	233	Cork	1	1
Maine	197	Kerry	3	3
Laune	207	Kerry	8	9
Caragh	208	Kerry	3	3
Ferta	210	Kerry	1	1
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	1	1
Sneem	214	Kerry	1	1
Roughy	217	Kerry	4	5
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1
		Total	36	42

Table 35 – Salmon Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,627	1,882
Bride	191	Lismore	92	106
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4	5
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	1
Coomhola	225	Cork	15	17
Owvane	226	Cork	3	3
Mealagh	227	Cork	5	6
Lower Lee	228	Cork	813	941
Bandon	229	Cork	389	450
Owenboy	230	Cork	6	7
Argideen	232	Cork	51	59
Ilen	233	Cork	44	51
Maine	197	Kerry	13	15
Owencashla	199	Kerry	1	1
Owenmore	203	Kerry	25	29
Laune	207	Kerry	214	248
Caragh	208	Kerry	48	56
Ferta	210	Kerry	24	28
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	76	88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	128	148
Sneem	214	Kerry	17	20
Blackwater	215	Kerry	60	69
Roughty	217	Kerry	105	121
Sheen	218	Kerry	25	29
		Total	3,786	4,380

Table 36 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	18	21
Bride	191	Lismore	10	12
Glashaboy	193	Cork	7	8
Bandon	229	Cork	9	10
Owenboy	230	Cork	3	3
Argideen	232	Cork	77	89
Ilen	233	Cork	5	6
Maine	197	Kerry	11	13
Owenmore	203	Kerry	6	7
Laune	207	Kerry	17	20
Caragh	208	Kerry	3	3
Ferta	210	Kerry	4	5
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	8	9
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	70	81
Sneem	214	Kerry	3	3
Blackwater	215	Kerry	3	3
Roughy	217	Kerry	9	10
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1
Brandon/Clahan	260	Kerry	1	1
		Total	265	307

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 2022 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 2022

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

Table 38 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2022

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

Table 39 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Mulkear	153	Limerick	136	177
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	18	23
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	228	297
Feale	194	Limerick	422	550
		Total	804	1,047

Table 40 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	4	5
Feale	194	Limerick	28	36
		Total	32	42

*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 2022 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 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	4	5
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	71	91
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	44	57
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	5	6
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	24	31
Owenglin	135	Ballinakill	7	9
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	4	5
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	9	12
Corrib	143	Galway	1,035	1,329
Unknown	262	Galway	9	12
Total			1,212	1,556

Table 42 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	9	12
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	36	46
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	15	19
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	46	59
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	101	130
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	3	4
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	49	63
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	15	19
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	55	71
Owengowla	137	Connemara	3	4
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	14	18
Corrib	143	Galway	191	245
Unknown	262	Galway	3	4
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	2	3
Total			542	696

Table 43 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	2	3
Carrowniskey	128	Ballinakill	3	4
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	3	4
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	1	1
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	1
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	12	15
Owengowla	137	Connemara	1	1
Screebe	239	Connemara	1	1
Total			24	31

Table 44 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2022

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

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 2022 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 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	8	10
Owenmore	105	Bangor	23	29
Owenduff	106	Bangor	97	121
Shramore (Burrishoole) ¹	107	Bangor	15	19
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	25	31
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	68	85
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor	3	4
Moy	110	Ballina	2,917	3,638
Easkey	114	Ballina	102	127
Unknown	265	Ballina	6	7
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	494	616
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	70	87
Unknown	999	WRBD-B	1	1
1 Ranched Fish		Total	3,830	4,777

Table 46 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	12	15
Unknown	266	Bangor	2	2
Moy	110	Ballina	78	97
Easkey	114	Ballina	4	5
Unknown	265	Ballina	4	5
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	12	15
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	10	12
Rosses Point	250	Sligo	1	1
Unknown	267	Sligo	1	1
		Total	125	156

Table 47 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Tullaghan Bay	0	Bangor	5	6
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	18	22
Owenmore	105	Bangor	273	340
Owenduff	106	Bangor	99	123
Shramore (Burrishoole)	107	Bangor	11	14
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	30	37
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	87	109
Unknown	266	Bangor	1	1
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor	41	51
Moy	110	Ballina	947	1,181
Easkey	114	Ballina	86	107
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	141	176
Garvogue	117	Sligo	152	190
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	45	56
Bunduff	249	Sligo	7	9
Unknown	267	Sligo	1	1
		Total	1,944	2,425

Table 48 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Owenmore	105	Bangor	27	34
Owenduff	106	Bangor	54	67
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	7	9
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	22	27
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor	1	1
Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)	104	Ballina	4	5
Moy	110	Ballina	43	54
Easkey	114	Ballina	2	2
Unknown	265	Ballina	1	1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	7	9
Garvogue	117	Sligo	13	16
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	62	77
Rosses Point	250	Sligo	65	81
Unknown	267	Sligo	2	2
		Total	310	387

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 2022 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 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	9	12
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	341	463
Crana	9	Letterkenny	2	3
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	9	12
Clady	23	Letterkenny	58	79
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	10	14
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	29	39
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	49	66
Total			507	688

Table 50 – Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	5	7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	2	3
Total			8	11

Table 51 – Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	58	79
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	3	4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	11	15
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	28	38
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	26	35
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	18	24
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	7	9
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	269	365
Ray	3	Letterkenny	16	22
Crana	9	Letterkenny	32	43
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	18	24
Clady	23	Letterkenny	26	35
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	8	11
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	33	45
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	41	56
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	57	77
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	194	263
		Total	845	1,146

Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2022

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	3	4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	33	45
Laghy*	59	Ballyshannon	1	1
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	15	20
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	95	129
Ray	3	Letterkenny	7	9
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	4	5
Crana	9	Letterkenny	6	8
Culdaff*	12	Letterkenny	7	9
Crolly	22	Letterkenny	10	14
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	1
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	2	3
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	22	30
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	24	33
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	8	11
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	4	5
Ballyness Bay*	240	Letterkenny	2	3
Isle of Doagh*	245	Letterkenny	27	37
Lagg Beach*	247	Letterkenny	2	3
Rosses Point*	250	Letterkenny	1	1
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		Total	276	374

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 2022 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 2022

No. of Salmon Released	No. of Anglers who 'Caught & Released' Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Released
1	454*	454
2	256	512
3	202	606
4	144	576
5	95	475
6	100	600
7	73	511
8	50	400
9	51	459
10	49	490
11	28	308
12	33	396
13	17	221
14	13	182
15	19	285
16	20	320
17	12	204
18	12	216
19	9	171
20	20	400
21	9	189
22	18	396
23	8	184
24	7	168
25	6	150
26	2	52
27	5	135
28	2	56
29	1	29
30	3	90
33	1	33
34	3	102
37	1	37
39	1	39
41	1	41
43	1	43
50	2	100
56	1	56
72	1	72
76	1	76
134	1	134
Total Anglers who Caught & Released Salmon	1,732*	9,968

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 134 salmon in 2022 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 454 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon only. 1,732 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 9,968 salmon. This figure was raised to 12,313 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught and released' where no logbook was returned.

In 2022, 1,732 anglers 'caught and released' salmon. Of this figure, 52.7% (912 anglers) caught and released no more than 3 salmon, a further 19.6% (339 anglers) caught and released between 4-6 salmon, 12.9% (223 anglers) caught and released between 7 and 10 salmon and 14.9% (258 anglers) caught and released more than 10 salmon. Subsequently only 10% (1,732 anglers) of total licence holders (17,318 anglers) caught and released salmon.

Table 54 – Analysis of Salmon Harvest per Angler in 2022

No. of Salmon Harvested	No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Harvest
1	1,094*	1,094
2	580	1,160
3	646	1,938
4	198	792
5	116	580
6	134	804
7	104	728
8	52	416
9	37	333
10	58	580
Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon	3,019*	8,425

Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 10 salmon in 2022 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 1,094 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 3,019 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 8,425 salmon. This figure of 8,425 was raised to 10,348 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

In 2022, 3,019 anglers harvested salmon. Of this figure, 76.8% of anglers (2,320) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 14.8% (448) of anglers harvested between 4-6 salmon, 8.3% (251) of angler's harvest between 7 and 10 salmon. 1.9% (58 anglers) harvested the maximum permitted of 10 salmon. Subsequently only 17.43% (3,019 anglers) of licence holders (17,318 anglers) harvested salmon.

Table 55 – Analysis of Total Salmon Caught per Angler in 2022

No. of Salmon Caught per Angler	No. of Anglers who Caught Salmon	Total Reported Salmon caught
1	1,030*	1,030
2	630	1,260
3	604	1,812
4	287	1,148
5	194	970
6	183	1,098
7	168	1,176
8	110	880
9	96	864
10	89	890
11	46	506
12	38	456
13	36	468
14	42	588
15	29	435
16	25	400
17	9	153
18	20	360
19	13	247
20	18	360
21	13	273
22	14	308
23	14	322
24	15	360
25	20	500
26	7	182
27	5	135
28	3	84
29	1	29
30	2	60
31	1	31
32	3	96
33	2	66
34	2	68
36	2	72
37	2	74
39	2	78
41	1	41
50	1	50
54	1	54
56	1	56
58	1	58
75	1	75
83	1	83
137	1	137
Total Anglers who Caught Salmon	3,783*	18,393

Table 55 shows an analysis of the number of anglers who caught between 1 and 137 salmon in 2022 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 1,030 anglers each 'caught 1 salmon only. 3,783 anglers who fished caught a total of 18,393 salmon. This figure was raised to 22,661 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught' where no logbook was returned.

In 2022, 3,783 anglers caught salmon. Of this figure, 60% (2,264 anglers) caught no more than 3 salmon, a further 17.6% (664 anglers) caught between 4-6 salmon, 12% (463 anglers) caught between 7 and 10 salmon and 10% (392 anglers) caught more than 10 salmon.

Subsequently only 21.8% (3,783 anglers) of total licence holders (17,318 anglers) caught salmon.

Chapter 7

Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2022



Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2022 (total salmon catch by rod and line including salmon caught and released).

Fig. 9 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Moy (Ballina) in 2022.

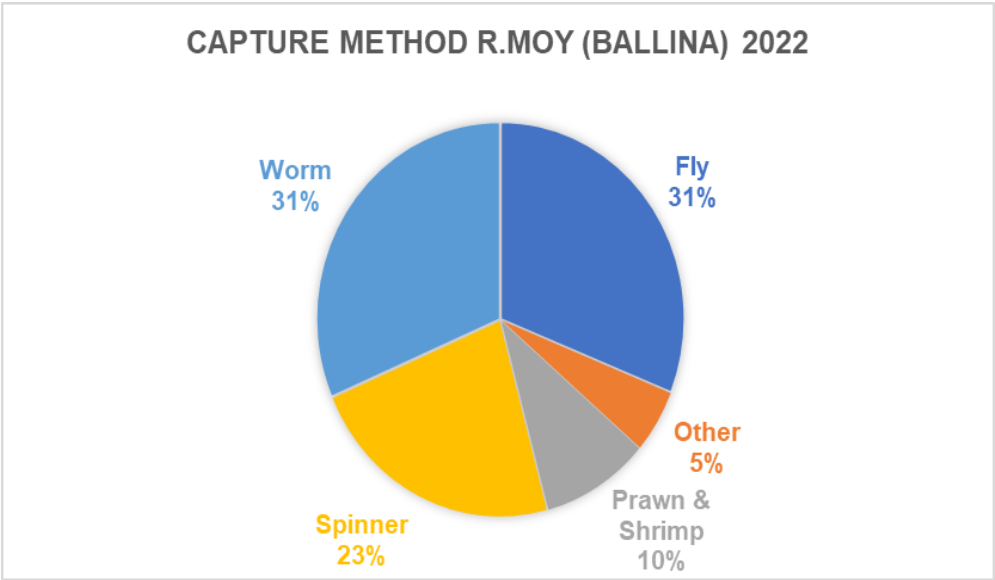
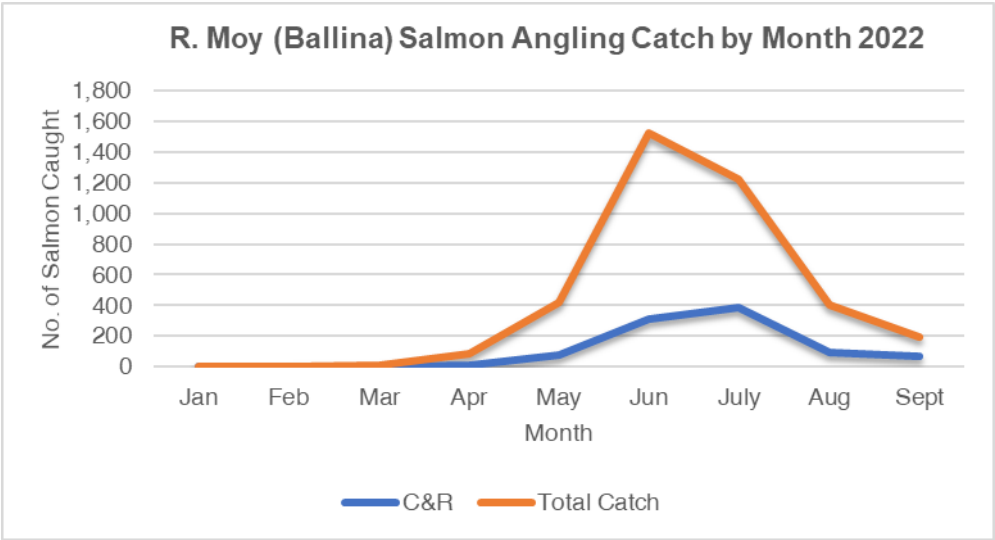


Fig. 10 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Blackwater Munster (Lismore) in 2022.

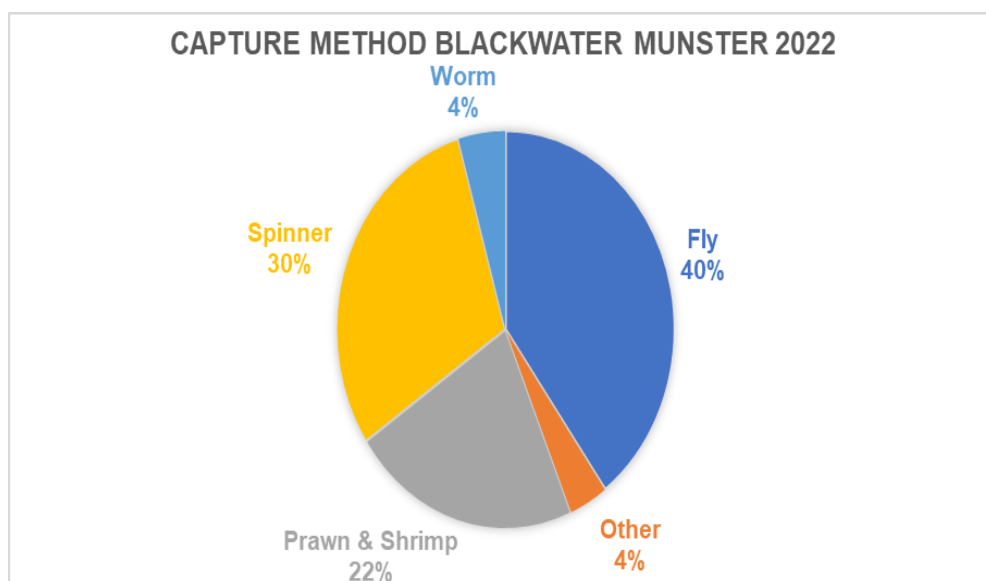
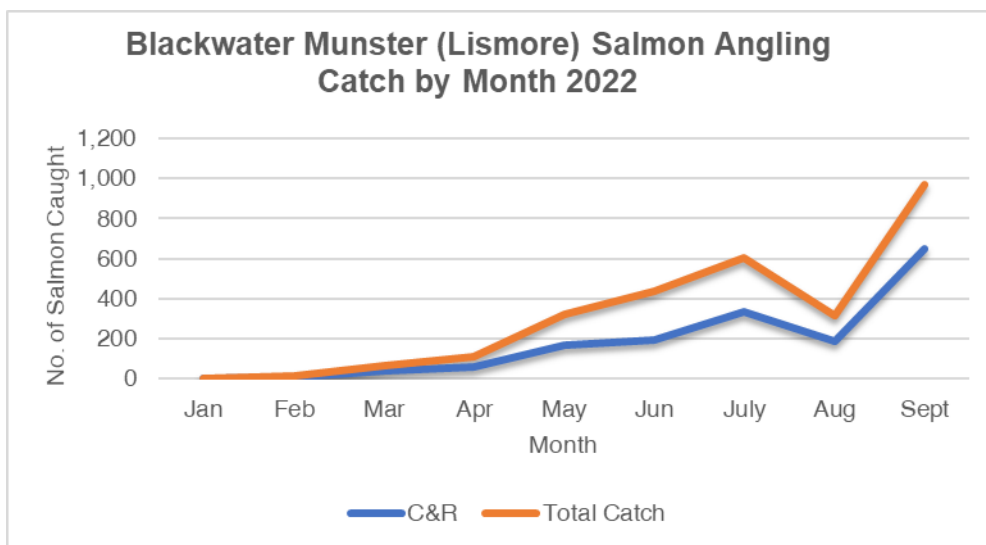


Fig. 11 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Corrib (Galway) in 2022.

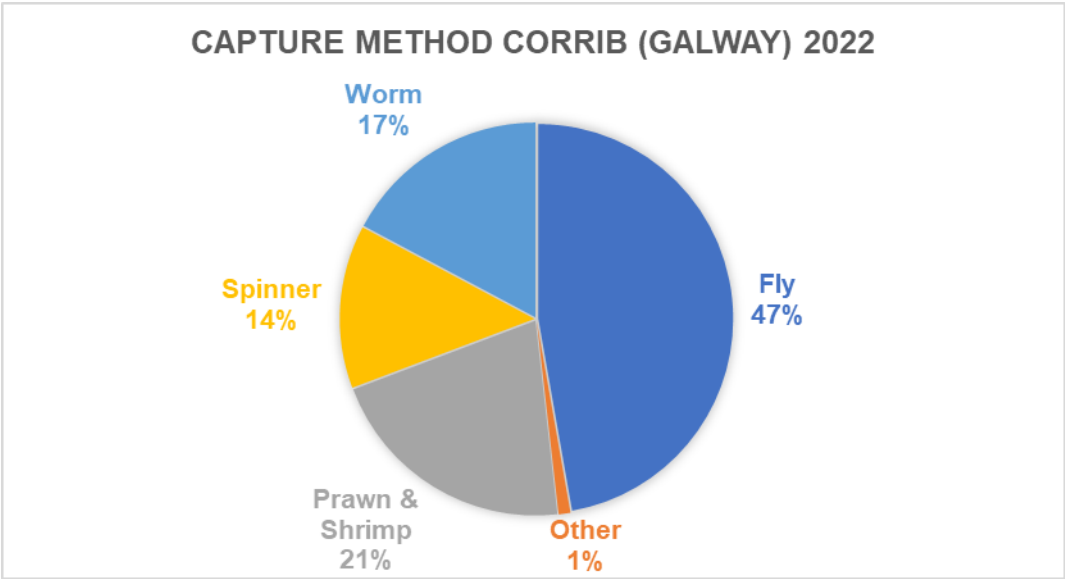
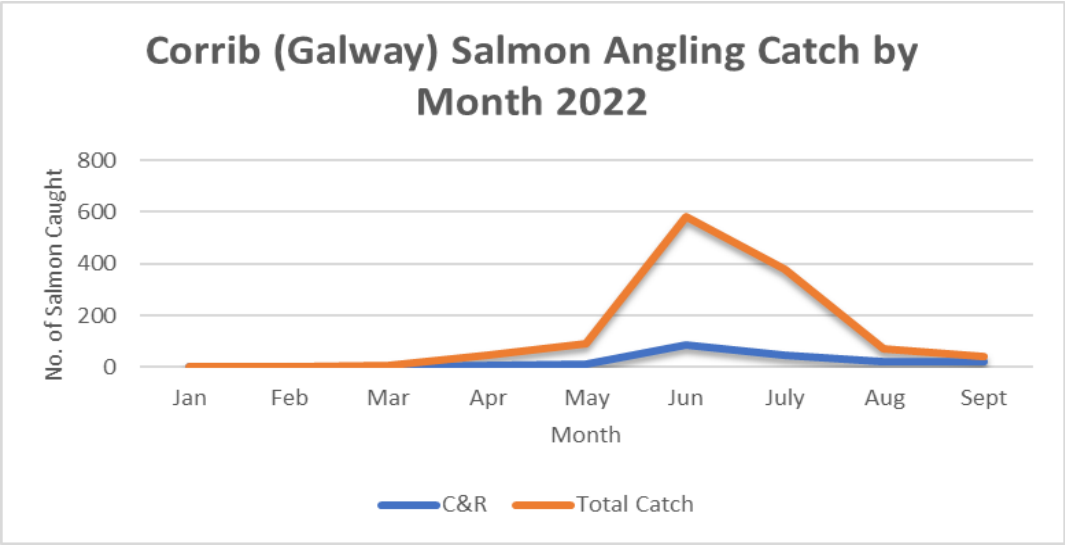


Fig. 12 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Laune (Kerry)
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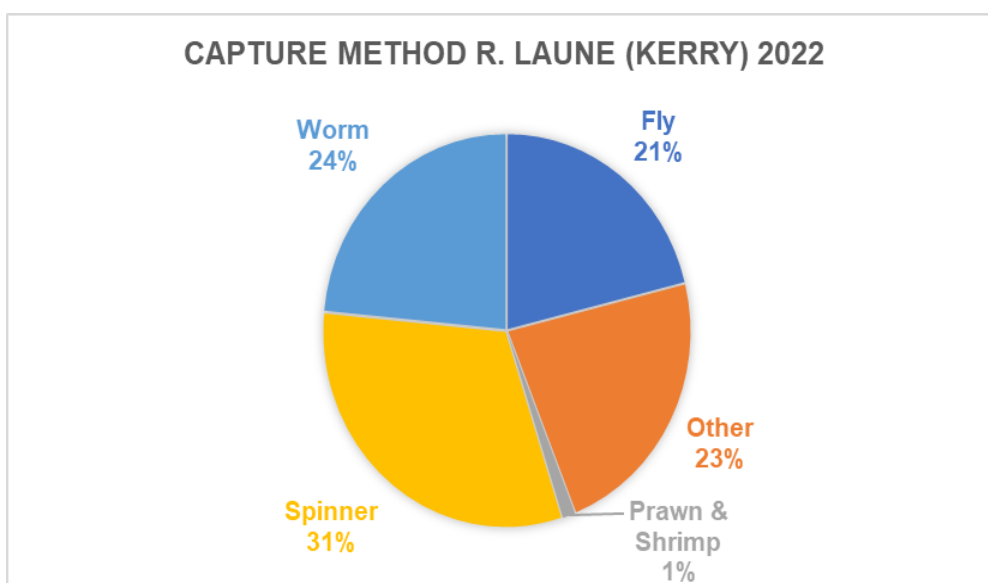
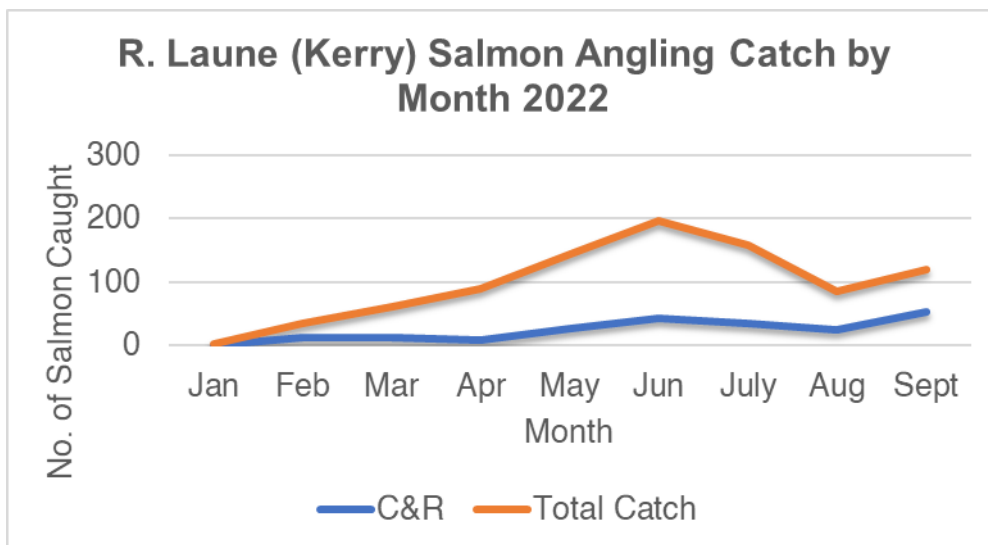


Fig. 13 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Lee (Cork) in 2022

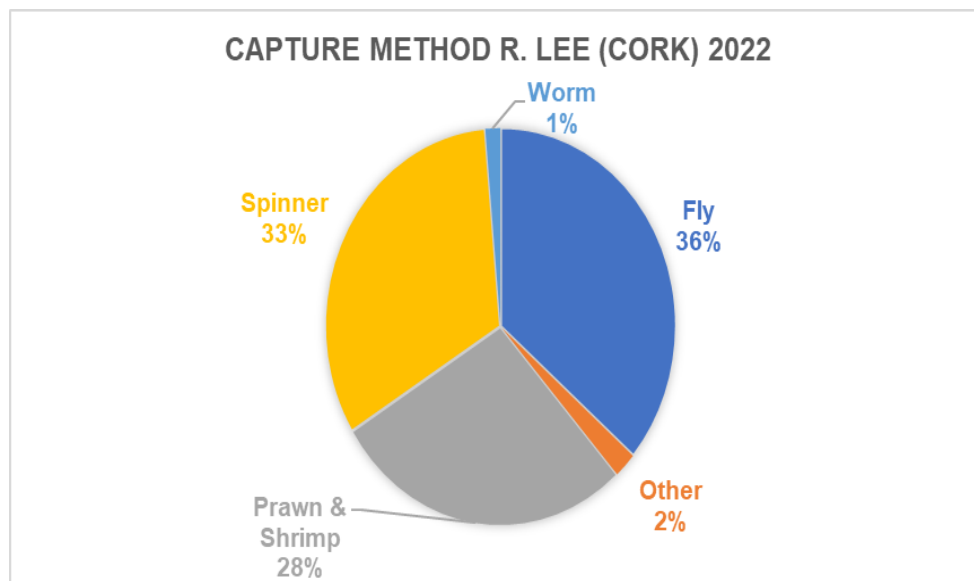
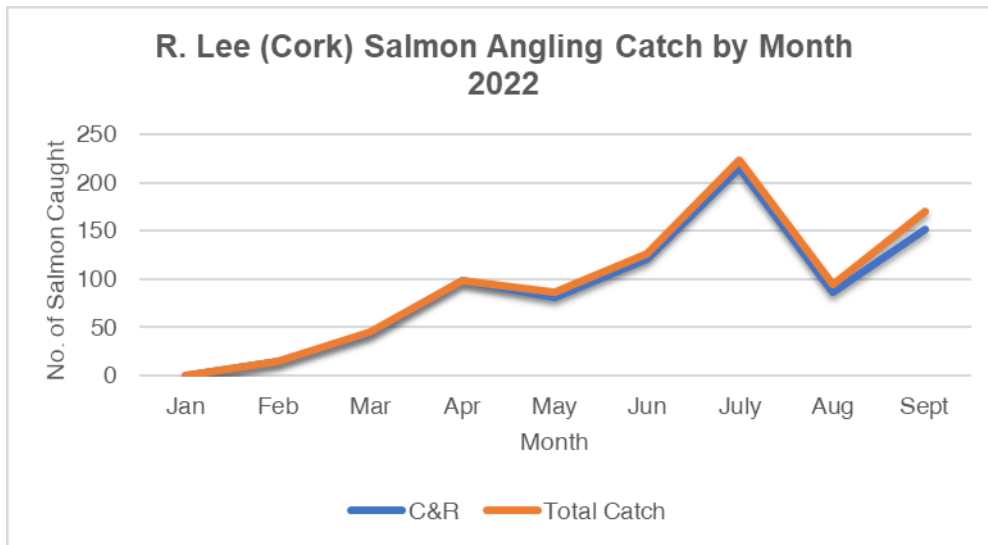


Fig. 14 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Suir (Waterford) in 2022.

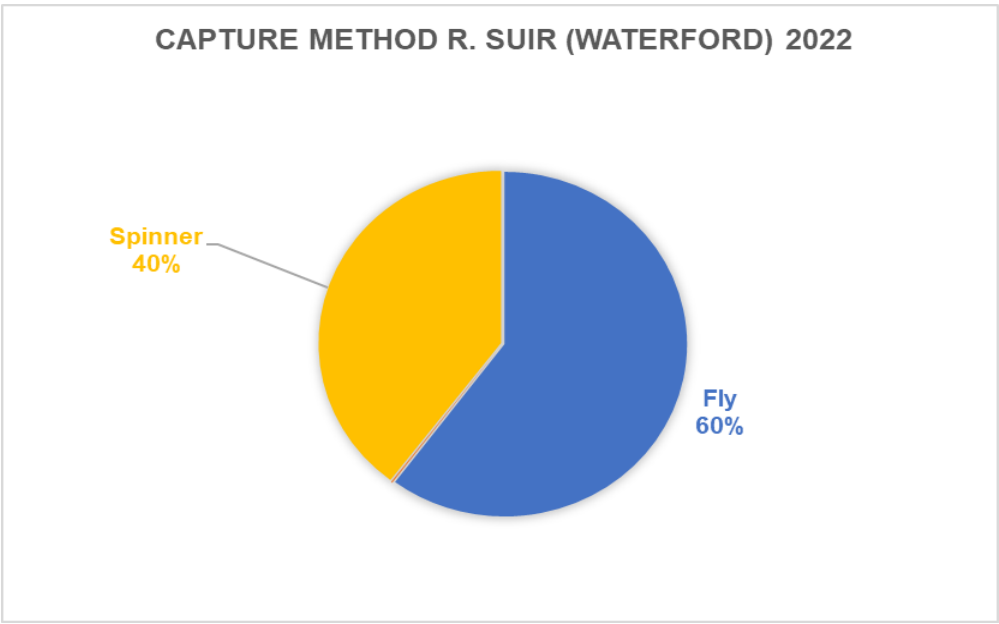
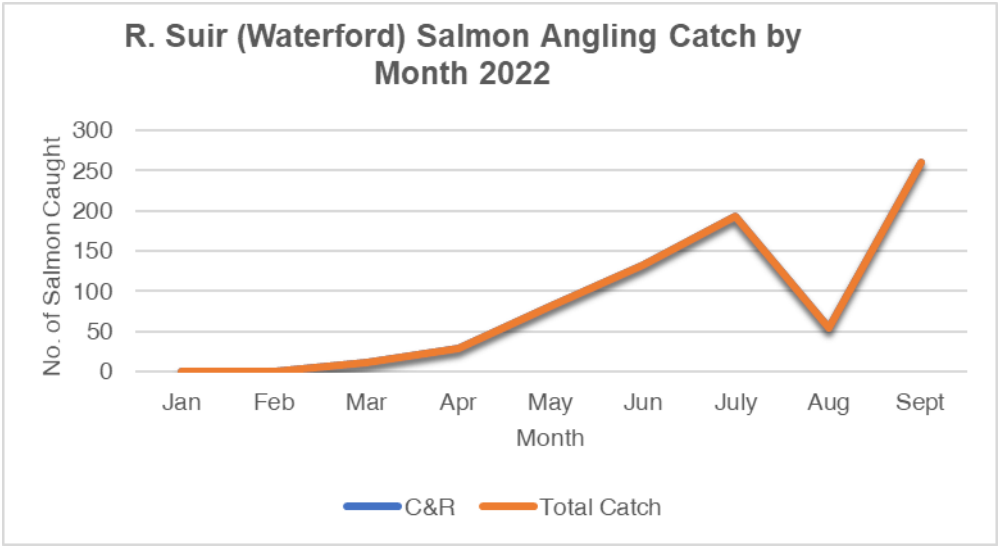


Fig. 15 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Bandon (Cork) in 2022.

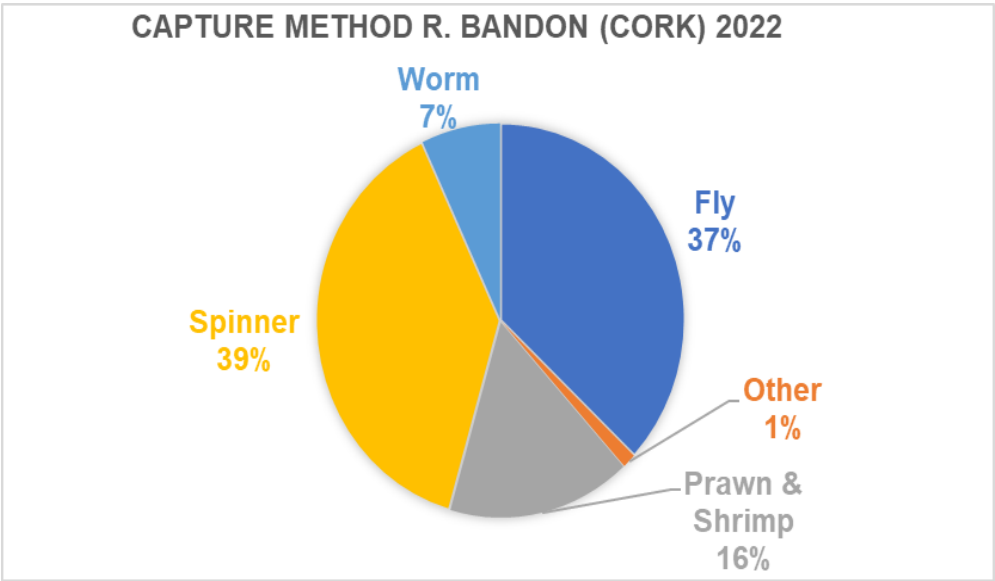
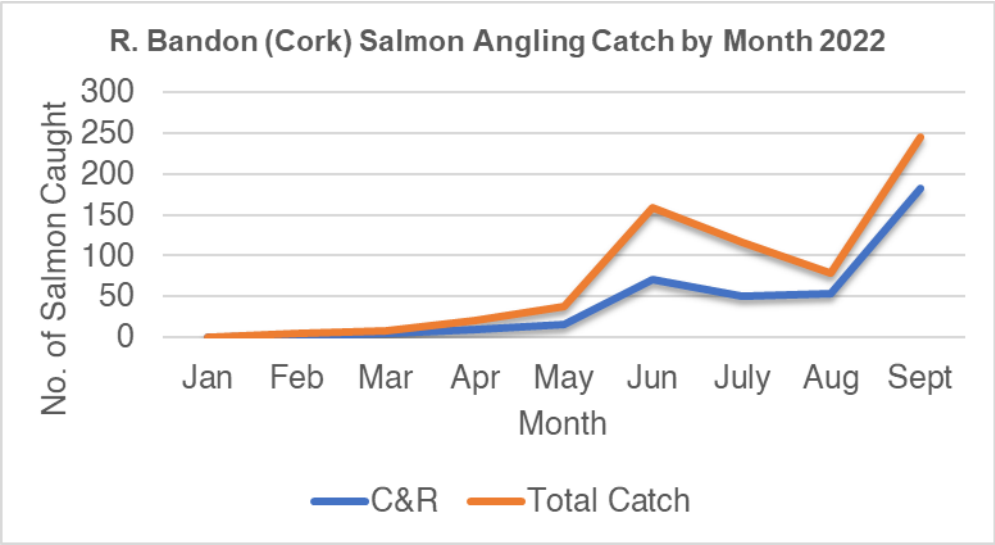


Fig. 16 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Ballysadare River (Sligo) in 2022.

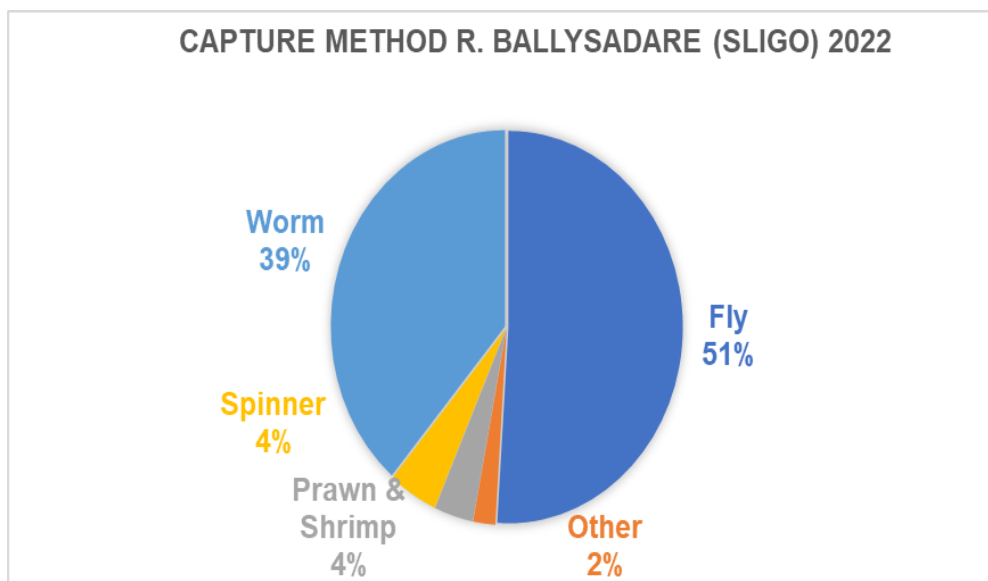
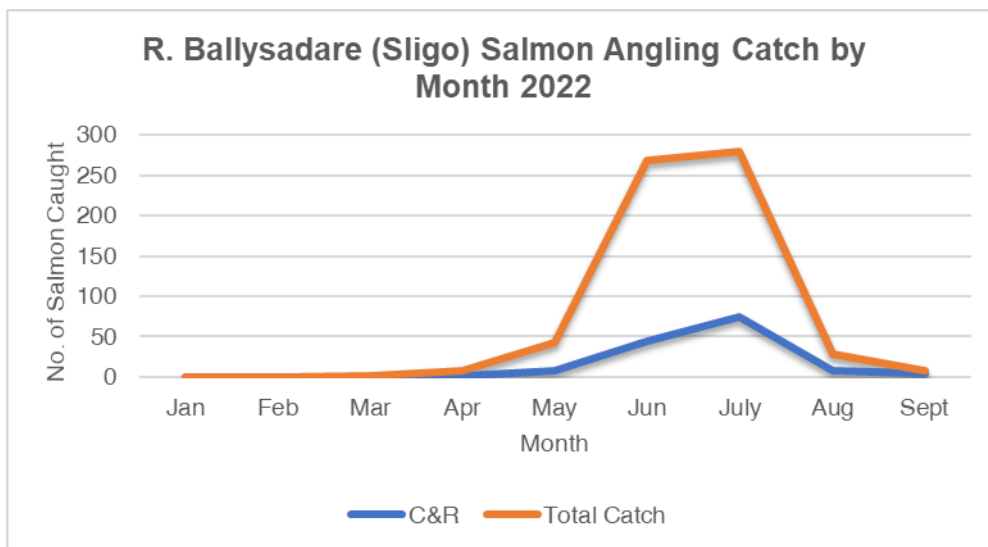


Fig. 17 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Drowes (Ballyshannon) in 2022.

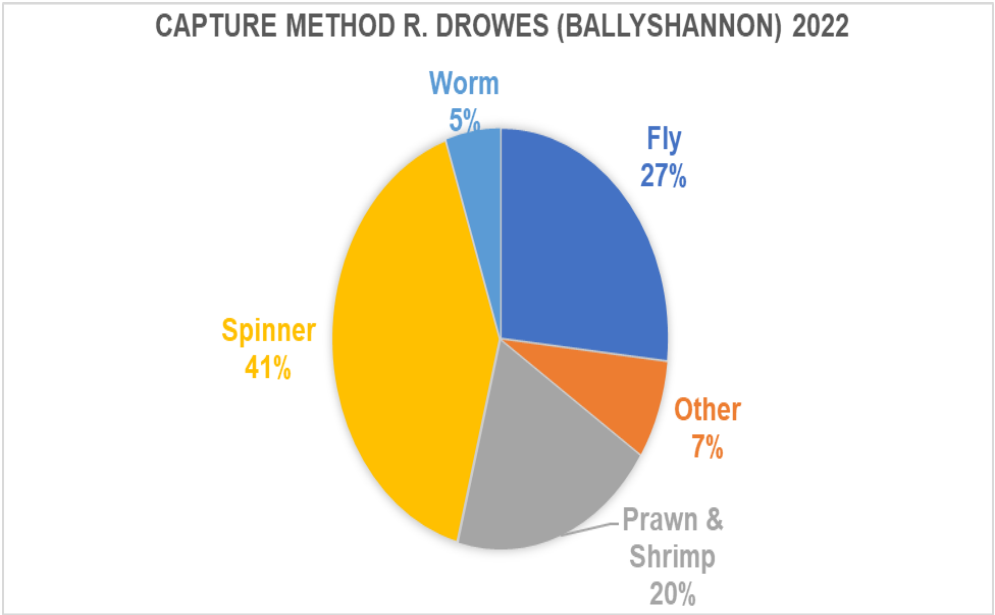
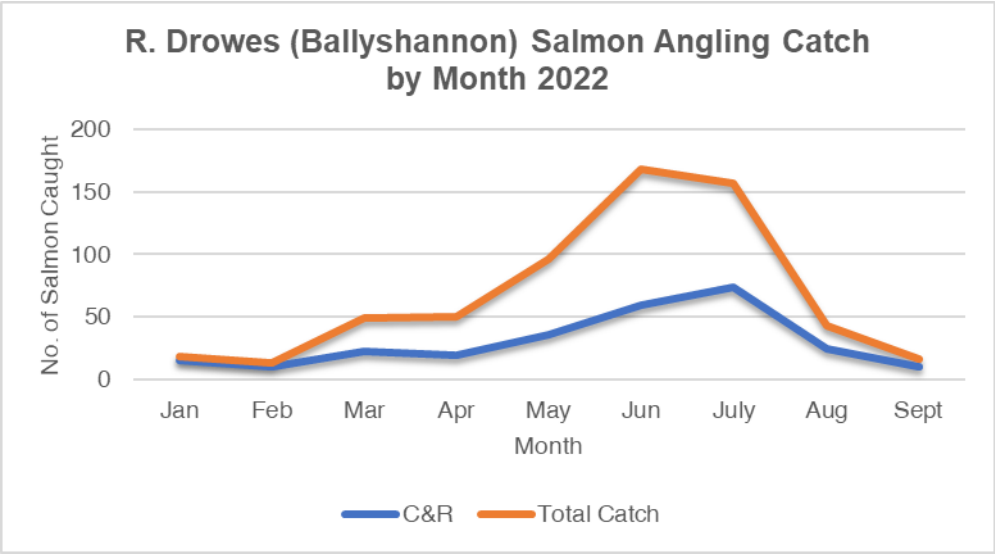


Fig. 18 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Nore (Waterford) in 2022.

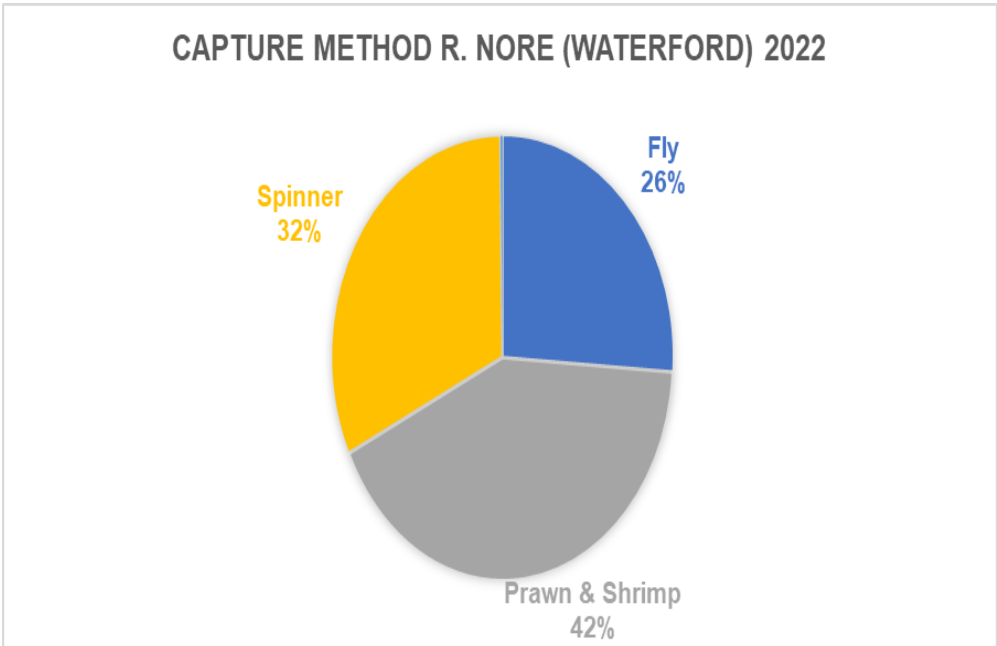
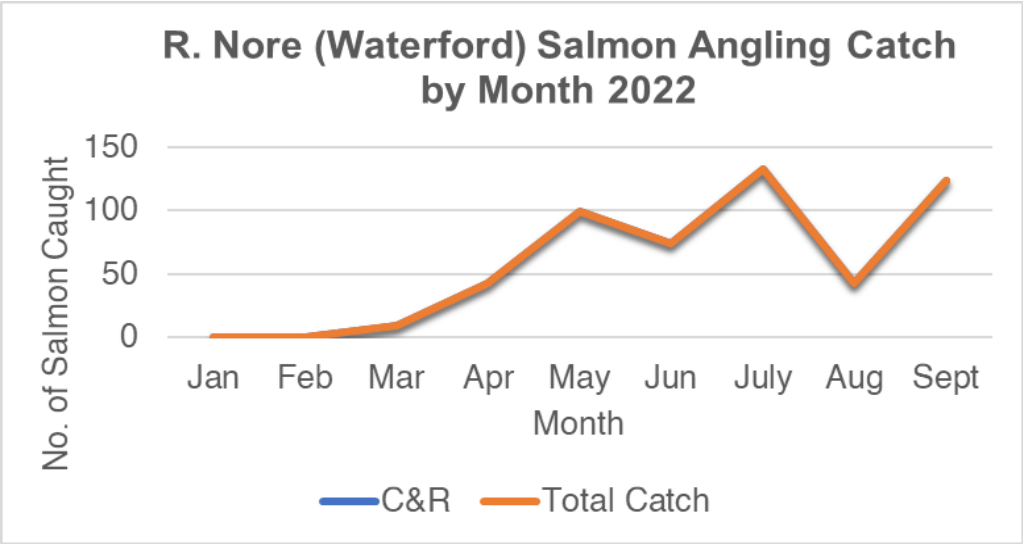


Fig. 19 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Feale (Limerick) in 2022.

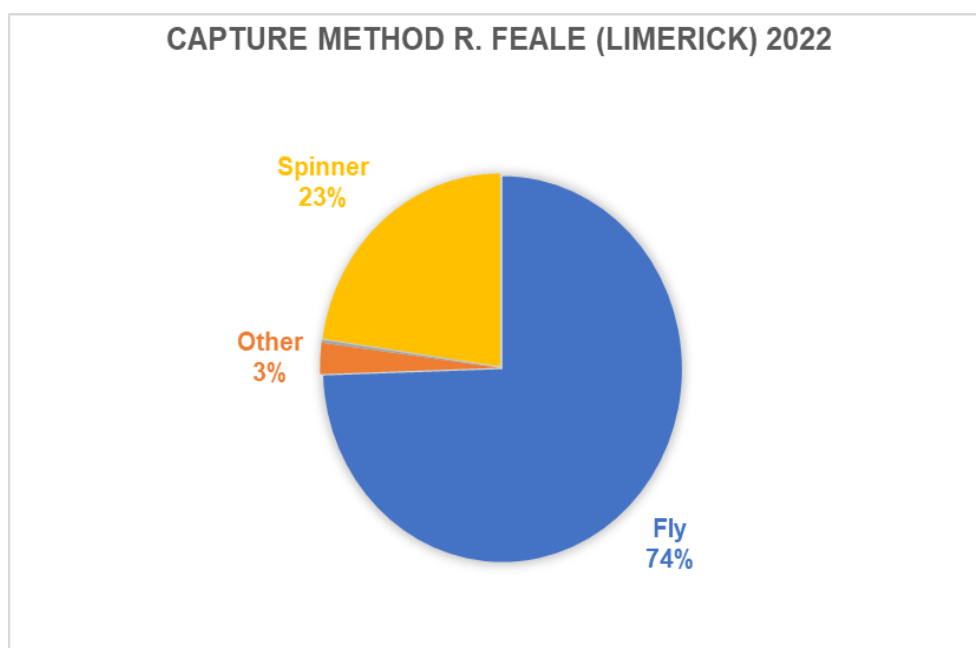
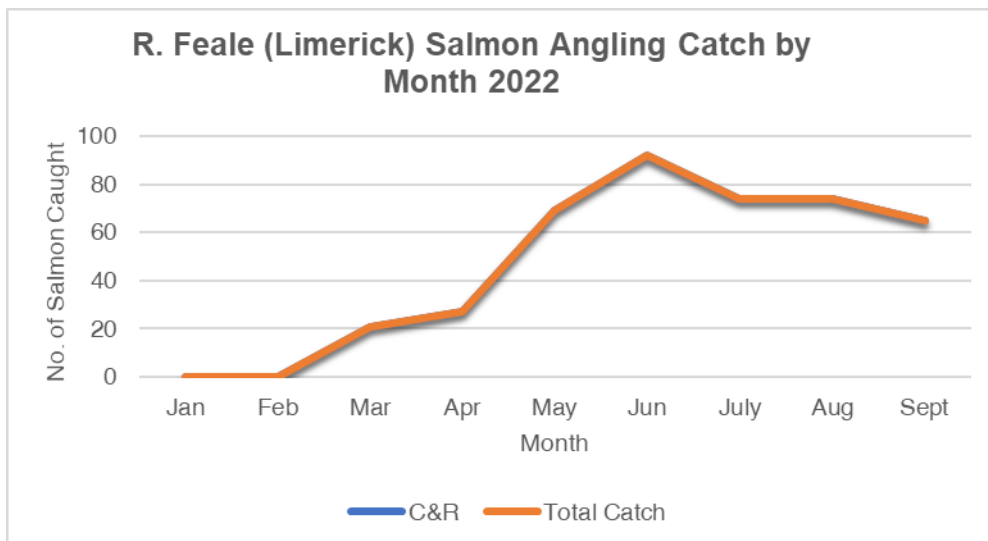


Fig. 20 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenmore (Bangor) in 2022.

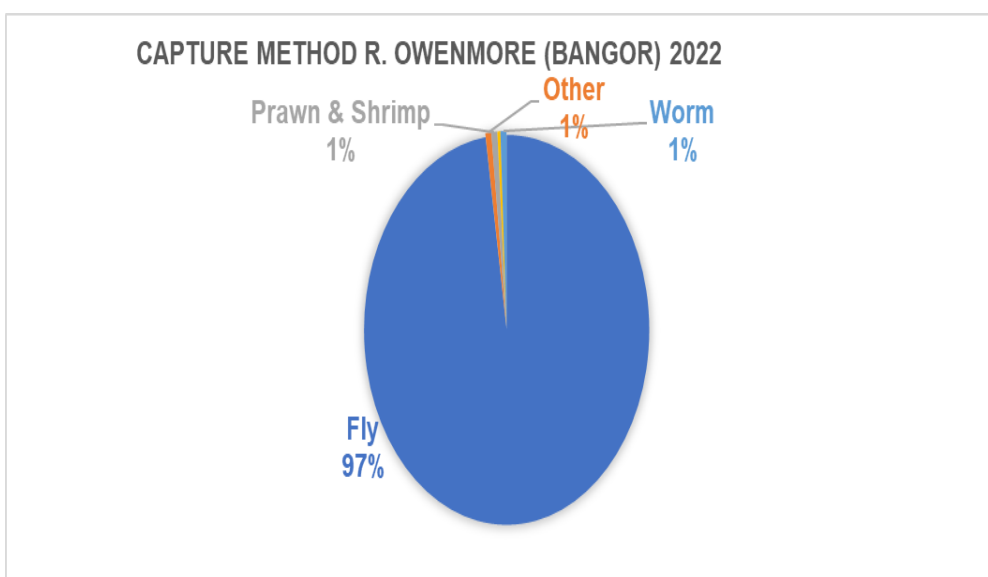
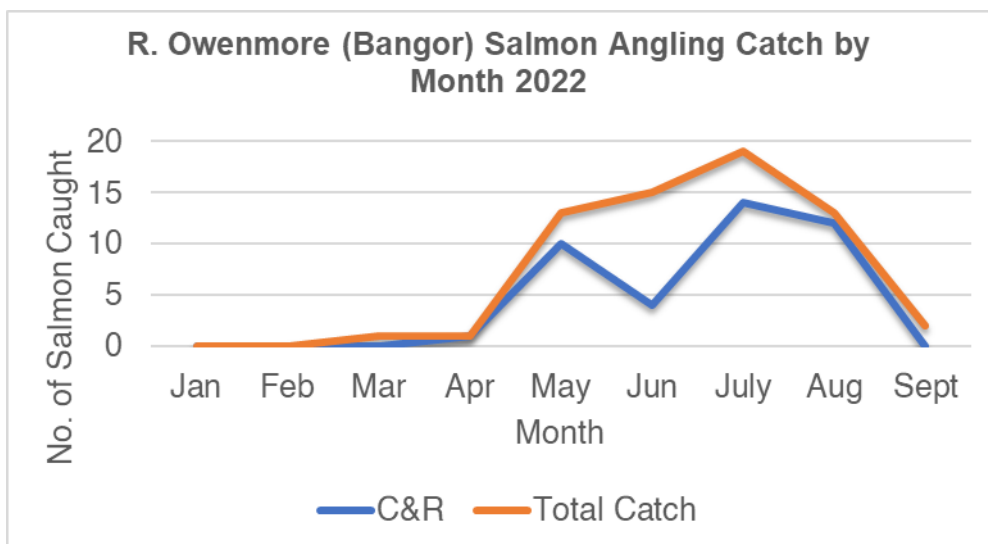


Fig. 21 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Roughy (Kerry) in 2022.

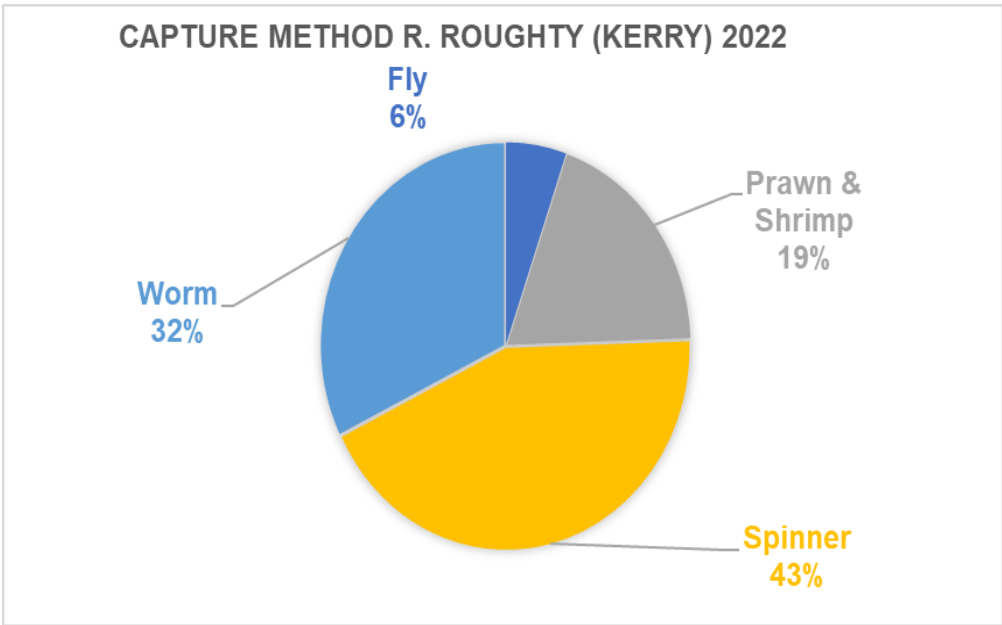
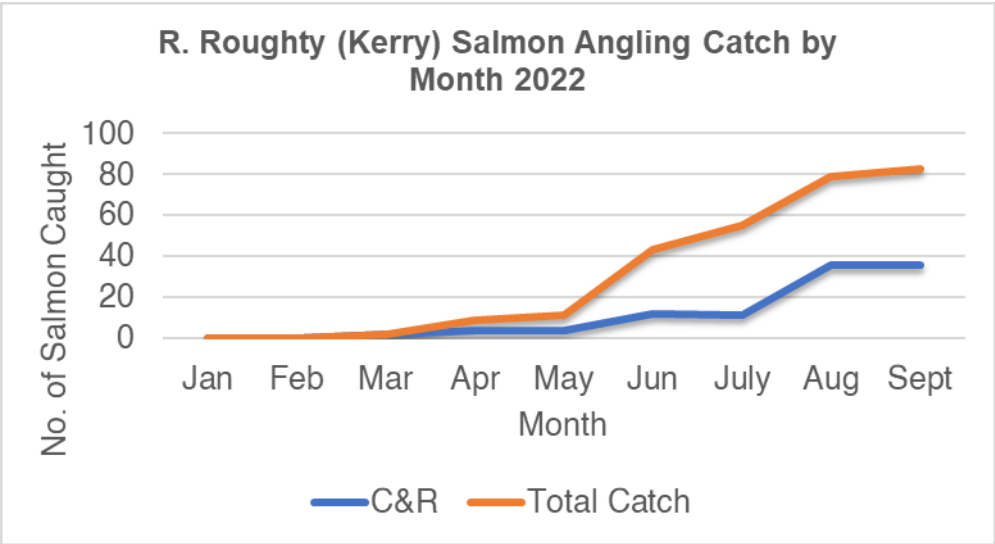


Fig. 22 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (Kerry) in 2022.

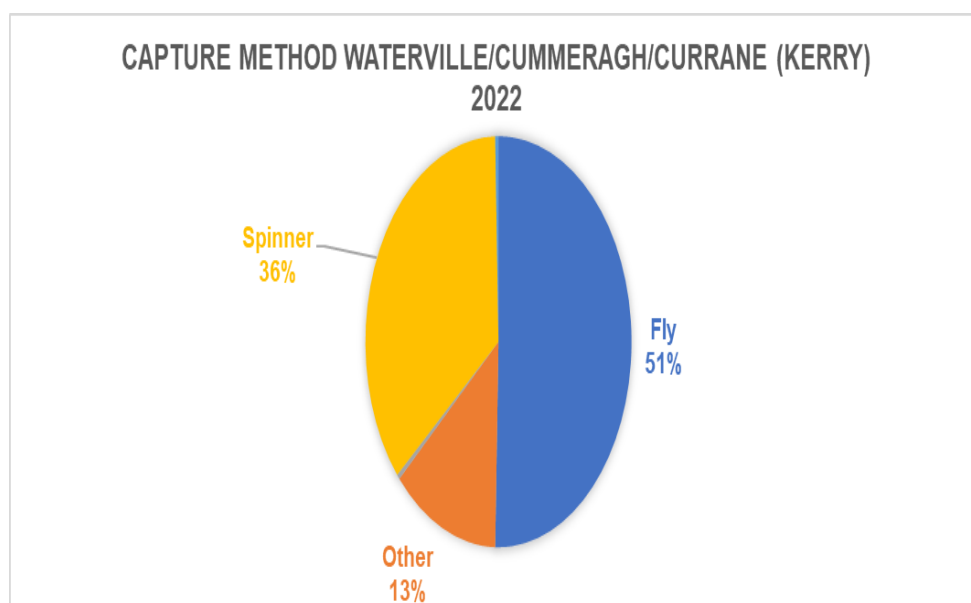
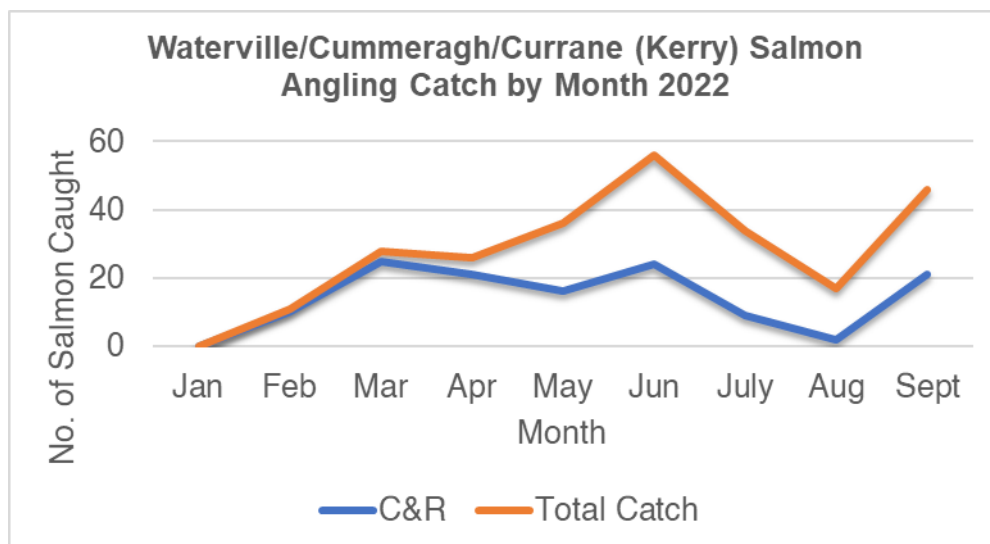


Fig. 23 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenea (Letterkenny) in 2022.

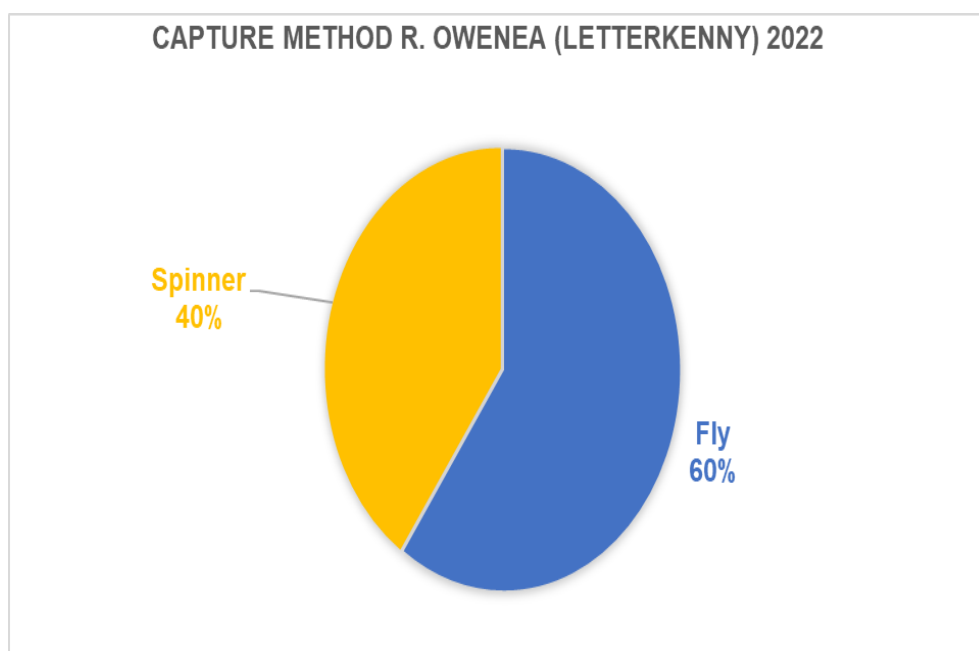
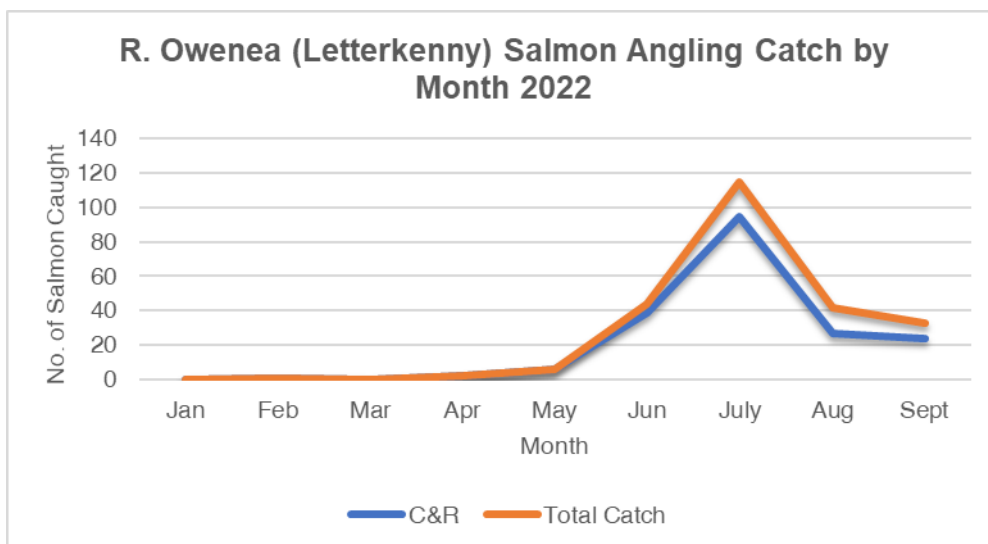


Fig. 24 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Lower Shannon (Limerick) in 2022.

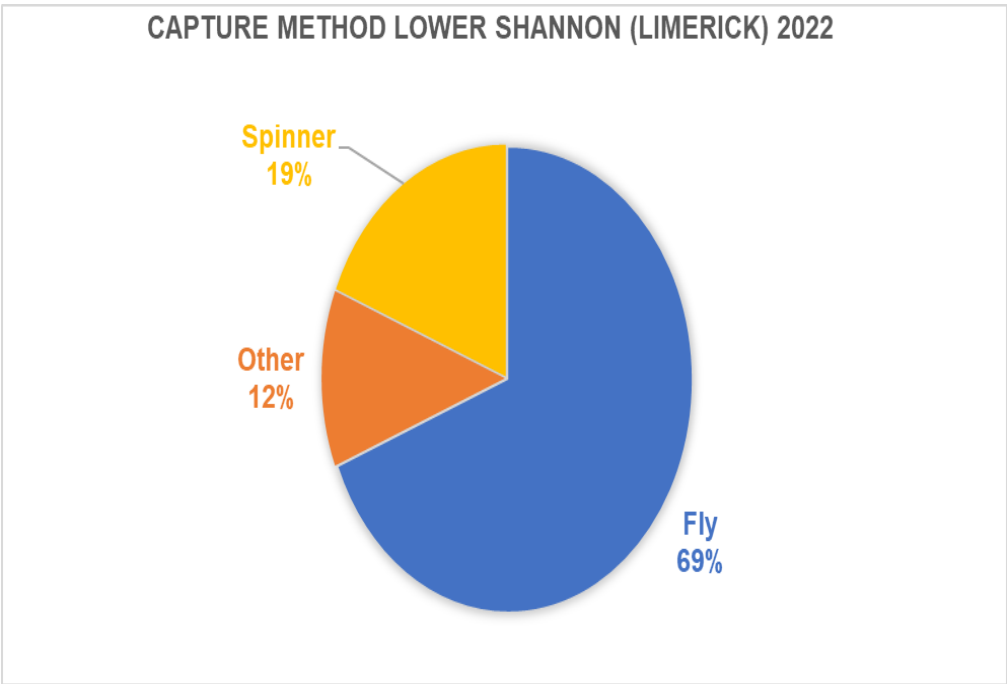
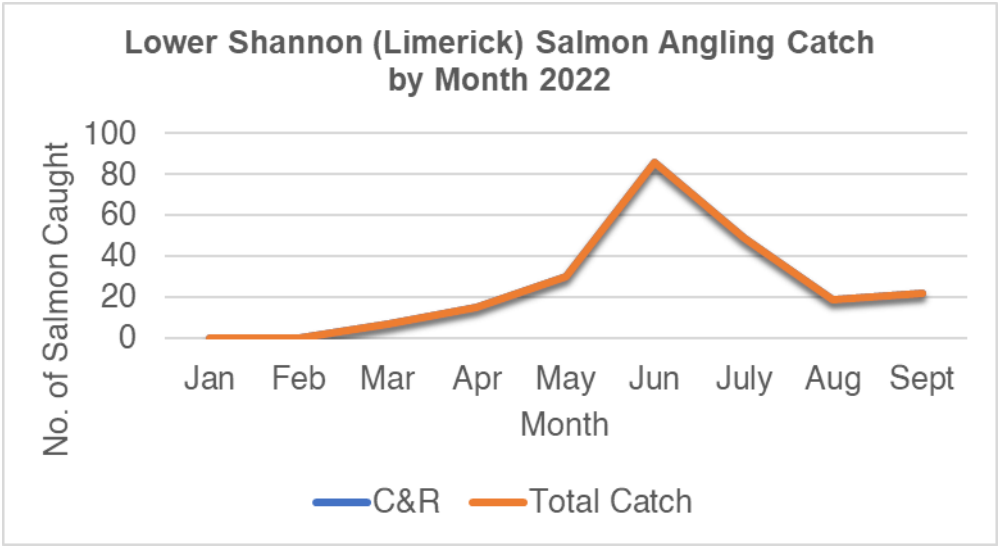


Fig. 25 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Boyne (Drogheda) in 2022.

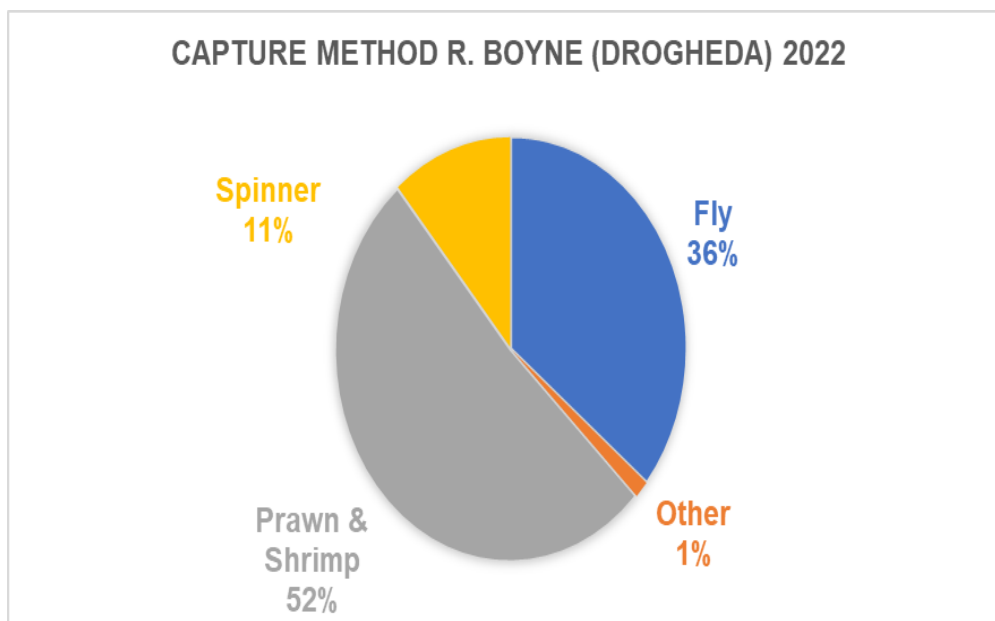
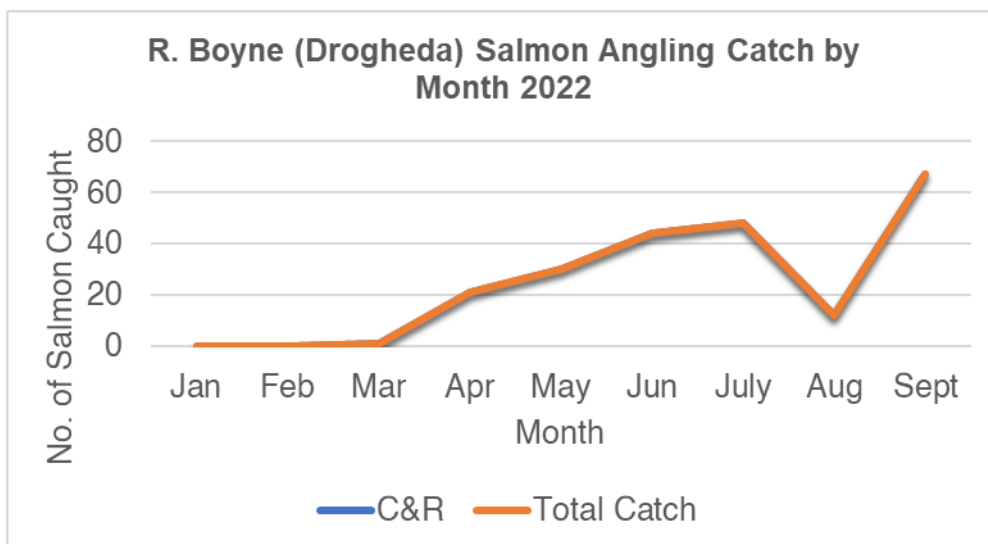


Fig. 26 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Owenduff (Bangor) in 2022.

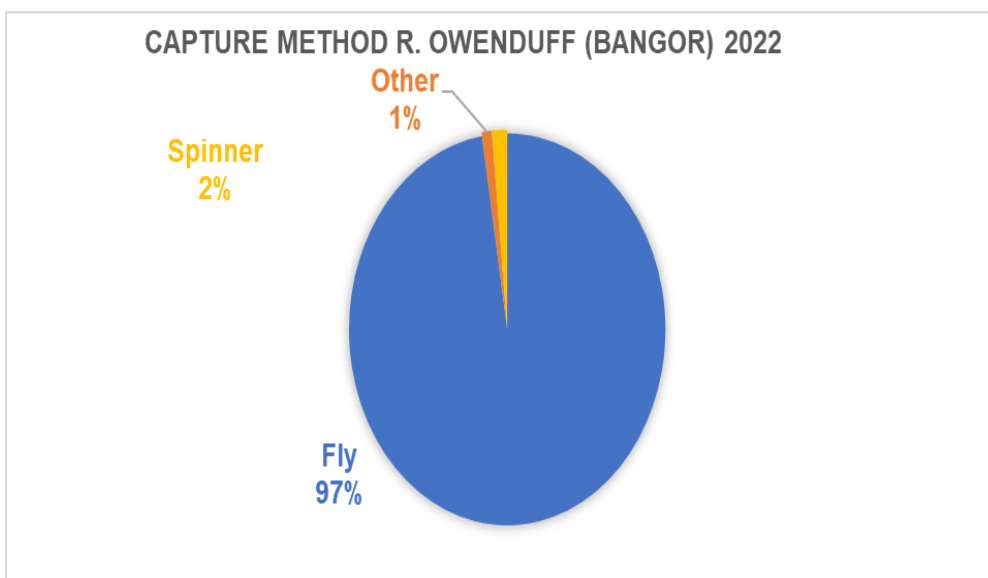
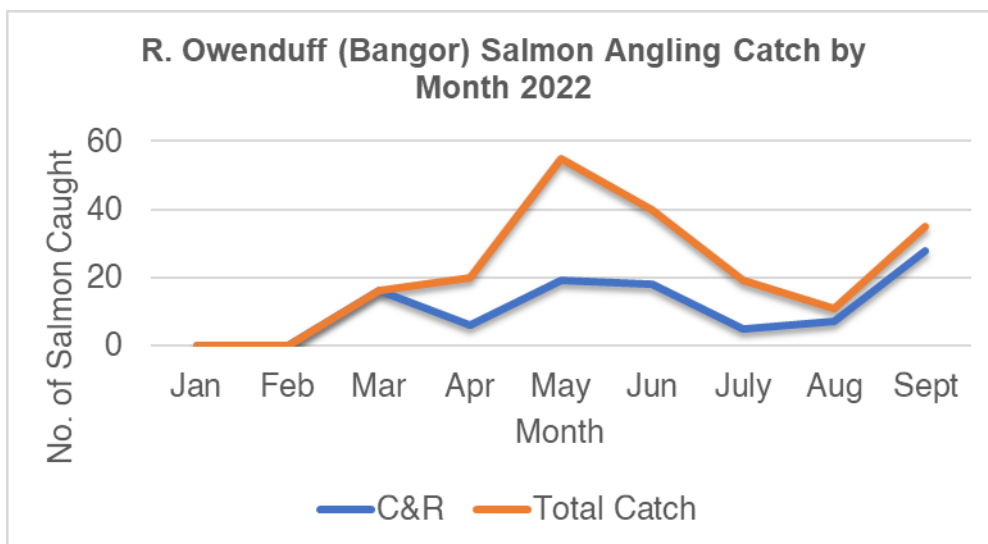


Fig. 27 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Easkey (Ballina) in 2022.

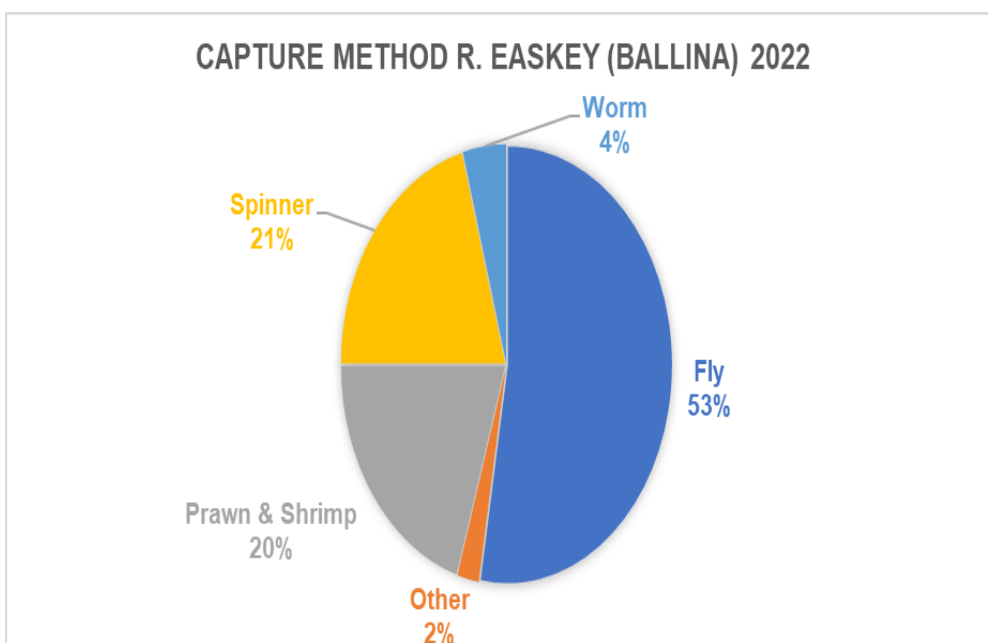
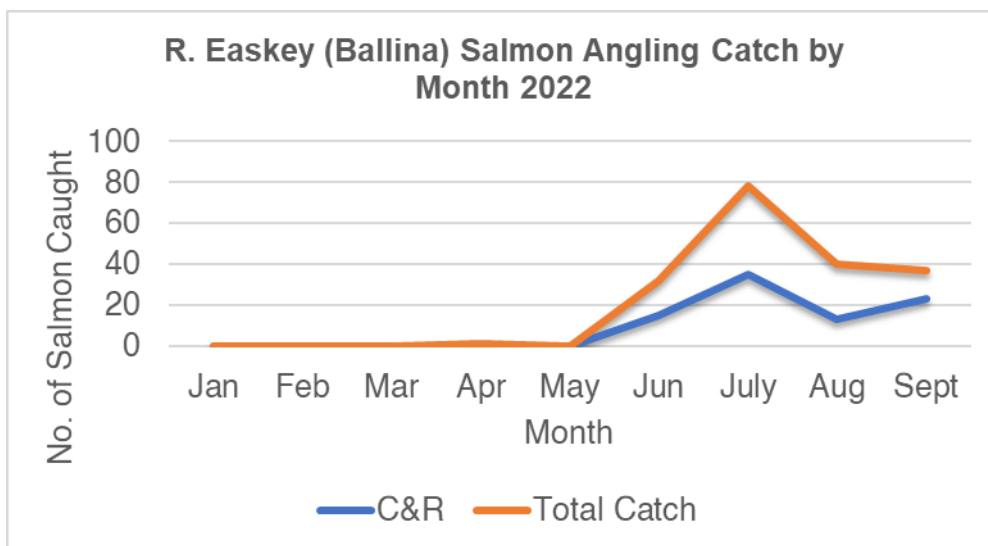


Fig. 28 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Garvogue (Sligo) in 2022.

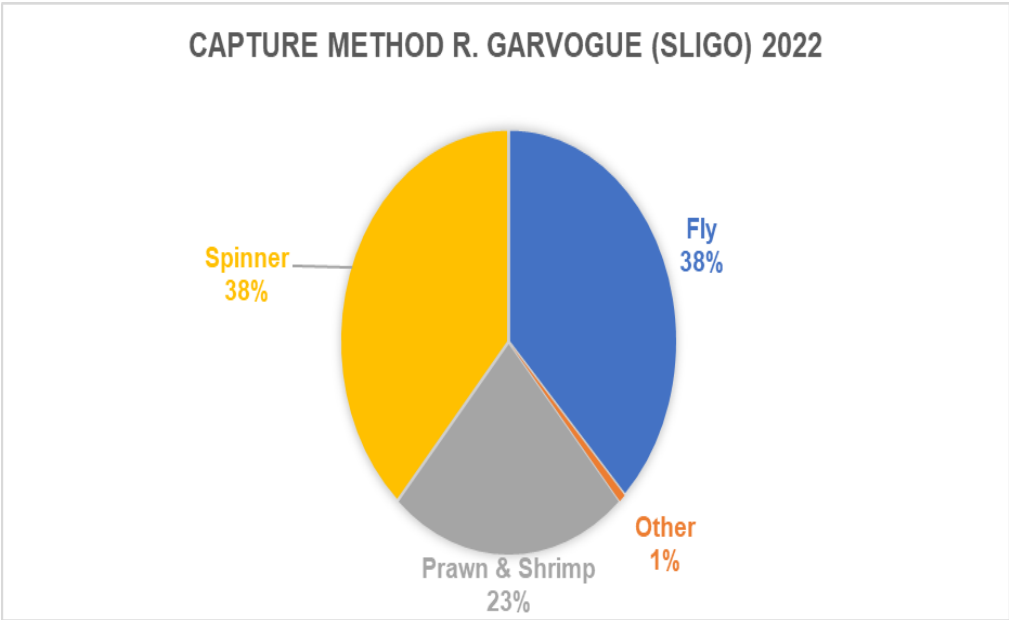
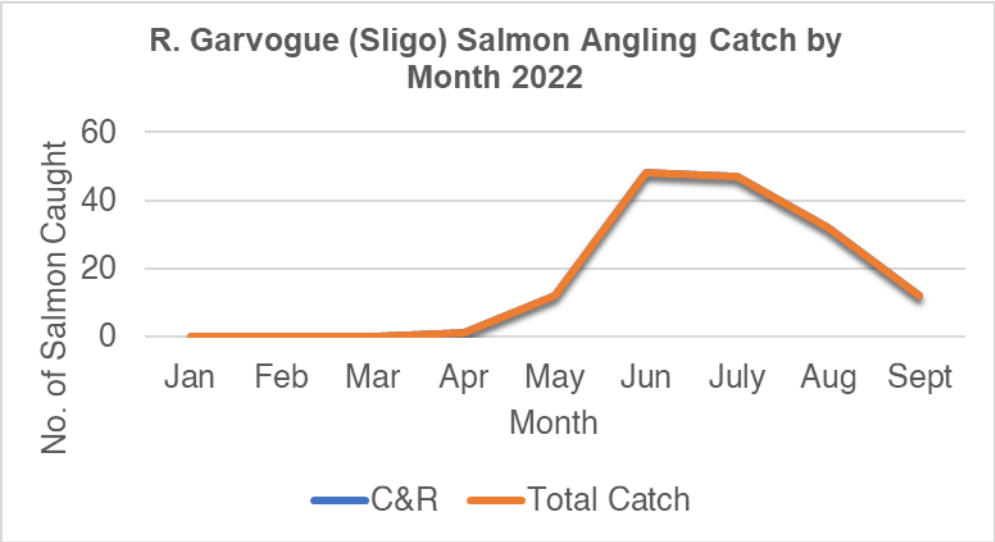


Fig. 29 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Carrowmore Lake (Bangor) in 2022.

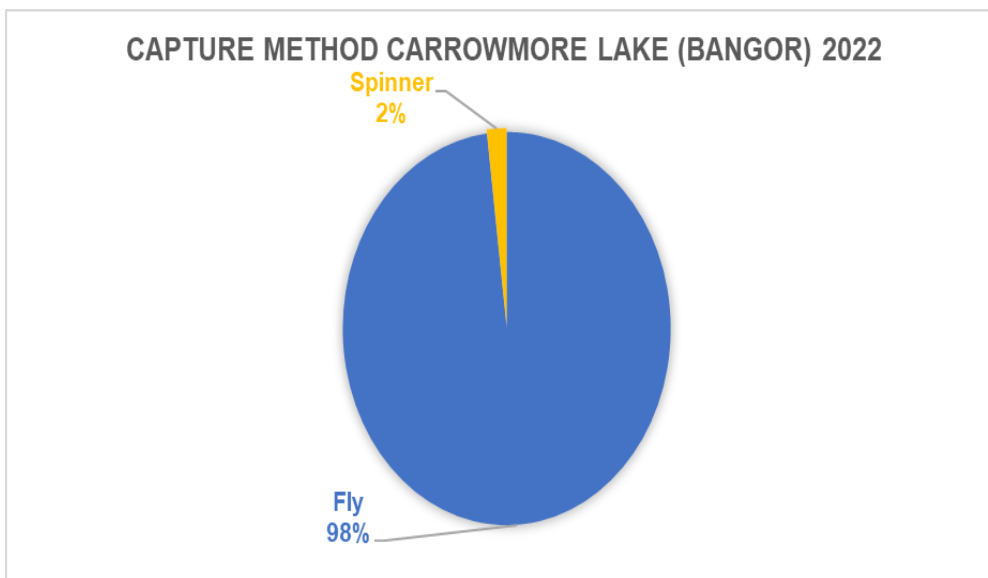
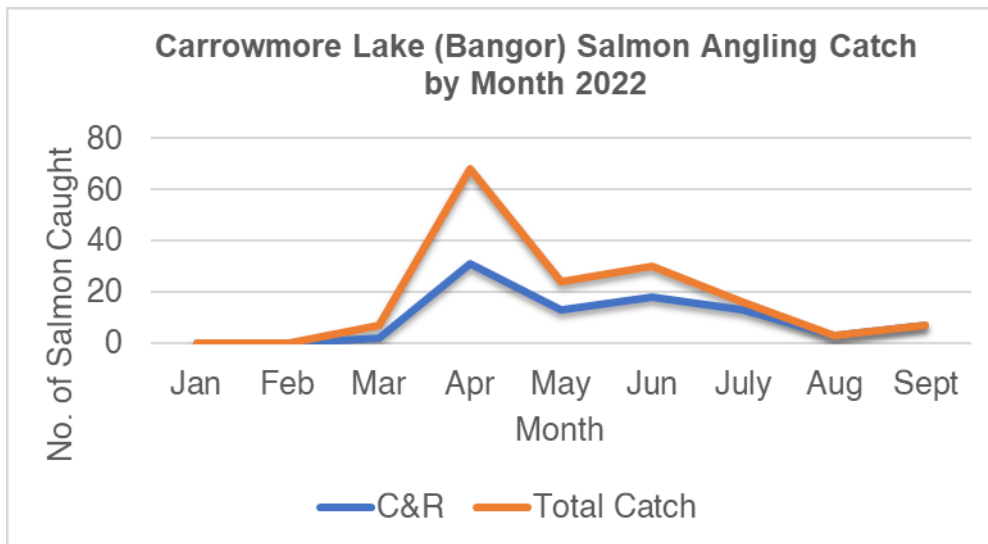


Fig. 30 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Slaney (Wexford) in 2022.

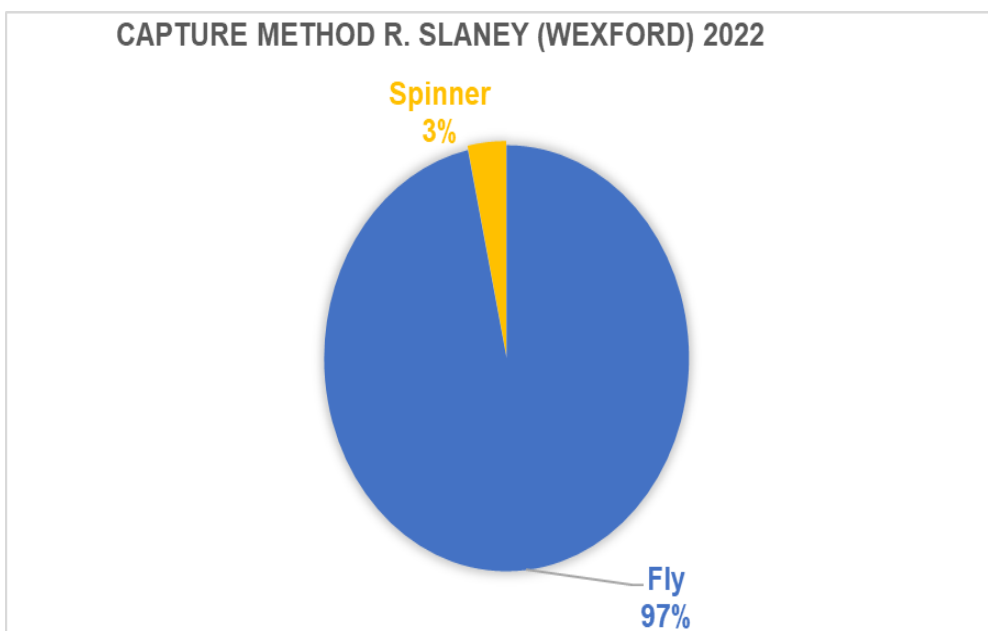
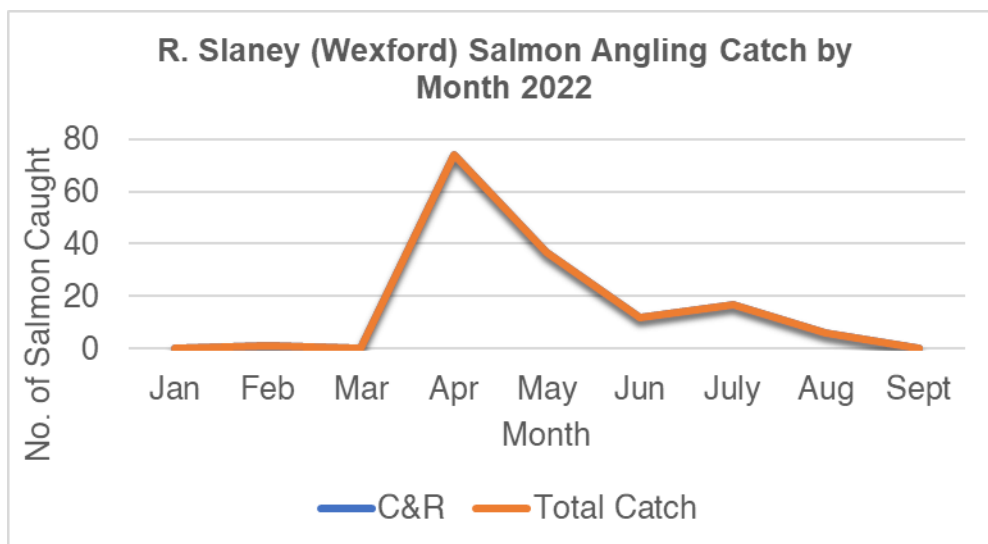
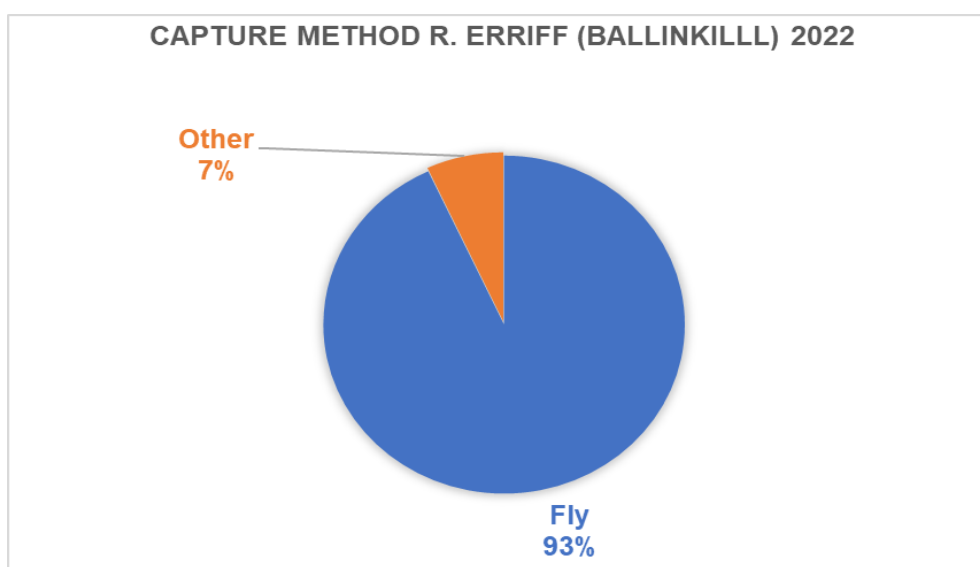
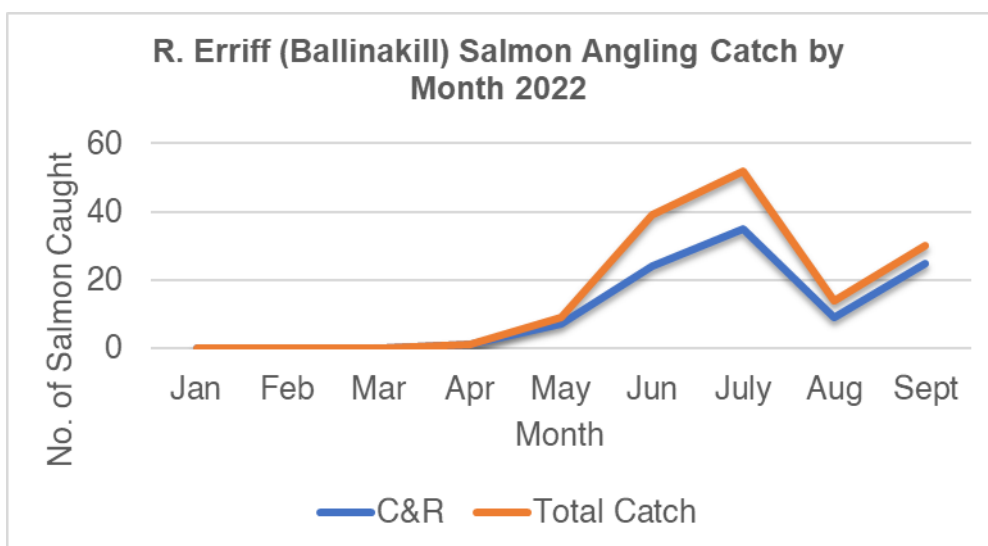


Fig. 31 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Erriff (Ballinakill) in 2022.



**Appendix I –
Open, ‘Catch and Release’ and ‘Closed’
Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2022**

Table 1 - Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2022

No. 4 or Lismore District	No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District
Blackwater,	Bundorragha (Delphi) (brown tag required – code J4),
Glenshelane,	Erriff,
Finisk,	Culfin,
No. 5 or Cork District	Dawros,
Bandon,	Owenglin (Clifden) (brown tag required – code M4),
Lower Lee (brown tag required – code B4),	Bunowen,
Ilen,	No. 10(2) or Bangor District
Mealagh,	Carrowmore Lake (brown tag required – code L4),
Owvane,	Glenamoy,
Coomhola,	Owenduff,
Glengarriff,	Newport River (including Lough Beltra and Crumpaun R.) (brown tag required to 11 th May only - code C3),
No. 7 or Kerry District	Owenmore R.,
Roughy,	No. 11 or Ballina District
Sheen,	Moy,
Laune,	Easkey,
Cottoners,	No. 12 or Sligo District
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (brown tag required to 11 th May only - code D3),	Ballysadare,
Sneem,	Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,
Caragh,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Owenmore R.,	Drowes,
Maine,	Owenwee (Yellow),
Croanshagh,	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Ferta,	Gweebarra (brown tag required - code P4),
No. 9(1) or Galway District	Clady,
Corrib,	Gweedore (Crolly),
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	Tullaghobegley,
Cashla,	Crana (brown tag required – code A4),
Ballynahinch (Owenmore), (brown tag required – code R4),	Owentocker (brown tag required – code I4),
	Owenea (brown tag required – code I4),

Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2022

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

Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2022

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

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 40cm) 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. A person shall not retain a wild salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) from a river other than a river mentioned in Table 1.

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

- **Daily Bag Limit - 1st January to 11th May** - A total of one salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day (three fish in total may be retained for this period).
- **Daily Bag Limit - 12th May to 31st August** - Three salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day (except where a salmon rod (one-day) ordinary licence is held, 1 fish).
- **Daily Bag Limit - 1st September to the close of the season** - One salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day.
- There is a daily bag limit of three sea trout (under 40cm) per angler per day.
- Please note that it is an offence to kill any sea trout in the following waters:
 - Galway, Connemara or Ballinakill Fisheries Districts including at sea from Hags Head in County Clare to Claw Bay (and in any waters flowing into Claw 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 Bole Head and Lams 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. 992, 2021).
- 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. 991, 2021).

2. OBTAINING A LICENCE

Anglers can obtain their licence from Inland Fisheries Ireland, online at www.fisheriesireland.ie 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 11th May and a further 7 gill tags (issued in lots of 3 or 4) from the period 12th May to 30th Sept up to a maximum of 10 gill tags in total provided they demonstrate that they have completed their logbook appropriately.
- 1 gill tag where a salmon rod (one day) ordinary licence is issued up until the close of the season.
- A business reply envelope for return of the logbook and unused tags to the relevant Inland Fisheries Ireland office.

3. THE TAG

The tag to be used by anglers is a blue plastic self-locking device (an additional brown tag is also required for certain rivers (refer to Table 1 - Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2022) 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 40cm) caught and retained.
- Tags must be attached immediately on landing the fish. These tags shall not be re-used.
- Tags shall be attached through the gill opening and mouth of the fish and securely double locked around the gill cover.
- Additional tags shall be issued on presentation of logbook information showing that the licence holder has used the gill tags issued to him or her, subject to bag limits.
- Lost and accidentally destroyed tags may be replaced upon presentation of a signed declaration completed by the angler and signed by an Authorised Officer of Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- Gill tags shall only be removed from the fish at the time of processing in accordance with the Tagging Scheme Regulations. For the purposes of this scheme processing includes: smoking, marinating or cooking the fish, gutting and freezing the fish or cutting any steaks, cutlets or portions of the fish.

4. THE LOGBOOK

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

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



Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Regulations 2022



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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 1st October 2022. 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 – 2022

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 2021 – S.I. No. 729 of 2021.

Bag Limits 2022

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 994, 2021.

Catch & Release Rivers 2022

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 990, 2021.

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Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 991, 2021.

Closed Rivers 2022

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 332, 2021.

Other Bye-laws 2022

Angling Bye-law No. 989, 2021.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 993, 2021.

Commercial Fishing 2022

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

Control of Fishing for Salmon (Amendment) Order 2022 - S.I. No 109 of 2022

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 995, 2022

Appendix III - References

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Technical Expert Group on Salmon - The Status of Irish Salmon Stocks in 2021 with Precautionary Catch Advice for 2022. <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 28th August for commercial fishing logbooks and no later than 19th October for angler’s logbooks of the year to which they relate.

Harvest

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

Caught and Released (C&R)

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

Reported Catch

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

Adjusted/Raised Catch

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

Small

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

Raising Factor

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

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

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

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

Draft Net

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

Drift Net

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

Other Fishing Engine

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

Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

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

Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers Licence

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

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

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

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

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

W licence – Foyle Area extension licence

X licence - A special local licence for selected waters -

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

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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