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Executive Summary

Looking at statistics from the 2025 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Report, anglers released 60% of their Wild Salmon catches last year, compared with 58% in 2024.

15,476 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers in 2025, a decrease of 3.43% over 2024 (16,025). Most of these licence sales (68%) were to residents within the Republic of Ireland, 12% to Northern Ireland and a further 6.3% to UK residents. Anglers returned 8,047 logbooks in 2024, with a national return rate of 52% up from 48.7% on 2024 logbook returns.

The 2025 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 14,672 salmon and 1,729 sea trout. This represents a decrease of 29.53% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2024 (20,822) and an increase of 28.45% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2024 (1,346).

The 2025 angling catch was 10,695 salmon (16,457 in 2024) and 1,716 sea trout (1,316 in 2024). Of the 10,695 salmon caught by anglers, 4,298 were harvested and 6,397 subsequently released. 15.7% of the 2025 total salmon catch was taken on the River Moy, 13.1% on the River Blackwater (Lismore), 12.6% on the River Laune, 7.4% on the Lower Lee and 4% on the River Suir. These 5 rivers account for 52.8% of the entire salmon catch in 2025.

15,476 anglers purchased a salmon angling licence in 2025 of which only 2,141 anglers (13.8%) caught salmon (2,681 in 2024). Of this figure, 1,434 anglers (9.3%) harvested salmon (2,021 in 2024) and 1,145 anglers (7%) caught and released salmon (1,329 in 2024).

The commercial catch was 3,977 salmon (4,365 in 2024) and 13 sea trout (over 40 cm) (30 in 2024) which represents 67.3% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 5,930 (4,883 in 2024) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector.

The greatest landings of commercial salmon/sea trout catches in 2025 were in Counties Cork and Kerry on the River Laune (Kerry) with 1,155 salmon/sea trout (29% of the commercial catch), River Lee with 864 salmon/sea trout (22% of the commercial catch), River Blackwater (Lismore) with 762 salmon & Sea Trout (19% of the commercial catch) and in Castlemaine Fishery with 550 salmon/sea trout (14% of commercial catch).

Commercial fishermen caught 27% of the salmon catch in 2025, compared to 21% in 2024 and recreational anglers caught 73% in 2025 compared to 79% in 2024.

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 Climate, Energy and the Environment.

The principal functions of Inland Fisheries Ireland are to:

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

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

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

Vision

Our rivers, lakes, and coastal ecosystems support abundant fish populations for future generations.

Mission

We will conserve, protect, restore, and advocate for our fisheries, habitats and biodiversity.

Values

We are committed to the environment and sustainability.

We work collaboratively and with professionalism.

We communicate openly and transparently.

We act with respect, integrity, and accountability.

Our Strategic Framework



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 2025 angling and commercial fishing season was S.I. No. 585 of 2018 amended by S.I. no. 741 of 2024. 2025 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 2025, 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 rivers open with harvest surplus. After the daily bag limit was taken, anglers were permitted to fish catch and release, using single or double 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 or double 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 2001-2025



Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 – 2025

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
2023	N/A	3,055	981	7,562	11,598	-19.47%	45,482	31,314Kg
2024	N/A	3,847	518	6,852	11,217	-3.29%	29,559	30,285Kg
2025	N/A	3,437	540	4,298	8,275	26.23%	31,273	22,342Kg

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2025. 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 2025, this had fallen to 8,275. This represents a decrease of c. 70.73% between 2007 and 2025.

* 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.

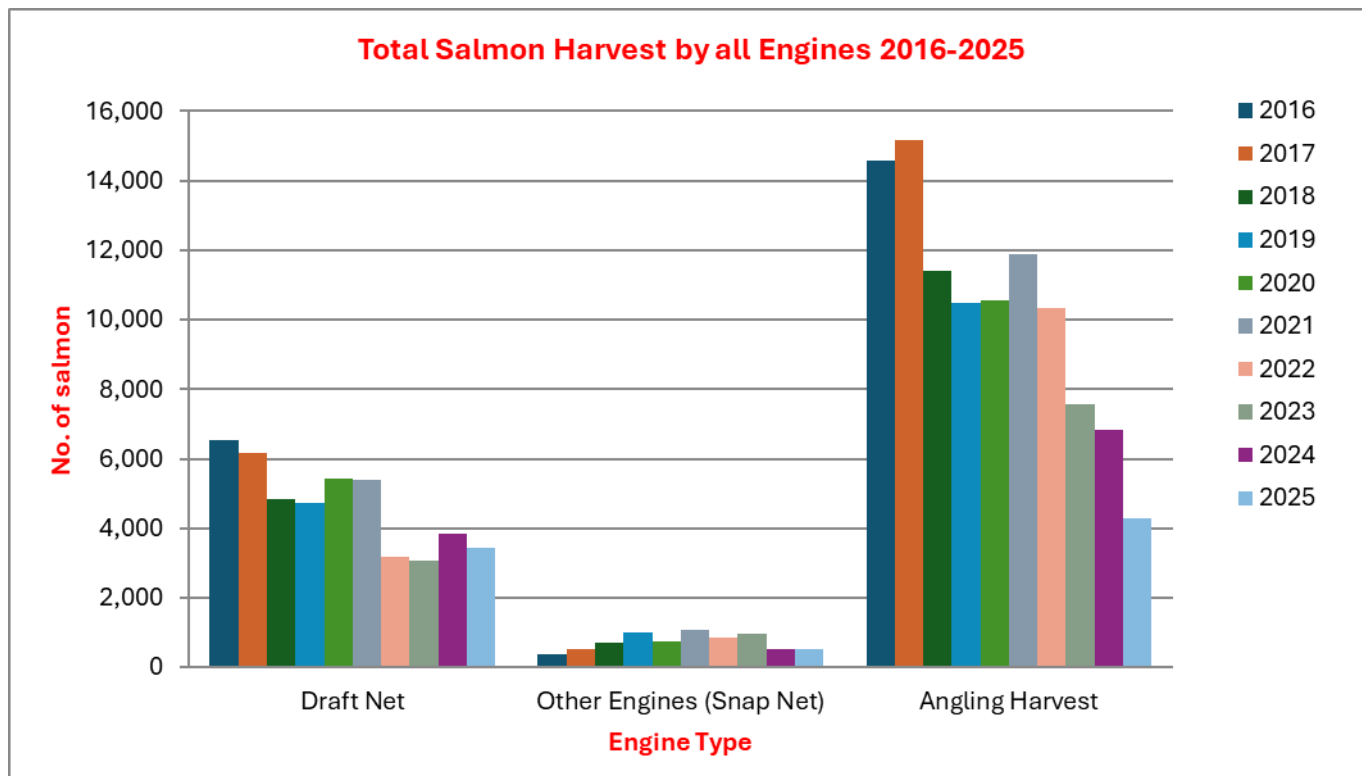


Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2016-2025

For 2025, anglers caught 73% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 27% (Table 10). 15.7% of the 2025 total salmon catch (commercial and angling (including those caught and released)) was taken on the River Moy, 13.1% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 12.5% on the River Laune, 7.4% on the Lower Lee and 4% on the Suir. These 5 rivers account for 52.7% of the entire salmon catch in 2025.

Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2025

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%
2023	N/A	53	1	245	299	+10.42%
2024	N/A	27	3	150	180	-39.8%
2025	N/A	6	7	180	193	+7.22%

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 – 2025. 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 2025, this had fallen to 193 sea trout. This represents a decrease of 47.12% between 2007 and 2025.

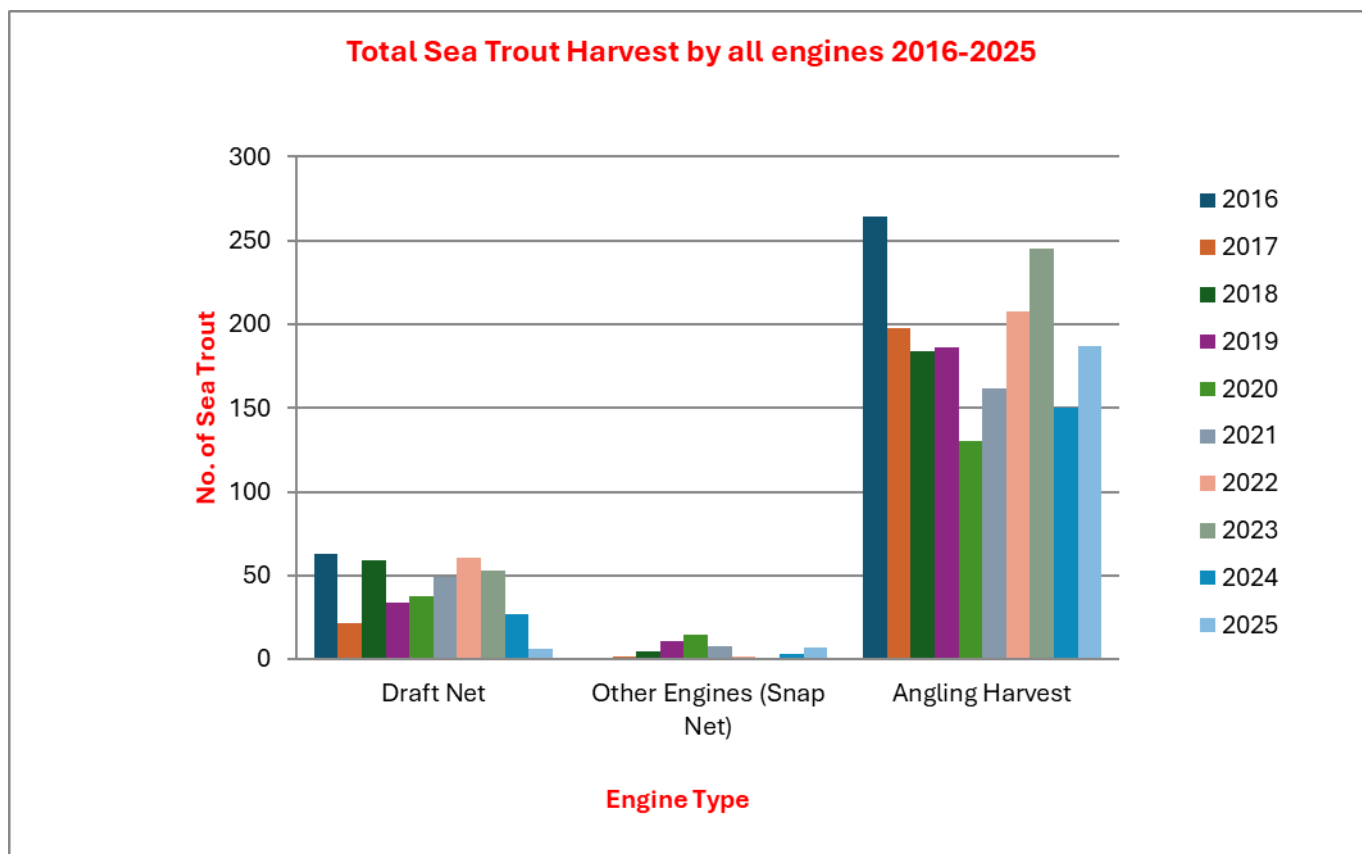


Fig. 2 - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2016 - 2025.

For 2025, anglers caught 99% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 1% (Table 11). 9.1% of the 2025 total sea trout catch was taken on the River Slaney (Wexford) and 8.8% on the River Moy (Ballina).

Chapter 2

Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2025



Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 – 2025

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%
2023	6,574	4,090	62%
2024	4,883	4,395	90%
2025	5,930	3,990	67%

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2025 was 5,930. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 3,990 represents 67% of TAC (Table 14).

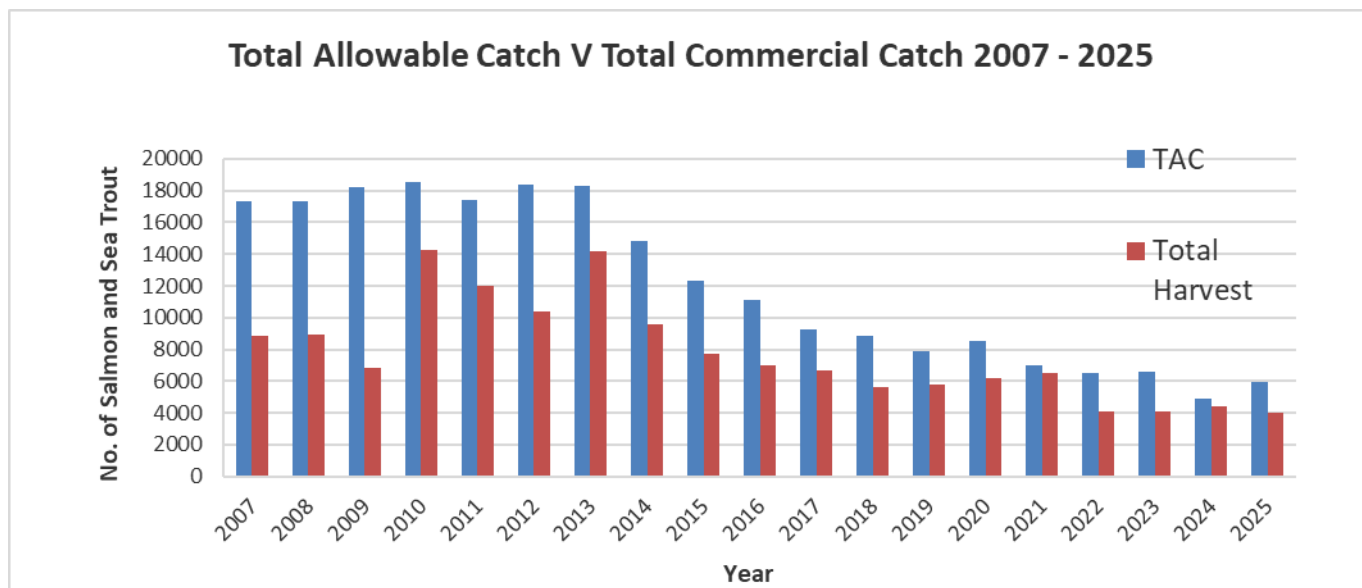


Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) V Total Commercial Catch 2007 – 2025.

In 2025, 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 5,930 above for 2025 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 2025

In the 2025 commercial salmon harvest, 86.4% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 13.6% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2025 was 3,977.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2025 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

Table 4 – Top 4 Commercial Fisheries in 2025

Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Kerry	Laune	1,152	29%
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	755	19%
Cork	Lower Lee	864	21.7%
Kerry	Castlemaine	550	13.8%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 4 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2025 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2025

The table below shows the 2025 commercial salmon catch disposals:

Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2025	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	66%
Private Sales	13.25%
Domestic Consumption	15.34%
Unknown/other	5.41%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2025. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.1.

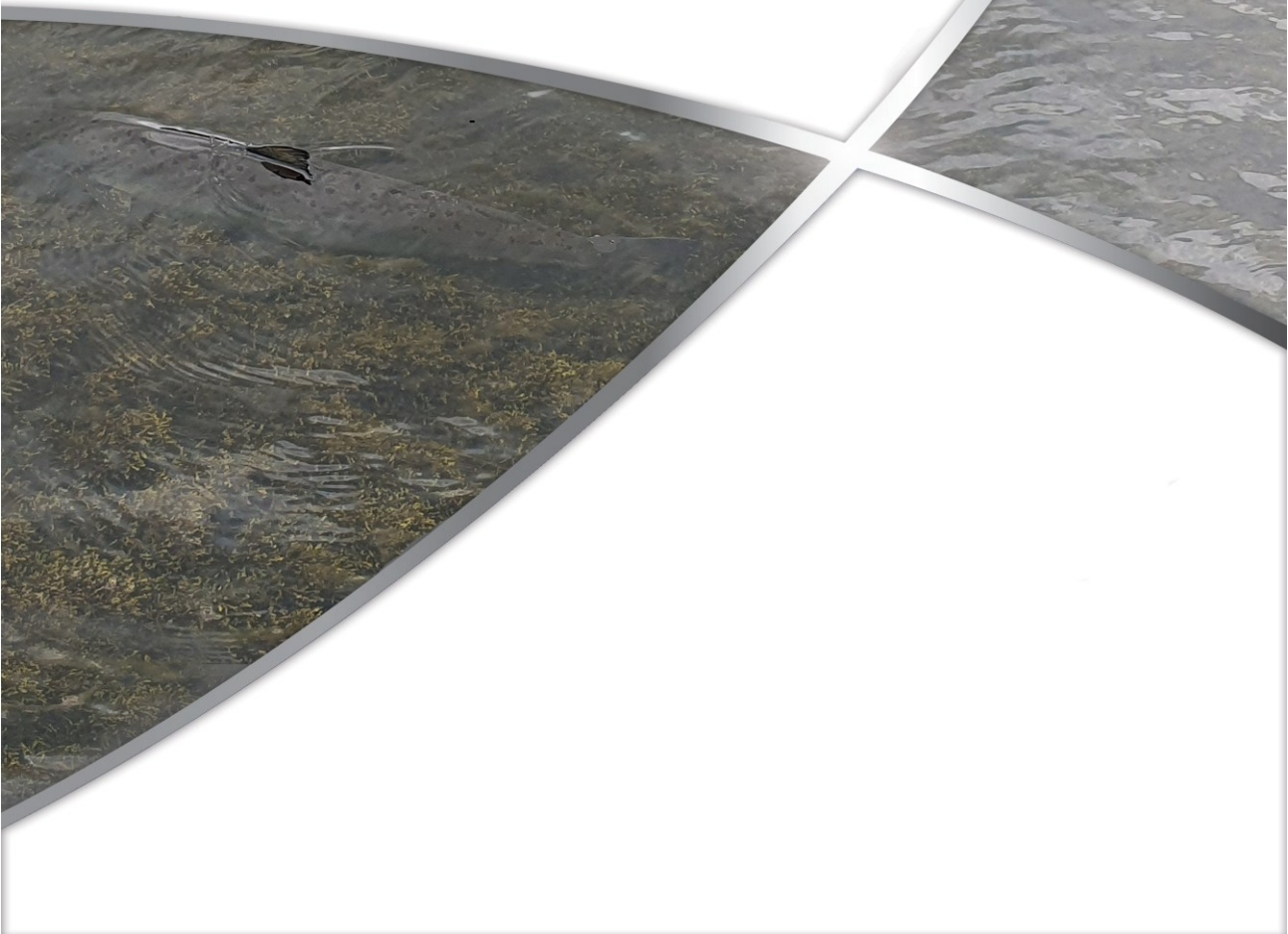
Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2025

In the 2025 commercial sea trout harvest, 46.2% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 53.85% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2025 was 13. Sea trout catches were highest on the River Blackwater (Lismore) at 53.85% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2025 was 0.33% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).

Chapter 3

Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2025



Angling Salmon Catch 2001 – 2025

Table 6.0 – Salmon Angling Catch 2001 – 2025

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%
2023	7,562	9,447	56%	17,009	-24.94%
2024	6,852	9,605	58%	16,457	-3.25%
2025	4,298	6,397	60%	10,695	-35%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for salmon catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2025. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2025 was 10,695 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents a decrease of 35% on the 2024 salmon angling catch of 16,457 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 2025, 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 – 2025

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%
2023	1,317	1,314	2,631	-37.53%
2024	937	1,229	2,166	-17.67%
2025	516	646	1,162	-46.35%

Table 6.2 – 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 – 2025

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%
2023	6,245	8,134	14,378	-22.06%
2024	5,915	8,376	14,291	-0.61%
2025	3,782	5,751	9,533	-33.29%

Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 – 2025

Table 7 – Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 – 2025

Year	Sea Trout Harvest	Sea Trout Caught & Released	Total Sea Trout Angling Catch	% change on previous year
2001	1,066	N/A	1,066	
2002	1,464	N/A	1,464	+ 37.3%
2003	997	N/A	997	– 31.9%
2004	519	N/A	519	– 47.9%
2005	770	N/A	770	+ 48.4%
2006	543	N/A	543	– 29.5%
End to mix stock fishing at sea and a move to single stock management				
2007	331	N/A	331	– 39.0%
2008	448	1329	1,777	+ 436.9
2009	455	2,100	2,555	+ 43.78%
2010	387	1,812	2,198	-13.97%
2011	362	2,376	2,738	+24.57%
2012	382	2,406	2,788	+1.83%
2013	290	1,441	1,732	-37.88%
2014	306	1,206	1,512	-12.7%
2015	390	1,403	1,793	+18.6%
2016	264	1,064	1,328	-25.93%
2017	198	1,616	1,814	+36.6%
2018	184	903	1,087	-40%
2019	186	1,142	1,328	+22.17%
2020	130	1,211	1,341	+1%
2021	162	1,376	1,538	+14.7%
2022	208	1,810	2,018	+31.2%
2023	245	1,300	1,545	-23.43%
2024	150	1,166	1,316	-14.8%
2025	180	1,536	1,716	+30.4%

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 – 2025. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2025 was 1,716 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 30.4% on the 2024 sea trout angling catch of 1,316.

Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 – 2025

15,476 salmon rod licences were sold in 2025, a decrease of 3.42% on 2024 licence sales (16,025) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 8,047 logbooks in 2025, with a national return rate of 52%, up from 48.7% on 2024 logbook returns (Table 17).

Table 8 – Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 – 2025

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%
2023	16,743	8,284	49.5%
2024	16,025	7,806	48.7%
2025	15,476	8,047	52%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 – 2025 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

Salmon Angling Catch 2025

Over one fifth of all salmon angling catch nationally (21.6%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 2,308 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught on 80 fisheries in 2025. The top four salmon producing fisheries made up 44.4% (4,746) of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2025 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster), Laune and Suir).

Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2025

9.15% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on the River Slaney with a further 8.86% caught by rod and line on the River Moy (Table 24) with an angling catch of 157 and 152 sea trout. These two rivers produced 18% of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2025. Sea Trout were caught on 69 fisheries in 2025.

Catch per Angler

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 1,434 anglers harvested salmon in 2025 (Table 54), a decrease of 34.85% on 2024 (2,201). 1,145 anglers caught and released salmon in 2025 (Table 53) a decrease of 13.84% on 2024 (1,329). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

Of the 1,434 anglers who harvested salmon in 2025, 83% (1,190 anglers) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 12.1% (173 anglers) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 5% (71 anglers) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon (Table 54).

Table 8.1 – Summary Catch per Angler 2021 – 2025

Year	Total Licence Sales	Anglers who Harvest salmon	Anglers who Caught & Released salmon	Anglers who caught salmon
2021	15,547 (100%)	3,001 (19.3%)	1,771 (11.4%)	3,802 (24.5%)
2022	17,318 (100%)	3,019 (17.4%)	1,732 (10.0%)	3,783 (21.8%)
2023	16,743 (100%)	2,295 (13.7%)	1,472 (8.8%)	3,050 (18.2%)
2024	16,025 (100%)	2,021 (12.61%)	1,329 (8.3%)	2,681 (16.73%)
2025	15,476 (100%)	1,434 (9.3%)	1,145 (7.4%)	2,141 (13.83%)

Catch and Release Estimates

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2025. A total of 6,397 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 4,298 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 10,695 giving a national catch and release rate of 60% (Table 21).

11.3% of all salmon caught and released were released on the Blackwater (Munster) which had a

catch and release of 720 salmon (Table 21). The River Moy accounted for 10.5% of all salmon caught and released (669 salmon) and the River Suir accounted for 9.1% of all salmon caught and released (584 salmon). The top three rivers where salmon were caught and released made up almost a third (30.9%) of the national catch and release by rod and line in 2025 (Rivers Blackwater (Munster), Moy and Suir).

Angling Catch of Spring Salmon

An assessment on the number of salmon caught between 1st January 2025 and 31st May 2025 was made to estimate the number of spring (or multi-sea winter) salmon being taken by rod and line (Table 22). The catch indicates that a total of 1,162 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2025 (2,166 in 2024), of which 646 were released and 516 harvested. The figure of 1,162 spring salmon catch represents 10.86% of the total salmon angling catch (10,695). A total of 231 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina), 156 spring fish on the River Laune and 85 spring fish for the River Blackwater (Lismore) in 2025.

Angler Nationality

Anglers from 43 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2025. 68% of anglers were from Ireland, 12% from Northern Ireland, 6.3% from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), 4.4% from United States, 3.6% from France, and 2.2% from Germany (Tables 19-20).

Table 9 – Summary Angler Nationality 2017 – 2025

No.	Nationality	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	11,221	10,167	10,563	11,781	12,733	11,514	11,137	10,726	10,570	-1.45%
2	Great Britain	1,663	1,601	1,725	371	571	1,139	1,084	957	973	+1.67%
3	Northern Ireland	1,924	1,824	1,865	1,720	1,577	1,900	1,844	1,892	1,857	-1.85%
4	France	954	809	843	71	250	676	606	587	565	-3.75%
5	Germany	578	560	517	77	126	394	361	308	340	+10.39%
6	USA	765	673	737	13	52	650	677	636	685	+7.70%

Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2017 to 2025.

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 2025 (includes salmon caught and released).

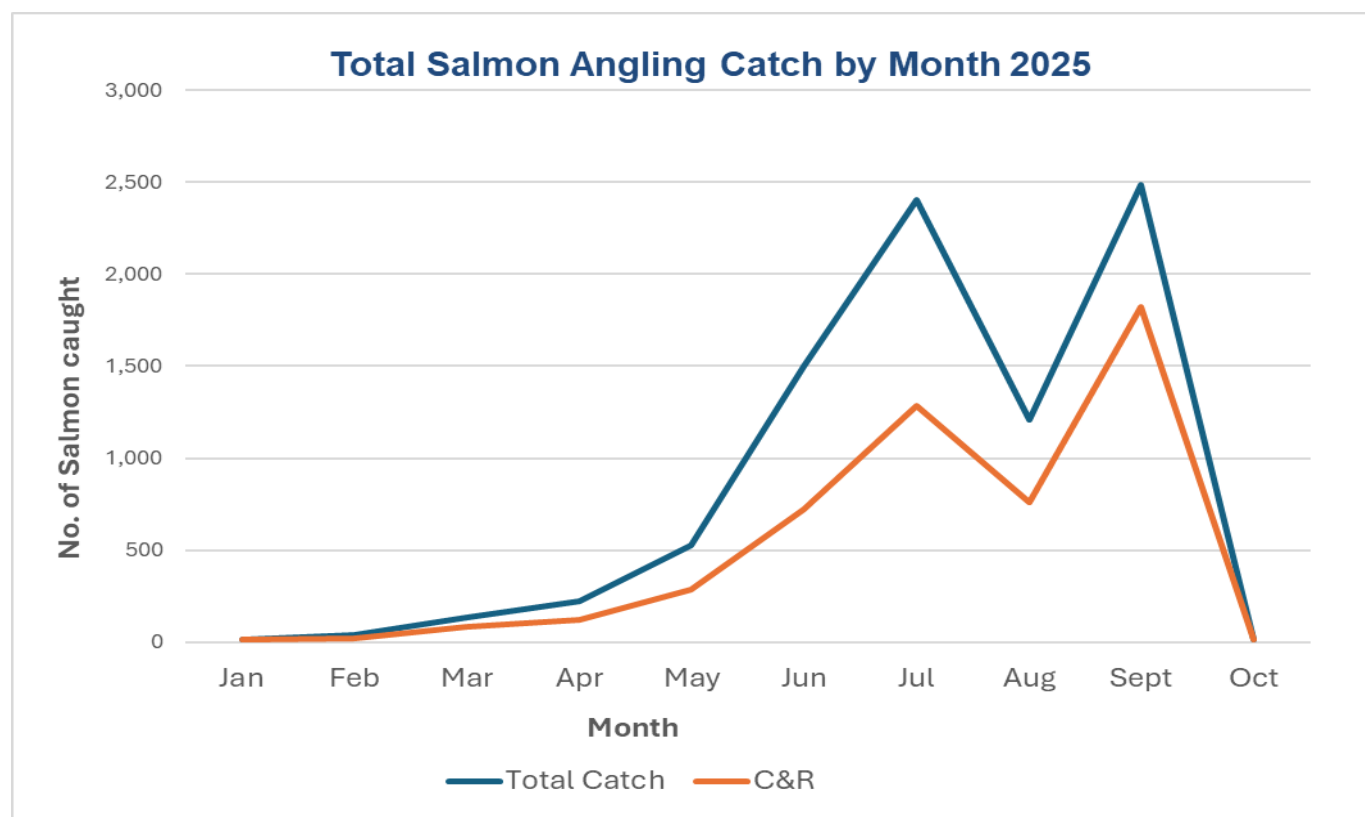


Fig. 4 - Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2025

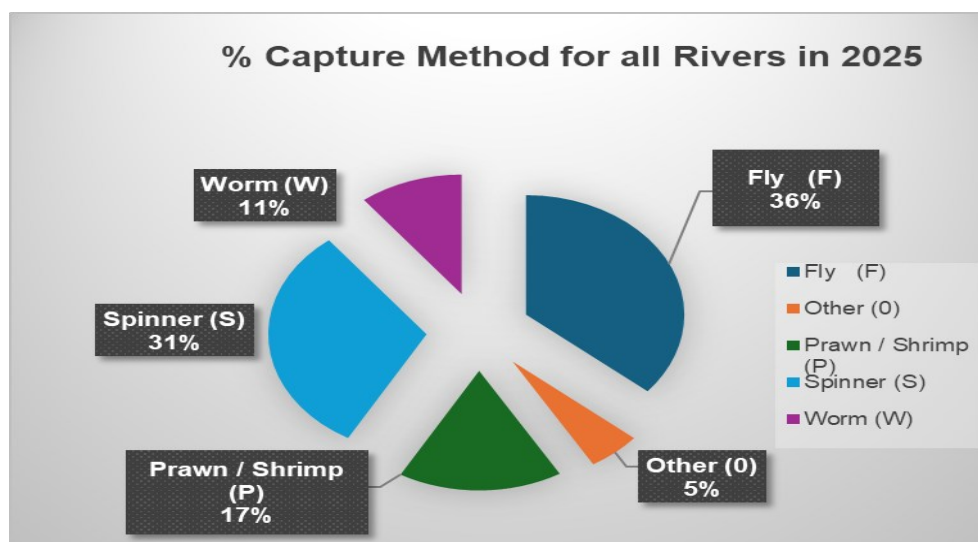


Fig. 5 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2025

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2025 are presented in Fig.9–31.

Chapter 4

Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2025



Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2025 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 2025
Moy	110	Ballina		669	1,639	2,308	1,639	2,308	6,411
Easkey	114	Ballina		84	19	103	19	103	60
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill		19		19		19	
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		15		15		15	
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		10		10		10	
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill		39	39	79	39	79	190
Erriff 1	131	Ballinakill		67	3	70	3	70	
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		9	1	10	1	10	270
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	4	10	10	20	14	24	505
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill		31	6	36	6	36	125
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		15	4	19	4	19	70
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon		4		4		4	
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		1		1		1	
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		59		59		59	
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		35		35		35	
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		9	3	12	3	12	217
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		25		25		25	
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		116	156	272	156	272	2,420
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon			8	8	8	8	
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		31		31	0	31	
Owenmore	105	Bangor	120	140	1	142	121	262	342
Owenduff	106	Bangor	30	83	11	94	41	124	154
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor		3		3		3	
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		15	10	26	10	26	438
Unknown	266	Bangor		4		4		4	
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	32	33		33	32	65	306
Bunnahowna	307	Bangor		10		10		10	
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		15		15		15	
Owengowla	137	Connemara		1		1		1	
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		6		6		6	126
Owenacurra	192	Cork		4		4		4	
Glashaboy	193	Cork		4		4		4	
Glengarriff	219	Cork		4	7	11	7	11	89
Coomhoola	225	Cork		13	20	33	20	33	79
Owvane	226	Cork		13	21	34	21	34	157
Mealagh	227	Cork		6	9	15	9	15	159
Lower Lee	228	Cork	864	137	83	220	947	1,084	1,219
Bandon	229	Cork		249	186	434	186	434	1,344

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 2025
Argideen	232	Cork		20		20		20	
Ilen	233	Cork		70	102	172	102	172	462
Boyne	159	Drogheda		105		105		105	
Fane	94	Dundalk		28		28		28	
Glyde	95	Dundalk		18		18		18	
Corrib	143	Galway		49	355	404	355	404	2,471
Caher	147	Galway		4		4		4	
Unknown	262	Galway		7	12	19	12	19	
Maine	197	Kerry		40	129	169	129	169	312
Owenmore	203	Kerry	147	8		8	147	155	192
Laune	207	Kerry	1,152	245	445	690	1,597	1,842	2,938
Caragh	208	Kerry		54	44	98	44	98	939
Ferta	210	Kerry		8		8	0	8	
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		104		104	0	104	
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry		82	59	141	59	141	317
Sneem	214	Kerry		28	27	56	27	56	192
Blackwater	215	Kerry		49	22	71	22	71	80
Roughty	217	Kerry	57	115	30	144	87	201	189
Sheen	218	Kerry		26	34	60	34	60	81
Castlemaine Harbour	Harbour	Kerry	550				550	550	3,425
Ray	3	Letterkenny		79		79		79	
Crana	9	Letterkenny		43		43		43	
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny		3		3		3	
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		7	8	15	8	15	211
Clady	23	Letterkenny		12	3	15	3	15	45
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		9	1	11	1	11	67
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		23	1	24	1	24	
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		21		21		21	
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	27	88	27	115	54	142	256
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	239	176	148	324	387	563	540
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny		1		1		1	
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny		1		1		1	
Unknown	269	Letterkenny			7	7	7	7	
Mulkear	153	Limerick		73		73		73	
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		14		14		14	
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		146		146		146	
Feale	194	Limerick		441		441		441	
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	755	720	444	1,164	1,199	1,919	2,811
Bride	191	Lismore		21		21		21	
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		133	108	241	108	241	849
Garvogue	117	Sligo		71		71		71	
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo		66	45	111	45	111	215
Unknown	267	Sligo		8	5	13	5	13	

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 2025
Suir	182	Waterford		584		584		584	
Barrow	183	Waterford		79		79		79	
Nore	184	Waterford		466		466		466	
Unknown	257	Waterford		3		3		3	
Slaney	175	Wexford		58		58		58	
Blackwater	278	Wexford		1		1		1	
Unknown	999	NWRBD			1	1	1	1	
Unknown	999	WRBD-G			1	1	1	1	
Unknown	999	SWRBD		4	1	5	1	5	
Totals			3,977	6,397	4,298	10,695	8,275	14,672	31,273
			27%	60%	40%	73%			

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2025. 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 2025 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
Glencullen	101	Ballina		13		13	13
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina		5		5	5
Moy	110	Ballina		80	71	152	152
Easkey	114	Ballina		13		13	13
Bunowen (Clew	127	Ballinakill		3		3	3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		4		4	4
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		47		47	47
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		7		7	7
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		15		15	15
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		10		10	10
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill		4		4	4
Killary	246	Ballinakill		4		4	4
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		4		4	4
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		7		7	7
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		9		9	9
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon		64		64	64
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		3	3	5	5
Tullaghan Bay	0	Bangor		3		3	3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		3		3	3
Owenmore	105	Bangor		9		9	9
Owenduff	106	Bangor		87	5	92	92
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		29		29	29
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		37		37	37
Unknown	266	Bangor		4	3	6	6
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		83		83	83
Cashla	138	Connemara		49		49	49
Owenacurra	192	Cork		2		2	2
Glashaboy	193	Cork		9		9	9
Bandon	229	Cork		6	1	7	7
Owenboy	230	Cork		19		19	19
Argideen	232	Cork		18		18	18
Ilen	233	Cork		13	2	15	15
Boyne	159	Drogheda		20		20	20
Vartry*	170	Dublin		3		3	3
Unknown	255	Dublin		16		16	16
Castletown*	92	Dundalk		1		1	1
Glyde	95	Dundalk		1		1	1
Unknown	262	Galway		6		6	6
Owenmore	203	Kerry	3	6	6	12	15
Laune	207	Kerry	3	15	20	36	39
Caragh	208	Kerry		7	2	9	9
Ferta	210	Kerry		2		2	2
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		5		5	5
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane	213	Kerry		72		72	72

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
Sneem	214	Kerry		1		1	1
Blackwater	215	Kerry		1		1	1
Sheen	218	Kerry		1		1	1
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Crana	9	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny		53		53	53
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		3		3	3
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		7	1	8	8
Owentocker	56	Letterkenny		1	1	3	3
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		7		7	7
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny		7		7	7
Unknown	269	Letterkenny		32	7	39	39
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		2		2	2
Feale	194	Limerick		79		79	79
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	7	26	6	32	39
Bride	191	Lismore		19		19	19
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		9	17	26	26
Garvogue	117	Sligo		3		3	3
Drumcliff (inc Glencar L)	119	Sligo		100	4	103	103
Unknown	267	Sligo		22	13	34	34
Suir	182	Waterford		13		13	13
Nore	184	Waterford		1		1	1
Bannon Bay	242	Waterford		1		1	1
Avoca*	171	Wexford		57		57	57
Slaney	175	Wexford		157		157	157
Owenavorrigh*	177	Wexford		48		48	48
Sow	178	Wexford		13		13	13
Blackwater	278	Wexford		14		14	14
Unknown	999	WRBD-B			3	3	3
Unknown	999	WRBD-G		1		1	1
Unknown	999	ERBD		3		3	3
Unknown	999	SERBD		11		11	11
Unknown	999	NWRBD		1	4	5	5
		Totals	13	1,536	180	1,716	1,729
			0.75%	90%	10%	99.25%	1.00

Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2025. 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 2025



Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2025 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)	540	755	13.6%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	215		5.4%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	864	864	21.7%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	550	1,906	13.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,152		29.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	57		1.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	147		3.7%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Owenglin		4	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros	4		0.1%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	32	182	0.8%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	30		0.8%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	120		3.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	27	266	0.7%
Letterkenny	Sp. Local Draft	Owenea/Owentocker	239		6.0%
Total			3,977	3,977	100%

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2025 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 2025 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)	7	7	53.85%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)			0.0%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)			0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine		6	0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	3		23.08%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty			0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	3		23.08%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Owenglin		0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)		0	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)			0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra		0	0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Owenea			0.0%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea			0.0%
Totals			13	13	100%

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2025 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 2025

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)	540	7	547	774	98%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	215		215		
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	864		864	869	99%
Cork	Draft Net	Bandon			0	192	0%
Cork	Draft Net	Ilen			0	158	0%
Cork	Draft Net	Mealagh			0	0	0%
Cork	Draft Net	Glengarriff			0	0	0%
Cork	Draft Net	Coomhola			0	0	0%
Cork	Draft Net	Owvane			0	0	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	550		550	561	98%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,152	3	1,155	1,533	75%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	57		57	106	54%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	147	3	150	150	100%
Kerry	Draft Net	Waterville			0	0	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Caragh			0	516	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Maine			0	145	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Sneem			0	53	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Blackwater (Kerry)			0	0	0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Sheen			0	0	0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Owenglin			0	62	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros	4		4	151	2.6%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin			0	135	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	32		32	45	71.1%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	30		30	34	88.2%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	120		120	122	98.4%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	27		27	84	32.1%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Tullaghobegley	0		0	0	0.0%
Letterkenny	Sp. Local Draft	Owenea/Owentocker	239		239	240	99.6%
Totals			3,977	13	3,990	5,930	67.3%
			99.67%	0.33%			

Table 14 shows the Total allowable catch (TAC) of salmon (all sizes) and sea trout (over 40cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2025, 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 2025 determined from Logbook Returns

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Catch	May	June	July
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	540	28	108	404
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	215	16	54	145
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	864	7	177	680
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	550	13	118	419
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,152	61	396	695
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	57			57
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	147	13	34	100
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Owenglin	0			
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros	4			4
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin	0			
Bangor	Draft Net	Common Estuary Owenmore (ferry)	32	8	4	20
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	30	1	1	28
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenmore (Mayo)	120	29	18	73
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	27	2		25
Letterkenny	Sp. Local Draft	Owenea	239			239
Totals			3,977	178	910	2,889

Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2025 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.

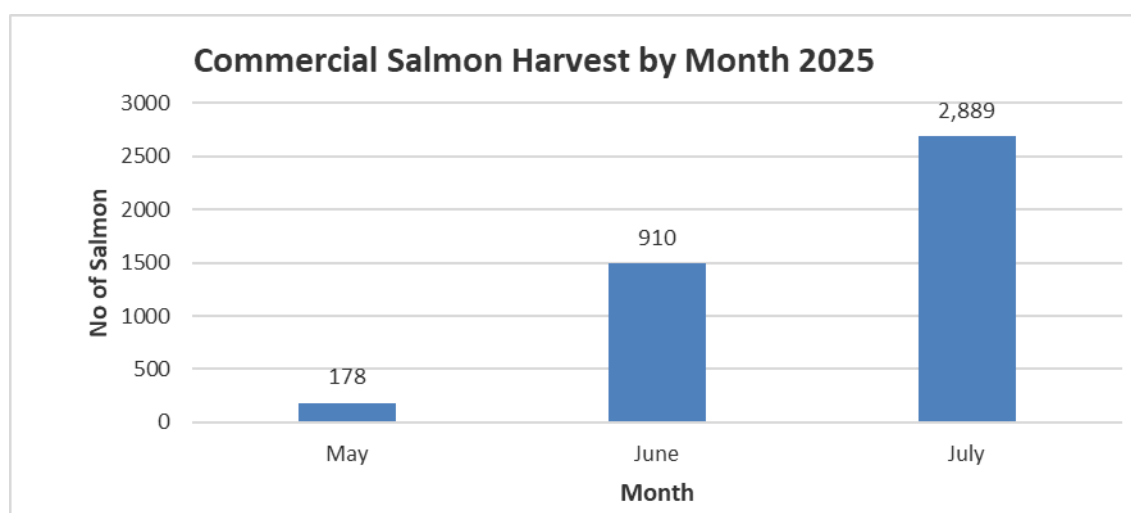


Fig. 6 - Analysis of monthly commercial salmon catch for 2025.

Table 16.1 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2025.

Fishery District	Total Salmon Caught	Domestic Consumption	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Hotel/ Restaurant	Other
Ballinakill	4					4
Bangor	182	72	11	96	3	
Cork	864	64	717	83		
Kerry	1,906	179	1,456	256	8	7
Letterkenny	266	175		91		
Lismore	755	120	441	1	61	132
Totals	3,977	610	2,625	527	72	143
		15.34%	66.00%	13.25%	1.81%	3.6%

Table 16.1 shows an analysis of the distribution of sales and disposals for salmon harvest by commercial fishermen (draft and snap net) by fishery district in 2025.

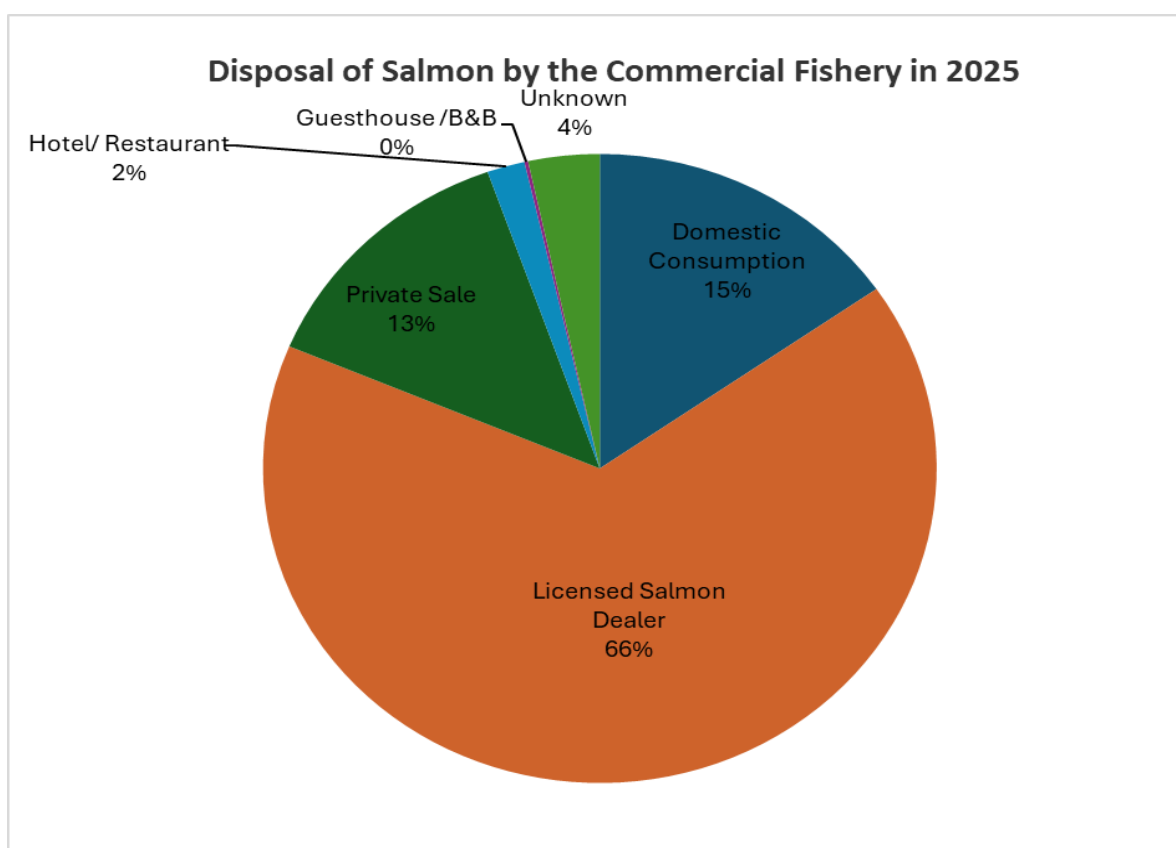


Fig. 7 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2025.

Table 16.2 - Analysis of Commercial Salmon Harvest by Commercial Nets on a District basis for 2025

Fishery District	0	1-10	11-20	21-50	51-100	101-250	251-500	Total licence holders
Lismore Draft						1		1
Lismore Snap	1		1	4	4	1		11
Cork					16			16
Kerry	1	1		5	10	1	2	20
Ballinakill		1						1
Bangor		18		2				20
Letterkenny		1	1	6				8
Total licence holders per category	2	21	2	17*	30	3	2	77
% licence holders per category	2.6%	27.3%	2.6%	22.1%	39.0%	3.9%	2.6%	100%
Catch per Band	0	137	40	654	1,643	605	898	3,977
% Catch per Band	0.0%	3.4%	1.0%	16.4%	41.3%	15.2%	22.6%	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 2025. *E.g. 17 commercial fishermen caught between 21-50 salmon in 2025. These 17 commercial licence holders caught 654 salmon in total between them in 2025. The average catch was 52 salmon per licence holder in 2025.

Chapter 6

Angling Catch Tables 2025



Table 17 – Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2025

River Basin	Angling Licence Sales 2025	Angling Logbook Returns 2025	% Returns 2025	Raising Factor
ERBD	1,054	414	39%	1.463768
SERBD	1,269	669	53%	1.269058
SWRBD	3,413	2,116	62%	1.183885
ShRBD	1,178	764	65%	1.162565
WRBD-G	2,041	811	40%	1.454994
WRBD-B	3,827	1,994	52%	1.275777
NWRBD	2,694	1,279	47%	1.331900
Totals	15,476	8,047	52.00%	1.276960

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2025 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 2025

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	1,054	548	135	116	174	80	1	
South Eastern	1,269	605	373	189	71	31		
South Western	3,413	1,109	1,147	499	367	291		
Shannon	1,178	502	233	135	219	89		
Western - G	2,041	465	390	173	395	611	7	
Western - B	3,827	831	1,313	490	864	272	57	
North Western	2,694	502	690	237	318	83	318	546
Totals	15,476	4,562	4,281	1,839	2,408	1,457	383	546

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2025 by River Basin and Licence type.

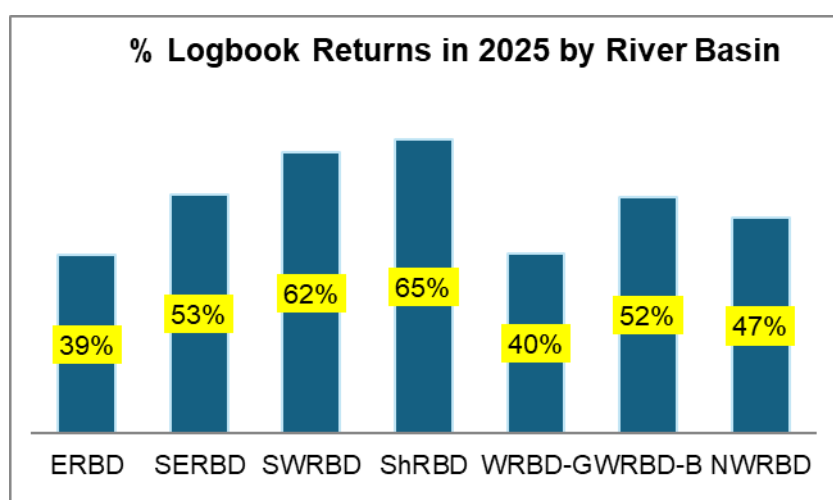


Fig. 8 - Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2025

Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2025 by River Basin

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Argentina	2			2				
Australia	17			3		7	7	
Austria	47	2		7		12	20	6
Bahamas, The	2					2		
Belgium	25	2		6		12	3	2
Canada	14		2	2		8	1	1
Cayman Islands	1						1	
Czech Republic	2					2		
Denmark	8					7	1	
England	200			11	20	57	85	27
Finland	4					4		
France	565	93	21	66	2	55	236	92
Germany	340	3	3	43	38	54	170	29
Gibraltar	1					1		
Iceland	8			8				
Iran	2			1			1	
Ireland	10,570	892	1,221	2,833	690	1,119	2,499	1,316
Isle Of Man	5			1			4	
Italy	31	1		7		5	14	4
Jersey	1					1		
Latvia	3			3				
Luxembourg	8			3		3	2	
Netherlands	28		1	5		11	7	4
New Zealand	4					3	1	
Northern Ireland	1,857	3	1	34	273	49	478	1,019
Norway	2					2		
Poland	2						2	
Portugal	2						2	
Romania	1						1	
Scotland	54	2	1	9	8	8	20	6
Singapore	1					1		
Slovenia	2					2		
Spain	78	10		16		21	9	22
Sri Lanka	1						1	
Sweden	12				1	11		
Switzerland	99	2	2	6		23	27	39
Uganda	1						1	
Ukraine	1							1
UAE	1					1		
United Kingdom	684	7	5	154	144	97	169	108
United States	685	37	4	171	1	426	40	6
Unknown	67		7	17		30	2	11
Uruguay	1						1	
Virgin Islands	2					2		
Wales	35		1	5	1	5	22	1
Totals	15,476	1,054	1,269	3,413	1,178	2,041	3,827	2,694

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2025 by Angler Nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2025 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)
Argentina	2			1		1		
Australia	17			1	8	8		
Austria	47	1	3	2	39	2		
Bahamas	2				2			
Belgium	25			2	20	3		
Canada	14		1	1	4	8		
Cayman	1				1			
Czech	2					2		
Denmark	8		1		7			
England	200	11	18	2	140	29		
Finland	4				4			
France	565	17	54	31	365	87		11
Germany	340	19	40	16	246	19		
Gibraltar	1				1			
Iceland	8				8			
Iran	2		2					
Ireland	10,570	3,997	3,640	1,574	591	465	57	246
Isle Of Man	5		1		4			
Italy	31	1	3	1	20	6		
Jersey	1					1		
Latvia	3			2		1		
Luxembourg	8	3	3		2			
Netherlands	28	2	2		22	2		
New Zealand	4				3	1		
Northern	1,857	428	431	114	213	122	281	268
Norway	2				2			
Poland	2				2			
Portugal	2	2						
Romania	1		1					
Scotland	54	1	4	2	42	4		1
Singapore	1					1		
Slovenia	2				1	1		
Spain	78	1	5		57	11		4
Sri Lanka	1				1			
Sweden	12	1			11			
Switzerland	99	4	6	3	76	7		3
Uganda	1		1					
Ukraine	1		1					
UAE	1					1		
United	684	59	55	25	390	98	45	12
United States	685	6	8	56	78	537		
Unknown	67	7		4	20	35		1
Uruguay	1	1						
Virgin Islands	2					2		
Wales	35	1	1	2	28	3		
Totals	15,476	4,562	4,281	1,839	2,408	1,457	383	546

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2025 by angler nationality and by licence type.

Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2025

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	669	1,639	2,308
Easkey	114	Ballina	84	19	103
Unknown	265	Ballina			
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	19		19
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	15		15
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	10		10
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	39	39	79
Erriff 1	131	Ballinakill	67	3	70
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	9	1	10
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	10	10	20
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	31	6	36
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	15	4	19
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	4		4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	59		59
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	35		35
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	9	3	12
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	25		25
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	116	156	272
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		8	8
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	31		31
Owenmore	105	Bangor	140	1	142
Owenduff	106	Bangor	83	11	94
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	3		3
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	15	10	26
Unknown	266	Bangor	4		4
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	33		33
Bunnahowna	307	Bangor	10		10
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	15		15
Owengowla	137	Connemara	1		1
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	6		6
Owenacurra	192	Cork	4		4
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4		4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	4	7	11
Coomhoola	225	Cork	13	20	33
Owvane	226	Cork	13	21	34
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	9	15
Lower Lee	228	Cork	137	83	220
Bandon	229	Cork	249	186	434
Argideen	232	Cork	20		20
Ilen	233	Cork	70	102	172
Boyne	159	Drogheda	105	0	105
Fane	94	Dundalk	28		28
Glyde	95	Dundalk	18		18

table 21 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod &	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Corrib	143	Galway	49	355	404
Caher	147	Galway	4		4
Unknown	262	Galway	7	12	19
Maine	197	Kerry	40	129	169
Owenmore	203	Kerry	8		8
Laune	207	Kerry	245	445	690
Caragh	208	Kerry	54	44	98
Ferta	210	Kerry	8		8
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	104		104
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	82	59	141
Sneem	214	Kerry	28	27	56
Blackwater	215	Kerry	49	22	71
Roughty	217	Kerry	115	30	144
Sheen	218	Kerry	26	34	60
Ray	3	Letterkenny	79		79
Crana	9	Letterkenny	43		43
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	3		3
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	7	8	15
Clady	23	Letterkenny	12	3	15
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	9	1	11
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	23	1	24
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	21		21
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	88	27	115
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	176	148	324
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	1		1
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	1		1
Unknown	269	Letterkenny		7	7
Mulkear	153	Limerick	73		73
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	14		14
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	146		146
Feale	194	Limerick	441		441
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	720	444	1,164
Bride	191	Lismore	21		21
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	133	108	241
Garvogue	117	Sligo	71		71
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	66	45	111
Unknown	267	Sligo	8	5	13
Suir	182	Waterford	584		584
Barrow	183	Waterford	79		79
Nore	184	Waterford	466		466
Unknown	257	Waterford	3		3
Slaney	175	Wexford	58		58
Blackwater	278	Wexford	1		1
Unknown NWRBD	999	NWRBD		1	1
Unknown WRBD-G	999	WRBD-G		1	1
Unknown SWRBD	999	SWRBD	4	1	5
1 Ranches fish			Totals	6,397	4,298
			60%	40%	

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 2025. (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 2025

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	37	194	231
Easkey	114	Ballina	5		5
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	3	13	16
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		1	1
Dawros	133	Ballinakill			
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill			
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	7		7
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	27	47	73
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor	4		4
Owenduff	106	Bangor	10	5	15
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	6	4	10
Unknown	266	Bangor	3		3
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary Owenmore - ferry)	271	Bangor	1		1
Lower Lee	228	Cork	11	12	22
Bandon	229	Cork	19	18	37
Argideen	232	Cork	4		4
Ilen	233	Cork		1	1
Boyne	159	Drogheda	23		23
Glyde	95	Dundalk	1		1
Corrib	143	Galway	6	31	36
Unknown	262	Galway		1	1
Maine	197	Kerry	1	2	4
Laune	207	Kerry	47	109	156
Caragh	208	Kerry	20	7	27
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	17	6	22
Blackwater	215	Kerry	2		2
Roughty	217	Kerry	8	1	9
Sheen	218	Kerry		1	1
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1		1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	1		1
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	7		7
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	5	9
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	4	7	11
Unknown	269	Letterkenny		3	3
Mulkear	153	Limerick	3		3
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	45		45
Feale	194	Limerick	63		63
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	46	39	85
Bride	191	Lismore	1		1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	6	4	10
Garvogue	117	Sligo	43		43
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	5	4	9

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
Suir	182	Waterford	57		57
Barrow	183	Waterford	11		11
Nore	184	Waterford	43		43
Unknown	257	Waterford	3		3
Slaney	175	Wexford	38		38
Totals			646	516	1,162
			56%	44%	

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 2025.

(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 2025

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	632	1,445	2,077
Easkey	114	Ballina	79	19	98
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	19		19
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	15		15
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	10		10
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	36	26	63
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	67	3	70
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	9	1	10
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	10	9	19
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	31	6	36
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	15	4	19
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	4		4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	59		59
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	28		28
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	9	3	12
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	25		25
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	89	109	198
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon		7	7
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	31		31
Owenmore	105	Bangor	137	1	138
Owenduff	106	Bangor	73	6	79
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	3		3
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	9	6	15
Unknown	266	Bangor	1		1
Tullaghan Bay (Common Estuary	271	Bangor	32		32
Bunnahowna	307	Bangor	10		10
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	15		15
Owengowla	137	Connemara	1		1
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	6		6
Owenacurra	192	Cork	4		4
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4		4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	4	7	11
Coomhola	225	Cork	13	20	33
Owvane	226	Cork	13	21	34
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	9	15
Lower Lee	228	Cork	127	71	198
Bandon	229	Cork	230	168	398
Argideen	232	Cork	17		17
Ilen	233	Cork	70	101	170
Boyne	159	Drogheda	82		82
Fane	94	Dundalk	28		28
Glyde	95	Dundalk	16		16
Corrib	143	Galway	44	324	368
Caher	147	Galway	4		4
Unknown	262	Galway	7	10	17
Maine	197	Kerry	39	127	166
Owenmore	203	Kerry	8		8
Laune	207	Kerry	198	336	534
Caragh	208	Kerry	34	37	71

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
Ferta	210	Kerry	8		8
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	104		104
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	65	53	118
Sneem	214	Kerry	28	27	56
Blackwater	215	Kerry	46	22	69
Roughty	217	Kerry	107	28	135
Sheen	218	Kerry	26	33	59
Ray	3	Letterkenny	79		79
Crana	9	Letterkenny	43		43
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	3		3
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	7	8	15
Clady	23	Letterkenny	11	3	13
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	9	1	11
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	21	1	23
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	15		15
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	84	21	105
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	172	141	313
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	1		1
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	1		1
Unknown	269	Letterkenny		4	4
Mulkear	153	Limerick	70		70
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	14		14
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	101		101
Feale	194	Limerick	378		378
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	674	405	1,079
Bride	191	Lismore	20		20
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	126	105	231
Garvogue	117	Sligo	28		28
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	61	41	102
Unknown	267	Sligo	8	5	13
Suir	182	Waterford	527		527
Barrow	183	Waterford	67		67
Nore	184	Waterford	423		423
Slaney	175	Wexford	20		20
Blackwater	278	Wexford	1		1
Unknown	999	NWRBD		1	1
Unknown	999	WRBD-G		1	1
Unknown	999	SWRBD	4	1	5
Totals			5,751	3,782	9,533
			60%	40%	

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 2025. (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 2025

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
Glencullen	101	Ballina	13		13
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina	5		5
Moy	110	Ballina	80	71	152
Easkey	114	Ballina	13		13
Bunowen (Clew bay)	127	Ballinakill	3		3
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	4		4
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	47		47
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	7		7
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	15		15
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	10		10
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	4		4
Killary	246	Ballinakill	4		4
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	4		4
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	7		7
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	9		9
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	64		64
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	3	3	5
Tullaghan Bay	0	Bangor	3		3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	3		3
Owenmore	105	Bangor	9		9
Owenduff	106	Bangor	87	5	92
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	29		29
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	37		37
Unknown	266	Bangor	4	3	6
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara	83		83
Cashla	138	Connemara	49		49
Owenacurra	192	Cork	2		2
Glashaboy	193	Cork	9		9
Bandon	229	Cork	6	1	7
Owenboy	230	Cork	19		19
Argideen	232	Cork	18		18
Ilen	233	Cork	13	2	15
Boyne	159	Drogheda	20		20
Vartry*	170	Dublin	3		3
Unknown	255	Dublin	16		16
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	1		1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	1		1
Maine	197	Kerry	13	8	21
Owenmore	203	Kerry	6	6	12
Laune	207	Kerry	15	20	36
Caragh	208	Kerry	7	2	9
Ferta	210	Kerry	2		2
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	5		5
Waterville\Cummeragh\Cur	213	Kerry	72		72
Sneem	214	Kerry	1		1

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
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1		1
Sheen	218	Kerry	1		1
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny	3		3
Crana	9	Letterkenny	3		3
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	53		53
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	3		3
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	5		5
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	7	1	8
Owentocker	56	Letterkenny	1	1	3
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	7		7
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	7		7
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	32	7	39
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	2		2
Feale	194	Limerick	79		79
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	26	6	32
Bride	191	Lismore	19		19
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	9	17	26
Garvogue	117	Sligo	3		3
Drumcliff (inc Glencar	119	Sligo	100	4	103
Strandhill	251	Sligo		3	3
Unknown	267	Sligo	22	13	34
Suir	182	Waterford	13		13
Nore	184	Waterford	1		1
Bannon Bay	242	Waterford	1		1
Avoca*	171	Wexford	57		57
Slaney	175	Wexford	157		157
Owenavorrigh*	177	Wexford	48		48
Sow	178	Wexford	13		13
Blackwater	278	Wexford	14		14
Unknown	999	WRBD-B		3	3
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	1		1
Unknown	999	ERBD	3		3
Unknown	999	SERBD	11		11
Unknown	999	NWRBD	1	4	5
* Sea Trout under 40cm			Totals	1,536	180
			90%	10%	

Table 24 shows the sea trout harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2025. (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 2025

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

Table 26 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2025

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

Table 27 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Fane	94	Dundalk	19	28
Glyde	95	Dundalk	12	18
Dee	96	Dundalk	0	0
Boyne	159	Drogheda	72	105
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	0	0
		Total	103	151

Table 28 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	1	1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	1	1
Dee	96	Dundalk	0	0
Boyne	159	Drogheda	14	20
Vartry*	170	Dublin	2	3
Unknown	255	Dublin	11	16
Unknown	999	ERBD	2	3
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		Total	31	45

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 2025 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 2025

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

Table 30 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2025

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

Table 31 – Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	46	58
Blackwater	278	Wexford	1	1
Suir	182	Waterford	460	584
Barrow	183	Waterford	62	79
Nore	184	Waterford	367	466
Unknown	257	Waterford	2	3
		Total	938	1,191

Table 32 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Avoca	171	Wexford	45	57
Slaney	175	Wexford	124	157
Owenavorrhagh*	177	Wexford	38	48
Sow	178	Wexford	10	13
Blackwater	278	Wexford	11	14
Suir	182	Waterford	10	13
Nore	184	Waterford	1	1
Bannow Bay	242	Waterford	1	1
Unknown	999	SERBD	9	11
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		Total	249	315

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 2025 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 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	375	444
Glengarriff	219	Cork	6	7
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	20
Owvane	226	Cork	18	21
Mealagh	227	Cork	8	9
Lower Lee	228	Cork	70	83
Bandon	229	Cork	157	186
Ilen	233	Cork	86	102
Maine	197	Kerry	109	129
Laune	207	Kerry	376	445
Caragh	208	Kerry	37	44
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	50	59
Sneem	214	Kerry	23	27
Blackwater	215	Kerry	19	22
Roughy	217	Kerry	25	30
Sheen	218	Kerry	29	34
Unknown	999	SWRBD	1	1
		Total	1,406	1,665

Table 34 – Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	5	6
Bandon	229	Cork	1	1
Ilen	233	Cork	2	2
Maine	197	Kerry	7	8
Owenmore	203	Kerry	5	6
Laune	207	Kerry	17	20
Caragh	208	Kerry	2	2
		Total	39	46

Table 35 – Salmon Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	608	720
Bride	191	Lismore	18	21
Owenacurra	192	Cork	3	4
Glashaboy	193	Cork	3	4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	3	4
Coomhola	225	Cork	11	13
Owvane	226	Cork	11	13
Mealagh	227	Cork	5	6
Lower Lee	228	Cork	116	137
Bandon	229	Cork	210	249
Argideen	232	Cork	17	20
Ilen	233	Cork	59	70
Maine	197	Kerry	34	40
Owenmore	203	Kerry	7	8
Laune	207	Kerry	207	245
Caragh	208	Kerry	46	54
Ferta	210	Kerry	7	8
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	88	104
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	69	82
Sneem	214	Kerry	24	28
Blackwater	215	Kerry	41	49
Roughty	217	Kerry	97	115
Sheen	218	Kerry	22	26
Unknown	999	SWRBD	3	4
		Total	1,709	2,023

Table 36 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	22	26
Bride	191	Lismore	16	19
Owenacurra	192	Cork	2	2
Glashaboy	193	Cork	8	9
Bandon	229	Cork	5	6
Owenboy	230	Cork	16	19
Argideen	232	Cork	15	18
Ilen	233	Cork	11	13
Maine	197	Kerry	11	13
Owenmore	203	Kerry	5	6
Laune	207	Kerry	13	15
Caragh	208	Kerry	6	7
Ferta	210	Kerry	2	2
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	4	5
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	61	72
Sneem	214	Kerry	1	1
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1	1
Sheen	218	Kerry	1	1
		Total	200	237

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 2025 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 2025

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 2025

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 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Mulkear	153	Limerick	63	73
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	12	14
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	126	146
Feale	194	Limerick	379	441
		Total	580	674

Table 40 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick	2	2
Feale	194	Limerick	68	79
		Total	70	81

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 2025 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 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	27	39
Erriff 1	131	Ballinakill	2	3
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	1
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	7	10
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	4	6
N/A	N/A	Connemara	0	0
Corrib	143	Galway	244	355
Unknown	262	Galway	8	12
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	1	1
Total			294	427

Table 42 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	13	19
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	10	15
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	7	10
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	27	39
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	46	67
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	6	9
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	7	10
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	21	31
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	10	15
Owengowla	137	Connemara	1	1
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	4	6
Corrib	143	Galway	34	49
Caher	147	Galway	3	4
Unknown	262	Galway	5	7
Total			194	282

Table 43 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2025

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	32	47
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	5	7
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	10	15
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	7	10
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	3	4
Unknown	264	Ballinakill	3	4
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	57	83
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	34	49
Unknown	262	Galway	4	6
Unknown	999	WRBD-G	1	1
Total			161	234

Table 44 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2025

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 2025 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 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Owenmore	105	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	9	11
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	8	10
Moy	110	Ballina	1,285	1,639
Easkey	114	Ballina	15	19
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	85	108
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	35	45
Unknown	267	Sligo	4	5
		Total	1,442	1,838

Table 46 – Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Owenduff	106	Bangor	4	5
Unknown	266	Bangor	2	3
Moy	110	Ballina	56	71
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	13	17
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	3	4
Strandhill	251	Sligo	2	3
Unknown	267	Sligo	10	13
Unknown	999	WRBD-B	2	3
		Total	92	119

Table 47 – Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	24	31
Owenmore	105	Bangor	110	140
Owenduff	106	Bangor	65	83
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	2	3
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	12	15
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	4
Owenmore (Ferry)	271	Bangor	26	33
Bunnahowna	307	Bangor	8	10
Moy	110	Ballina	524	669
Easkey	114	Ballina	66	84
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	104	133
Garvogue	117	Sligo	56	71
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	52	66
Unknown	267	Sligo	6	8
		Total	1,058	1,350

Table 48 – Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Tullaghan Bay	0	Bangor	2	3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	2	3
Owenmore	105	Bangor	7	9
Owenduff	106	Bangor	68	87
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	23	29
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	29	37
Unknown	266	Bangor	3	4
Glencullen	101	Ballina	10	13
Cloonaghmore	104	Ballina	4	5
Moy	110	Ballina	63	80
Easkey	114	Ballina	10	13
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	7	9
Garvogue	117	Sligo	2	3
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	78	100
Unknown	267	Sligo	17	22
		Total	325	417

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 2025 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 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	3	4
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	2	3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	117	156
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	6	8
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	6	8
Clady	23	Letterkenny	2	3
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	1	1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	1	1
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	20	27
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	111	148
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	5	7
Unknown	999	NWRBD	1	1
		Total	275	367

Table 50 – Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	2	3
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	1	1
Owentocker	56	Letterkenny	1	1
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	5	7
Unknown	999	NWRBD	3	4
		Total	12	16

Table 51 – Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	11	15
Bungosteen	54	Ballyshannon	3	4
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	44	59
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	26	35
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	7	9
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	19	25
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	87	116
Ray	3	Letterkenny	59	79
Crana	9	Letterkenny	32	43
Culdaff	12	Letterkenny	2	3
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	5	7
Clady	23	Letterkenny	9	12
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	7	9
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	17	23
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	16	21
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	66	88
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	132	176
Owentocker	56	Letterkenny	1	1
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	1	1
		Total	545	727

Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2025

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	3	4
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	5	7
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	7	9
Erne Estuary*	123	Ballyshannon	48	64
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	2	3
Clonmany	4	Letterkenny	2	3
Crana	9	Letterkenny	2	3
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	40	53
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	2	3
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	5
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	5	7
Owentocker	56	Letterkenny	1	1
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	5	7
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	5	7
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	24	32
Unknown	999	NWRBD	1	1
*Sea trout (under 40cm)		Total	156	209

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 2025 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 2025

No. of Salmon Released	No. of Anglers who 'Caught & Released' Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Released
1	384*	384
2	187	374
3	129	387
4	92	368
5	63	315
6	49	294
7	46	322
8	32	256
9	29	261
10	23	230
11	16	176
12	12	144
13	9	117
14	15	210
15	10	150
16	4	64
17	8	136
18	7	126
19	2	38
20	4	80
21	2	42
22	5	110
23	2	46
26	3	78
27	3	81
28	3	84
31	1	31
34	1	34
39	1	39
44	1	44
51	1	51
55	1	55
Total Anglers who Caught & Released Salmon	1,145*	5,127

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 55 salmon in 2025 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g 384 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon only. 1,145 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 5,127 salmon. This figure was raised to 6,397 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught and released' where no logbook was returned.

In 2025, 1,145 anglers 'caught and released' salmon. Of this figure, 61% (700 anglers) caught and released no more than 3 salmon, a further 17.8% (204 anglers) caught and released between 4-6 salmon, 11.4% (130 anglers) caught and released between 7 and 10 salmon and 9.7% (111 anglers) caught and released more than 10 salmon. Subsequently only 7.4% (1,145 anglers) of total licence holders (15,476 anglers) caught and released salmon.

Table 54 – Analysis of Salmon Harvest per Angler in 2025

No. of Salmon Harvested	No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Harvest	% of anglers who harvest salmon
1	656*	656	1
2	257	514	2
3	277	831	3
4	76	304	4
5	50	250	5
6	47	282	6
7	31	217	7
8	13	104	8
9	11	99	9
10	16	160	10
Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon	1,434*	3,417	

Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 10 salmon in 2025 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g. 656 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 1,434 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 3,417 salmon. This figure of 3,417 was raised to 4,298 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

In 2025, 1,434 anglers harvested salmon. Of this figure, 83% of anglers (1,190) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 12% (173) of anglers harvested between 4-6 salmon and 5% (71) of angler's harvest between 7 and 10 salmon. 1.1% (16 anglers) harvested the maximum permitted of 10 salmon. Subsequently only 9.3% (1,434 anglers) of licence holders (15,476 anglers) harvested salmon.

Table 55 – Analysis of Total Salmon Caught per Angler in 2025

No. of Salmon Caught per Angler	No. of Anglers who Caught Salmon	Total Reported Salmon caught
1	775*	775
2	358	716
3	300	900
4	160	640
5	108	540
6	77	462
7	69	483
8	41	328
9	34	306
10	50	500
11	22	242
12	26	312
13	17	221
14	17	238
15	12	180
16	4	64
17	10	170
18	12	216
19	8	152
20	14	280
21	2	42
22	4	88
23	1	23
24	2	48
25	3	75
27	2	54
28	3	84
30	1	30
33	1	33
34	1	34
35	1	35
36	1	36
38	2	76
44	1	44
55	1	55
62	1	62
Total Anglers who Caught Salmon	2,141*	8,544

Table 55 shows an analysis of the number of anglers who caught between 1 and 62 salmon in 2025 as determined from angling logbook returns. *E.g. 775 anglers each 'caught 1 salmon only. 2,141 anglers who fished caught a total of 8,544 salmon. This figure was raised to 10,695 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught' where no logbook was returned.

In 2025, 2,141 anglers caught salmon. Of this figure, 66.9% (1,433 anglers) caught no more than 3 salmon, a further 16.1% (345 anglers) caught between 4-6 salmon, 9.1% (194 anglers) caught between 7 and 10 salmon and 7.9% (169 anglers) caught more than 10 salmon.

Subsequently only 13.83% (2,141 anglers) of total licence holders (15,476 anglers) caught salmon.

Chapter 7

Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2025



Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2025 (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 2025.

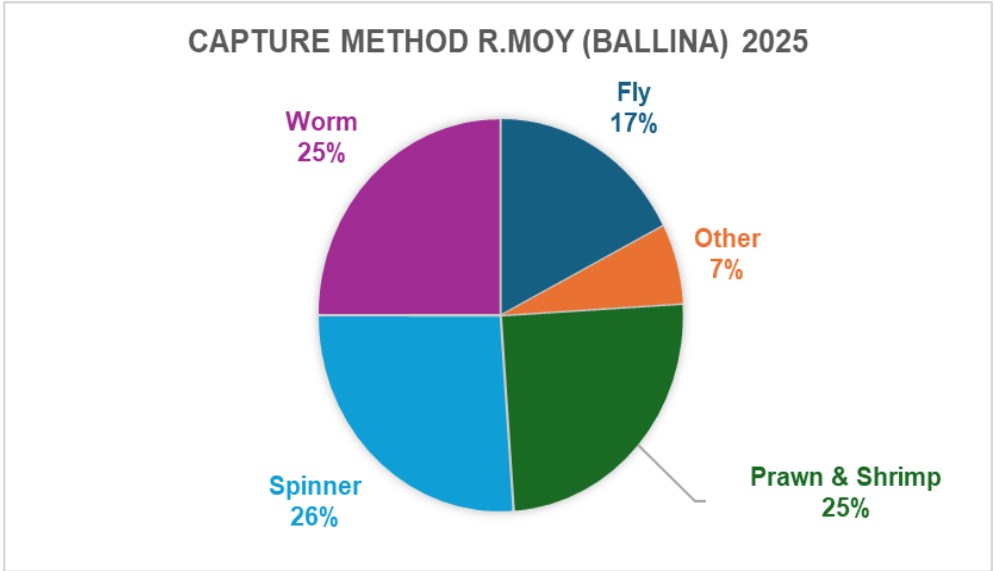
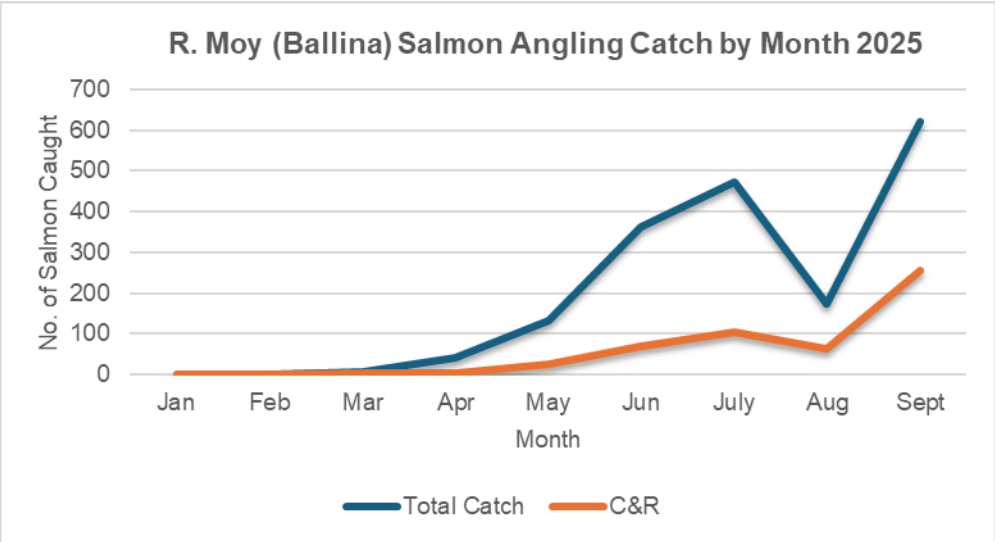


Fig. 10 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Blackwater Munster (Lismore) in 2025.

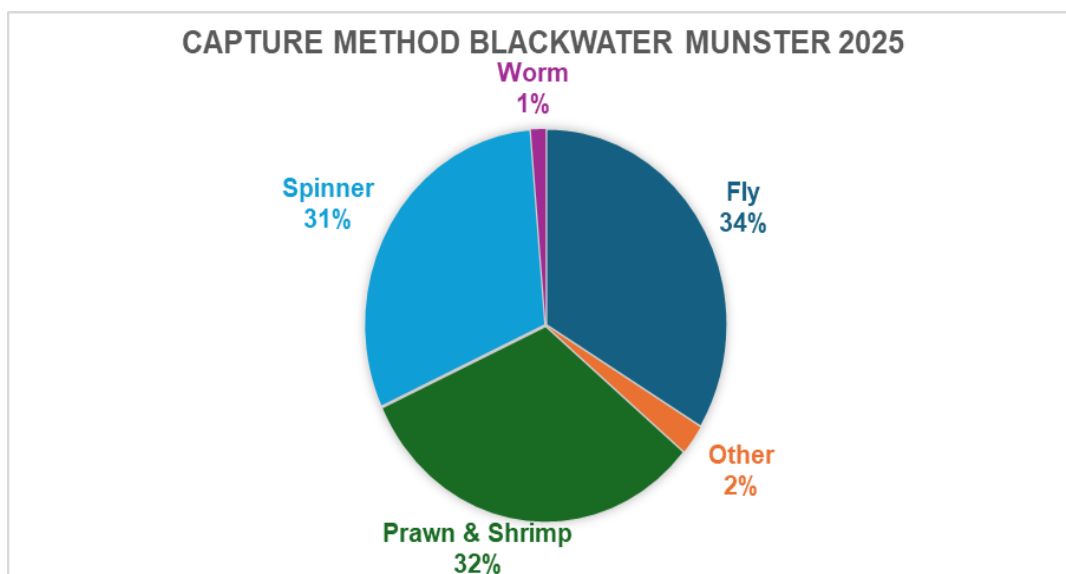
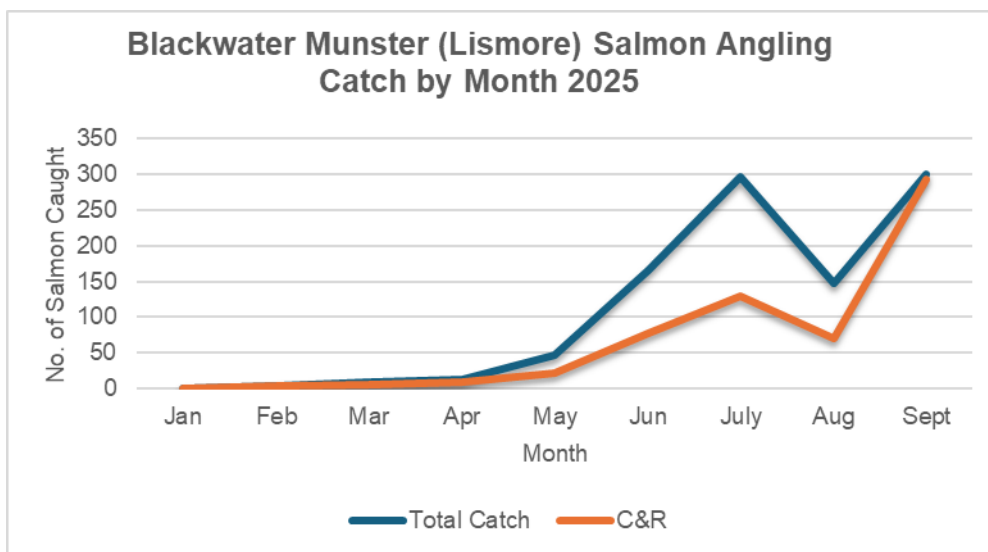


Fig. 11 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the R. Laune (Kerry) in 2025.

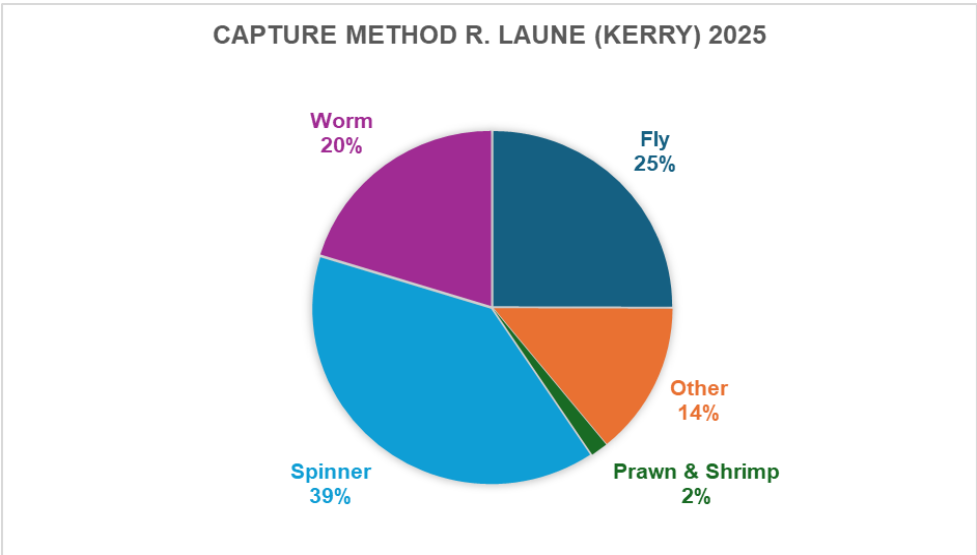
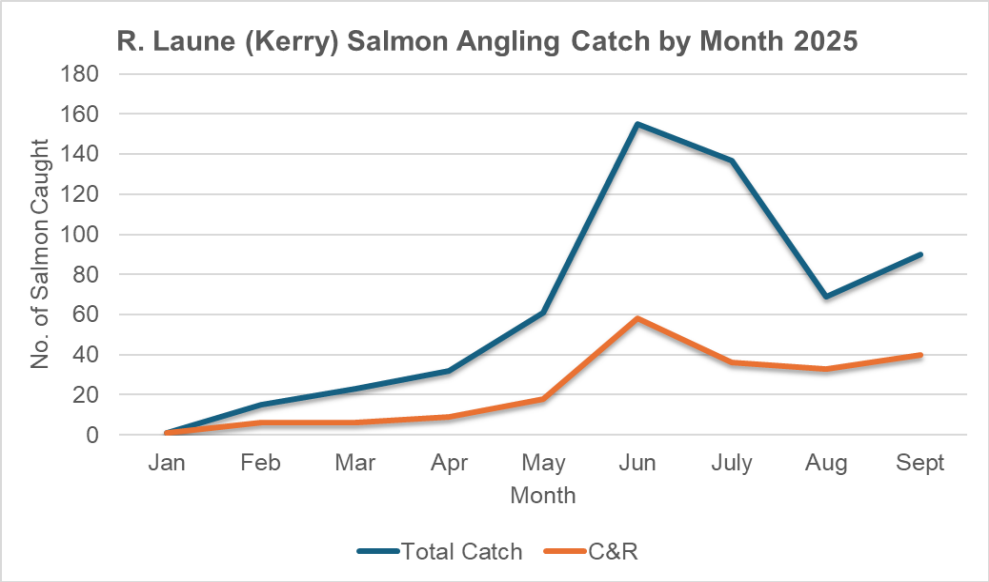


Fig. 12 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Suir (Waterford) in 2025.

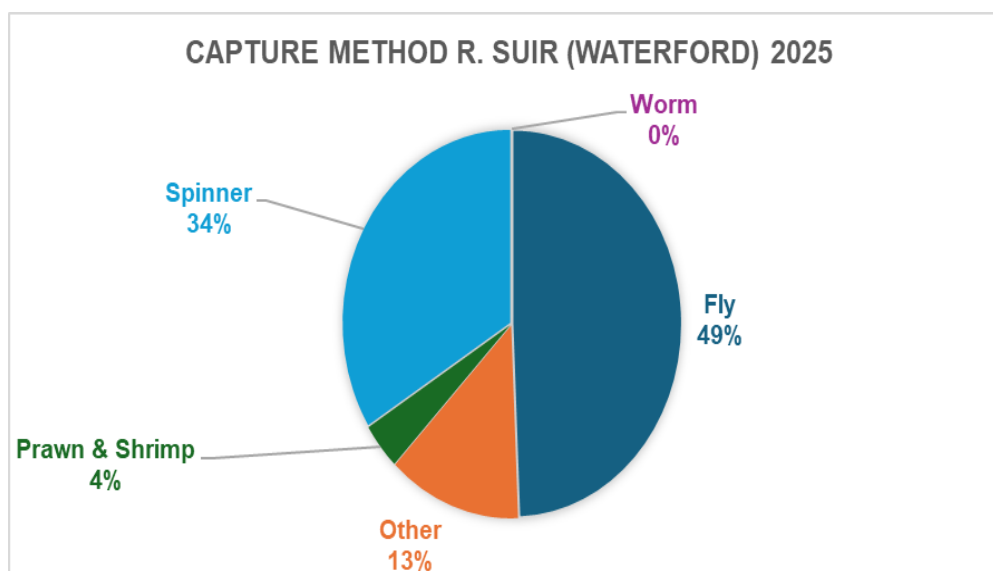
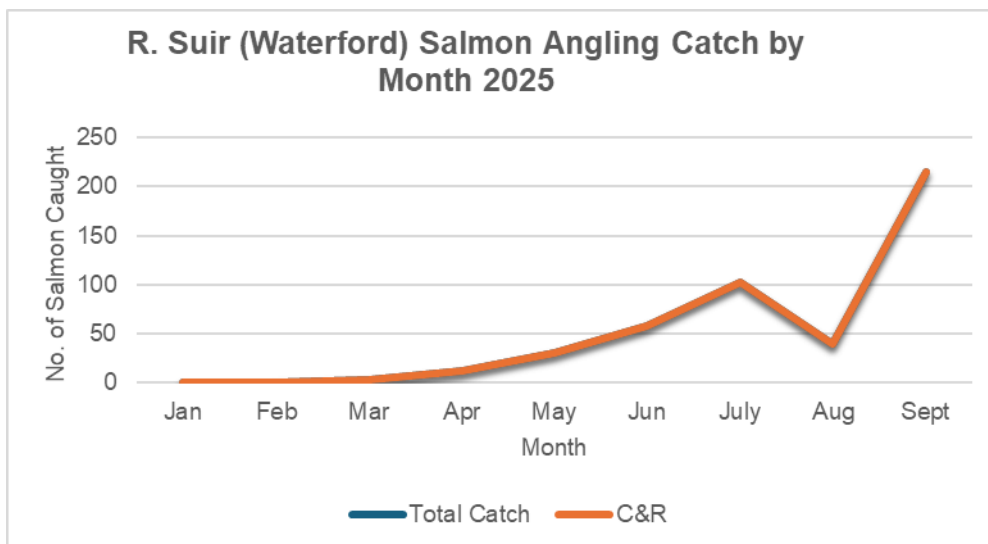


Fig. 13 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Feale (Limerick) in 2025.

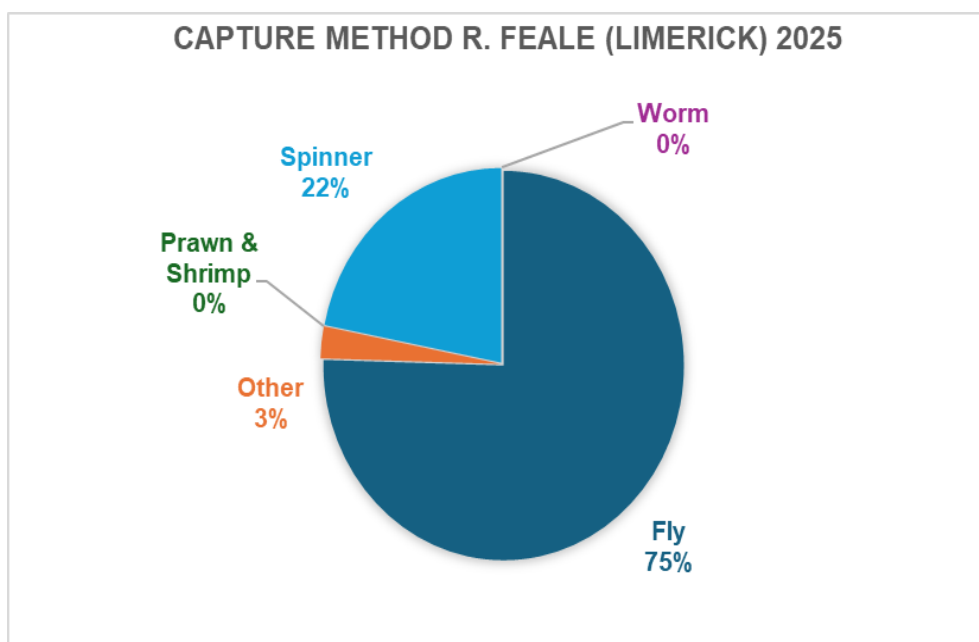
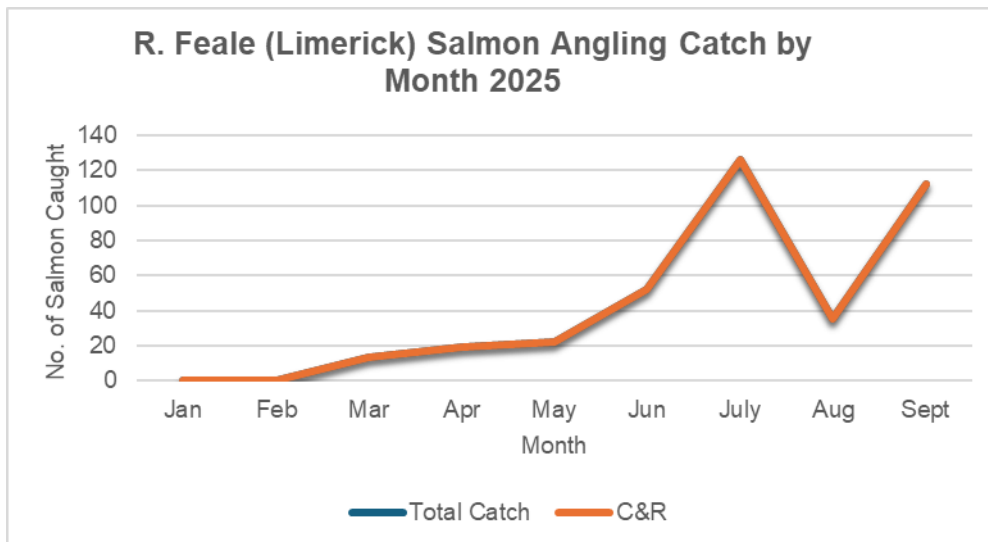


Fig. 14 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Bandon (Cork) in 2025.

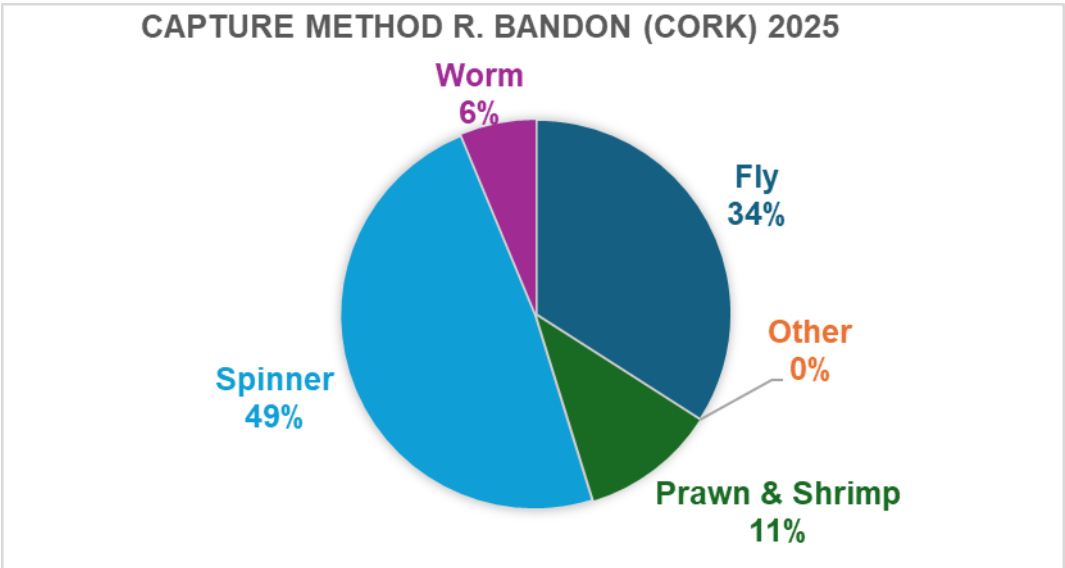
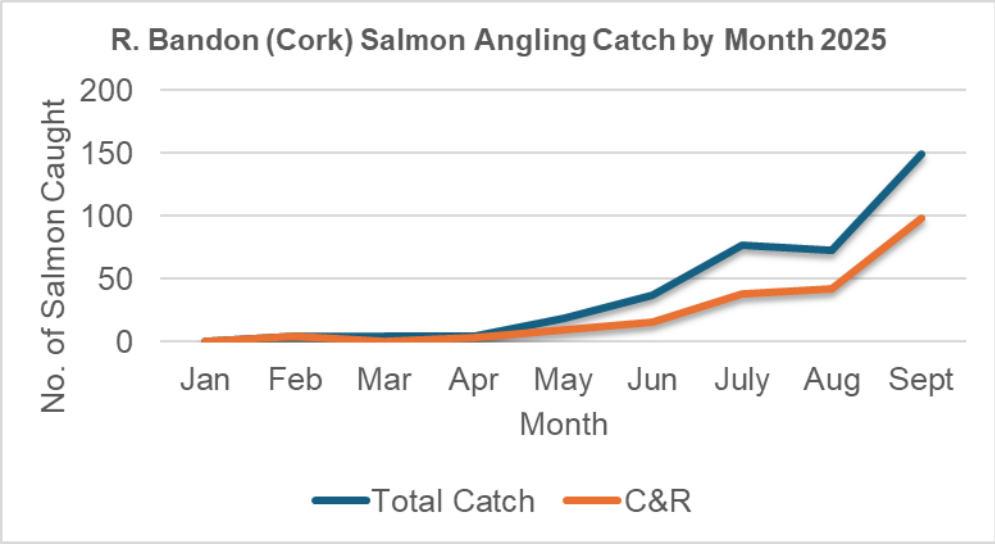


Fig. 15 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Nore (Waterford) in 2025

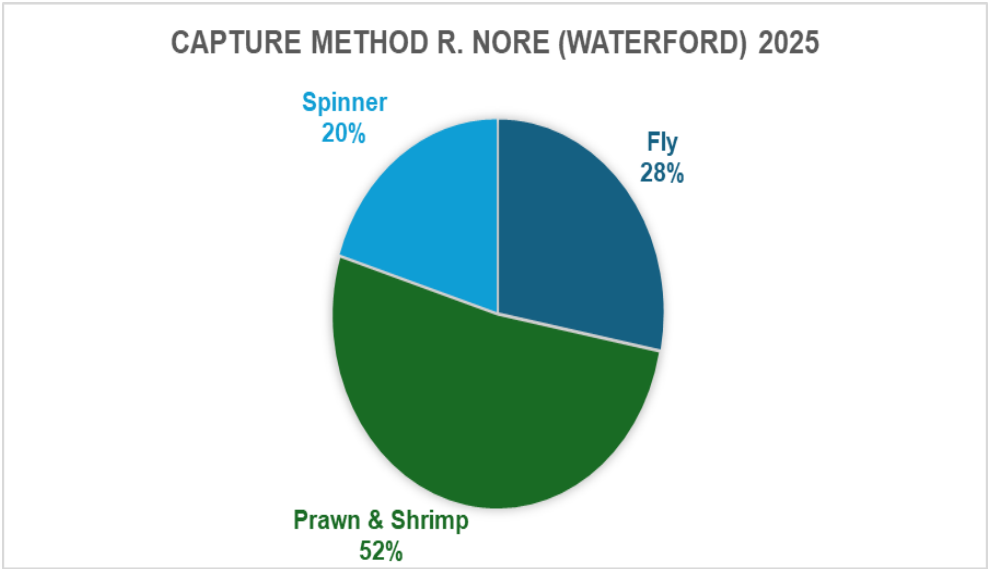
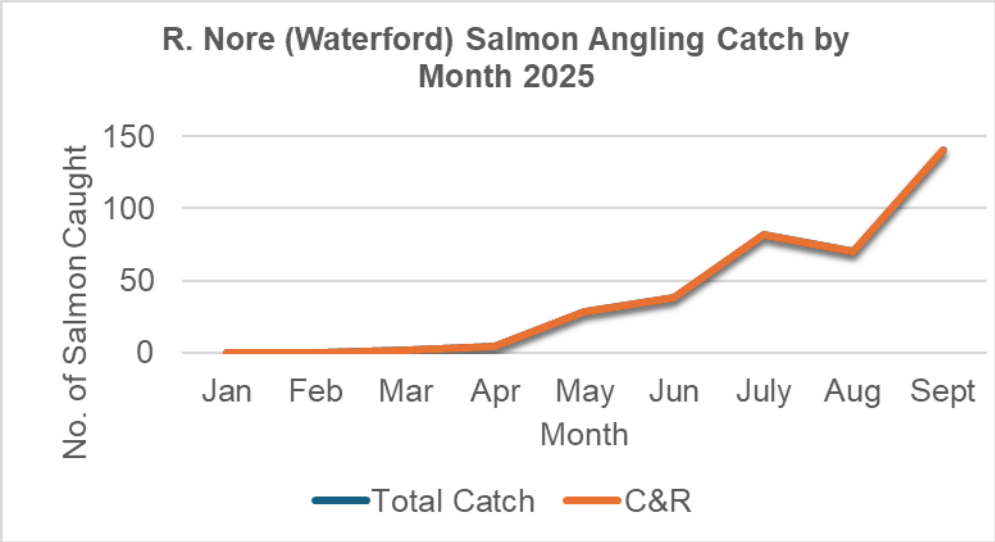


Fig. 16 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Corrib (Galway) in 2025.

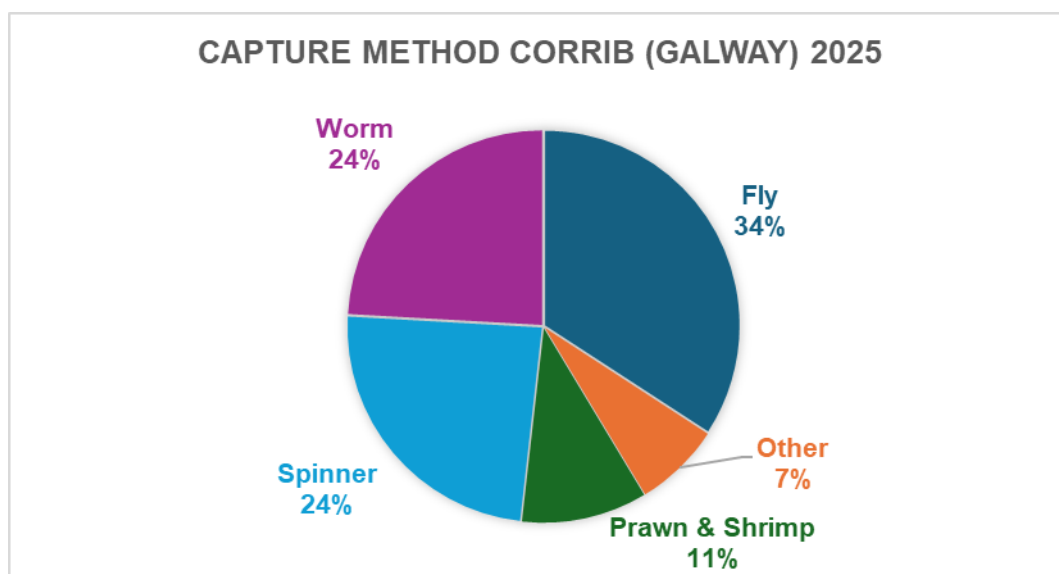
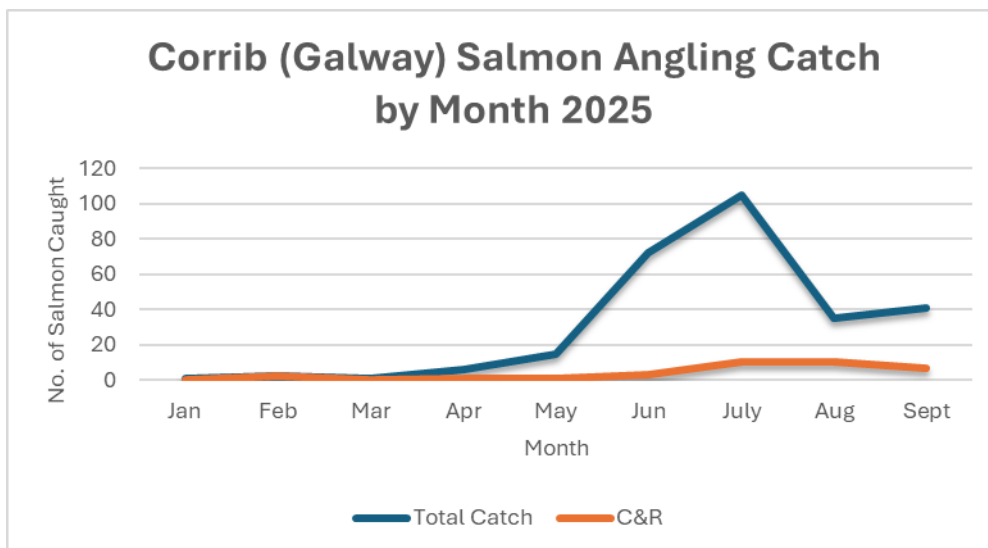


Fig. 17 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Owenea (Letterkenny) in 2025.

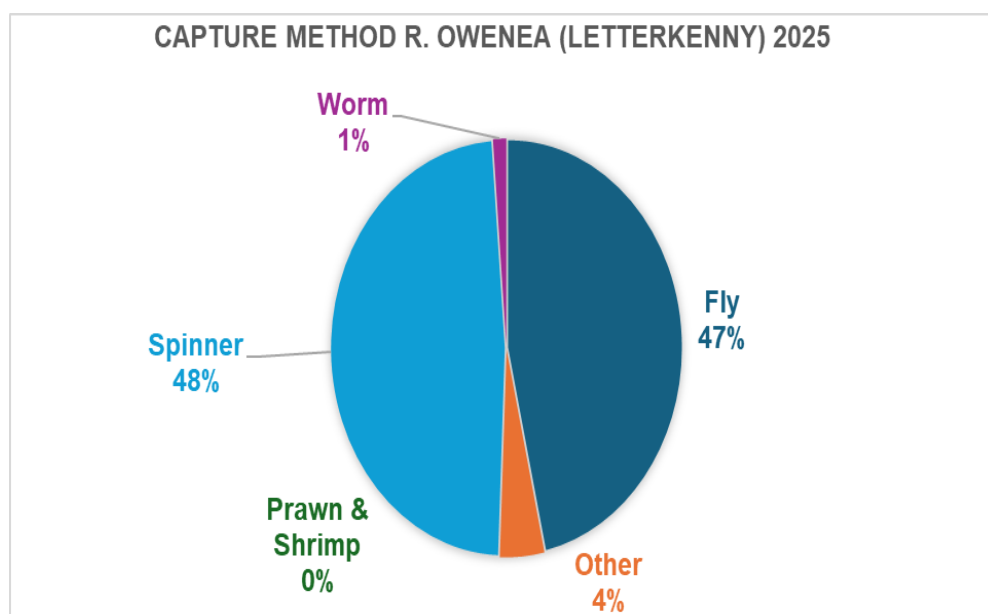
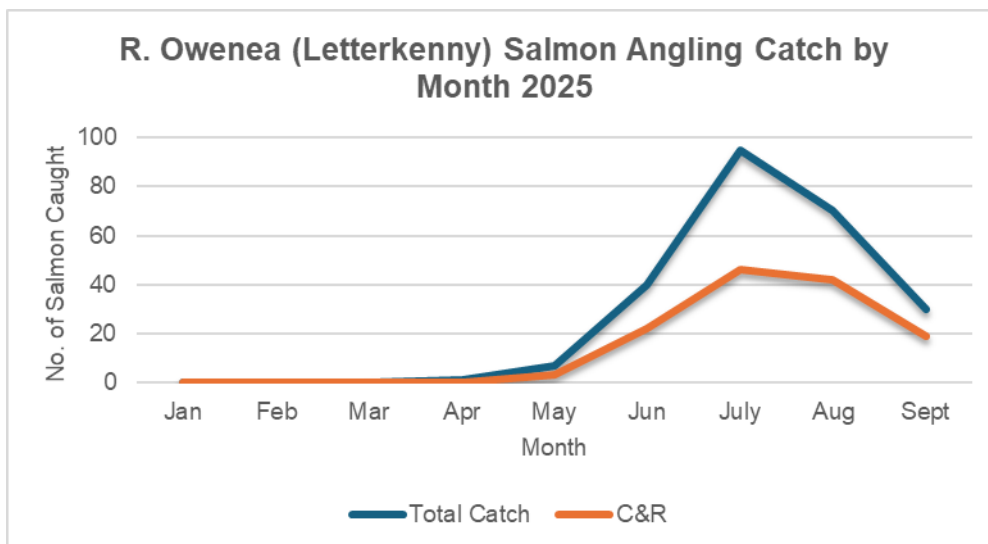


Fig. 18 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Drowes (Ballyshannon) in 2025

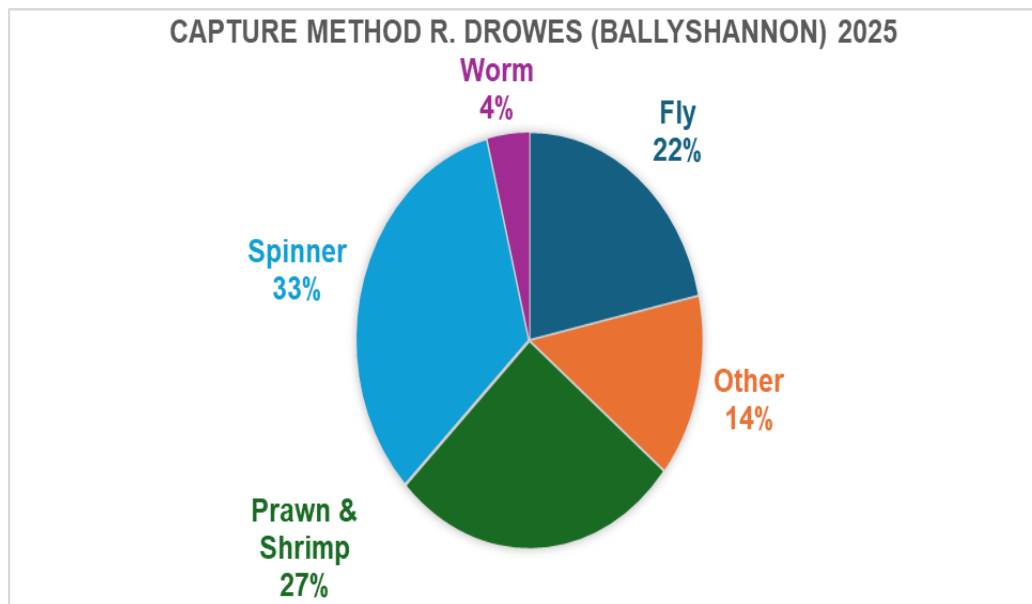
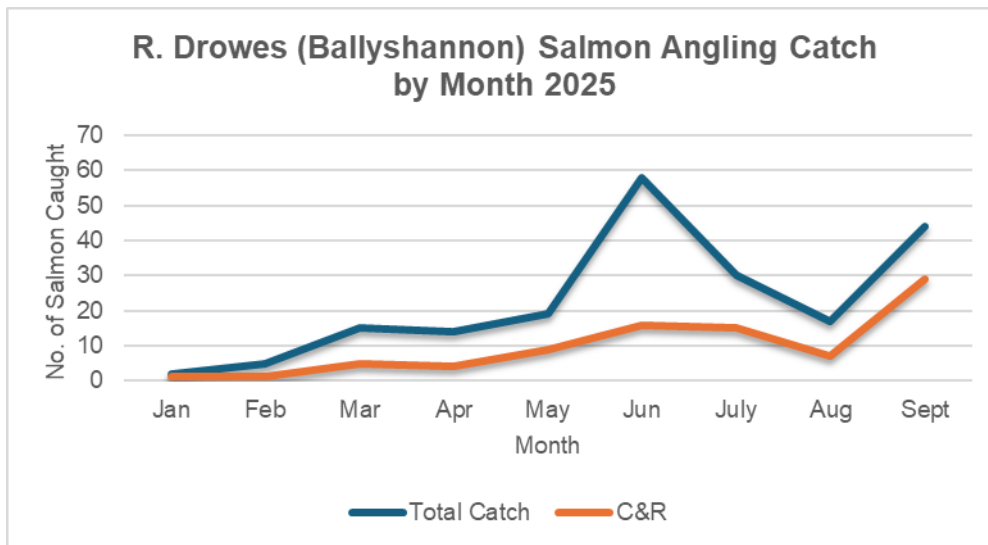


Fig. 19 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Ballysadare (Sligo) in 2025.

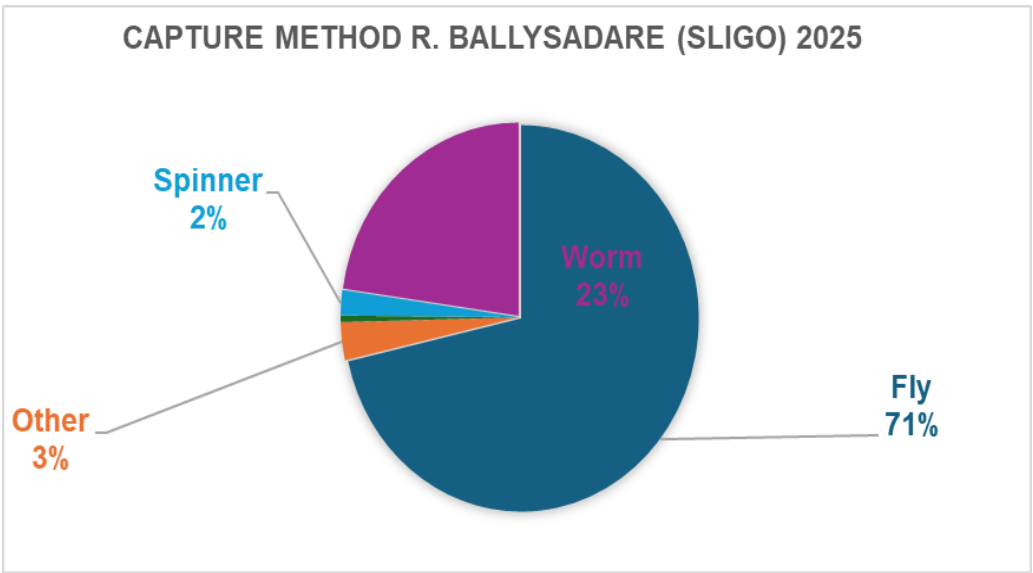
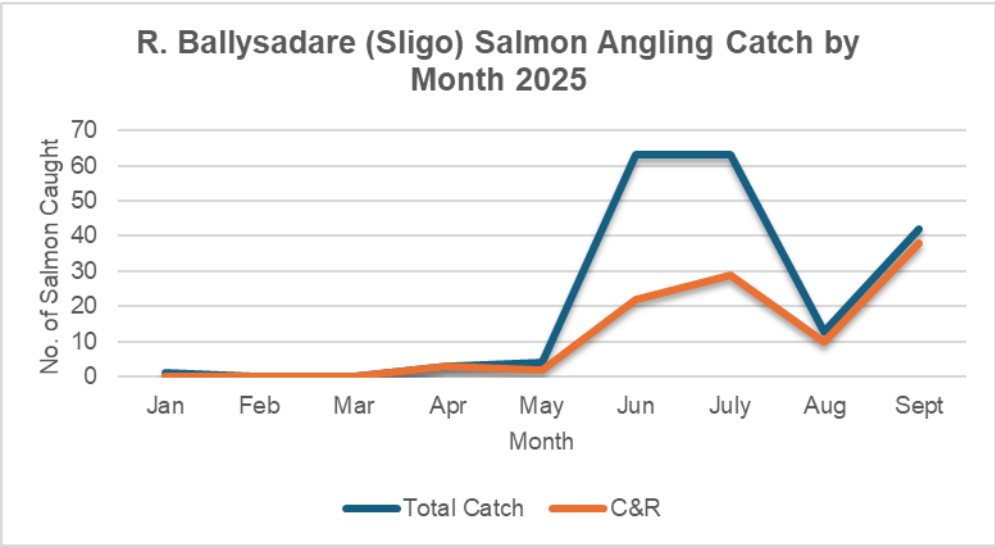


Fig. 20 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Lower Lee (Cork) in 2025.

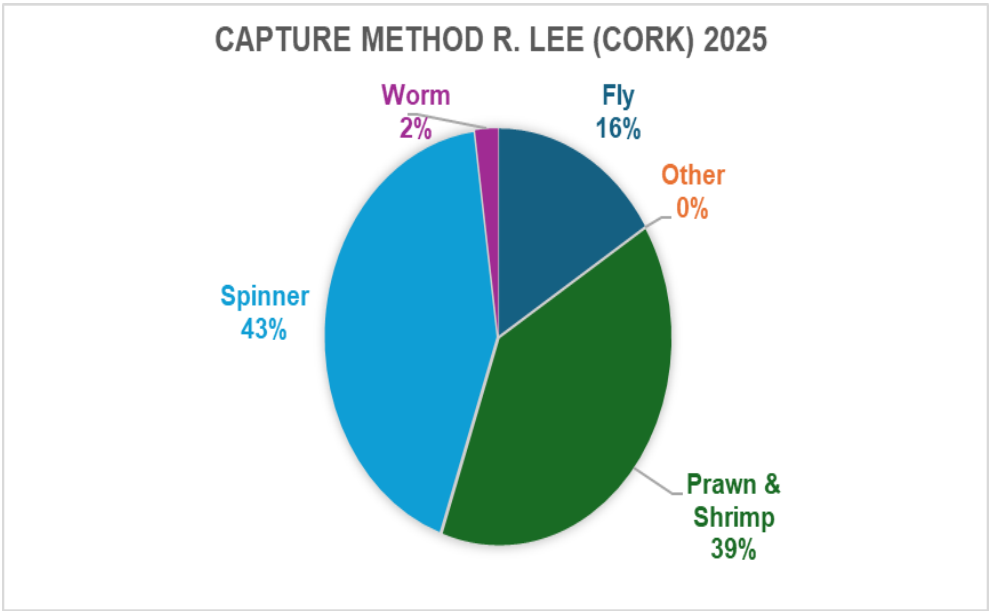
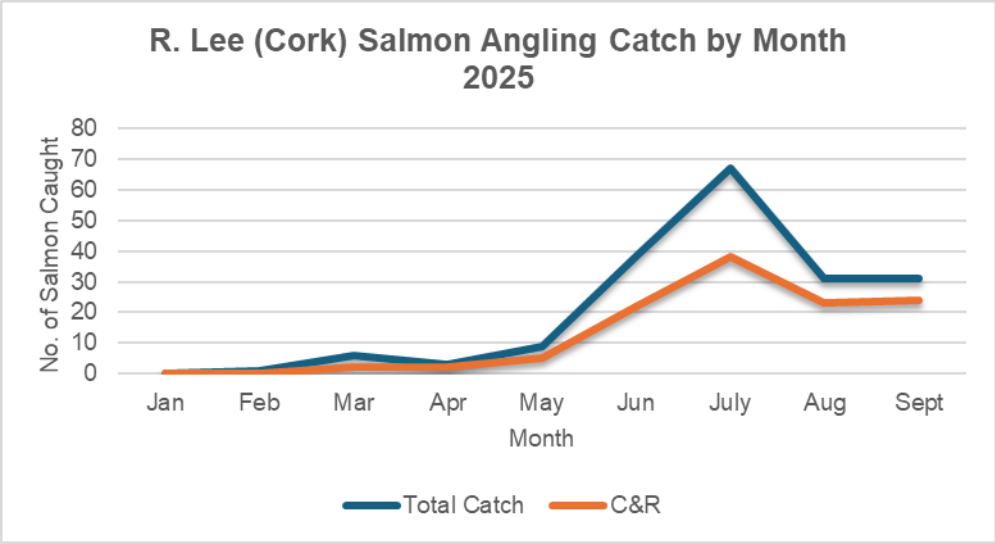


Fig. 21 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Ilen (Cork) in 2025.

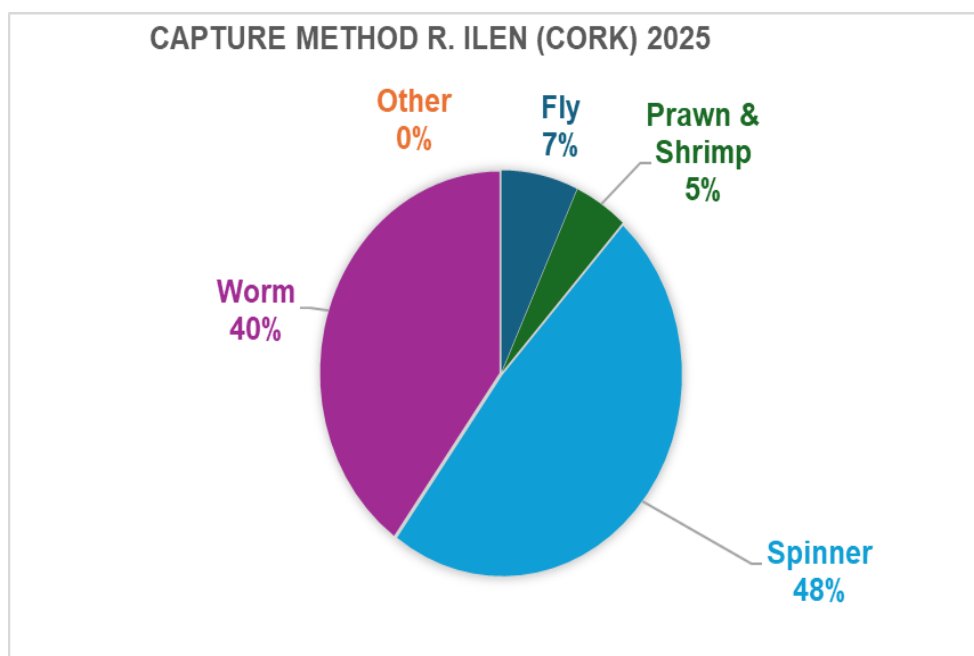
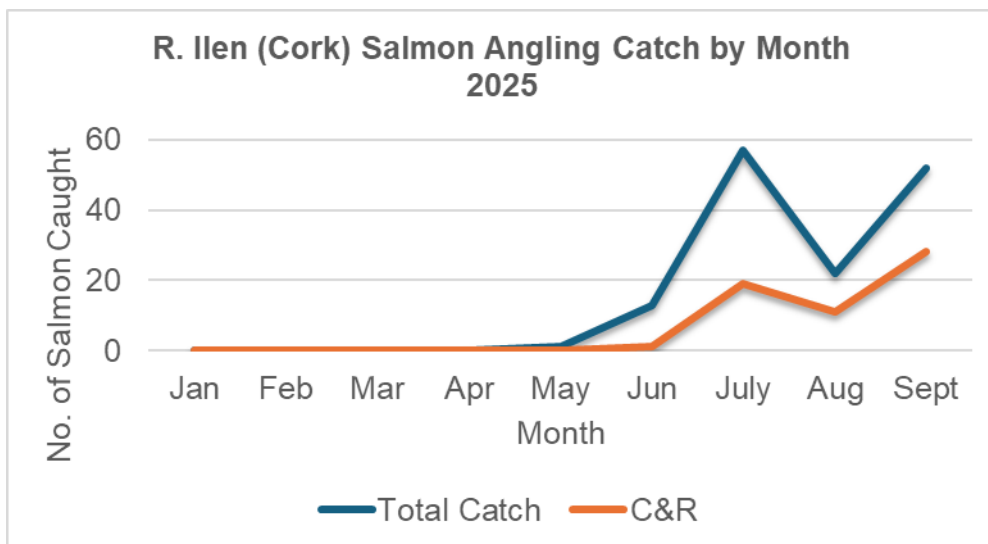


Fig. 22 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Maine (Kerry) in 2025.

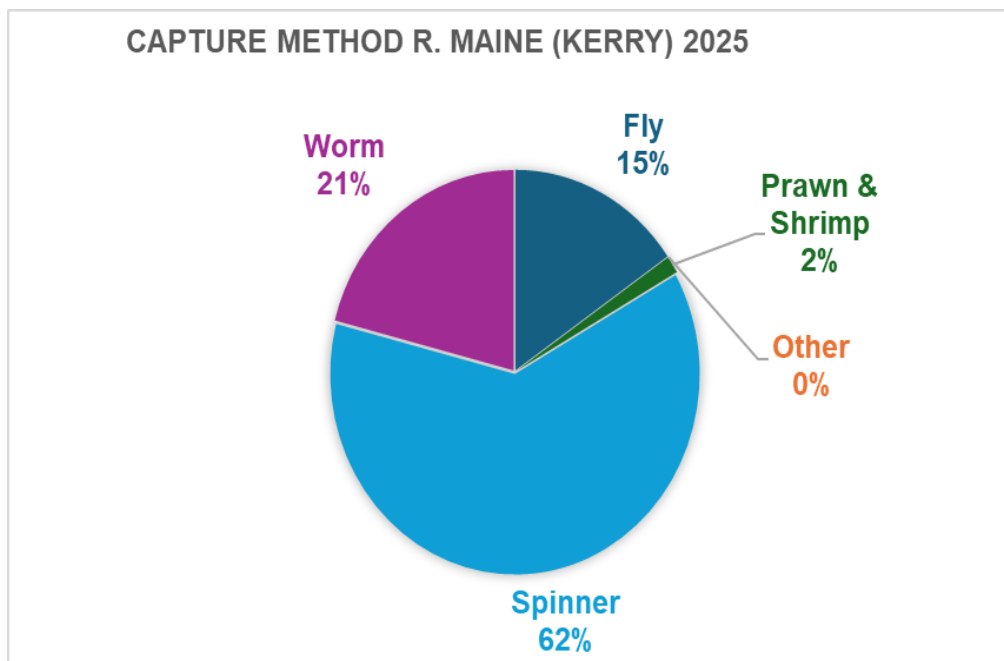
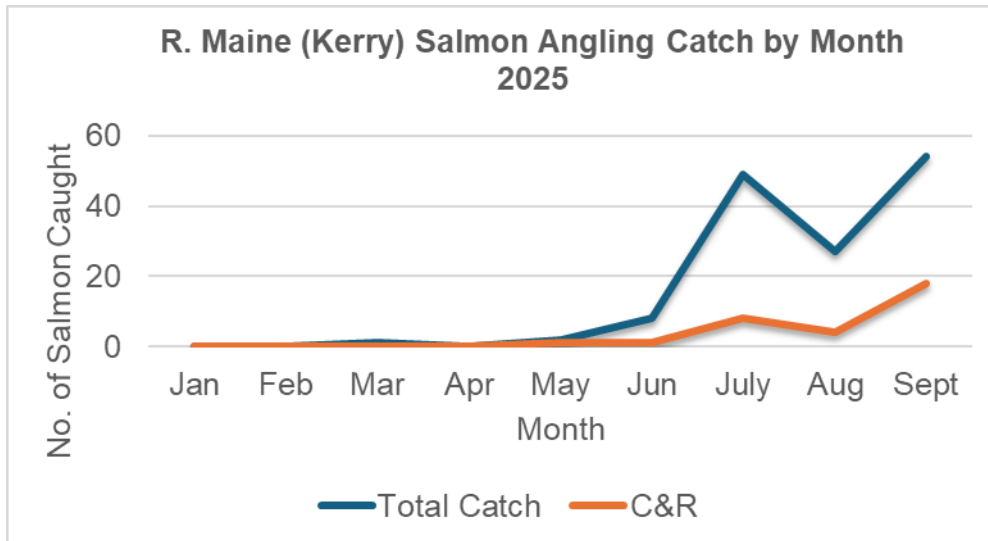


Fig. 23 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Lower Shannon (Limerick) in 2025.

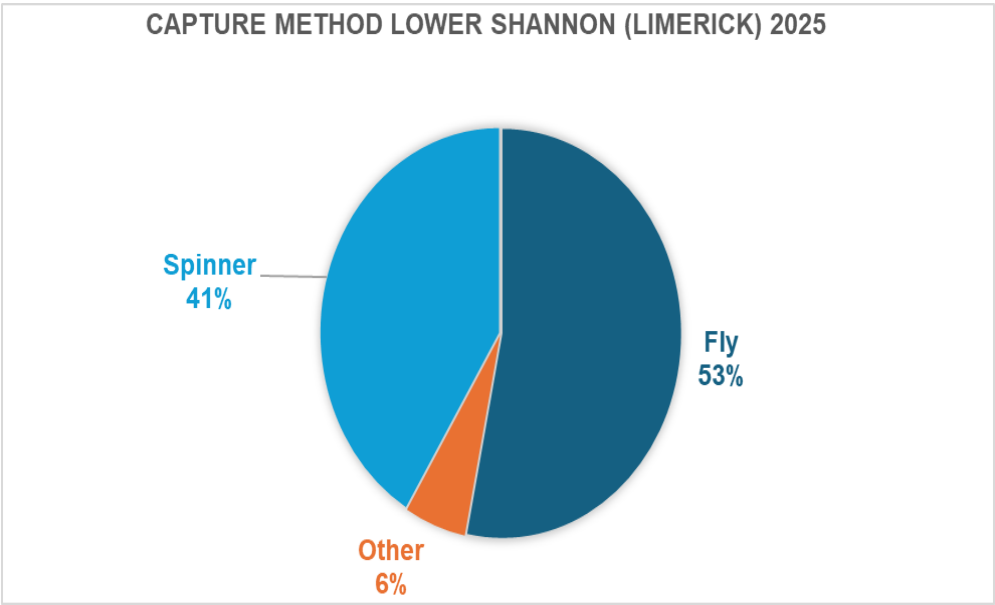
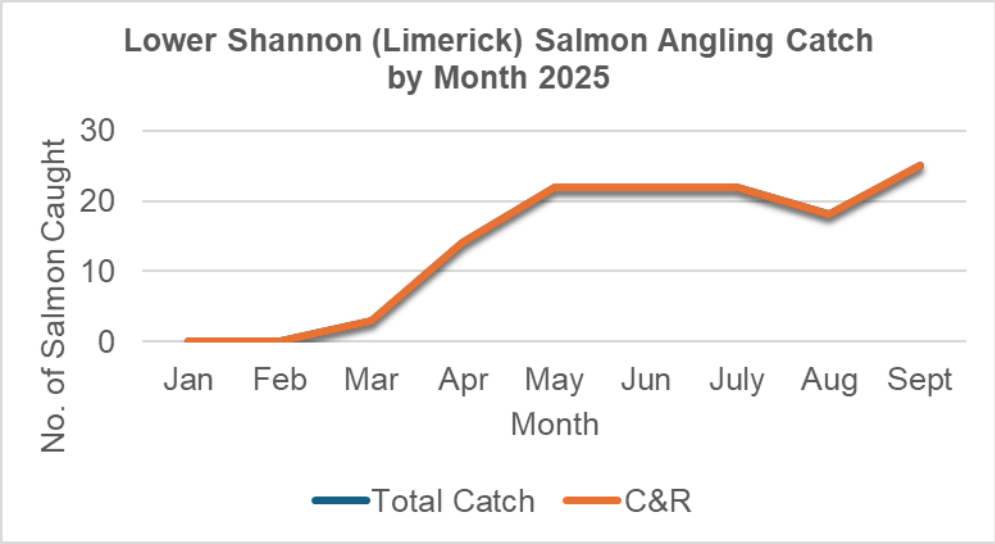


Fig. 24 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Roughy (Kerry) in 2025

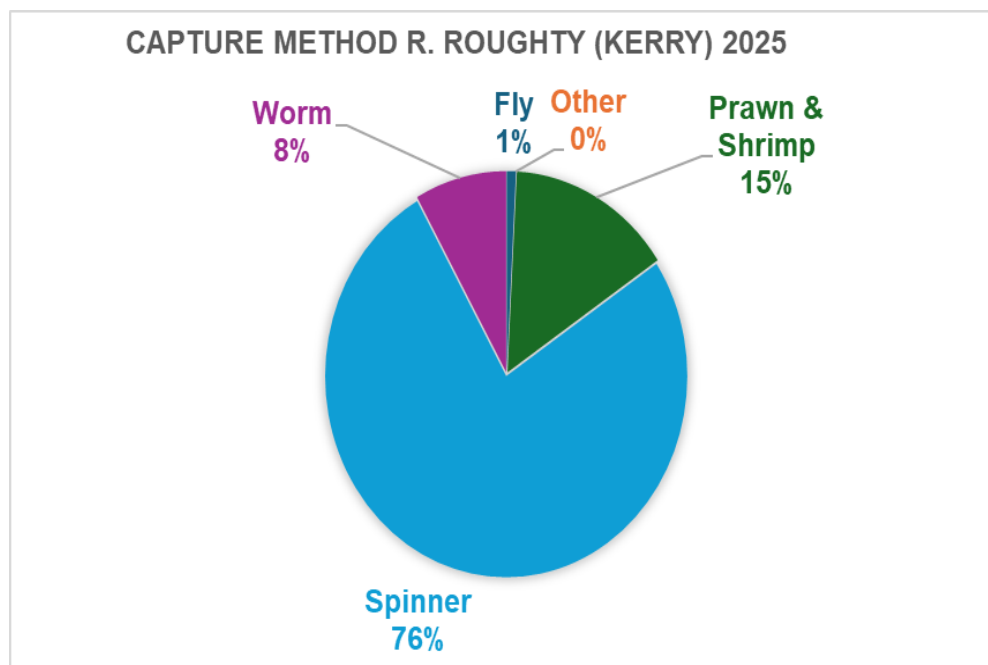
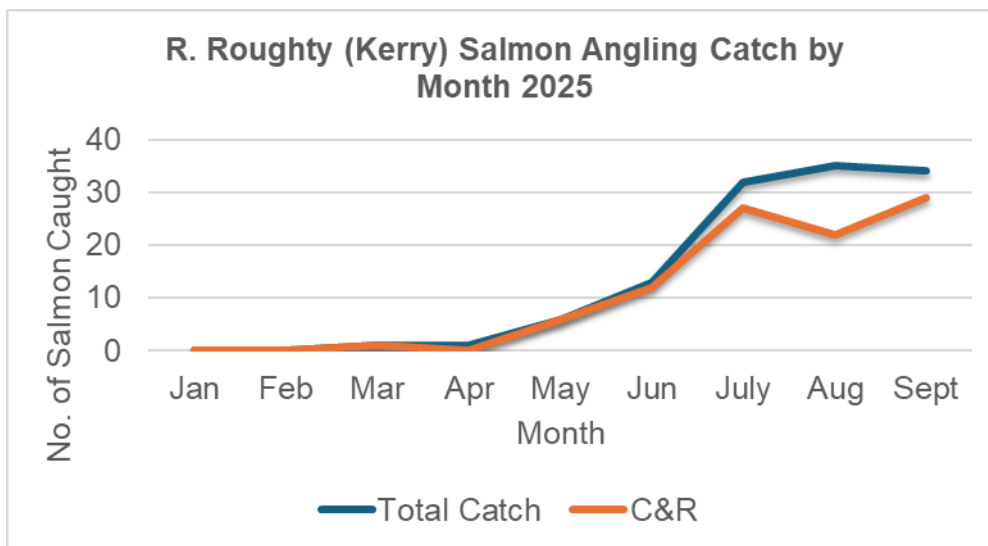


Fig. 25 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane (Kerry) in 2025.

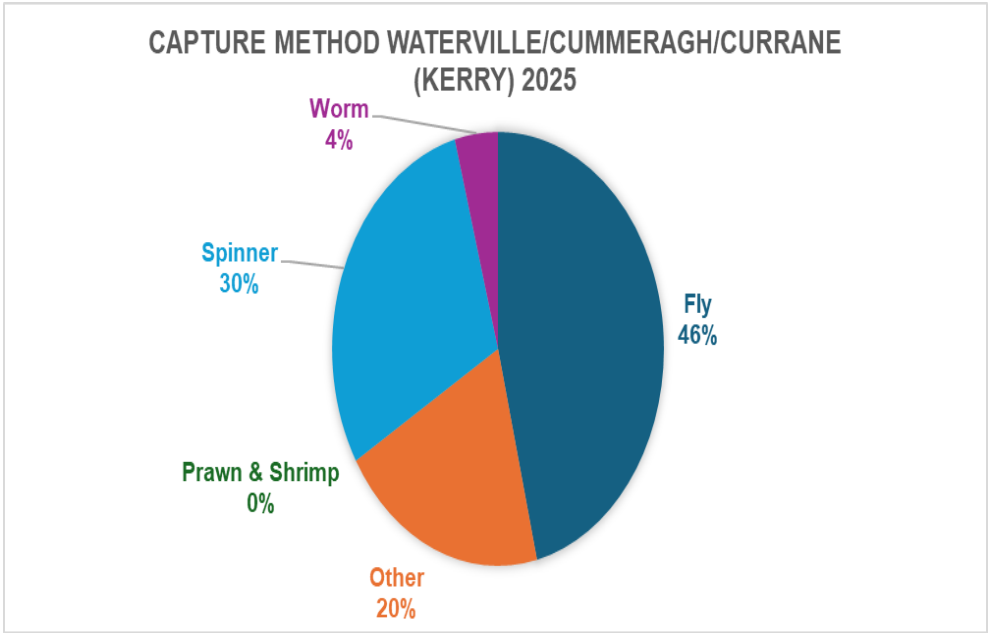
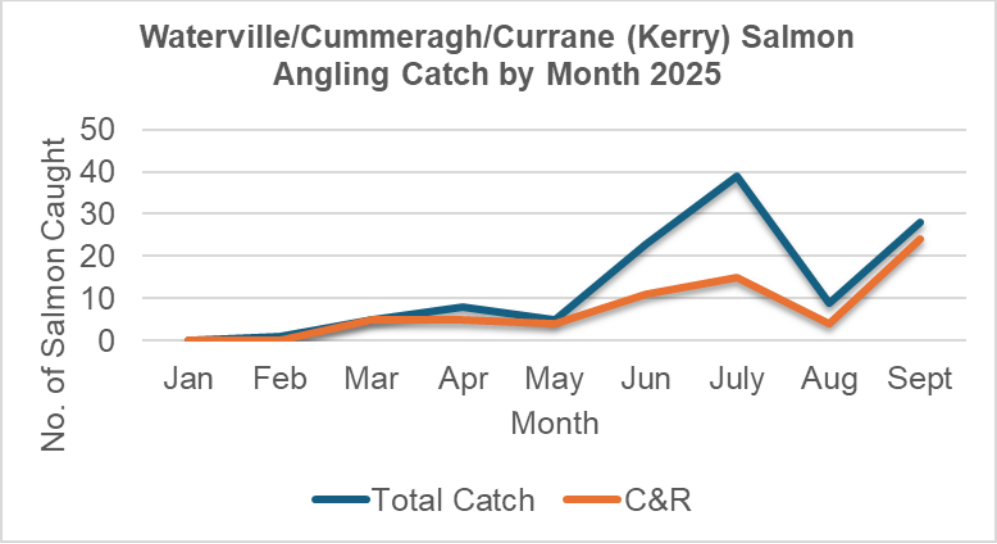


Fig. 26 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Owenmore (Bangor) in 2025.

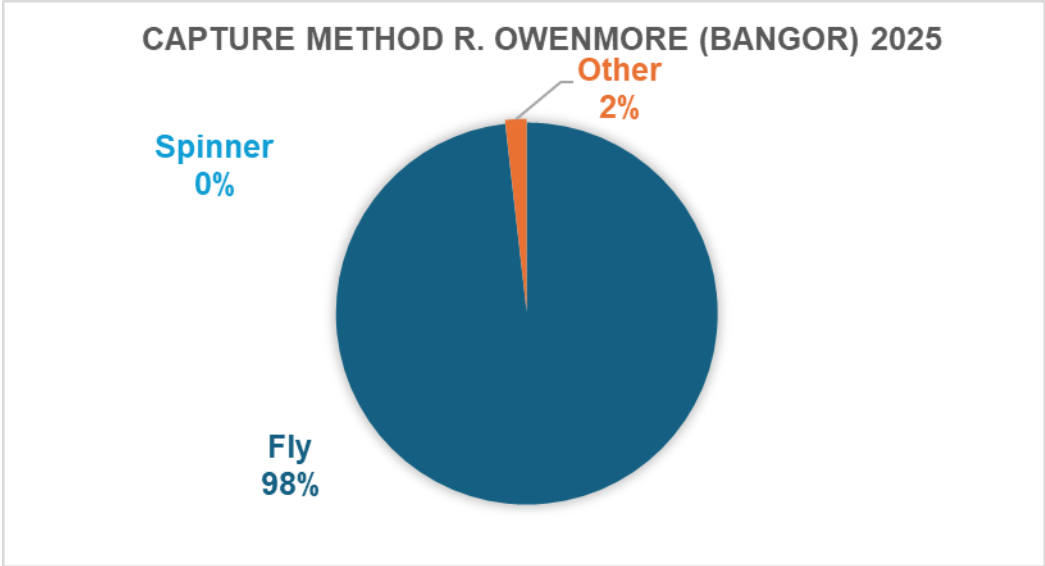
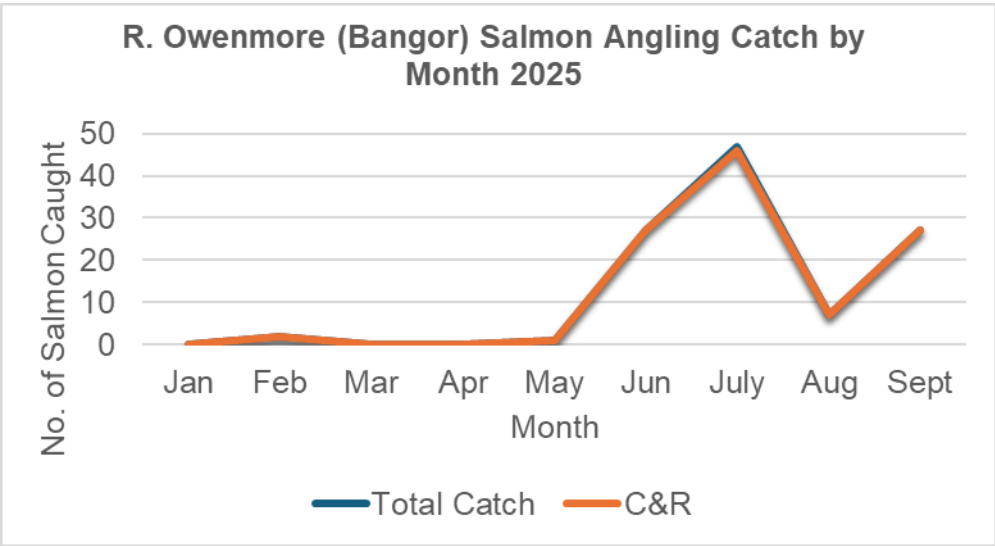


Fig. 27 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Inny (Kerry) in 2025.

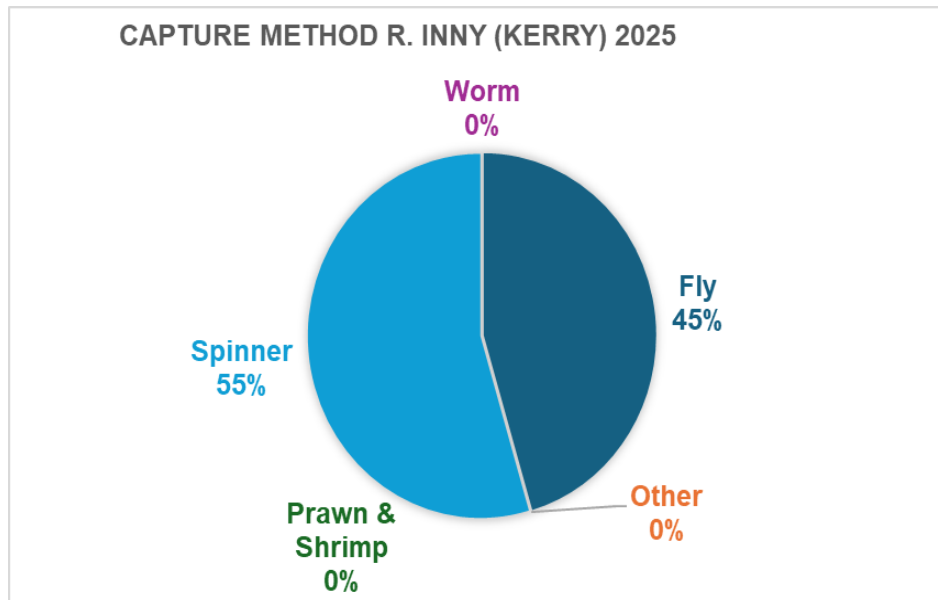
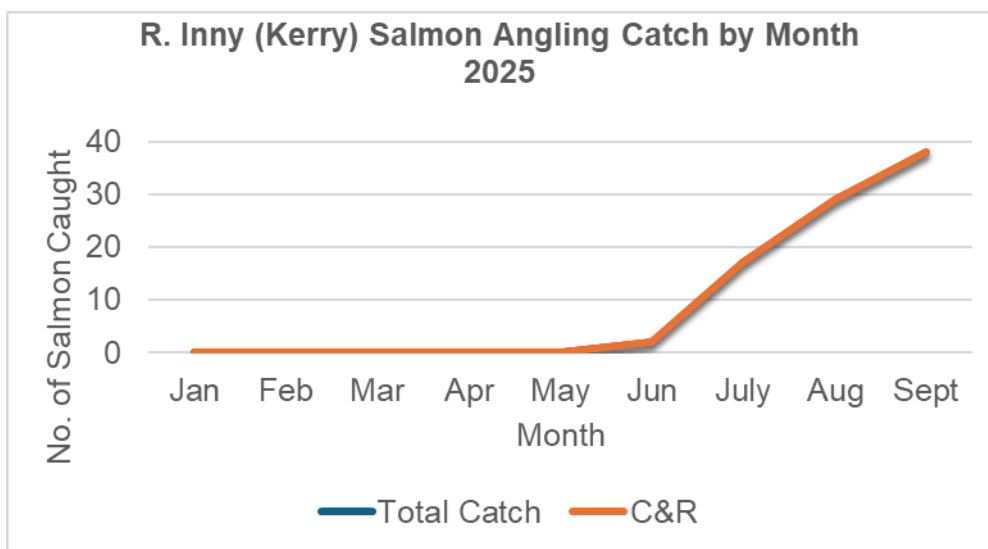


Fig. 28 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Drumcliffe (Sligo) in 2025.

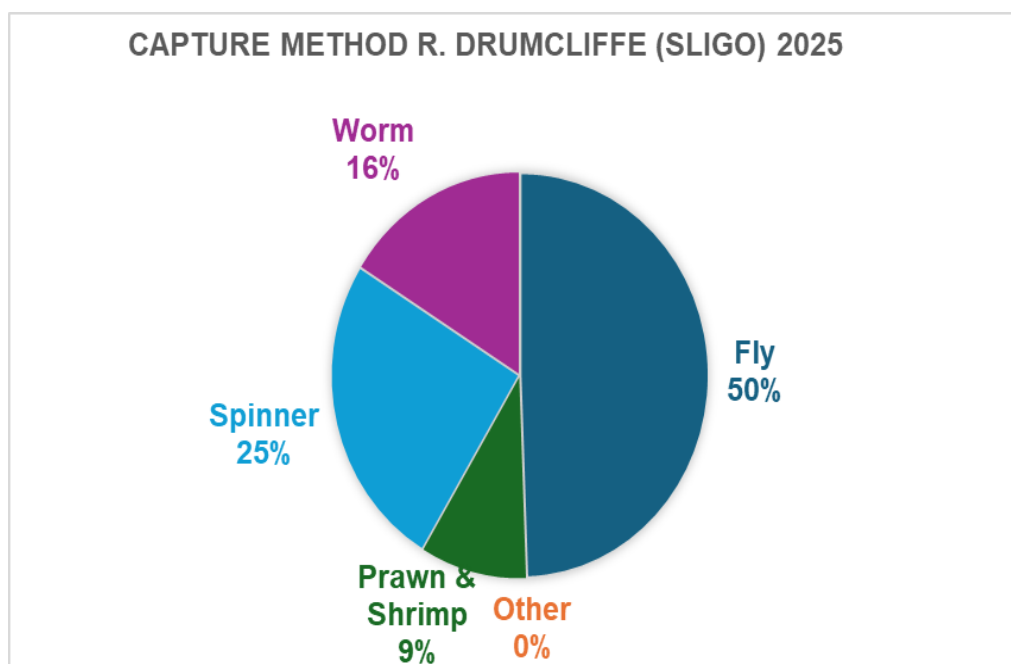
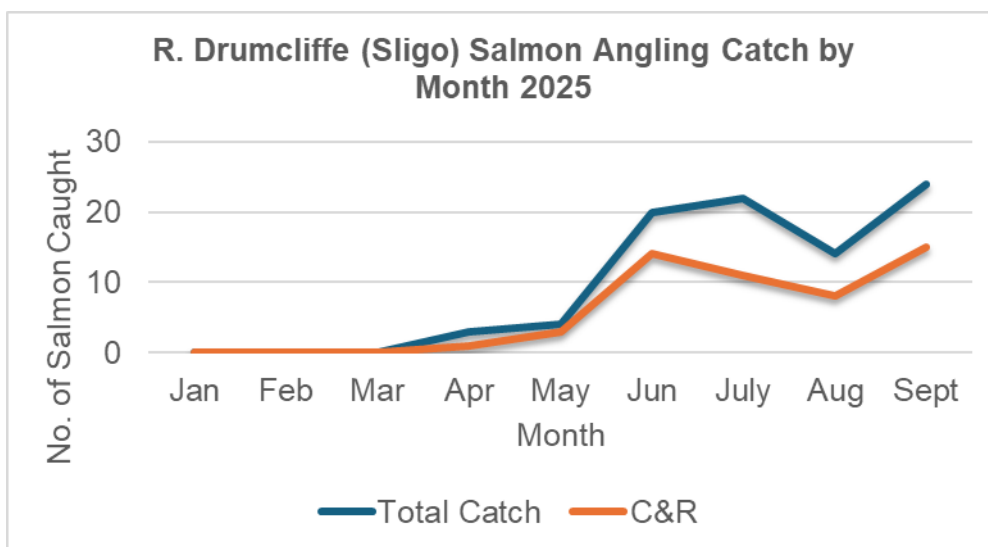


Fig. 29 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Gweebarra (Letterkenny) in 2025.

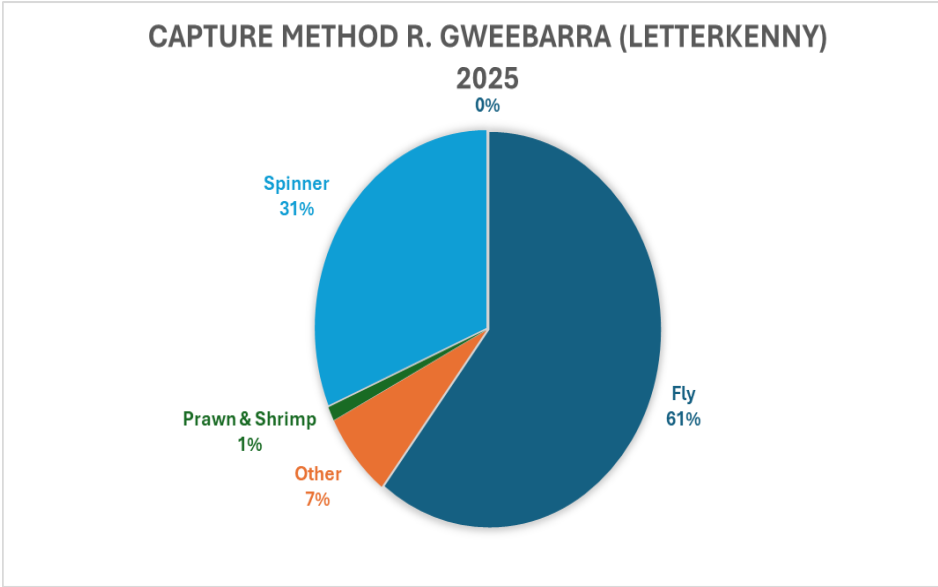
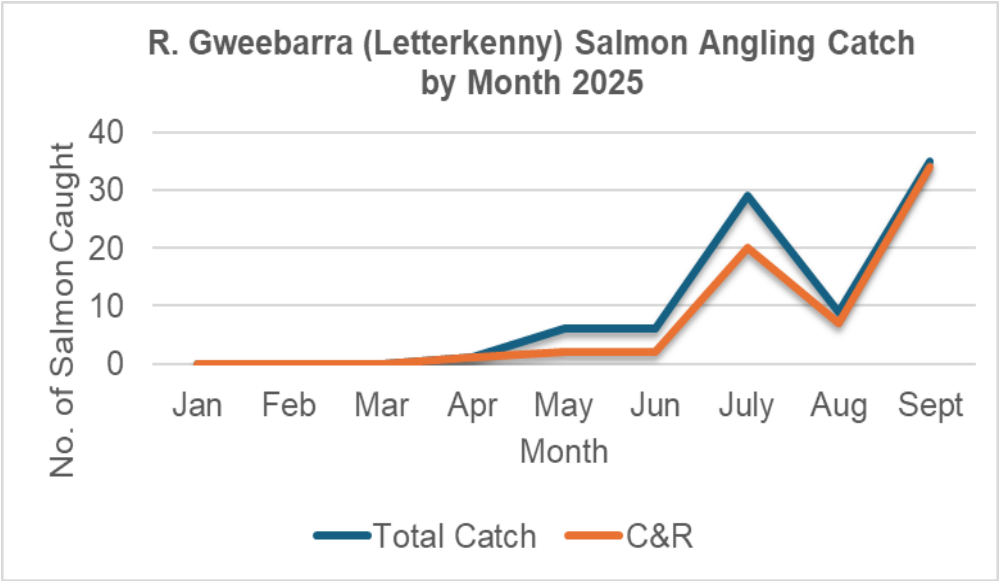


Fig. 30 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Caragh (Kerry) in 2025.

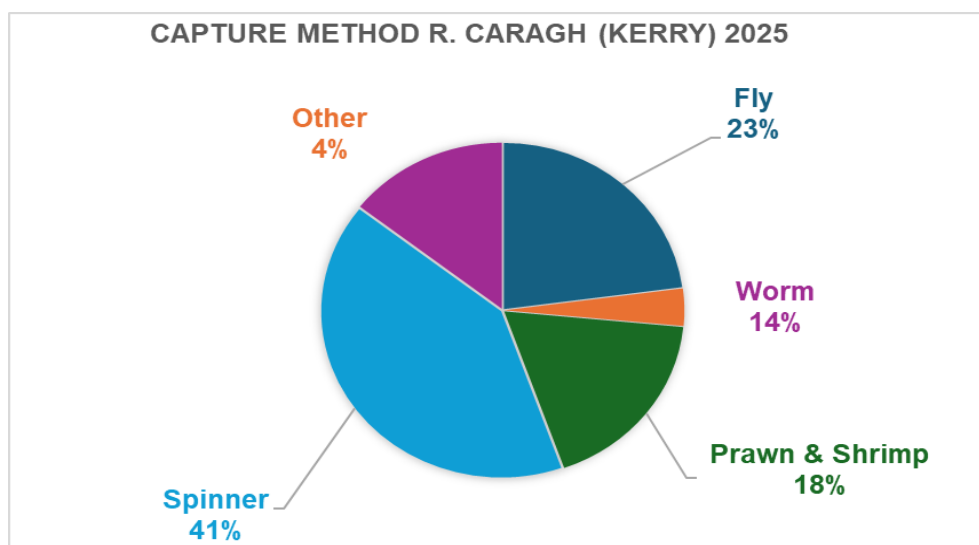
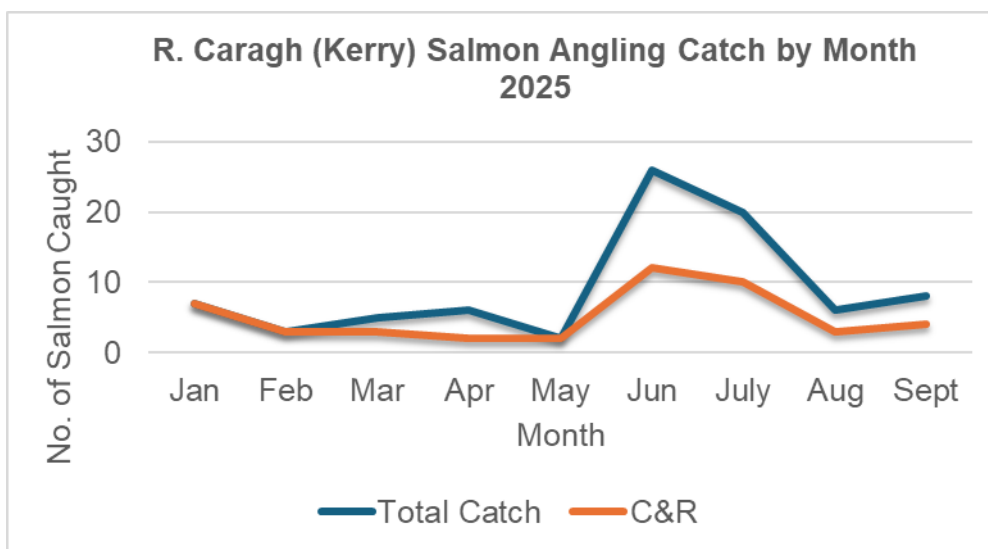
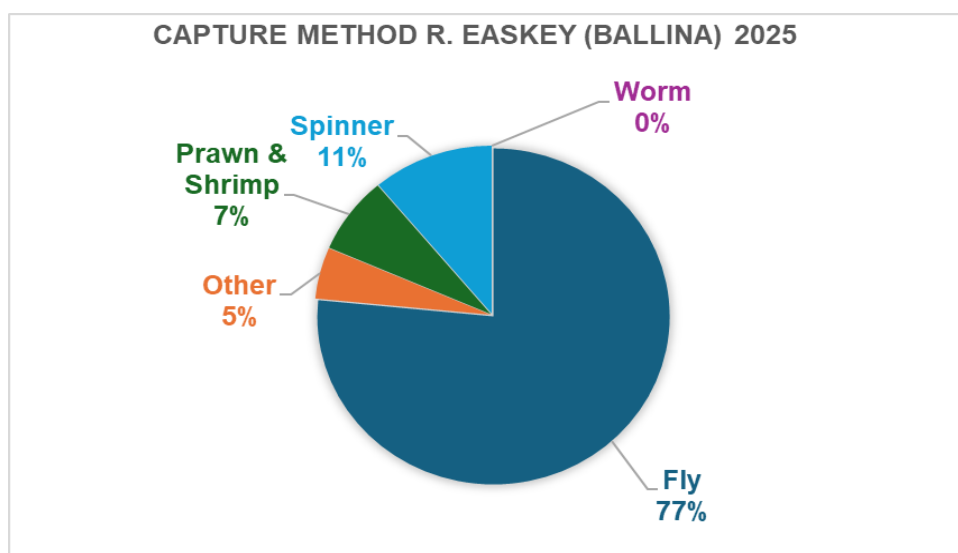
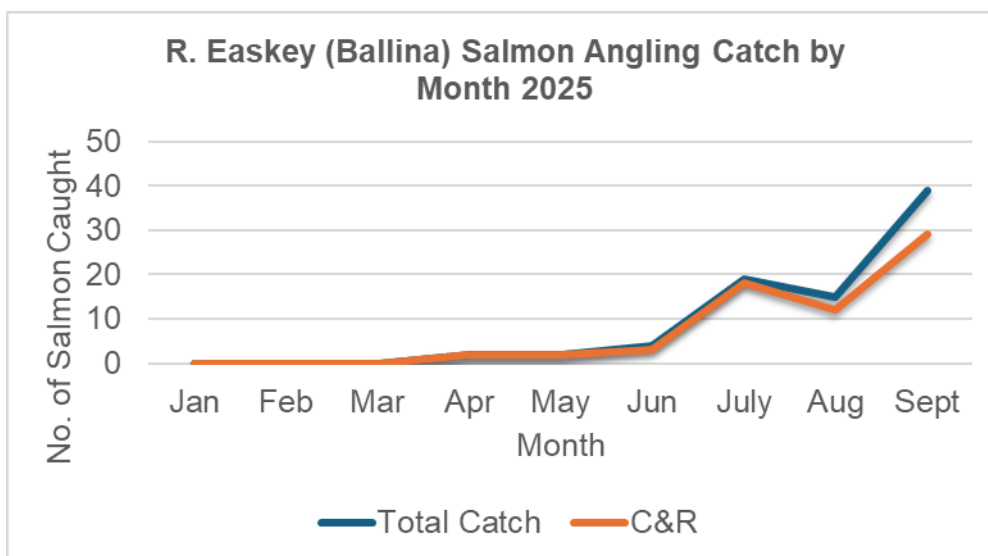


Fig. 31 - Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on River Easkey (Ballina) in 2025.



Appendix I – Summary Statistics 2007 – 2025 of Rivers Open, Salmon Caught, Licence Sales & Logbook Returns

	Summary Statistics 2007 - 2025 of Rivers Open, Salmon Catch, Licence Sales/Logbook Returns																		
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total No. of Rivers assessed by SSC/TEGOS												143	141	141	141	141[1]	142[2]	153	153
No. of Rivers Opened with harvest su	33	42	48	45	49	44	42	42	46	50	55	57	49	49	52	50	48	56	43
No. of Rivers open for 'Catch and Rel	41	39	33	36	34	41	42	36	27	32	28	30	32	32	29	11	13	21	7
Total rivers open for angling	74	81	81	81	83	85	84	78	73	82	83	87	81	81	81	61	61	77	50
No. of Rivers Closed	73	66	66	66	64	65	62	68	73	64	62	56	60	60	60	80	82	76	103
Total Rivers Assessed	147	147	147	147	147	150	146	146	146	146	145	143	141	141	141	141	143	153	153
Total allowable catch for all rivers	31,273	29,559	45,482	41,066	46,324	47,046	51,916	57,284	53,754	58,599	66,920	79,502	83,819	89,933	91,453	85,251	78,792	86,214	64,744
Commercial TAC (Sal /ST)	5,930	4,883	6,574	6,535	7,037	8,526	7,897	8,887	9,256	11,131	12,348	14,834	18,276	18,376	17,399	18,530	18,211	17,314	17,305
Commercial Catch (Sal & ST)	3,990	4,395	4,090	4,117	6,537	6,232	5,768	5,619	6,707	6,980	7,738	9,611	14,190	10,353	12,034	14,226	6,802	8,962	8,877
Sea Trout Angling Harvest	180	150	245	208	162	130	186	184	198	264	390	306	290	382	362	387	455	448	331
Sea Trout Angling C&R	1,536	1,166	1,300	1,810	1,376	1,211	1,142	903	1,616	1,064	1,403	1,206	1,441	2,406	2,376	1,812	2,100	1,329	N/A
Total Sea Trout Angling Catch	1,716	1,316	1,545	2,018	1,538	1,341	1,328	1,087	1,814	1,328	1,793	1,512	1,731	2,788	2,738	2,199	2,555	1,777	331
Commercial Sea Trout Catch	13	30	54	63	57	53	45	64	24	63	47	41	65	34	61	67	45	59	34
Total Sea Trout catch by all methods	1,729	1,346	1,599	2,081	1,595	1,394	1,373	1,151	1,838	1,391	1,840	1,553	1,796	2,822	2,799	2,266	2,600	1,836	365
Salmon Angling Harvest	4,298	6,852	7,562	10,348	11,900	10,562	10,481	11,413	15,159	14,587	15,724	11,313	18,178	22,287	20,306	22,336	17,521	22,215	19,430
Salmon Angling C&R	6,397	9,605	9,447	12,313	12,768	11,088	9,123	8,647	12,562	10,252	9,383	6,537	10,682	11,891	12,688	15,142	11,422	13,312	15,113
% C&R rate (salmon)	60%	58%	56%	54%	52%	51%	47%	43%	45%	41%	37%	37%	37%	35%	38%	40%	39%	37%	44%
Total Salmon Angling Catch	10,695	16,457	17,009	22,661	24,668	21,650	19,604	20,060	27,721	24,839	25,107	17,850	28,860	34,178	32,994	37,478	28,943	35,527	34,543
Commercial Salmon Catch	3,977	4,365	4,036	4,054	6,480	6,179	5,723	5,555	6,683	6,917	7,691	9,570	14,125	10,319	11,973	14,159	6,757	8,903	8,843
Total Salmon Catch (angling & comm	14,672	20,822	21,045	26,715	31,148	27,829	25,327	25,615	34,404	31,756	32,798	27,420	42,985	44,497	44,967	51,637	35,700	44,430	43,386
Total Angling Licence Sales	15,476	16,025	16,743	17,318	15,547	14,318	17,281	16,755	18,212	18,303	18,460	18,058	19,109	19,588	19,899	17,983	18,314	20,061	19,986
Total Angling Logbook Returns	8,047	7,806	8,284	9,450	8,462	7,969	9,979	9,557	9,923	12,562	13,010	12,880	14,035	14,597	14,414	12,813	12,890	13,917	12,962
% Logbook Returns	52%	49%	49%	55%	54%	56%	58%	57%	54%	69%	70%	71%	73%	75%	72%	71%	70%	69%	65%

Appendix II – ‘Open’, ‘Catch and Release’ and ‘Closed’ Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2025

Table 1 - Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2025

No. 4 or Lismore District		No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	
Blackwater (Open to 31 st August),		Bundorragha (Open from 12 th May), (brown Tag required - code M1),	
Glenshelane (Open to 31 st August),		Owenglin (Clifden) (brown tag required – code G4),	
Finisk (Open to 31 st August),		Culfin,	
No. 5 or Cork District		No. 10(2) or Bangor District	
Bandon,		Carrowmore Lake	
Lower Lee,		(brown tag required – code R5),	
Ilen,		Owenduff (brown tag required - code C7),	
Mealagh,		Owenmore R. (brown tag required - code L2),	
Owvane,		No. 11 or Ballina District	
Coomhola,		Moy,	
Glengarriff,		Easkey (brown tag required - code F4),	
No. 7 or Kerry District		No. 12 or Sligo District	
Roughy (brown tag required - code X9),		Ballysadare,	
Sheen,		Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,	
Laune,		No. 13 or Ballyshannon District	
Cottoners,		Drowes,	
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane,		Owenwee (Yellow) (brown tag required - code N8),	
Sneem,		Glen (brown tag required - code A4),	
Caragh,		No. 14 or Letterkenny District	
Blackwater,		Gweebarra (Open from 12 th May),	
Owenmore R.,		Clady (brown tag required - code J4),	
Maine,		Gweedore (Crolly),	
No. 9(1) or Galway District		Owentocker,	
Corrib,		Owenea,	
No. 9(2) or Connemara District		Tullaghobegley (brown tag required - code O4),	
Cashla,			

Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2025

No. 2 or Wexford District	No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District
Slaney (Catch and Release 17 th March - 31 st Aug, Otherwise Closed), ®	Owenwee (Belclare), ®
No. 3 or Waterford District	Carrowniskey, ®
Barrow,	Erriff, ®
Suir,	Bunowen, ®
Pollmounty,	Bundorragha (Catch and Release to 11 th May), ®
Nore,	No. 10(2) or Bangor District
No. 4 or Lismore District	Newport (including Lough Beltra and Crumpaun R.), ®
Blackwater including Glenshelane and Finisk (Catch and Release from 1 st September),	Glenamoy, ®
Bride, ®	Shramore, ®
No. 5 or Cork District	No. 12 or Sligo District
Argideen, ®	Garavogue River (including L. Gill and R. Bonet), ®-
Owenacurra, ®	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Adrigole, ®	Eany, ®
No. 7 or Kerry District	Oily, ®
Croanshagh, ®	Bungosteen, ®
Cloonee, ®	Duff, ®
Inny, ®	Eske, ®
Ferta, ®	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
No. 8 or Limerick District	Leannan, ®
Mulkear, ®	Ray, ®
Feale (including Rivers Galey & Brick), ®	Crana, ®
Doonbeg, ®	Lackagh (Catch and Release from 12 th May), ®
Lower Shannon,	Gweebarra (Catch and Release to 11 th May), ®
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	No. 17(1) or Drogheda District
Screebe, ®	Boyne, ®-
Ballynahinch, ®	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
	Glyde, ®
	Fane, ®

Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2025

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Dargle, ®	Clarinbridge, ®
Vartry, ®	Knock, ®
Upper Liffey (upstream of Leixlip Dam), ®-	Aille, ®
Lower Liffey (downstream of Leixlip Dam), ® ®+	Owenboliska, Spiddal, ®
No. 2 or Wexford District	Kilcolgan, ®
Avoca, ®	No. 9(2) or Connemara District
Slaney (Closed to 16 th March, Closed from 1 st Sept), ®	L. na Furnace, ®
Owenavorrhagh, ®	No. 10(2) or Banger District
No. 3 or Waterford District	Owengarve, ®
Owenduff, ®	Muingnabo, ®
Mahon, ®	No. 11 or Ballina District
Tay, ®	Brusna, ®
Colligan, ®	Leaffony, ®
Corrock, ®	Ballingen, ®
No. 4 or Lismore District	Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown), ®
Lickey, ®	No. 12 or Sligo District
Tourig, ®	Grange, ®
Womanagh, ®	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
No. 5 or Cork District	Abbey, ®
Upper Lee,	Ballintra (Murvagh), ®-
No. 7 or Kerry District	Laghy (Stream), ®
Owenshagh, ®	Erne,
Finnihy, ®	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Feohanagh, ®	Bracky, ®
Owenreagh, ®	Isle (Burn), ®
Emlaghmore, ®	Mill, ®
Carhan, ®	Clonmany, ®
Emlagh, ®	Straid, ®
Lee (Kerry), ®	Owenamarve, ®
Behy, ®	Swilly, ®
Kealinya, ®	Donagh, ®
Lough Fadda, ®	Culoort, ®
Miltown, ®	Glenna, ®
Owenascaul, ®	Glenagannon, ®
No. 8 or Limerick District	Lackagh (Closed to 11 th May), ®
Deel, ®	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Aughyvackeen, ®	Flurry, ®
Annageeragh, ®	Castletown, ®
Inagh, ®	Dee, ®-
Fergus,	
Maigue, ®	
Upper Shannon (upstream of Parteen Weir),	
Owenagarney,	
Skivileen, ®	

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme

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

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

1. BAG LIMITS

There is a National angling bag limit of 10 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per person 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 31st 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 - 1st 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 Sliabhkeil Fisheries Districts including at sea from Hags Head in County Clare to Clew Bay (and in any waters flowing into Clew Bay) in the Banger 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 Bolus Head and Lamba Head and all the waters discharging into it (i.e. Waterville area).

After the daily bag limit has been taken, anglers are permitted to fish catch and release, using single or double barbless hooks and anglers may not use worms. This also applies to anglers who have utilised their allocation of blue tags (or brown tags where they apply) or who are not in possession of an unused blue or brown tag for the river concerned. 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 Avon prohibit the taking of any sea trout (under 40cm) as well as prohibiting the use of worms as bait or 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. 1,000, 2022).
- The Regulations on the River Suir prohibit the use of worms, prawn, shrimp or any other crustacean or artificial forms thereof as bait and any fish hooks other than single or double barbless hooks (bye-law no. 1015, 2024).

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 31st May and a further 7 gill tags (issued in lots of 3 or 4) from the period 1st 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-loading device (an additional brown tag is also required for certain rivers (refer to Table 1 – Open Fisheries with Optional Harvest Surplus - 2023) 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.

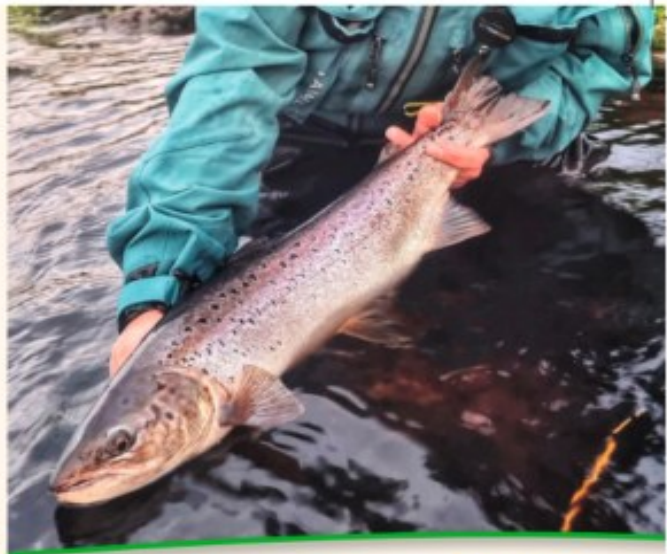
Anglers should carefully note the following concerning the use of these tags:

- 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 2025



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

5. RETURNING LOGBOOKS AND UNUSED TAGS

In accordance with the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Regulations anglers are required by law to return their completed logbook (even if there is no catch recorded) and all unused tags to the issuing office of Inland Fisheries Ireland by the 19th October 2025. 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 6/9 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 III - Legislation

Legislation – 2025

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
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Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023 - S.I. No. 672 of 2023
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Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – S.I. No. 741 of 2024.

Bag Limits 2025

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 1013, 2024.

Catch & Release Rivers 2025

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 1014. 2024.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 1015, 2024.

Closed Rivers 2025

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 337, 2024.

Other Bye-laws 2025

Angling Bye-law No. 1017, 2024.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 1016, 2024.

Commercial Fishing 2025

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

Control of Fishing for Salmon (Amendment) Order 2025 - S.I. No. 72 of 2025

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 1018, 2025

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Extension to Draft Nets Season) on the Owenea/Owentocker
(Letterkenny Fishery District) Bye law No. 1020, 2025.

Appendix IV - References

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[The Status of Irish Salmon Stocks in 2024 with Precautionary Catch Advice for 2025.](#)

Appendix V – Glossary of Terms used in Report

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 (WRBD)	Bangor
	Ballina
	Sligo
North Western River Basin District (NWRBD)	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 angler’s 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 issuing river basin district within 7 days of licence expiry and no later than 7th August for commercial fishing logbooks and no later than 19th October for angler’s logbooks of the year to which they relate.

Harvest

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

Caught and Released (C&R)

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

Reported Catch

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

Adjusted/Raised Catch

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

Small

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

Raising Factor

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

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

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

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

Draft Net

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

Drift Net

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

Other Fishing Engine

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

Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

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

Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers Licence

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

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

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

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

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

W licence – Foyle Area extension licence

X licence - A special local licence for selected waters -

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

River System Number

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

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