

# Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics Report

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## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2019 has been designated International Year of the Salmon (IYS) which is an “initiative to inform and stimulate outreach and research that aspires to establish the conditions necessary to ensure the resilience of salmon and people throughout the Northern Hemisphere. It is the intention of the IYS to bring people together, share and develop knowledge, raise awareness and take action” to halt the decline of this iconic species. We are witnessing the continued decline in salmon abundance in Ireland and this report, and its predecessor reports bears testament to the scale and depth of this decline. While this report presents the factual outcome of the 2018 salmon season in a very clear and transparent manner and credit is extended to all involved in its production, it does not capture the grave concerns both IFI and wider salmon ‘community’ have in respect of this continued decline. Notwithstanding the fact that IFI have identified harvestable surpluses for a number of rivers, and the models used to inform the scale of the surpluses have precaution built into them at all stages, it is disappointing to see that only 43% of all salmon caught by angling were released. This is a decrease on the figure of 45% reported in 2017, which itself is disappointingly low.

To be clear, that means that the majority of salmon in Ireland caught by angling in Ireland are killed, more needs to be done in this regard. Undoubtedly the unfavourable weather patterns experienced during 2018 had a negative impact on the figures presented in this report, but this should not be used as a reason to avoid tackling the pressing question of salmon abundance. Even in the absence of 2018 data the long term trends in salmon abundance and marine survival are clear, and all 2018 did was to exacerbate an already present trend. Given what we know about salmon abundance levels and current trends it is now time that we re-examine our salmon management policies to ensure they are working for the conservation of salmon for future generation. Perhaps it is now time to move the ‘narrative’ from one of salmon exploitation to one of salmon conservation.

The 2018 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics show that the total number of salmon caught by all methods (including catch and release angling) was 25,615 salmon and 1,151 sea trout, which represents a decrease of 25.5% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2017 (34,405) and a decrease of 37% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2017 (1,838). The 2018 commercial catch was 5,555 salmon (6,683 in 2017) and 64 sea trout (over 40 cm) (24 in 2017) which represent 63% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 8,887 (9,256 in 2017) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector. The biggest landings of commercial salmon catches in 2018 were in Counties Kerry and Cork on the River Laune with 1,730 salmon (31% of the overall commercial catch), the River Blackwater with 1,261 salmon (23% of the commercial catch), the River Lee with 618 salmon (11% of the commercial catch) and in Castlemaine Fishery with 584 salmon (10.5% of commercial catch).

The 2018 angling catch was 20,060 salmon (27,722 in 2017) and 1,087 sea trout (1,814 in 2016). Of the 20,060 salmon caught by anglers, 11,413 were harvested and 8,647 subsequently released. Anglers released 43% of salmon caught by rod and line (45% in 2017) which is disappointing given what we know about the decline in salmon abundance.

Commercial fishermen caught 22% of the salmon catch in 2018, compared to 19% in 2017 and recreational anglers caught 78% in 2017 compared to 81% in 2017. 16,755 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers from fifty eight different countries, a decrease in sales of 8% over 2017(18,212). The majority of licence sales (61%) were to residents within Ireland, 11% to Northern Ireland and a further 10% to UK residents with a significant number coming from France (5%), Germany (3%) and USA (4%). Anglers returned 9,557 logbooks in 2018, with a national return rate of 57% up from 54.5% on 2017 logbook returns.

In July 2018, Inland Fisheries Ireland issued an appeal to anglers to cease fishing in catch and release rivers, or where bag limit had been reached on open rivers. These conditions had a major impact on the decrease in salmon catches over previous years. This appeal for voluntary cessation on angling in July lasted until the first week of September where angling conditions were suitable locally.

Once again, I would like to thank the management and staff of Inland Fisheries Ireland and all stakeholders in the sector for their tremendous and dedicated work in making the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme a success and for ensuring that the significant changes in the sector introduced in 2007 continue to be implemented in an effective and efficient manner.

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Inland Fisheries Ireland      June 2019

## INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

### Mission Statement

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

### About Inland Fisheries Ireland

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

The principal functions of Inland Fisheries Ireland are to:

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

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

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

## INTRODUCTION

The Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme commenced for both commercial and recreational salmon fishing licence holders on 1st January 2001, having been provided for in the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1999 (No. 35 of 1999). This was followed by the introduction of Total Allowable Catches (TAC) for the commercial salmon fishing sector and bag limits for recreational anglers in 2002. The Report of the Standing Scientific Committee of the National Salmon Commission was presented to the Minister for the 2006 season outlining the scientific catch advice for the forthcoming season and the requirements to meet international obligations. Since 2007, following consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Standing Scientific Committee which has been replaced for 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 2018 angling and commercial fishing season was S.I. No. 602 of 2017 and S.I. No. 573 of 2013). 2018 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 2018, there was an annual bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm). Subject to the annual bag limits an angler could take: 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day until May 11<sup>th</sup>, with a maximum of three fish in total for this period; 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from 12<sup>th</sup> May until the end of August; 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the end of the season on open rivers. After the daily bag limit was taken, anglers were permitted to fish catch and release, using single barbless hooks with a ban on the use of worms.

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



## Chapter 1

# Summary Commercial & Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2018



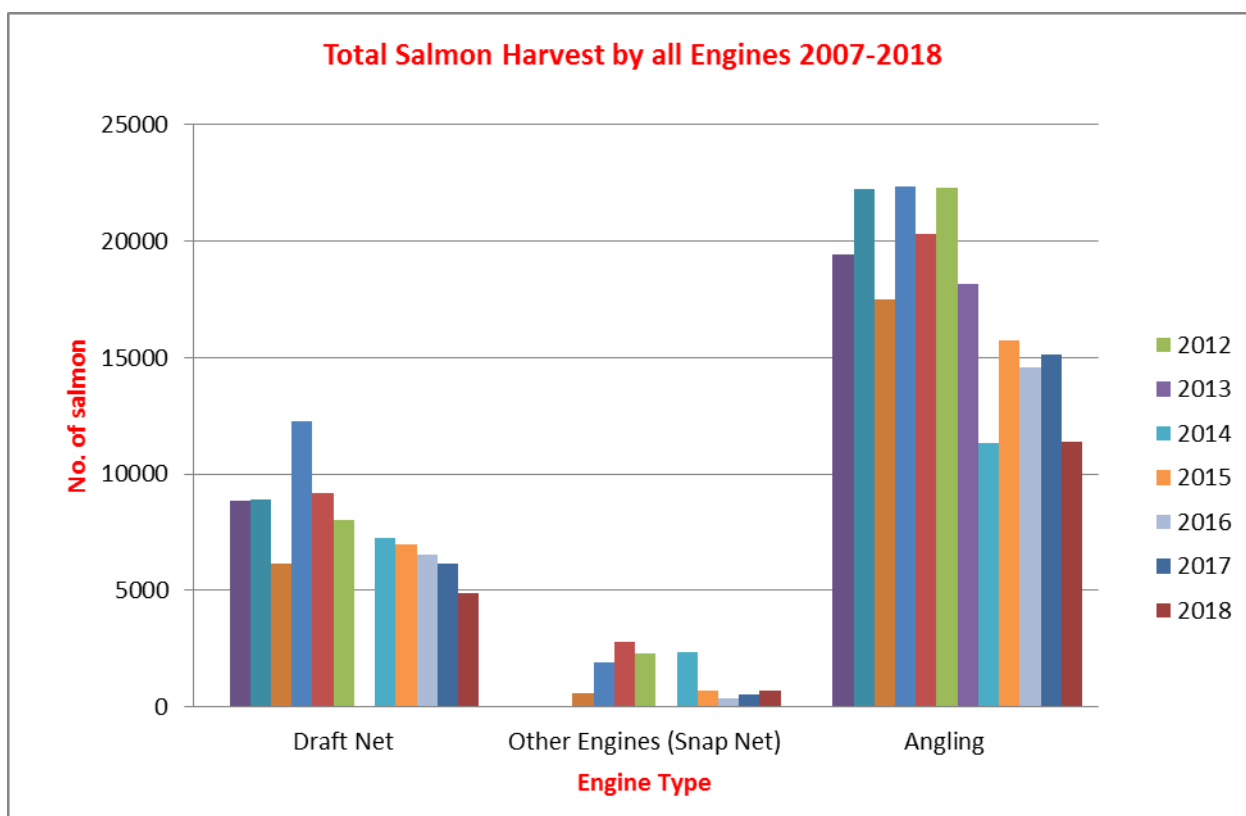
**Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 - 2018**

Year	Drift Net	Draft Net	Other Engine	Salmon Angling Harvest	Total Salmon Harvest by all methods	% change on previous year	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%	76,337Kg
2008	N/A	8,903	N/A	22,215	31,118	10.06%	84,019Kg
2009	N/A	6,178	579	17,521	24,278	-21.98%	65,551Kg
2010	N/A	12,261	1,898	22,336	36,495	50.32%	98,537Kg
2011	N/A	9,200	2,773	20,306	32,279	-11.55%	87,153Kg
2012	N/A	8,044	2,275	22,287	32,606	1%	88,036Kg
2013	N/A	9,603	4,522	18,178	32,303	-0.93%	87,218Kg
2014	N/A	7,237	2,333	11,313	20,883	-35.35%	56,384Kg
2015	N/A	6,981	710	15,724	23,415	12.12%	63,221Kg
2016	N/A	6,553	364	14,587	21,504	-8.16%	58,061Kg
2017	N/A	6,162	521	15,159	21,842	+1.55%	58,973Kg
2018	N/A	4,859	696	11,413	16,968	-22.31%	45,813Kg

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2018. 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 2018, this had fallen to 16,968. This represents a decrease of c. 40% between 2007 and 2018.

\* 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.





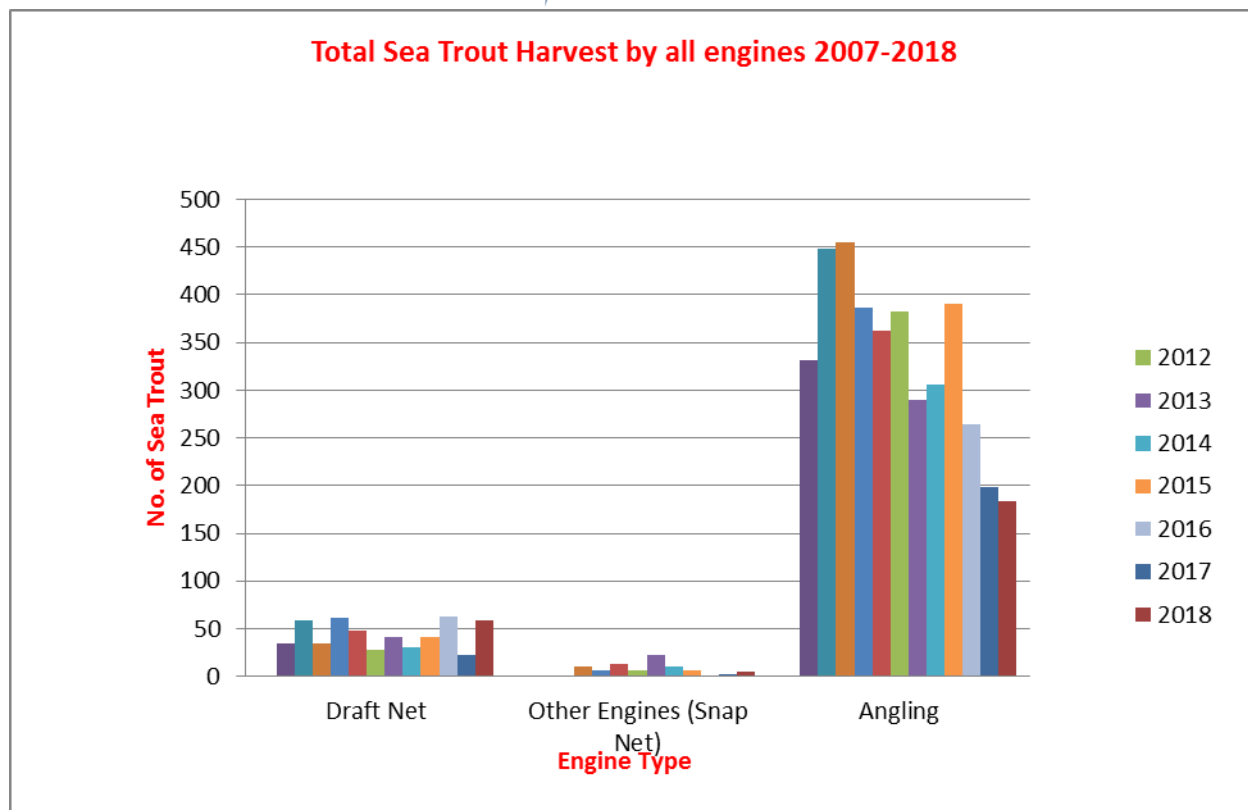
**Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2007-2018**

For 2018, anglers caught 78% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 22% (Table 10). 21.6% of the 2018 total salmon catch (commercial and angling) was taken on the River Moy, 14.8% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 10% on the River Laune and 6.5% on the Corrib.

**Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2018**

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	
	874	1,083	126	1,464	3,547	- 33%
2003	712	1,024	203	997	2,936	- 17%
2004	640	929	78	519	2,166	- 26%
2005	279	535	50	770	1,634	- 25%
2006	116	311	47	543	1,017	- 38%
2007	N/A	34	N/A	331	365	- 64%
2008	N/A	59	N/A	448	507	+ 38.90%
2009	N/A	35	10	455	500	-1.4%
2010	N/A	61	6	387	454	-9.2%
2011	N/A	48	13	362	423	-6.83%
2012	N/A	28	6	382	416	-1.65%
2013	N/A	42	23	290	355	-14.66%
2014	N/A	30	11	306	347	-2.25%
2015	N/A	41	6	390	437	+25.9%
2016	N/A	63	0	264	327	-25.2%
2017	N/A	22	2	198	222	-32.11%
2018	N/A	59	5	184	248	+10.48%

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2018. 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 2018, this had fallen to 248 sea trout, a drop of 32% (Table 11).



**Fig. 2 - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2007-2018.**

For 2018, anglers caught 94.4% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 5.56% (Table 11). 10.4% of the 2018 total sea trout catch was taken on the Lough Currane (Kerry) and 8% on the River Boyne (Drogheda).

## Chapter 2

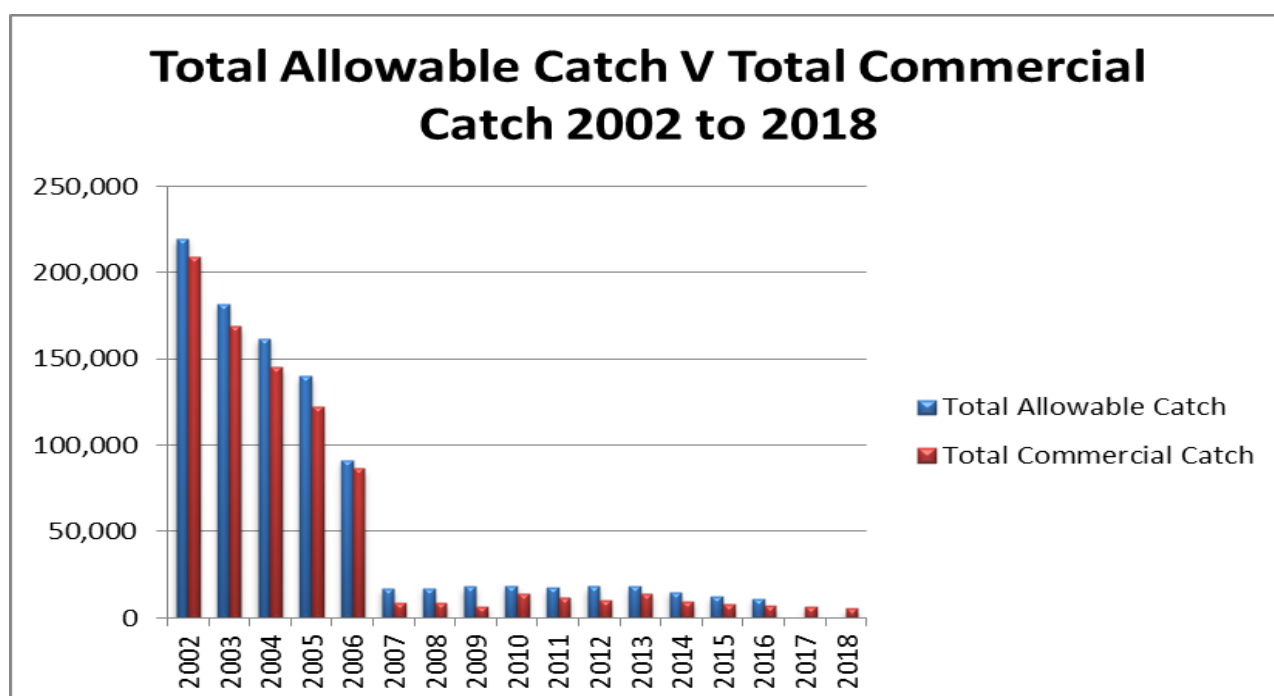
# Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2018



**Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2018**

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%

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2018 was 8,887. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 5,619 represents 63.2% of TAC (Table 14).



**Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and Total Commercial Catch 2007 - 2017.**

In 2018, the TAC was allocated on an individual river basis and no distinction was made between commercial and angling fisheries. The district fisheries committee in each River Basin allocated the identified surplus for each river between the commercial and angling fishery as appropriate. The

figure of 8,887 above for 2018 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 2018

In the 2018 commercial salmon harvest, 87% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 12% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2018 was 5,555.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2018 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

**Table 4 - Top 5 Commercial Fisheries in 2018**

2018			
Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Kerry	Laune	1,730	31.1%
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	1,261	22.7%
Cork	Lower Lee	618	11.1%
Kerry	Castlemaine	584	10.5%
Limerick	Feale	422	7.6%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 5 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2018 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

## Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2018

The table below shows the 2018 commercial salmon catch disposals:

**Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals**

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2018	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	65.7%
Private Sales	14.5%
Domestic Consumption	12.8%
Restaurant	5.6%
Delicatessan	0.9%
Supermarket/Shop	0.5%
Hotel/Guesthouse / B&B	0.1%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2018. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.

## Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2018

In the 2018 commercial sea trout harvest, 92% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 8% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2018 was 64. Sea trout catches were highest in the River Laune (Kerry) at 42% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2018 was 1.14% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).



## Chapter 3

# Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2018



## Angling Salmon Catch 2001 - 2018

Table 6.0 - Salmon Angling Catch 2001 - 2018

Year	Salmon Angling Harvest	Salmon Angling Caught & Released	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	34,543	-20.52%
2008	22,215	13,563	35,778	+3.58%
2009	17,521	11,422	28,943	-19.1%
2010	22,336	15,142	37,478	+29.5%
2011	20,306	12,688	32,994	-11.96%
2012	22,287	11,891	34,178	+3.59%
2013	18,178	10,682	28,860	-15.56%
2014	11,313	6,537	17,851	-38.14%
2015	15,724	9,383	25,107	+40.65%
2016	14,587	10,252	24,838	-1.07%
2017	15,159	12,562	27,722	+11.6%
2018	11,413	8,647	20,060	-27.64%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2018. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2018 was 20,060 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents a decrease of 27.64% on the 2017 salmon angling catch of 27,722 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. Rivers not meeting the conservation limit (CL) are open on a catch and release basis where the CL meets or exceeds 50%. Rivers below this 50% threshold or with an average rod catch of less than 10 salmon are closed to angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm), unless catchment wide electro-fishing results (15 or greater) merits the opening on a catch and release basis.

**Table 6.1 - 2 SW / MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2018**

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%

**Table 6.2 - 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2018**

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%

## Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 - 2018

Table 7 - Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 - 2018

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

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2018. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2018 was 1,087 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents a decrease of 40% on the 2017 sea trout angling catch of 1,814.

## Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 - 2018

16,755 salmon rod licences were sold in 2018, a decrease of 8% on 2017 licence sales (18,212) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 9,557 logbooks in 2018, with a national return rate of 57%, up from 54.5% on 2017 logbook returns (Table 17).

**Table 8 - Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 - 2018**

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%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 - 2018 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

## Salmon Angling Catch 2018

Over one fifth of all salmon catch nationally (27.6%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 5,539 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught in 81 fisheries in 2018. The top three salmon producing fisheries made up 48.5% of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2018 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster) and Corrib).

## Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2018

9.8% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on Lough Currane (Table 24) with an angling catch of 113 sea trout. Sea Trout were caught in 72 fisheries in 2018. The top four sea trout producing water systems made up 30.8% of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2017

(Waterville/Cummeragh/L.Currane system (Kerry), Boyne (Drogheda), Owenduff (Bangor) and Lackagh (Letterkenny)).

## Catch per Angler

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 3,284 anglers harvested salmon in 2018 (Table 53), a decrease of 16.5% on 2017 (3,934). 1,501 anglers caught and released salmon in 2018 (Table 52) a decrease of 14.4% on 2017 (1,754). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

## Catch and Release Estimates

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2018. A total of 8,647 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 11,413 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 20,060 giving a national catch and release rate of 43% (Table 21).

13.46% of all salmon caught and released, were released on the Blackwater (Munster (Table 21) which had a catch and release of 1,164 salmon. The Moy accounted for 13.3% of all salmon caught and released (1,150 salmon) and the Suir accounted for 10% of all salmon caught and released (867 salmon). The top three rivers where salmon were caught and released made up over one third (36.8%) of the national catch and release by rod and line in 2018 (Rivers Blackwater (Munster), Moy and Suir).



## Angling Catch of Spring Salmon

An assessment on the number of salmon caught between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 was made to estimate the number of spring (or multi-sea winter) salmon being taken by rod and line (Table 22). The catch indicates that a total of 3,845 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2018, of which 1,463 were released and 2,382 harvested. The figure of 3,845 spring salmon catch represents 19.17% of the total angling catch (20,060). A total of 741 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina) and 374 spring fish for the Blackwater (Munster) in 2018

## Angler Nationality

Anglers from 58 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2018. 61% of anglers were from Ireland, 11 from Northern Ireland, 10% from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), 5% from France, 4% from USA and 3% from Germany (Tables 19-20).

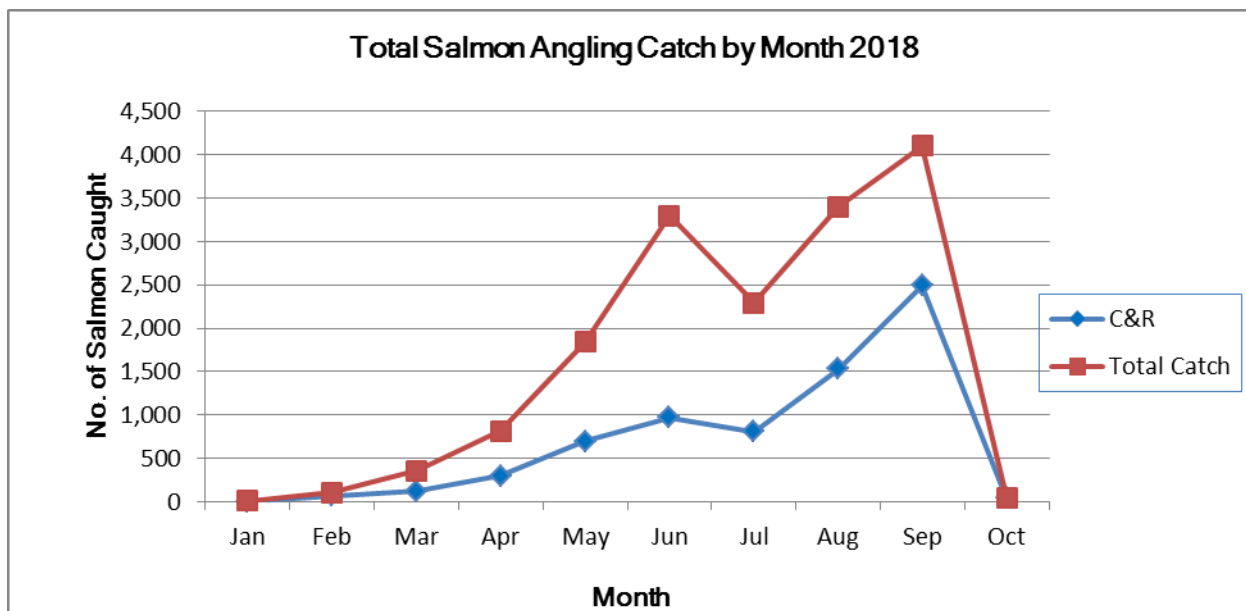
**Table 9 - Summary Angler Nationality 2012 - 2018**

No.	Nationality	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	12,935	12,423	11,374	11,447	11,310	11,221	10,167	-9.39%
2	Great Britain	1,756	1,769	1,673	1,705	1,698	1,663	1,601	-3.73%
3	Northern Ireland	2,313	2,118	2,074	2,213	2,038	1,924	1,824	-5.20%
4	France	842	904	914	931	889	954	809	-15.20%
5	Germany	544	593	610	589	572	578	560	-3.11%
6	USA	253	365	461	508	564	765	673	-12.03%

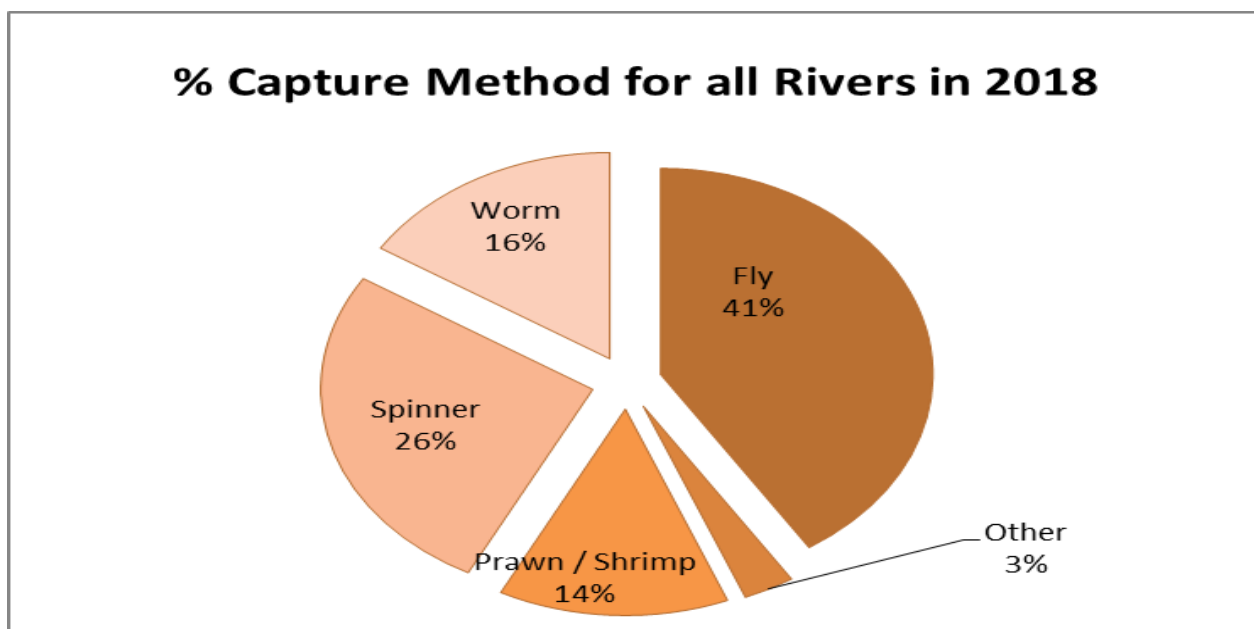
Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2012 to 2018.

## 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 2018 (includes salmon caught and released).



**Fig. 4** Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2018



**Fig. 5** Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2018

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2018 are presented in Fig.8-45.

## Chapter 4

# Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2018



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**Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2018 determined from Logbook Returns**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Catch	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by all Methods	Total Allowable Catch
Moy	110	Ballina		1,150	4,389	5,539	5,539	16,512
Easkey	114	Ballina		76	104	180	180	525
Owenwee 3	126	Ballinakill			2	2	2	
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		27	20	47	47	95
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		13		13	13	
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		31	137	168	168	259
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		108	45	153	153	254
Common Estuary	Killary	Ballinakill	160				160	321
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	40	1	17	18	58	196
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	30	82	50	132	162	381
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	13	6	34	40	53	193
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		90		90	90	
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		1		1	1	
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		27		27	27	
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		46		46	46	
Ballintra 4	60	Ballyshannon			7	7	7	
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		11		11	11	
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		3		3	3	
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		256	458	714	714	2,653
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	9	30	18	48	57	60
Owenmore 3	105	Bangor		395	1	396	396	
Owenduff	106	Bangor	389	127	176	303	692	794
Shramore (Burrishoole) 1	107	Bangor		20	13	33	33	
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	28	93	69	161	189	417
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		33	85	118	118	708
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		38	54	92	92	632
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		22	13	36	36	182
Screebe	239	Connemara		6		6	6	
Keal (Stream)	73	Cork			1	1	1	
Glashaboy	193	Cork		1		1	1	
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	8	9	9	332
Coomhola	225	Cork		5	20	25	25	62
Owvane	226	Cork		12	9	21	21	337
Mealagh	227	Cork			4	4	4	191
Lower Lee	228	Cork	618	160	217	377	995	1,801
Bandon	229	Cork	9	197	206	403	412	818
Owenboy	230	Cork			2	2	2	
Argideen	232	Cork		7	6	13	13	103
Ilen	233	Cork		45	92	137	137	784
Boyne	159	Drogheda		380		380	380	
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		3		3	3	
Castletown	92	Dundalk		29		29	29	
Fane	94	Dundalk		100		100	100	
Glyde	95	Dundalk		92		92	92	
Dee	96	Dundalk		28		28	28	

table 10 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Salmon Catch	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by all Methods	Total Allowable Catch
Owenriff	140	Galway			6	6	6	
Corrib	143	Galway		194	1,479	1,672	1,672	6,281
Maine	197	Kerry		12	69	81	81	255
Owenmore	203	Kerry	142	1	2	4	146	211
Laune	207	Kerry	1,730	195	605	800	2,530	4,431
Caragh	208	Kerry		16	74	91	91	1,298
Ferta	210	Kerry		12		12	12	
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		88		88	88	
Waterville\Cummeragh \Currane	213	Kerry		118	179	297	297	403
Sneem	214	Kerry		16	42	59	59	695
Blackwater	215	Kerry		34		34	34	
Roughty	217	Kerry		161	56	218	218	116
Sheen	218	Kerry		18	31	48	48	1,248
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		16	5	21	21	203
Castlemaine Harbour	N/A	Kerry	584				584	606
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny		54		54	54	
Crana	9	Letterkenny		56		56	56	
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		17		17	17	
Clady	23	Letterkenny		36	23	59	59	341
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		40		40	40	
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		74		74	74	
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		102		102	102	
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	120	131	37	169	289	230
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		418		418	418	
Swilly	51	Letterkenny		1		1	1	
Unknown	269	Letterkenny		3		3	3	
Shannon (Mulkear)	153	Limerick		42		42	42	
Feale	194	Limerick	422	250	189	440	862	658
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,261	1,164	1,356	2,520	3,781	7,677
Bride	191	Lismore		55		55	55	
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		142	850	993	993	3,545
Garvogue	117	Sligo		30	90	121	121	437
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo		10	58	69	69	229
Suir	182	Waterford		867		867	867	
Barrow	183	Waterford		39		39	39	
Nore	184	Waterford		334		334	334	
Slaney	175	Wexford		147	1	148	148	
			<b>5,555</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>20,060</b>	<b>25,615</b>	<b>57,474</b>

22%

78%

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish  
3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

2 - Caught and released are Wild Atlantic Salmon  
4 - River Closed in 2018

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2018. 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 2018 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
Moy	110	Ballina		20	24	44	<b>44</b>
Easkey	114	Ballina		5		5	<b>5</b>
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill		2		2	<b>2</b>
Bundorragha	130	Ballinakill		2		2	<b>2</b>
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		16		16	<b>16</b>
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		2		2	<b>2</b>
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		2		2	<b>2</b>
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon		11		11	<b>11</b>
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		1		1	<b>1</b>
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon			3	3	<b>3</b>
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		1	1	3	<b>3</b>
Owenmore	105	Bangor		25		25	<b>25</b>
Owenduff	106	Bangor	1	55	17	71	<b>72</b>
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		15		15	<b>15</b>
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		24		24	<b>24</b>
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		42		42	<b>42</b>
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		37		37	<b>37</b>
Glashaboy	193	Cork		9		9	<b>9</b>
Owvane	226	Cork		7		7	<b>7</b>
Lower Lee	228	Cork	2	2		2	<b>4</b>
Bandon	229	Cork		6	4	9	<b>9</b>
Owenboy	230	Cork		4	2	6	<b>6</b>
Argideen	232	Cork		7	1	8	<b>8</b>
Ilen	233	Cork		1	2	4	<b>4</b>
Boyne	159	Drogheda		88		88	<b>88</b>
Delvin	162	Drogheda		1		1	<b>1</b>
Dargle	169	Dublin		1	1*	2	<b>2</b>
Vartry	170	Dublin		24		24	<b>24</b>
Malahide	248	Dublin		3	10*	14	<b>14</b>
Unknown	255	Dublin			1	1	<b>1</b>
Castletown	92	Dundalk		33	3*	37	<b>37</b>
Fane	94	Dundalk		2		2	<b>2</b>
Glyde	95	Dundalk		5		5	<b>5</b>
Dee*	96	Dundalk		10*		10	<b>10</b>
Corrib	143	Galway		1	1	2	<b>2</b>
Maine	197	Kerry		8	4	12	<b>12</b>
Owenmore	203	Kerry	22	13	4	16	<b>38</b>
Laune	207	Kerry	27	18	13	31	<b>58</b>
Caragh	208	Kerry		11	4	14	<b>14</b>
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		4		4	<b>4</b>
Waterville\Cummeragh \Currane	213	Kerry		99	14	113	<b>113</b>
Sneem	214	Kerry		5	1	6	<b>6</b>
Blackwater	215	Kerry		1		1	<b>1</b>
Sheen	218	Kerry			1	1	<b>1</b>
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		1		1	<b>1</b>
Castlemaine	N/A	Kerry	2				<b>2</b>



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
Ray*	3	Letterkenny		31*		31	<b>31</b>
Clonmany	4	Letterkenny		1*	4	5	<b>5</b>
Straid	5	Letterkenny			1*	1	<b>1</b>
Glenagannon*	7	Letterkenny		5	1*	7	<b>7</b>
Crana*	9	Letterkenny		13		13	<b>13</b>
Clady	23	Letterkenny		4		4	<b>4</b>
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny		11		11	<b>11</b>
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		58	5*	63	<b>63</b>
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		36	3*	39	<b>39</b>
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	4	4	8	<b>12</b>
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		7		7	<b>7</b>
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		3		3	<b>3</b>
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny			1	1	<b>1</b>
Lower Shannon	155	Limerick		2*		2	<b>2</b>
Feale	194	Limerick		5		5	<b>5</b>
Blackwater	190	Lismore	6	19	11	30	<b>36</b>
Bride	191	Lismore		31		31	<b>31</b>
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		8	25	33	<b>33</b>
Garvogue	117	Sligo		4	6	10	<b>10</b>
Sligo Bay	118	Sligo			1	1	<b>1</b>
Drumcliffe (inc	119	Sligo		6	9	15	<b>15</b>
Suir	182	Waterford		4		4	<b>4</b>
Barrow	183	Waterford		7		7	<b>7</b>
Nore	184	Waterford		6		6	<b>6</b>
Mahon	185	Waterford		1*		1	<b>1</b>
Avoca	171	Wexford		4*		4	<b>4</b>
Slaney	175	Wexford		6		6	<b>6</b>
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,151</b>

\*Sea trout under 40cm

5.6%

94.4%

Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2018. 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 2018



**Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2018 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Salmon Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	565	1,261	10.2%
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	696		12.5%
Cork	Draft Net	Bandon	9	627	0.2%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	618		11.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	584	2,456	10.5%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,730		31.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	142		2.6%
Limerick	Cfo Draft Shrfb	Feale	422	422	7.6%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common	160	243	2.9%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros	30		0.5%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden Bay (Owenglin	13		0.2%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	40		0.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)	28	426	0.5%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	389		7.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy	9		0.2%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	120	120	2.2%
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,555</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2018 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 2018 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Sea Trout Harvest	Fishery District Sea Trout Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	1	6	1.6%
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	5		7.8%
Cork	Draft Net	Bandon		2	0.0%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	2		3.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	2	51	3.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	27		42.2%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	22		34.4%
Limerick	Cfo Draft Shrfb	Feale		0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff and Delphi)		0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden Bay (Owenglin R.)			0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.			0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)		1	0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	1		1.6%
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy			0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	4	4	6.3%
Letterkenny	Special Local Draft	Owenea			0.0%
<b>Total</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2018 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 2018**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Salmon Harvest	Sea Trout Harvest	Total Salmon & Sea Trout Harvest	TAC	% of TAC caught
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater	565	1	1,267	2,155	26.2%
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater	696	5			32.3%
Cork	Draft Net	Bandon	9		9	83	10.8%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	618	2	620	1,283	48.2%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	584	2	586	606	45.5%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,730	27	1,757	2,989	57.9%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore	142	22	164	164	86.6%
Limerick	Cfo Draft	Feale	422		422	428	98.6%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common	160		160	160	100.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay	30		30	103	29.1%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Clifden Bay	13		13	227	5.7%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	40		40	136	29.4%
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R.	28		28	30	93.3%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	398	1	399	399	99.7%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	120	4	124	124	96.8%
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,555</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5,619</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>62.5%</b>

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

Table 14 shows the Total allowable catch (TAC) of salmon (all sizes) and sea trout (over 40cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2018, 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 2018 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	May	June	July	Aug	Total Salmon catch
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	82	162	321		565
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	58	170	468		696
Cork	Draft Net	Bandon		1	8		9
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	32	183	403		618
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	36	156	392		584
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune		164	699	867	1,730
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	31	54	57		142
Limerick	Cfo Draft Shrfb	Feale		267	155		422
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary	56	93	11		160
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Owenglin (Clifden)		7	6		13
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros		15	15		30
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin		14	26		40
Bangor	Draft Net	Newport R. (Bangor)		4	24		28
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	103	129	156	1	389
Bangor	Draft Net	Glenamoy			9		9
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	23	26	71		120
<b>Total</b>			<b>421</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>5,555</b>

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

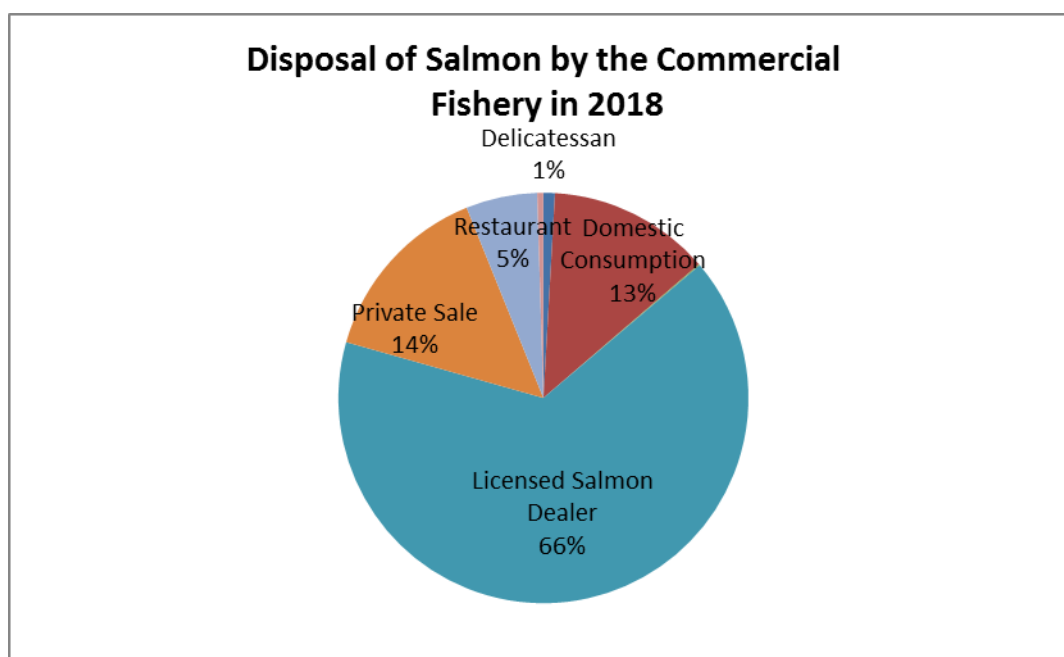
Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2018 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.



**Table 16 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2018.**

Fishery District	Total Salmon Caught	Delicatessan	Domestic Consumption	Guest House	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Restaurant	Supermarket/Shop
Lismore	1,261		189		796	125	157	
Cork	627		84		354	85	104	
Kerry	2,456		98	5	2,139	184	30	
Limerick	422		160		191	71		
Ballinakill	243		63		123	35	22	
Bangor	426	50	61		22	265		27
Letterkenny	120		57		22	41		
<b>Total Sales by Category</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>% Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>65.7%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

Table 16 shows an analysis of the distribution of sales and disposals for salmon harvest by commercial fishermen (draft and snap net) by fishery district in 2018



**Fig. 6 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2018.**

## Chapter 6

# Angling Catch Tables 2018



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**Table 17 - Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2018**

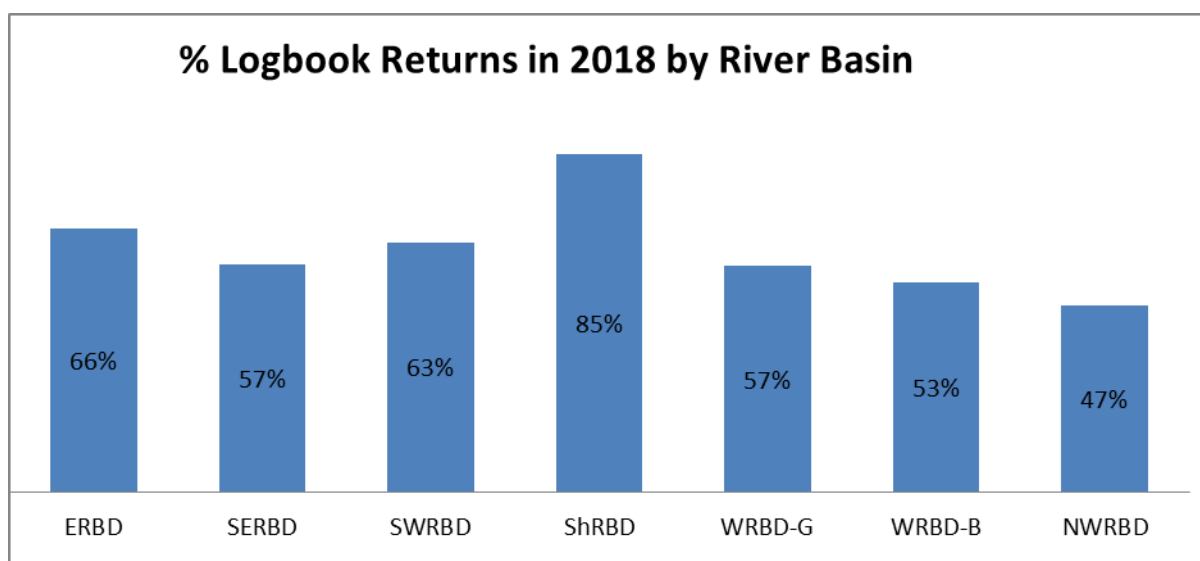
River Basin	Licence Sales 2018	Logbook Returns	% Returns	Raising Factor
Eastern	1,039	690	66%	1.151739
South Eastern	898	515	57%	1.223107
South Western	4,037	2,539	63%	1.176999
Shannon	572	487	85%	1.052361
Western - Galway	2,551	1,455	57%	1.225979
Western - Ballina	4,794	2,526	53%	1.269359
North Western	2,864	1,345	47%	1.338810
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,755</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>57.04%</b>	1.225950

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2018 and the number and percentage of logbook returns to each river basin. The wild salmon and sea trout angling statistics are generated based on the logbook returns obtained from salmon and sea trout anglers.

**Table 18 - Licence Sales by Licence Type and River Basin 2018**

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	1,039	563	227	44	141	59	5	0
South Eastern	898	342	380	47	102	26	1	0
South Western	4,037	856	1,417	263	743	758	0	0
Shannon	572	216	259	40	41	16	0	0
Western - G	2,551	420	616	139	636	739	1	0
Western - B	4,794	687	1,472	309	1,648	582	96	0
North Western	2,864	440	676	115	500	332	355	446
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,755</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>5,047</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>446</b>

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2018 by River Basin and Licence type.



**Fig. 7.** Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2018.

**Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2018 by River Basin**

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Afghanistan	1						1	
Andorra	1			1				
Australia	29		1	12		8	4	4
Austria	58		1	23		2	30	2
Belgium	55	2	4	17	2	3	16	11
Bermuda	1							1
Bulgaria	1					1		
Canada	33			7		20	4	2
Cape Verde	1					1		
China	3					3		
Colombia	4	3		1				
Czech Republic	6					2	2	2
Denmark	31		1	8		13	9	
Estonia	1						1	
Faroe Islands	1							1
Finland	5					2		3
France	809	19	31	121	14	96	430	98
Germany	560	2	5	102	7	72	303	69
Ghana	1					1		
Great Britain	1,601	3	25	431	10	254	592	286
Guernsey	1				1			
Hong Kong	5			2		3		
Hungary	2			2				
Iceland	6			4			2	
Ireland	10,167	971	807	2,722	521	1,404	2,555	1,187
Isle Of Man	15			2		8	5	
Israel	1							1
Italy	57			15	6	18	17	1
Japan	3					1	1	1
Jersey	5			5				
Latvia	1						1	
Liechtenstein	3			2		1		
Luxembourg	30		3	10		2	14	1
Mauritius	1		1					
Mexico	3			2			1	
Netherlands	59		2	24	2	5	22	4
New Zealand	6			2		3	1	
Niue	1							1
Northern Ireland	1,824	8	7	78	2	109	600	1,020
Norway	4					3	1	
Poland	7					7		
Qatar	2					2		
Russia	1					1		
Saudi Arabia	2			2				
Singapore	5					4	1	
South Africa	6		1	2		1	2	
Spain	78	9	2	21	2	14	12	18
Sri Lanka	2					2		
Swaziland	1						1	
Sweden	15			5		7	3	
Switzerland	167		1	35	1	14	65	51
United Arab	4			1		3		
United States	673	4	4	236	1	328	85	15
Unknown	381	18	2	140	3	121	12	85
Uruguay	9			1		8		
Uzbekistan	3					3		
Vanuatu	1					1		
Zambia	1			1				
Zimbabwe	1						1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,755</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>4,794</b>	<b>2,864</b>

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2018 by angler nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2018 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 (LOCAL)
Afghanistan	1					1		
Andorra	1				1			
Australia	29	1			12	16		
Austria	58		3		48	7		
Belgium	55		3		44	7		1
Bermuda	1					1		
Bulgaria	1					1		
Canada	33	1		2	11	19		
Cape Verde	1					1		
China	3					3		
Colombia	4				4			
Czech Republic	6			2	3	1		
Denmark	31			1	27	3		
Estonia	1				1			
Faroe Islands	1				1			
Finland	5				5			
France	809	16	42	23	608	118		2
Germany	560	9	52	25	424	41		9
Ghana	1					1		
Great Britain	1,601	69	156	33	1,014	266	54	9
Guernsey	1		1					
Hong Kong	5				1	4		
Hungary	2				2			
Iceland	6		2		4			
Ireland	10,167	3,132	4,293	743	742	910	85	262
Isle Of Man	15	3	4	1	3	4		
Israel	1	1						
Italy	57		4	1	33	19		
Japan	3			1		2		
Jersey	5				2	3		
Latvia	1				1			
Liechtenstein	3	1		1	1			
Luxembourg	30		1	1	24	4		
Mauritius	1				1			
Mexico	3				1	2		
Netherlands	59		3	2	44	10		
New Zealand	6	1			3	2		
Niue	1							1
Northern Ireland	1,824	259	433	60	325	282	313	152
Norway	4				4			
Poland	7				2	5		
Qatar	2					2		
Russia	1					1		
Saudi Arabia	2					2		
Singapore	5				1	4		
South Africa	6				5	1		
Spain	78		1	2	63	12		
Sri Lanka	2					2		
Swaziland	1				1			
Sweden	15			1	11	3		
Switzerland	167	2	16	4	112	29		4
United Arab	4				3	1		
United States	673	3	6	31	137	496		
Unknown	381	26	27	23	80	213	6	6
Uruguay	9				2	7		
Uzbekistan	3					3		
Vanuatu	1					1		
Zambia	1					1		
Zimbabwe	1					1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,755</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>5,047</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>446</b>

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2018 by angler nationality and by licence type.

**Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Moy	110	Ballina	1,150	4,389	5,539
Easkey	114	Ballina	76	104	180
Owenwee (Belclare) <sup>3</sup>	126	Ballinakill		2	2
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	27	20	47
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	13		13
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	31	137	168
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	108	45	153
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	17	18
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	82	50	132
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	6	34	40
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	90		90
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	27		27
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	46		46
Ballintra (Murvagh) <sup>4</sup>	60	Ballyshannon		7	7
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	11		11
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	256	458	714
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	30	18	48
Owenmore <sup>3</sup>	105	Bangor	395	1	396
Owenduff	106	Bangor	127	176	303
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sup>1</sup>	107	Bangor	20	13	33
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	93	69	161
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	33	85	118
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	38	54	92
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	22	13	36
Screebe	239	Connemara	6		6
Keal (Stream)	73	Cork		1	1
Glashaboy	193	Cork	1		1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	8	9
Coomhola	225	Cork	5	20	25
Owvane	226	Cork	12	9	21
Mealagh	227	Cork		4	4
Lower Lee	228	Cork	160	217	377
Bandon	229	Cork	197	206	403
Owenboy	230	Cork		2	2
Argideen	232	Cork	7	6	13
Ilen	233	Cork	45	92	137
Boyne	159	Drogheda	380		380
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	3		3
Castletown	92	Dundalk	29		29
Fane	94	Dundalk	100		100
Glyde	95	Dundalk	92		92
Dee	96	Dundalk	28		28

table 21 cont'd

Owenriff	140	Galway		6	6
Corrib	143	Galway	194	1,479	1,672
Maine	197	Kerry	12	69	81
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	2	4
Laune	207	Kerry	195	605	800
Caragh	208	Kerry	16	74	91
Ferta	210	Kerry	12		12
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	88		88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	118	179	297
Sneem	214	Kerry	16	42	59
Blackwater	215	Kerry	34	0	34
Roughty	217	Kerry	161	56	218
Sheen	218	Kerry	18	31	48
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	16	5	21
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny	54		54
Crana	9	Letterkenny	56		56
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	17		17
Clady	23	Letterkenny	36	23	59
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	40		40
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	74		74
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	102		102
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	131	37	169
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	418		418
Swilly	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	3		3
Shannon (Mulkear)	153	Limerick	42		42
Feale	194	Limerick	250	189	440
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,164	1,356	2,520
Bride	191	Lismore	55		55
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	142	850	993
Garvogue	117	Sligo	30	90	121
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	10	58	69
Suir	182	Waterford	867		867
Barrow	183	Waterford	39		39
Nore	184	Waterford	334		334
Slaney	175	Wexford	147	1	148
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>20,060</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

4 - River Closed in 2018

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 2018.

(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 2018**

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	126	616	741
Easkey	114	Ballina		3	3
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	1	3	4
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	13	77	91
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		4	4
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	6	13	20
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill		2	2
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	5		5
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	74	197	270
Owenmore 3	105	Bangor	5	1	6
Owenduff	106	Bangor	30	99	129
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	52	44	96
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	30	63	94
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	1	6	7
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		4	4
Glengarriff	219	Cork		1	1
Owvane	226	Cork	1	1	2
Mealagh	227	Cork		1	1
Lower Lee	228	Cork	49	81	131
Bandon	229	Cork	62	65	127
Argideen	232	Cork		1	1
Ilen	233	Cork	13	26	39
Boyne	159	Drogheda	71		71
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	1		1
Fane	94	Dundalk	1		1
Glyde	95	Dundalk	14		14
Dee	96	Dundalk	1		1
Corrib	143	Galway	21	207	228
Maine	197	Kerry		4	4
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	1	2
Laune	207	Kerry	62	287	350
Caragh	208	Kerry	4	29	33
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane	213	Kerry	46	81	127
Sneem	214	Kerry	2	4	6
Blackwater	215	Kerry	5		5
Roughy	217	Kerry	29		29

table 22 cont'd

Clady	23	Letterkenny	1		1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	32		32
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	20		20
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	25	7	32
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	16		16
Shannon (Mulkear)	153	Limerick	11		11
Feale	194	Limerick	39	101	140
Blackwater	190	Lismore	144	231	374
Bride	191	Lismore	2		2
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	13	96	109
Garvogue	117	Sligo	8	20	28
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo		4	4
Suir	182	Waterford	216		216
Barrow	183	Waterford	9		9
Nore	184	Waterford	88		88
Slaney	175	Wexford	106	1	108
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>3,845</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

4 - River Closed in 2018

Table 22 shows the Spring Salmon (1<sup>st</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> May) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2018.

(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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Salmon C&R by Rod & Line	Salmon Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Salmon Catch by Rod & Line
Moy	110	Ballina	1,024	3,774	4,798
Easkey	114	Ballina	76	102	178
Owenwee (Belclare) <sup>3</sup>	126	Ballinakill		2	2
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	26	17	43
Carrowniskey	128	Ballinakill	13		13
Bundorragha (Delphi	130	Ballinakill	17	60	77
Eriff	131	Ballinakill	108	42	150
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	17	18
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	76	37	113
Owneglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	6	32	38
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	88		88
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	25		25
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	40		40
Ballintra (Murvagh) <sup>4</sup>	60	Ballyshannon		7	7
Ownewee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	11		11
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	182	261	443
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	30	18	48
Owenmore <sup>3</sup>	105	Bangor	390	0	390
Owenduff	106	Bangor	96	77	174
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sup>1</sup>	107	Bangor	20	13	33
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	41	24	65
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	3	22	24
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	37	48	85
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	22	10	32
Screebe	239	Connemara	6		6
Keal	73	Cork		1	1
Glashaboy	193	Cork	1		1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	7	8
Coomhoola	225	Cork	5	20	25
Owvane	226	Cork	11	8	19
Mealagh	227	Cork		2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	111	135	246
Bandon	229	Cork	134	141	275
Owenboy	230	Cork		2	2
Argideen	232	Cork	7	5	12
Ilen	233	Cork	32	66	98
Boyne	159	Drogheda	309		309
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	2		2

table 23 cont'd

Castletown	92	Dundalk	29		29
Fane	94	Dundalk	99		99
Glyde	95	Dundalk	78		78
Dee	96	Dundalk	26		26
Owenriff	140	Galway		6	6
Corrib	143	Galway	173	1,271	1,444
Maine	197	Kerry	12	66	78
Owenmore	203	Kerry		1	1
Laune	207	Kerry	133	318	451
Caragh	208	Kerry	13	45	58
Ferta	210	Kerry	12		12
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	88		88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	72	98	169
Sneem	214	Kerry	14	39	53
Blackwater	215	Kerry	29	0	29
Roughty	217	Kerry	132	56	188
Sheen	218	Kerry	18	31	48
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	16	5	21
Ray 4	3	Letterkenny	54		54
Crana	9	Letterkenny	56		56
Gweedore	22	Letterkenny	17		17
Clady	23	Letterkenny	35	23	58
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	40		40
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	42		42
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	82		82
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	106	31	137
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	402		402
Swilly	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Unknown	269	Letterkenny	3		3
Shannon (Mulkear)	153	Limerick	32		32
Feale	194	Limerick	212	88	300
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,020	1,125	2,146
Bride	191	Lismore	53		53
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	129	754	883
Garvogue	117	Sligo	23	70	93
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	10	55	65
Suir	182	Waterford	651		651
Barrow	183	Waterford	31		31
Nore	184	Waterford	246		246
Slaney	175	Wexford	40		40
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,184</b>	<b>9,031</b>	<b>16,215</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

4 - River Closed in 2018

Table 23 shows the 1 Sea Winter Salmon (Grilse) harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2018. (1<sup>st</sup> June - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept).

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

**Table 24 - Number of Sea Trout Caught by Rod & Line in 2018**

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
Moy	110	Ballina	20	24	44
Easkey	114	Ballina	5		5
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	2		2
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	2		2
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	16		16
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	2		2
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	2		2
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	11		11
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	1		1
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon		3	3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1	1	3
Owenmore	105	Bangor	25		25
Owenduff	106	Bangor	55	17	71
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	15		15
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	24		24
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	42		42
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	37		37
Glashaboy	193	Cork	9		9
Owvane	226	Cork	7		7
Lower Lee	228	Cork	2		2
Bandon	229	Cork	6	4	9
Owenboy	230	Cork	4	2	6
Argideen	232	Cork	7	1	8
Ilen	233	Cork	1	2	4
Boyne	159	Drogheda	88		88
Delvin	162	Drogheda	1		1
Dargle	169	Dublin	1	1	2
Vartry*	170	Dublin	24		24
Malahide	248	Dublin	3	10	14
Unknown	255	Dublin		1	1
Castletown	92	Dundalk	33	3	37
Fane	94	Dundalk	2		2
Glyde	95	Dundalk	5		5
Dee	96	Dundalk	10		10
Corrib	143	Galway	1	1	2
Maine	197	Kerry	8	4	12
Owenmore	203	Kerry	13	4	16
Laune	207	Kerry	18	13	31
Caragh	208	Kerry	11	4	14
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	4		4
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	99	14	113
Sneem	214	Kerry	5	1	6
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1		1
Sheen	218	Kerry		1	1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1		1

table 24 cont'd

Ray*	3	Letterkenny	31		31
Clonmany	4	Letterkenny	1	4	5
Straid	5	Letterkenny		1	1
Glenagannon*	7	Letterkenny	5	1	7
Crana*	9	Letterkenny	13		13
Clady	23	Letterkenny	4		4
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny	11		11
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	58	5	63
Leannan*	31	Letterkenny	36	3	39
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	4	4	8
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	7		7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	3		3
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny		1	1
Lower Shannon 1	155	Limerick	2		2
Feale	194	Limerick	5		5
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	19	11	30
Bride	191	Lismore	31		31
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	8	25	33
Garvogue	117	Sligo	4	6	10
Sligo Bay	118	Sligo		1	1
Drumcliffe (inc Glencare Lake)	119	Sligo	6	9	15
Suir	182	Waterford	4		4
Barrow	183	Waterford	7		7
Nore	184	Waterford	6		6
Mahon*	185	Waterford	1		1
Avoca*	171	Wexford	4		4
Slaney*	175	Wexford	6		6
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,087</b>

Table 24 shows the sea trout harvest, caught and released and total catch as indicated in the logbooks nationally by rod and line for 2018. (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 2018**

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

**Table 26 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Eastern River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Castletown*	92	Dundalk	3	3
Dargle*	169	Dublin	1	1
Malahide/Sea	248	Dublin	9	10
Unknown	255	Dublin	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>

**Table 27 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	25	29
Fane	94	Dundalk	87	100
Glyde	95	Dundalk	80	92
Dee	96	Dundalk	24	28
Boyne	159	Drogheda	330	380
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	3	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>632</b>



**Table 28 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	29	33
Fane	94	Dundalk	2	2
Glyde	95	Dundalk	4	5
Dee*	96	Dundalk	9	10
Boyne	159	Drogheda	76	88
Delvin	162	Drogheda	1	1
Dargle*	169	Dublin	1	1
Vartry*	170	Dublin	21	24
Malahide*	248	Dublin	3	3
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>168</b>

Tables 25-28 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Eastern River Basin in 2018 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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Slaney <sup>3</sup>	175	Wexford	1	1
3 – River Catch and Release in 2018		<b>Total</b>		

**Table 30 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2018**

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

**Table 31 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	120	147
Suir	182	Waterford	709	867
Barrow	183	Waterford	32	39
Nore	184	Waterford	273	334
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>1,387</b>

**Table 32 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Avoca*	171	Wexford	3	4
Slaney*	175	Wexford	5	6
Suir	182	Waterford	3	4
Barrow	183	Waterford	6	7
Nore	184	Waterford	5	6
Mahon*	185	Waterford	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>

\* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

Tables 29-32 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the South Eastern River Basin in 2018 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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,152	1,356
Keal	73	Cork	1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	7	8
Coomhola	225	Cork	17	20
Owvane	226	Cork	8	9
Mealagh	227	Cork	3	4
Lower Lee	228	Cork	184	217
Bandon	229	Cork	175	206
Owenboy	230	Cork	2	2
Argideen	232	Cork	5	6
Ilen	233	Cork	78	92
Maine	197	Kerry	59	69
Owenmore	203	Kerry	2	2
Laune	207	Kerry	514	605
Caragh	208	Kerry	63	74
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	152	179
Sneem	214	Kerry	36	42
Roughty	217	Kerry	48	56
Sheen	218	Kerry	26	31
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	4	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,985</b>

**Table 34 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	9	11
Bandon	229	Cork	3	4
Owenboy	230	Cork	2	2
Argideen	232	Cork	1	1
Ilen	233	Cork	2	2
Maine	197	Kerry	3	4
Owenmore	203	Kerry	3	4
Laune	207	Kerry	11	13
Caragh	208	Kerry	3	4
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	12	14
Sneem	214	Kerry	1	1
Sheen	218	Kerry	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>

**Table 35 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	989	1,164
Bride	191	Lismore	47	55
Glashaboy	193	Cork	1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1	1
Coomhola	225	Cork	4	5
Owvane	226	Cork	10	12
Lower Lee	228	Cork	136	160
Bandon	229	Cork	167	197
Argideen	232	Cork	6	7
Ilen	233	Cork	38	45
Maine	197	Kerry	10	12
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	1
Laune	207	Kerry	166	195
Caragh	208	Kerry	14	16
Ferta	210	Kerry	10	12
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	75	88
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	100	118
Sneem	214	Kerry	14	16
Blackwater	215	Kerry	29	34
Roughy	217	Kerry	137	161
Sheen	218	Kerry	15	18
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	14	16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>2,335</b>

**Table 36 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	16	19
Bride	191	Lismore	26	31
Glashaboy	193	Cork	8	9
Owvane	226	Cork	6	7
Lower Lee	228	Cork	2	2
Bandon	229	Cork	5	6
Owenboy	230	Cork	3	4
Argideen	232	Cork	6	7
Ilen	233	Cork	1	1
Maine	197	Kerry	7	8
Owenmore	203	Kerry	11	13
Laune	207	Kerry	15	18
Caragh	208	Kerry	9	11
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	3	4
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	84	99
Sneem	214	Kerry	4	5
Blackwater	215	Kerry	1	1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>245</b>

Tables 33-36 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the South Western River Basin in 2018 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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Feale	194	Limerick	180	189
		<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>189</b>

**Table 38 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
N/A	194	Limerick	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 39 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Shannon (Mulkear) <sup>2</sup>	153	Limerick	40	42
Feale	194	Limerick	238	250
		<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>293</b>

**Table 40 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Lower Shannon <sup>1</sup>	155	Limerick	2	2
Feale	194	Limerick	5	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ranched Salmon

<sup>2</sup> Wild Atlantic Salmon

Tables 37-40 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Shannon River Basin in 2018 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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Owenwee (Belclare) <sup>3</sup>	126	Ballinakill	2	2
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	16	20
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	112	137
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	37	45
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	14	17
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	41	50
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	28	34
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	44	54
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	11	13
Owenriff	140	Galway	5	6
Corrib	143	Galway	1,206	1,479
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>1,859</b>

3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

**Table 42 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin (Galway) in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	22	27
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	11	13
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	25	31
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	88	108
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	1	1
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	67	82
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	5	6
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	31	38
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	18	22
Screebe	239	Connemara	5	6
Corrib	143	Galway	158	194
		<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>528</b>

**Table 43 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin (Galway) in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	2	2
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	2	2
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	13	16
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	2	2
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	34	42
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	30	37
Corrib	143	Galway	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>103</b>

**Table 44 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Corrib	143	Galway	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Tables 41-44 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Western River Basin (Galway) in 2018 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 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	14	18
Owenmore <sup>3</sup>	105	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	139	176
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sup>1</sup>	107	Bangor	10	13
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	54	69
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	67	85
Moy	110	Ballina	3,458	4,389
Easkey	114	Ballina	82	104
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	670	850
Garvogue	117	Sligo	71	90
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	46	58
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,612</b>	<b>5,854</b>

1 - Ranched Fish

3 - River Catch and Release in 2018

**Table 46 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin (Ballina) in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1	1
Owenduff	106	Bangor	13	17
Moy	110	Ballina	19	24
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	20	25
Garvogue	117	Sligo	5	6
Sligo Bay	118	Sligo	1	1
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	7	9
		<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>

**Table 47 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin (Ballina) in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	24	30
Owenmore	105	Bangor	311	395
Owenduff	106	Bangor	100	127
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sub>1</sub>	107	Bangor	16	20
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	73	93
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	26	33
Moy	110	Ballina	906	1,150
Easkey	114	Ballina	60	76
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	112	142
Garvogue	117	Sligo	24	30
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	8	10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>2,107</b>

<sub>1</sub> Ranched Fish

**Table 48 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin (Ballina) in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	1	1
Owenmore	105	Bangor	20	25
Owenduff	106	Bangor	43	55
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	12	15
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	19	24
Moy	110	Ballina	16	20
Easkey	114	Ballina	4	5
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	6	8
Garvogue	117	Sligo	3	4
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	5	6
		<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>164</b>

Tables 45-48 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2018 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.

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

**Table 49 - Salmon Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Ballintra	60	Ballyshannon	5	7
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	342	458
Clady	23	Letterkenny	17	23
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	28	37
		<b>Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>525</b>

**Table 50 - Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Erne	123	Ballyshannon	2	3
Clonmany	4	Letterkenny	3	4
Straid	5	Letterkenny	1	1
Glenagannon*	7	Letterkenny	1	1
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	4	5
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	2	3
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	3	4
Isle of Doagh	245	Letterkenny	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

**Table 51 - Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	67	90
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	20	27
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	34	46
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	8	11
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	2	3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	191	256
Unknown	269	Ballyshannon	2	3
Ray <sup>4</sup>	3	Letterkenny	40	54
Crana	9	Letterkenny	42	56
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	13	17
Clady	23	Letterkenny	27	36
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	30	40
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	55	74
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	76	102
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	98	131
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	312	418
Swilly	51	Letterkenny	1	1
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,364</b>

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**Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2018**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	8	11
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	1	1
Ray*	3	Letterkenny	23	31
Clonmany	4	Letterkenny	1	1
Glenagannon*	7	Letterkenny	4	5
Crana	9	Letterkenny	10	13
Clady	23	Letterkenny	3	4
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny	8	11
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	43	58
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	27	36
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	3	4
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	5	7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	2	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>187</b>

\* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

Tables 49-52 show the reported number of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) harvested as well as those caught and released by rod and line in the North Western River Basin in 2018 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**

<b>No. of Salmon Released</b>	<b>No. of Anglers who 'Caught &amp; Released' Salmon</b>	<b>Total Reported Salmon Released</b>
1	474*	474
2	256	512
3	191	573
4	135	540
5	65	325
6	71	426
7	48	336
8	40	320
9	32	288
10	24	240
11	19	209
12	19	228
13	12	156
14	17	238
15	19	285
16	6	96
17	4	68
18	9	162
19	8	152
20	9	180
21	11	231
22	4	88
23	4	92
24	5	120
25	2	50
26	2	52
27	2	54
28	1	28
29	2	58
30	1	30
32	1	32
33	1	33
35	1	35
36	1	36
39	1	39
40	1	40
41	1	41
63	1	63
125	1	125
<b>Total Anglers who Caught &amp; Released Salmon</b>	<b>1,501*</b>	<b>7,055 Reported Salmon Released</b>

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 125 salmon in 2018 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 474 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon. 1,501 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 7,055 salmon. This figure was raised to 8,647 salmon (table 21) to account for those fish 'caught and released' in which no logbook was returned.

**Table 54 - Analysis of Salmon Harvest per Angler**

<b>No. of Salmon Harvested</b>	<b>No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon</b>	<b>Total Reported Salmon Harvest</b>
1	1,254	1,254
2	572	1,144
3	668	2,004
4	203	812
5	145	725
6	156	936
7	114	798
8	55	440
9	48	432
10	68	680
12	1	12
<b>Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon</b>	<b>3,284*</b>	<b>9,237 Reported Salmon Harvest</b>

Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 12 salmon in 2018 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 1,254 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 3,284 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 9,237 salmon. This figure of 9,237 was raised to 11,413 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

## Chapter 7

# Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2018



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## Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2018 (total salmon catch by rod and line including salmon caught and released).

Fig. 8 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Moy (Ballina) in 2018.

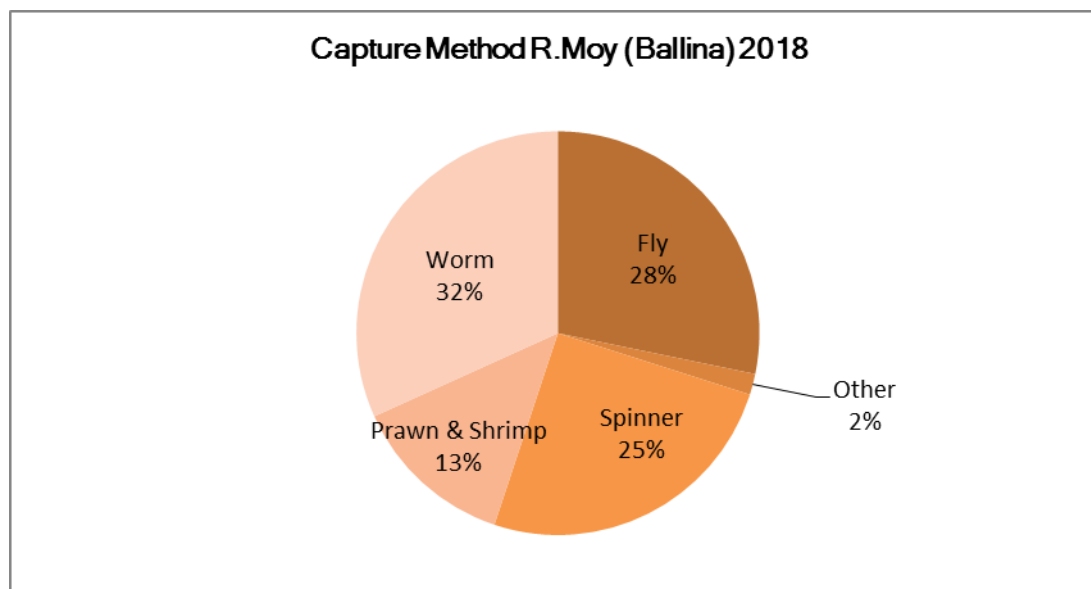
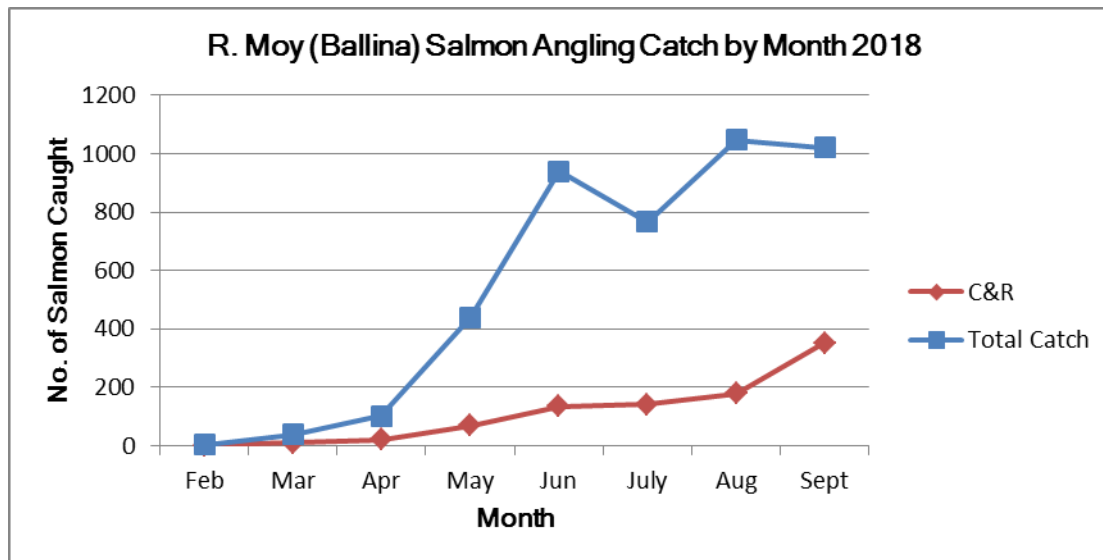


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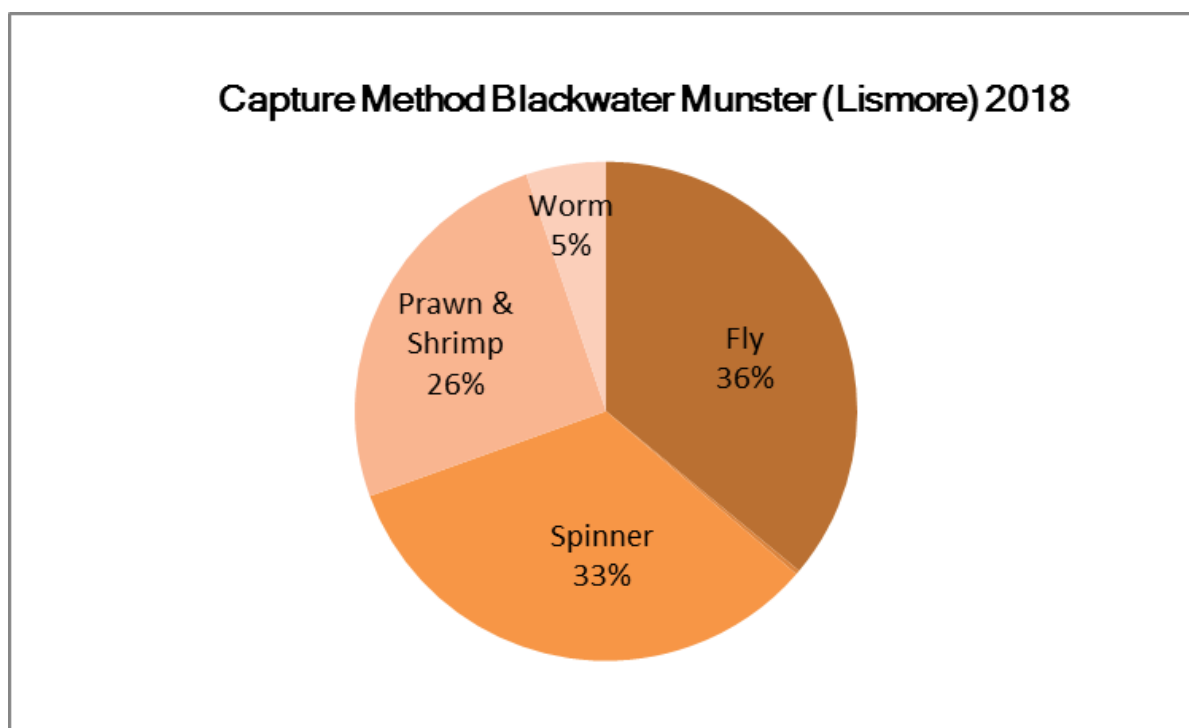
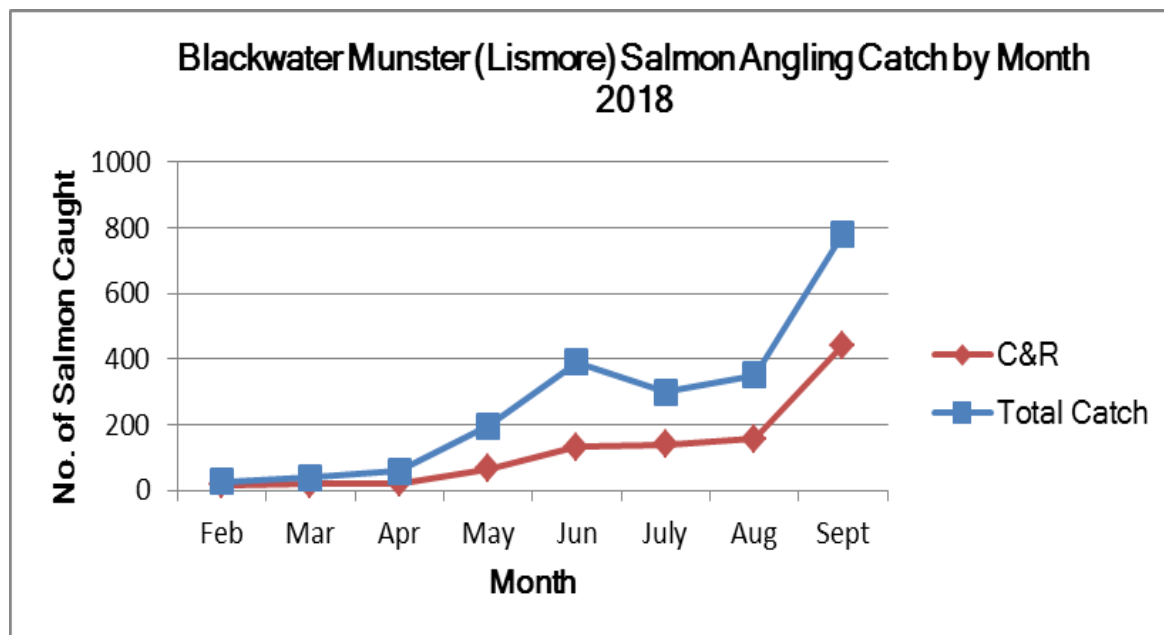


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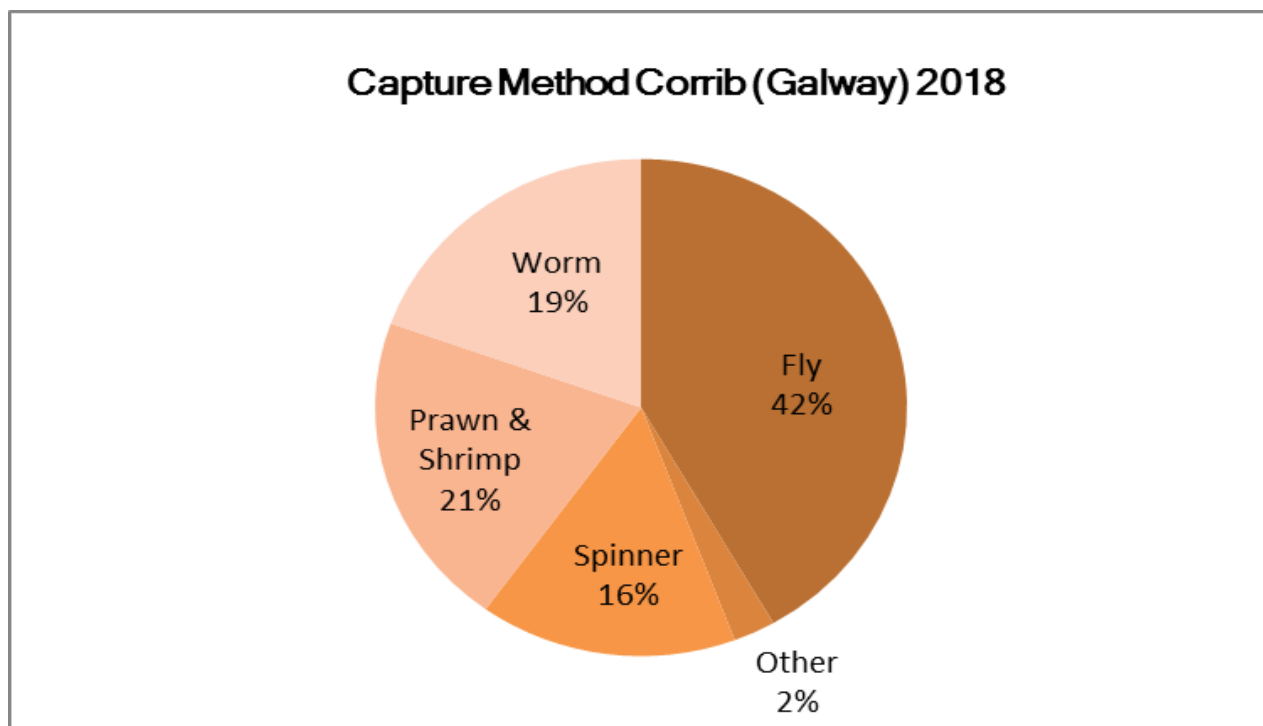
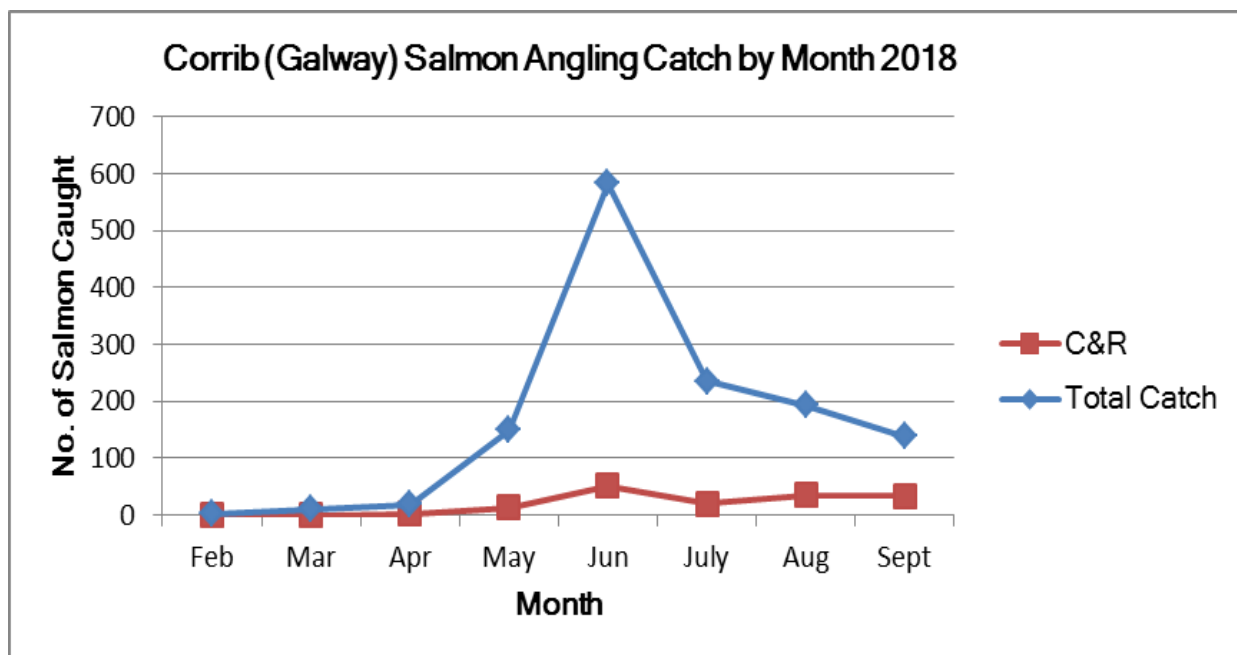


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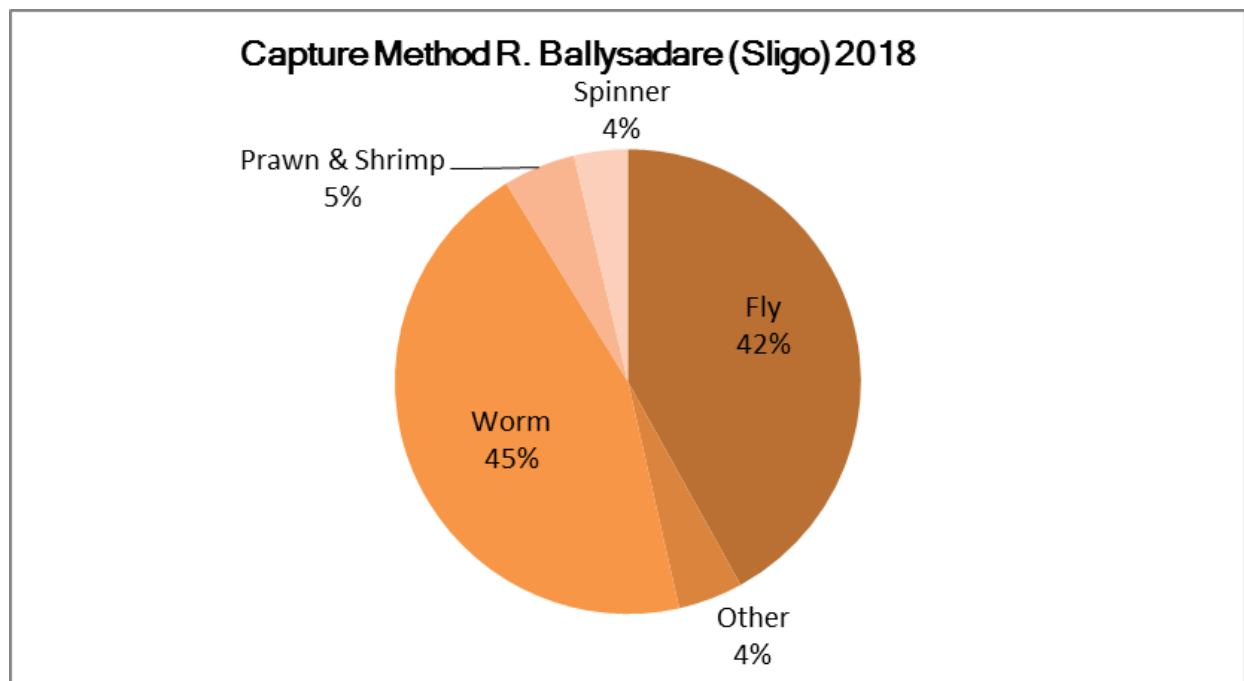
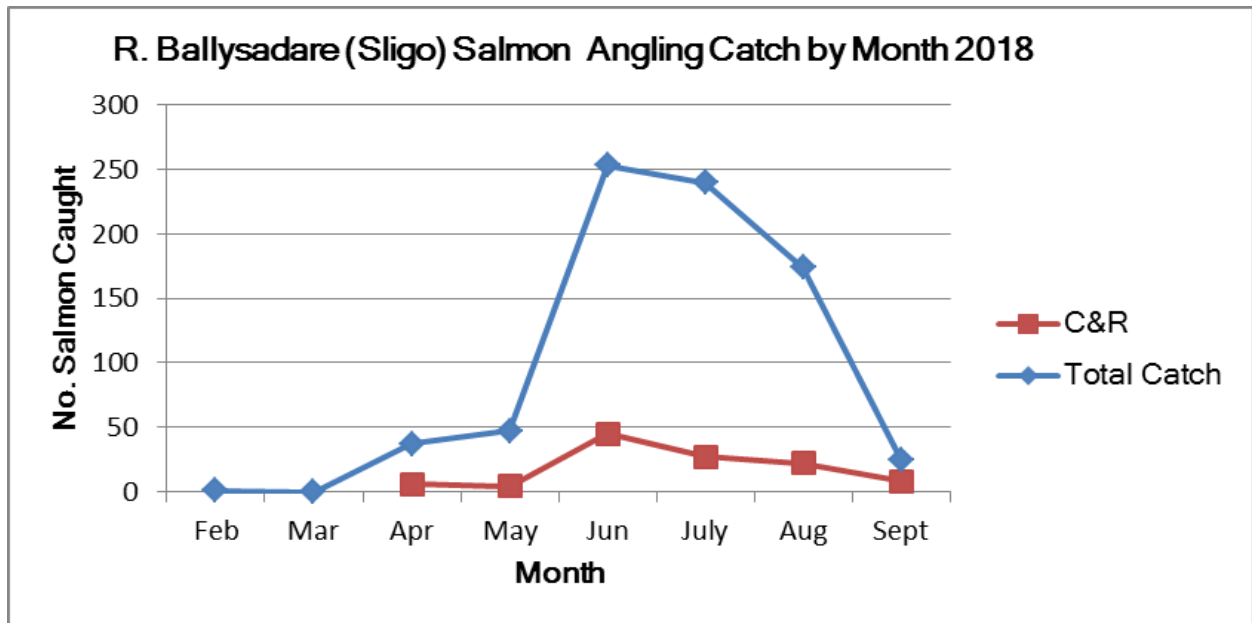


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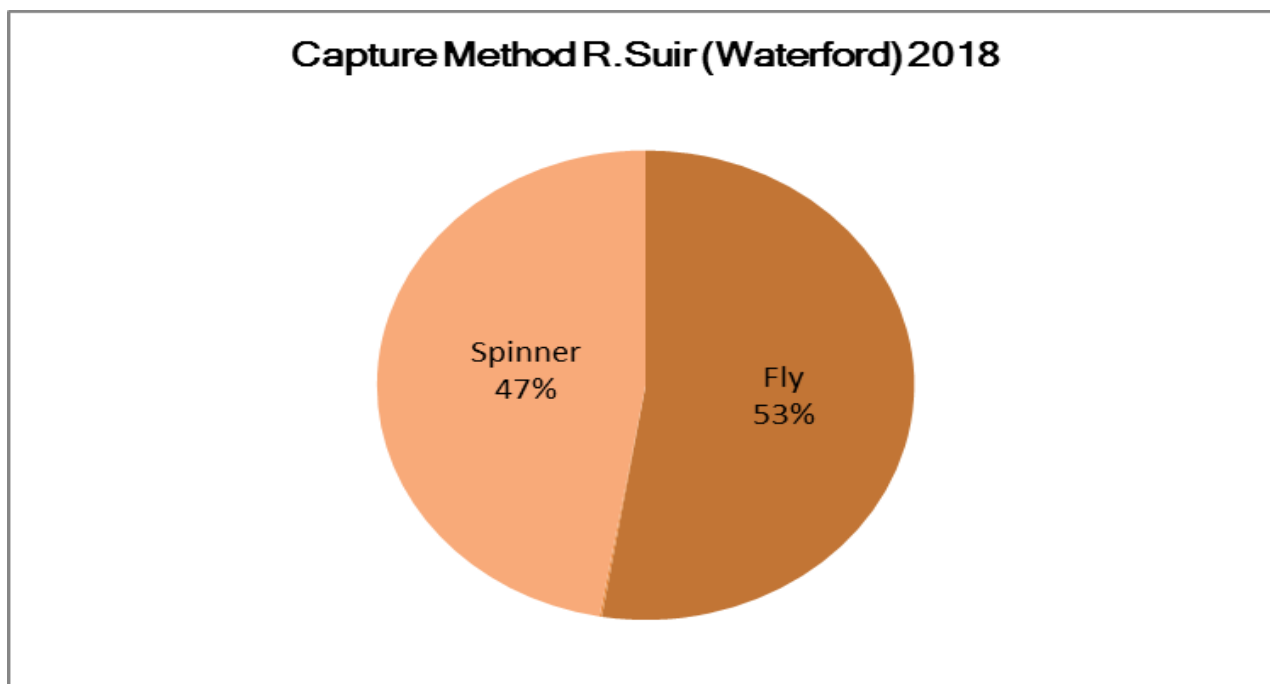
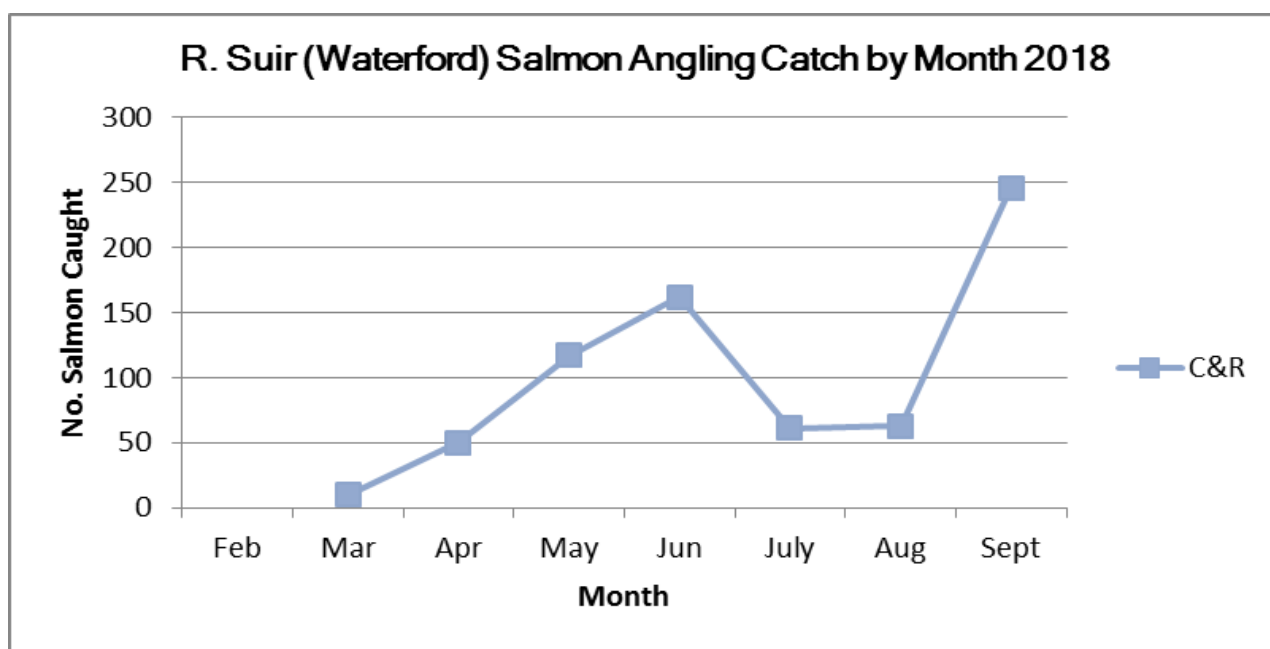




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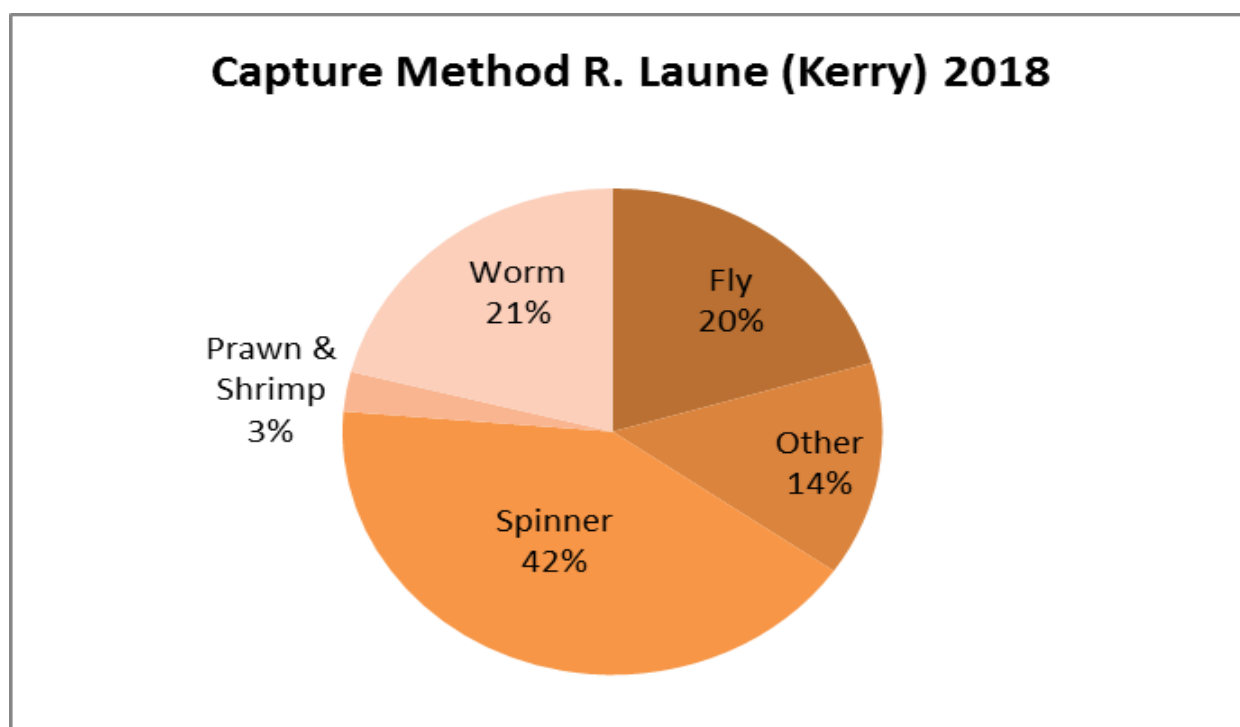
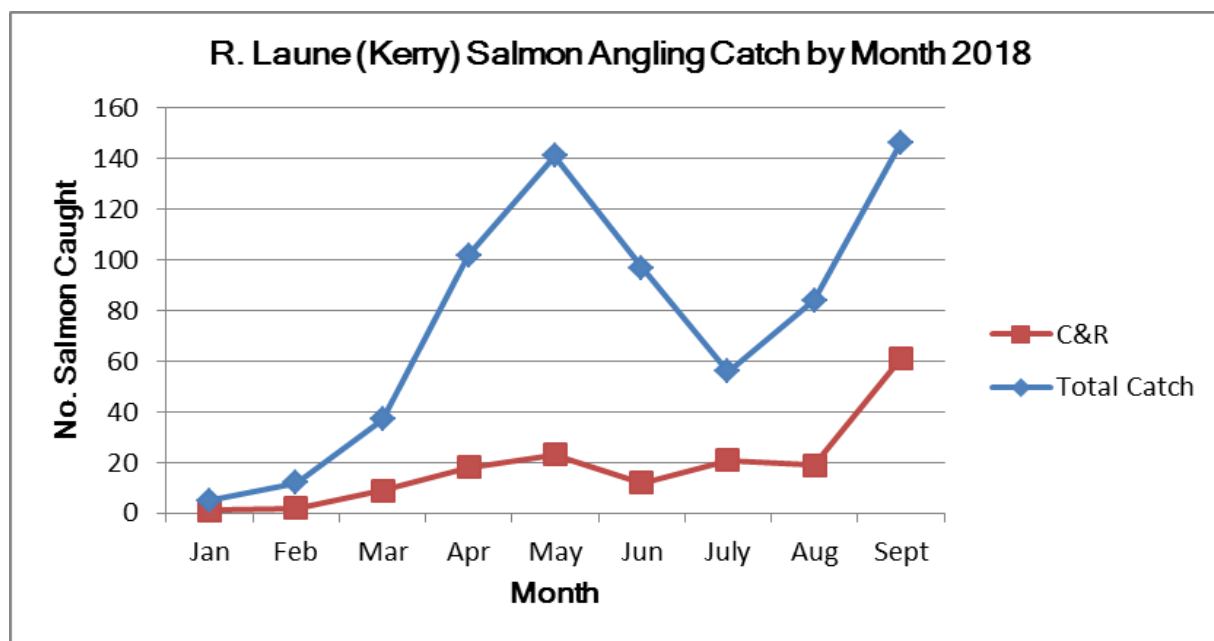


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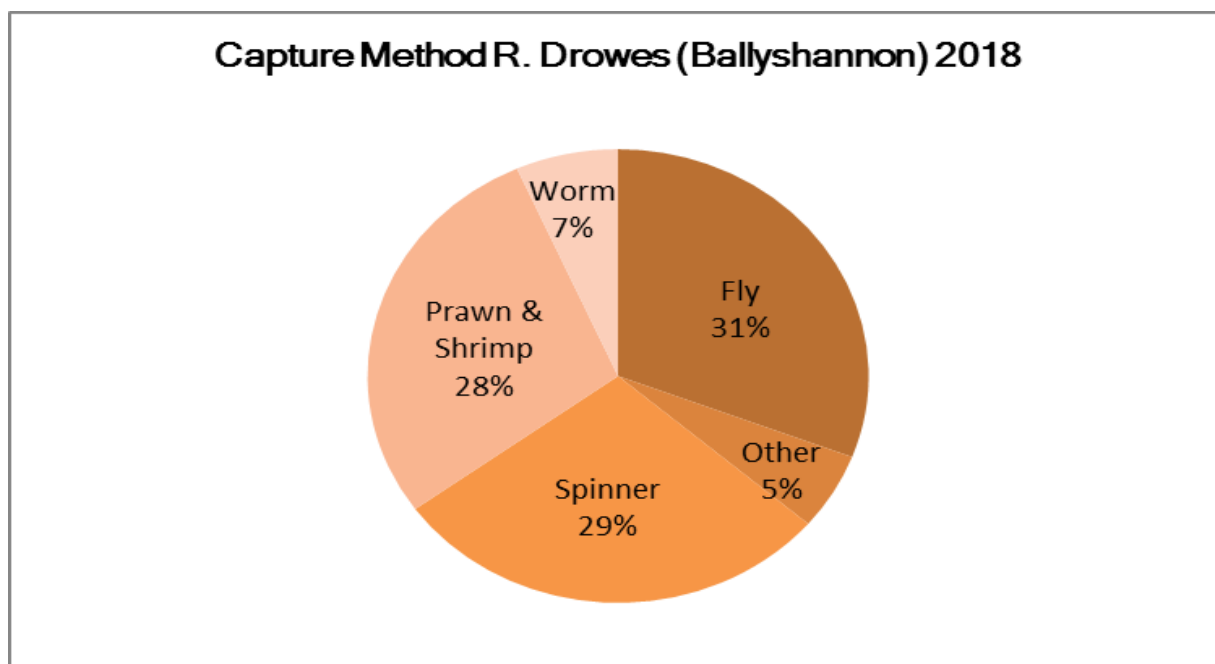
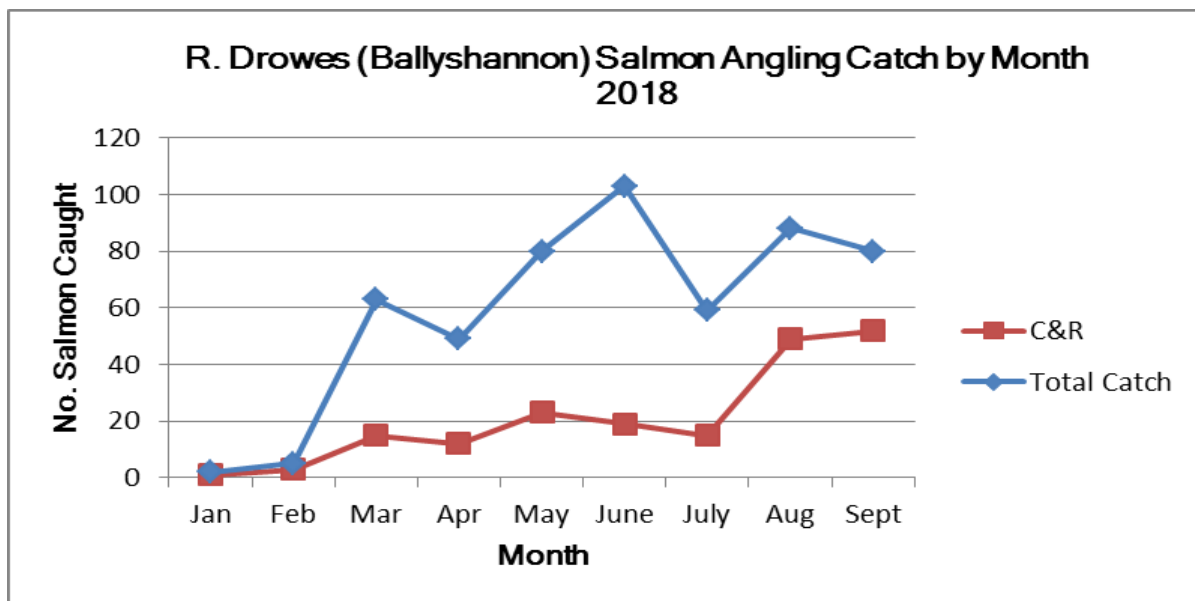


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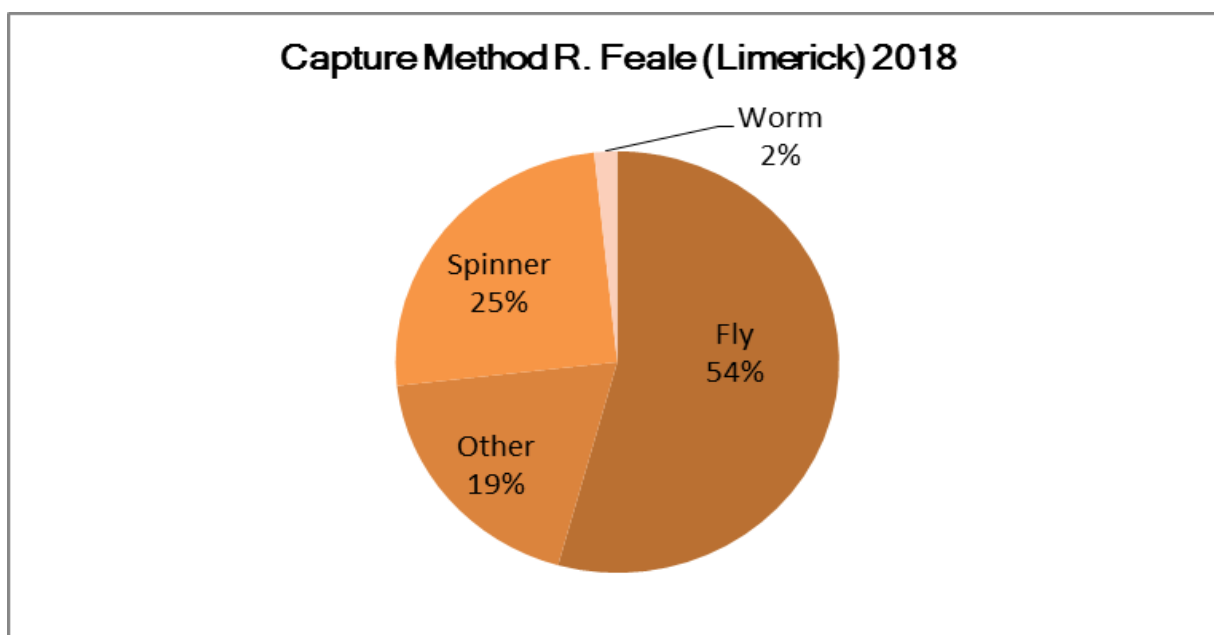
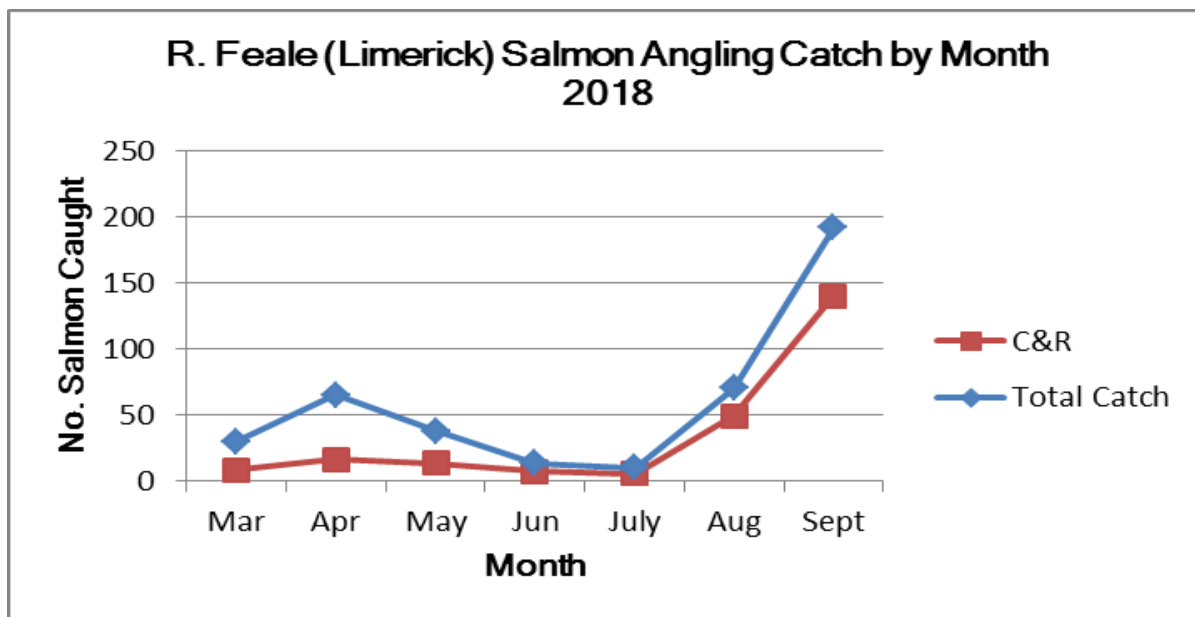


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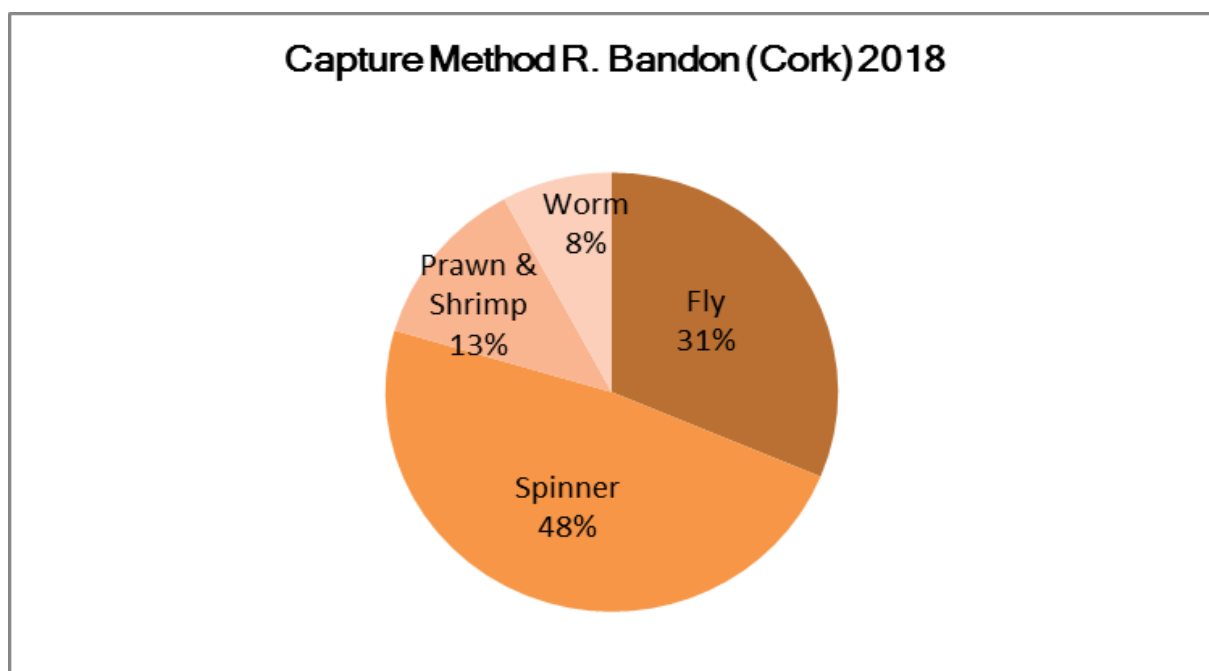
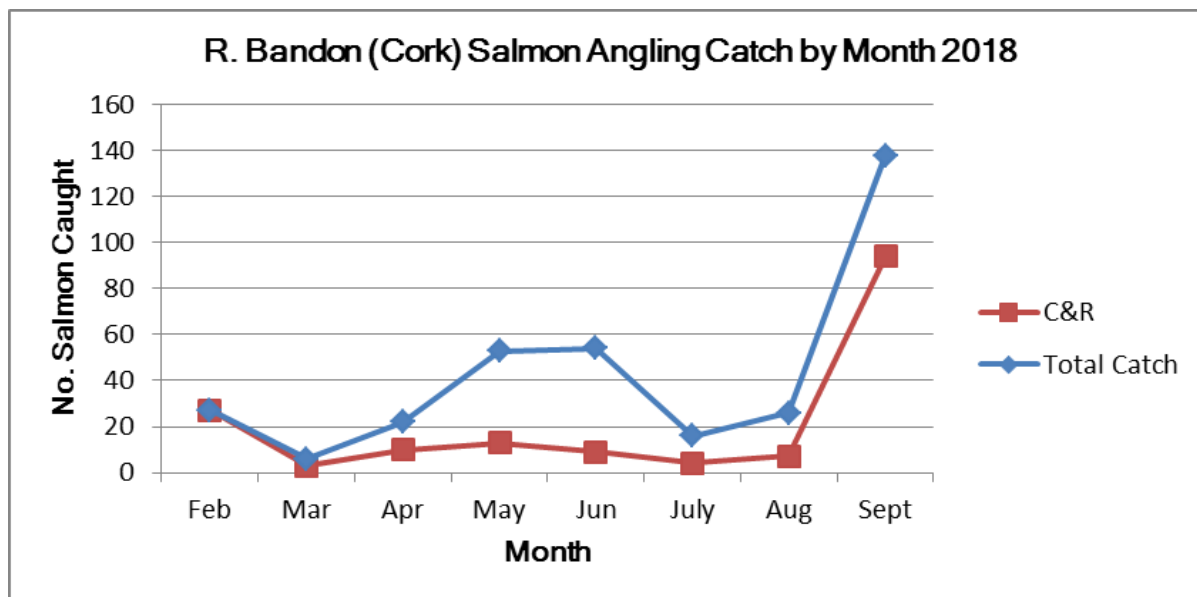


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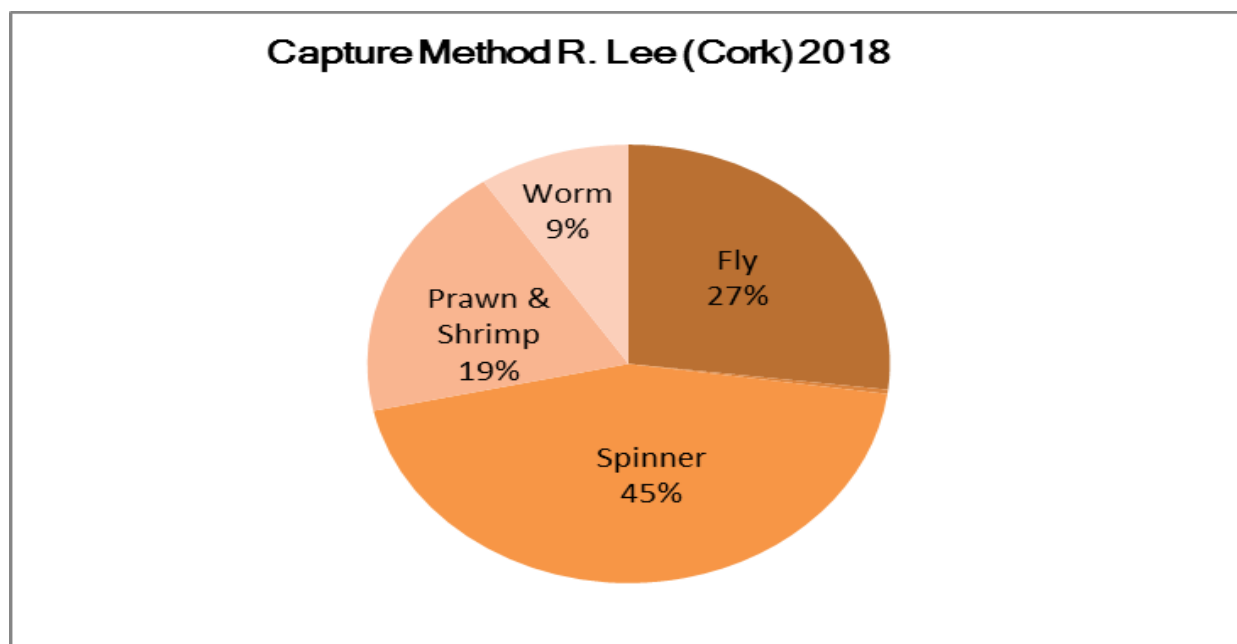
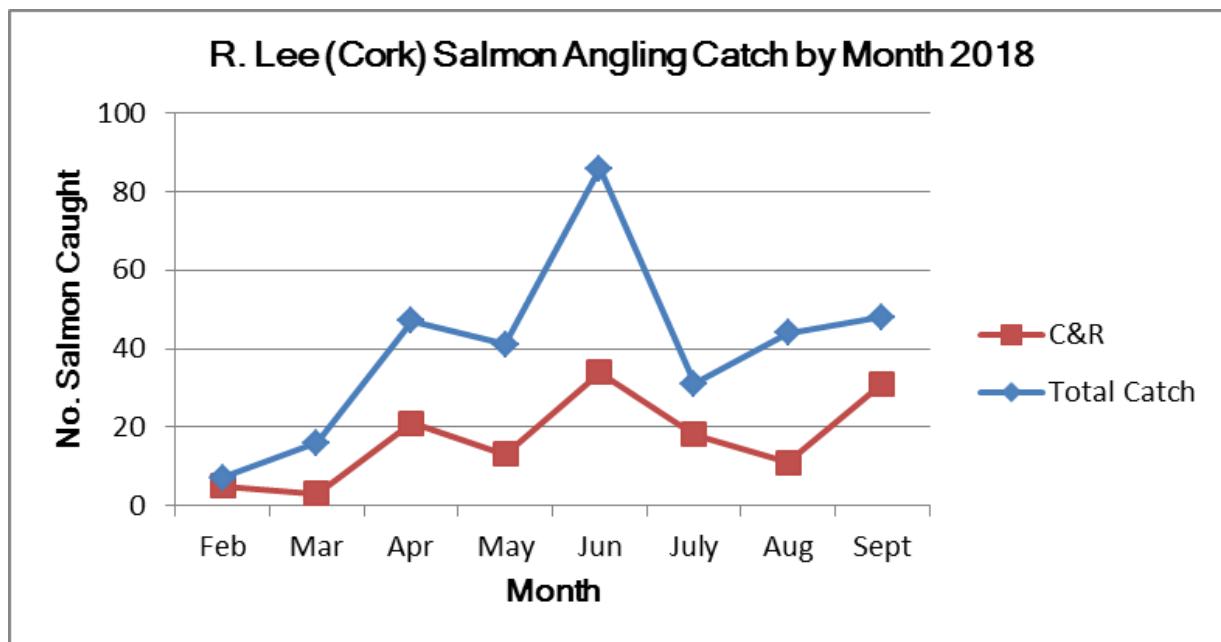


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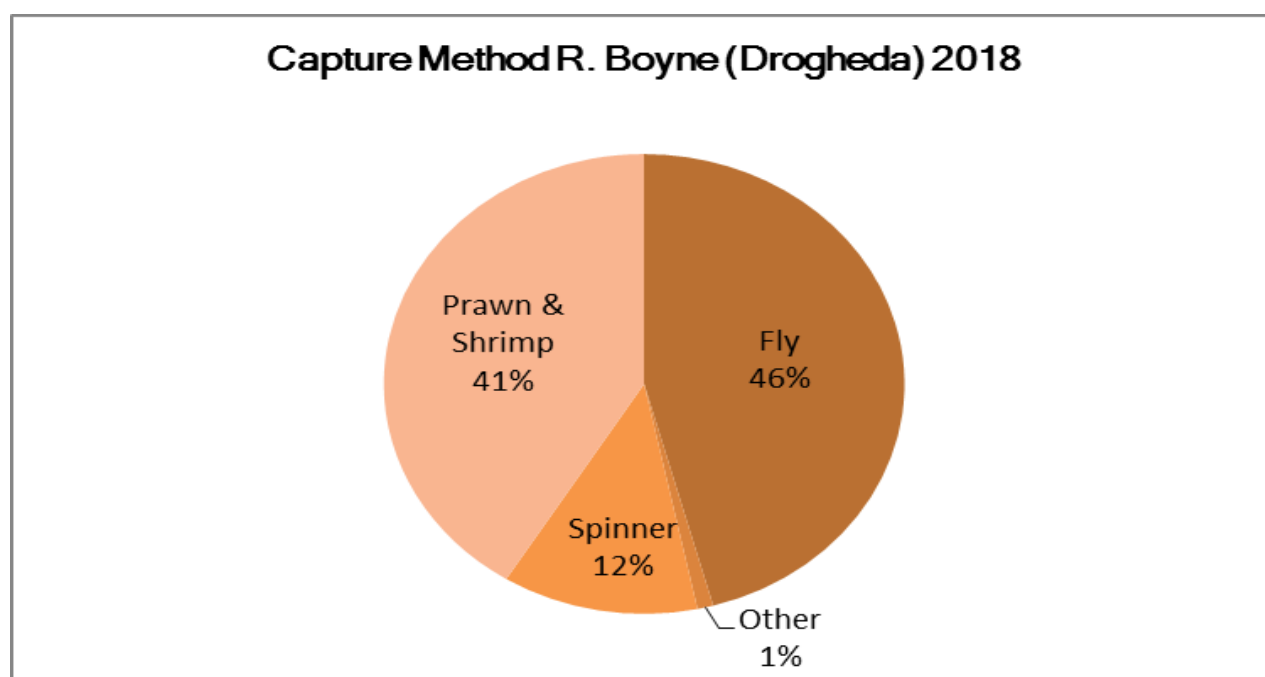
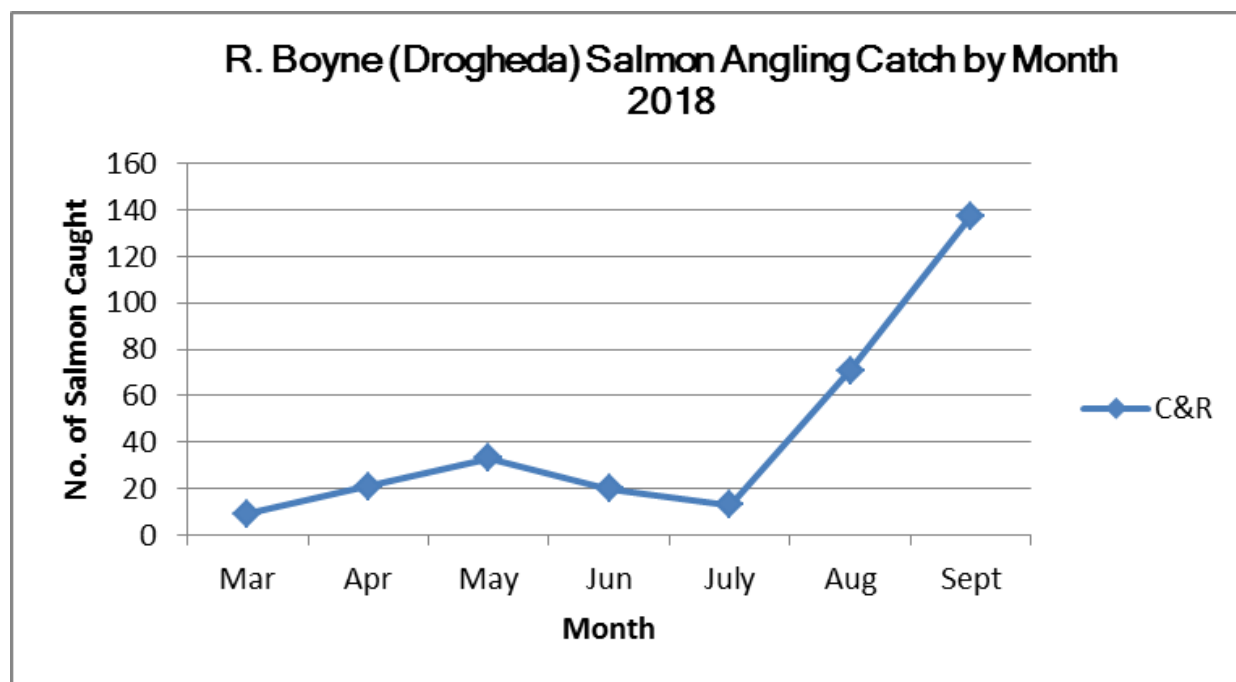


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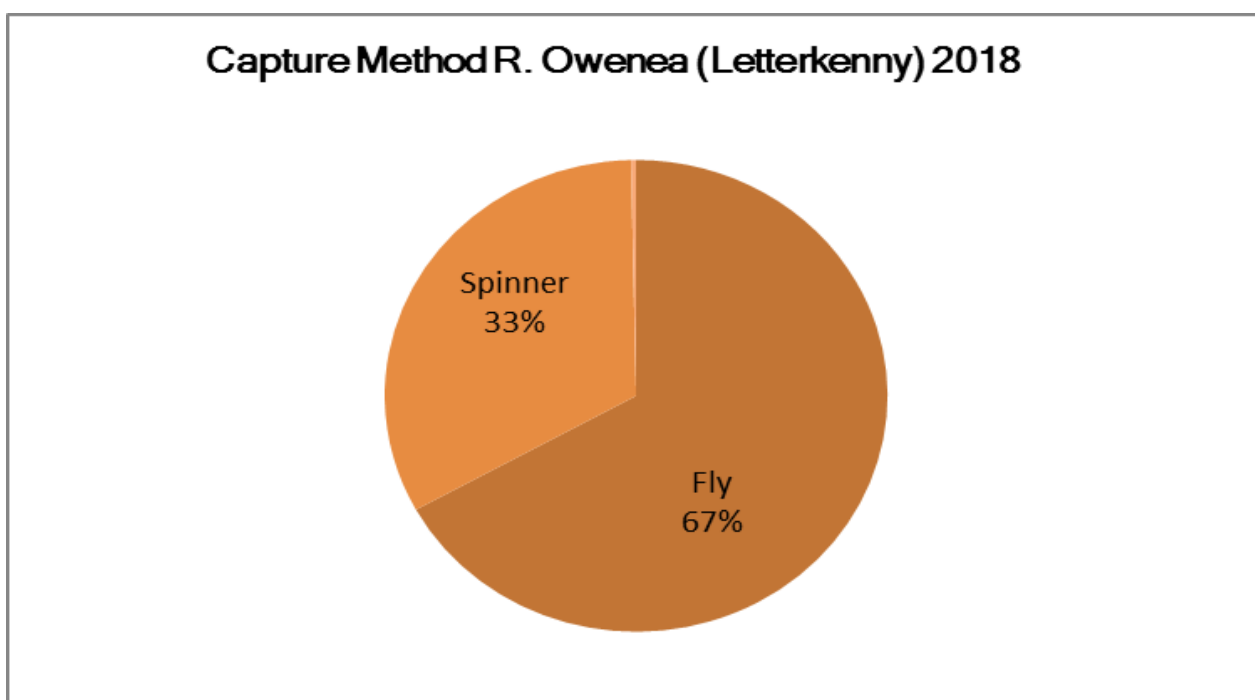
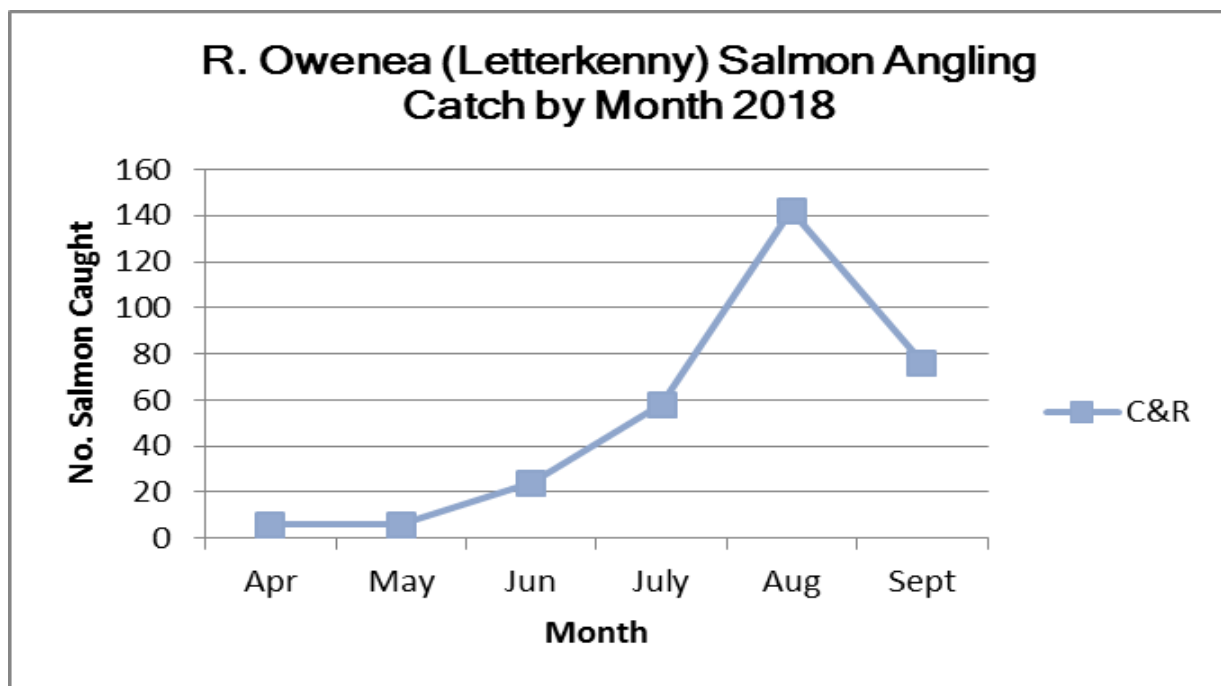


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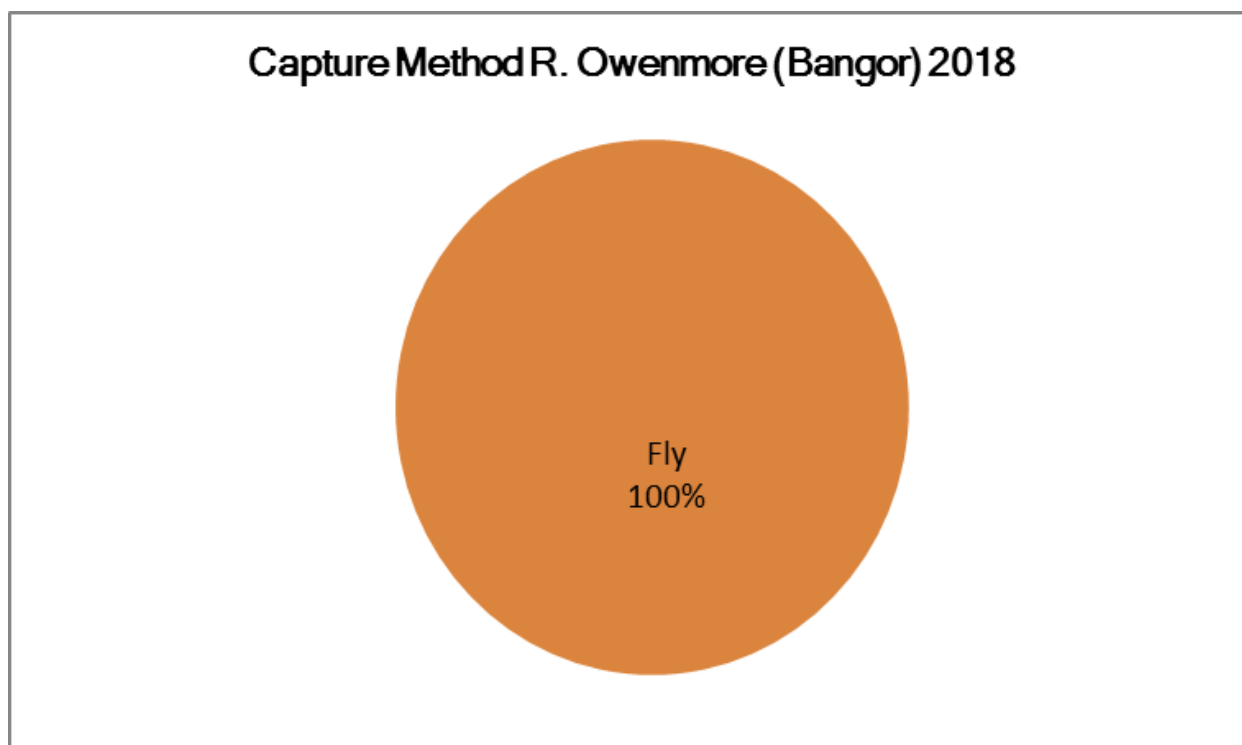
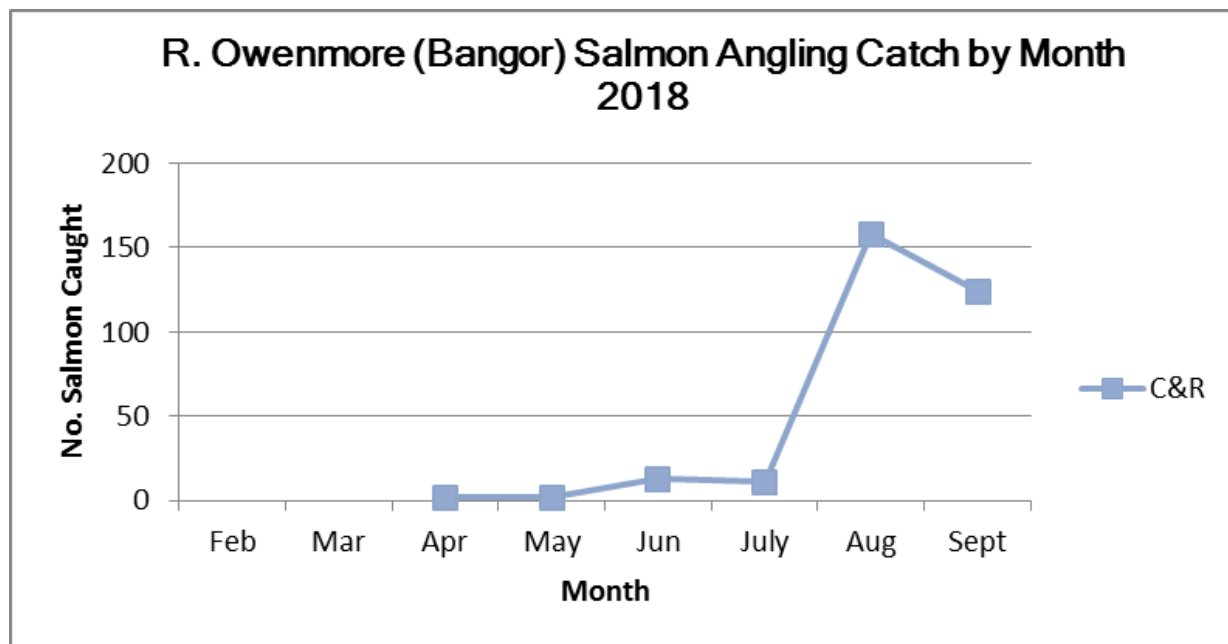




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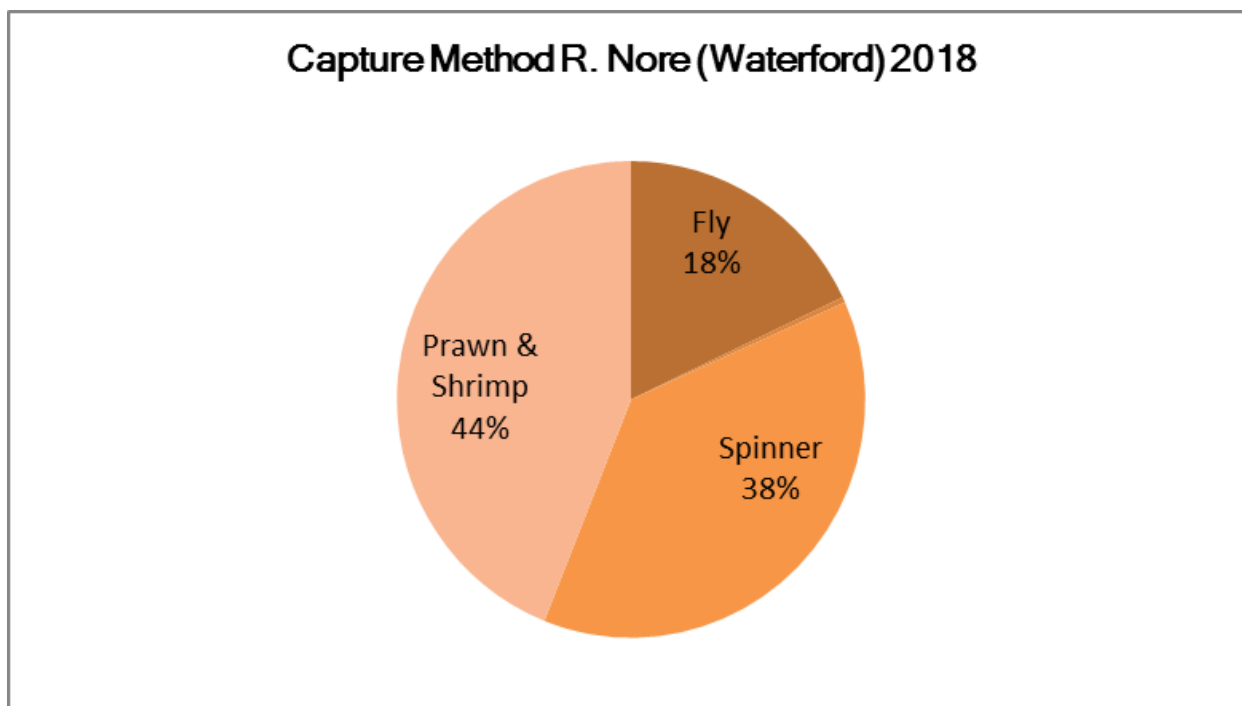
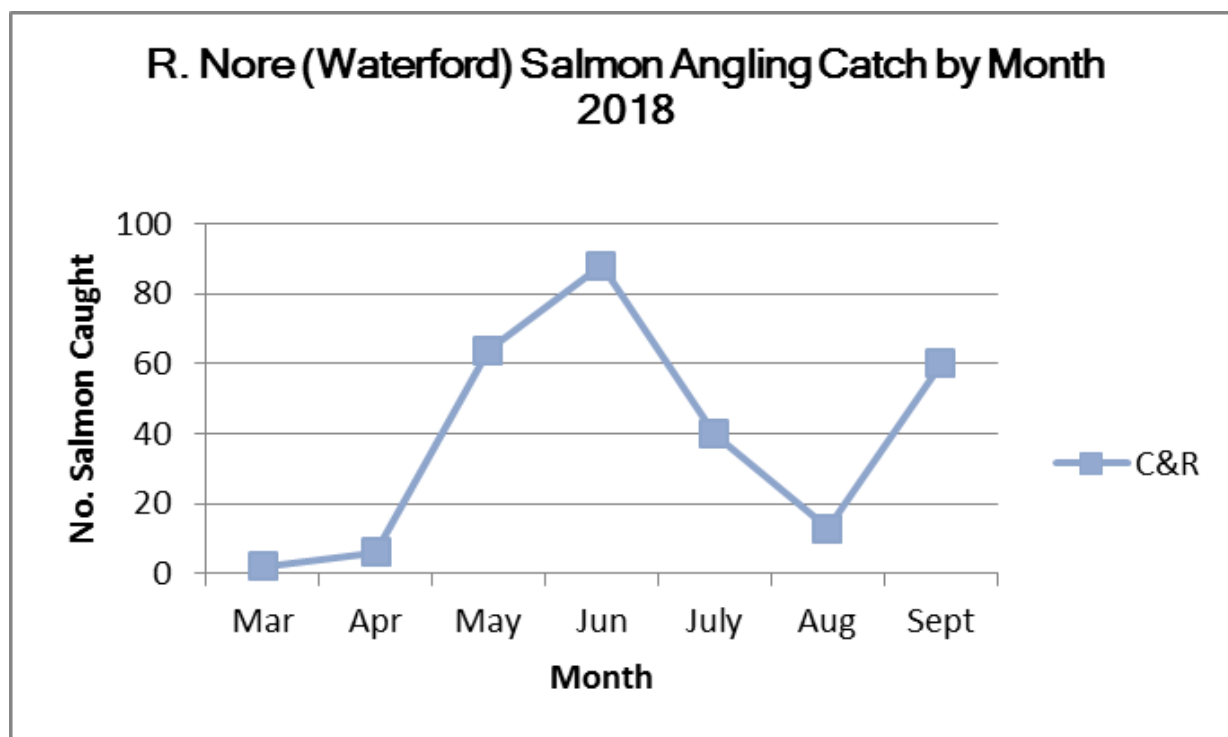


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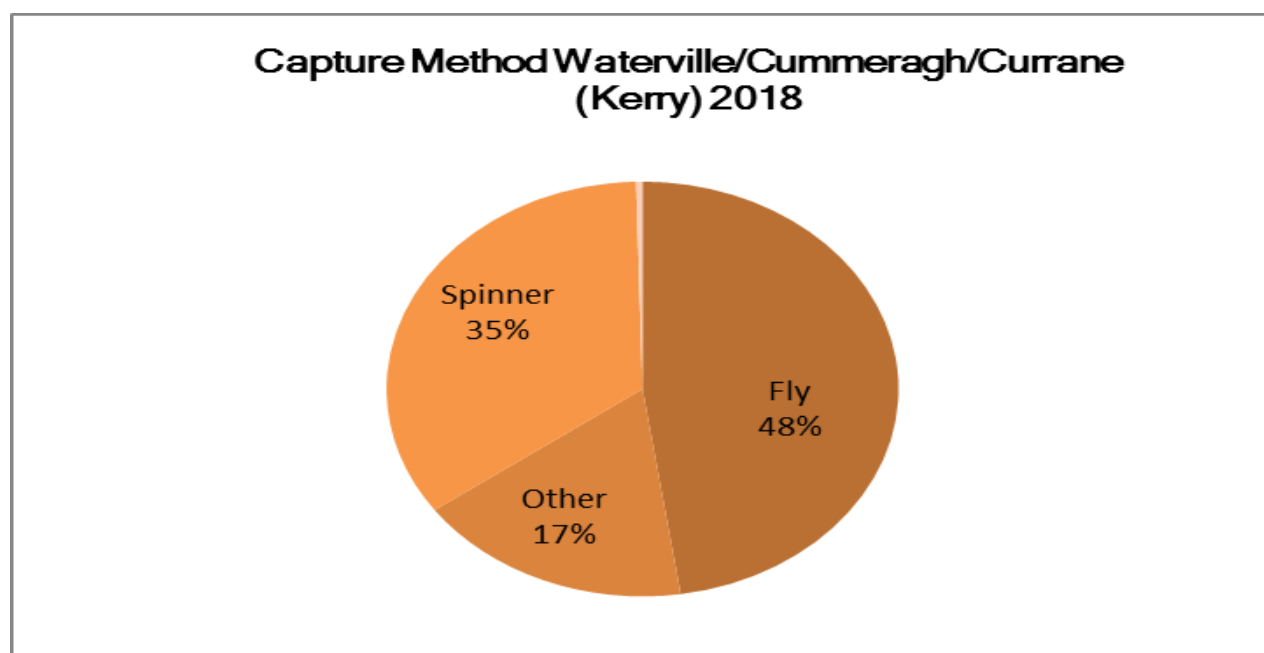
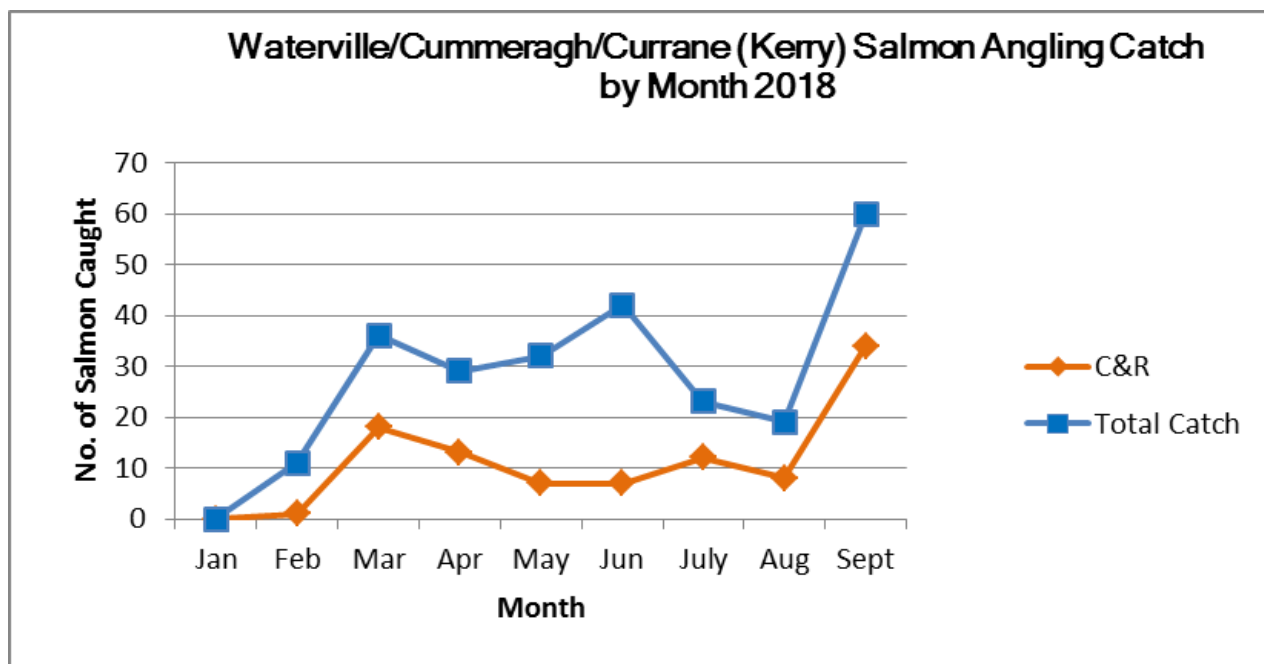


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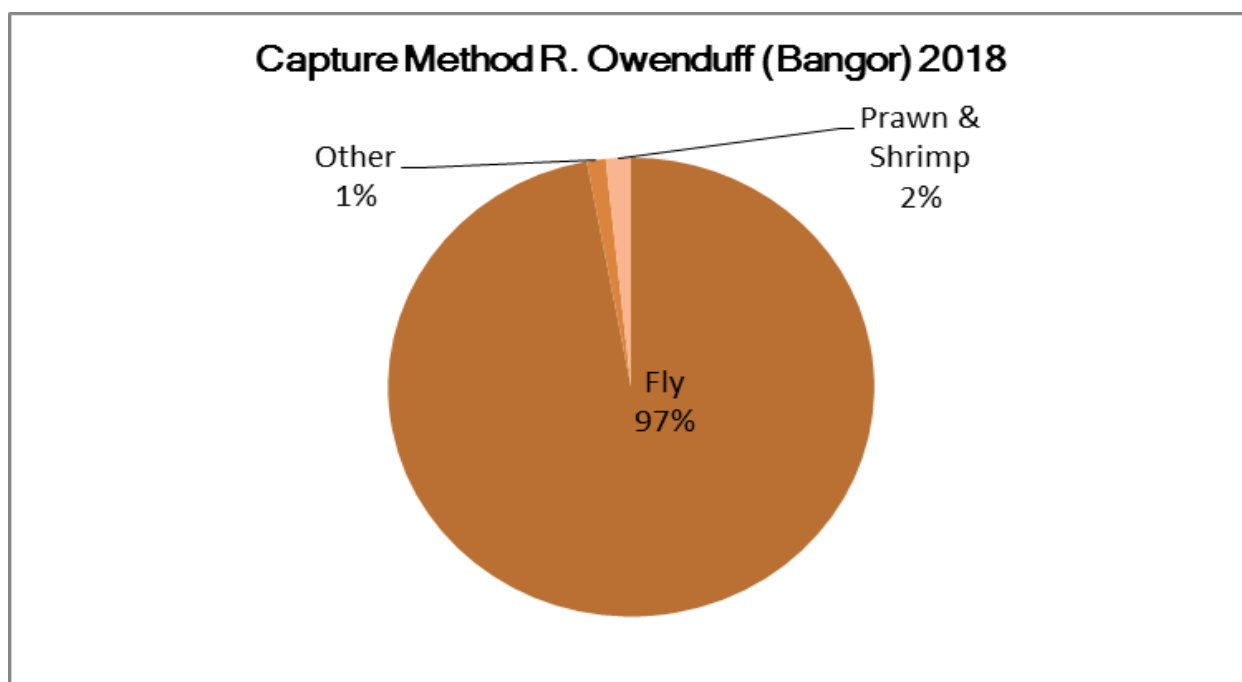
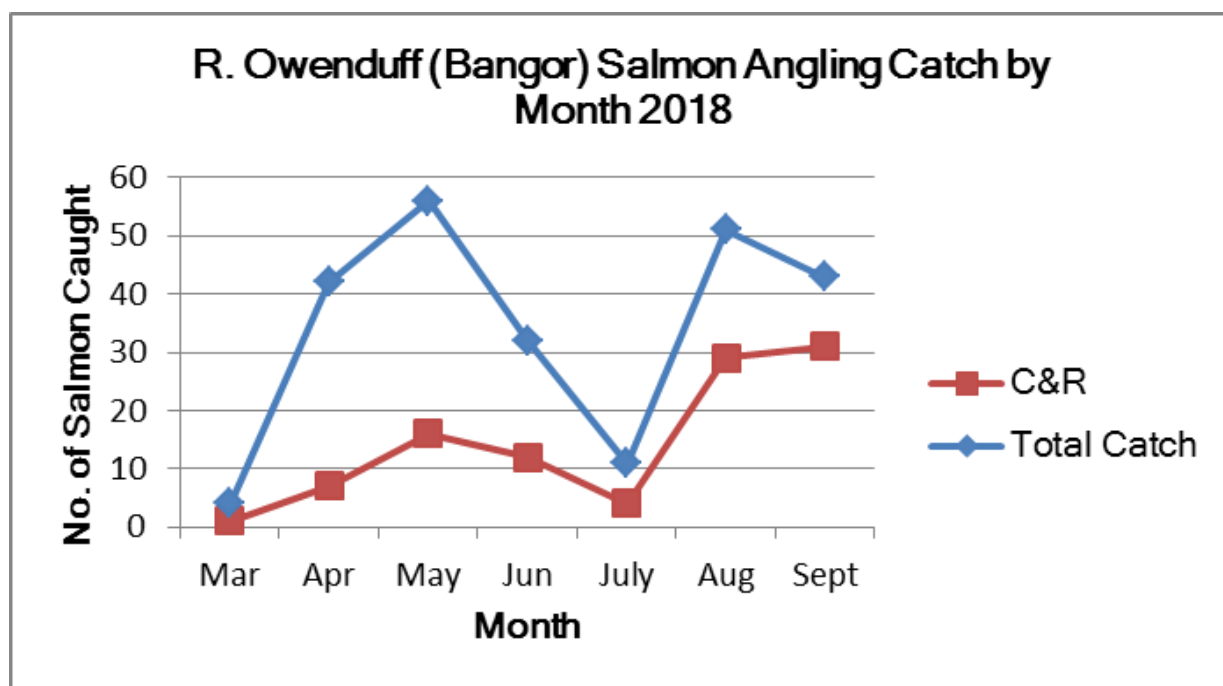


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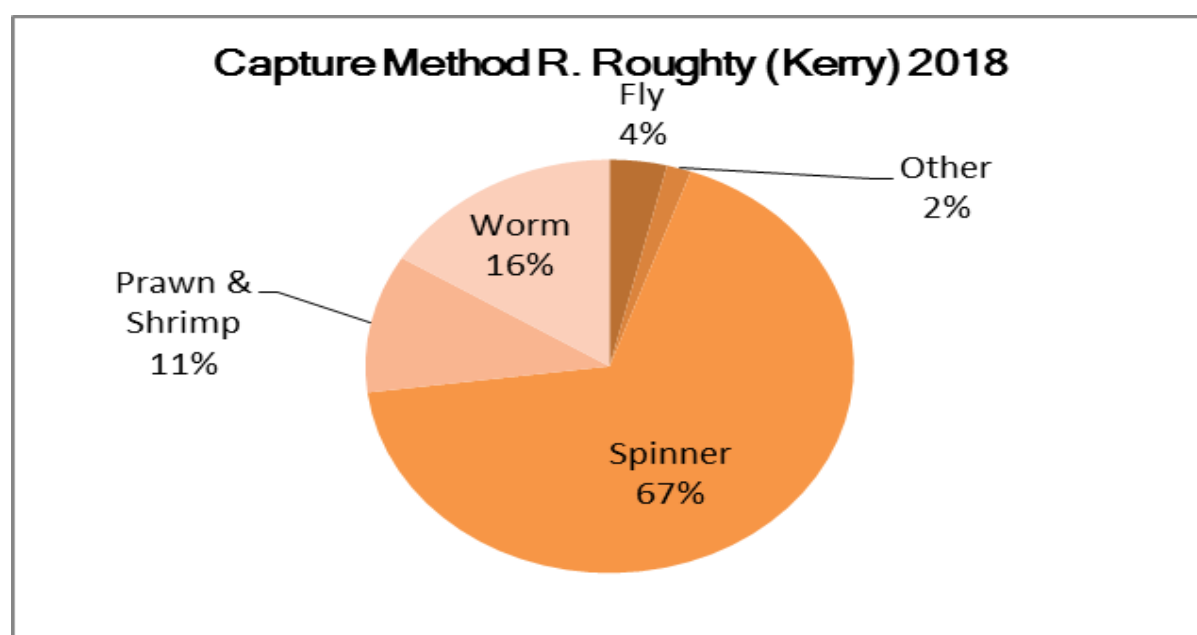
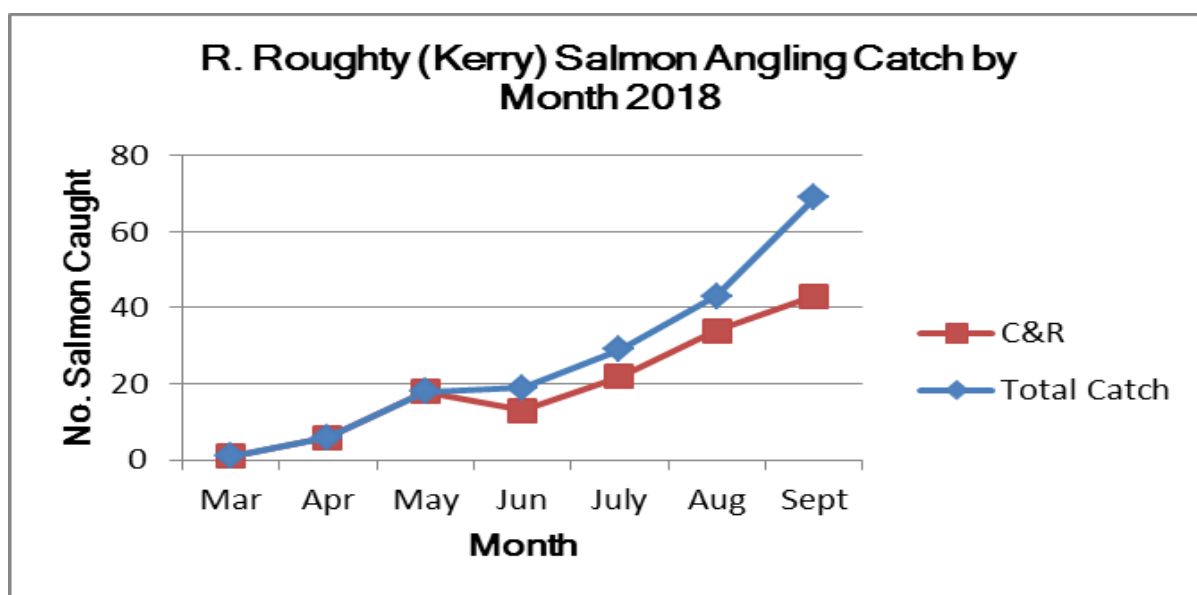


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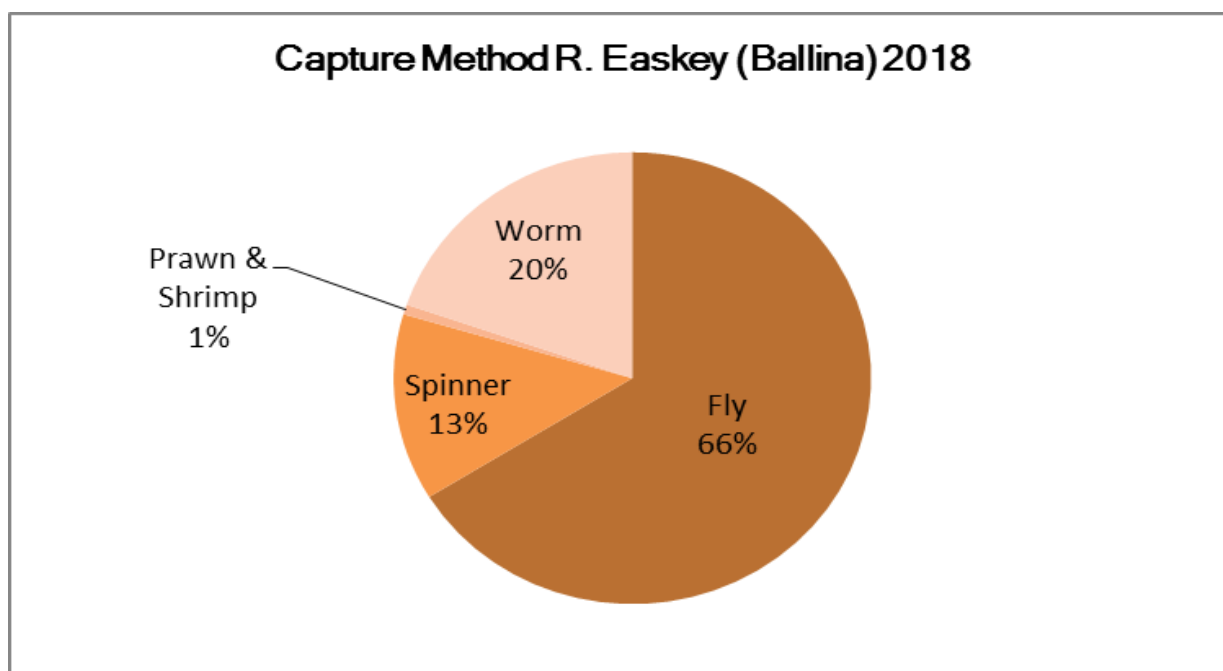
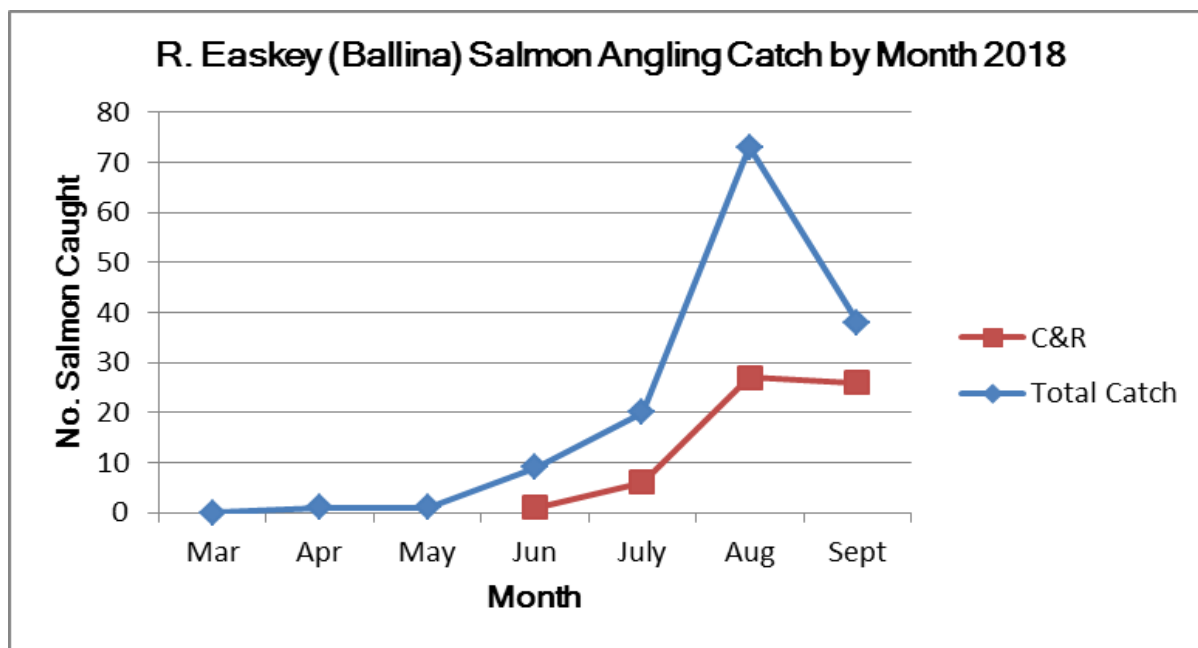


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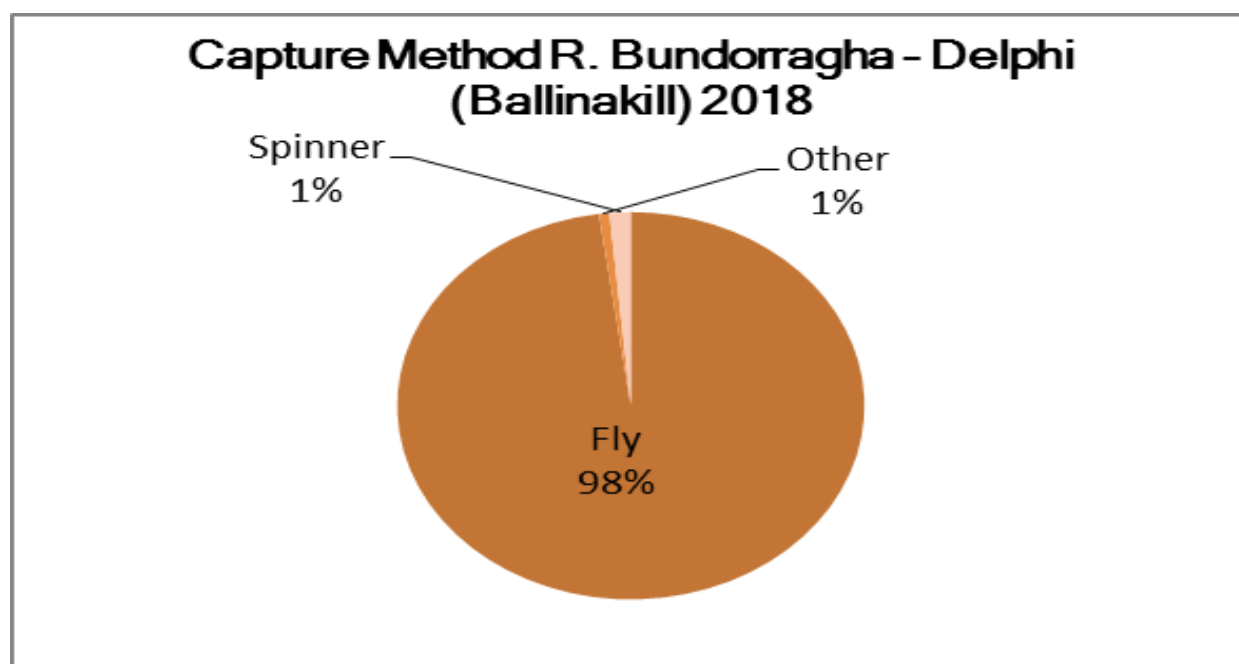
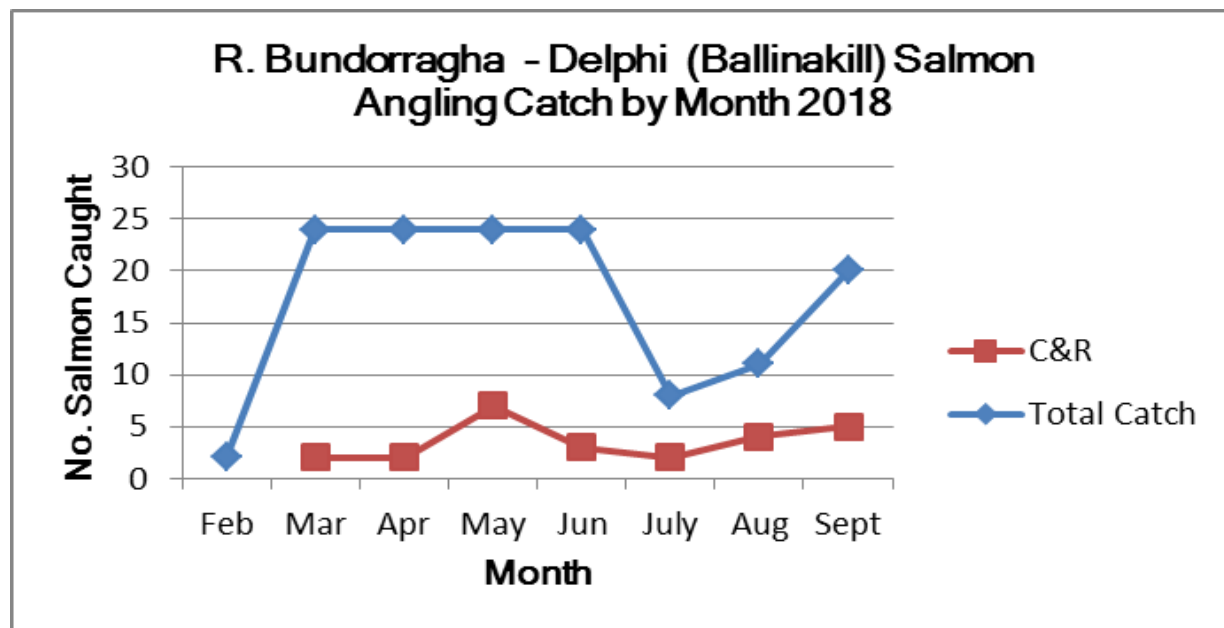


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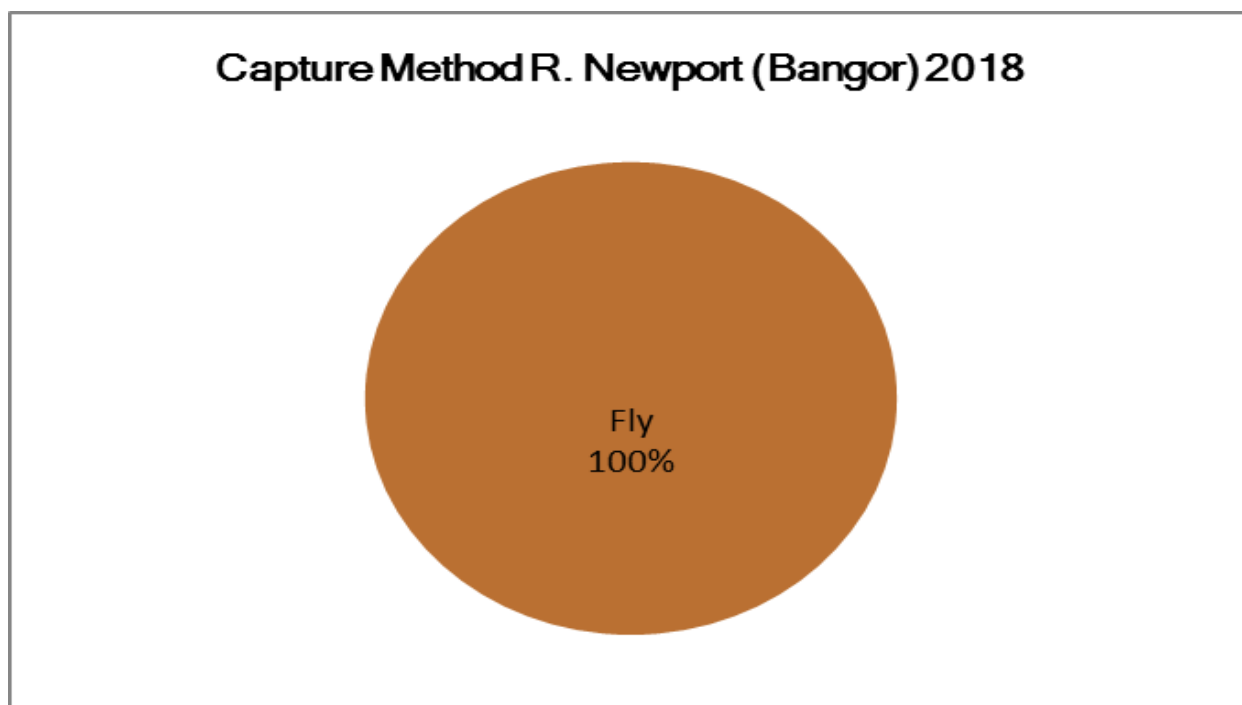
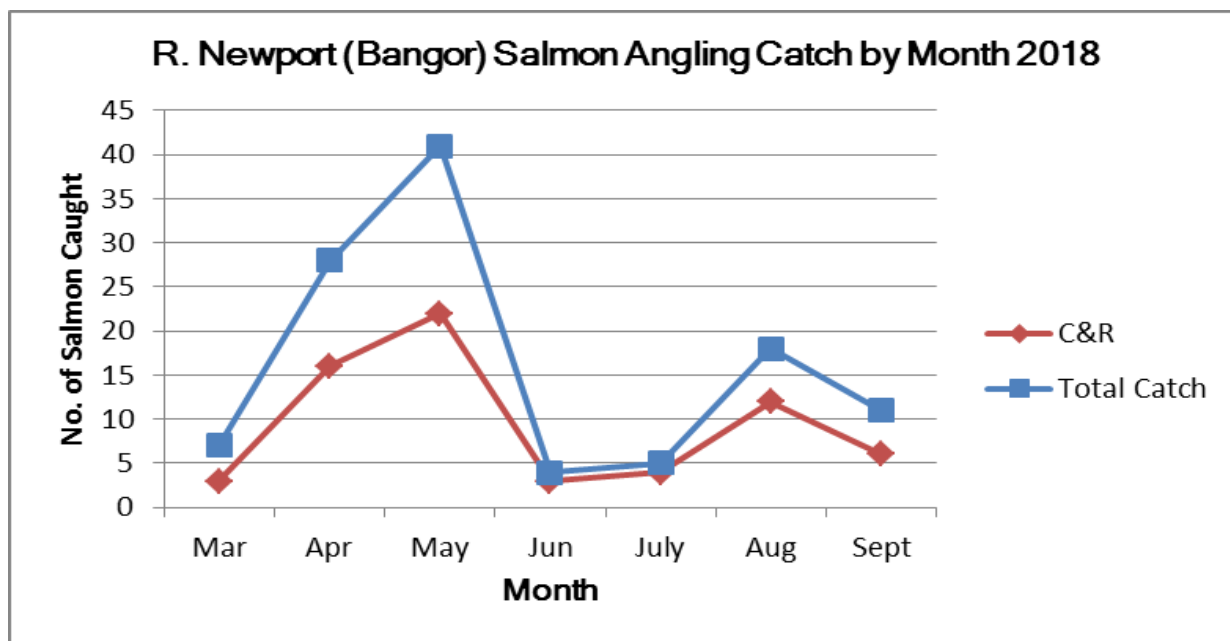


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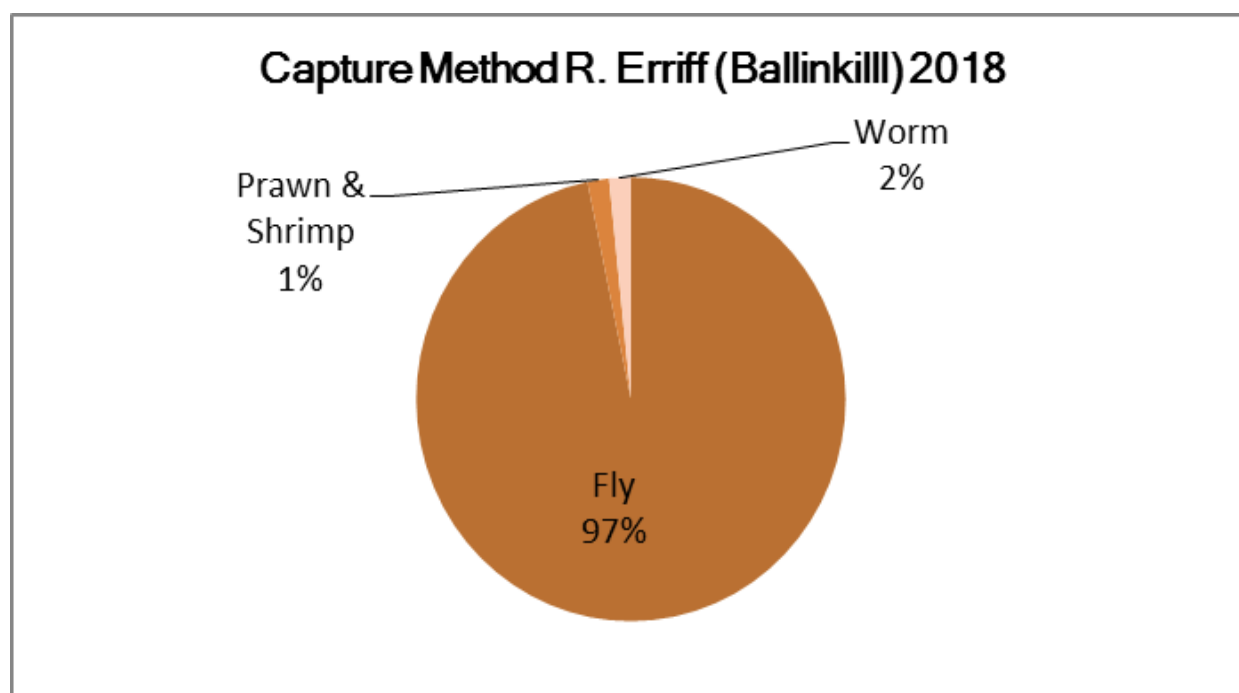
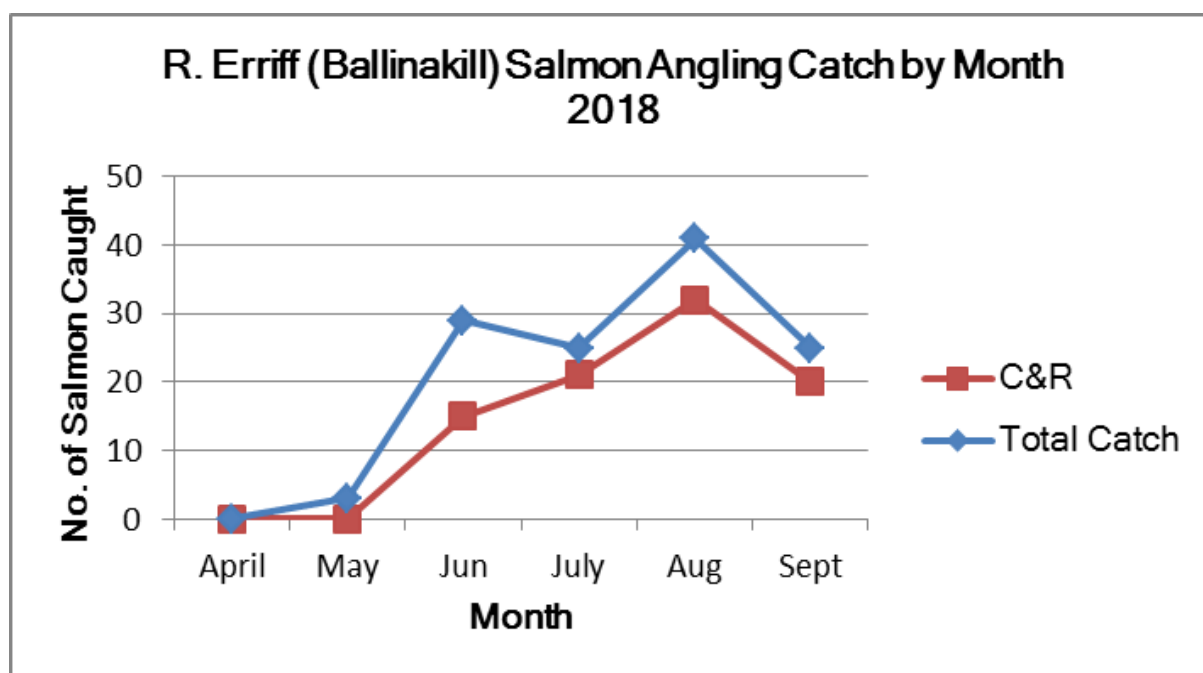




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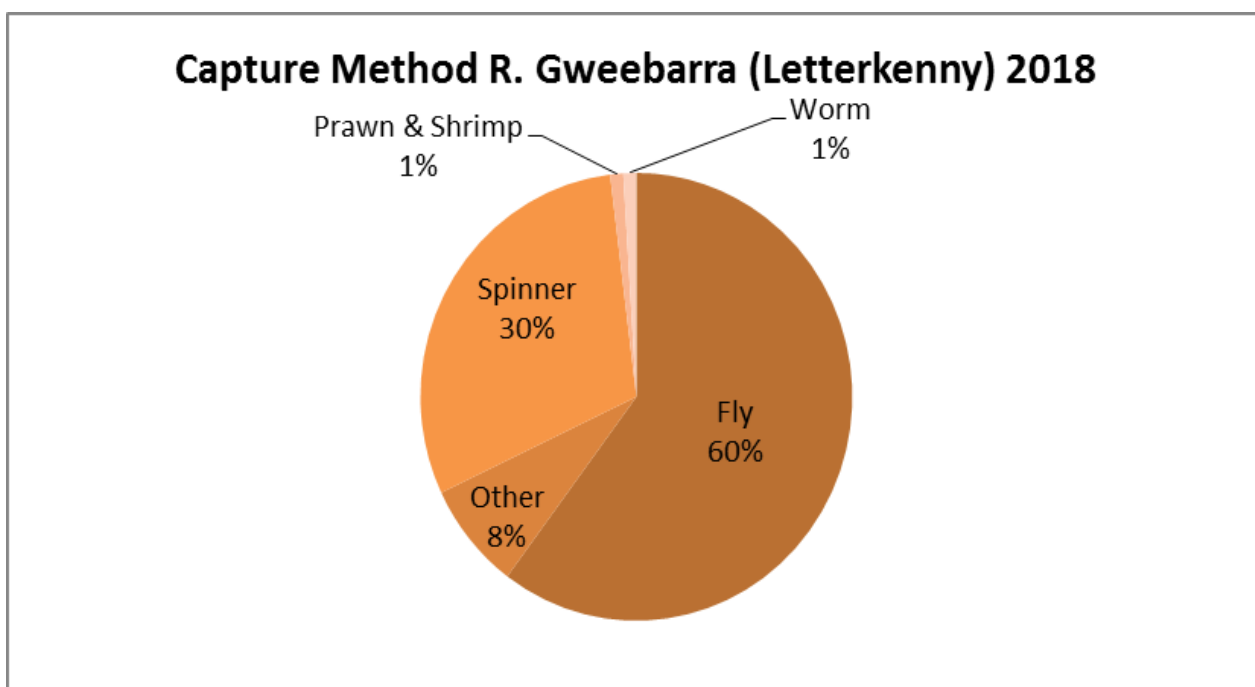
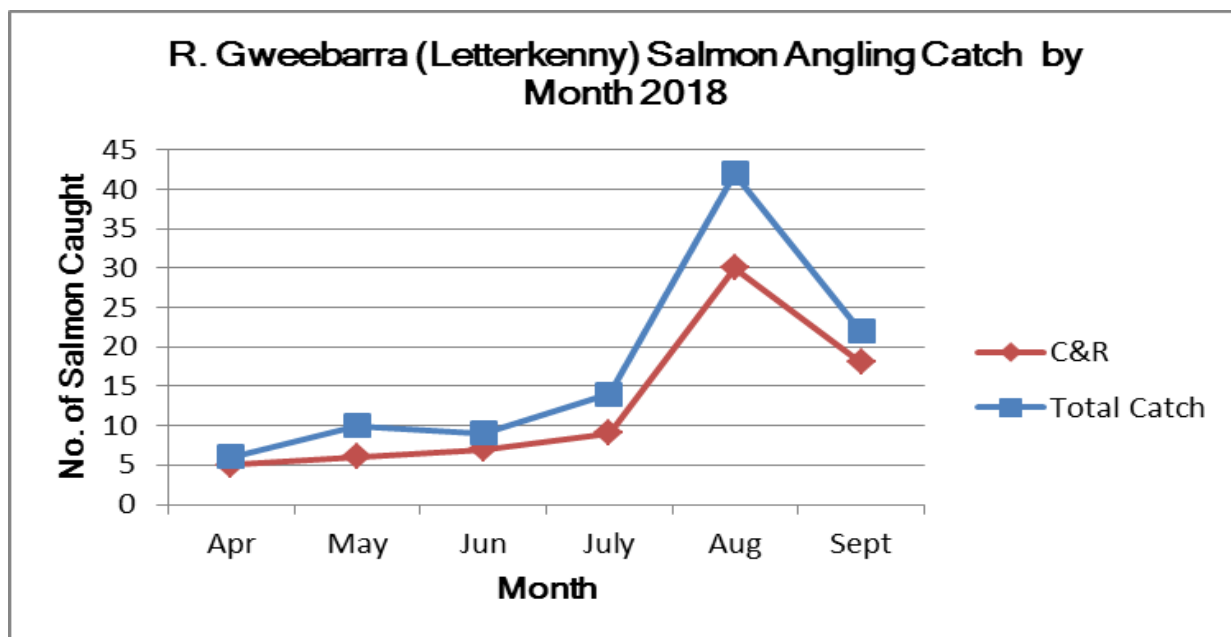


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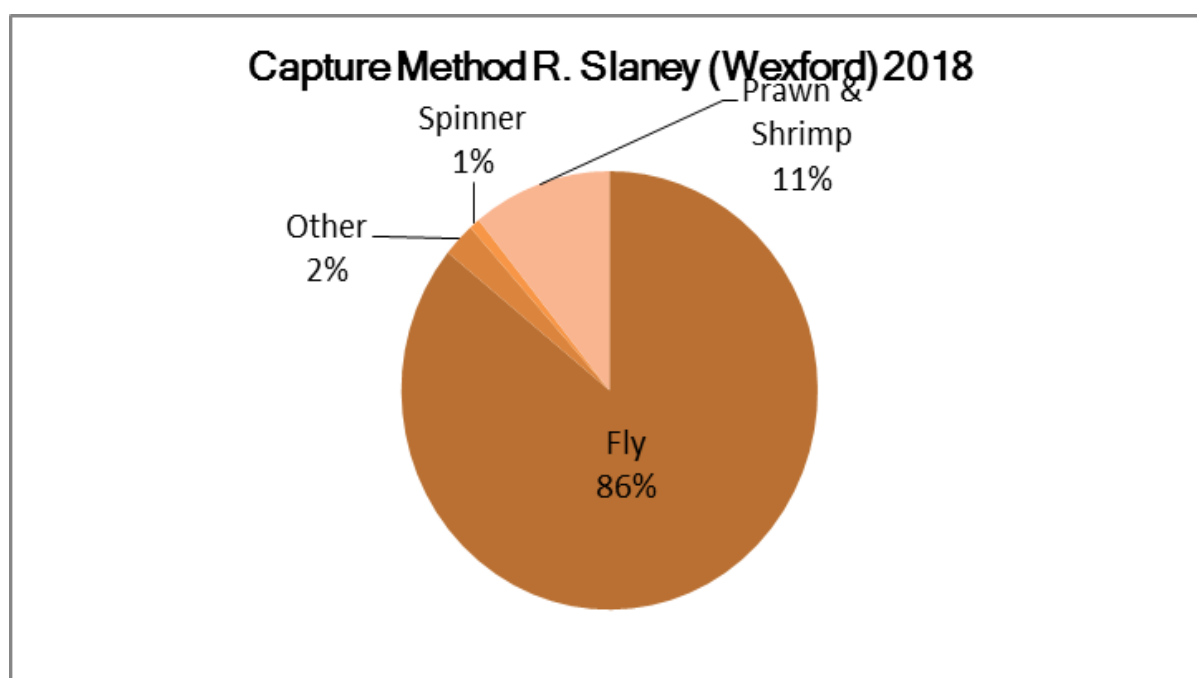
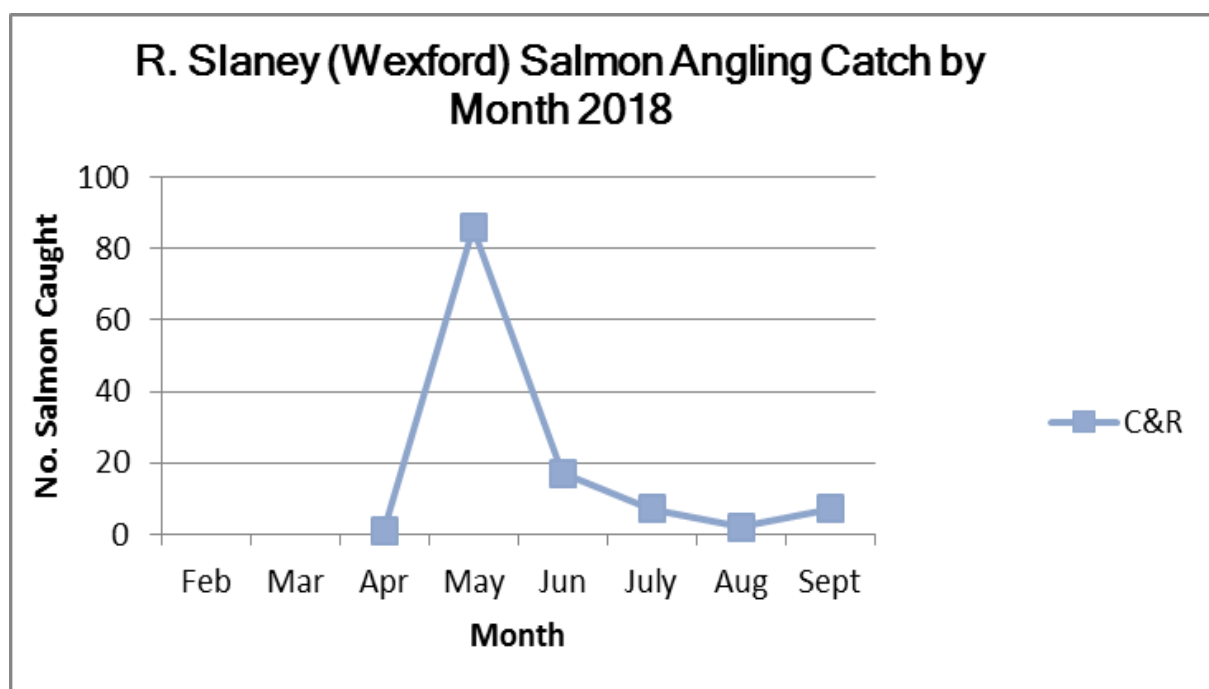


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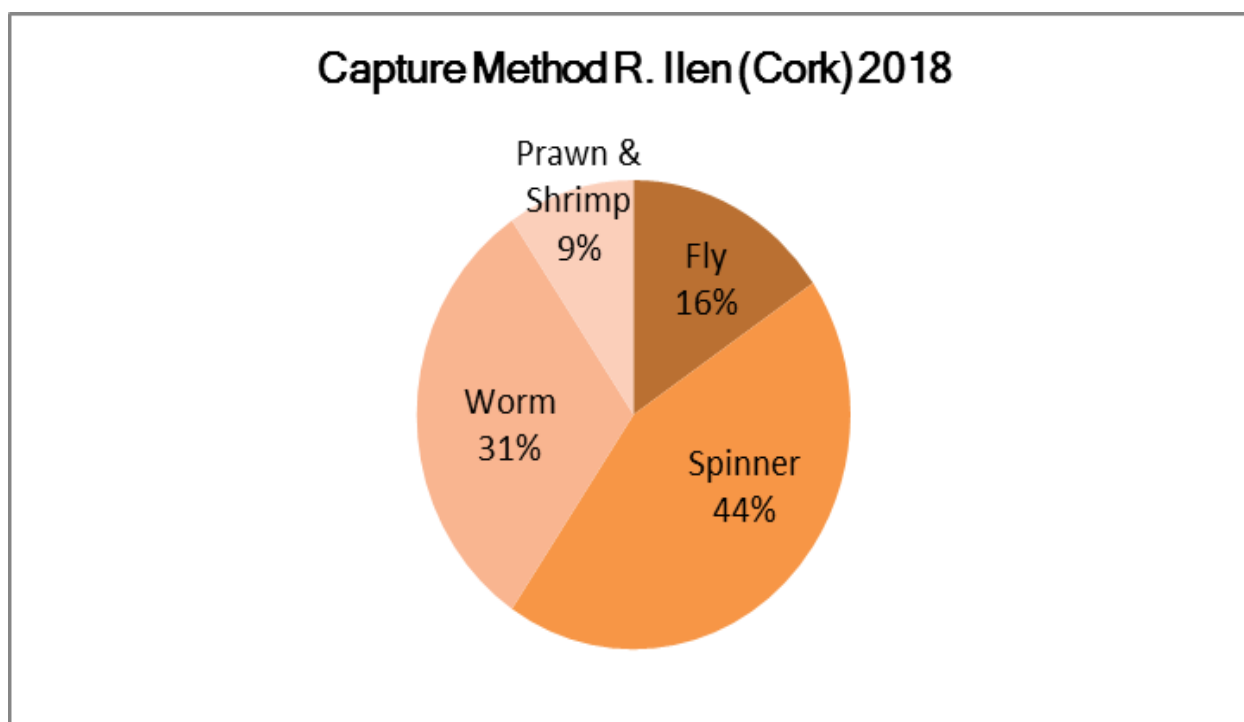
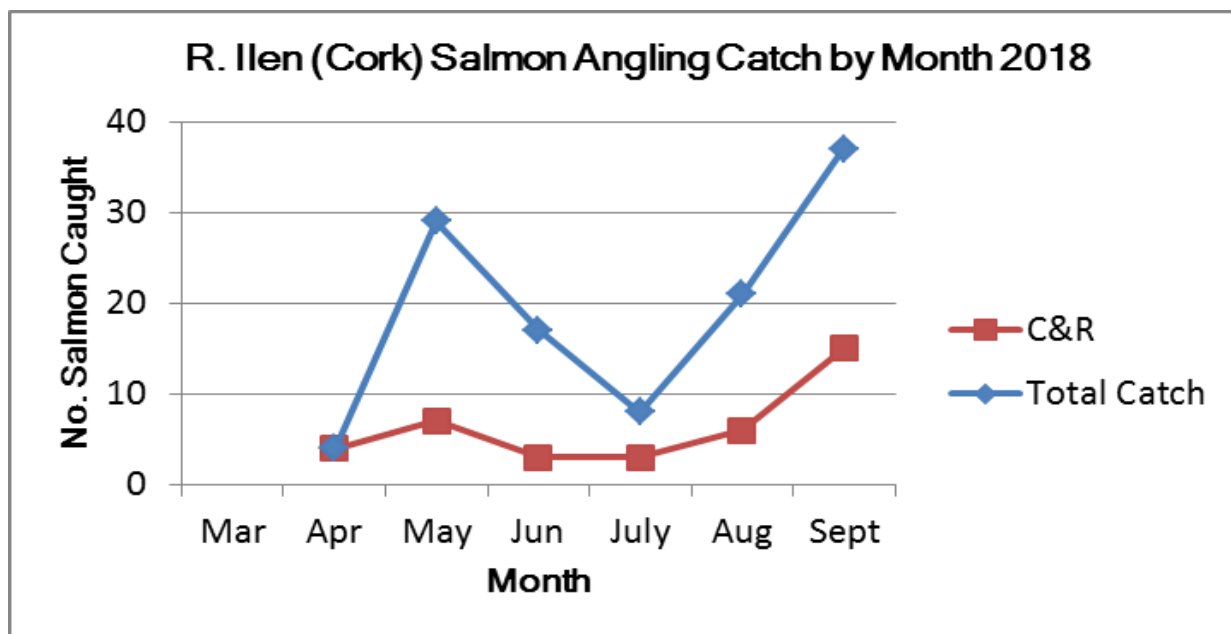


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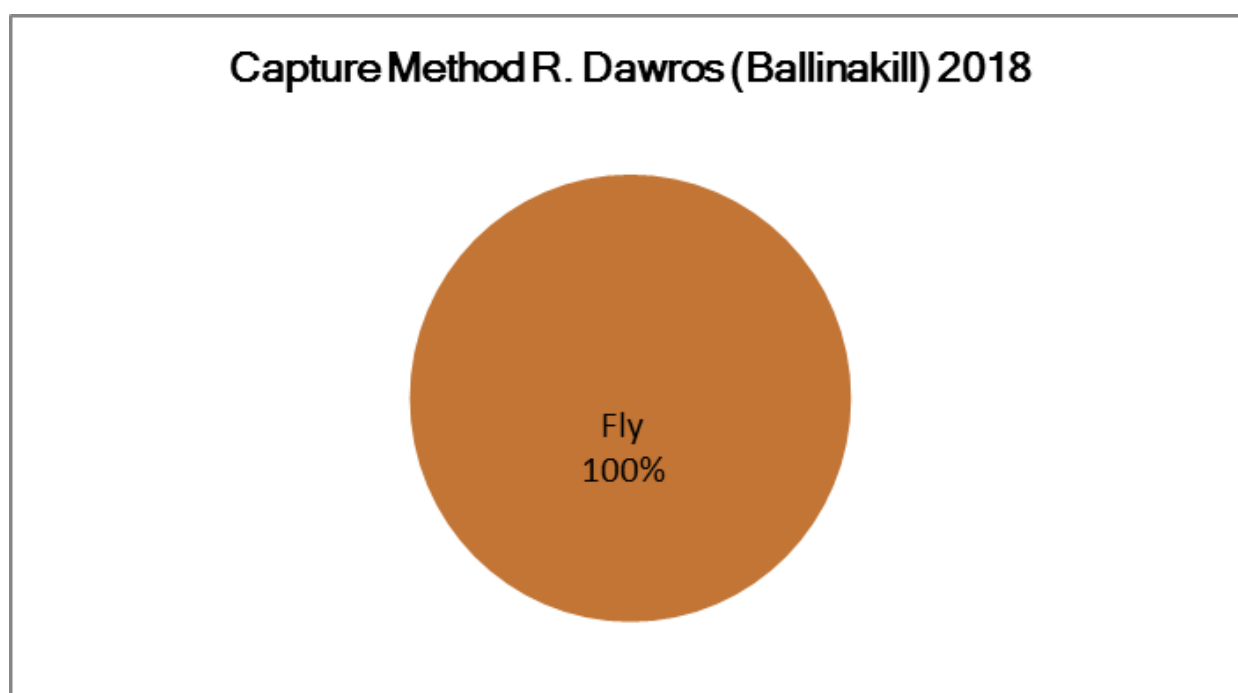
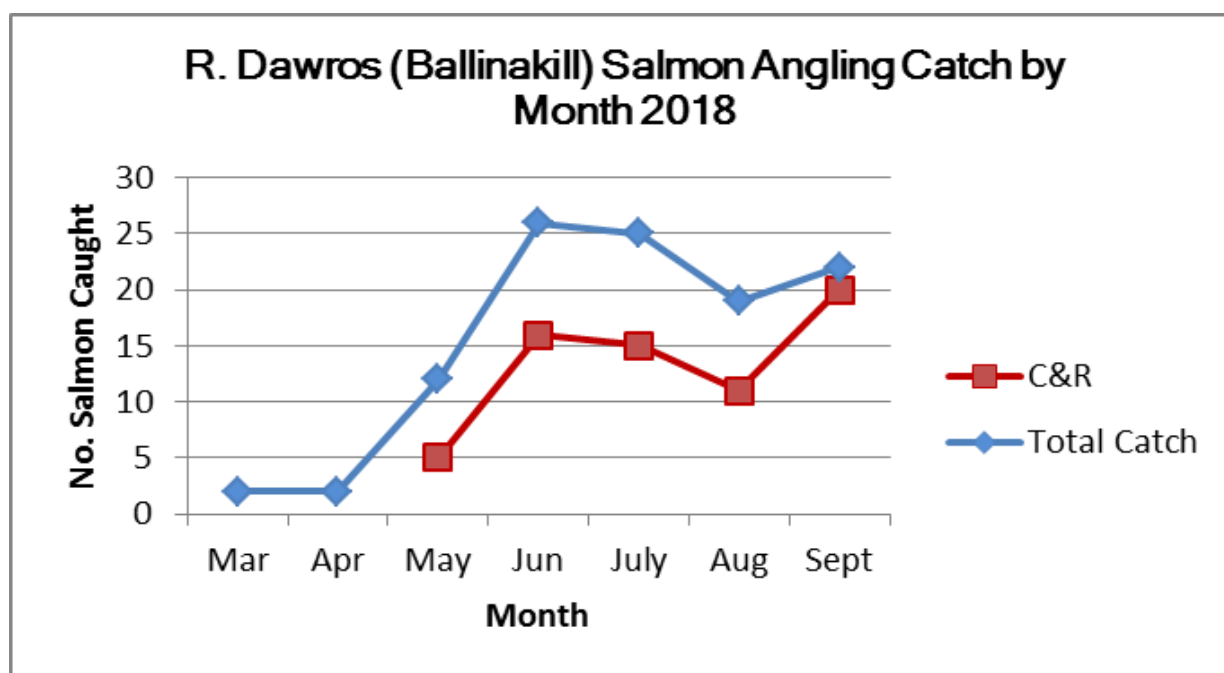


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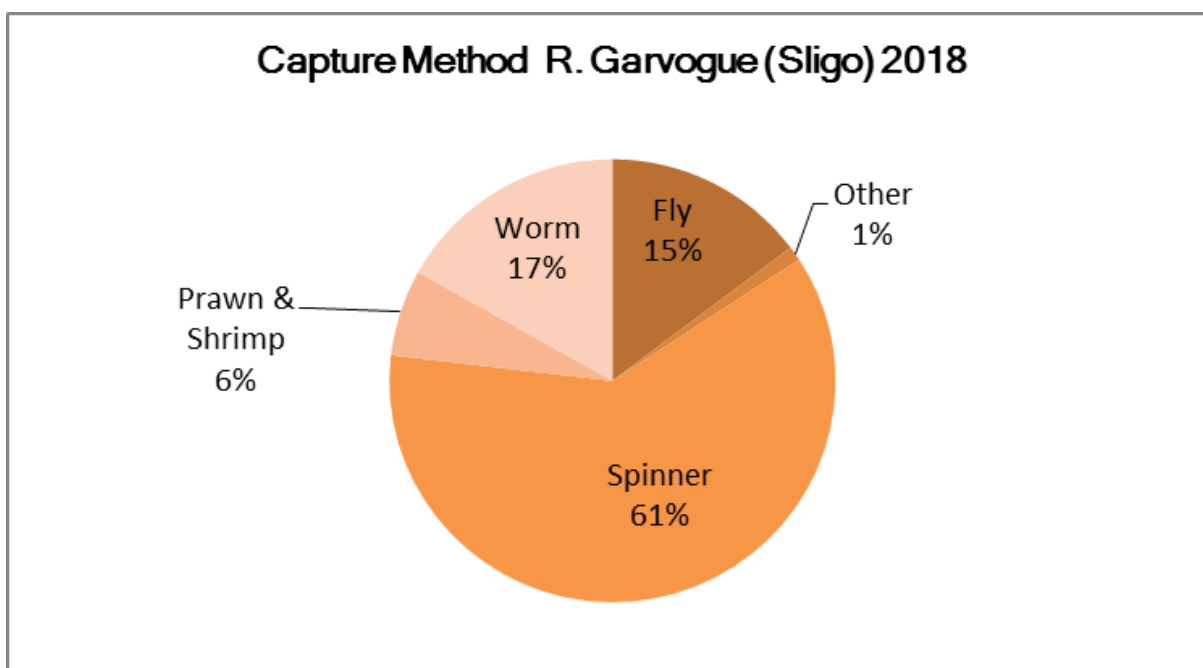
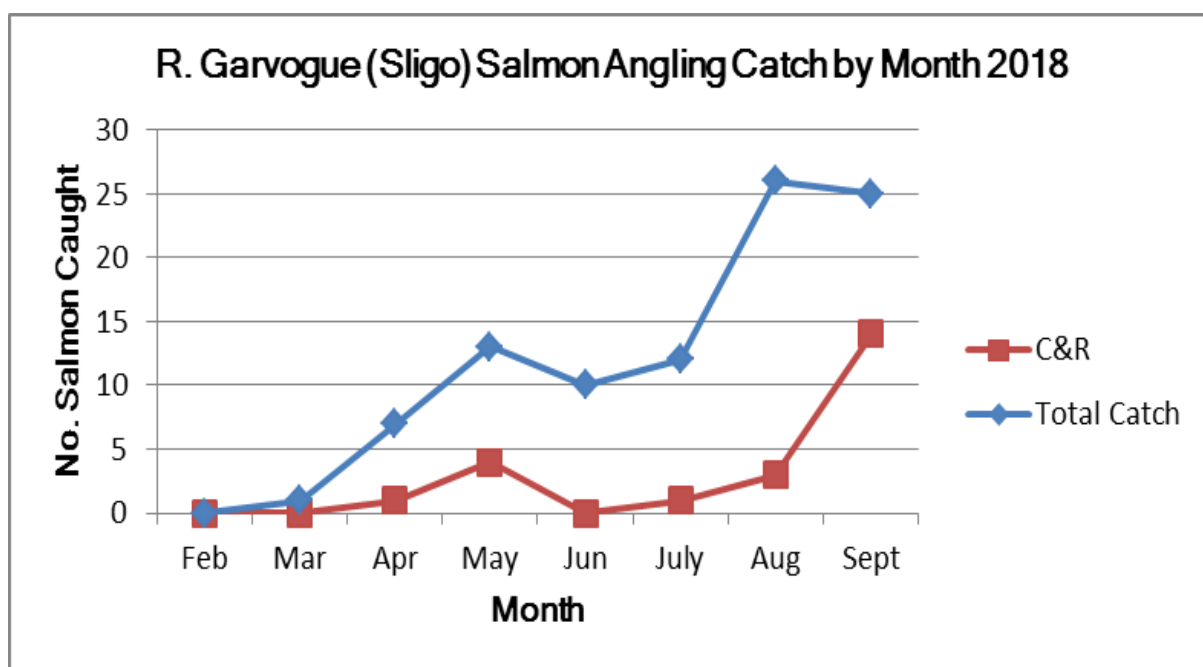


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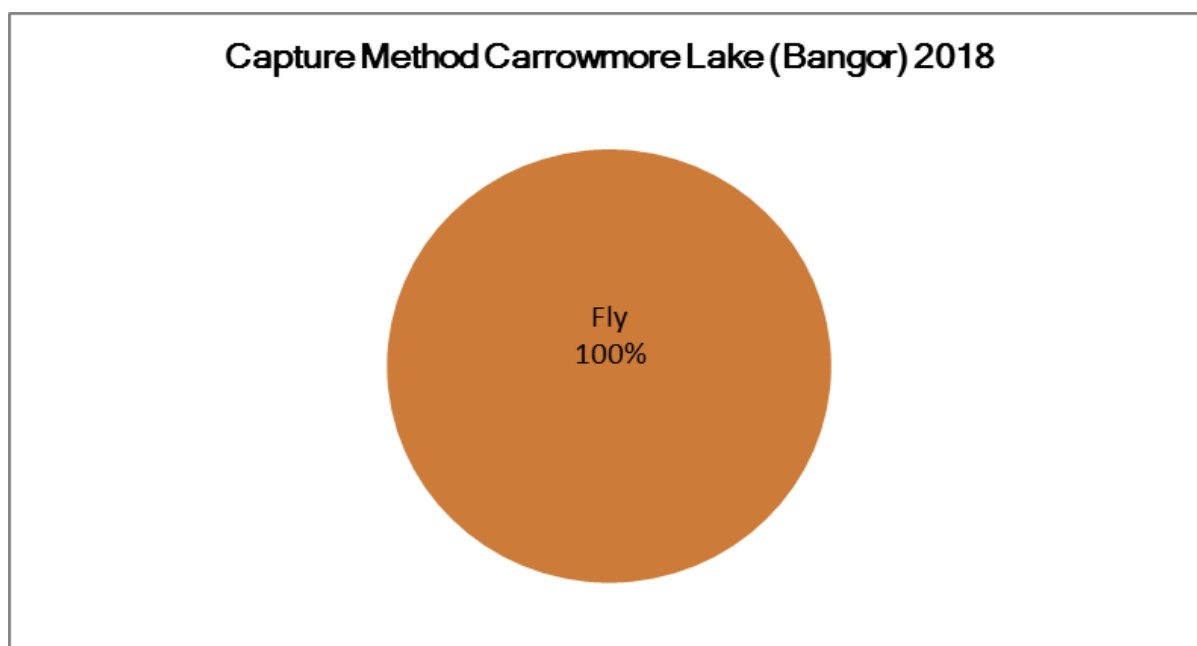
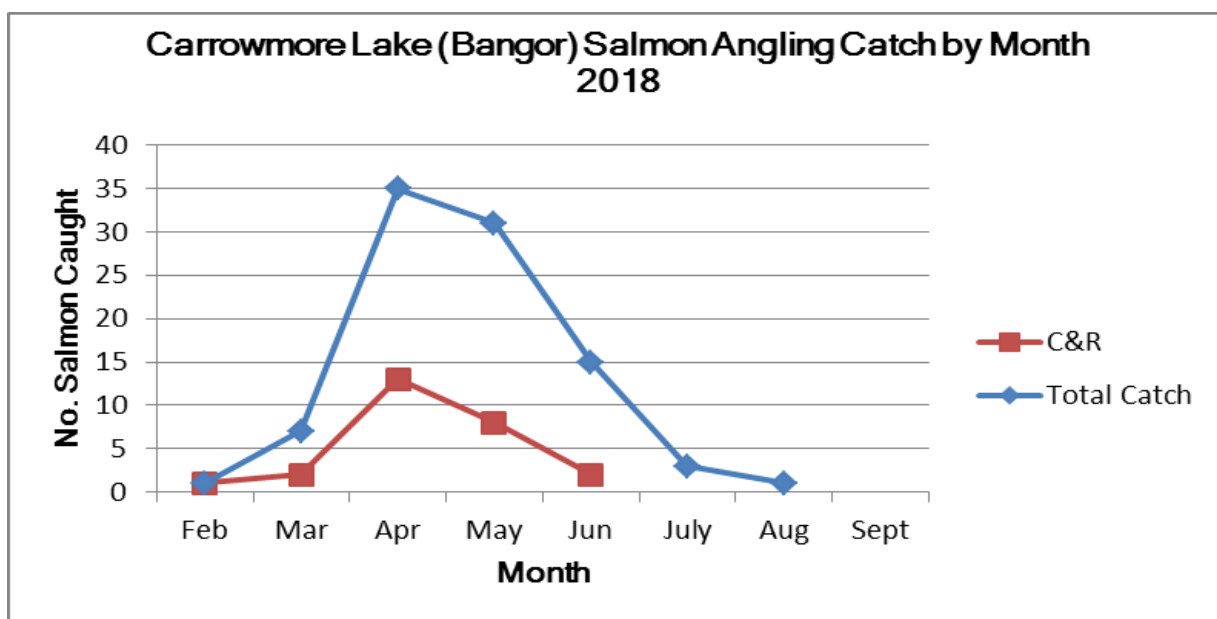


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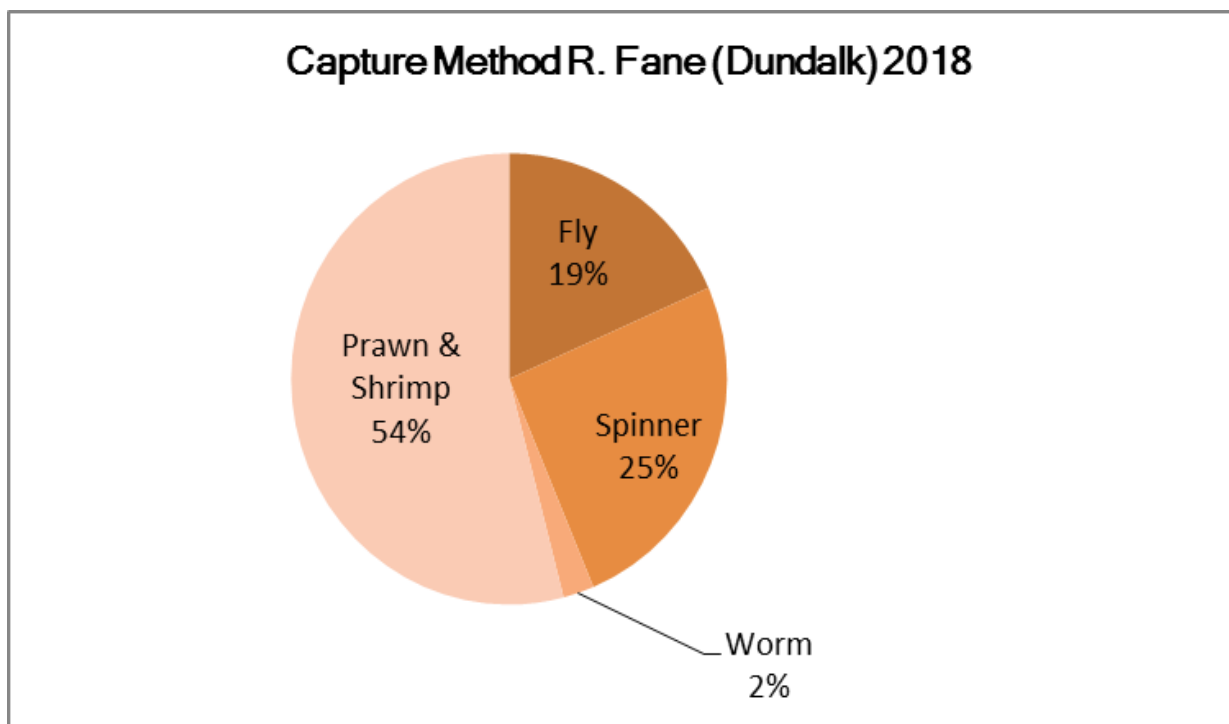
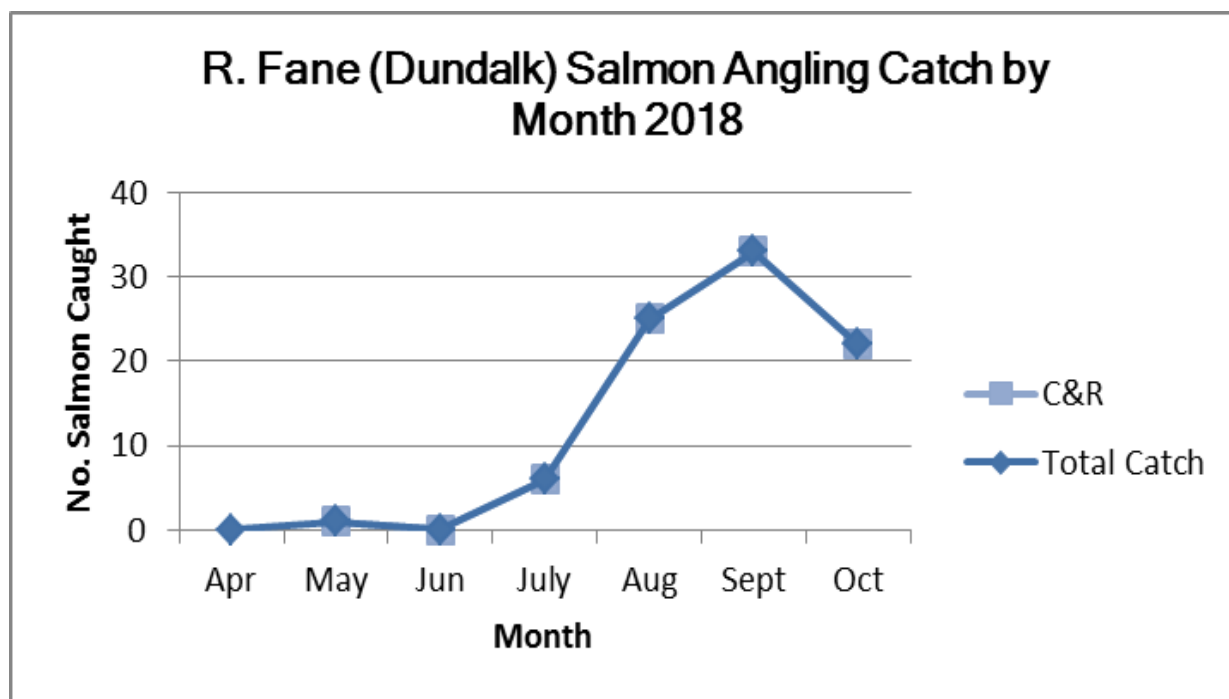


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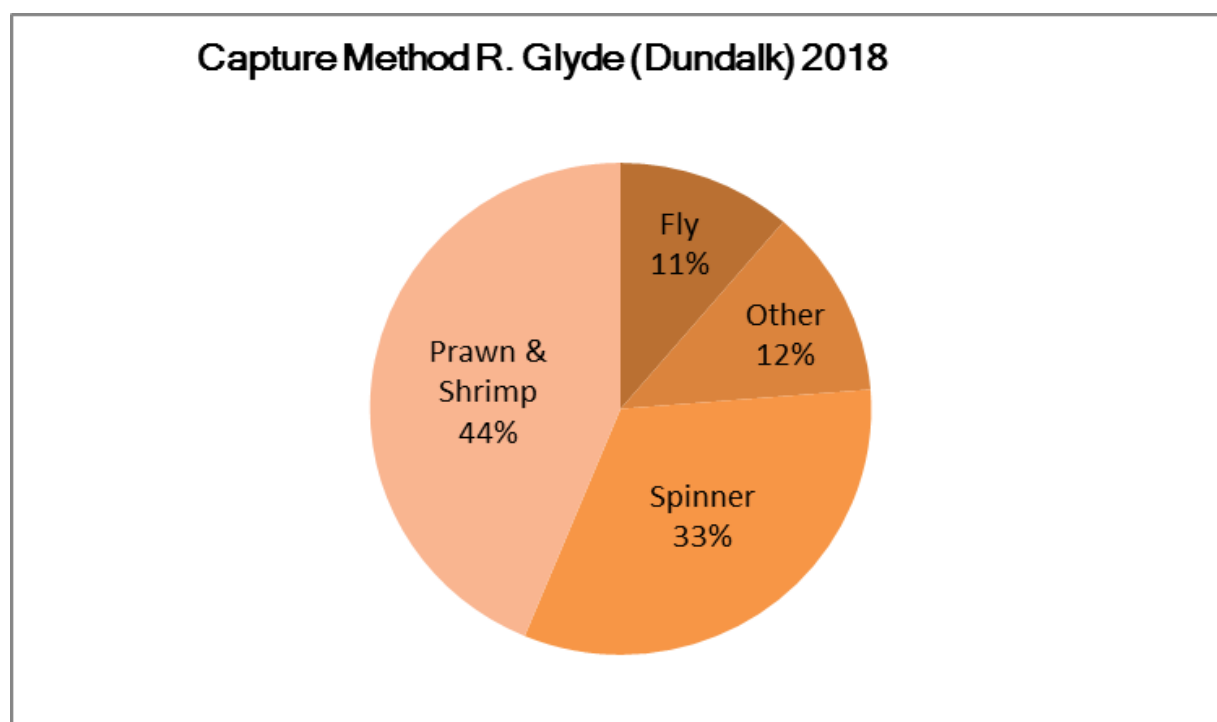
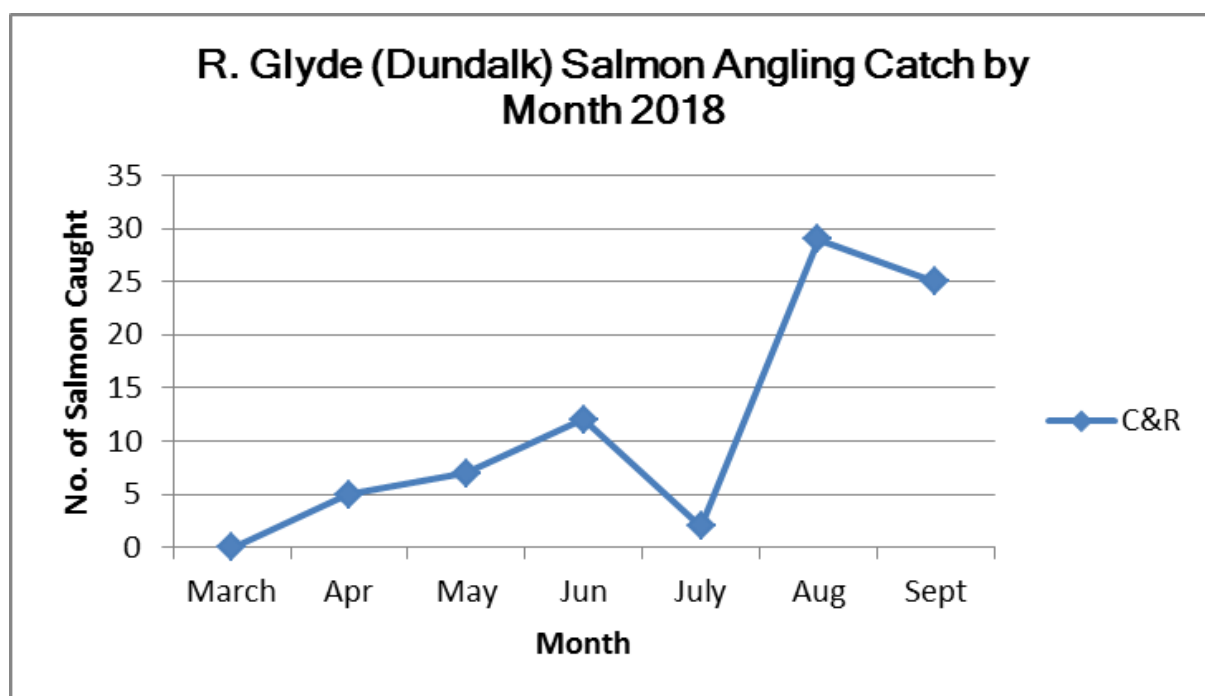




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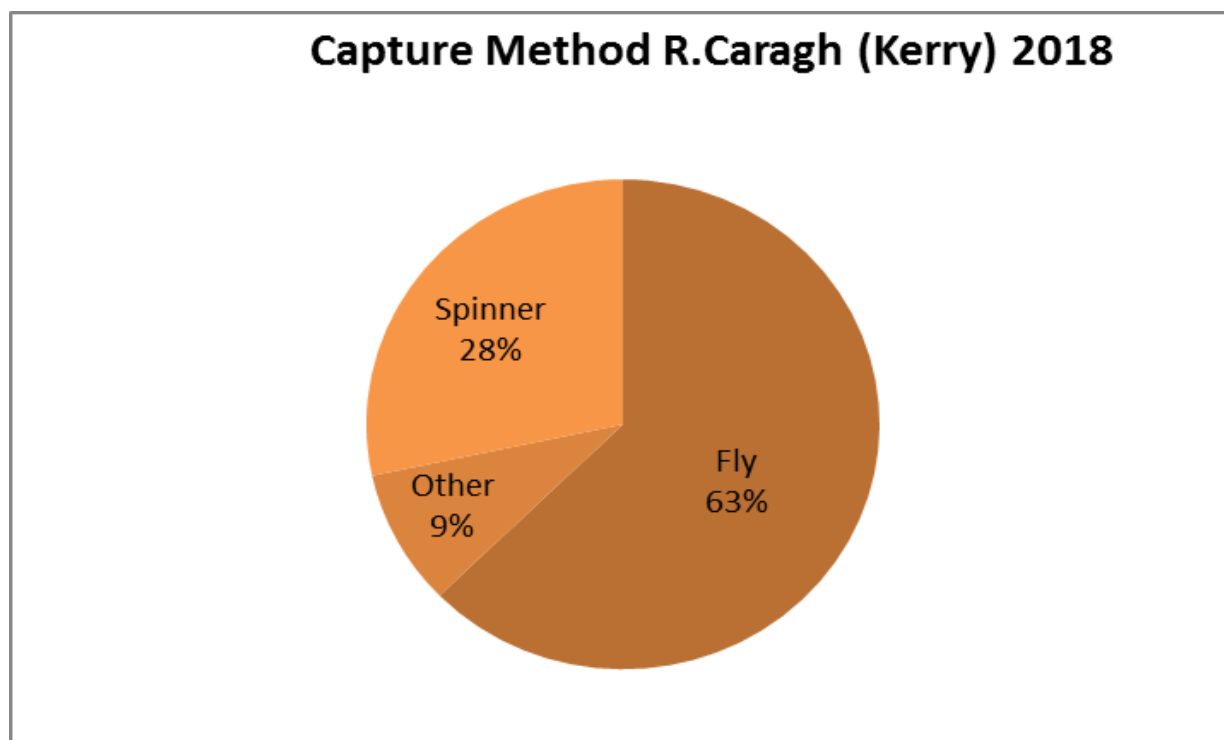
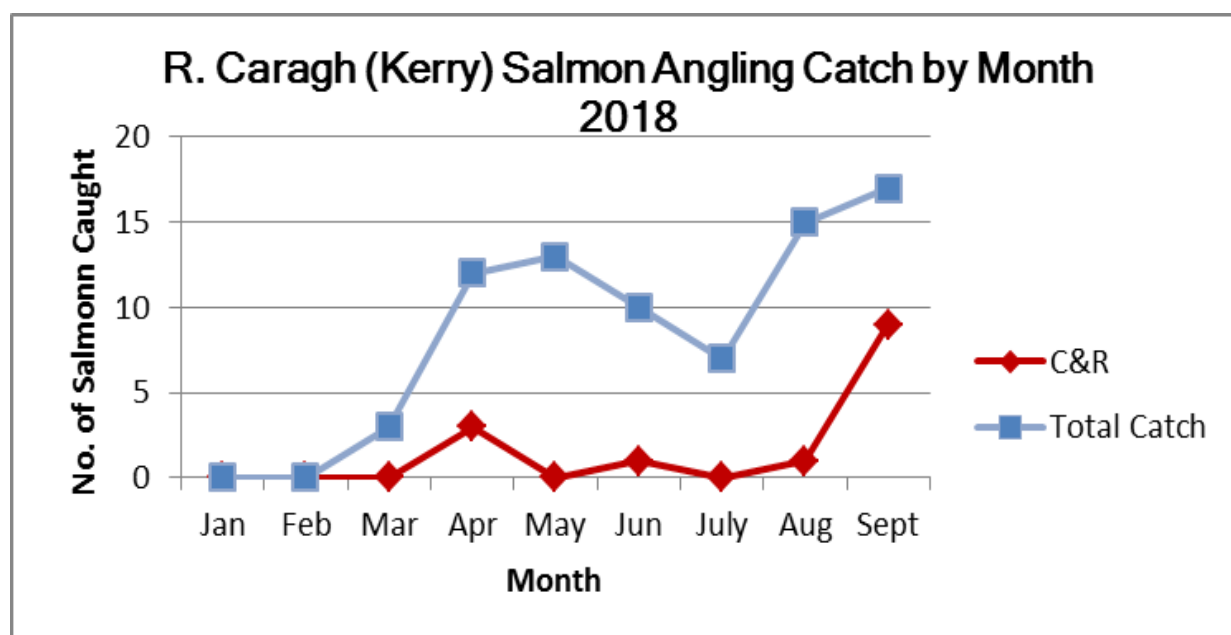


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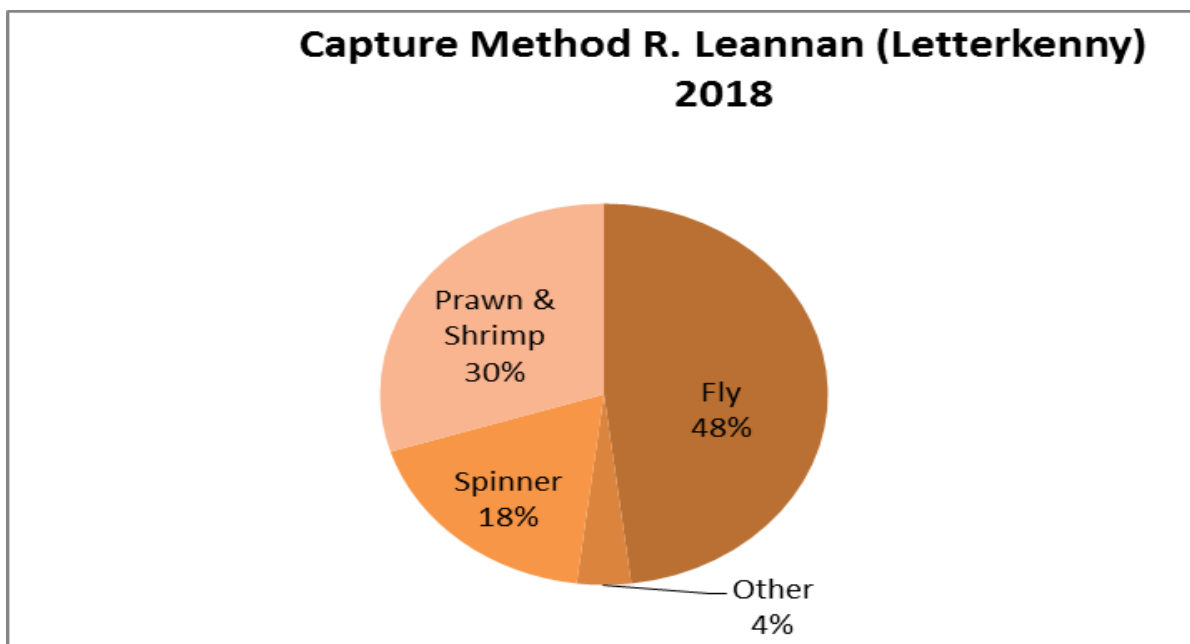
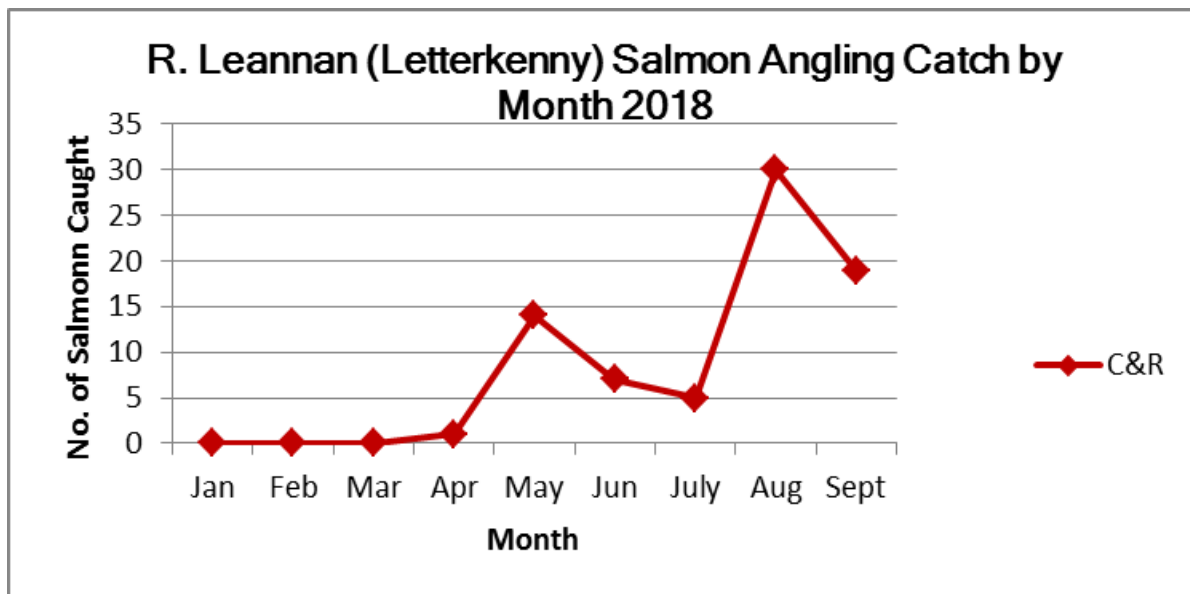


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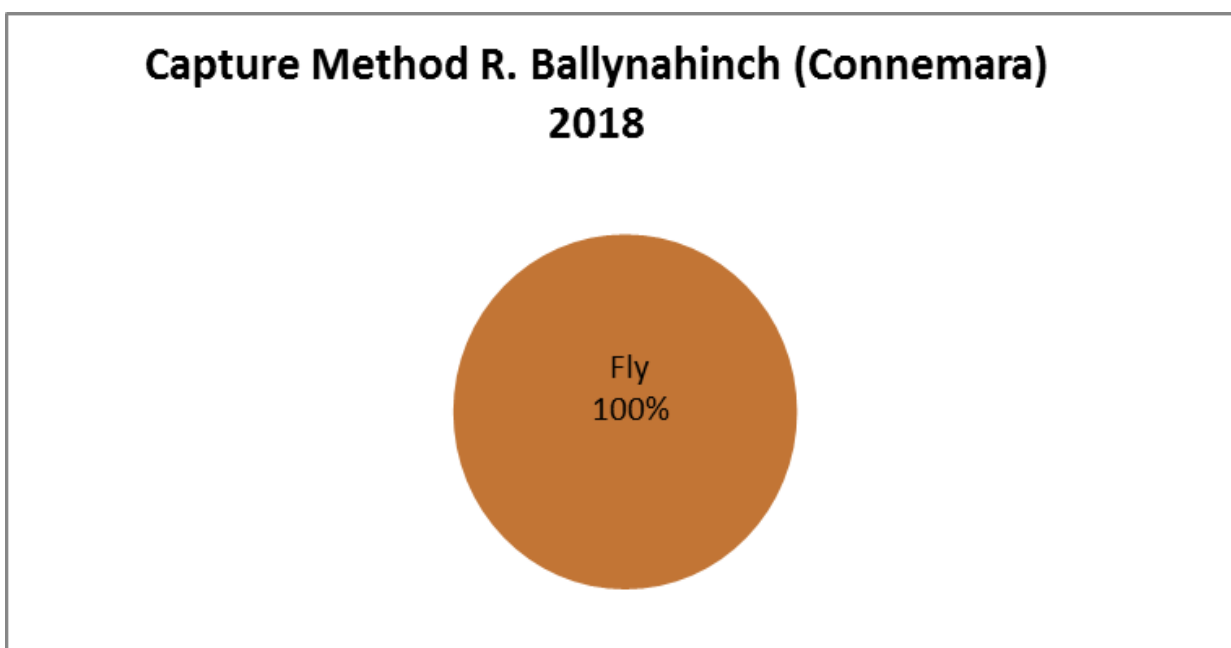
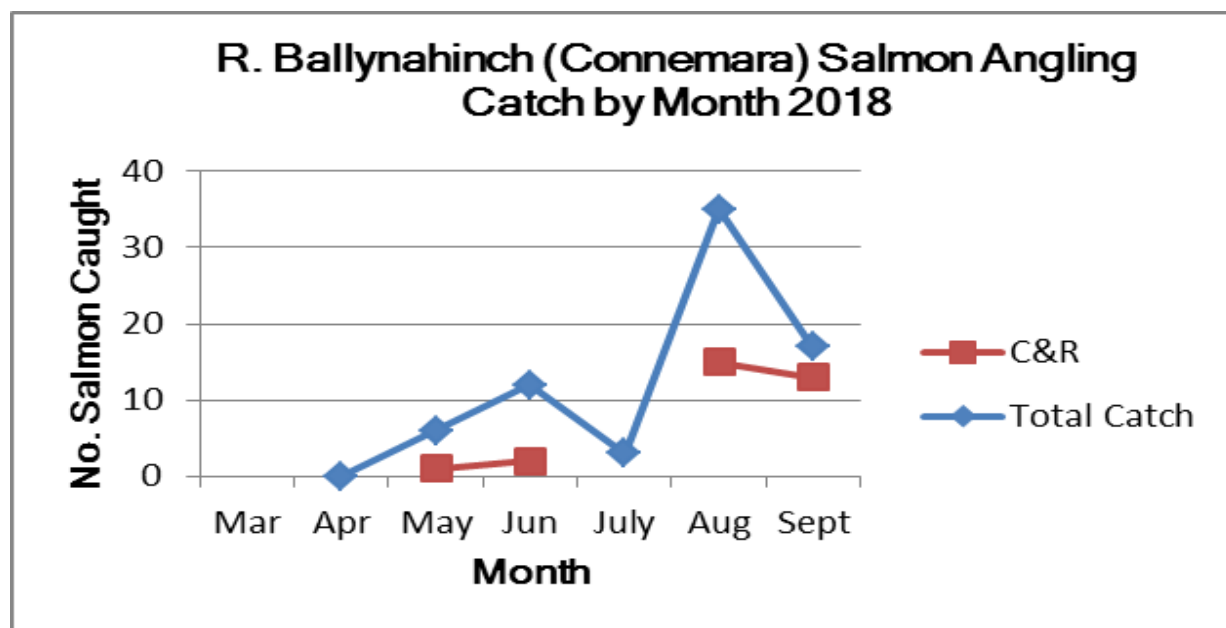


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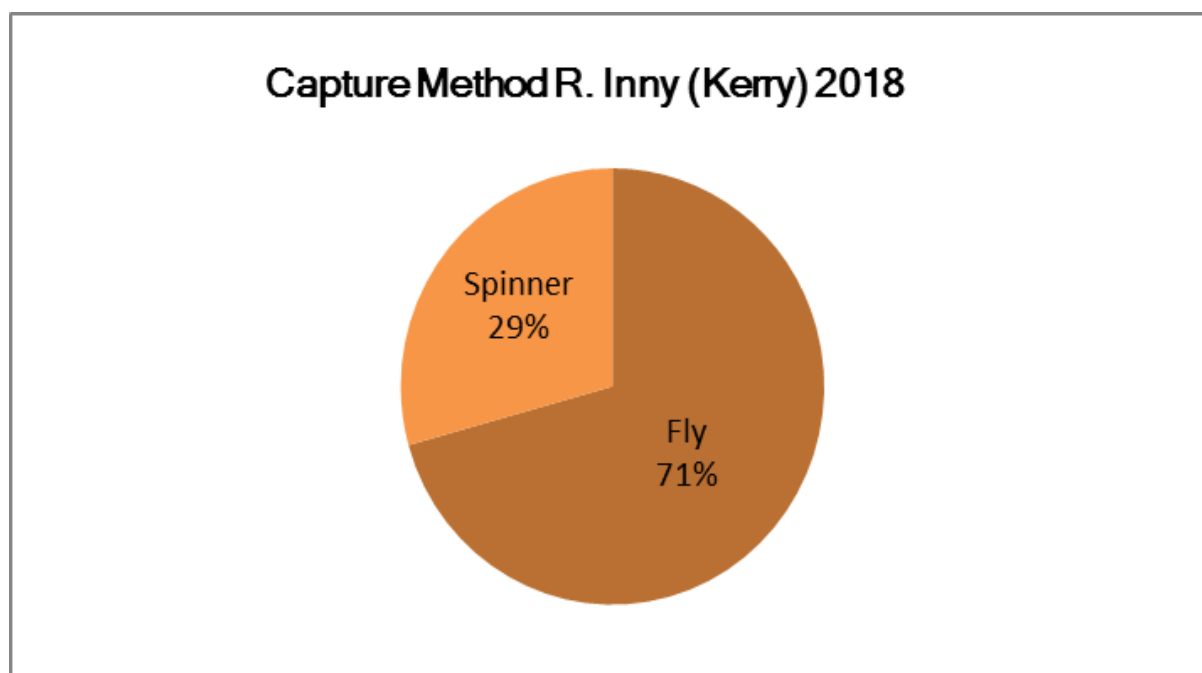
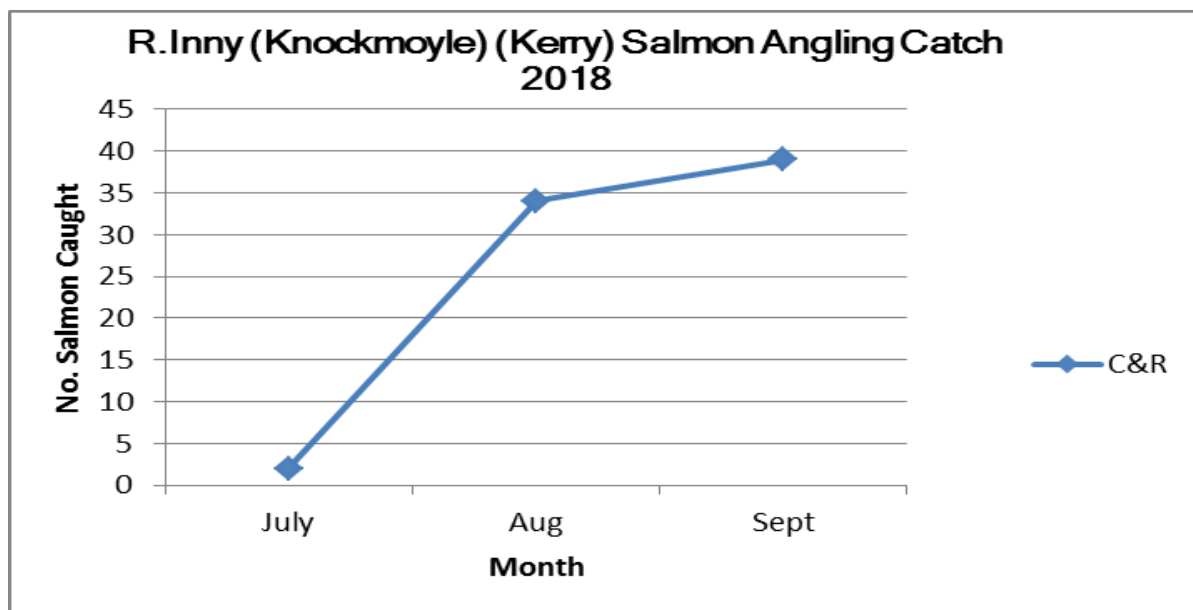


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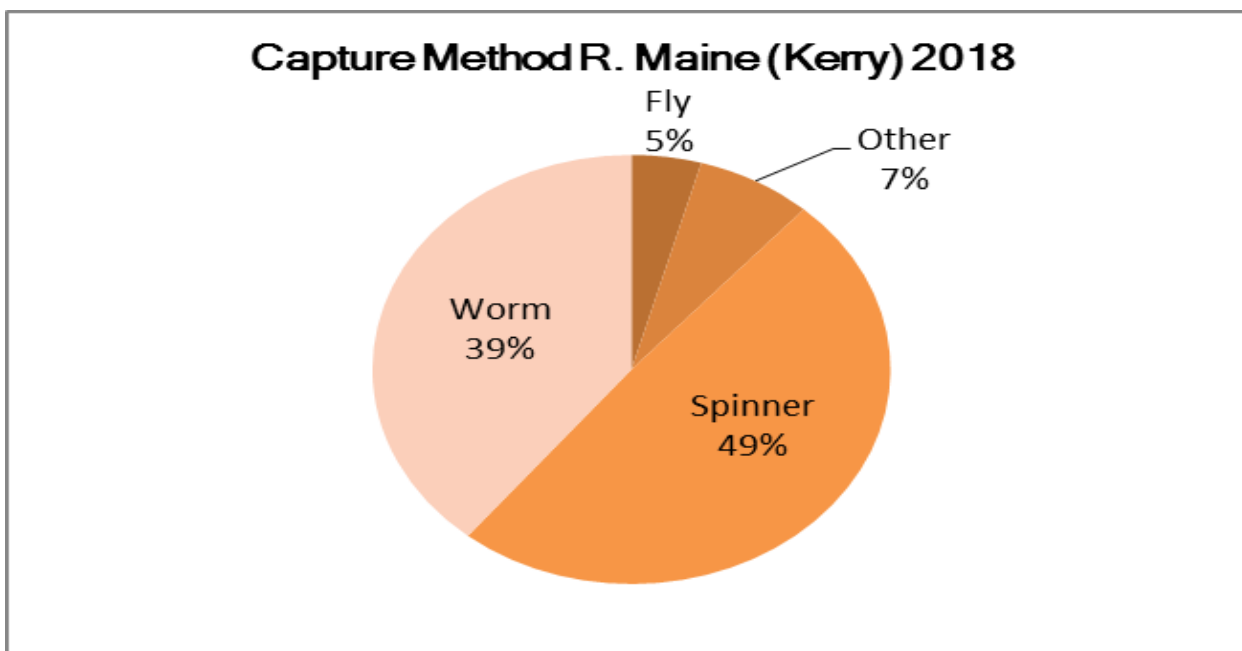
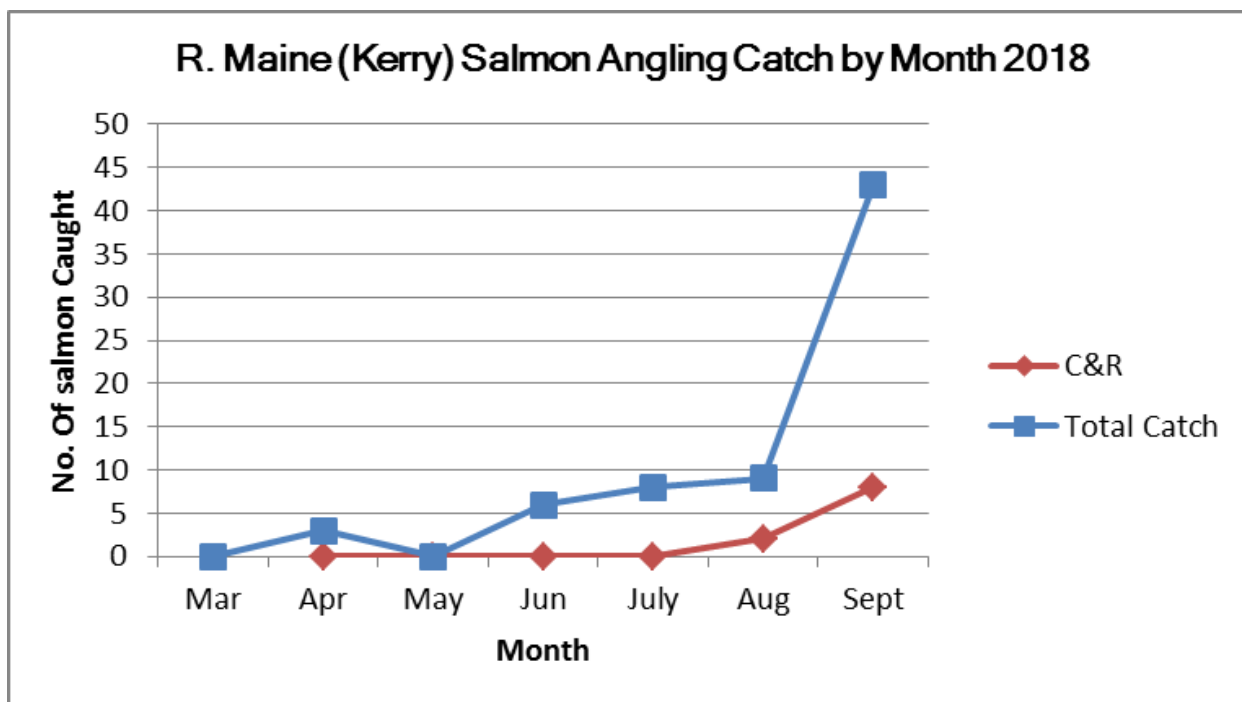


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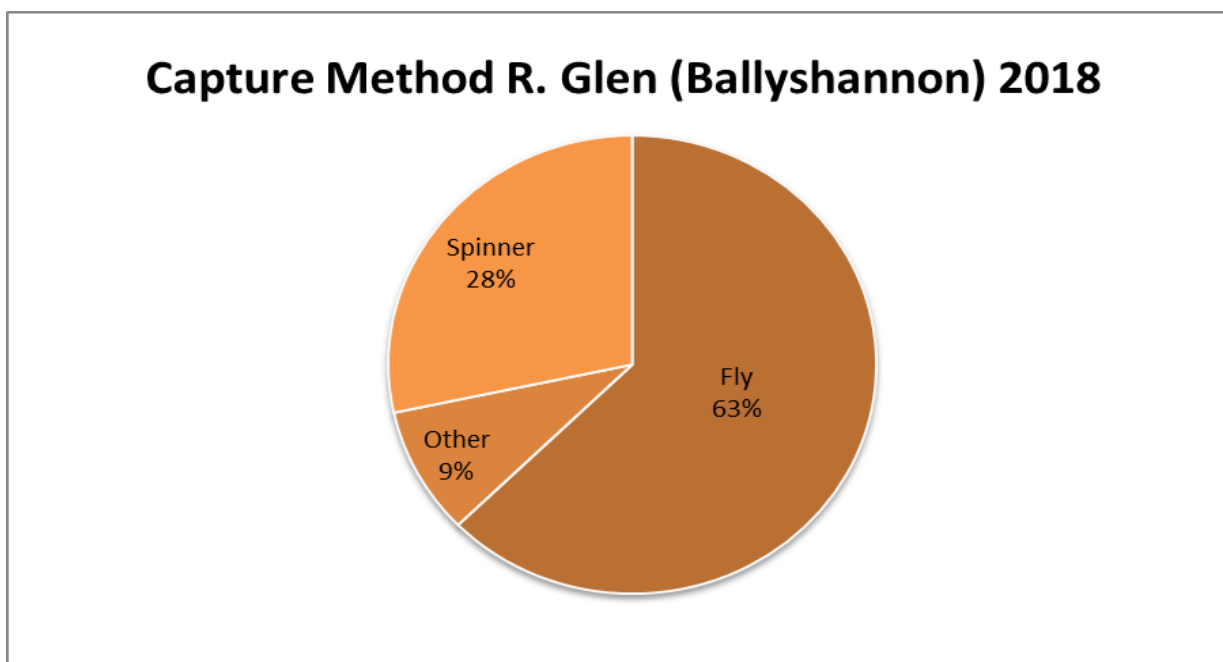
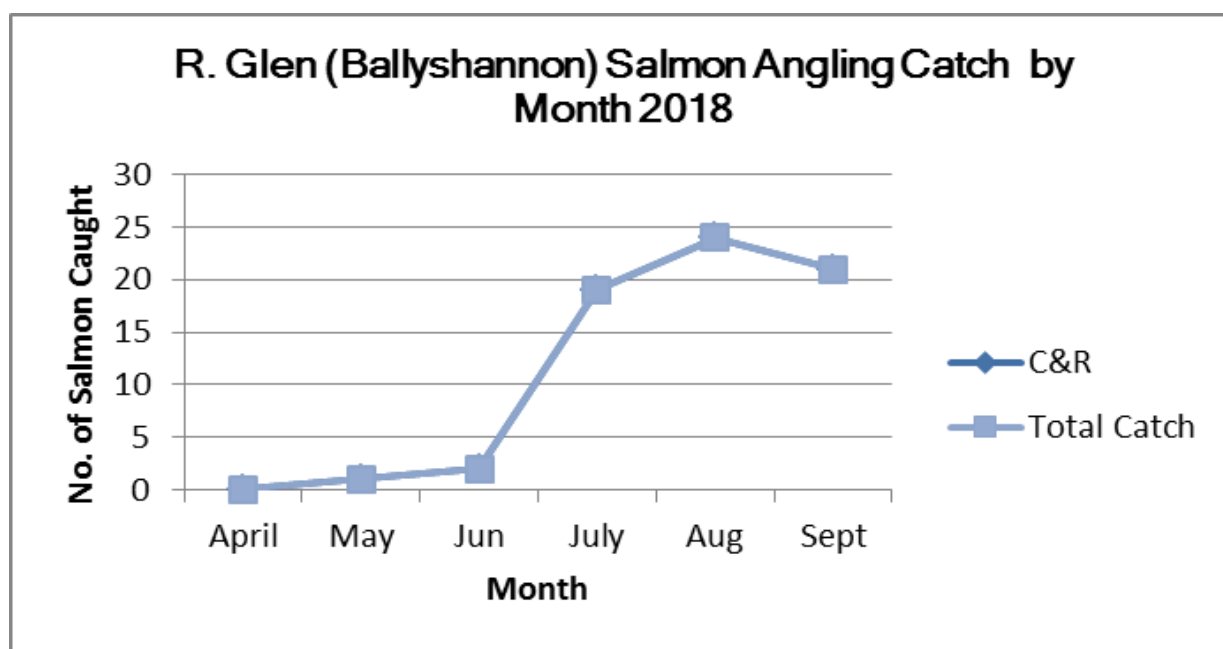


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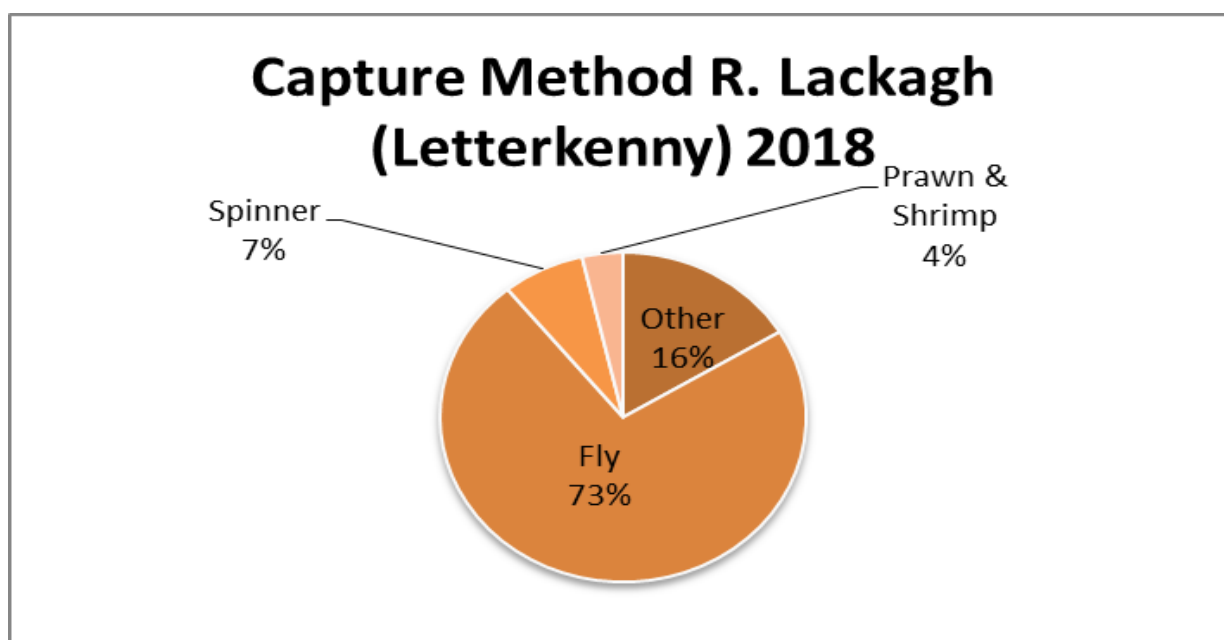
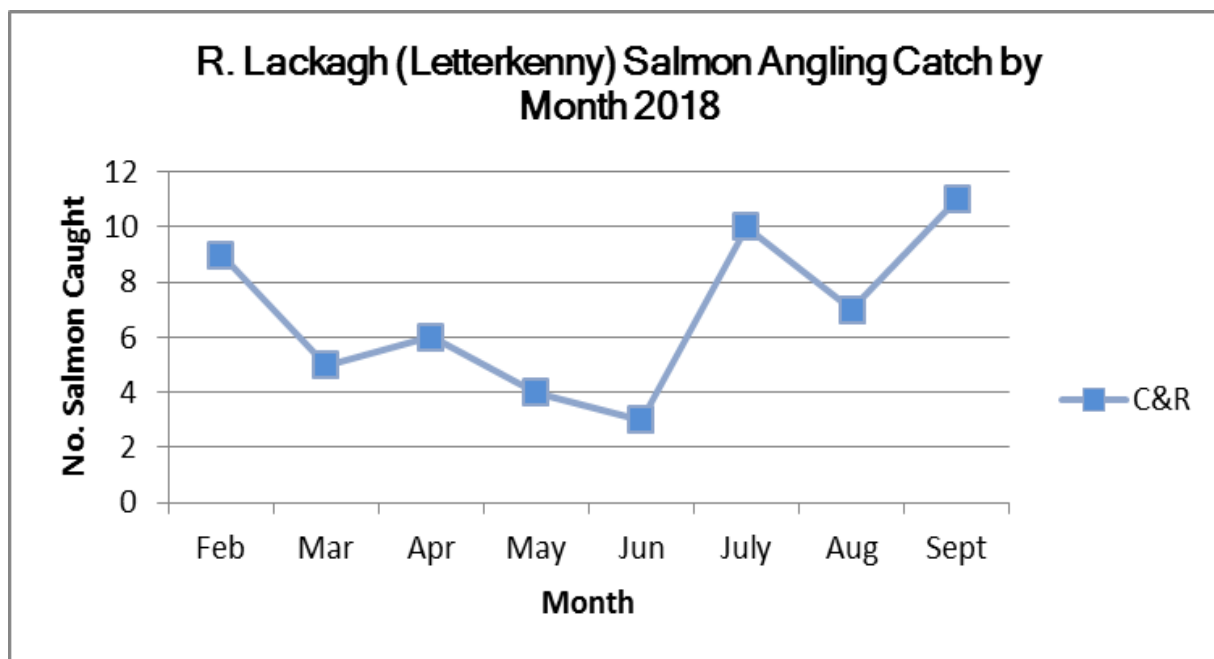


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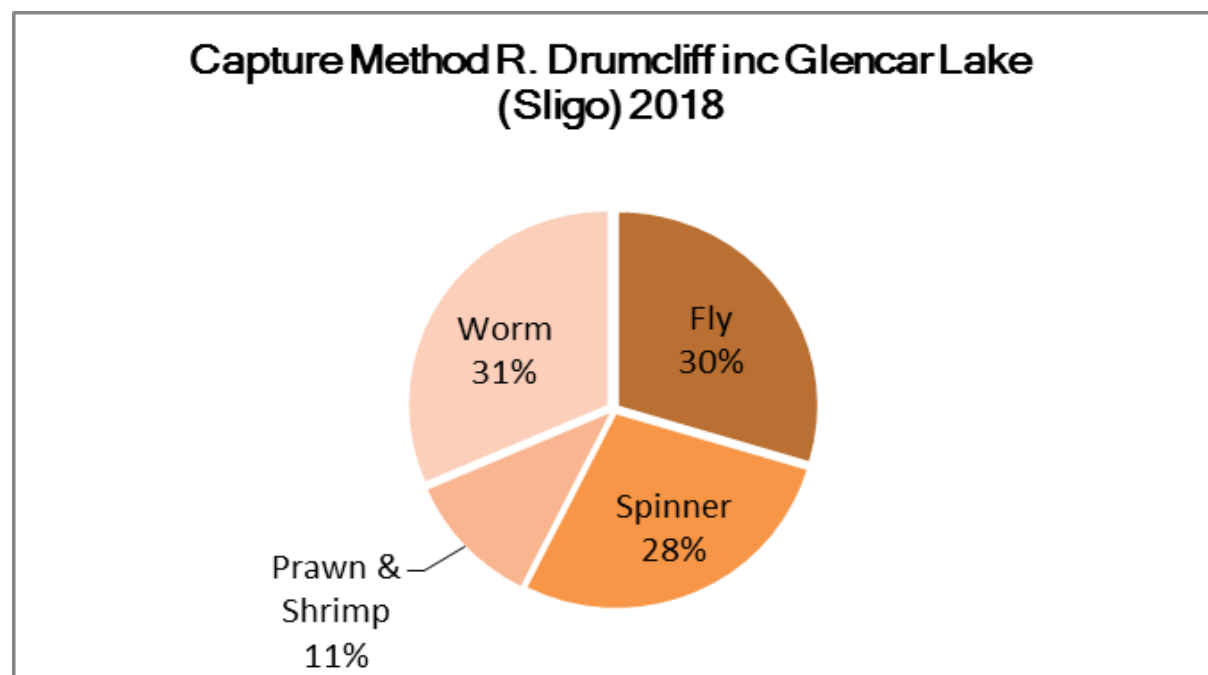
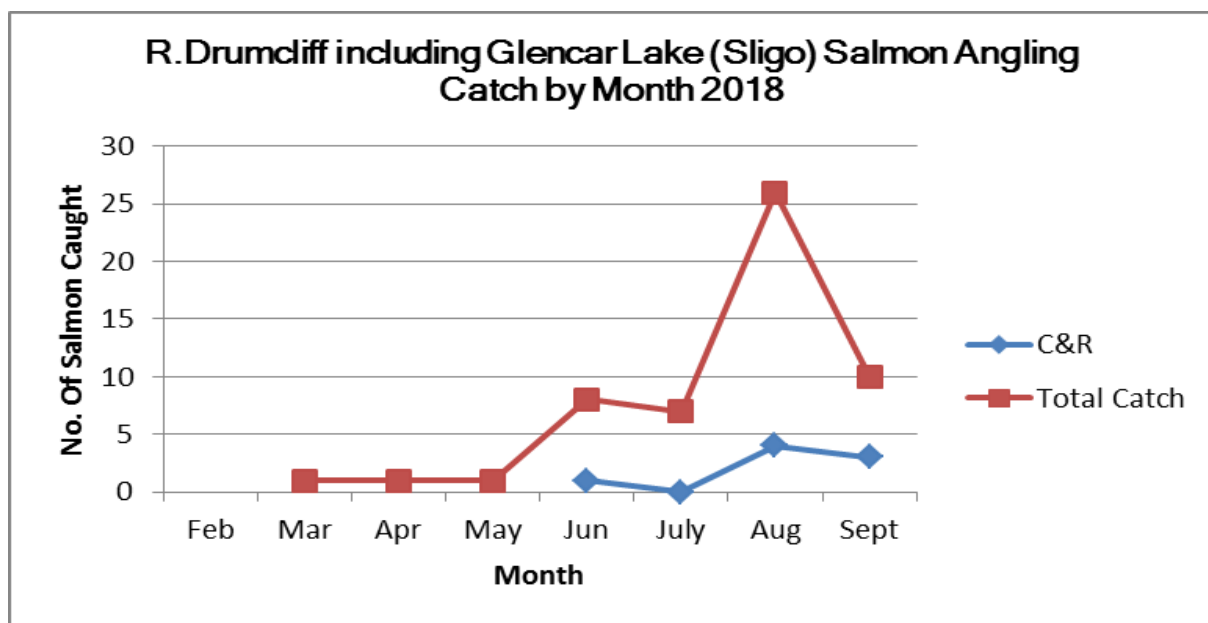
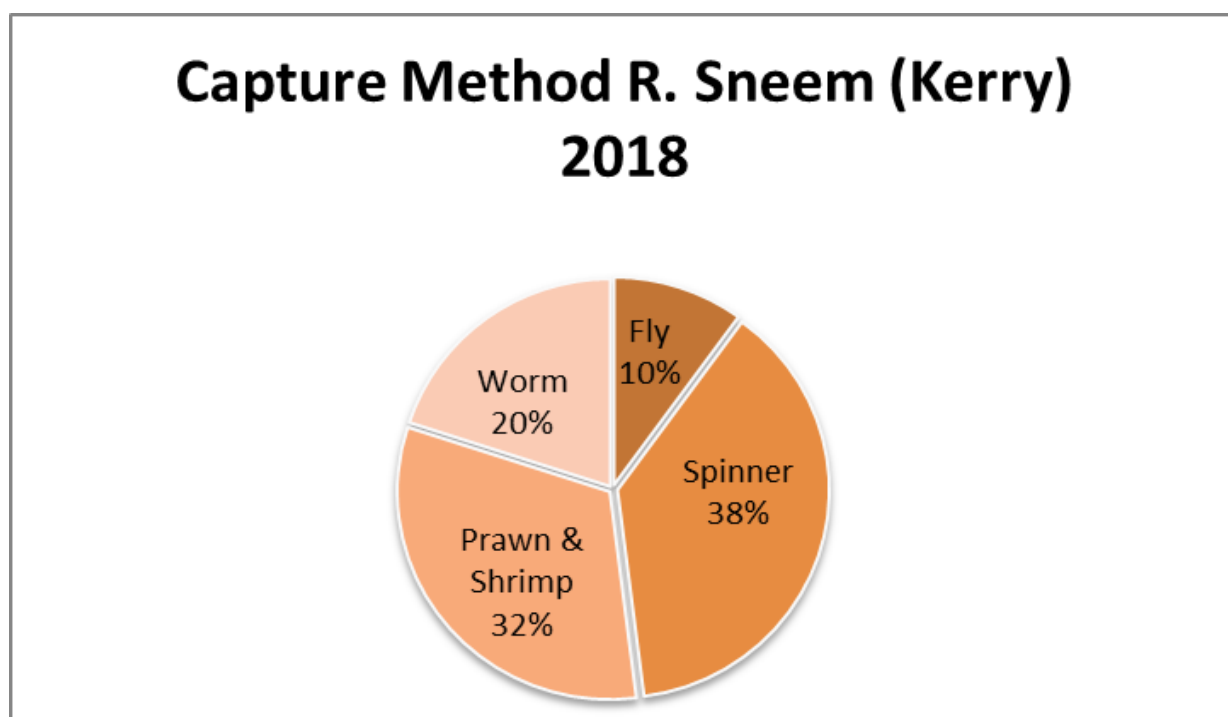
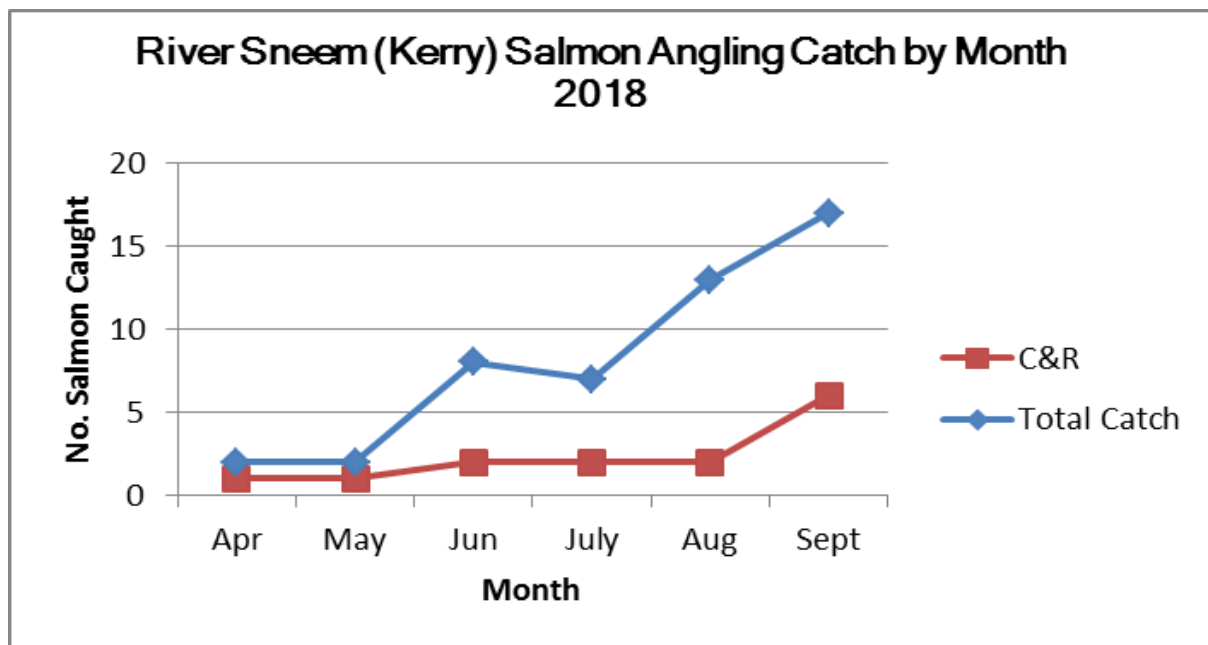




Fig. 45 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Sneem (Kerry) in 2018



## Appendix I -

# Open, 'Catch and Release' and 'Closed' Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2018

**Table 1 - Open Fisheries - 2018**

No. 4 or Lismore District	No. 9(2) or Cavanmore District
Blackwater,	Cashla,
Glanaholana,	Ballynahinch (Owanmore),
Finisk,	No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District
No. 5 or Cork District	Owenglin (Clifden),
Bandon,	Bundarraha (Delphi) (brown tag required – code E4),
Lower Lea,	Enniff (brown tag required – code E4),
Ilan,	Culfin,
Mealagh,	Dawros,
Owvane,	Bunawan,
Coomhola (brown tag required – code W3),	No. 10(2) or Baneagar District
Glangarriff,	Carrowmore Lake (brown tag required – code G3),
Argidean,	Newport River (including Lough Baltra and Crumpan R.),
No. 7 or Kerry District	Owenduff,
Roughy (brown tag required – code S3),	Glanamoy (brown tag required – code Y3),
Shean,	No. 11 or Ballina District
Launa,	May,
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane,	Easkay,
Cottoners,	No. 12 or Sligo District
Sneam,	Ballysadare,
Caragh,	Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,
Owanmore R.,	Garryvogue River (including L. Gill and R. Bonet),
Maina,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Croanagh,	Drowas,
No. 8 or Limerick District	No. 14 or Letterkenney District
Faale (including Rivers Galay & Brick), (brown tag required – code D4),	Gweebarra (brown tag required – code V3),
No. 9(1) or Galway District	Clady,
Corrib,	

**Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2018**

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 10(2) or Baneagar District
Lower Liffey (downstream of Leixlip Dam), @ @+	Owanmore R., @
No. 2 or Wexford District	Shramora, @
Slaney, @ (Catch and Release from 1 <sup>st</sup> May)	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
No. 3 or Waterford District	Eany, @
Barrow,	Glen, @
Suir,	City, @
Pollmounty,	Bungastown, @
Hora,	Duff, @
No. 4 or Lismore District	Eske, @
Brida, @	Owanvoo (Yellow), @
No. 5 or Cork District	No. 14 or Letterkenney District
Adrigole, @	Leannan, @ (Catch and Release from 1 <sup>st</sup> May)
No. 7 or Kerry District	Lackagh, @
Blackwater, @	Crana, @
Owenscaul, @	Owensca, @
Cloonea, @	Owenscaul, @
Ferta, @	Gweedore (Crolly), @
Inny, @	Tullaghobagley, @
No. 8 or Limerick District	No. 17(1) or Drogheda District
Mulkear, @	Boyna, @-
No. 9(2) or Cavanmore District	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Screaba, @	Castletown, @
No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	Dea, @- (Catch and Release from 1 <sup>st</sup> May)
Carrowmisk, @	Fane, @
Owanvoo (Belclare), @	Glyde, @

**Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2018**

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Dargle, @	Clarinbridge, @
Vartry, @	Knock, @
Upper Liffey (upstream of Leixlip Dam), @-	Aille, @
No. 2 or Wexford District	Owenboliska, Spiddal, @
Avoca, @	Kilcalgan,
Owensavragh, @	No. 9(2) or Cavanmore District
Slaney, @ (Closed until 30 <sup>th</sup> April)	L na Fumaca, @
No. 3 or Waterford District	No. 10(2) or Baneagar District
Owenduff, @	Owengarra, @
Mahan, @	Muingnaba, @
Tay, @	No. 11 or Ballina District
Colligan, @	Bruna, @
Carrock, @	Leaffory, @
No. 4 or Lismore District	Ballinglen, @
Lickey, @	Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown), @
Tourig, @	No. 12 or Sligo District
Wamanagh, @	Grange, @
No. 5 or Cork District	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Upper Lea,	Abbey, @
Owanacurra, @	Ballintra (Muvagh), @-
No. 7 or Kerry District	Laghy (Stream), @
Owenshagh, @	Enna,
Finilly, @	No. 14 or Letterkenney District
Fachanagh, @	Brackly, @
Owenscagh, @	Isla (Burn), @
Enlismore, @	Mill, @
Carhan, @	Clonmany, @
Enlismore, @	Straid, @
Lee (Kerry), @	Owensmarva, @
Bahy, @	Swilly, @
Kaalacha, @	Donagh, @
Lough Fadda, @	Culoort, @
Milltown, @	Glenna, @
No. 8 or Limerick District	Glanagannon, @
Doal, @	Ray, @
Aughyackoon, @	Leannan, @ (Closed until 30 <sup>th</sup> April)
Doonbeg, @	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Annagassagh, @	Flurry, @
Inagh, @	Dea, @- (Closed until 30 <sup>th</sup> April)
Fergus,	
Maigue, @	
Shannon (excluding Mulkear),	
Owenscamoy,	
Skivillon, @	

## **Appendix II - Legislation**

### **Legislation - 2018**

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

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

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2018 - S.I. No. 602 of 2017 and S.I. No. 573 of 2013.

### **Bag Limits 2018**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 956, 2017.

### **Catch & Release Rivers 2018**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 957, 2017.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 958, 2017.

### **Closed Rivers 2018**

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 323, 2017.

### **Other Bye-laws 2018**

Angling Bye-law No. 955, 2017.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 959, 2017.

### **Commercial Fishing 2018**

Control of Fishing for Salmon Order 2018 - S.I. No 83 of 2018

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 960, 2018

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## Appendix IV - Glossary of Terms used in Report

### “River Basins” and “Fishery Districts”

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

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

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

### Logbook Returns

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

**Harvest**

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

**Caught and Released (C&R)**

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

**Reported Catch**

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

**Adjusted/Raised Catch**

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

**Small**

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

**Raising Factor**

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

**Spring Salmon** - Salmon which are caught between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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

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

**Draft Net**

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

**Drift Net**

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



### **Other Fishing Engine**

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

### **Total Allowable Catch (TAC)**

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

### **Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers Licence**

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

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

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

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

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

**W licence** - Foyle Area extension licence

**X licence** - A special local licence for selected waters -

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

### **River System Number**

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

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