

# Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics Report

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## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2019 was designated International Year of the Salmon (IYS) which was 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 previous reports bears testament to the scale and depth of this decline. While this report presents the factual outcome of the 2019 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. The matter of the continued decline of wild Atlantic Salmon has been a matter of concern for the Board of IFI and the question we have asked is “are we doing enough”?

Given what we know about salmon abundance levels and current trends it is time that we re-examine our salmon management policies to ensure they are working for the conservation of salmon for future generations. Perhaps it is also now time to move the ‘narrative’ from one of salmon exploitation to one of salmon conservation. In this regard the Executive and Board of IFI developed a green paper on Wild Irish Atlantic Salmon Management the objective of which is to identify a suite of policy options which, if implemented may stabilise Irish salmon populations and halt the ongoing decline in salmon stocks. This green paper has been submitted to our parent Department the Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) for consideration.

While the scientific advice provided by IFI identifies rivers where there is a harvestable surplus, and the models used all have significant precautionary elements built in to them, the reality is that the quantum of the harvestable surplus has also been in decline. Between Year 2011 and Year 2019 the overall surplus available has declined from 91,453 to 51,916.

Notwithstanding the fact that IFI have identified harvestable surpluses for a number of rivers it is still disappointing to see that only 47% of all salmon caught by angling were released. While this is an increase of the figure of 43% from 2018 it is really not a level comparable to other jurisdictions. For example the reported level of catch and release angling in Scotland was 90% in 2018. IFI accept and understand that there are different management arrangements in place in both jurisdictions however given the status of the species there is clearly scope for improving the level of catch and release angling.

The 2019 Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistics show that the total number of salmon caught by all methods (commercial and angling including catch and release) was 25,327 salmon and 1,373 sea trout, which represents a decrease of 1.12% on the total salmon catch recorded in 2018 (25,615) and an increase of 19.55% of total sea trout catch recorded in 2018 (1,151). 17% of the 2019 total salmon catch was taken on the River Moy, 17% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 10% on the River Laune, 6.5% on the Corrib and 5% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 56% of the entire salmon angling and commercial catch in 2019.

The 2019 commercial catch was 5,723 salmon (5,555 in 2018) and 45 sea trout (over 40 cm) (64 in 2018) which represent 73% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 7,897 (8,887 in 2018) fish allocated to the commercial fishing sector. The greatest landings of commercial salmon catches in 2019 were in Counties Cork and Kerry on the Rivers Blackwater (Munster) with 1,907 salmon (33.3% of the overall commercial catch), the River Laune with 1,539 salmon (26.9% of the commercial catch), the River Lee with 912 salmon (15.9% of the commercial catch) and in Castlemaine Fishery with 549 salmon (9.6% of commercial catch).

The 2019 angling catch was 19,604 salmon (20,060 in 2018) and 1,328 sea trout (1,087 in 2018). Of the 19,604 salmon caught by anglers, 10,481 were harvested and 9,123 subsequently released. Anglers released 47% of salmon caught by rod and line (43% in 2018) which is of concern given what we know about the decline in salmon abundance. Of the anglers who harvest salmon, 75% harvest between 1-3 salmon, a further 16% harvest between 4-6 salmon and 9% harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

Commercial fishermen caught 23% of the salmon catch in 2019, compared to 22% in 2018 and recreational anglers caught 77% in 2019 compared to 78% in 2018. 17,281 salmon rod licences were sold to anglers from fifty four different countries, an increase in sales of 3% over 2018 (16,755). 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 9,979 logbooks in 2019, with a national return rate of 57.75% up from 57% on 2018 logbook returns.

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.

Fintan Gorman  
Chairman  
Inland Fisheries Ireland, 2020

## INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

### **Mission Statement**

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

### **About Inland Fisheries Ireland**

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

The principal functions of Inland Fisheries Ireland are to:

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

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

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

## INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

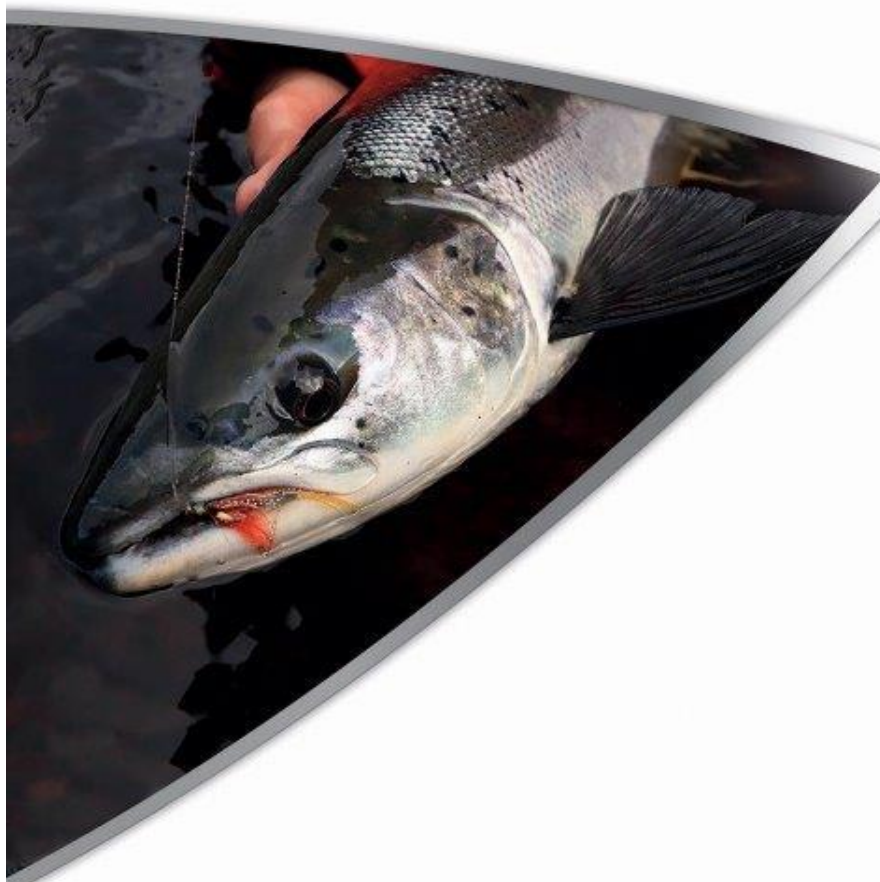
For 2019, there was an annual bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm). Subject to the annual bag limits an angler could take: 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day until May 11<sup>th</sup>, with a maximum of three fish in total for this period; 3 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 2001-2019



**Table 1 - Total Salmon Harvest 2001 - 2019**

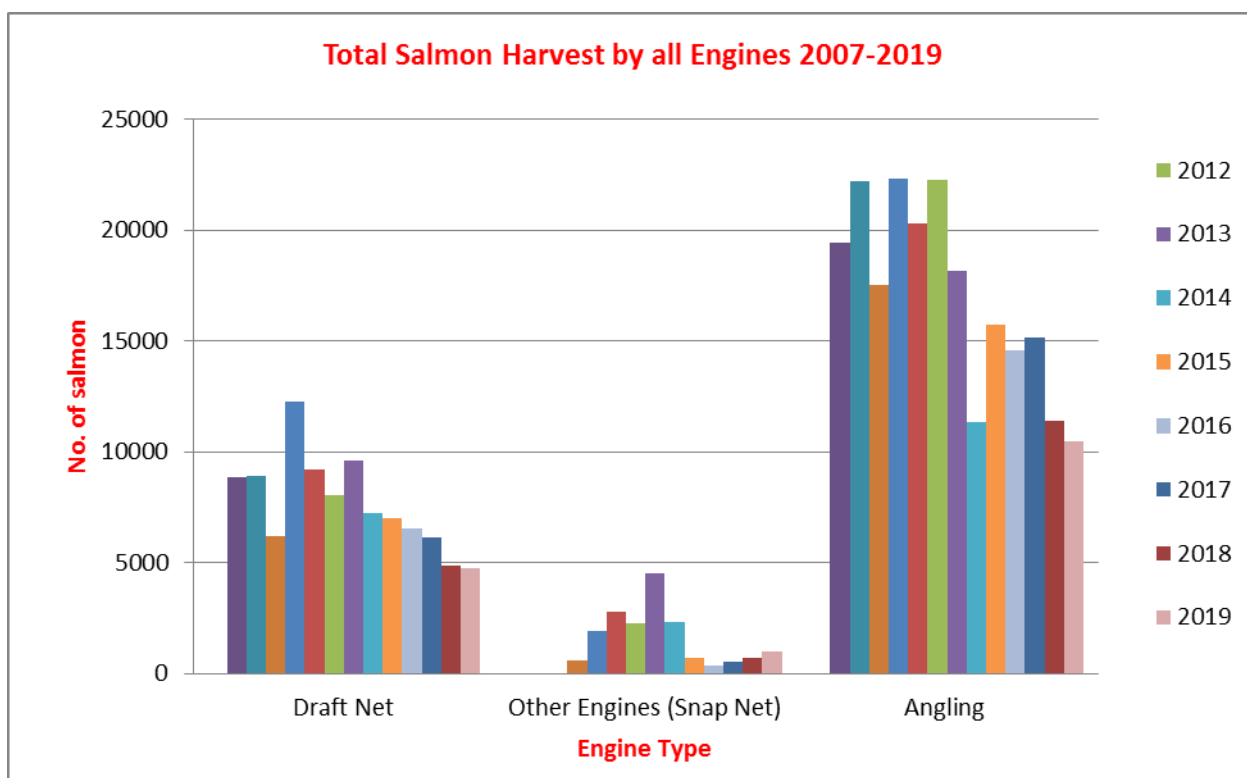
Year	Drift Net	Draft Net	Other Engine	Salmon Angling Harvest	Total Salmon Harvest by all methods	% change on previous year	Total Allowable Catch (TAC)**	Harvest Weight in tonnes (based on 2.7Kg avg wgt per fish)
2001	197,172	30,861	5,368	26,074	259,475			700,583Kg
2002	179,177	23,032	4,690	29,408	236,307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

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for salmon harvest for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2019. 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 2019, this had fallen to 16,204. This represents a decrease of c. 43% between 2007 and 2019.

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

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





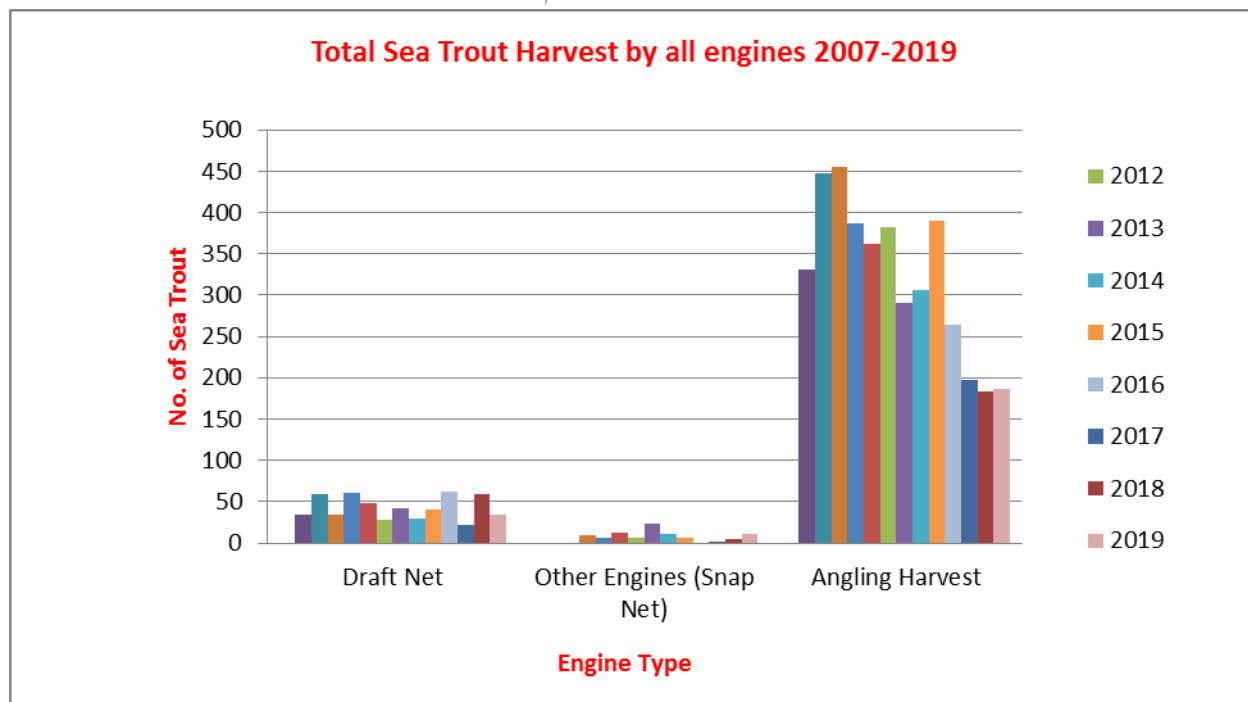
**Fig. 1 - Total salmon harvest by all engines 2007-2019**

For 2019, anglers caught 77% of salmon (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 23% (Table 10). 17.2% of the 2019 total salmon catch (commercial and angling (including those caught and released)) was taken on the River Moy, 17% on the River Blackwater (Munster), 10% on the River Laune, 6.5% on the Corrib and 5% on the Lower Lee. These 5 rivers account for 56% of the entire salmon catch in 2019.

**Table 2 - Total Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2019**

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

Table 2 shows the summary statistics for sea trout harvest (over 40cm) for all engines including rod and line for 2001 - 2019. 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 2019, this had fallen to 231 sea trout, a drop of 37% (Table 11).



**Fig. 2 - Total sea trout (over 40cm) harvest by all engines 2007-2019.**

For 2019, anglers caught 96.7% of total sea trout catch (including caught and released), commercial fishermen accounted for 3.28% (Table 11). 9.9% of the 2019 total sea trout catch was taken on the Lough Currane (Kerry) and 6.9% on the River Slaney (Wexford).

## Chapter 2

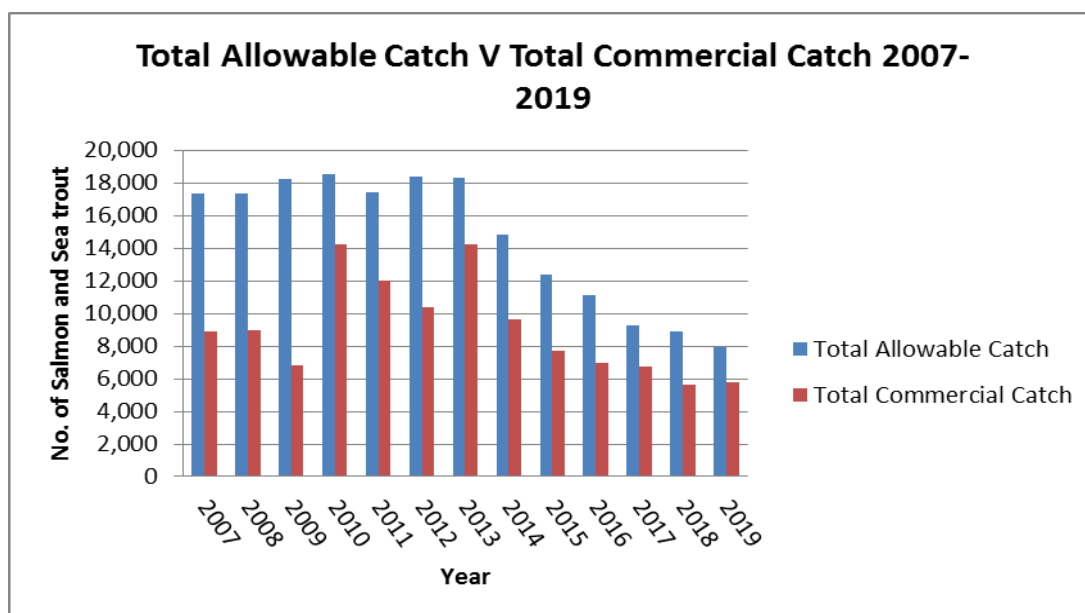
# Summary Commercial Catch Statistics 2001-2019



**Table 3 - Commercial Salmon and Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2001 - 2019**

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

Table 3 shows the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2019 was 7,897. The total commercial combined salmon and sea trout harvest of 5,768 represents 73% of TAC (Table 14).



**Fig. 3 - Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and Total Commercial Catch 2007 - 2019.**

In 2019, the TAC was allocated on an individual river basis and no distinction was made between commercial and angling fisheries. The district fisheries committee in each River Basin allocated the identified surplus for each river between the commercial and angling fishery as appropriate. The figure of 7,897 above for 2019 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 2019

In the 2019 commercial salmon harvest, 83% of salmon were taken by draft nets and 17% by snap nets (Table 12). The total commercial salmon harvest in 2019 was 5,723.

The biggest landings of salmon in 2019 for the commercial sector are presented in the following table (Table 4):

**Table 4 - Top 5 Commercial Fisheries in 2019**

2019			
Fishery District	River Name	No. of Salmon Harvested	% of National Commercial Harvest
Lismore	Blackwater Munster	1,907	33%
Kerry	Laune	1,539	27%
Cork	Lower Lee	912	16%
Kerry	Castlemaine	549	10%
Limerick	Owenduff	327	6%

Table 4 shows a summary of the top 5 fisheries where salmon were caught and harvest by commercial fishermen in 2019 (refer to Table 12 for a full breakdown).

## Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2019

The table below shows the 2019 commercial salmon catch disposals:

**Table 5 - Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals**

Commercial Salmon Catch Disposals 2019	
Disposal Type	Commercial Nets (% total sales)
Licensed Salmon Dealers	69.4%
Private Sales	14.2%
Domestic Consumption	11.3%
Restaurant	4.5%
Delicatessen	0.3%
Supermarket/Shop	0.3%

Table 5 shows the summary of commercial salmon catch disposals 2019. A more detailed analysis can be obtained from Table 16.

## Commercial Sea Trout (over 40 cm) Catch 2019

In the 2019 commercial sea trout harvest, 76% of sea trout were taken by draft nets and 24% by snap nets. The total commercial sea trout (over 40 cm) harvest in 2019 was 45. Sea trout catches were highest on the River Laune (Kerry) at 37.8% of the national catch (Table 13).

The proportion of sea trout harvest in the national commercial catch of salmon and sea trout in 2019 was 0.78% compared with 2% in 2001 (Table 14).



## Chapter 3

# Summary Angling Catch Statistics 2001-2019



## Angling Salmon Catch 2001 - 2019

**Table 6.0 - Salmon Angling Catch 2001 - 2019**

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%
2019	10,481	9,123	19,604	-2.27%

Table 6 shows the summary statistics for catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2019. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total salmon catch by rod and line in 2019 was 19,604 (see Table 21 for a more detailed analysis). This represents a decrease of 2.27% on the 2018 salmon angling catch of 20,060 salmon.

From 2007 onwards, the scientific advice for salmon is provided in the context of single stock management of salmon where harvest of salmon is only allowed in rivers where there is a surplus above the conservation limit. In 2019 rivers not meeting the conservation limit (CL) were open to catch and release angling where the CL met or exceeded 50%. Rivers below this 50% threshold or with an average rod catch of less than 10 salmon were closed to angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm) unless catchment wide electro-fishing results (15 or greater) merited the opening on a catch and release basis.

**Table 6.1 - 2 SW / MSW (Spring) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2019**

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

**Table 6.2 - 1SW (Grilse) Salmon Angling Catch 2007 - 2019**

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

## Angling Sea Trout (over 40cm) Catch 2001 - 2019

Table 7 - Sea Trout Angling Catch 2001 - 2019

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

Table 7 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch by rod and line for 2001 - 2019. Also presented is the percentage change on previous years. The total sea trout catch in 2019 was 1,328 (see Table 24 for a more detailed analysis). This represents an increase of 22% on the 2018 sea trout angling catch of 1,087.

## Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns 2001 - 2019

17,281 salmon rod licences were sold in 2019, an increase of 3% on 2018 licence sales (16,755) (Tables 17-20). Anglers returned 9,979 logbooks in 2019, with a national return rate of 57.75%, up from 57% on 2018 logbook returns (Table 17).

**Table 8 - Salmon and Sea Trout Angling Licence Sales 2001 - 2019**

Year	Licence Sales	Logbook Returns	% Return
2001	32,814	14,238	43%
2002	35,024	18,116	52%
2003	31,809	18,088	57%
2004	30,807	17,955	58%
2005	28,738	17,682	62%
2006	27,341	18,554	68%
Move to single stock management of salmon			
2007	19,986	12,962	65%
2008	20,061	13,917	69%
2009	18,314	12,890	70 %
2010	17,983	12,813	71%
2011	19,899	14,414	72%
2012	19,588	14,597	75%
2013	19,109	14,035	73.5%
2014	18,085	12,880	71%
2015	18,460	13,010	70.5%
2016	18,303	12,562	68.6%
2017	18,212	9,923	54.5%
2018	16,755	9,557	57%
2019	17,281	9,979	57.75%

Table 8 shows the summary statistics for the total number of rod licence sales from 2001 - 2019 and the number and percentage of logbook returns by salmon anglers.

## Salmon Angling Catch 2019

Over one fifth of all salmon angling catch nationally (22%) were caught by rod and line on the River Moy System, which had an angling catch of 4,360 salmon (Table 21). Salmon were caught in 88 fisheries in 2019. The top three salmon producing fisheries made up 43% (8,380) of the national salmon catch by rod and line in 2019 (Rivers Moy, Blackwater (Munster) and Corrib).

## Sea Trout (over 40cm) Angling Catch 2019

10% of all sea trout nationally were caught by rod and line on Lough Currane (Table 24) with an angling catch of 136 sea trout. Sea Trout were caught in 80 fisheries in 2019. The top four sea trout producing water systems made up 28% (366) of the national sea trout catch by rod and line in 2019 (Waterville/Cummeragh/L.Currane system (Kerry), Slaney (Wexford), Vartry (Dublin), Owenduff (Bangor)).

## Catch per Angler

An analysis of the distribution of salmon catch indicates that 2,953 anglers harvested salmon in 2019 (Table 54), a decrease of 10% on 2018 (3,284). 1,657 anglers caught and released salmon in 2019 (Table 53) an increase of 10.4% on 2018 (1,501). These figures are based only on those anglers who returned logbooks.

Of the 2,953 anglers who harvested salmon, 75% (2,227) harvested no more than 3 salmon, a further 16% (468) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 9% (258) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

## Catch and Release Estimates

Based on logbook returns, catch and release estimates were compiled for 2019. A total of 9,123 salmon were caught and released across all fishery districts and 10,481 salmon were harvest by anglers. The total catch of both harvested and caught and released salmon by rod and line was 19,604 giving a national catch and release rate of 47% (Table 21).

12% of all salmon caught and released, were released on the Blackwater (Munster (Table 21) which had a catch and release of 1,111 salmon. The Moy accounted for 9.7% of all salmon caught and released (888 salmon) and the Suir accounted for 8.5% of all salmon caught and released (776 salmon). The top three rivers where salmon were caught and released made up almost one third (30%) of the national catch and release by rod and line in 2019 (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 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 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 3,177 spring salmon (2 Sea-Winter and Multi-Sea Winter Salmon) were caught in 2019 (3,845 in 2018), of which 1,320 were released and 1,857 harvested. The figure of 3,177 spring salmon catch represents 16.2% of the total angling catch (19,604). A total of 731 spring fish were caught on the River Moy (Ballina) and 319 spring fish for the River Laune (Kerry) in 2019.

## Angler Nationality

Anglers from 54 different countries held salmon and sea trout angling licences in 2019. 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 - 2019**

No.	Nationality	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% change on previous year
1	Ireland	11,374	11,447	11,310	11,221	10,167	<b>10,563</b>	3.9%
2	Great Britain	1,673	1,705	1,698	1,663	1,601	<b>1,725</b>	7.75%
3	Northern Ireland	2,074	2,213	2,038	1,924	1,824	<b>1,865</b>	2.25%
4	France	914	931	889	954	809	<b>843</b>	4.2%
5	Germany	610	589	572	578	560	<b>517</b>	-7.7%
6	USA	461	508	564	765	673	<b>737</b>	9.5%

Table 9 shows a comparison of the top 6 angler nationalities who bought salmon angling licences from 2014 to 2019.

## 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 2019 (includes salmon caught and released).

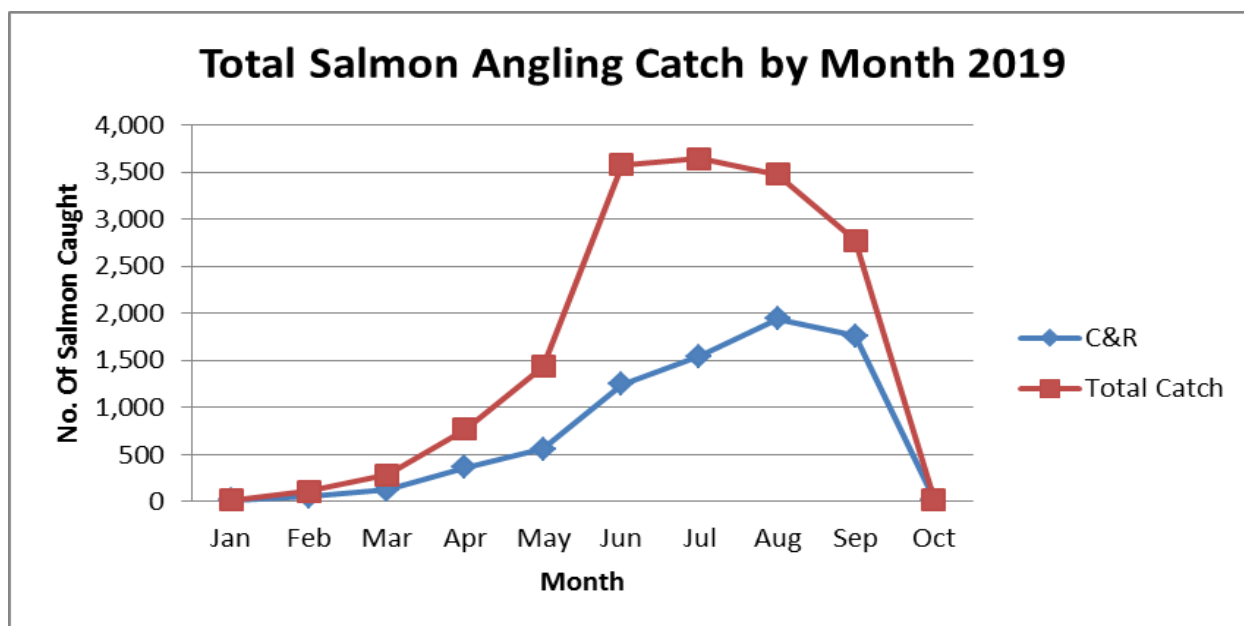


Fig. 4 Reported salmon angling catch by month for all rivers in 2019

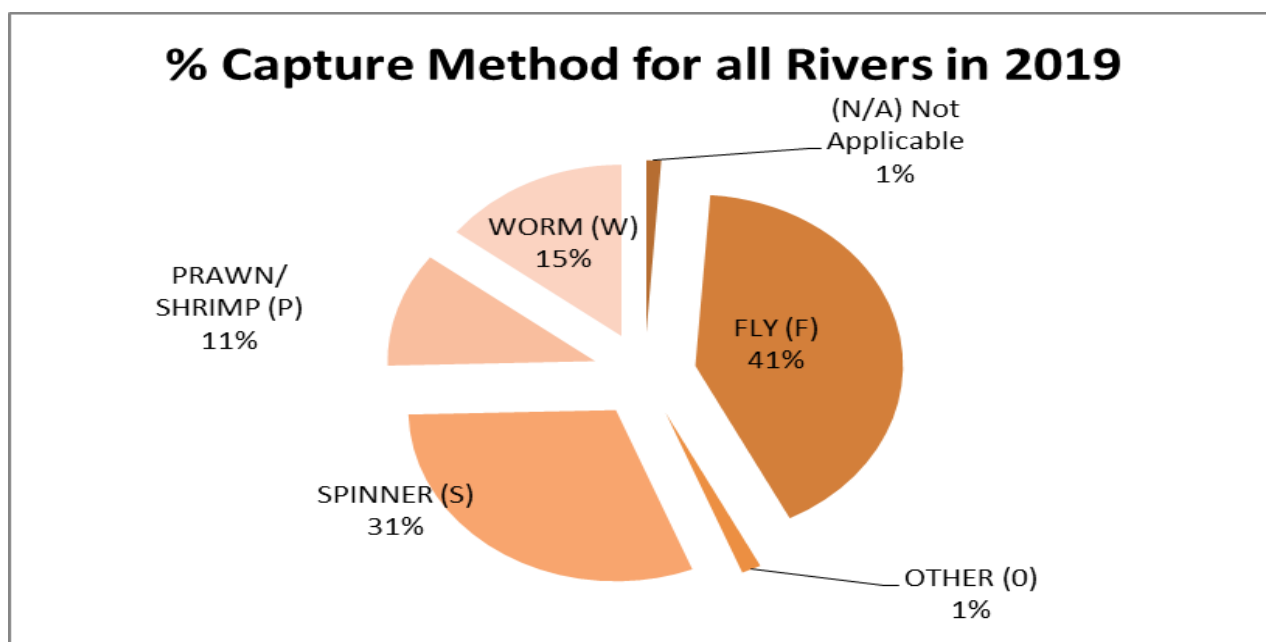
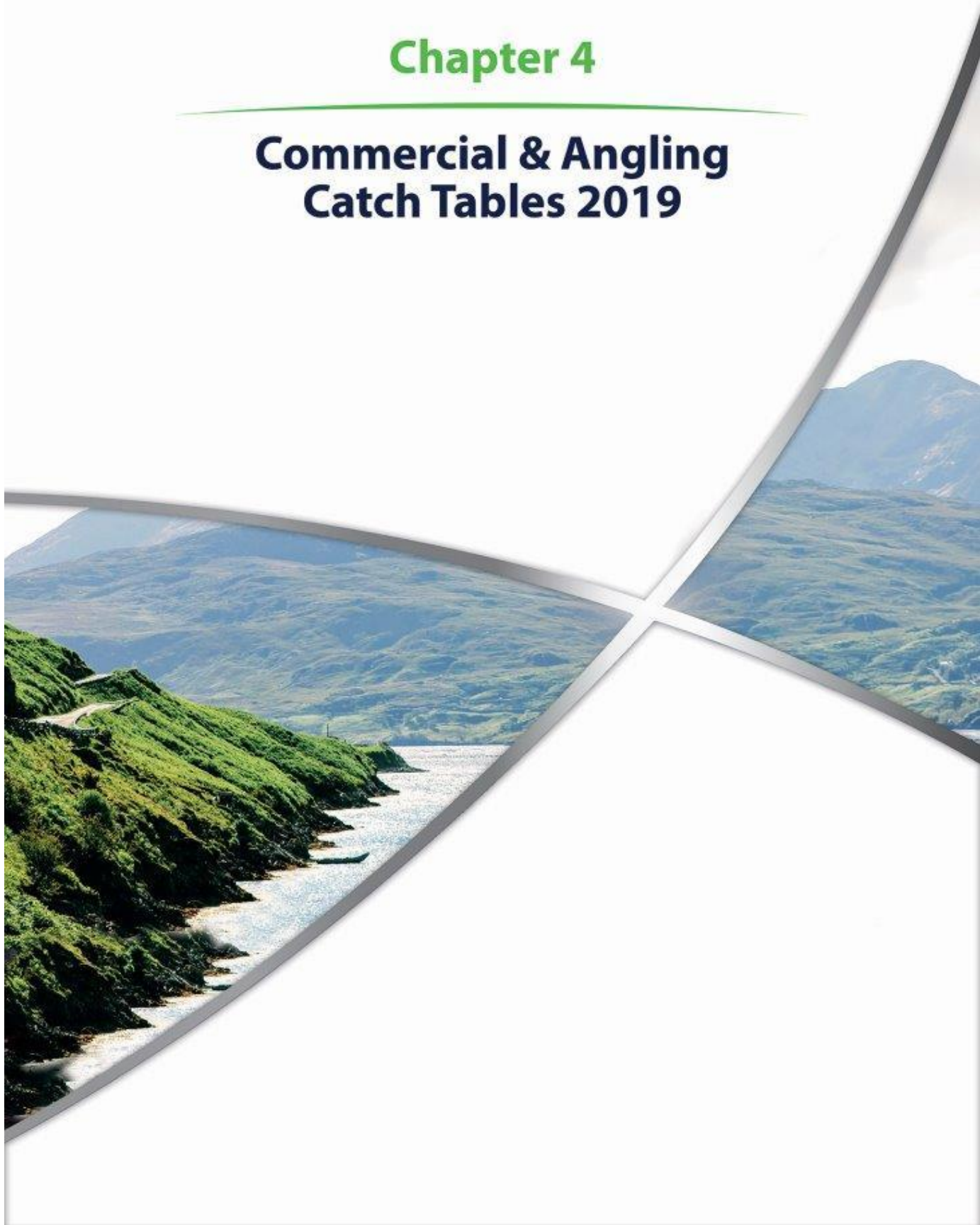


Fig. 5 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method for all rivers in 2019

The salmon angling catch by month and capture method for individual salmon producing river systems in 2019 are presented in Fig.8-50.

## Chapter 4

### **Commercial & Angling Catch Tables 2019**



**Table 10 - Commercial and Angling Salmon Catch 2019 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		888	3,472	4,360	4,360	14,369
Easkey	114	Ballina		125	154	279	279	574
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill		18		18	18	
Bunowen 3	127	Ballinakill		83	1	85	85	
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill		16		16	16	
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill		49	140	190	190	221
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		209	95	303	303	209
Common Estuary	Killary	Ballinakill	113				113	231
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	42		8	8	50	188
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	20	56	28	83	103	422
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill		21		21	21	
Glen	52	Ballyshannon		93		93	93	
Oily	55	Ballyshannon		3		3	3	
Eany	57	Ballyshannon		31		31	31	
Eske	58	Ballyshannon		14		14	14	
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon		21		21	21	
Duff	120	Ballyshannon		3		3	3	
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		355	610	965	965	2,648
Erne 4	123	Ballyshannon		4		4	4	
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		26	7	33	33	95
Owenmore	105	Bangor		267		267	267	
Owenduff	106	Bangor	327	136	104	240	567	702
Shramore (Burrishoole) 1	107	Bangor		17	4	21	21	
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor		47	43	90	90	467
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		31	55	86	86	656
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		39	53	92	92	342
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		29	14	43	43	161
Glashaboy	193	Cork		8	1	9	9	
Glengariff	219	Cork		10	8	18	18	332
Adrigole	224	Cork		0	0	0	0	60
Coomhola	225	Cork		34	38	72	72	141
Owvane	226	Cork		26	14	39	39	608
Mealagh	227	Cork		1	7	8	8	191
Lower Lee	228	Cork	912	220	175	394	1,306	1,786
Bandon	229	Cork		311	267	578	578	500
Owenboy	230	Cork		12		12	12	
Argideen	232	Cork		8	9	17	17	64
Ilen	233	Cork		99	127	227	227	765
Boyne	159	Drogheda		227		227	227	
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin		7		7	7	
Castletown	92	Dundalk		12		12	12	
Fane	94	Dundalk		73		73	73	
Glyde	95	Dundalk		16		16	16	
Dee	96	Dundalk		32		32	32	
Corrib	143	Galway		231	1,410	1,641	1,641	5,664
Dunkellin (Kilcolgan) 4	145	Galway		1		1	1	
Owendatulleegh	145	Galway		3		3	3	
Unknown	262	Galway		5	8	13	13	

table 10 cont'd

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Comm ercial 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
Maine	197	Kerry		14	87	100	100	190
Owenmore	203	Kerry	154	10		10	164	210
Laune	207	Kerry	1,539	230	745	975	2,514	3,972
Caragh	208	Kerry		59	96	154	154	1,143
Ferta	210	Kerry		7	14	20	20	52
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry		175		175	175	
Waterville\Cummeragh\ Currane	213	Kerry		161	172	334	334	395
Sneem	214	Kerry		23	41	63	63	695
Blackwater	215	Kerry		109		109	109	
Roughty	217	Kerry	69	110	176	286	355	488
Sheen	218	Kerry		25	47	72	72	1,248
Clonee	220	Kerry		12		12	12	
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		19	1	20	20	142
Castlemaine Harbour	Harbour	Kerry	549				549	564
Ray	3	Letterkenny		30		30	30	
Clonmany 4	4	Letterkenny		5		5	5	
Crana	9	Letterkenny		120		120	120	
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny		40	12	52	52	82
Clady	23	Letterkenny		30	43	73	73	231
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		17	8	25	25	59
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny		48		48	48	
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		69		69	69	
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	91	63	51	113	204	236
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		256		256	256	
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny		1		1	1	
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny		3		3	3	
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny			1	1	1	
Mulkear	153	Limerick		158	0	158	158	
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		10		10	10	
Feale	194	Limerick		419		419	419	
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,907	1,111	1268	2379	4,286	7,278
Bride	191	Lismore		51		51	51	
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		154	754	907	907	3,348
Garvogue	117	Sligo		180	13	193	193	57
Drumcliff (incGlencar Lake)	119	Sligo		37	100	137	137	130
Unknown	267	Sligo			3	3	3	
Suir	182	Waterford		776		776	776	
Barrow	183	Waterford		49		49	49	
Nore	184	Waterford		462		462	462	
Mahon 4	185	Waterford		7		7	7	
Slaney	175	Wexford		157		157	157	
			<b>5,723</b>	<b>9,123</b>	<b>10,481</b>	<b>19,604</b>	<b>25,327</b>	<b>51,916</b>
			<b>23%</b>		<b>77%</b>			

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

Table 10 shows summary statistics for salmon catch for all engines including rod and line for 2019. 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 2019 determined from Logbook Returns**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Commercial Sea Trout Catch	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Glencullen	101	Ballina		1		1	1
Moy	110	Ballina		10	43	53	53
Easkey	114	Ballina		10	4	14	14
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill		5		5	5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill		6		6	6
Dawros	133	Ballinakill		1		1	1
Ballinaboy	162	Ballinakill		6		6	6
Glen	52	Ballyshann		7		7	7
Eany	57	Ballyshann		1		1	1
Eske*	58	Ballyshann		1		1	1
Drowes	121	Ballyshann			1	1	1
Erne*	123	Ballyshann		12		12	12
Unknown	268	Ballyshann		3		3	3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor		5		5	5
Owenmore	105	Bangor		9		9	9
Owenduff	106	Bangor		51	9	60	60
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor		25		25	25
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor		29	1	30	30
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara		13		13	13
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		3		3	3
Glashaboy	193	Cork		12	5	17	17
Coomhoola	225	Cork		1		1	1
Owvane	226	Cork		2		2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	2	9	1	10	12
Bandon	229	Cork		17		17	17
Owenboy	230	Cork		1	2	3	3
Argideen	232	Cork		26	6	32	32
Ilen	233	Cork		7	3	10	10
Boyne	159	Drogheda		55		55	55
Nanny	160	Drogheda		4		4	4
Delvin	162	Drogheda		1		1	1
Broadmeadow	164	Dublin		7		7	7
Vartry*	170	Dublin		75		75	75
Malahide	248	Dublin		12	8	20	20
Flurry*	91	Dundalk		1		1	1
Castletown	92	Dundalk		32		32	32
Fane	94	Dundalk		35		35	35
Glyde	95	Dundalk		20		20	20
Dee	96	Dundalk		16		16	16
Corrib	143	Galway		3		3	3



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	Total Sea Trout Catch by all Methods
Maine	197	Kerry		12	6	18	18
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10	10	1	11	21
Laune	207	Kerry	17	25	6	30	47
Caragh	208	Kerry		20	5	25	25
Ferta	210	Kerry		6		6	6
Inny	212	Kerry		14		14	14
Waterville\Cumm	213	Kerry		132	5	136	136
Sneem	214	Kerry		2		2	2
Blackwater	215	Kerry		5		5	5
Roughy	217	Kerry		1	1	2	2
Clonee	220	Kerry		1		1	1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry		12		12	12
Ray	3	Letterkenny		17		17	17
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny		25		25	25
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny		9	10	20	20
Crana	9	Letterkenny		20		20	20
Crolly	22	Letterkenny		4		4	4
Clady	23	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny		1		1	1
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny		38	1*	39	39
Leannan	31	Letterkenny		5		5	5
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny		8	1	9	9
Owenea	50	Letterkenny		7		7	7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		10		10	10
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny			1	1	1
Doonbeg	154	Limerick		4		4	4
Feale	194	Limerick		23		23	23
Blackwater	190	Lismore	16	38	20	59	75
Bride	191	Lismore		3		3	3
Ballysadare	116	Sligo			14	14	14
Garvogue	117	Sligo		3	7	9	9
Drumcliff (inc	119	Sligo		10	14	25	25
Unknown	999	NWRBD		3	8	10	10
Unknown	999	SWRBD		1	1	2	2
Suir	182	Waterford		10		10	10
Barrow	183	Waterford		1		1	1
Nore	184	Waterford		16		16	16
Slaney	175	Wexford		95		95	95
Sow	178	Wexford		7		7	7
Cullenstown	270	Wexford		3	1	5	5
<b>Totals</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,373</b>

\*Sea trout under 40cm

3.3%

96.7%

Table 11 shows the summary statistics for sea trout catch for all engines including rod and line for 2019. 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 2019



**Table 12 - Commercial Salmon Harvest 2019 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	995	1,907	17.4%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	912		15.9%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	912	912	15.9%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	549	2,311	9.6%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,539		26.9%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore	154		2.7%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	69		1.2%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff and Delphi)	113	175	2.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	20		0.3%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	42		0.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	327	327	5.7%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	91	91	1.6%
Total			5,723	5,723	100%

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

Table 12 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2019 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 2019 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Sea Trout Harvest	Fishery District Salmon Catch	% Catch by River
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	11	16	24.4%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	5		11.1%
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	2	2	4.4%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	0	27	0.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	17		37.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	10		22.2%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughy	0		0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff and Delphi)	0	0	0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	0		0.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	0		0.0%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	0	0	0.0%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	0	0	0.0%
Total			45	45	100%

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

Table 13 shows the commercial sea trout (over 40cm) harvest 2019 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 2019**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	Total Salmon Harvest	Total Sea Trout Harvest	Total Salmon & Sea Trout Catch	Commercial TAC	% of TAC Caught
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	995	11	1,923	2,005	95.9%
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	912	5			
Cork	Draft Net	Lower Lee (Cork)	912	2	914	1,273	71.8%
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	549		2,338	564	24.1%
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	1,539	17		2,679	87.3%
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	154	10		164	7.0%
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty	69			70	3.0%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary (Common Estuary Erriff and Delphi)	113		175	116	66.3%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Ballinakill Bay (Dawros R.)	20			211	82.9%
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin R.	42			94	53.7%
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	327		327	702	46.6%
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	91		91	19	20.9%
Total			5,723	45	5,768	7,897	73%
			99.22%	0.78%	100%		

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

Table 14 shows the Total allowable catch (TAC) of salmon (all sizes) and sea trout (over 40cm) provided for in the commercial sector in 2019, 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 2019 determined from Logbook Returns**

Fishery District	Engine Type	River Name	May	Jun	Jul	Total Salmon Catch
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Culfin			42	42
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Dawros			20	20
Ballinakill	Draft Net	Killary	9	4	100	113
Bangor	Draft Net	Owenduff	101	43	183	327
Cork	Draft Net	Lee (Cork)	41	172	699	912
Kerry	Draft Net	Castlemaine	16	175	358	549
Kerry	Draft Net	Laune	69	547	923	1,539
Kerry	Draft Net	Owenmore (Kerry)	19	59	76	154
Kerry	Draft Net	Roughty			69	69
Letterkenny	Draft Net	Gweebarra	3	4	84	91
Lismore	Draft Net	Blackwater (Munster)	49	195	668	912
Lismore	Snap Net	Blackwater (Munster)	62	179	754	995
			369	1,378	3,976	5,723

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

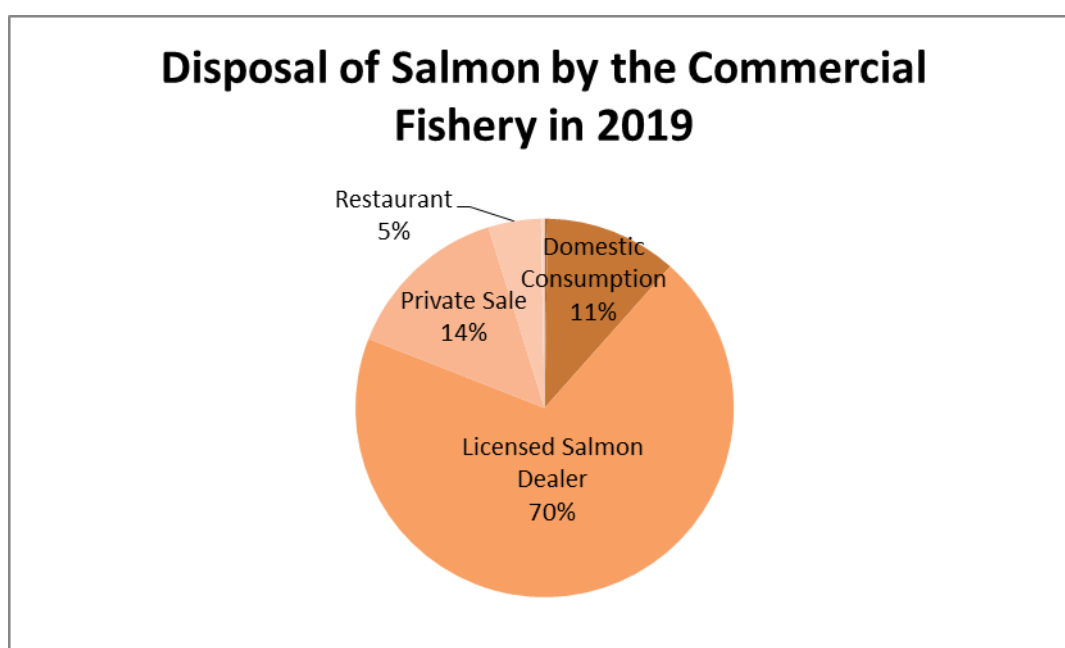
Table 15 shows the commercial salmon harvest 2019 determined from logbook returns and presented by river and by month.



**Table 16 - Analysis of Distribution of Sales and Disposals of Salmon Harvest for Commercial Fishermen on a District Basis for 2019.**

Fishery District	Total Caught	Delicatessen	Domestic Consumption	Licensed Salmon Dealer	Private Sale	Restaurant	Supermarket/Shop
Lismore	1,907		253	1,360	146	148	
Cork	912		85	608	137	82	
Kerry	2,311		165	1,854	265	27	
Ballinakill	175		60	77	37	1	
Bangor	327	15	51	54	190		17
Letterkenny	91		33	18	40		
<b>Total Sales by Category</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>% Totals</b>	100%	0.3%	11.3%	69.4%	14.2%	4.5%	0.3%

Table 16 shows an analysis of the distribution of sales and disposals for salmon harvest by commercial fishermen (draft and snap net) by fishery district in 2019



**Fig. 6 - Analysis of the distribution of sales of salmon harvest by commercial fishermen in 2019.**

## Chapter 6

# Angling Catch Tables 2019



**Table 17 - Angling Licence Sales and Logbook Returns by River Basin 2019**

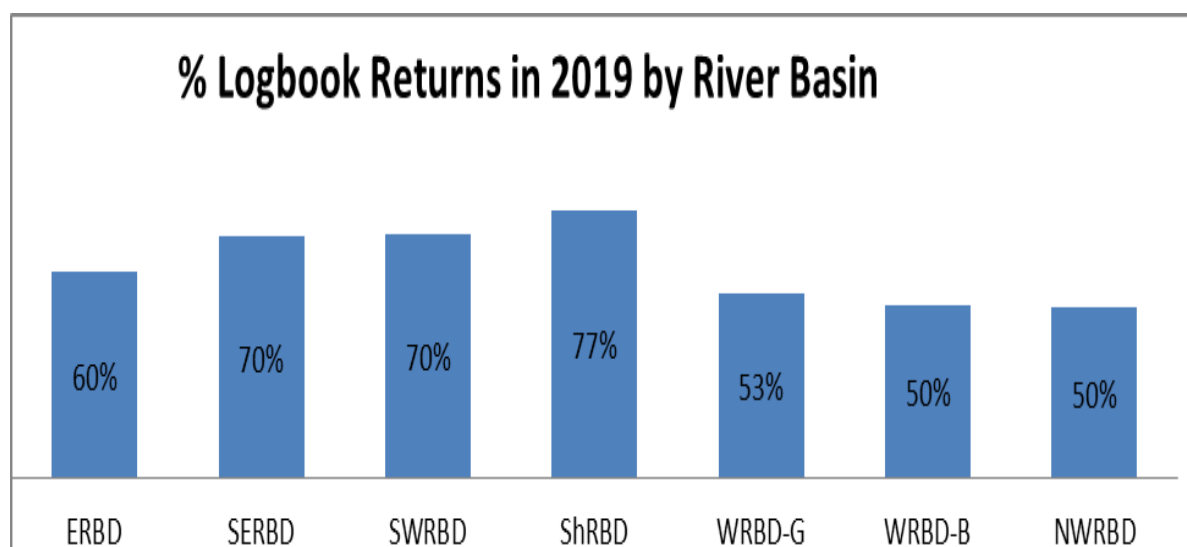
River Basin	Angling Licence Sales 2019	Angling Logbook Returns 2019	% Returns 2019	Raising Factor
ERBD	1,115	666	60%	1.202252
SERBD	1,064	742	70%	1.130189
SWRBD	4,010	2,817	70%	1.127050
ShRBD	541	419	77%	1.087351
WRBD-G	2,674	1,422	53%	1.264135
WRBD-B	4,844	2,407	50%	1.303739
NWRBD	3,033	1,506	50%	1.304183
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,281</b>	<b>9,979</b>	<b>57.75%</b>	<b>1.219521</b>

Table 17 shows the total number of rod licence sales in 2019 and the number and percentage of logbook returns to each river basin. The wild salmon and sea trout angling catch statistics are generated based on the logbook returns obtained from salmon and sea trout anglers.

**Table 18 - Angling Licence Sales by Licence Type and River Basin 2019**

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	1,115	606	273	54	110	72		
South Eastern	1,064	386	491	71	92	24		
South Western	4,010	876	1,348	276	766	735	9	
Shannon	541	236	202	42	30	31		
Western - G	2,674	428	629	191	621	804	1	
Western - B	4,844	702	1,542	389	1,620	519	72	
North Western	3,033	484	716	136	561	386	358	392
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,281</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>5,201</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>392</b>

Table 18 shows a breakdown of quantity and type of rod licence sales in 2019 by River Basin and Licence type.



**Fig. 7.** Analysis of the breakdown of angler logbook returns by River Basin for 2019.

**Table 19 - Angler Nationality 2019 by River Basin**

Nationality	Totals	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD-G	WRBD-B	NWRBD
Afghanistan	2						1	1
Andorra	2			2				
Argentina	2			1				1
Australia	34			10		17	5	2
Austria	50			14		1	29	6
Bahamas	1						1	
Bahrain	4					4		
Belgium	81	2	8	24		10	25	12
Canada	46			18		22	5	1
Cape Verde	2					2		
China	2					2		
Czech Republic	1					1		
Denmark	19			5		4	5	5
El Salvador	1							1
Fiji	2					1	1	
Finland	7			1		2	4	
France	843	10	20	161	6	95	437	114
Gabon	2					2		
Gambia	1						1	
Germany	517	1	4	114		101	251	46
Great Britain	1,725	6	27	411	10	255	605	411
Guernsey	1						1	
Hong Kong	6					6		
Hungary	1					1		
Iceland	4			1		1	2	
Ireland	10,563	1,067	985	2,697	521	1,429	2,664	1,200
Isle Of Man	10	1	1	2		4	2	
Israel	1			1				
Italy	40			10	2	15	12	1
Japan	1			1				
Jersey	3			2		1		
Kuwait	1					1		
Liechtenstein	3					3		
Luxembourg	21			9		3	8	1
Malta	3			3				
Mexico	4			2				2
Namibia	3					3		
Netherlands	66		5	34		2	16	9
New Zealand	6			1		2	3	
Northern Ireland	1,865	6	2	81	1	107	606	1,062
Poland	1						1	
Romania	1					1		
Saudi Arabia	1						1	
Singapore	3			2		1		
South Africa	8		3	2		2	1	
Spain	75	14	4	23		6	8	20
Swaziland	1						1	
Sweden	12			3		8	1	
Switzerland	205		1	40		36	71	57
Syria	1					1		
UAE	11			4		7		
United States	737	8	4	227	1	413	76	8
Unknown	272			104		95		73
Uruguay	6					6		
Wallis & Futuna	1					1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,281</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>4,844</b>	<b>3,033</b>

Table 19 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2019 by Angler Nationality and by River Basin (taken from the address supplied at the time of licence purchase).

**Table 20 - Angler Nationality 2019 by Licence Type**

Nationality	Totals	SALMON A (ANNUAL)	SALMON B (DISTRICT)	SALMON P (JUVENILE)	SALMON R (21 DAY)	SALMON S (1 DAY)	SALMON W (Area Ext)	SALMON X ( Special local)
Afghanistan	2					1		1
Andorra	2				2			
Argentina	2				1	1		
Australia	34			1	8	25		
Austria	50	2	2	1	41	4		
Bahamas	1				1			
Bahrain	4					4		
Belgium	81	1	4	2	60	12		2
Canada	46		1	4	7	34		
Cape Verde	2			1		1		
China	2			2				
Czech Republic	1				1			
Denmark	19		1		17	1		
El Salvador	1				1			
Fiji	2				2			
Finland	7				7			
France	843	17	46	43	593	140		4
Gabon	2				1	1		
Gambia	1				1			
Germany	517	12	56	14	381	48		6
Great Britain	1,725	108	157	54	1,060	235	102	9
Guernsey	1				1			
Hong Kong	6				1	5		
Hungary	1					1		
Iceland	4		1		1	2		
Ireland	10,563	3,285	4,427	874	727	982	68	200
Isle Of Man	10	3	2		3	2		
Israel	1		1					
Italy	40		1		29	10		
Japan	1					1		
Jersey	3		2		1			
Kuwait	1					1		
Liechtenstein	3			1	2			
Luxembourg	21	2		1	16	2		
Malta	3			1	2			
Mexico	4				1	3		
Namibia	3					3		
Netherlands	66	1	3	2	37	23		
New Zealand	6				3	3		
Northern Ireland	1,865	265	462	65	315	323	269	166
Poland	1				1			
Romania	1					1		
Saudi Arabia	1				1			
Singapore	3				1	2		
South Africa	8			1	4	3		
Spain	75	3	2	4	66			
Swaziland	1				1			
Sweden	12			1	11			
Switzerland	205	11	9	7	153	21		4
Syria	1	1						
UAE	11			5	3	3		
United States	737	7	1	64	159	505	1	
Unknown	272		23	11	75	163		
Uruguay	6				1	5		
Wallis & Futuna	1				1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,281</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>5,201</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>392</b>

Table 20 shows the total number of rod licence sales for 2019 by angler nationality and by licence type.

**Table 21 - Number of Salmon Caught by Rod and Line in 2019**

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	888	3,472	4,360
Easkey	114	Ballina	125	154	279
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	18		18
Bunowen 3	127	Ballinakill	83	1	85
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	16		16
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	49	140	190
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	209	95	303
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		8	8
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	56	28	83
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	21		21
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	93		93
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	3		3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	31		31
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	14		14
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	21		21
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	355	610	965
Erne 4	123	Ballyshannon	4		4
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	26	7	33
Owenmore	105	Bangor	267		267
Owenduff	106	Bangor	136	104	240
Shramore (Burrishoole) 1	107	Bangor	17	4	21
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	47	43	90
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	31	55	86
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	39	53	92
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	29	14	43
Glashaboy	193	Cork	8	1	9
Glengarriff	219	Cork	10	8	18
Coomhola	225	Cork	34	38	72
Owvane	226	Cork	26	14	39
Mealagh	227	Cork	1	7	8
Lower Lee	228	Cork	220	175	394
Bandon	229	Cork	311	267	578
Owenboy	230	Cork	12		12
Argideen	232	Cork	8	9	17
Ilen	233	Cork	99	127	227
Boyne	159	Drogheda	227		227
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	7		7
Castletown	92	Dundalk	12		12
Fane	94	Dundalk	73		73
Glyde	95	Dundalk	16		16
Dee	96	Dundalk	32		32

table 21 cont'd

Corrib	143	Galway	231	1,410	1,641
Dunkellin (Kilcolgan) 4	145	Galway	1		1
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway	3		3
Unknown	262	Galway	5	8	13
Maine	197	Kerry	14	87	100
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10		10
Laune	207	Kerry	230	745	975
Caragh	208	Kerry	59	96	154
Ferta	210	Kerry	7	14	20
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	175		175
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	161	172	334
Sneem	214	Kerry	23	41	63
Blackwater	215	Kerry	109		109
Roughty	217	Kerry	110	176	286
Sheen	218	Kerry	25	47	72
Clonee	220	Kerry	12		12
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	19	1	20
Ray	3	Letterkenny	30		30
Clonmany 4	4	Letterkenny	5		5
Crana	9	Letterkenny	120		120
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	40	12	52
Clady	23	Letterkenny	30	43	73
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	17	8	25
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	48		48
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	69		69
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	63	51	113
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	256		256
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	3		3
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		1	1
Mulkear	153	Limerick	158		158
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	10		10
Feale	194	Limerick	419		419
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,111	1,268	2,379
Bride	191	Lismore	51		51
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	154	754	907
Garvogue	117	Sligo	180	13	193
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	37	100	137
Unknown	267	Sligo		3	3
Suir	182	Waterford	776		776
Barrow	183	Waterford	49		49
Nore	184	Waterford	462		462
Mahon 4	185	Waterford	7		7
Slaney	175	Wexford	157		157
		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,123</b>	<b>10,481</b>	<b>19,604</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

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 2019.

(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 2019**

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	115	617	731
Easkey	114	Ballina		1	1
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	3		3
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	6	40	47
Eriff	131	Ballinakill	4	4	8
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	3	4	6
Owneglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	1		1
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	3		3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	1		1
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	93	171	263
Erne 4	123	Ballyshannon	3		3
Owenmore	105	Bangor	4		4
Owenduff	106	Bangor	23	33	56
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	23	27	51
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	21	46	66
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	3	1	4
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara		4	4
Glengarriff	219	Cork	1		1
Lower Lee	228	Cork	28	34	62
Bandon	229	Cork	42	27	69
Ilen	233	Cork	10	1	11
Boyne	159	Drogheda	35		35
Dee	96	Dundalk	1		1
Corrib	143	Galway	27	197	224
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway	3		3
Unknown	262	Galway	5	1	6
Maine	197	Kerry	1	1	2
Laune	207	Kerry	63	256	319
Caragh	208	Kerry	27	30	57
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	2		2
Waterville\Cummeragh\ Currane	213	Kerry	34	65	99
Sneem	214	Kerry		3	3
Roughty	217	Kerry	11	9	20
Sheen	218	Kerry		1	1
Clonee	220	Kerry	1		1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	3		3

table 22 cont'd

Ray	3	Letterkenny	1		1
Clonmany 4	4	Letterkenny	4		4
Crana	9	Letterkenny	3		3
Clady	23	Letterkenny	1	3	4
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	33		33
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	4		4
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	5	8	13
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	8		8
Mulkear	153	Limerick	34		34
Feale	194	Limerick	139		139
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	112	159	270
Bride	191	Lismore	1		1
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	16	93	108
Garvogue	117	Sligo	21	9	30
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	1	9	10
Unknown	267	Sligo		3	3
Suir	182	Waterford	145		145
Barrow	183	Waterford	12		12
Nore	184	Waterford	62		62
Slaney*	175	Wexford	119		119
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>3,177</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

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 2019.

(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 2019**

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	773	2,855	3,628
Easkey	114	Ballina	125	153	278
Owenwee (Belclare)	126	Ballinakill	18		18
Bunowen 3	127	Ballinakill	81	1	82
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	16		16
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	43	100	143
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	205	91	296
Culfin	132	Ballinakill		8	8
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	53	24	77
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	20		20
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	90		90
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	3		3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	30		30
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	13		13
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	21		21
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	3		3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	262	440	702
Erne 4	123	Ballyshannon	1		1
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	26	7	33
Owenmore	105	Bangor	263		263
Owenduff	106	Bangor	112	72	184
Shramore (Burrishoole) 1	107	Bangor	17	4	21
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	23	16	39
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	10	9	20
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	37	52	88
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	29	10	39
Glashaboy	193	Cork	8	1	9
Glengarriff	219	Cork	9	8	17
Coomhola	225	Cork	34	38	72
Owvane	226	Cork	26	14	39
Mealagh	227	Cork	1	7	8
Lower Lee	228	Cork	192	141	332
Bandon	229	Cork	269	240	509
Owenboy	230	Cork	12		12
Argideen	232	Cork	8	9	17
Ilen	233	Cork	89	126	215
Boyne	159	Drogheda	192		192
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	7		7
Castletown	92	Dundalk	12		12
Fane	94	Dundalk	73		73
Glyde	95	Dundalk	16		16
Dee	96	Dundalk	31		31

table 23 cont'd

Corrib	143	Galway	205	1,212	1,417
Dunkellin (Kilcolgan) 4	145	Galway	1		1
Unknown	262	Galway		6	6
Maine	197	Kerry	12	86	98
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10		10
Laune	207	Kerry	167	489	656
Caragh	208	Kerry	32	65	97
Ferta	210	Kerry	7	14	20
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	172		172
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane	213	Kerry	127	107	234
Sneem	214	Kerry	23	37	60
Blackwater	215	Kerry	109		109
Roughty	217	Kerry	99	167	266
Sheen	218	Kerry	25	46	71
Clonee	220	Kerry	11		11
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	16	1	17
Ray	3	Letterkenny	29		29
Clonmany 4	4	Letterkenny	1		1
Crana	9	Letterkenny	117		117
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	40	12	52
Clady	23	Letterkenny	29	40	69
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	17	8	25
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	16		16
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	65		65
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	57	43	100
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	248		248
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1		1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	3		3
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny		1	1
Mulkear	153	Limerick	124		124
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	10		10
Feale	194	Limerick	279		279
Blackwater	190	Lismore	1,000	1,109	2,109
Bride	191	Lismore	50		50
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	138	661	799
Garvogue	117	Sligo	159	4	163
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	35	91	126
Suir	182	Waterford	632		632
Barrow	183	Waterford	36		36
Nore	184	Waterford	400		400
Mahon 4	185	Waterford	7		7
Slaney	175	Wexford	38		38
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,803</b>	<b>8,624</b>	<b>16,427</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

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 2019. (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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Sea Trout Catch & Release by Rod & Line	Sea Trout Harvest by Rod & Line	Total Sea Trout Catch by Rod & Line
Glencullen	101	Ballina	1		1
Moy	110	Ballina	10	43	53
Easkey	114	Ballina	10	4	14
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	5		5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	6		6
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	1		1
Ballinaboy	162	Ballinakill	6		6
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	7		7
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1		1
Eske*	58	Ballyshannon	1		1
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon		1	1
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	12		12
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	3		3
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	5		5
Owenmore	105	Bangor	9		9
Owenduff	106	Bangor	51	9	60
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	25		25
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	29	1	30
Ballynahinch (Inagh)	136	Connemara	13		13
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	3		3
Glashaboy	193	Cork	12	5	17
Coomhoola	225	Cork	1		1
Owvane	226	Cork	2		2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	9	1	10
Bandon	229	Cork	17		17
Owenboy	230	Cork	1	2	3
Argideen	232	Cork	26	6	32
Ilen	233	Cork	7	3	10
Boyne	159	Drogheda	55		55
Nanny	160	Drogheda	4		4
Delvin	162	Drogheda	1		1
Broadmeadow	164	Dublin	7		7
Vartry*	170	Dublin	75		75
Malahide	248	Dublin	12	8	20
Flurry*	91	Dundalk	1		1
Castletown	92	Dundalk	32		32
Fane	94	Dundalk	35		35
Glyde	95	Dundalk	20		20
Dee	96	Dundalk	16		16

table 24 cont'd

Corrib	143	Galway	3		3
Maine	197	Kerry	12	6	18
Owenmore	203	Kerry	10	1	11
Laune	207	Kerry	25	6	30
Caragh	208	Kerry	20	5	25
Ferta	210	Kerry	6		6
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	14		14
Waterville\Cummeragh\ Currane	213	Kerry	132	5	136
Sneem	214	Kerry	2		2
Blackwater	215	Kerry	5		5
Roughty	217	Kerry	1	1	2
Clonee	220	Kerry	1		1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	12		12
Ray	3	Letterkenny	17		17
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny	25		25
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	9	10	20
Crana	9	Letterkenny	20		20
Crolly	22	Letterkenny	4		4
Clady	23	Letterkenny	5		5
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	1		1
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	38	1*	39
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	5		5
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	8	1	9
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	7		7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	10		10
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny		1	1
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	4		4
Feale	194	Limerick	23		23
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	38	20	59
Bride	191	Lismore	3		3
Ballysadare	116	Sligo		14	14
Garvogue	117	Sligo	3	7	9
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	10	14	25
Unknown	999	NWRBD	3	8	10
Unknown	999	SWRBD	1	1	2
Suir	182	Waterford	10		10
Barrow	183	Waterford	1		1
Nore	184	Waterford	16		16
Slaney	175	Wexford	95		95
Sow	178	Wexford	7		7
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	3	1	5
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,328</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 2019. (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 2019**

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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Malahide/Sea*	248	Dublin	7	8
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

**Table 27 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Castletown	92	Dundalk	10	12
Fane	94	Dundalk	61	73
Glyde	95	Dundalk	13	16
Dee	96	Dundalk	27	32
Boyne	159	Drogheda	189	227
Lower Liffey	168	Dublin	6	7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>368</b>



**Table 28 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Eastern River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Flurry*	91	Dundalk	1	1
Castletown	92	Dundalk	27	32
Fane	94	Dundalk	29	35
Glyde	95	Dundalk	17	20
Dee	96	Dundalk	13	16
Boyne	159	Drogheda	46	55
Nanny	160	Drogheda	3	4
Delvin	162	Drogheda	1	1
Broadmeadow	164	Dublin	6	7
Vartry*	170	Dublin	62	75
Malahide	248	Dublin	10	12
* Sea Trout (under 40cm)		<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>258</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 2019 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 2019**

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

**Table 30 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Eastern River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 31 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught and Released
Slaney	175	Wexford	139	157
Suir	182	Waterford	687	776
Barrow	183	Waterford	43	49
Nore	184	Waterford	409	462
Mahon 4	185	Waterford	6	7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,451</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

**Table 32 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Eastern River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Slaney*	175	Wexford	84	95
Sow	178	Wexford	6	7
Cullenstown Strand	270	Wexford	3	3
Suir	182	Waterford	9	10
Barrow	183	Waterford	1	1
Nore	184	Waterford	14	16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>132</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 2019 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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	1,125	1,268
Glashaboy	193	Cork	1	1
Glengarriff	219	Cork	7	8
Coomhola	225	Cork	34	38
Owvane	226	Cork	12	14
Mealagh	227	Cork	6	7
Lower Lee	228	Cork	155	175
Bandon	229	Cork	237	267
Argideen	232	Cork	8	9
Ilen	233	Cork	113	127
Maine	197	Kerry	77	87
Laune	207	Kerry	661	745
Caragh	208	Kerry	85	96
Ferta	210	Kerry	12	14
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	153	172
Sneem	214	Kerry	36	41
Roughty	217	Kerry	156	176
Sheen	218	Kerry	42	47
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>3,292</b>

**Table 34 - Sea Trout Harvest in the South Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	18	20
Glashaboy	193	Cork	4	5
Lower Lee	228	Cork	1	1
Owenboy	230	Cork	2	2
Argideen	232	Cork	5	6
Ilen	233	Cork	3	3
Maine	197	Kerry	5	6
Owenmore	203	Kerry	1	1
Laune	207	Kerry	5	6
Caragh	208	Kerry	4	5
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	4	5
Roughty	217	Kerry	1	1
Unknown	999	SWRBD	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>

**Table 35 - Salmon Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	986	1,111
Bride	191	Lismore	45	51
Glashaboy	193	Cork	7	8
Glengarriff	219	Cork	9	10
Coomhola	225	Cork	30	34
Owvane	226	Cork	23	26
Mealagh	227	Cork	1	1
Lower Lee	228	Cork	195	220
Bandon	229	Cork	276	311
Owenboy	230	Cork	11	12
Argideen	232	Cork	7	8
Ilen	233	Cork	88	99
Maine	197	Kerry	12	14
Owenmore	203	Kerry	9	10
Laune	207	Kerry	204	230
Caragh	208	Kerry	52	59
Ferta	210	Kerry	6	7
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	155	175
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	143	161
Sneem	214	Kerry	20	23
Blackwater	215	Kerry	97	109
Roughty	217	Kerry	98	110
Sheen	218	Kerry	22	25
Clonee	220	Kerry	11	12
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	17	19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>2,845</b>

**Table 36 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the South Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Blackwater (Munster)	190	Lismore	34	38
Bride	191	Lismore	3	3
Glashaboy	193	Cork	11	12
Coomhoola	225	Cork	1	1
Owvane	226	Cork	2	2
Lower Lee	228	Cork	8	9
Bandon	229	Cork	15	17
Owenboy	230	Cork	1	1
Argideen	232	Cork	23	26
Ilen	233	Cork	6	7
Maine	197	Kerry	11	12
Owenmore	203	Kerry	9	10
Laune	207	Kerry	22	25
Caragh	208	Kerry	18	20
Ferta	210	Kerry	5	6
Inny (Knockmoyle)	212	Kerry	12	14
Waterville\Cummeragh\Currane	213	Kerry	117	132
Sneem	214	Kerry	2	2
Blackwater	215	Kerry	4	5
Roughty	217	Kerry	1	1
Clonee	220	Kerry	1	1
Croanshagh	222	Kerry	11	12
Unknown	999	SWRBD	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>358</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 2019 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 2019**

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

**Table 38 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Shannon River Basin in 2019**

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

**Table 39 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Mulkear <sub>2</sub>	153	Limerick	145	158
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	9	10
Feale	194	Limerick	385	419
		<b>Total</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>587</b>

**Table 40 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Shannon River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Doonbeg	154	Limerick	4	4
Feale	194	Limerick	21	23
		<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>

<sub>1</sub> Rancher Salmon

<sub>2</sub> 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 2019 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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Bunowen 3	127	Ballinakill	1	1
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	111	140
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	75	95
Culfin	132	Ballinakill	6	8
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	22	28
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	42	53
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	11	14
Corrib	143	Galway	1,115	1,410
Unknown	262	Galway	6	8
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>1,756</b>

**Table 42 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	14	18
Bunowen	127	Ballinakill	66	83
Carrownisky	128	Ballinakill	13	16
Bundorragha (Delphi)	130	Ballinakill	39	49
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	165	209
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	44	56
Owenglin (Clifden)	135	Ballinakill	17	21
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	31	39
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	23	29
Corrib	143	Galway	183	231
Dunkellin (Kilcolgan) 4	145	Galway	1	1
Owendatulleegh	146	Galway	2	3
Unknown	262	Galway	4	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>761</b>

**Table 43 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Owenwee	126	Ballinakill	4	5
Erriff	131	Ballinakill	5	6
Dawros	133	Ballinakill	1	1
Ballinaboy	162	Ballinakill	5	6
Ballynahinch	136	Connemara	10	13
Cashla/Costello	138	Connemara	2	3
Corrib	143	Galway	2	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>

**Table 44 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Galway in 2019**

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

- 1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish
- 2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon
- 3 - River Catch and Release in 2019
- 4 - River Closed in 2019

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 2019 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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	5	7
Owenduff	106	Bangor	80	104
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sup>1</sup>	107	Bangor	3	4
Newport (L.Beltra)	108	Bangor	33	43
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	42	55
Moy	110	Ballina	2,663	3,472
Easkey	114	Ballina	118	154
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	578	754
Garvogue	117	Sligo	10	13
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	77	100
Unknown	267	Sligo	2	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>4,708</b>

1 - Ranched Fish

**Table 46 - Sea Trout Harvest in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Owenduff	106	Bangor	7	9
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	1	1
Moy	110	Ballina	33	43
Easkey	114	Ballina	3	4
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	11	14
Garvogue	117	Sligo	5	7
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	11	14
		<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>93</b>

**Table 47 - Salmon Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	20	26
Owenmore	105	Bangor	205	267
Owenduff	106	Bangor	104	136
Shramore (Burrishoole) <sub>1</sub>	107	Bangor	13	17
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	36	47
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	24	31
Moy	110	Ballina	681	888
Easkey	114	Ballina	96	125
Ballysadare	116	Sligo	118	154
Garvogue	117	Sligo	138	180
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	28	37
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,907</b>

<sub>1</sub> Ranched Fish

**Table 48 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the Western River Basin - Ballina in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught & Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glenamoy	100	Bangor	4	5
Owenmore	105	Bangor	7	9
Owenduff	106	Bangor	39	51
Newport (L. Beltra)	108	Bangor	19	25
Carrowmore Lake	109	Bangor	22	29
Glencullen	101	Ballina	1	1
Moy	110	Ballina	8	10
Easkey	114	Ballina	8	10
Garvogue	117	Sligo	2	3
Drumcliff (inc Glencar Lake)	119	Sligo	8	10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>154</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 2019 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 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Harvest	Raised Salmon Harvest
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	468	610
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	9	12
Clady	23	Letterkenny	33	43
Tullaghobegley	24	Letterkenny	6	8
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	39	51
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>725</b>

**Table 50 - Sea Trout Harvest in the North Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Harvest	Raised Sea Trout Harvest
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	1	1
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	8	10
Lackagh*	27	Letterkenny	1	1
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	1	1
Lagg Beach	247	Letterkenny	1	1
Unknown	999	NWRBD	6	8
		<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Sea Trout (under 40cm)

**Table 51 - Salmon Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Salmon Caught & Released	Raised Salmon Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	71	93
Oily	55	Ballyshannon	2	3
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	24	31
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	11	14
Owenwee (Yellow)	61	Ballyshannon	16	21
Duff	120	Ballyshannon	2	3
Drowes	121	Ballyshannon	272	355
Erne 4	123	Ballyshannon	3	4
Ray 3	3	Letterkenny	23	30
Clonmany 4	4	Letterkenny	4	5
Crana	9	Letterkenny	92	120
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	31	40
Clady	23	Letterkenny	23	30
Tullaghobegly	24	Letterkenny	13	17
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	37	48
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	53	69
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	48	63
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	196	256
Swilly 4	51	Letterkenny	1	1
Owentucker	56	Letterkenny	2	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>924</b>	<b>1,205</b>

1 - Salmon harvest are ranched fish

2 - Caught and Released are Wild Atlantic Salmon

3 - River Catch and Release in 2019

4 - River Closed in 2019

**Table 52 - Sea Trout Caught and Released in the North Western River Basin in 2019**

River Name	River System No;	Fishery District	Reported Sea Trout Caught and Released	Raised Sea Trout Caught & Released
Glen	52	Ballyshannon	5	7
Eany	57	Ballyshannon	1	1
Eske	58	Ballyshannon	1	1
Erne*	123	Ballyshannon	9	12
Unknown	268	Ballyshannon	2	3
Ray	3	Letterkenny	13	17
Clonmany*	4	Letterkenny	19	25
Donagh*	6	Letterkenny	7	9
Crana	9	Letterkenny	15	20
Gweedore (Crolly)	22	Letterkenny	3	4
Clady	23	Letterkenny	4	5
Tullaghobegly*	24	Letterkenny	1	1
Lackagh	27	Letterkenny	29	38
Leannan	31	Letterkenny	4	5
Gweebarra	48	Letterkenny	6	8
Owenea	50	Letterkenny	5	7
Ballyness Bay	240	Letterkenny	8	10
Unknown	999	NWRBD	2	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>175</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 2019 as determined from angling logbook returns. The tables also show the adjusted/raised catch to take into account those fish captured for which no logbook was returned. (There may be marginal differences in totals for the raised catch due to rounding differences caused by the raising factor). River names and codes are defined by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Rivers and their Catchment Basins, 1958.



**Table 53 - Analysis of Salmon Caught and Released per Angler in 2019**

No. of Salmon Released	No. of Anglers who 'Caught & Released' Salmon	Total Reported Salmon Released
1	531*	531
2	284	568
3	189	567
4	142	568
5	106	530
6	67	402
7	57	399
8	36	288
9	32	288
10	32	320
11	30	330
12	21	252
13	25	325
14	9	126
15	17	255
16	10	160
17	7	119
18	2	36
19	8	152
20	5	100
21	8	168
22	8	176
23	4	92
24	3	72
25	9	225
26	1	26
28	2	56
29	1	29
30	1	30
35	2	70
36	1	36
37	1	37
43	1	43
44	1	44
45	1	45
48	2	96
81	1	81
<b>Total Anglers who Caught &amp; Released Salmon</b>	<b>1,657*</b>	<b>7,642 Reported Salmon Released</b>

Table 53 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each caught and released between 1 and 81 salmon in 2019 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 531 anglers each 'caught and released' 1 salmon. 1,657 anglers who fished caught and released a total of 7,642 salmon. This figure was raised to 9,123 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 in 2019**

<b>No. of Salmon Harvested</b>	<b>No. of Anglers who Harvested Salmon</b>	<b>Total Reported Salmon Harvest</b>
1	1,041	1,041
2	552	1,104
3	634	1,902
4	183	732
5	148	740
6	137	822
7	103	721
8	49	392
9	37	333
10	69	690
<b>Total Anglers who Harvested Salmon</b>	<b>2,953*</b>	<b>8,477 Reported Salmon Harvest</b>

Table 54 shows an analysis of the number of anglers whom each harvested between 1 and 10 salmon in 2019 as determined from angling logbook returns. \*E.g 1,041 anglers who fished, each harvested 1 salmon and 2,953 anglers who fished, harvested a total of 8,477 salmon. This figure of 8,477 was raised to 10,481 salmon harvest (table 21) to account for those fish captured in which no logbook was returned.

**Note** - In 2019, 2,953 anglers harvested salmon. Of this figures, 75% (2,227) harvest no more than 3 salmon, a further 16% (468) harvested between 4-6 salmon and 9% (258) harvest between 7 and 10 salmon.

## Chapter 7

# Angling Catch Graphs and Charts 2019



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## Reported Salmon Angling Catch by Month and by Capture Method for the top Salmon Angling Rivers in 2019 (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 2019.

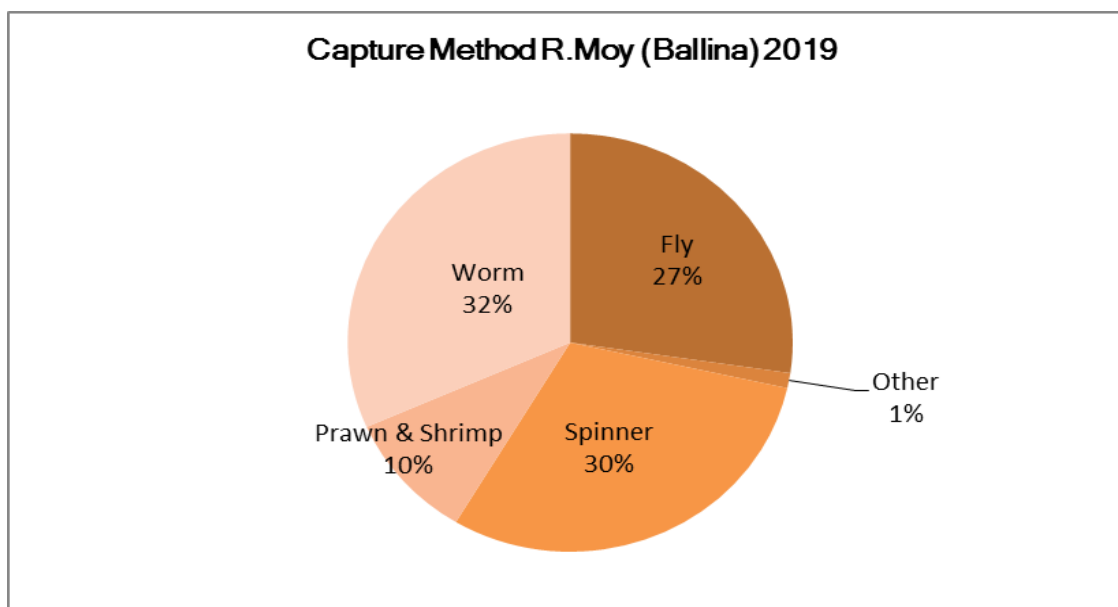
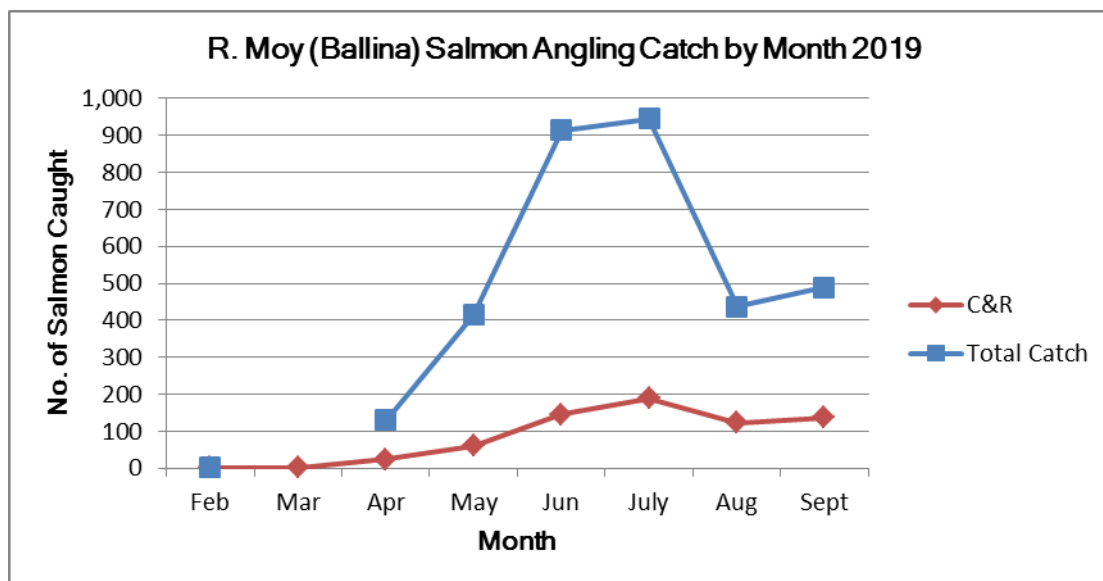


Fig. 9 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Blackwater Munster (Lismore) in 2019.

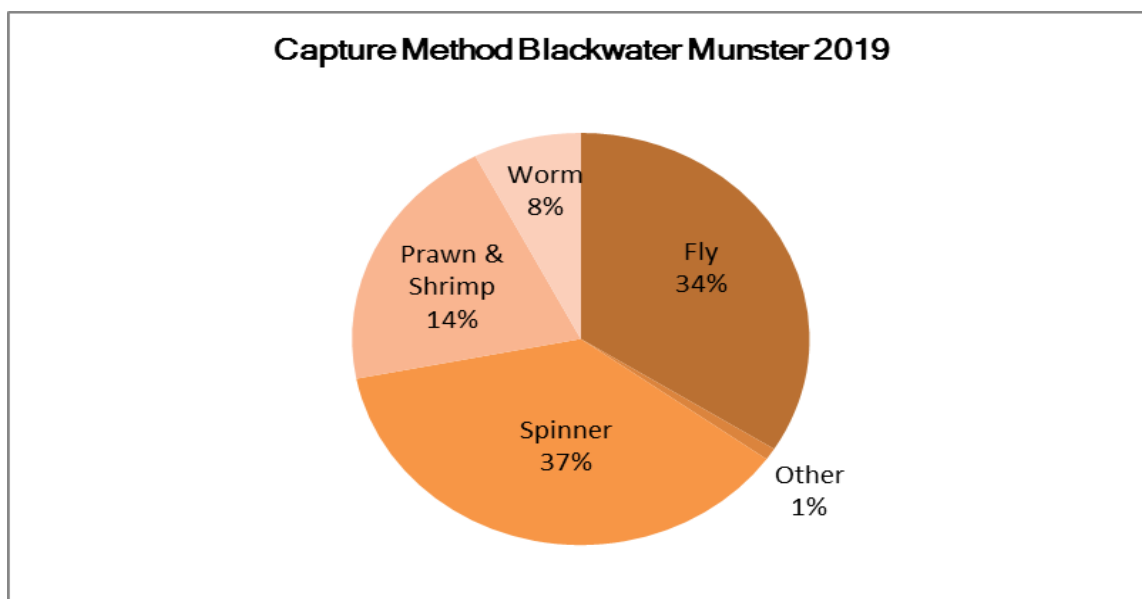
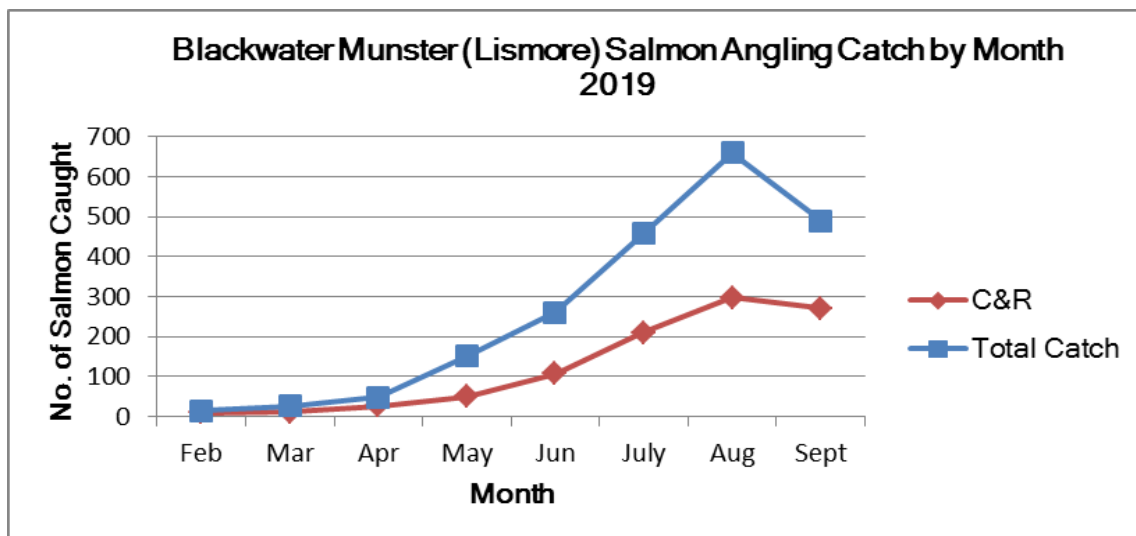


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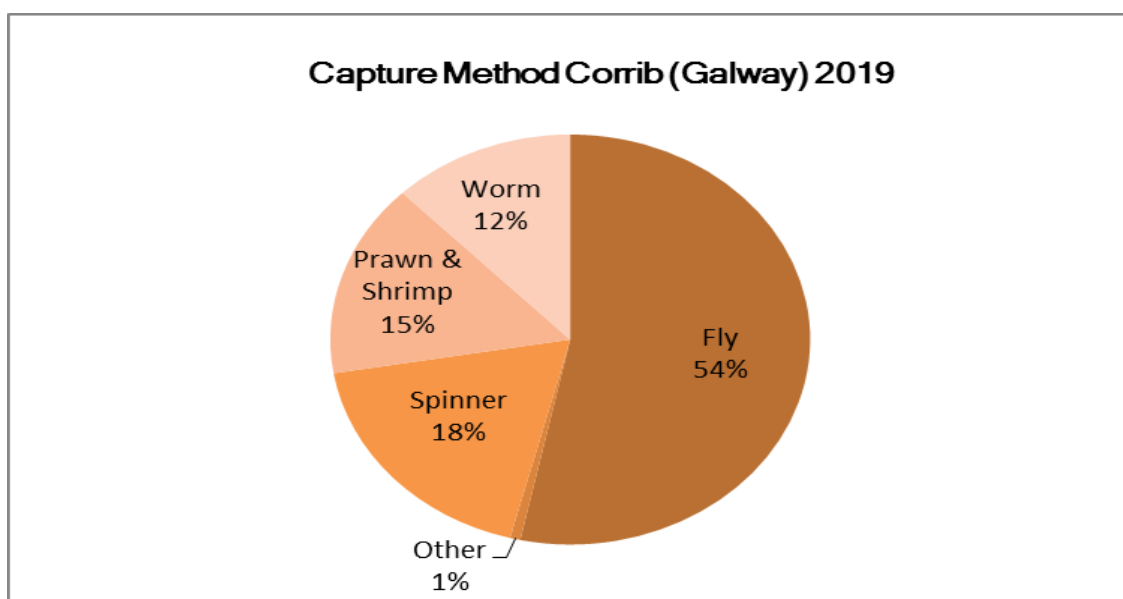
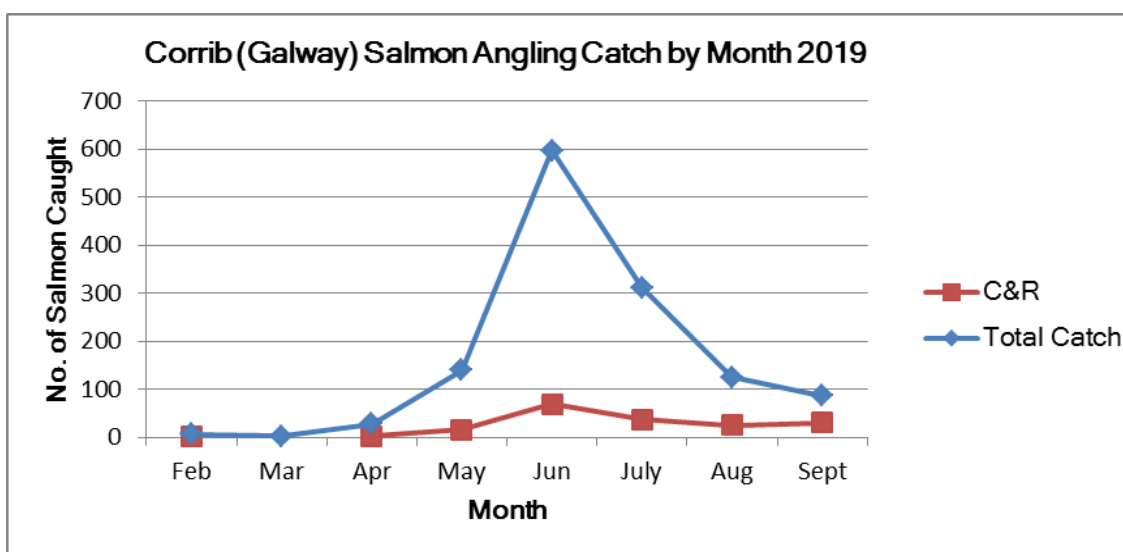


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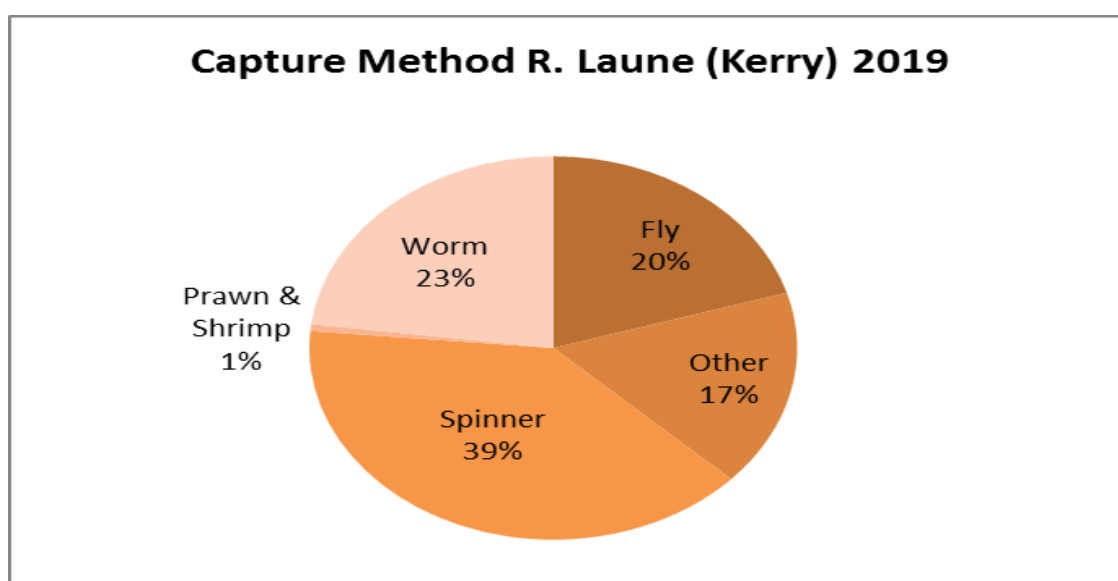
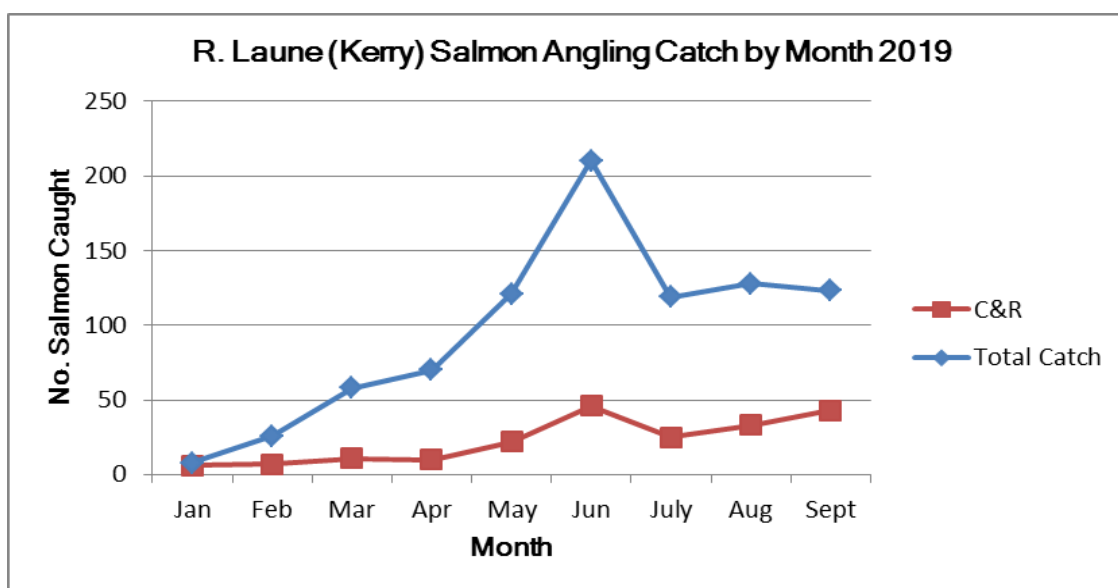


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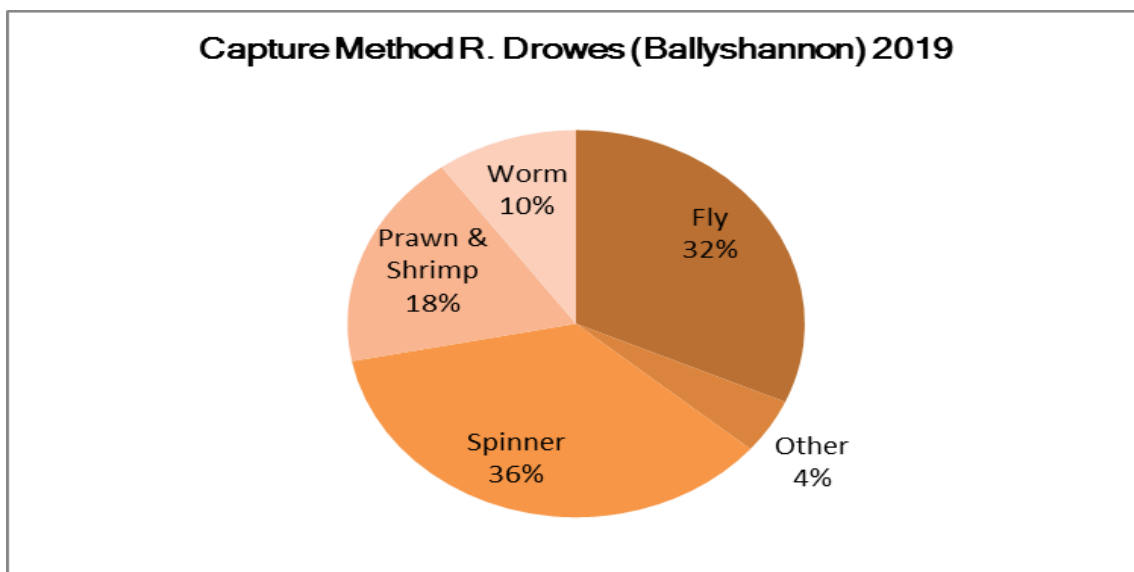
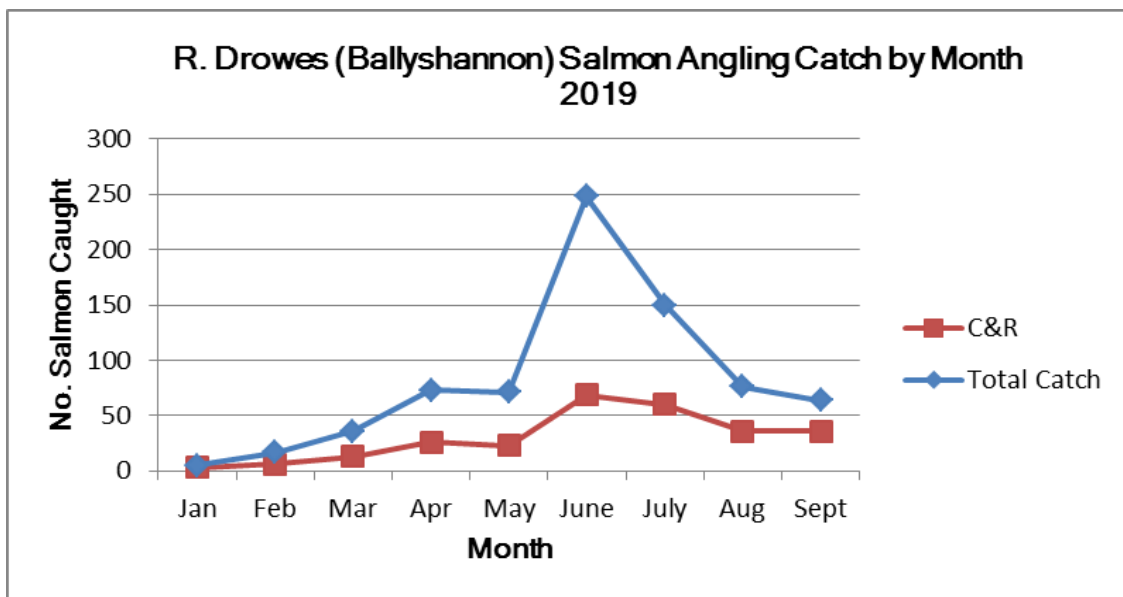




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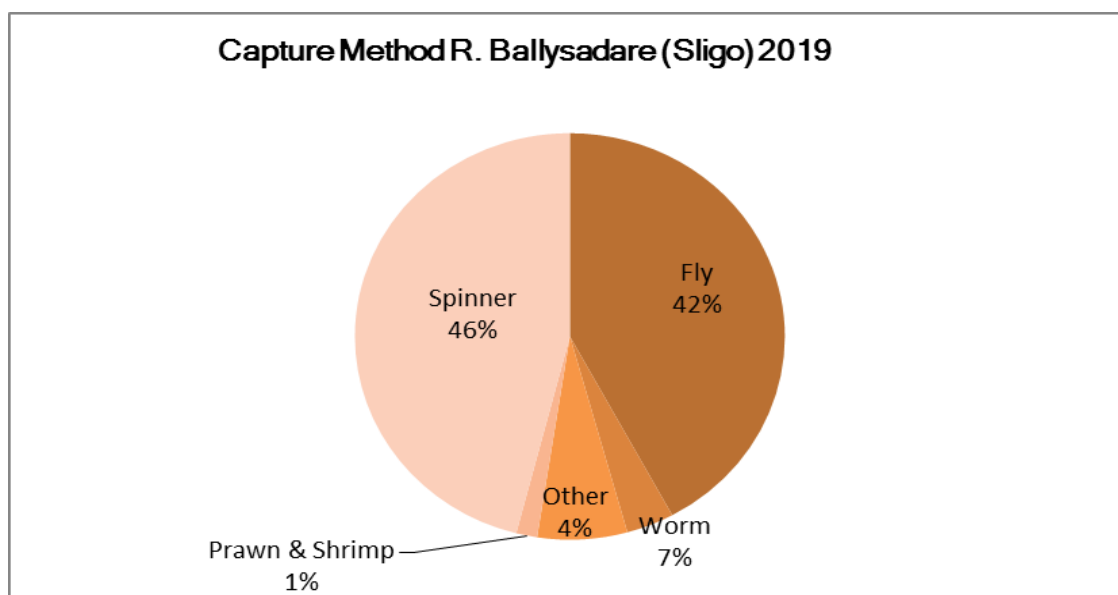
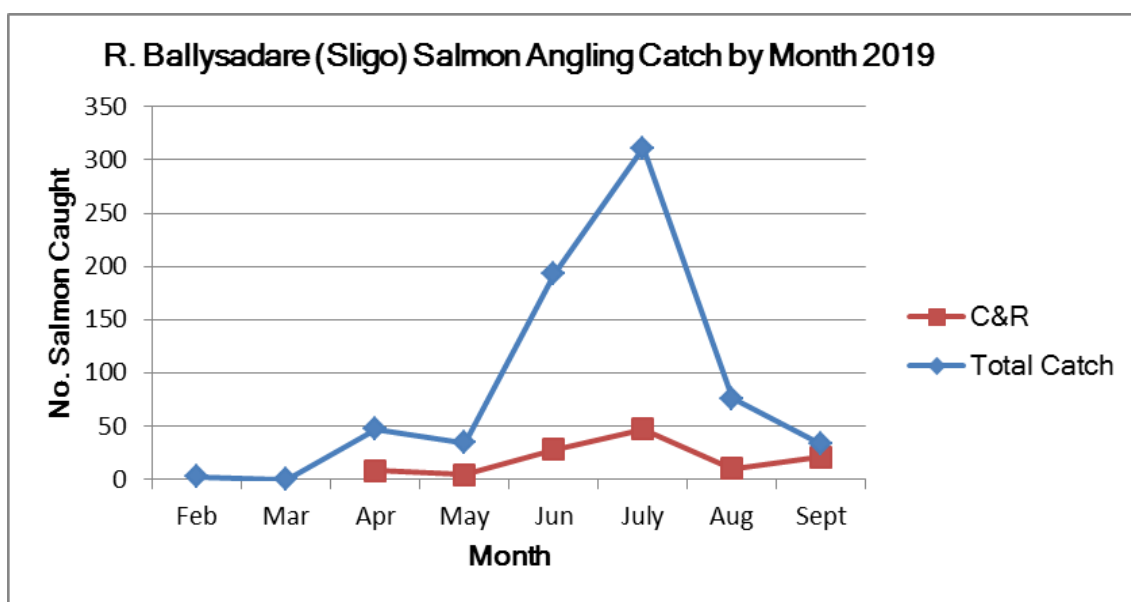


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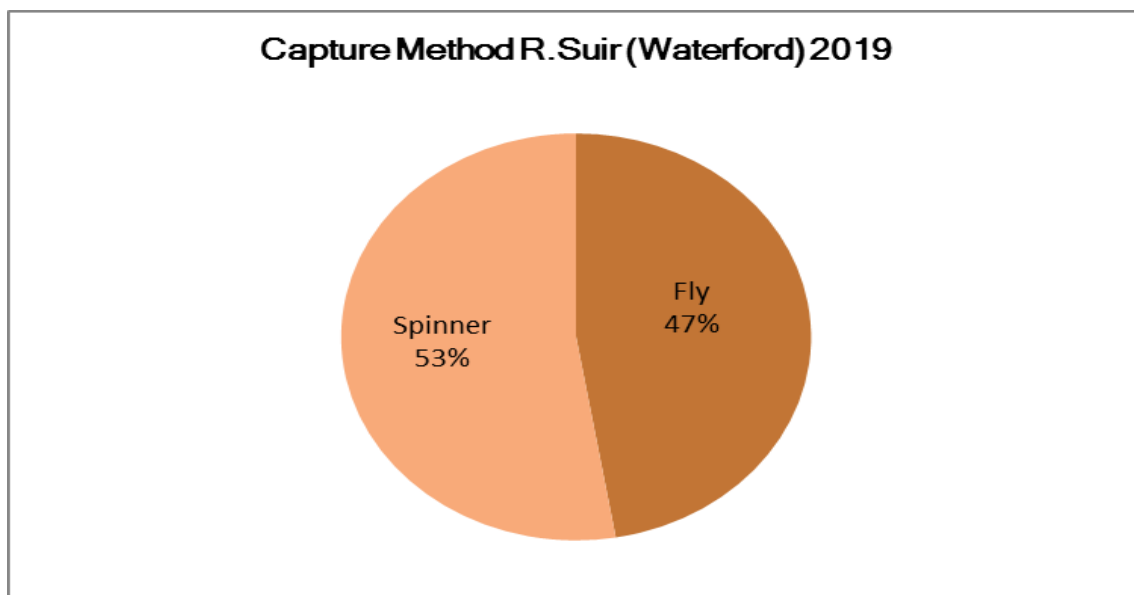
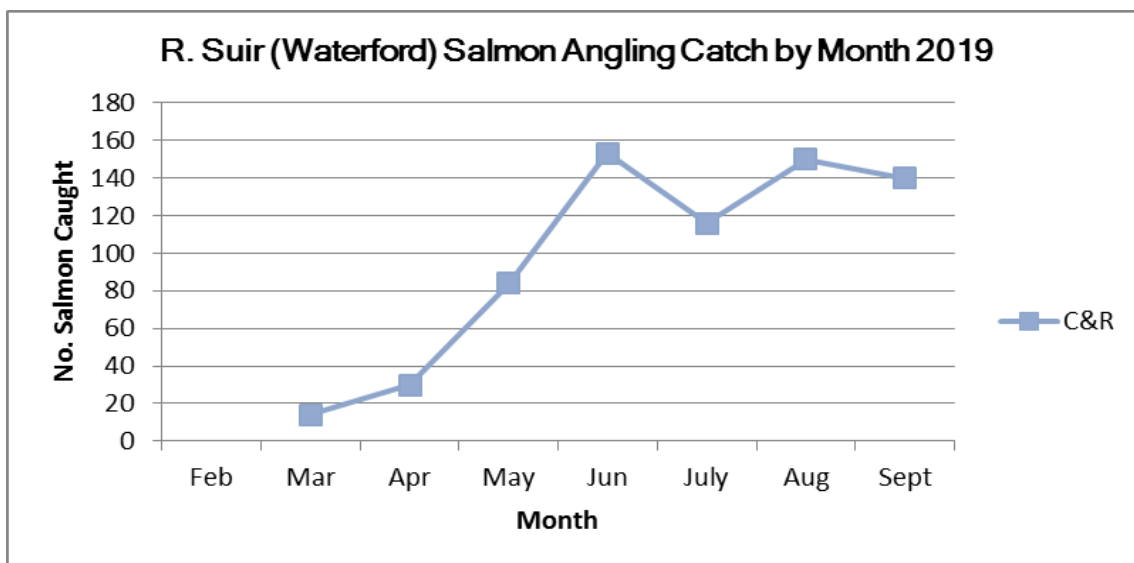


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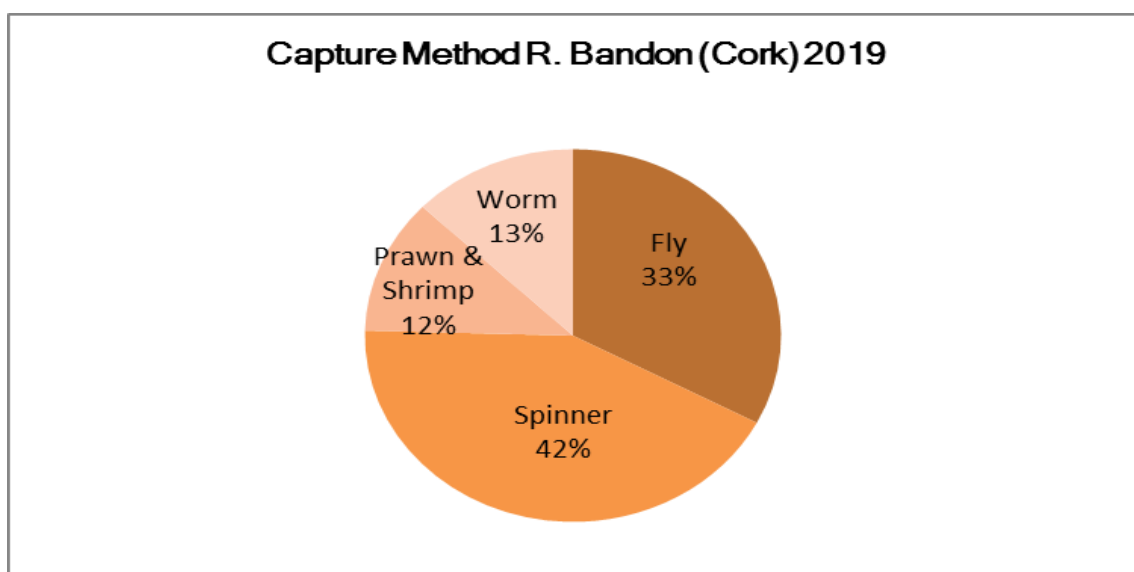
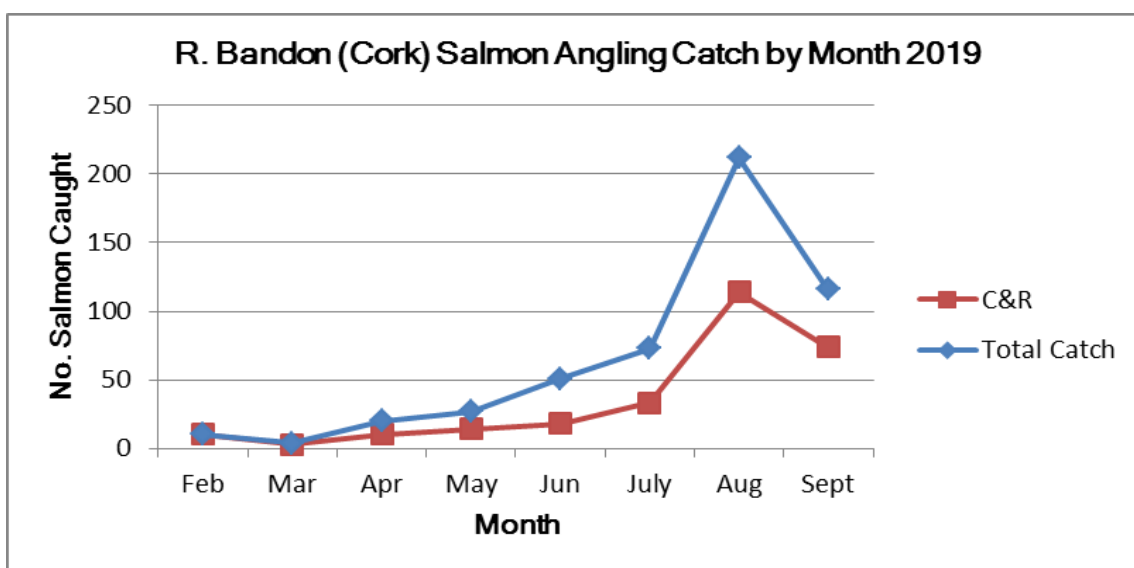


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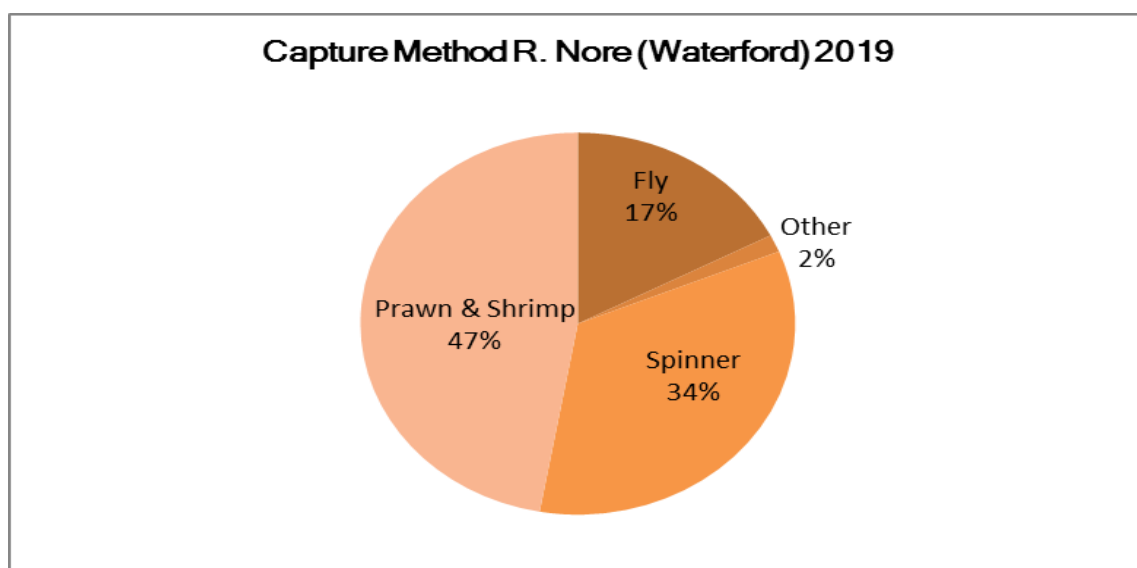
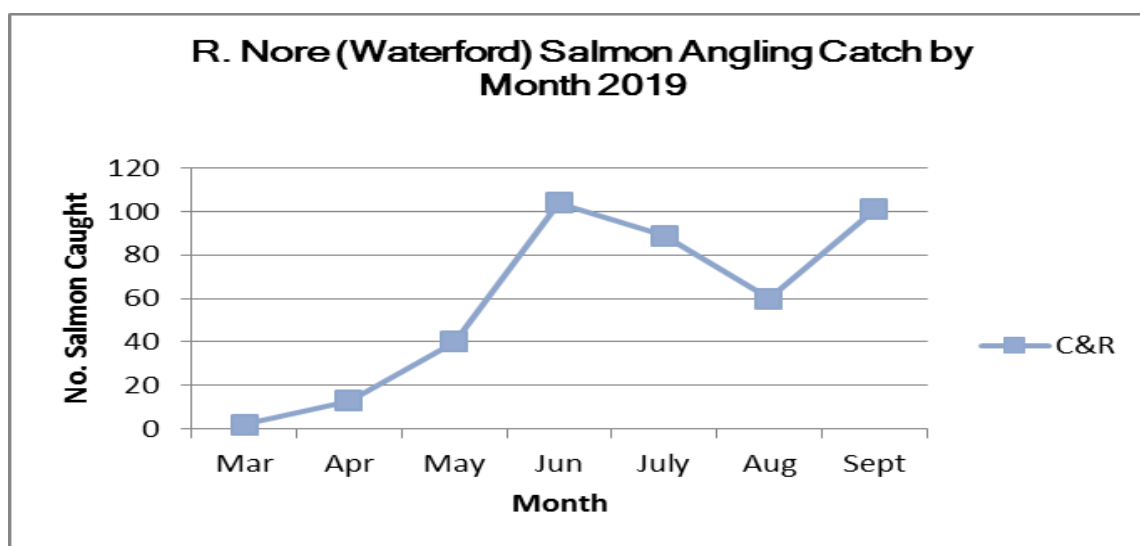


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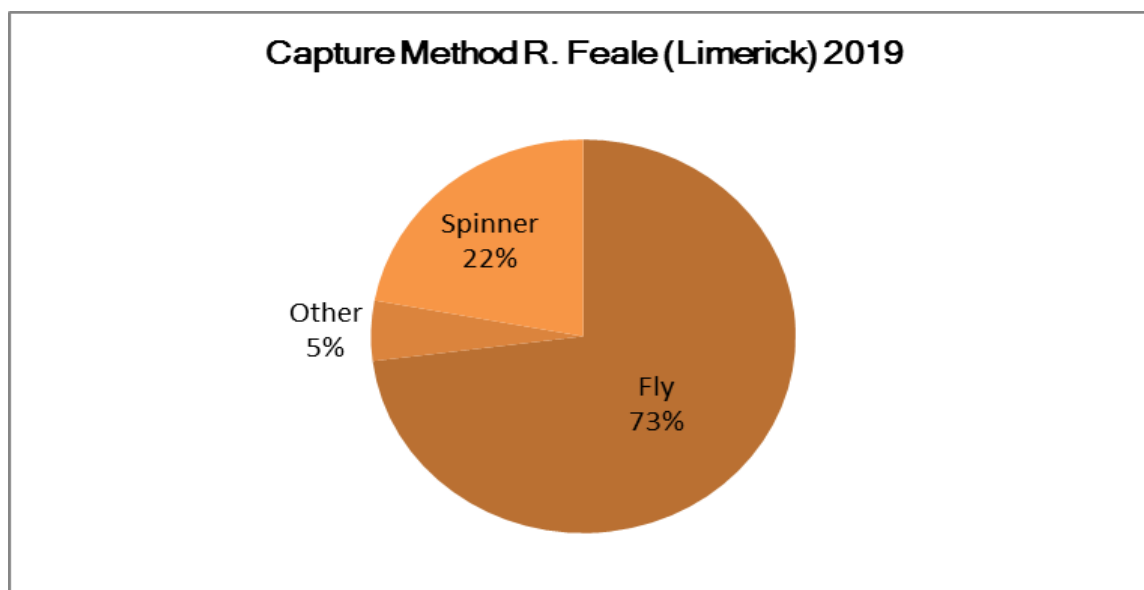
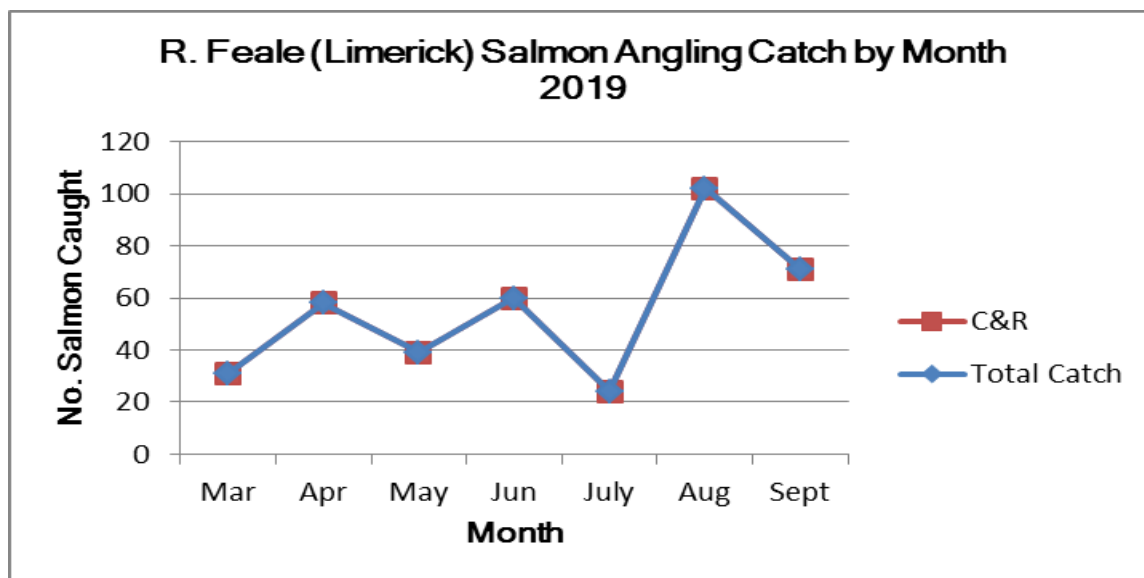


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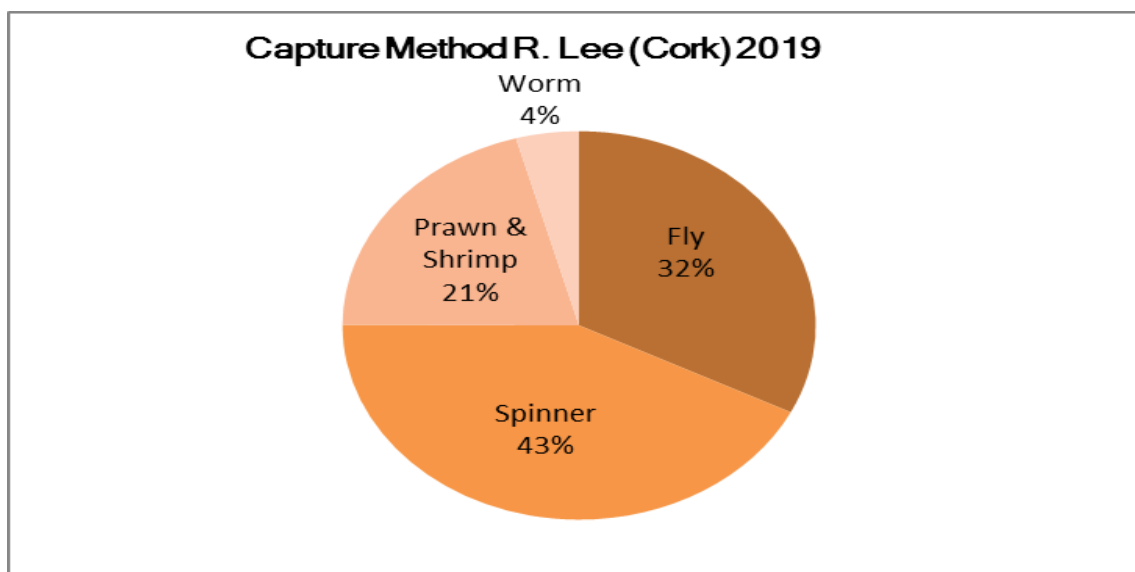
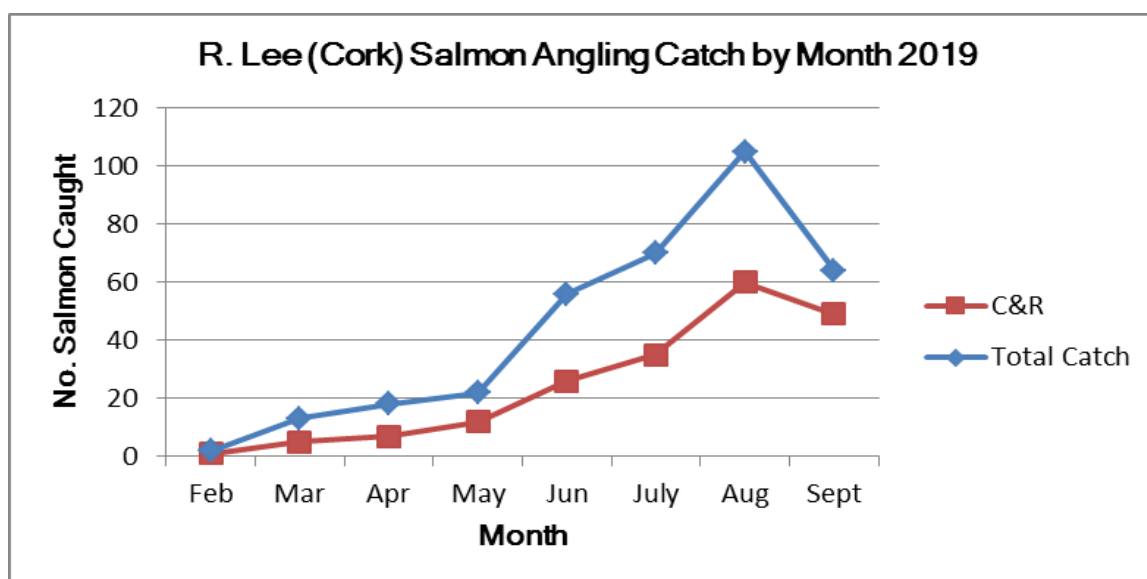


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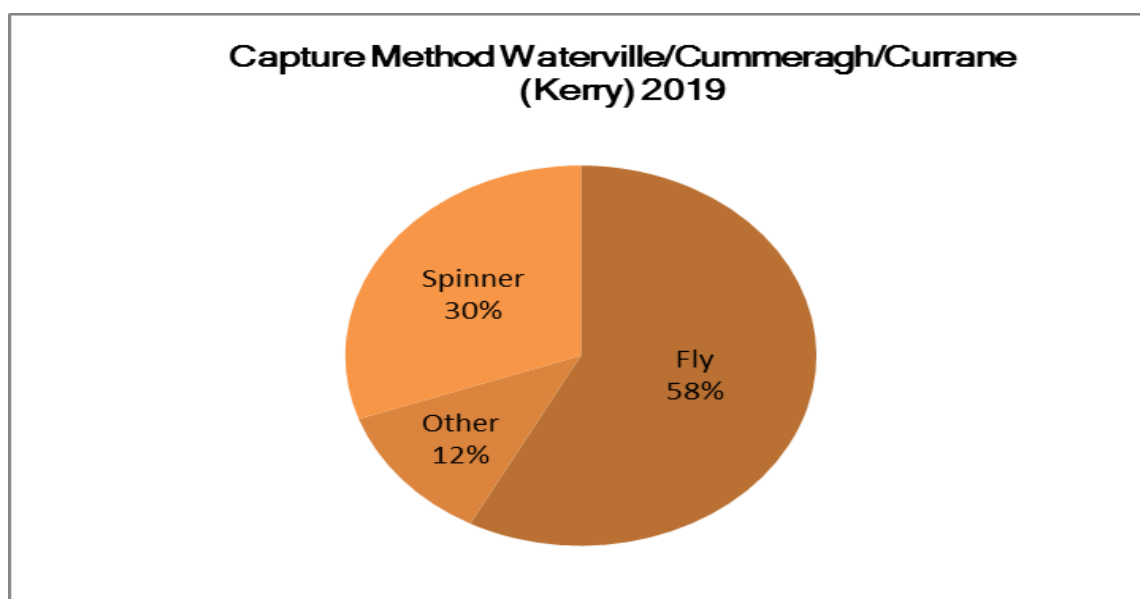
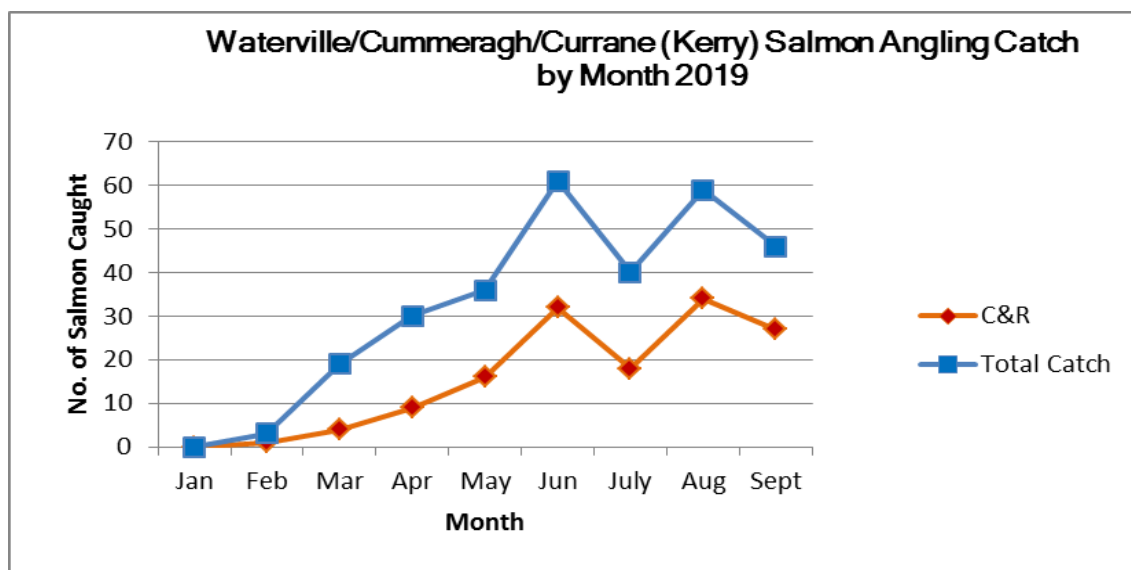


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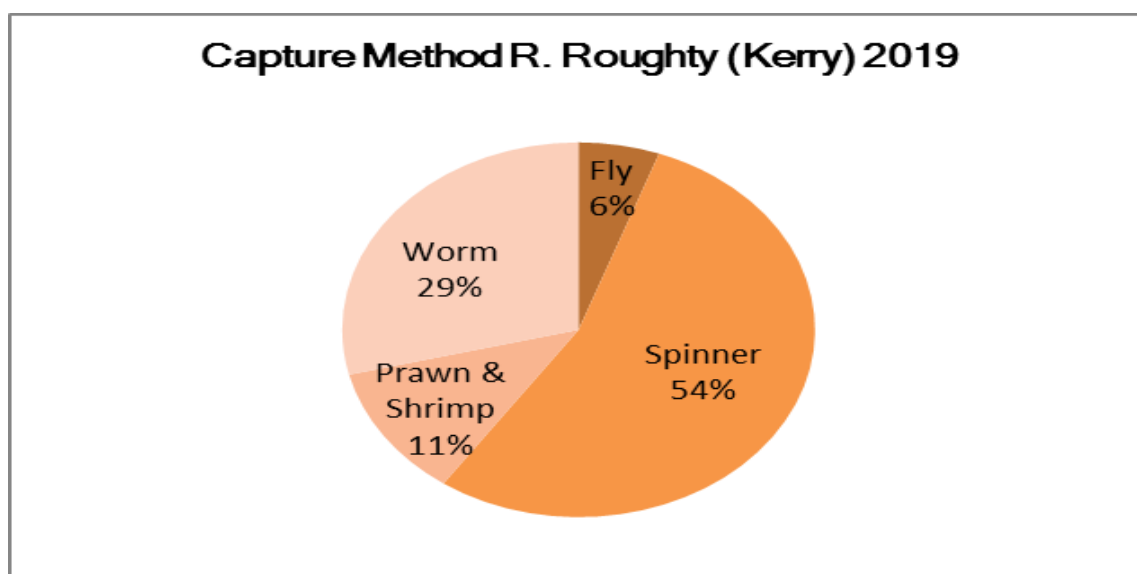
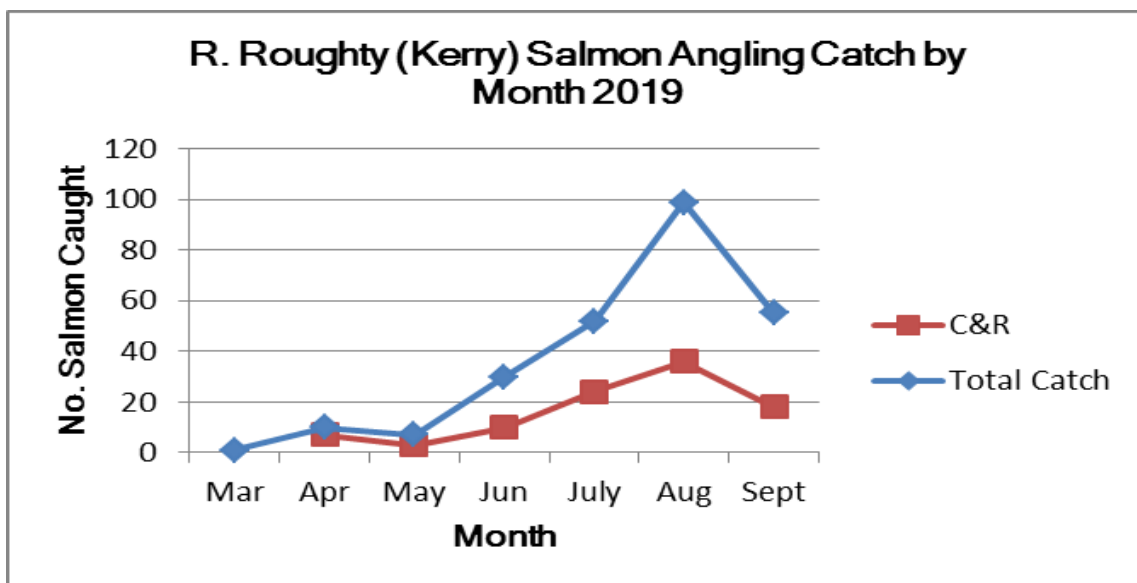




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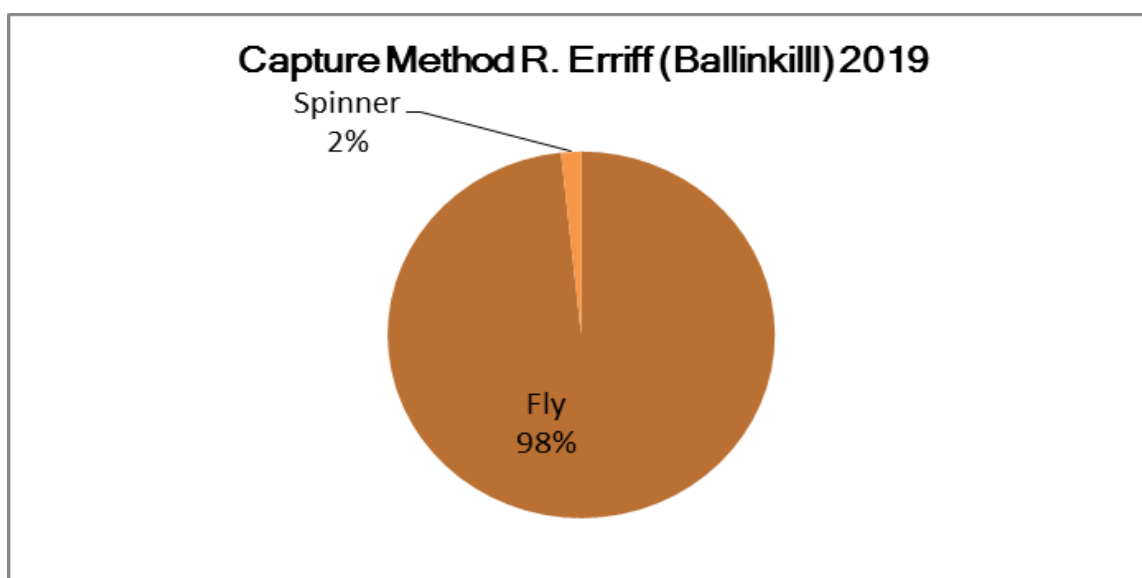
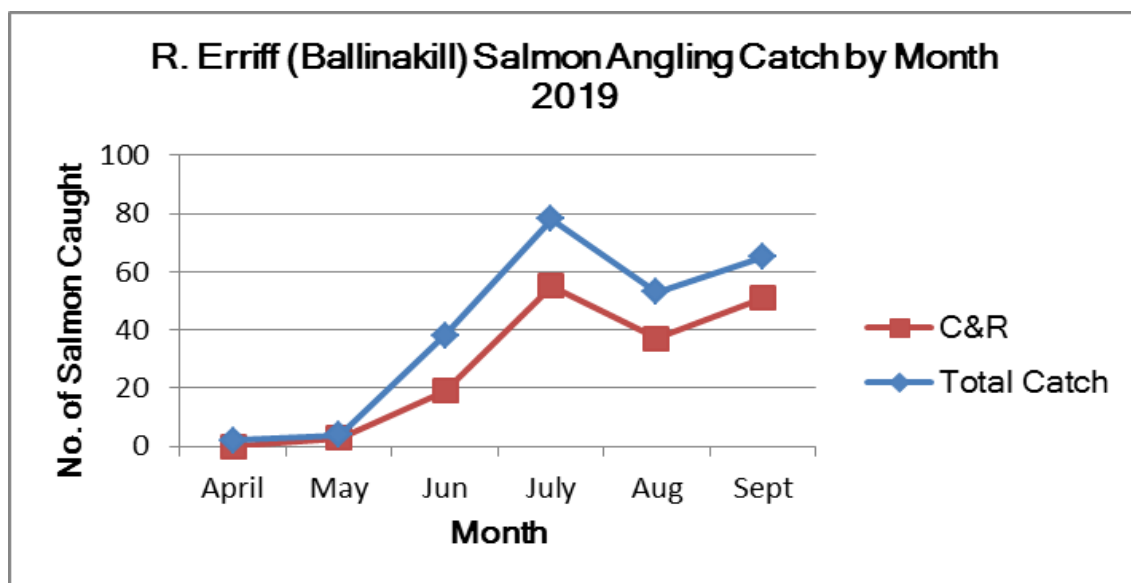


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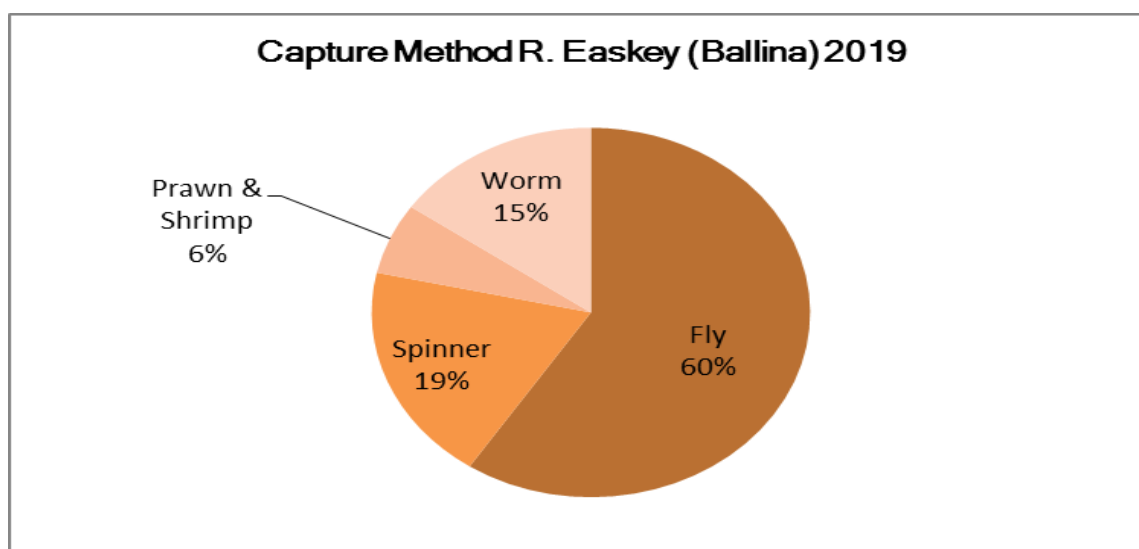
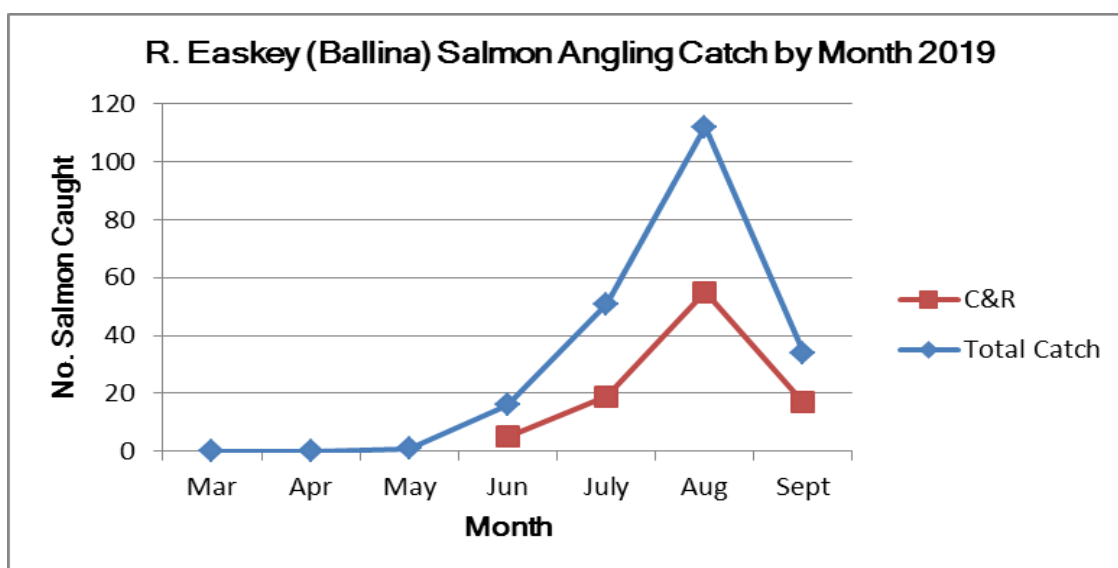


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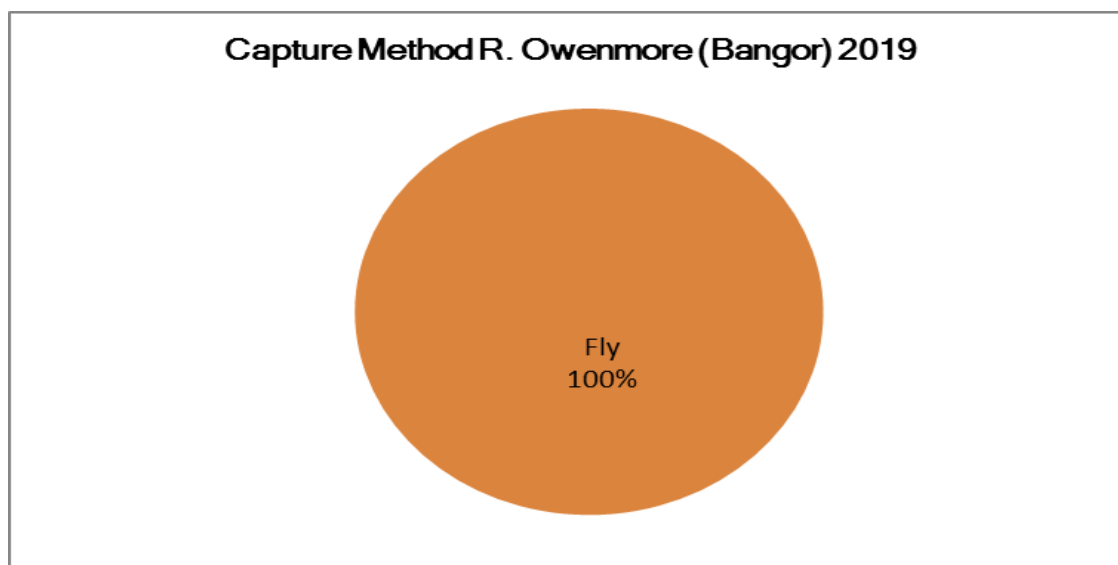
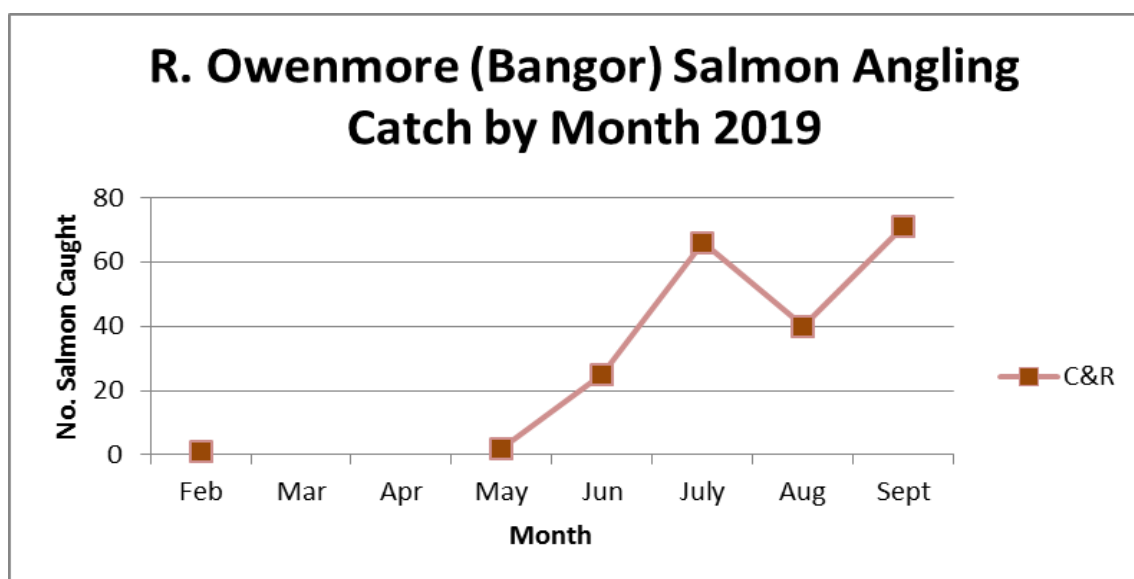


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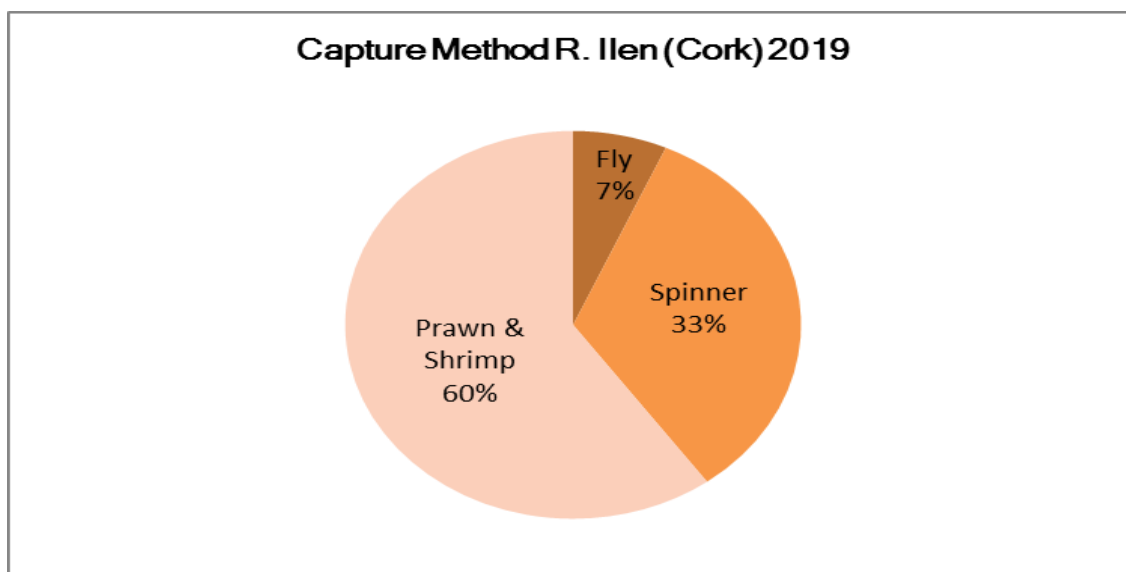
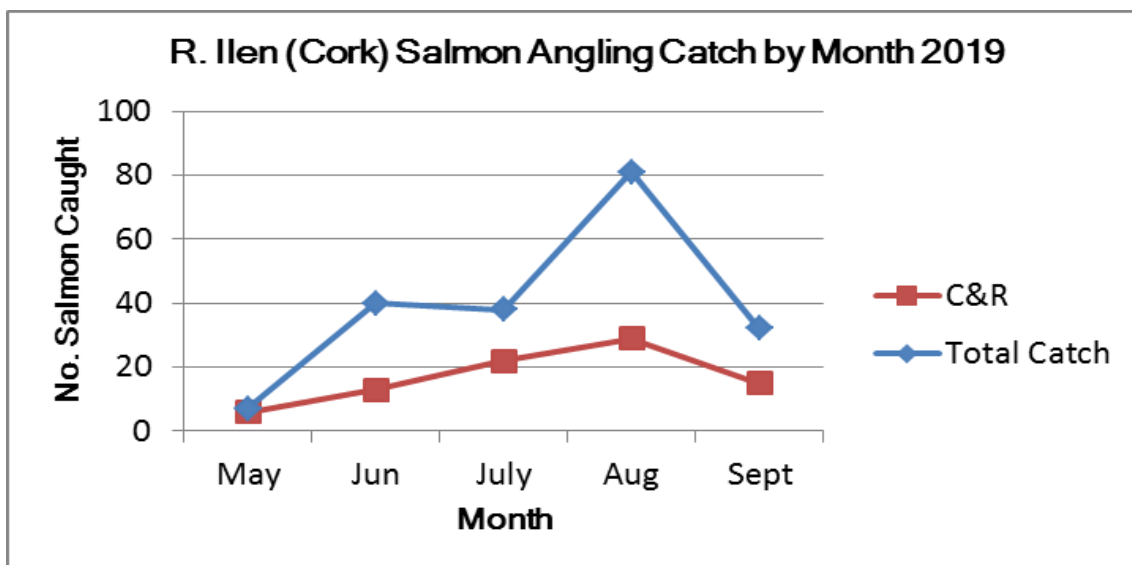


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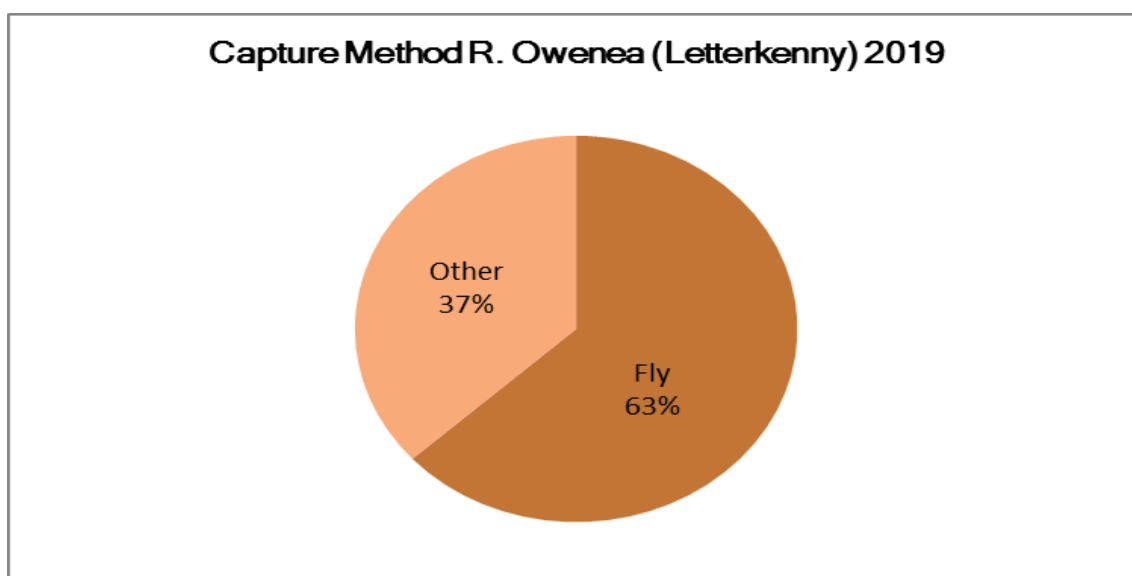
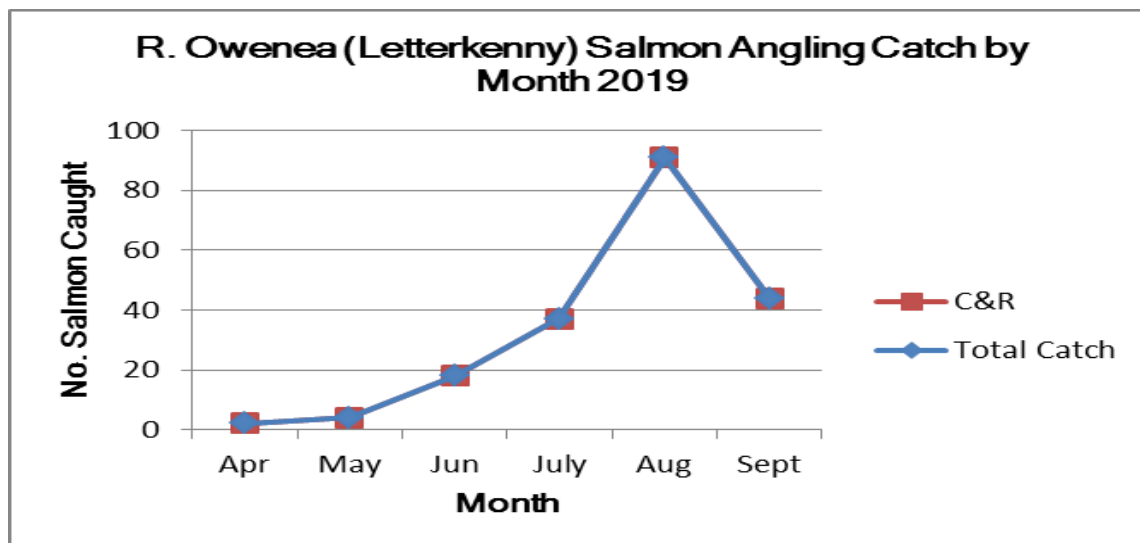


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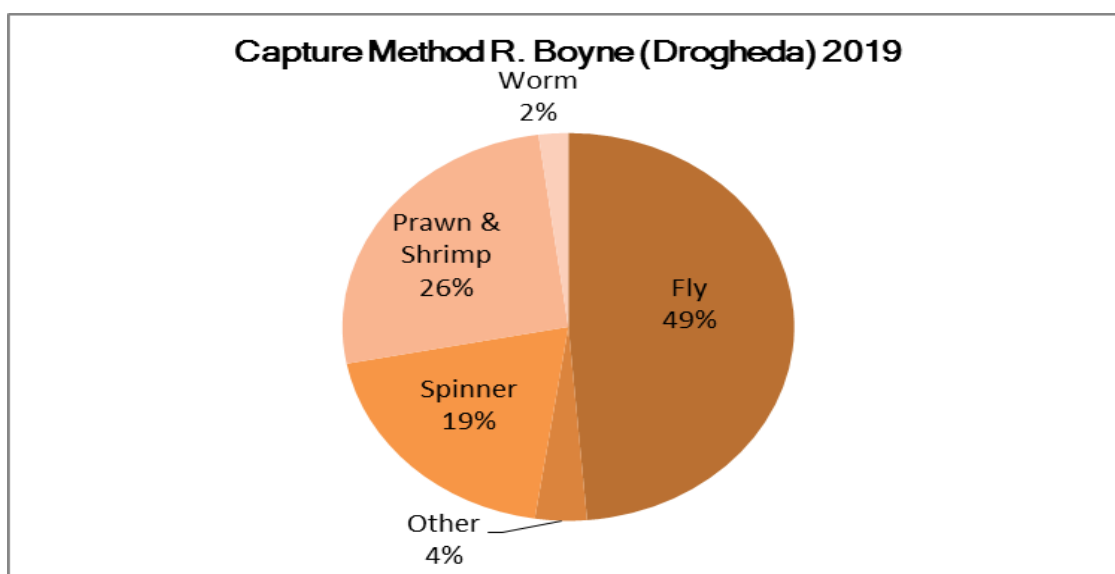
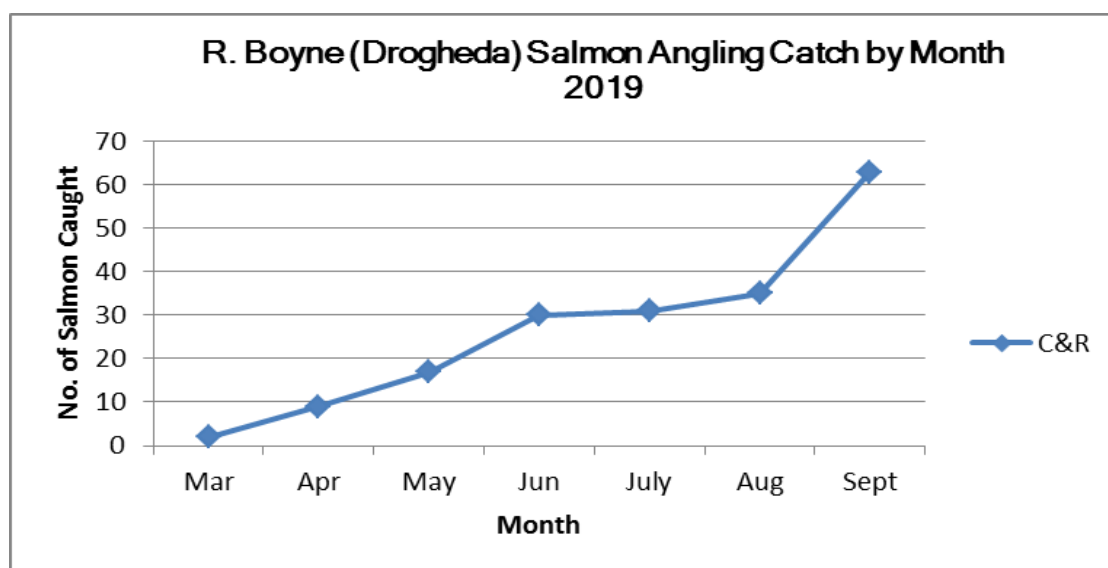


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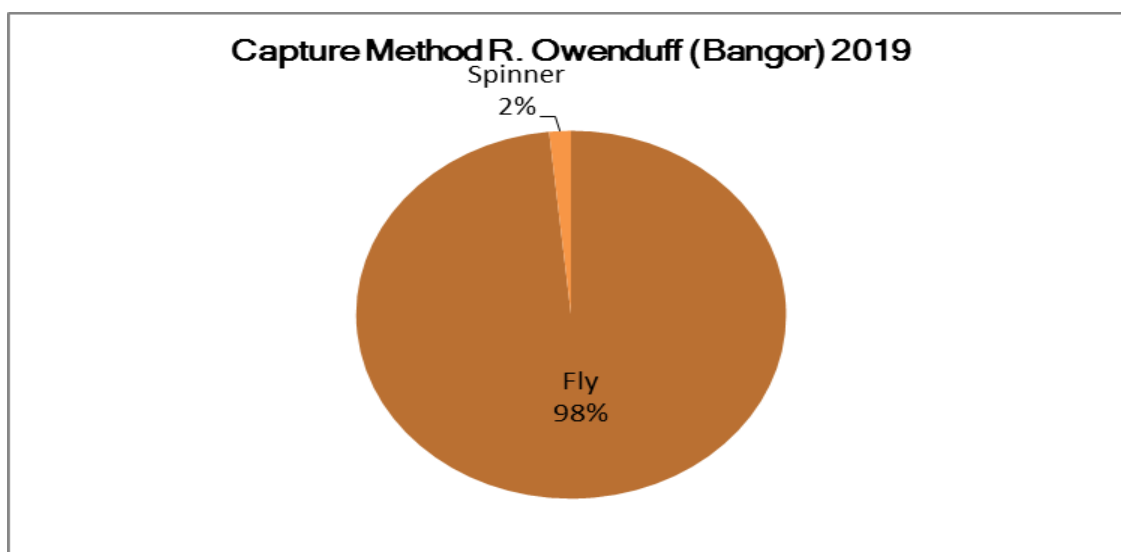
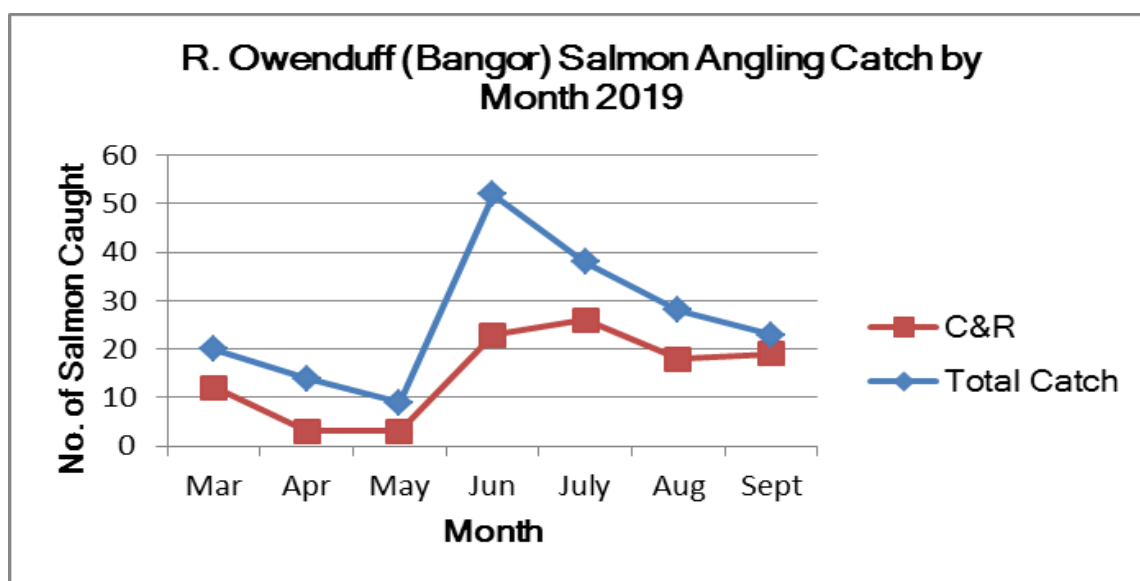


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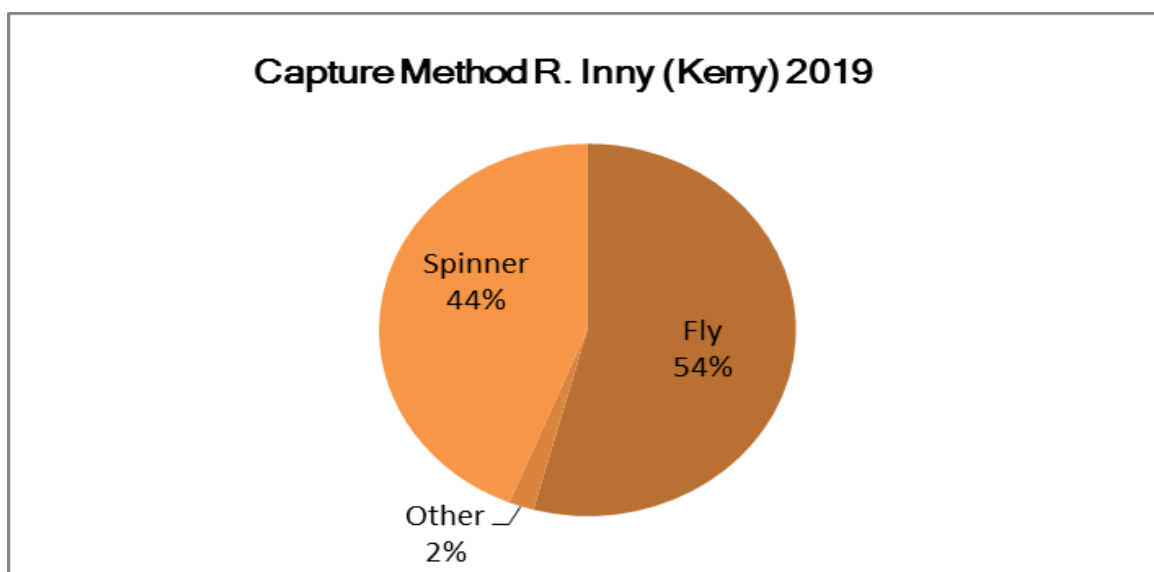
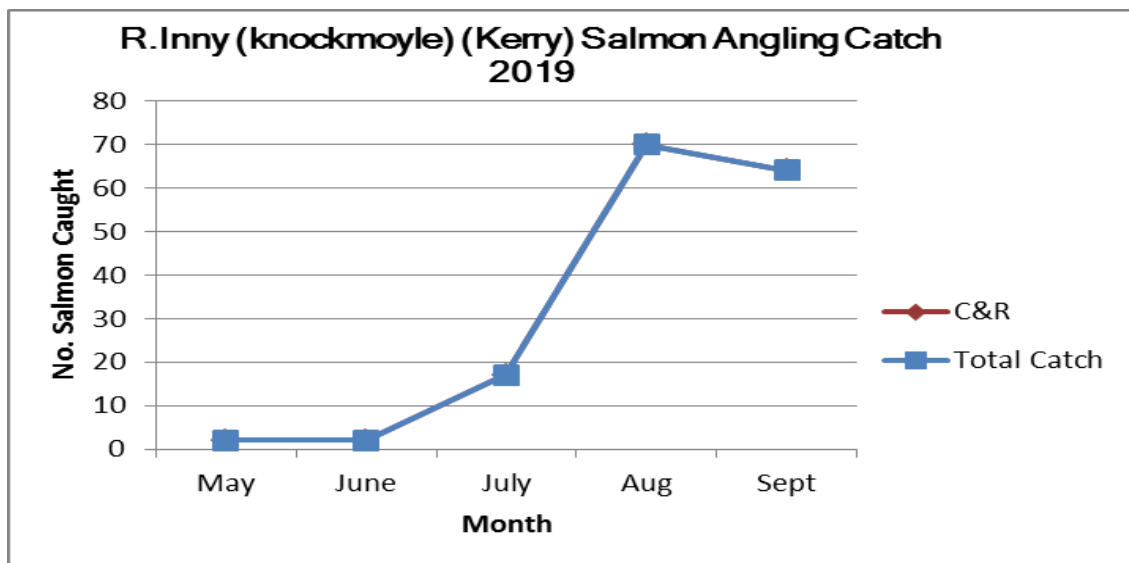




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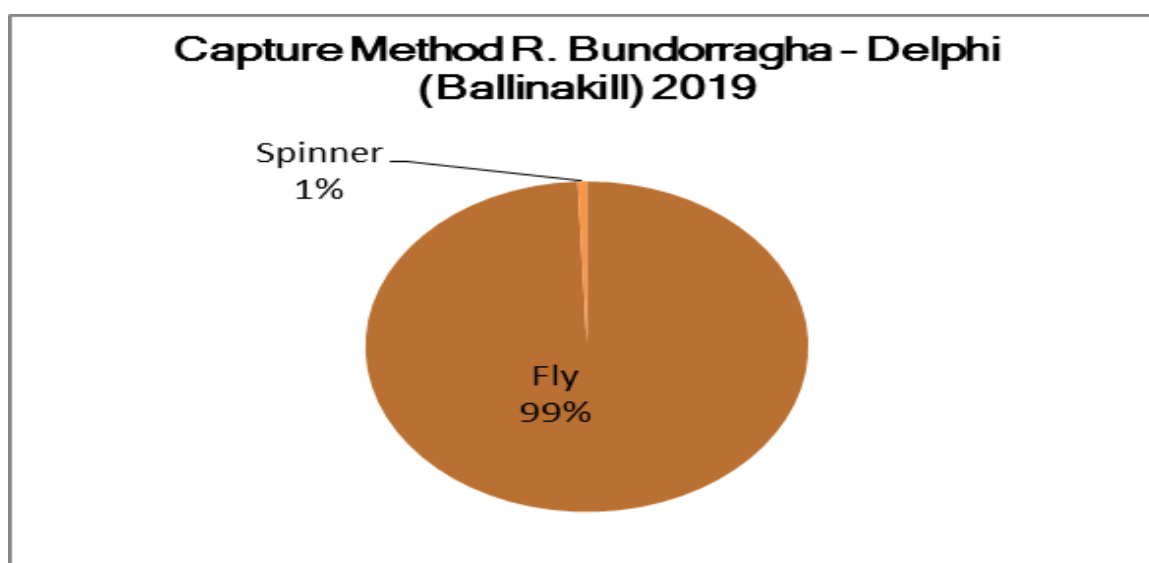
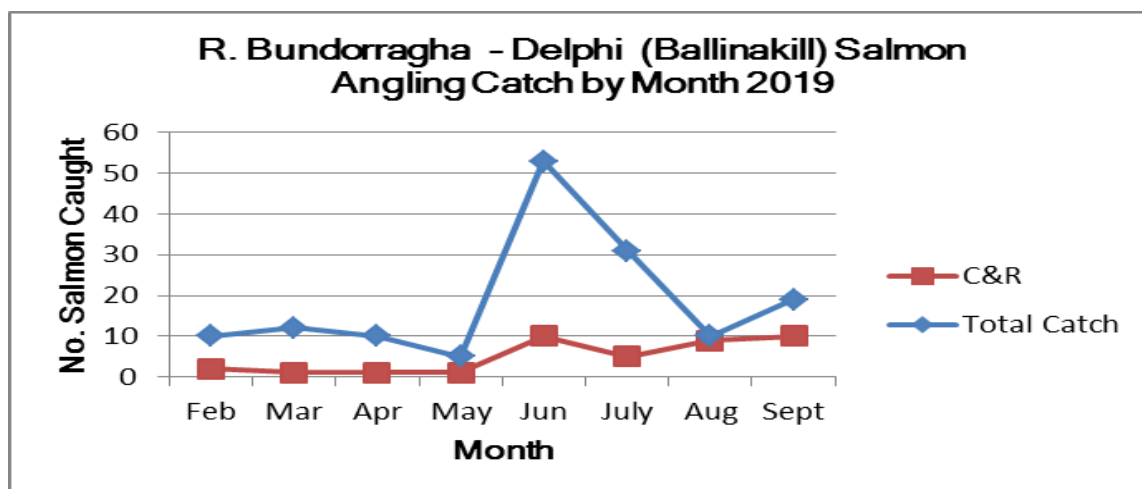


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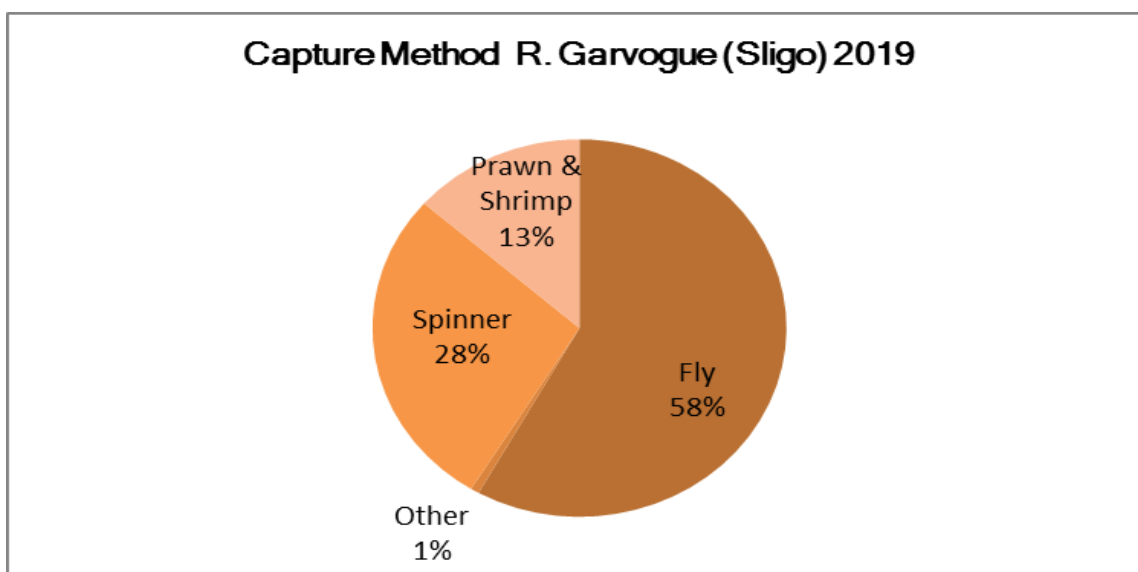
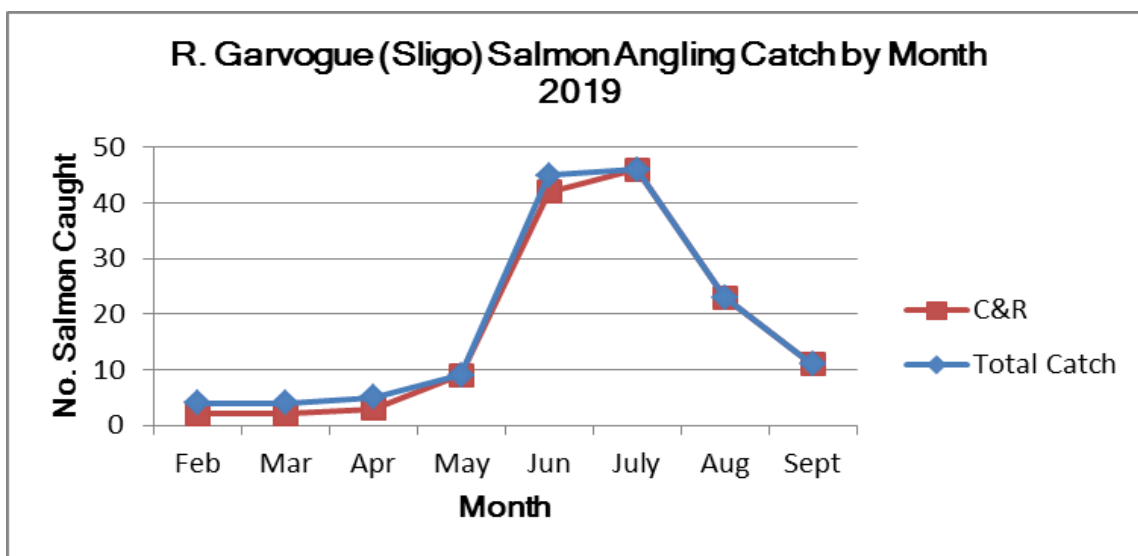


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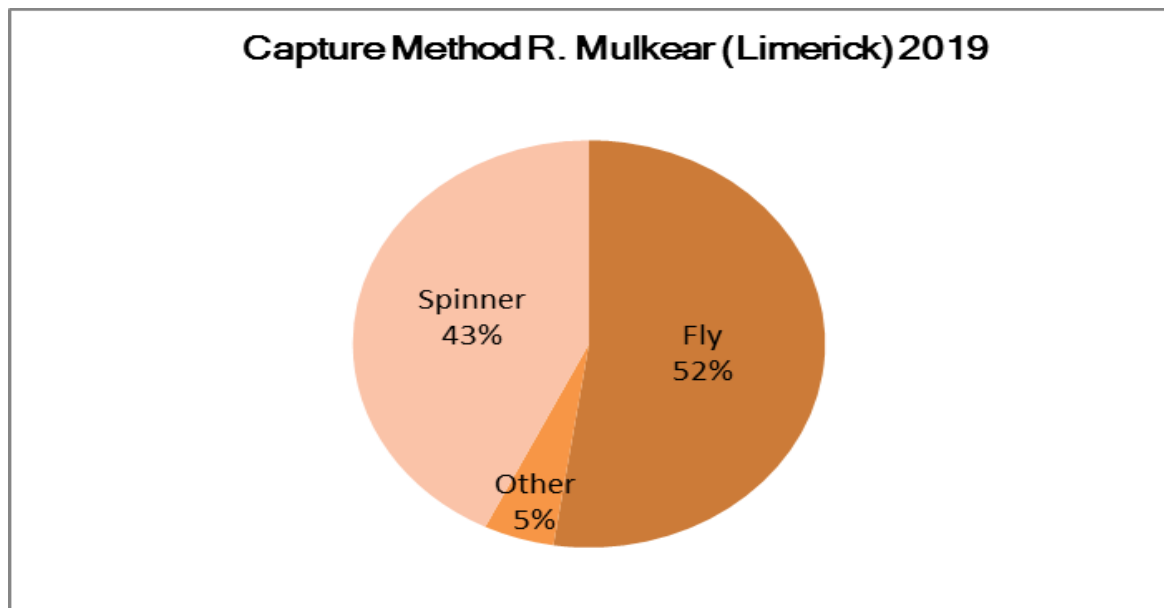
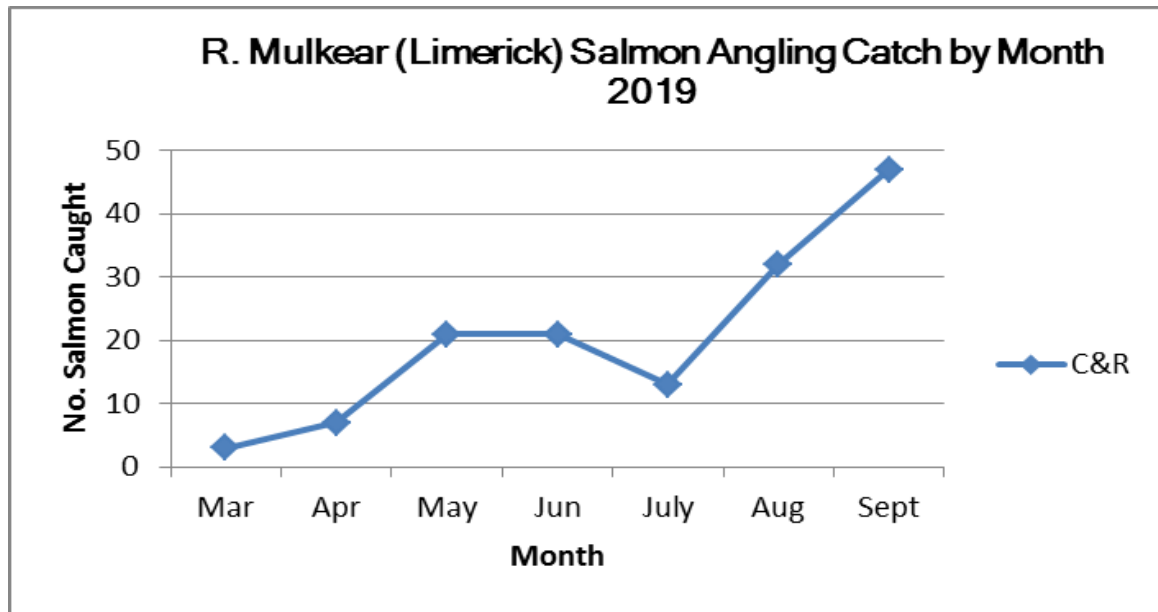


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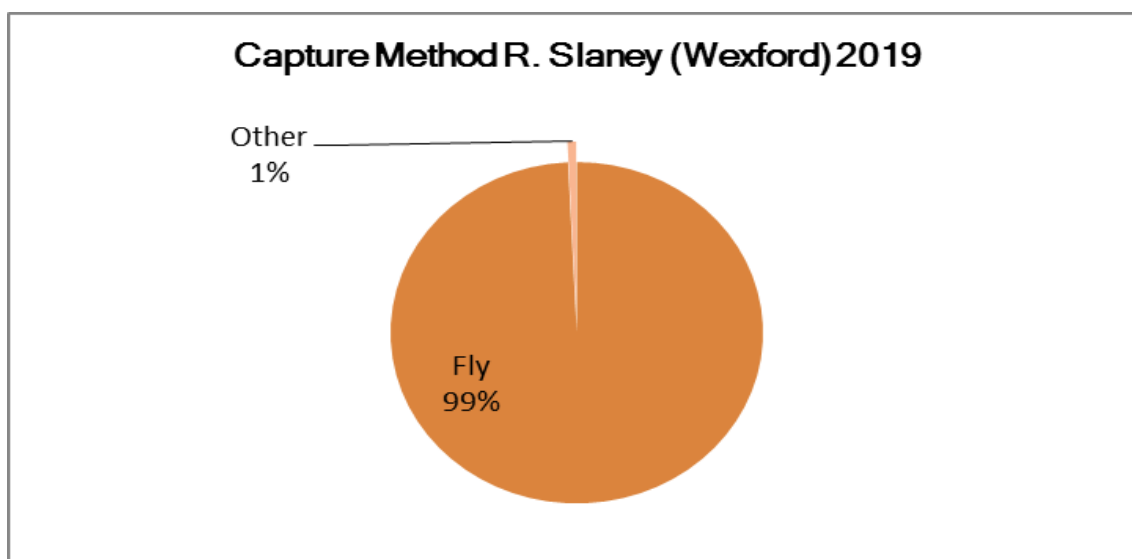
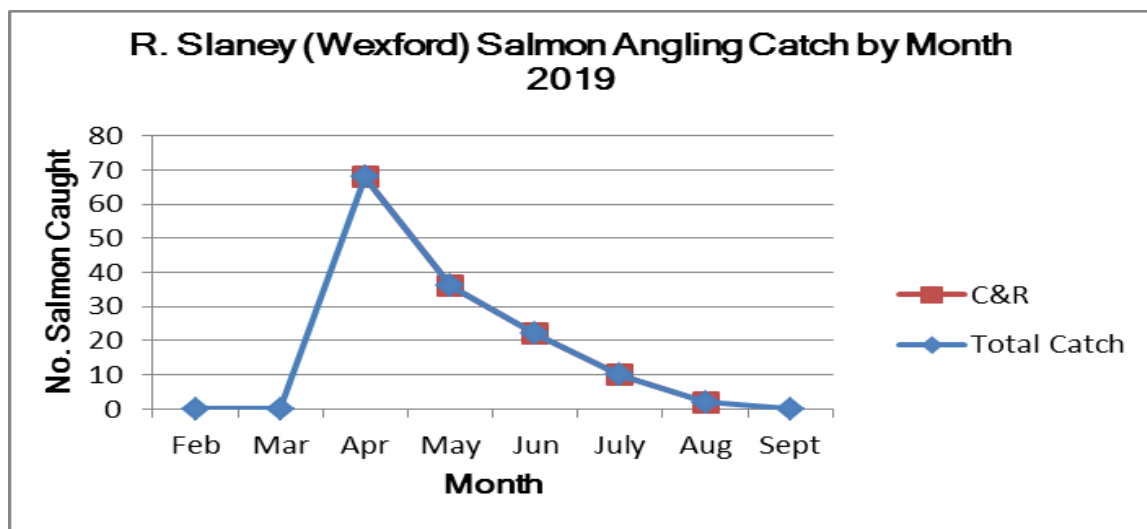


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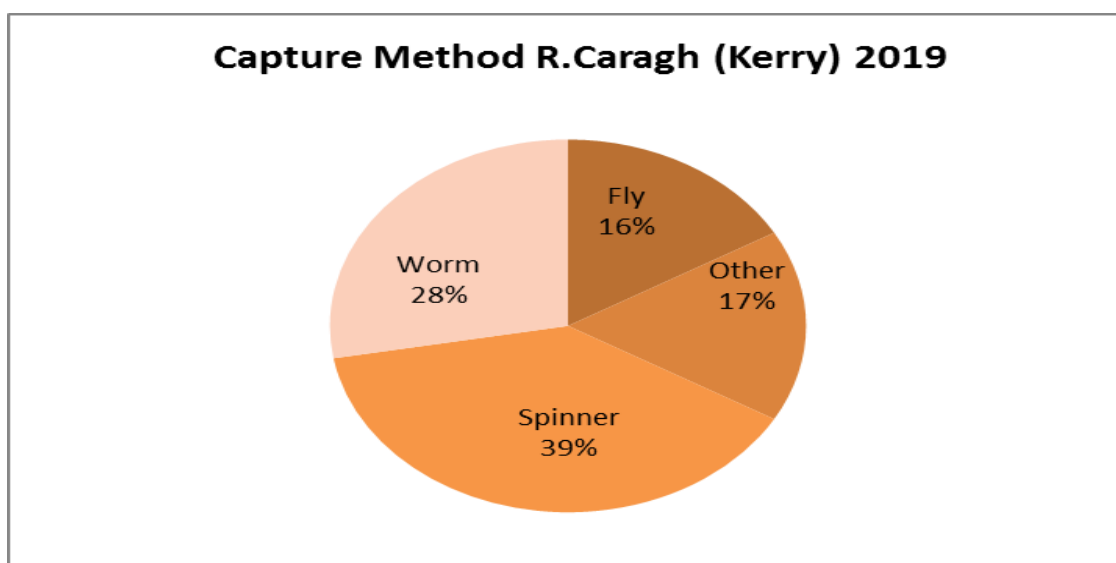
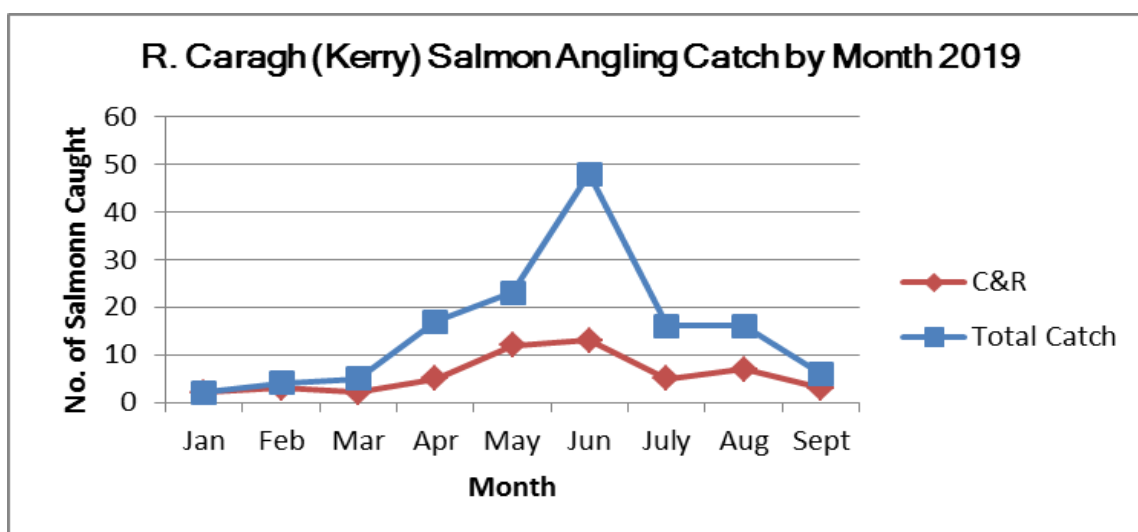


Fig. 34 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on Drumcliff Inc Glencar Lake (Sligo ) in 2019

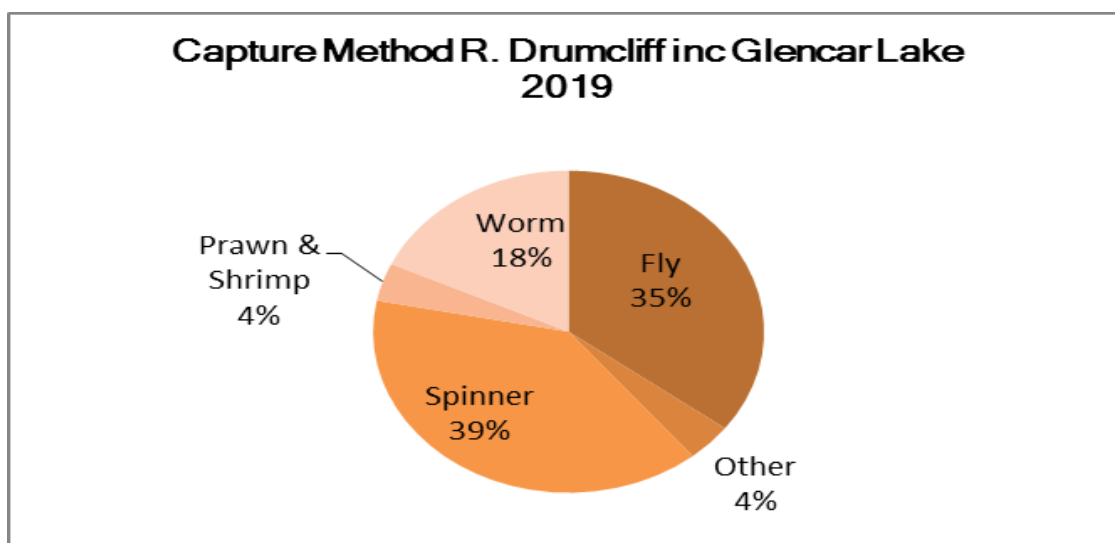
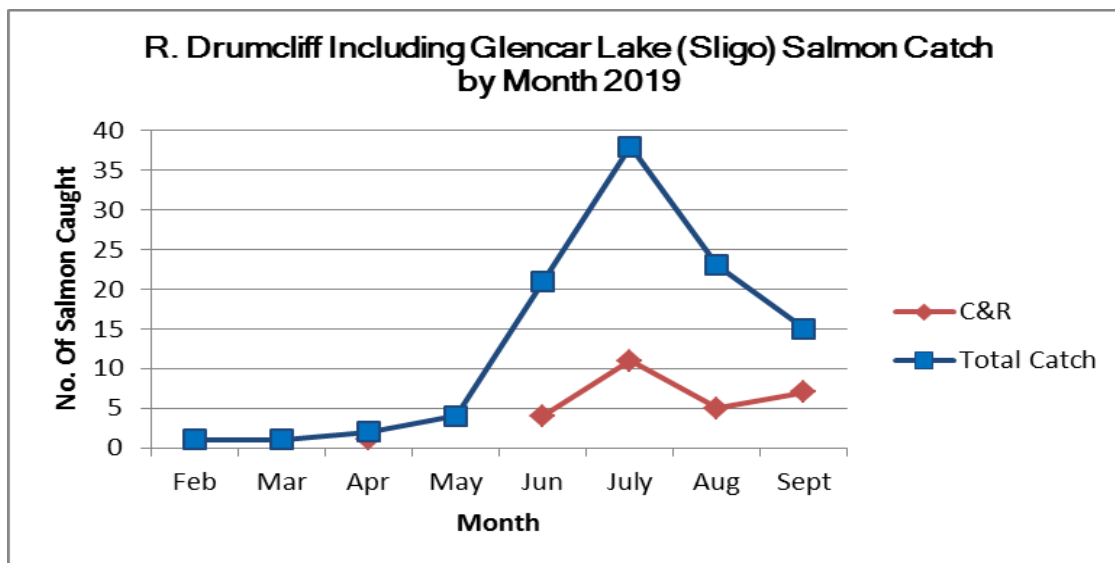


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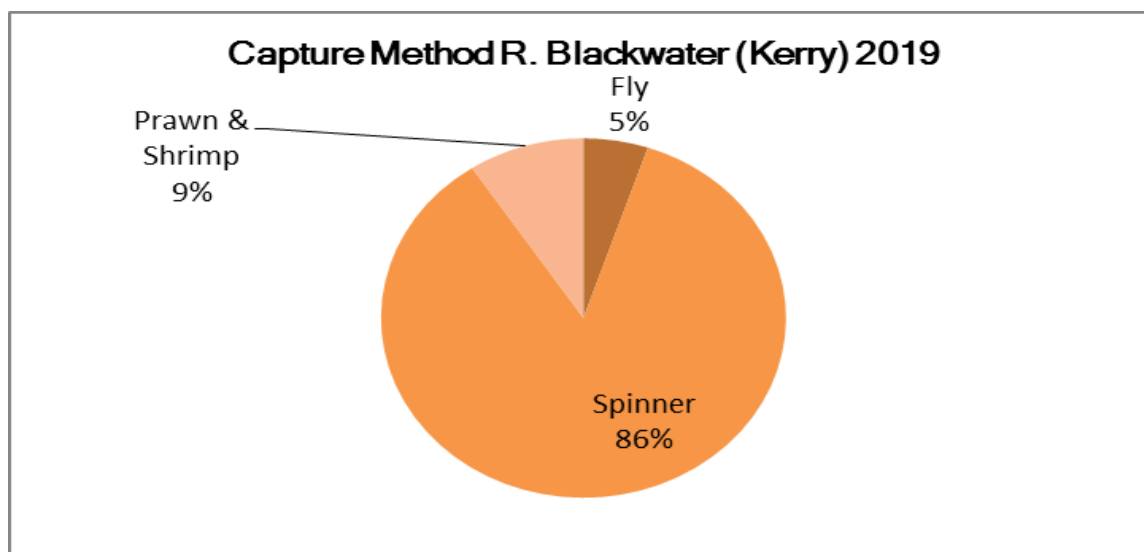
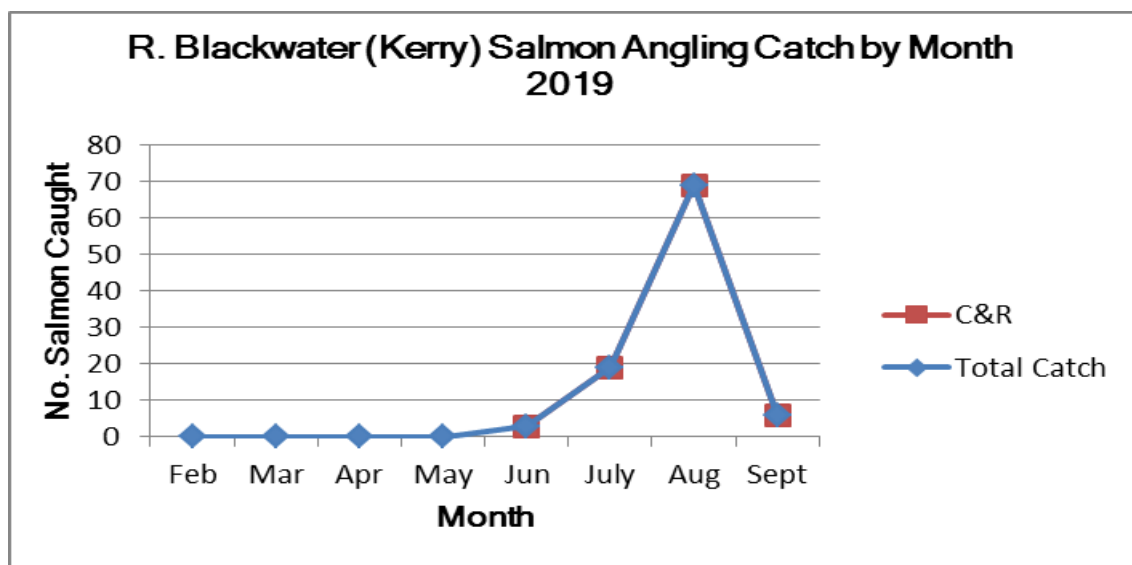


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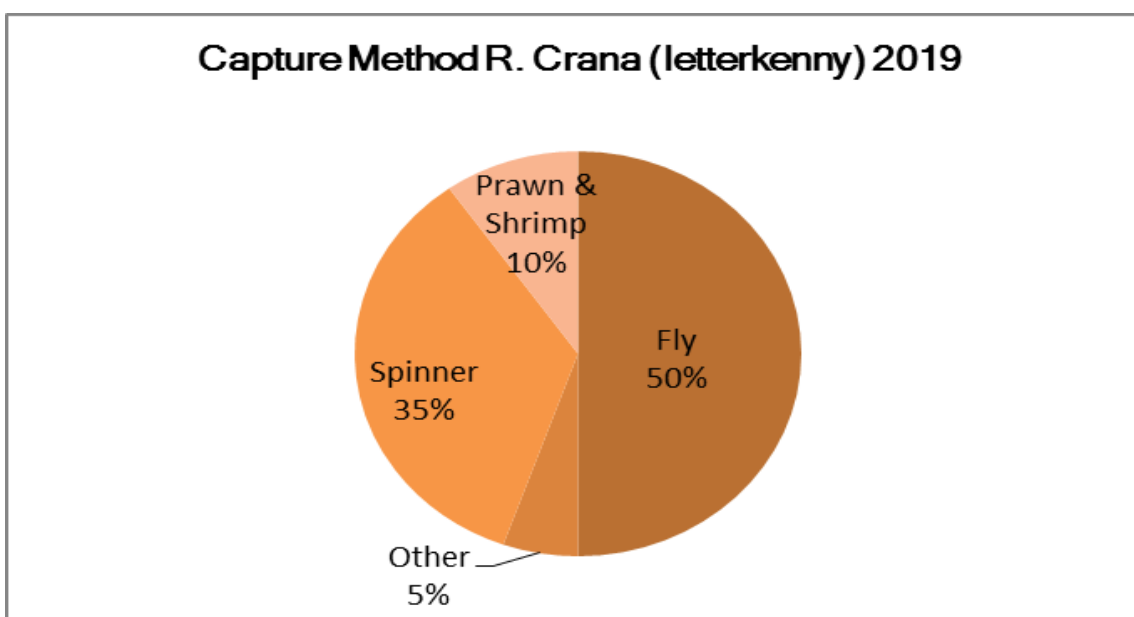
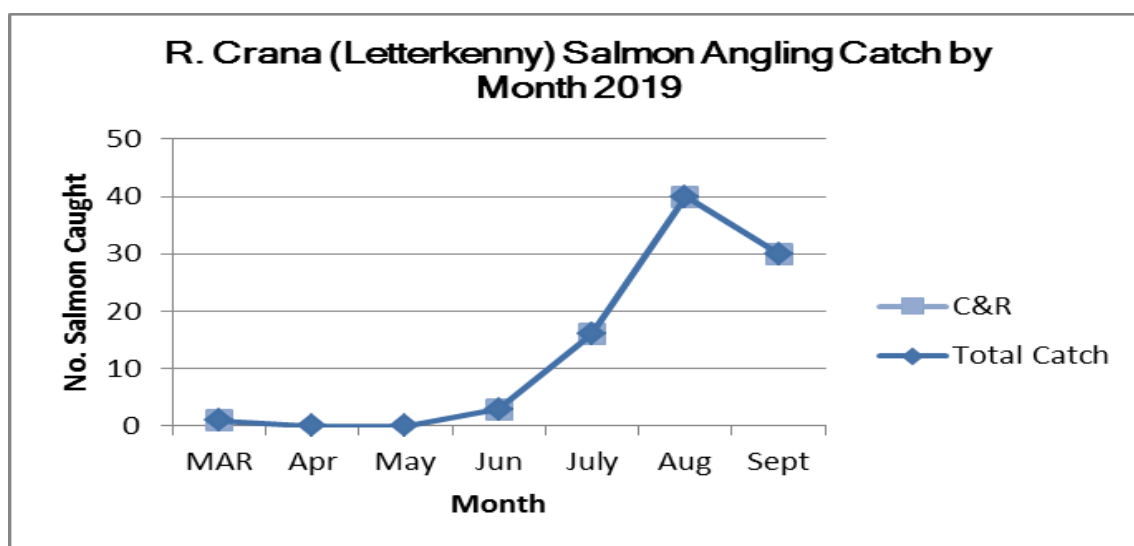




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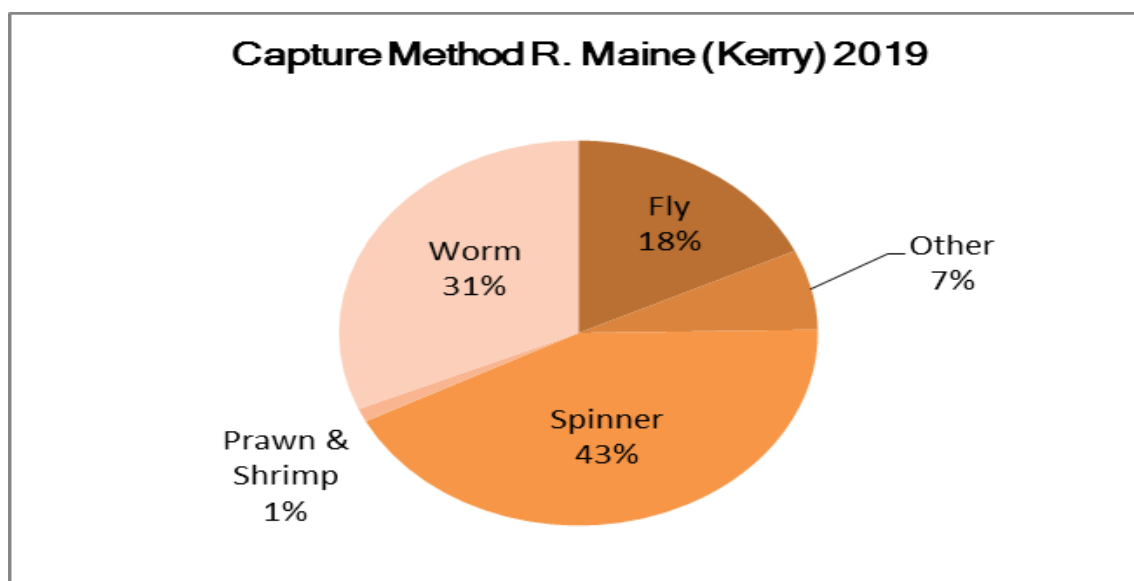
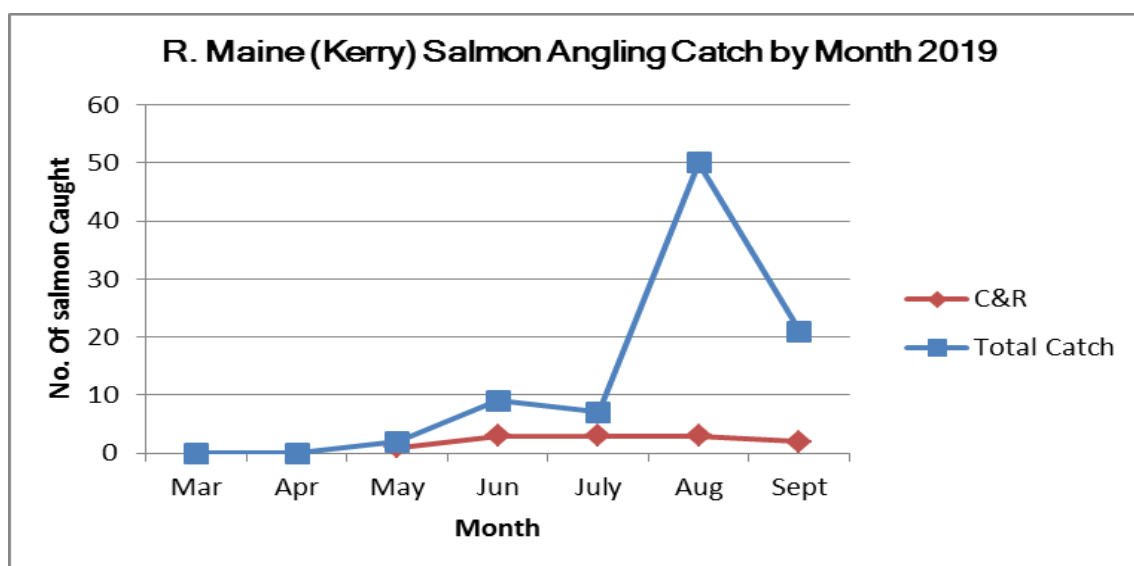


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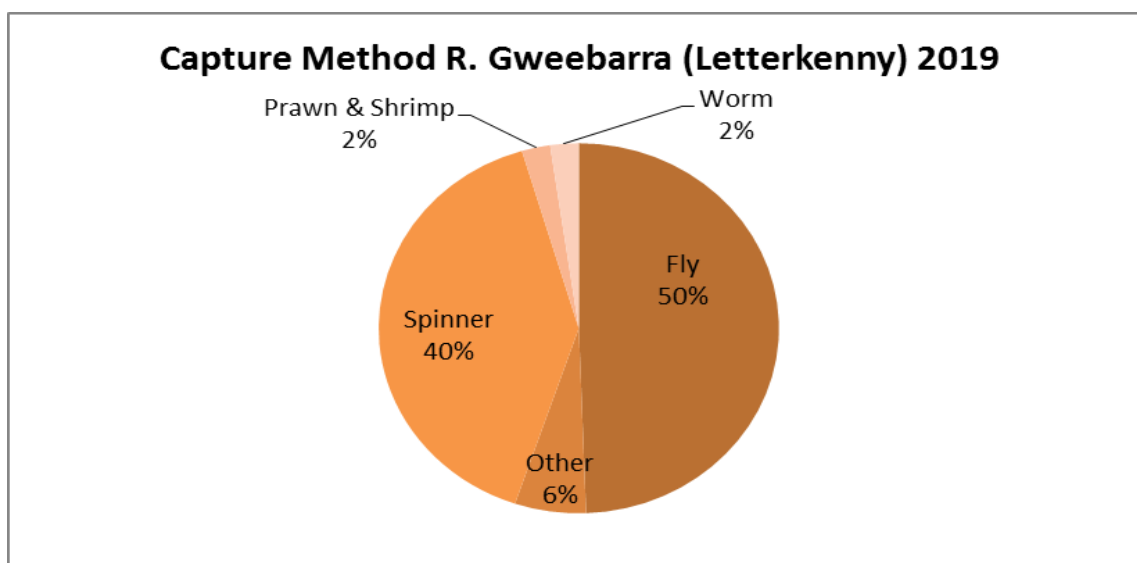
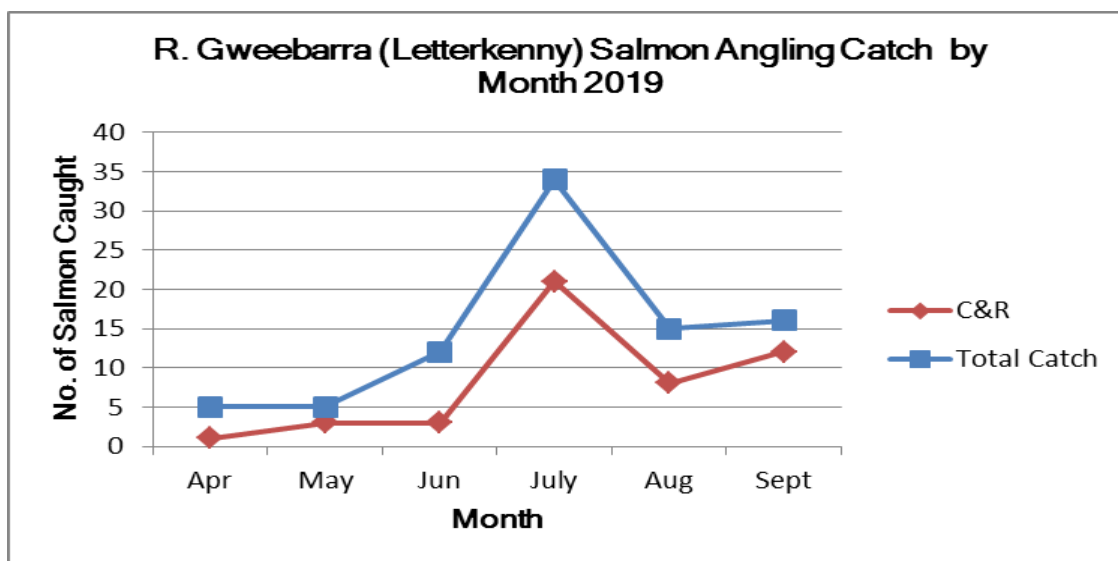


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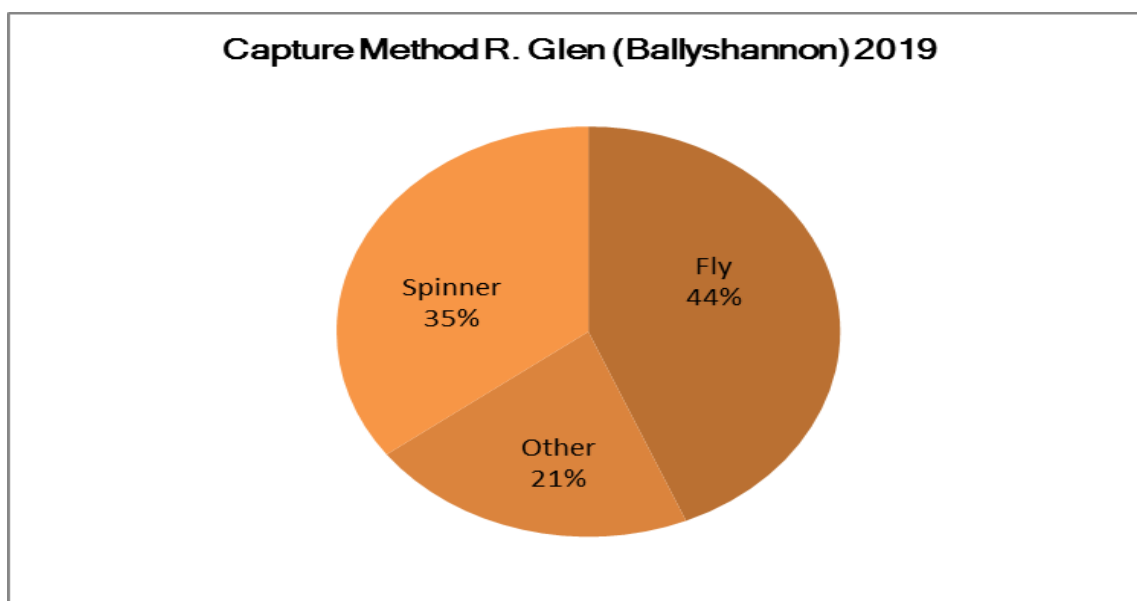
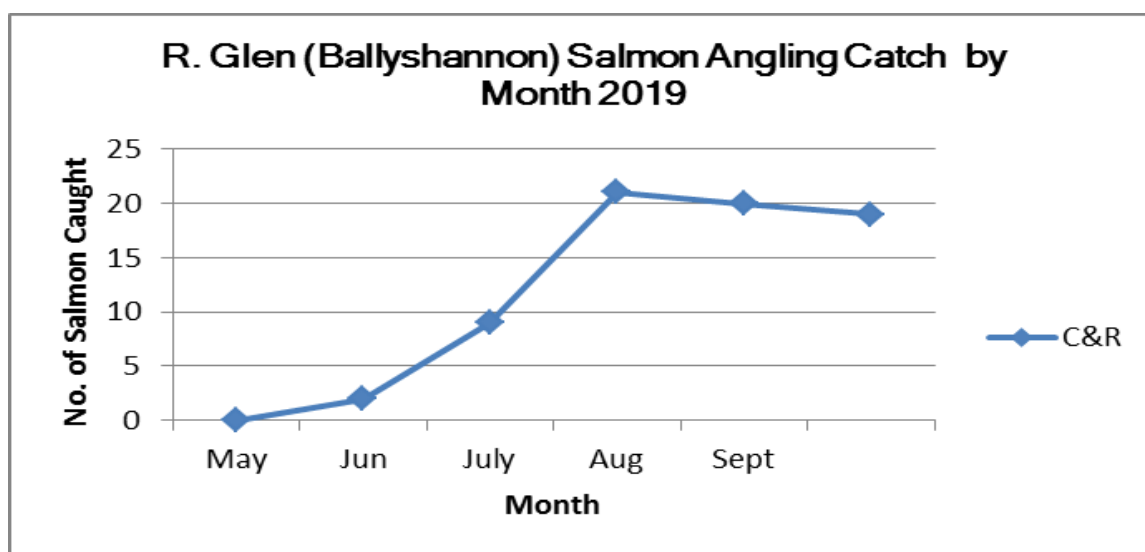


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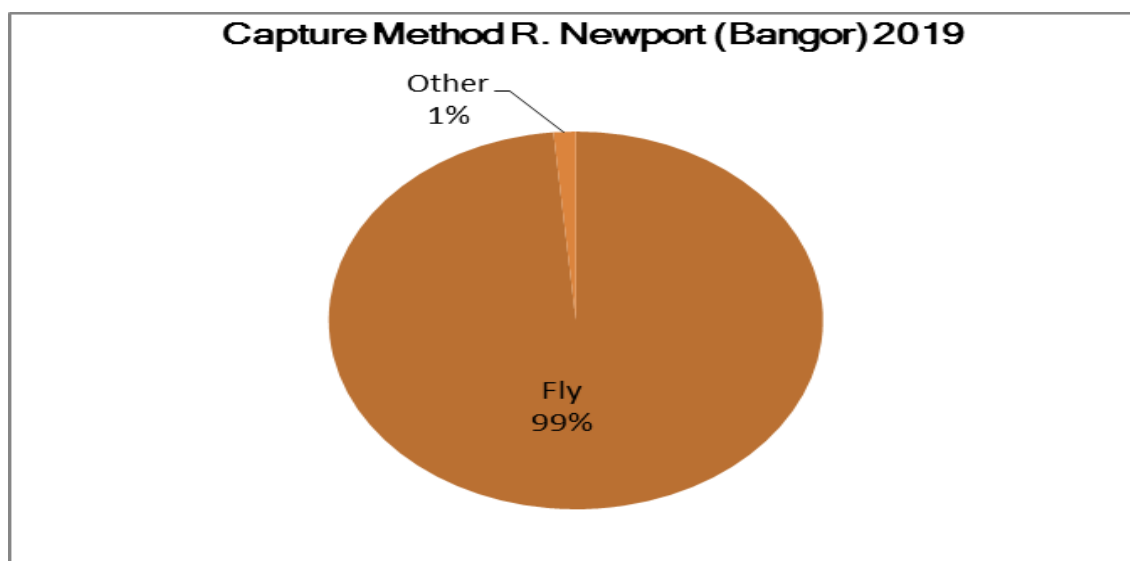
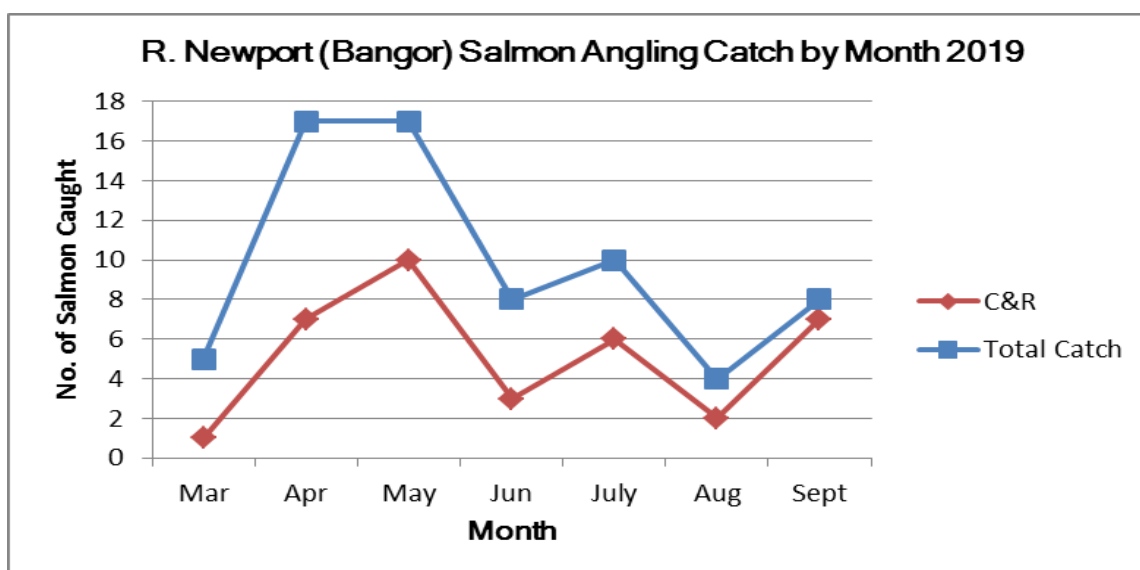


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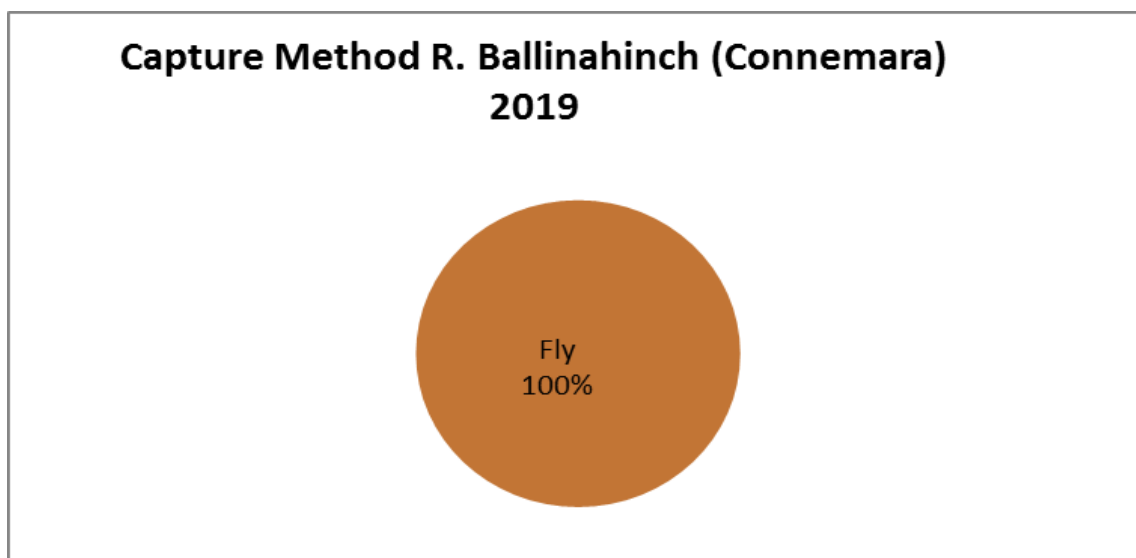
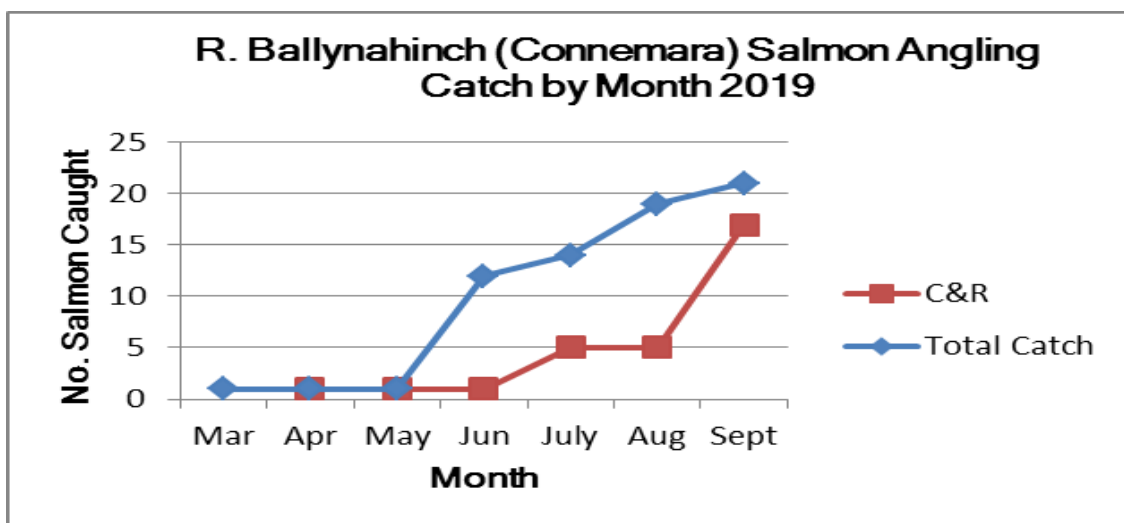


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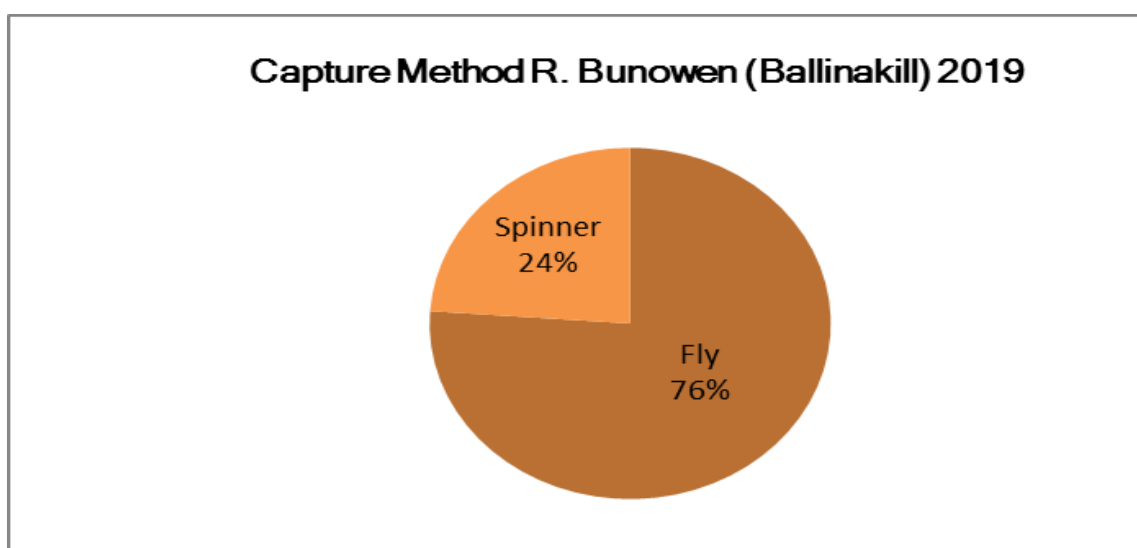
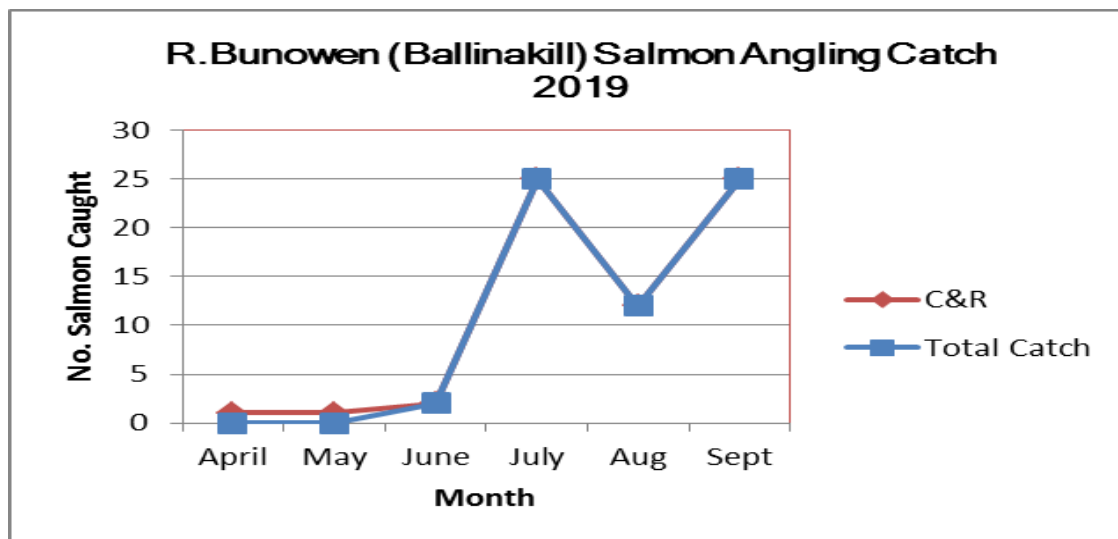


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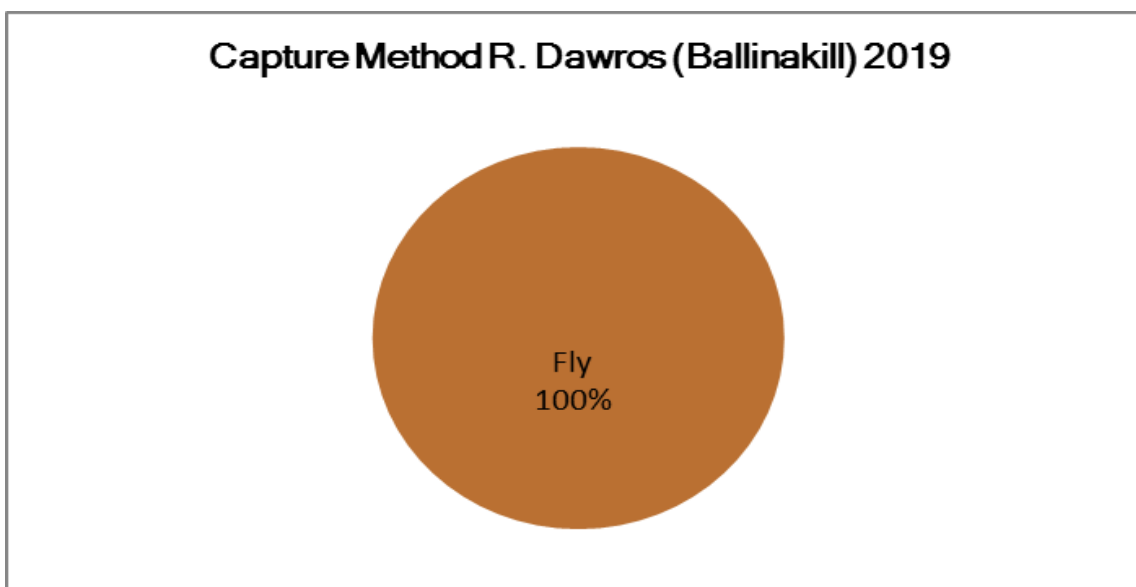
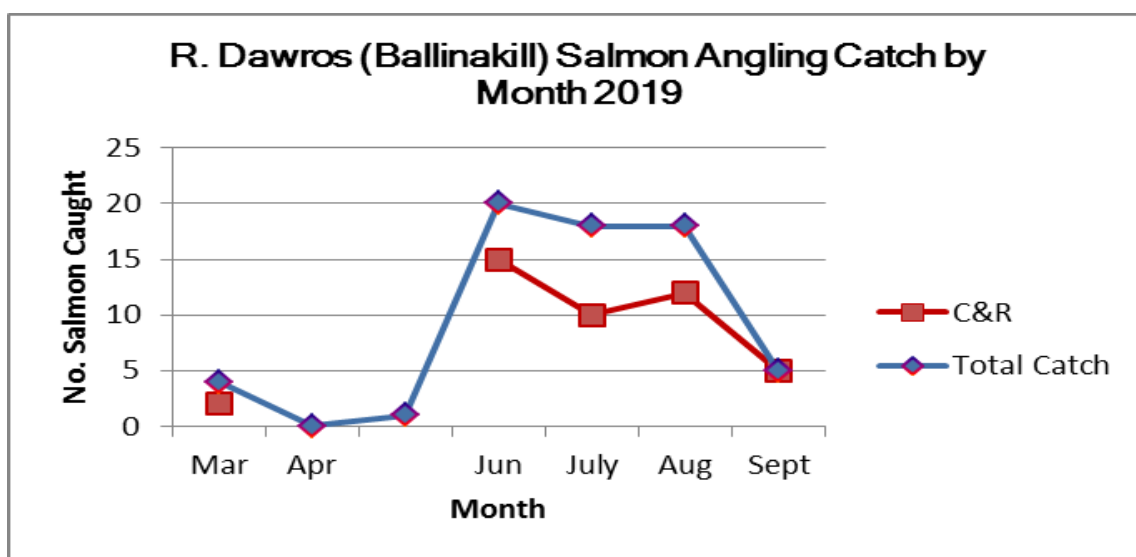


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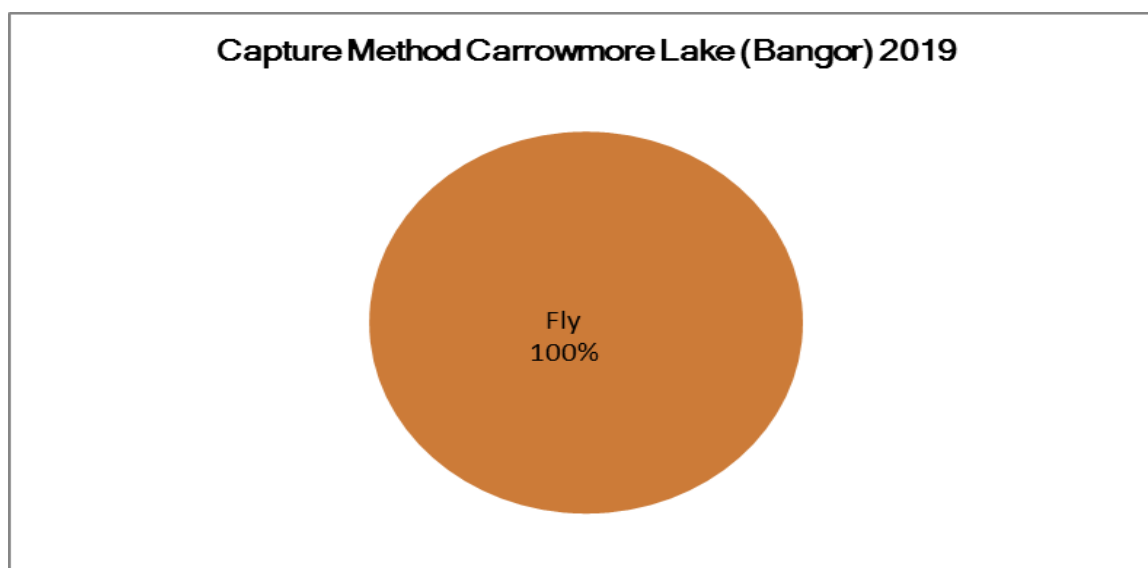
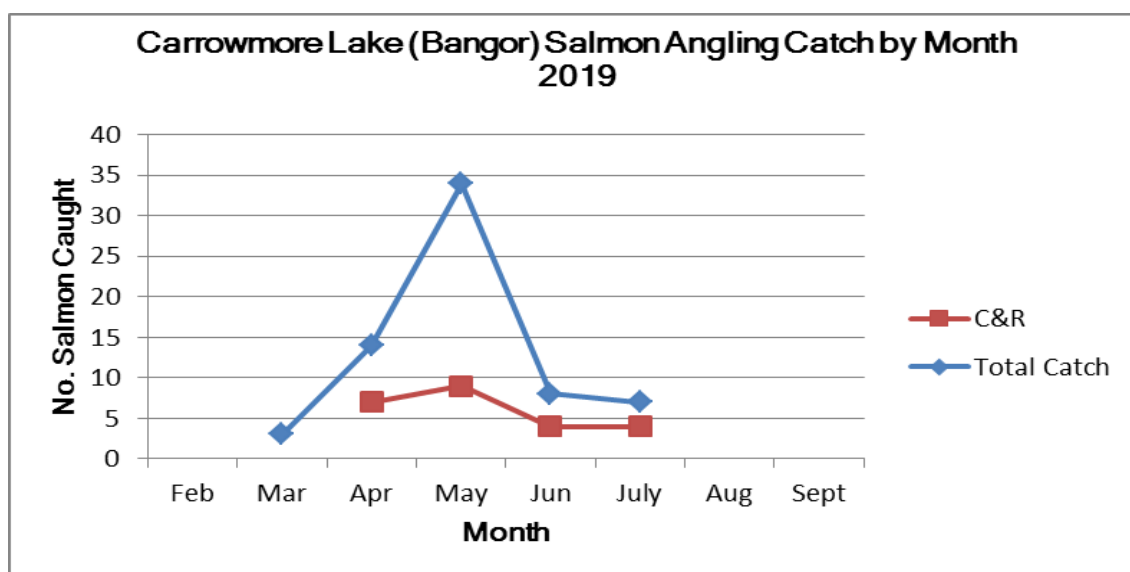




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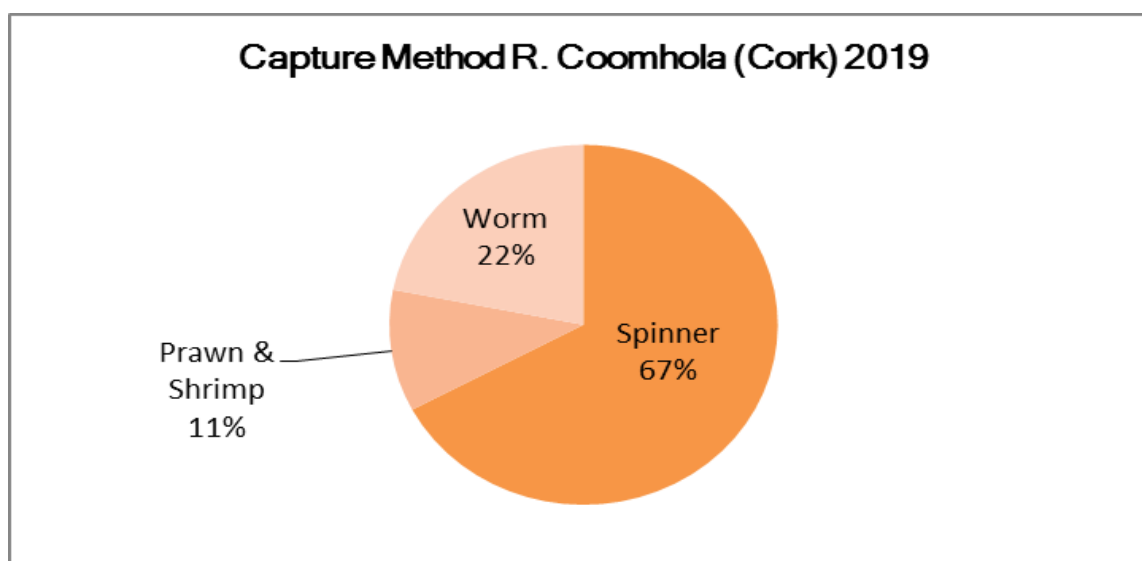
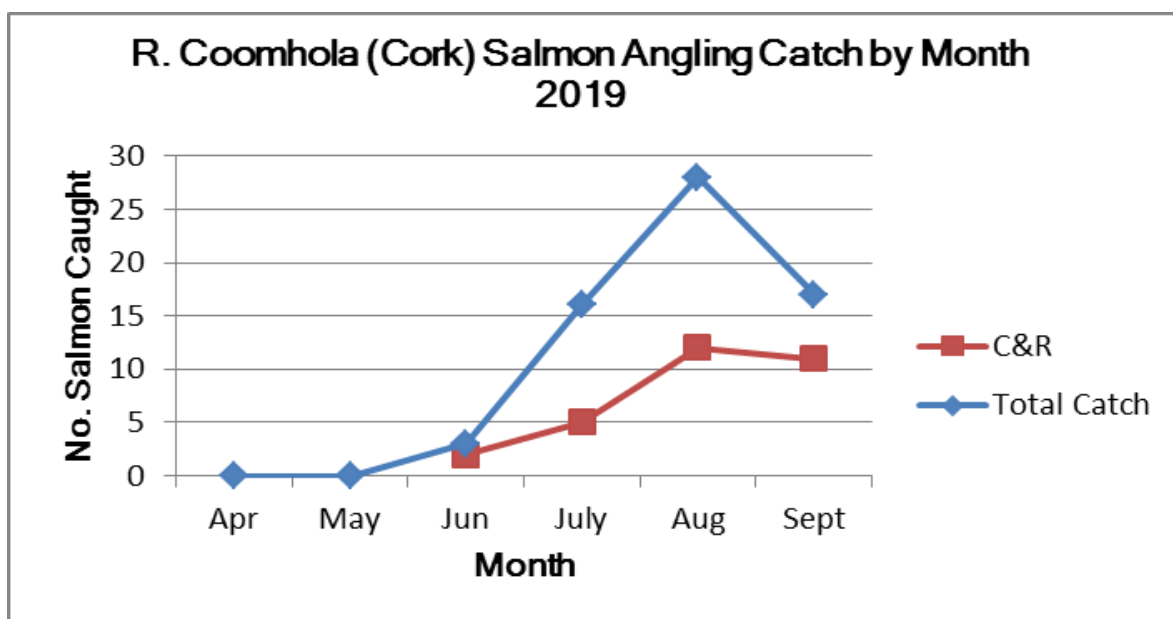


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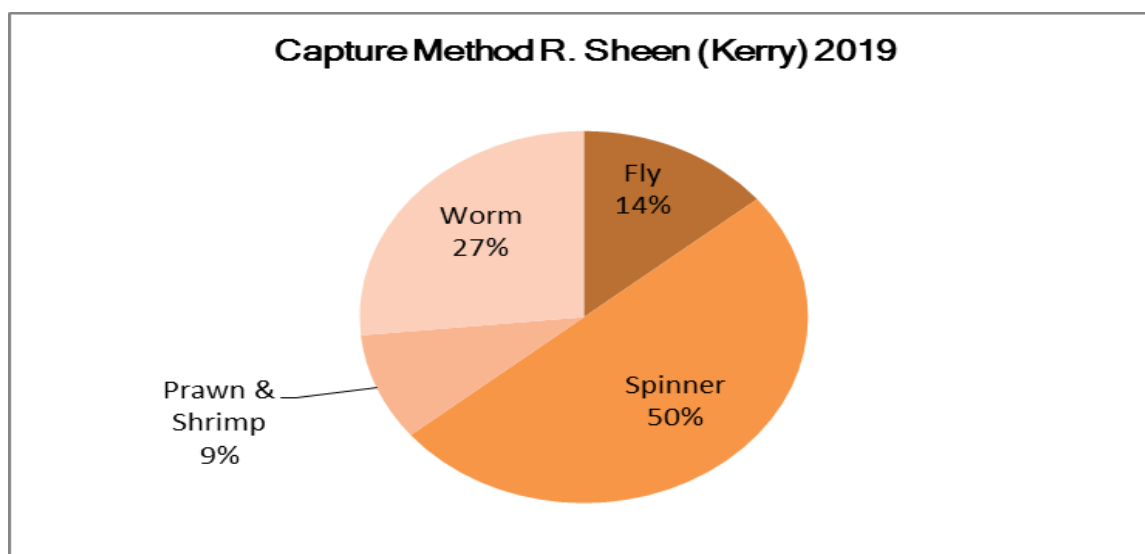
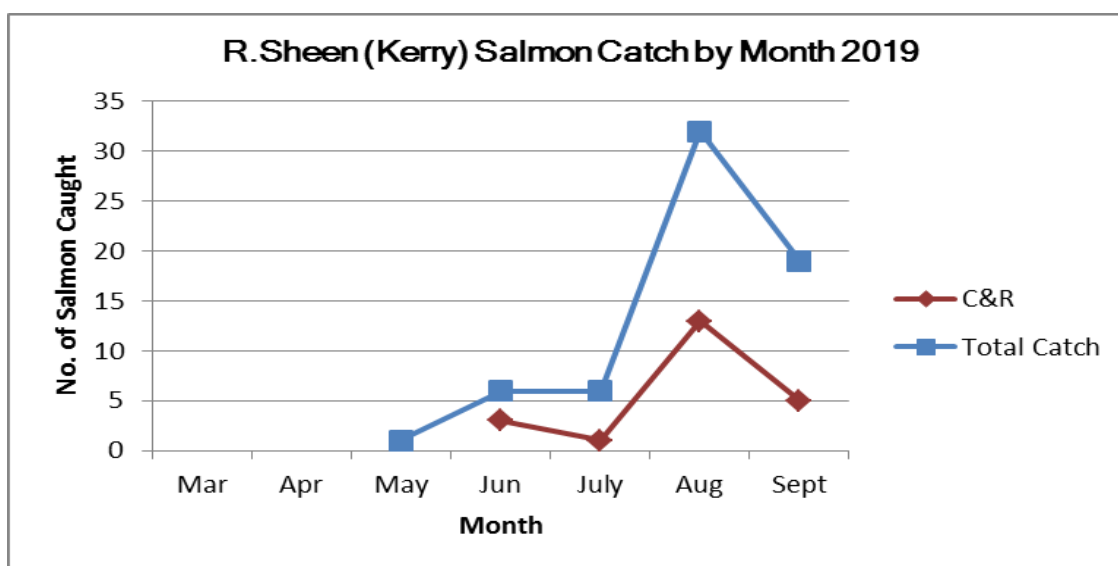


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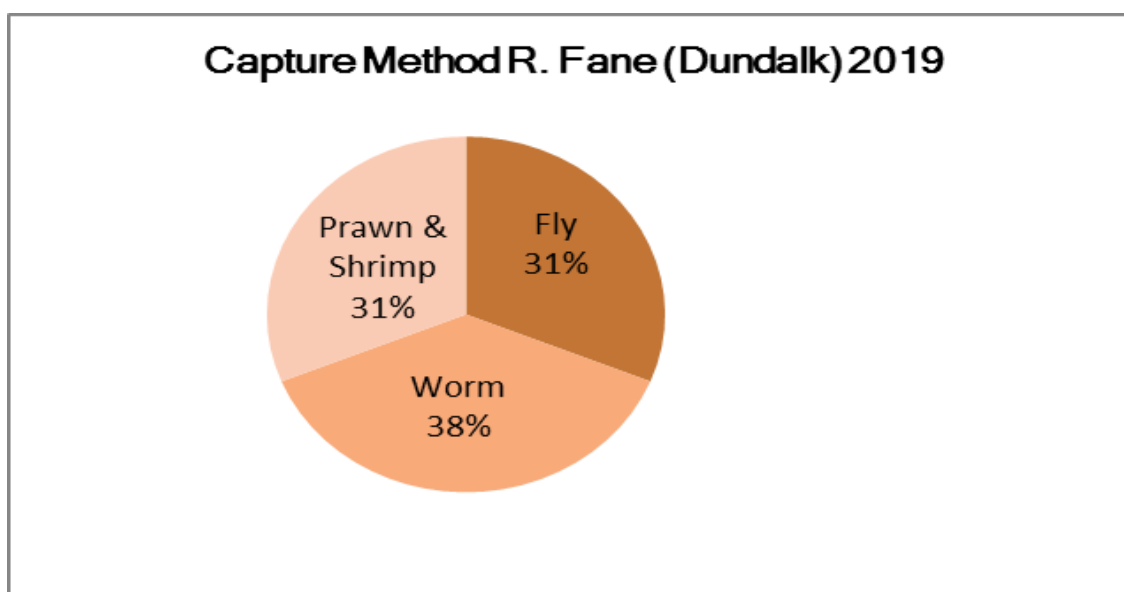
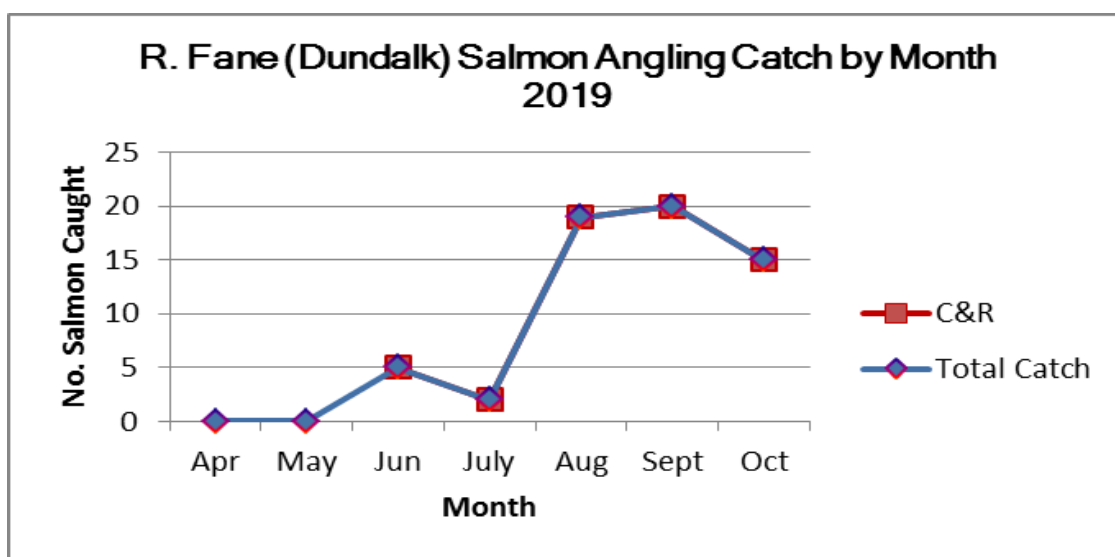


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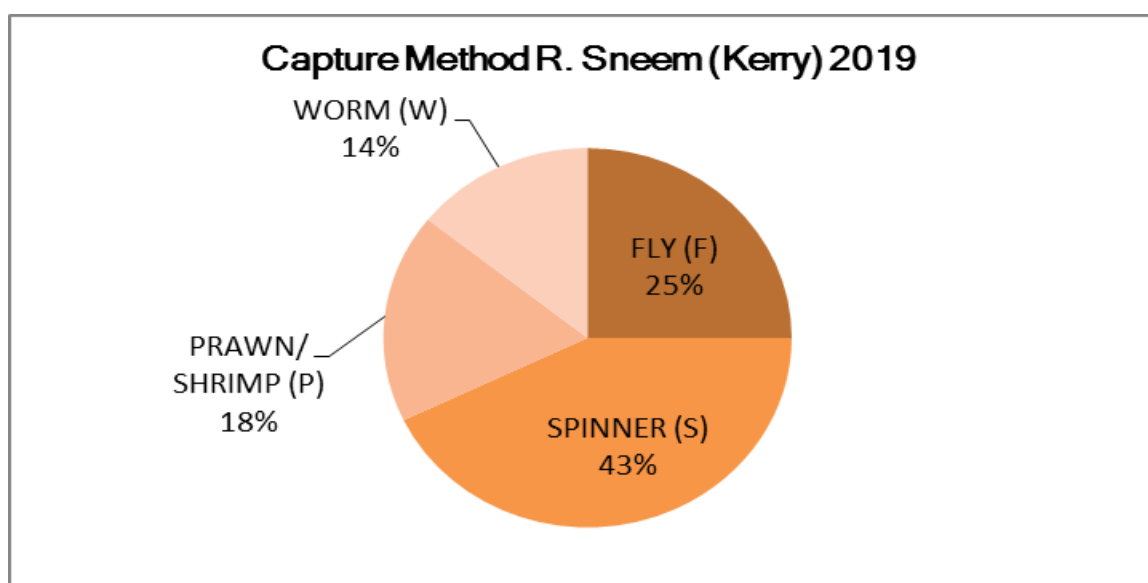
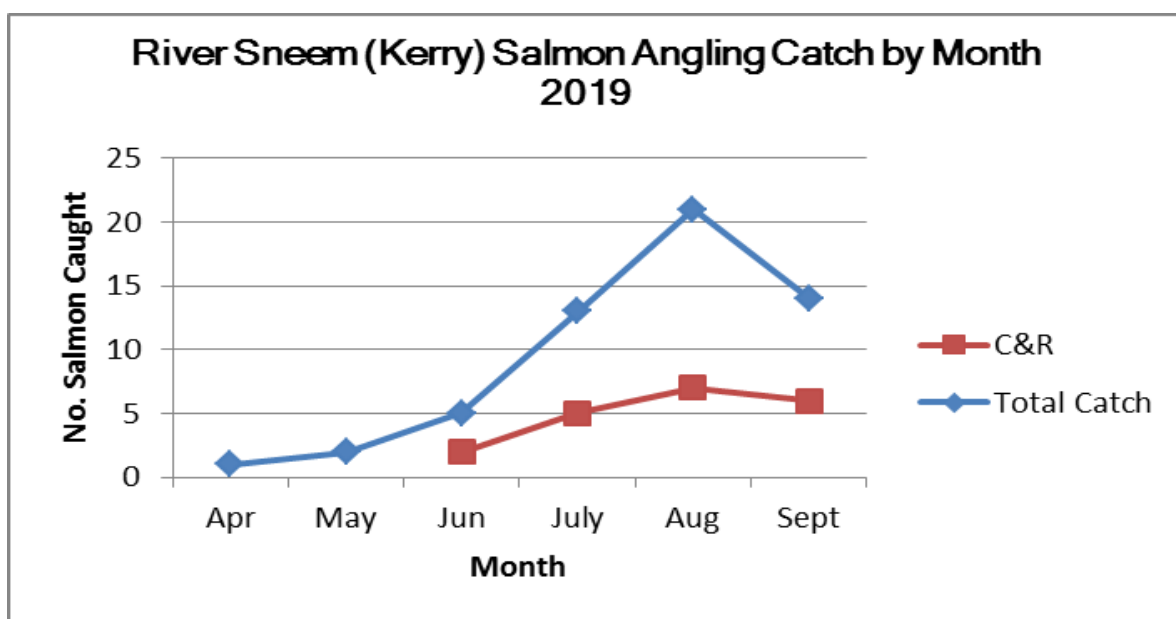


Fig. 49 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Clady (Letterkenny) in 2019

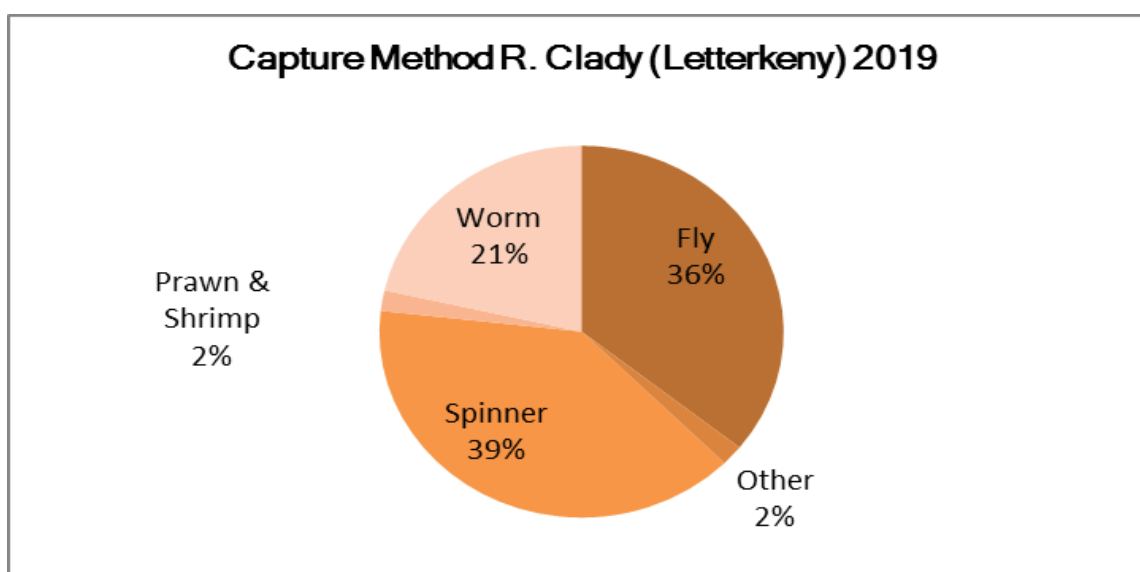
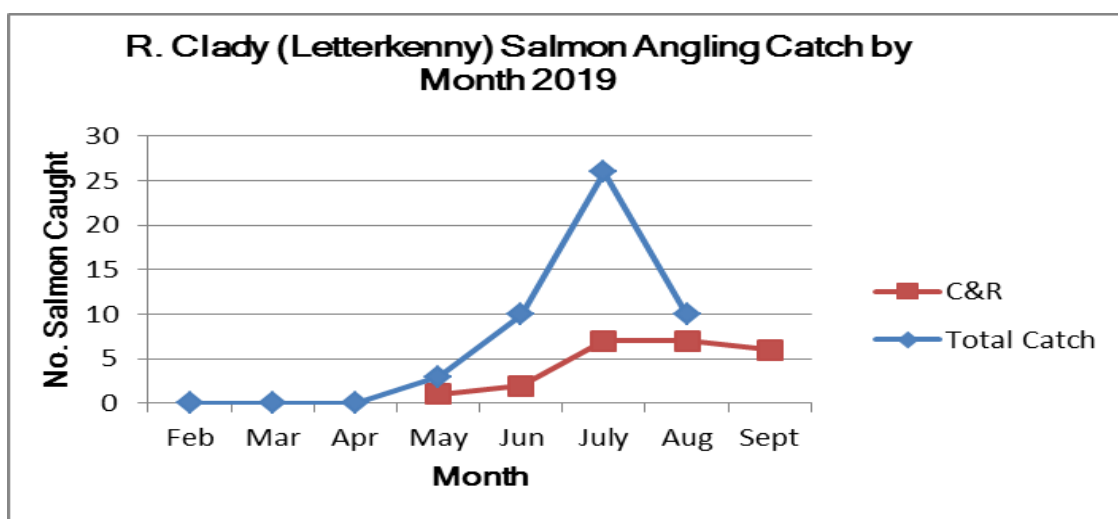
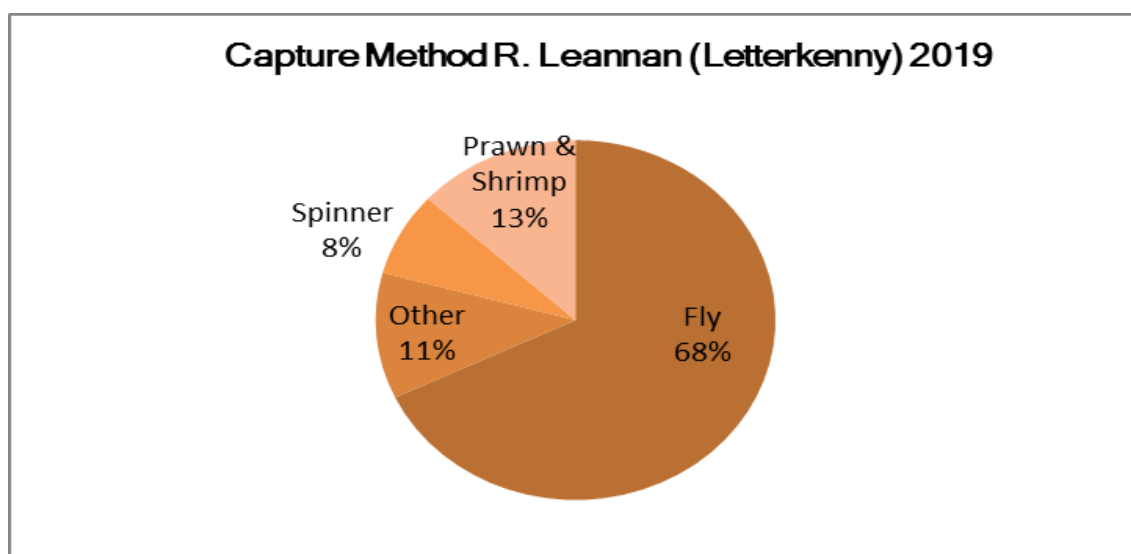
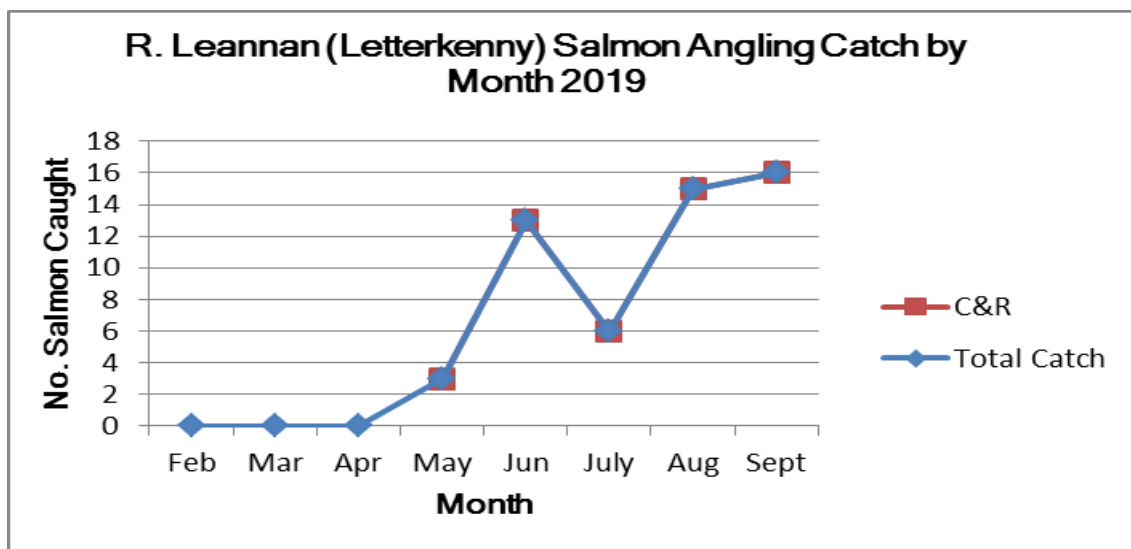


Fig. 50 Reported salmon angling catch by capture method and by month on the River Leannan (Letterkenny) in 2019



# Appendix I -

## Open, 'Catch and Release' and 'Closed' Salmon/Sea Trout Rivers in 2019

**Table 1 - Open Fisheries - 2019**

No. 4 or Lismore District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Blackwater,	Corrib,
Glenshelane,	No. 9(2) or Connemara District
Finisk,	Cashla,
No. 5 or Cork District	Ballynahinch (Owenmore),
Bandon,	No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District
Lower Lee,	Bundarraha (Delphi) (brown tag required – code I4),
Ilen (Open from 12 <sup>th</sup> May),	Erriff (brown tag required – code H4),
Mealagh,	Culfin,
Owvane,	Dawros,
Coomhola,	No. 10(2) or Banger District
Glengarriff,	Carrowmore Lake (brown tag required – code K4),
Argideen (brown tag required – code A4),	Newport River (including Lough Beltra and Crumpaun R.),
Adrigole (brown tag required – code B4),	Owenduff,
No. 7 or Kerry District	Glenamoy (brown tag required - code J4),
Roughty,	No. 11 or Ballina District
Sheen,	May,
Laune,	Easkey,
Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane,	No. 12 or Sligo District
Cottoners,	Ballysadare,
Sneem,	Drumcliff R. and Glencar Lake,
Caragh,	Garvogue River (including L. Gill and R. Bonet), (Open to 11 <sup>th</sup> May),
Owenmore R.,	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
Maine,	Drowes,
Croanshagh,	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Ferta (brown tag required – code G4),	Gweebarra (brown tag required – code L4),
	Clady,
	Gweedore (Crolly),
	Tullaghobegley,

**Table 3 - Closed Fisheries - 2019**

No. 1 or Dublin District	No. 9(1) or Galway District
Dargle, ®	Clarinbridge, ®
Vartry, ®	Knock, ®
Upper Liffey (upstream of Leixlip Dam), ®-	Ailla, ®
No. 2 or Wexford District	Owanboliska, Spiddal, ®
Avoca, ®	Kilcolgan,
Owenavaragh, ®	No. 9(2) or Connemara District
Slaney, (Closed from 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept), ®	L na Fumaca, ®
No. 3 or Waterford District	No. 10(2) or Banger District
Owanduff, ®	Owngarva, ®
Mahan, ®	Muingnabo, ®
Tay, ®	No. 11 or Ballina District
Colligan, ®	Brusna, ®
Corrack, ®	Leaffony, ®
No. 4 or Lismore District	Ballinglan, ®
Lickay, ®	No. 12 or Sligo District
Tourig, ®	Granga, ®
Womanagh, ®	No. 13 or Ballyshannon District
No. 5 or Cork District	Abbey, ®
Upper Lea,	Ballintra (Murvagh), ®-
Owanacorra, ®	Laghy (Stream), ®
No. 7 or Kerry District	Erna,
Owanshagh, ®	No. 14 or Letterkenny District
Finnity, ®	Brackly, ®
Fochanagh, ®	Isle (Burn), ®
Owenreagh, ®	Mill, ®
Emilaghmore, ®	Clanmany, ®
Carhan, ®	Straid, ®
Emilagh, ®	Owanamarva, ®
Lee (Kerry), ®	Swilly, ®
Bahy, ®	Donagh, ®
Ksalincha, ®	Culoort, ®
Lough Fadda, ®	Glenna, ®
No. 8 or Limerick District	Glanagannon, ®
Doal, ®	Leannan, (Closed until 11 <sup>th</sup> May), ®
Aughyrvackeen, ®	No. 17(2) or Dundalk District
Annagassagh, ®	Flurry, ®
Inagh, ®	Doe, (Closed until 11 <sup>th</sup> May), ®-
Fergus,	
Maigue, ®	
Upper Shannon,	
Lower Shannon,	
Owenagamey,	
Skivilan, ®	

**Table 2 - Open Fisheries - Catch and Release Only - 2019**

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

## Appendix II - Legislation

### Legislation - 2019

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

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

Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations 2019 - S.I. No. 585 of 2018.

### Bag Limits 2019

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 966, 2018.

### Catch & Release Rivers 2019

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 967, 2018.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 968, 2018.

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 970, 2018.

### Closed Rivers 2019

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-law No. 327, 2018.

### Other Bye-laws 2019

Angling Bye-law No. 965, 2018.

Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 969, 2018.

### Commercial Fishing 2019

Control of Fishing for Salmon Order 2019 - S.I. No 132 of 2019

Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Draft Nets and Snap Nets) Bye law No. 972, 2019



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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/ivers)**

### **River System Number**

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

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