

# **IRISH ANGLING UPDATE**

**From the Central & Regional Fisheries Boards**

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- **Some fine Salmon fishing reported from the Blackwater Lodge on the Munster Blackwater River in Co. Cork.**
- **6.75 lbs. specimen Sea Trout for cork angler on Lough Currane in Co. Kerry on the fly.**
- **A Specimen Salmon of 23 lbs. reported from the River Laune in Co. Kerry.**
- **Good Brown Trout fishing reported from Loughs Owel, Ennell and Sheelin.**
- **Brendan Moran from Kells wins the World Cup trout competition on Lough Mask where over 800 anglers take part.**
- **656 Salmon reported from the River Moy.**
- **Very good tench and Bream catch from a small lake near Rooskey.**
- **Good catches recorded by anglers fishing the Belturbet Festival.**
- **24 lbs. specimen Coalfish is one of many specimens recorded from Courtmacsherry is our catch of the week.**
- **Trigger fish mania hits the town of Cahersiveen in Co. Kerry.**
- **Good Blue Shark fishing reported from Clare and west Galway.**

## **GAME ANGLING**

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It just gets better & better.....

Water levels keep up - another flood coming on August 5th.

Super quality grilse & larger salmon running.

Significantly larger grilse and salmon in bigger numbers!

The trend shown in my last newsletter has been reinforced by the final figures for July. Both the number & average size of the fish has increased considerably compared to last year. We are seeing great runs of fish coming into the system & the Fisheries Board officers tell me that the river is full of fish. There has still not been one single net-marked fish taken yet this year. The following table is a dramatic example of the size increase of the fish. The % age of fish returned has also increased significantly, showing a very responsible attitude by anglers – many returning very fresh fish even although they haven't killed their daily limit.

Year	Number Caught	% Returned	Fish caught in July			
			Average Weight	Fish under 5lb	Fish 5 – 10lb	Fish over 10lb
2006	61	56%	4.0 lb	84%	10%	6%
2007	115	70%	5.7 lb	50%	34%	16%

### **Best Day of the season on August 4th.**

With the last flood just fining off, the river was coming into excellent order by the 4th. There were only 10 rods fishing & 14 fish were caught. Best bag to one rod included fish of 16, 14 & 4 lbs. all on fly plus a 13.7 & 6 pounder on prawn. A total of 7 fish from Lower Kilmurry for the day. August has started well with 22 fish taken in the first 4 days, including 13 on fly.

Superb prospects for the coming weeks! An inch of rain fell overnight on the 4<sup>th</sup>, & today (5th.) the river is extremely coloured & rising fast. Looks like it is going to be a big flood as it has already risen 1.20m by 20.30. Having high water at this time always gets the autumn fish running, so as soon as the water fines off & stabilises, the prospects of sport are superb for the coming weeks – both in size & quantity of fish.

## Beat Cleaning

There has been a lot of work done on the beats to make them cleaner, tidier & more open than they were before. If you go to the News link on the Navigation Bar & then Click on the Beat Cleaning - Carrig & Woodstream links you can get some idea of what has been achieved.

### Availability

**This is OK for both fishing and accommodation up until late August.**

**September is getting very full.**

**Best Regards & Tight Lines!**

Ian & Glenda

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**30/7/07** Blazing sunshine all day with a very slack southerly wind. Air temperature 20C/68F, humidity 63% the least said the soonest mended and as the old Gillies would say, it was a day for the high stool.

**31/7/07** the same as yesterday but at least there was one happy Angler from Cork who caught a 2 lbs./0.91 kgs. Sea Trout on the troll and staying with the Sea Trout, Mr Tadhg O'Sullivan of the Waterville fishing tackle shop reported to me that there were three Sea Trout caught in the 2 lbs./0.91 kgs. by anglers late this evening and Mr Neil O'Shea of [www.oshealoughcurrane.com](http://www.oshealoughcurrane.com) fishing with his guests had five Juniors to his boat. Wind SE then veered SW late in the afternoon, light to calm, air temperature 21C/69.8F, humidity 71%

**1/8/07** just a few Juniors caught and on the Salmon/Grilse front, Mr Clancy of Cork caught a 5 lbs/2.27 kgs Grilse on the troll. Now for Angler of the day and that is ten year old Master Liam Quinn, not because he caught a fish, but of his great knowledge of Soccer/football, but I thought I would take him down a peg or to? When I bet Liam €5 on a question I knew he couldn't answer? All I can say is I am €5 short and he brought me down to earth with a bang, Liam I have learnt a good lesson don't Gamble with the professionals. Wind WNW light and overcast with light drizzle at times. Air temperature 20c/68F, humidity 78%. Amount of rain fall 0.2mm/0.007874 in

**2/8/07** Mr Terence Wharton fishing with his Guest caught one Grilse on the troll on the south side, on the Sea Trout front Mr W. Finn fishing with his Gillie Mr John Murphy of [www.loughcurrane.com](http://www.loughcurrane.com) caught a fine 3.5 lbs/1.59 kgs Sea Trout which he sportingly put back, plus there were a few Juniors caught by

other anglers. Wind W light to fresh with the odd shower but mainly bright and sunny. Air temperature 18C/64F, humidity 82%, amount of rain fall 0.8mm/0.031496in.

**3/8/07** It was a wild day at times on Lough Currane but that didn't stop we anglers facing the elements and coming up with nought? But at least there was one Angler in good form and that was Tim Gleason who caught a fine Grilse on the fly in the Mouth of the Commeragh with his Gillie Mr Mike O'Dwyer. Wind SW light to fresh in the morning then come lunch time it became quite wild and stayed with us for the rest of the afternoon with light rain for most of the day. Air temperature 20C/68F, humidity 86% amount of rain fall 8.0mm/0.31496in.

**4/8/07** There was a fine 6.75 lbs./3.07 kgs. Specimen Sea Trout caught on the fly by Mr Pat Mahoney of Cork and I can tell you there was a good party had by all, in the Lobster Bar. See Photo of this fine fish on our website at : [http://www.cfb.ie/fishing\\_in\\_ireland/update/game\\_angling.htm](http://www.cfb.ie/fishing_in_ireland/update/game_angling.htm) On the Salmon front all quiet. Wind SW light to fresh and overcast all day with light and at times heavy rain throughout the afternoon. Air temperature 19C/66.2F, humidity 70% Amount of rain fall 13.7mm/0.53937in.

**5/8/07** One Salmon/Grilse caught by Mr Alec O'Donovan and he also added 5 Juniors to his basket and just for the record Alec was fishing out of [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) and Mr Frank Donnelly again of [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) fishing with his Guests in the past week fishing on the Butlers Pool caught Two Grilse and a 10.5 lbs./4.77 kgs. Salmon on the fly. Wind NW light to fresh, bright and sunny with the odd light shower. Humidity 79% Amount of rain fall 11.2mm/0.440944in. That is all the news from your Gillie and the Waterville Fishery. No Spin No Fly's just Facts.

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**Berni Kelleher** reports:

**5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST OF 2007.**

### **RIVER BLACKWATER KENMARE**

Good water levels at the weekend produced good fishing, 19 fish were caught, with a best fish on Saturday by Mattie Collins, Cork weighing 9 ½ lbs. Best fish on Sunday by Keith O'Connell, Cork 13 ½ lbs. Kirsty Moore, Sneem caught her first ever salmon weighing 6 ½ lbs. which she sportingly returned.

### **ESB WATERS RIVER LEE**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1 fish on a fly weighing 5 lbs. and 3 on shrimp by Adam Condon and Paul Hanley.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 3 Salmon on shrimp weighing 4 lbs., 5 lbs. and 6 ½ lbs. by Sean Higgins, John O'Brien and John McSweeney all from Cork.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 2 fish on the fly weighing 3 ½ lbs and 4 lbs by Kieran Condon and Adam Condon. 3 on shrimp by Thomas Murragh weighing 3 lbs. and 4 lbs.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 on the fly weighing 6 ½ lbs by Paul Hanley and 2 on the fly weighing 5 lbs each by Adam Condon. Tom Higgins from Newross caught 5 on the fly and Sharon Higgins caught on weighing 4 ½ lbs on the fly.

A total of 24 fish were caught for the week and all were hatchery fish and released

### **RIVER LAUNE BEATS 1 AND 2**

A total of 8 salmon averaging between 6 to 8 lbs. and 1 sea trout weighing 3 lbs were caught for the week. Also on beat 2, a specimen Salmon of 23 lbs. fish was caught on a black flying C by Dick Coffee.

### **RIVER FLESK**

3 fish caught on the Flesk weighing between 3 and 4 lbs.

### **KILLARNEY LAKES**

2 fish were caught on the lakes.

### **RIVER ILEN**

2 Salmon caught on Sunday with one weighing 12 lbs., and 1 sea trout weighing 2 ½ lbs also landed for the week.

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### **UPPER SHANNON**

#### **LOUGH SHEELIN**

Poor weather conditions spoiled the trout fishing on Sheelin over the holiday weekend. During the more suitable interludes some good fishing was had. Michael Kelly L.S.T.P.A. fishing with Peter O'Reilly had 22 fish for the week, all released, best fish 3.5 lbs. All fish were caught on dry sedges. Billy Quale, Co Armagh fishing with Owen Mc Fadden from Kells had 10 trout last week, best 4 lbs., all on sedges. Eddie Clinton L.S.T.P.A. had 5 trout on sedges, most were released, best fish 2.5 lbs. Gene Brady L.S.T.P.A. had 4 fish on dry sedges, best 2 lbs. Frankie Harten, Kilnaleck had the best reported fish of the week at 9 lbs. Well done to juvenile angler N Lynch from Cavan on landing a fine trout of 6.75 lbs. Sheelin is worth fishing over the coming week - try a range of sedges fished dry, stay with small sizes, down to 14's and even 16's.

Contact Thomas Lynch L.S.T.P.A. Mobile: 087 9132033 or logon to the L.S.T.P.A website <http://www.loughsheelinanglers.ie/> for information on competitions and other local news.

**For local updates contact Mr Sean Gurhy, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Lough Sheelin Tel: 049 4336144**

### **LOUGH O'FLYNN & UPPER RIVER SUCK**

Trout fishing was quiet on O'Flynn with very few anglers fishing.

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### **MID SHANNON AREA**

#### **LOUGH ENNELL**

There were good Peter hatches on Ennell and the lake has attracted a number of anglers. Some quality fish were caught late into the evening. Peters are still hatching as well as Silverhorn sedges and bloodworm is getting results. Jim Greham from Clara had a great fish of 6 lbs. 8 ozs. Donal Connolly from Dublin had a fish of 4 lbs. Ennell is worth fishing this week.

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#### **LOUGH OWEL**

The Peter hatch was prolific on Owel with plenty of fish reported caught, including many quality wild fish. Over 100 trout were officially returned to weekending Sunday August 5th, this being a sample of the true total catch over the week. Sean Kenny Drogheda had the best reported fish at 4 lbs. Saturday was a good day with lots of fish caught. Sean Greene Co Down, Greg Long Dublin, Frank Kenna Mullingar, Steve Turner Athlone, Noel Bennett junior, Noel Foley Dublin, Martin Ryan Drogheda, M Henshaw Dublin, Christy Dunne Rhode, Fran Nugent and John O'Neill Dublin, P O'Neill Mullingar, P. O'Donogue Longford and John O'Malley Mullingar were among some of the many anglers who had good fishing and submitted their catch returns, well done to all. The Dan Mullally evening trout competition attracted 22 anglers and 20 fish were caught on Wednesday. Tom Gorman Mullingar won the competition with a nice fish of 3 lbs 5 ozs - see Michael Flanagan's angling notes for a full report on the competition. The main Peter hatch is over now but there is still plenty of sedge around to interest fish. Do get out over the coming week. Tight Lines.

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**STAR ANGLER LANDS HIS CATCH ON OWEL..**

The last week here in the Midlands has been very busy on the angling front. The Peter season is in full swing and some cracking trout are feeding late into the night. Owel and Lene hosted Peter competitions early in the week. On the World Cup scene, plenty of local anglers qualified for the Final, fished bank Holiday Monday. My good pal Terry McGeehan of the Irish daily Star was in town Friday and we landed some beautiful trout on Owel.

### **DAN MULLALLY TROPHY....**

I fished last Wednesday night August 1st on Lough Owel. This event hosted by Lough Owel Trout Preservation Association proved a huge success. On the night plenty of trout were caught with local Motor mechanic Tom Gorman powering home with a cracking trout of 1.62 kg, second place went to Dublin angler Martin Mc Quaide with a fish of 1 kg and Mullingar International fly angler Mick McCormack finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with a fish 0.87 kg, Pat Brady finished 4th. The lake is producing some fine fish late into the night and is well worth a trip this weekend. Next Sunday the club host the hugely popular Patti Doolan Shield. This is one of the biggest club competitions of the season. Fishing is from 11 am-7 pm. Boat and Engine Hire Jack Doolan 044- 93 -42085.

### **STAR ANGLER ON OWEL....**

Over the bank Holiday weekend plenty of visiting anglers fished the Midland lakes. My good pal Terry Mc Geehan of the Irish Daily Star newspaper dropped down on Friday evening and we spent a few hours on Lough Owel. It was a nice bright evening but the wind was very strong and it never dropped coming near dark. We struggled in day light to stir fish and it was not till just dark that the Owel trout came to the surface. I kept the boat quite tight to the sheltered shore at Murray's point and fishing dry Peters we boated six super trout. It only lasted about 45 minutes but it was certainly heart pulsing stuff. The night was black dark and we could not see the trout and the takes were furious. I think Terry is still a bit dazzled by the flash of my camera. I hope to spend a few more nights on Owel this week and you never know what the night will turn up.

### **GAME & COUNTRY FAIR 2007....**

The days are ticking away and the biggest Game and Country Fair of Ireland is only weeks away. The dates are August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The venue is the splendid Birr Castle Demesne Co. Offaly. This week we received a press release from the Angling Director of this years Fair. Philip Maher is in charge of the angling events and he has quite a busy weekend in store for anglers. The casting competition scene is geared for all standards from novice to the real pro. The professional class is sponsored by Hardy, then Philip has another A class open to all except professionals. There is also a youths section and lady section taking place over the two days. Philip Maher has really done his homework for this years Game and Country fair. Along with super competitions, which have serious prizes. Philip has put together an Anglers Row where you can browse through all the latest gear and nicknacks in the Angling World. Philip can be contacted on 087-9377539.

## **SYMPATHY....**

Sadly we have some bad news this week. Well known Mullingar resident Eamon Boyle sadly passed away. Eamon was a popular figure in the Castletown Geoghan area where he delivered the post for quite a number of years. He was also the brother of Lough Owel Trout Preservation Association Chairman Andy Boyle. On behalf of Angling Focus we sympathize with Andy and all the late Eamons family members and friends.

## **HELD OVER....**

As I was away for the World Cup Fly fishing championships some angling news items are on hold till next week. All going well I will catch up on these next week.

### **LOUGH ACALLA CO GALWAY**

Due to the Galway races, lesser angling numbers were evident on Lough Acalla compared with previous weeks. There was good fishing reported with bag limits obtained by a number of anglers. There was a good fly hatch and rise of fish especially during late evening time and midday. The most successful flies were Peter Ross, Sedges, Green Peter and Muddlers. P. Doyle from Ballygar Co Galway had 2 lbs fish on a Golden Olive. D. Coffey, Ballinasloe had a brown of 1.5 lbs on an Invicta. Prospects look good for the coming week.

**For updates contact John Devaney, Assistant Fisheries Inspector, Roscommon 087 2266735**

### **CAMCOR RIVER BIRR**

A big flood over the weekend resulted in a few fish caught along the Chapel bridge section of the river as the water levels dropped on bank holiday Monday. Other than this fishing has been disappointing overall, - too many floods!

## **LOWER SHANNON AREA**

### **LOUGH DERG ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

#### **Lough Derg Native Fish Biodiversity Project**

**Towards the sustainable management of Lough Derg's native fish populations**

#### **Project update June 2007**

The Lough Derg Native Fish Biodiversity Project is now into its second year and it is timely that we should have a newsletter just to give people an update on the developments so far. Its been quite exciting really and we've come along way from our humble beginnings! Just to recap, the Lough Derg Native Fish Biodiversity Project (Lough Derg NFB Project) was set up to answer

a number of questions concerning the native fish community using the most up-to-date and sophisticated scientific techniques. Such question include; ...

## **CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT BYE-LAW NO. 814, 2006**

This Bye-Law provides for an annual bag limit of 10 fish for 2007, a season bag limit of 1 fish in the period 1 Jan to 12 May, a daily bag limit of 3 fish from 13 May to 31 August and a daily bag limit of 1 fish from 1 September to the end of the season. The Bye-law also provides for the use of single hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified number of fish have been caught in the specified periods and revokes the existing limit Bye –law.

## **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SALMON ANGLERS - BROWN TAGS**

From May 13th, 2007 the Minister introduced a system of Brown Gill tags for certain rivers where it is considered necessary in the interests of conserving stocks to closely monitor angling quotas to ensure river based quotas are not exceeded. The River Mulcair in Co Limerick is covered by this scheme.

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**Kevin Crowley** reports:

### **GALWAY WEIR**

Water levels have been very high for the last 2 weeks, with 6 gates open on the weir. This was down to 1 gate over the weekend, but back up to 3 again by this morning following Sunday's heavy rain showers. Fishing has been patchy as a result, with lots of salmon having run upstream in the high water. There are still plenty of fish in the river, and among the anglers to land fish were Declan Tuffy from Athenry, who had 2 grilse on fly (both released), Dave O'Reilly from Dublin, with 3 fish (3 released) and Declan Foley from Kiltimagh, who caught and released 2 nice grilse of 5 and 7 lbs on fly. Other anglers to land fish were Neil Spellacy from Moycullen, with 2 caught and released on fly, and Tosh Kellett from Dublin, who also caught and released 2 fish. Paul Whelan and Eamonn Power both caught and released 2 also, while Paul Wymes and Brian Casey both landed a grilse each on fly. The fish of the week, however, goes to young Aine de Bhulbh from Bushypark, who showed her dad Jimmy how to fish when she landed her very first salmon, a beautiful fish of 5 lbs. caught on shrimp. Well done to Aine.

### **LOUGH MASK**

The annual World Cup Flyfishing Competition was held from Cushlough from Thursday to Monday, with a record entry competing for the prestigious title. Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> running, this competition is the premier event in the trout fishing competition calendar and attracts competitors from home and abroad. The winner this year was Brendan Moran from Kells, Co. Meath, who won the event for the second time following his first win in 1991. Brendan had 3 fish for

5.42 lbs on the final day to win the first prize of a brand new Burke Anglers Fancy boat and 15 hp engine. In second place was George Goodwin from Trim, Co. Meath, with 3 trout for 4.93 lbs, and third was popular local restaurateur Richie Yang from Ballinrobe, with 2 trout for 4.31 lbs. Congratulations to Brendan on his success, and well done to the World Cup committee for organising a fantastic event.

### **BALLYNAHINCH FISHERY**

Fishery manager Simon Ashe reports from Ballynahinch that salmon are continuing to run in good numbers, and the frequent spates of the last couple of weeks have helped the fishing. 14 salmon were landed this week, averaging 6.5 lbs, with some large double figure fish hooked and lost. Top flies this week were the Silver Stoat and Cascade Shrimp. For further details and to book fishing, Simon can be contacted at 095 31006, or 087 9962424

### **LOUGH INAGH**

Fishery manager reports from Inagh on fishing up to the end of July: Fishing conditions have been far from ideal with little or no wind to severe gales not helping our cause. However there are magnificent runs of salmon at the minute. People have remarked to me that they have not seen as big a run as this year. The sea trout are still slow enough, although August is usually a good month for runs of small sea trout. There is a boat for hire on Derryclare Lake for 2007, a lake that has not been fished in 40 years!

Thierry Breton (France) fished for 2 days and landed a fresh grilse of 7 lbs on Lough Inagh on a Silver Stoat, and also released a fish of 5 lbs on the Glendallogh Butts on a Silver Allys. Michael Heery (Dublin) fished Inagh for 3 days and recorded 2 grilse both weighed 4.5 lbs. Michael fished a Silver Daddy. Kevin Cronin caught a 4 lbs. grilse on a Green Peter on Lough Inagh. Johnny Rea (Galway) fished Inagh and caught a grilse of 5 lbs on a Daddy. Neil Gilchrist (UK) caught a grilse of 6 lbs on a Daddy on Inagh, and Paddy Gageby (Dublin) caught a 5 lbs grilse on Inagh on a Dabblers, while Brendan Leydon (Roscommon) caught and released a grilse of 5 lbs. on a Thunder and Lightning on the Derryclare Butts

Tom Summerville (Mayo), caught 6 brown trout and 2 sea trout on a Kingsmill on Lough Inagh. Neil Gilchrist (UK), had 5 sea trout on a Black Pennell on Inagh for a day.

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**Markus Muller** reports:

### **River Moy**

The Moy had a reported catch of **656** salmon for the week and fishing conditions continued to be good with reasonable numbers of fresh fish caught

in the entire system. However, the best fishing again was on the middle and upper reaches of the river.

The Moy Fishery accounted for a total of 51 salmon for the week. On the Ridge Pool, Desmond McClatchery, Ian McClatchery & Conor McLoughlan, all from Northern Ireland, had one fish each on the fly. Desmond McClatchery also had a fish on the Cathedral Beat. Also on the Ridge Pool, Swiss anglers, Christian & Peter Berger had 2 and 1 salmon, respectively. John Chambers, Northern Ireland, had 2 salmon (4 lbs. & 6 lbs.) on the Cathedral Beat, while Pat Smith, Co. Cavan, had one from the Spring Wells. The Ash Tree Beat produced 3 salmon to Pat Kane, Co. Donegal, Gary Fullerton, Co. Donegal & Ben Quinn, Co. Leitrim.

Mount Falcon had a good week with 96 salmon caught, including 4 fish on the fly for Dublin angler, Frank O'Hara. On the Attymass Anglers stretch, eleven year old Darran Leech enjoyed a memorable day with his first ever salmon caught, weighing in at 3 lbs. & 3.5 lbs. On Coolcroonan, UK anglers, John Brookshank & Bob Clarke had 3 and 2 salmon respectively, while Brian Jessup, also UK, landed his first ever salmon, weighing 6 lbs. Armstrong's produced a fine 10 lbs. salmon for Jim Turner, Dublin, while on the Foxford Fishery, Paul Keen and his 3 children successfully achieved an almost unbelievable catch – all four caught their first ever salmon! Rinnanny also fished well, with 71 salmon reported, best fish for Brian Neill, Co. Leitrim, at 9.5 lbs. The Cloongee Fishery yielded 13 salmon for the week, bringing the yearly total, so far, to 297. Francis Higinbottom, Northern Ireland, had 4 salmon, 3 of which he released.

## **Moy Estuary**

Due to improved water clarity the sea trout fishing picked up during the week, with 79 trout reported by anglers. Some good sized trout were taken on bait while fly anglers also reported excellent results.

## **Easkey River**

The Easkey Fortland Fishery reported 14 salmon for the week, 9 of which were released.

## **Lough Conn**

Due to improved weather conditions, fishing on Lough Conn picked up slightly during the week with 45 anglers reporting 63 trout over 76 rod days.

Tony Doherty, Co. Meath, fishing from Kelly's, Cloghans, had 8 trout with best at 1.5 lbs. on dry flies and Mayfly patterns, Walter & Susan Byrne, Co. Offaly, took 7 trout for 10 lbs., with best fish at 3 lbs. on a Grey Wulffe, Ted Lynch, Co. Galway, caught 3 trout for 3 lbs., best at 1.25 lbs. and P. Nolan, Co. Westmeath, landed 5 fish for 7 lbs., best at 2.25 lbs. again on Mayfly patterns. Dutch anglers, Christian Milo & Olivier Pronk had 2 trout each for a total of 5.5

lbs., with best at 2 lbs. on Daddy Longlegs and Bibio. Elsewhere, John Murphy, Co. Wicklow, fishing from Pontoon Bridge Hotel, caught 2 trout for 3 lbs. and 1 lbs. respectively on a Sooty Olive Bumble.

### **Ballisodare River**

There were still plenty of fish showing in the Ballisodare River with a total of 80 salmon caught, 58 of which were released. Thomas O'Donovan Jun. & J. Scanlon had a fine 7 lbs. fish each. Best flies for the week were Shrimp and Cascade patterns.

### **Glencar Lake & Drumcliff River**

There were fair numbers of salmon running the Drumcliff River but they appear to be going straight through into Glencar Lake. However, a few fish were taken on the river and Oliver Lee landed the best fish of the week, weighing 8 lbs.

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**Lionel Knobbs**, Loughs Agency Angling Manager reports:

### **Press Release**

### **Loughs Agency Fishing Festivals**

The Loughs Agency is holding two Youth Fishing Festivals as part of the 'National Fishing Week' campaign. The 2 day events will be an introduction to angling and so are perfect for those who think they would like to give the sport a try or those who have picked up a rod a few times but aren't sure if they are doing it right! You don't need a fishing rod or licence to take part and even better - the whole event is FREE (including meals) and there will be loads of top prizes!

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August the first festival will take place at Danescast, Jerretts Pass, Newry. The following weekend (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>) the festival will run in Baronscourt Estates, Omagh for 2 days.

During the first day, workshops will cover topics such as casting, fly tying, dissection, entomology, safety, tackle assembly, and much more. On the second day we will pack up all our equipment and knowledge from the day before and put it into practice. The participants will be catching various species of fish such as Rainbow Trout, Pike, Roach, Perch and Bream under the instruction of the Professional Angling Guides Instructors Network. The day will end with a Prize Giving Ceremony that family and friends will be welcome to attend.

The Agency invites children aged 8 – 17 years old to register for the festival as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available for both events.

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#### **UPPER SHANNON**

##### **ShRFB reports for Lanesboro**

No anglers about other than transient boat traffic - little to report, water levels are still high.

##### **Mark Smith from Maynooth reports on his recent trip to Drumbad Lake**

" I camped on this lake for two nights, what a great venue. I had 15 Tench all between 3 lbs and 5 lbs and one nice Bream of 6lbs, all in the first night and morning. My friend got 8 Tench and a load of Rudd. He stopped counting the Rudd after his twentieth fish. The next night I had 10 Tench, the heaviest weighing in just under 7lbs. My friend had four more Tench and had over 50 lbs. of mainly Rudd. The successful method was ledgering at thirty to forty metres, using three or four red maggots as bait. If you are in the area make sure to fish it.

**Brian Bohan** **CHAFLYNNS COTTAGE & GUIDING SERVICE MOHILL**  
reports on angling in the upper Shannon region around **MOHILL** and **CARRICK ON SHANNON**

After some heavy pre-baiting, Lough Mc Hugh has started to fish okay with good bags of Roach and Hybrids and some skimmer Bream. Mick and Terry from Youghal County Cork fished it for 4 days straight, no Tench. Only the 2 stands to the far left are fishable due to heavy weed growth. Some Dublin anglers have fished it over last weekend through the night, They had 4-5 Tench , hybrids and Roach.

Lough Rynn is still very high on the sheep walk. I fished Clonbonny one of the evenings last week and had some nice Roach and hybrids and three Tench. Barneys shore and Heron's shore on Lough Allen are producing some good weights on match days and for the pleasure anglers.

The Sluice gates on Lough Allen produced some 60-120 lbs. bags of Bream for visiting English anglers when the water is high.

### **Upper Shannon Results**

#### **Wednesday 25/07/2007 venue Kiltybarden**

1st R. Lightbourne 20.06  
2nd C. Allen 12.08  
3rd T. Allen 11.11

#### **Thursday 26/07/2007 venue lock 16**

1st: R. Lightbourne 3.14  
2nd: C. Liffyboy 3.11  
3rd B. Jennings 3.06

#### **Sunday 29/07/2007 venue Heron's shore**

1st: T. Allen 44.05  
2nd: A. Turton 22.08  
3rd: D. Oddy 13.12

#### **Wednesday 01/08/2007 venue Heron's shore**

1st: T. Allen 31.08  
2nd: B. Swift 19.08  
3<sup>rd</sup>: C. West 15.08

#### **Thursday 02/08/2007 lock 16**

1st: R. Carpenter 5.08  
2nd: A. Foster 4.02  
3rd: C. Liffyboy 3.08

#### **Sunday 05/08/207 Heron's shore Lough Allen**

1st: C. West 20.08  
2nd: R. Lightbourne 18.00  
3rd: D. Oddy 16.00

Next match Wednesday on Garadice, then Thursday evening Barnies shore Lough Allen.

**Kevin Lyons, MELVIEW LODGE GUESTHOUSE, Drumlish Road, Clonrollagh, Co Longford Tel : 003534345061 Mob: Email: [info@melviewlodge.com](mailto:info@melviewlodge.com) Web: <http://www.melviewlodge.com> covering fisheries in the LONGFORD AREA and the STROKESTOWN LAKES**

The Bream fishing has really improved in the last ten days with some of the catches over the 100lbs. In some lakes the water has started to return to more normal levels. However some lakes in and around the Strokestown area are still high and waiting to recover from the floods. Lakes around the north Longford areas have been producing some good fish. Pre-baiting every evening has proved to play a major part in the size of the catches and mix of species. On our next report which will be the end of August there will be pictures of some big Bream catches from guests of Melview Lodge in Longford.

Richard and Stan from the West Midlands who were on a return trip produced some good nets of fish. Kevin commented that they stuck to just two venues all week. Each evening they pre-baited before leaving and it paid off for them with some great catches of Bream and some big Roach (well done lads).

Nigel Barns from Preston repeated his catches of 2006 with some cracking nets of Bream, Hybrids and Roach. Nigel who last year had good catches of big Tench to 6 lbs. and Rudd to 3 lb - 4 oz was unable to fish his favourite lake due to flooding. Kevin stated that some of the venues need pre-baiting a few times before attracting the better fish, it's worth the effort though! More Bream pictures from Nigel in our next report.

## **MID SHANNON AREA**

**The ShRFB reports for Ray Duthie Old Forge Banagher, Bait Stockist, Tackle and ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER Tel: 057 9151504. BANAGHER area this week.**

Fishing is good in the mid Shannon, although angling numbers are low. Meelick match stretch is producing skimmer Bream, adult Bream, Roach and hybrids. The Banagher town stretch is fishing but river flows are very fast due to the high water. The grand canal at Ferbane, Pollough and Rahan. Tench catches are better than last year on the canal. The Sheebeen and Salmon run are also fishing well as is the Rogers Island at Portumna.

## **ShRFB reports for the RIVER SUCK VALLEY - Mid River Suck**

The river was starting to recover well but the heavy weekend rain brought levels back up again and is presently very high. However, water levels have receded enough to allow fishing from the stands on the fisheries which were recently submerged. Coarse angling on most of the lakes other than Stoneham's are producing fish. An English visitor had some great Bream catches in the area. A three day competition was fished at Donamon and Glinsk, over the holiday weekend - Saturday, Sunday and Monday. 14 - 16 anglers took part each day. The Saturday event was won by Rory Dunne from Roscommon. He had 6 kgs 700 g. His brother Shane was 2nd with only a few grams less in weight. Third place was Bob Gilbraith, Co Roscommon. On Sunday the winner was Bill Cassidy, he had 16.5 kg, lots of nice skimmer

Bream in the catch. Rory Dunne was second with 7.5 kg. 3rd: Shane Dunne. On Monday the winner was Shane Dunne with 7 kgs. Rory Dunne was 2nd with 4 kg. Third was Bill Cassidy with 2 kgs. Anglers were pleased with the results.

**Further local info contact Mr John Ryan, Assistant Fisheries Inspector  
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**ShRFB reports for Mark Egan Athlone Bait Stockist, Accommodation  
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[www.shannonsidehouse.com](http://www.shannonsidehouse.com) Tel: 090 64 94773 Mob 087 8517299 - the  
River Shannon and Inny ATHLONE area.**

River levels are high but dropping a little as we write. Very few anglers about, little to report.

**ShRFB reports for INNY BAY B&B - fishing at TOM FOXES ANGLING  
STRETCH and lower RIVER INNY Tom Foxxe Mob: 087 9960173 for  
enquiries and boat hire**

Not many anglers about. A few fish, mainly hybrids are being caught some evenings along Tom Foxes stretch by local anglers.

#### **LOWER SHANNON AREA**

**TJ O'Brien, TJ's ANGLING CENTRE KILLALOE Tel: 061 376009 Mob 087  
8108225 reports for the Lower Shannon and East Clare Lakes**

Angling guests of TJ O'Brien are fishing on the island swims presently. A party last week had 320 lbs mixed bags, mainly Bream. Best individual bag was 175 lbs. Anglers are encouraged to fish the island swims. If conditions are very bright try a late evening or early morning session for best results. The East Clare lakes are fishing also with Tench reported in morning sessions.

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**Alice Murtagh reports:**

The Belturbet Annual Fishing Festival took place last week. Sixty seven anglers fished the event over four days. The winners are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> .	Willy Wheeler	49.900kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Tony Kersley	36.570kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Russ Dowding	33.970kg
4 <sup>th</sup> .	Paul Lee	33.940kg
5 <sup>th</sup> .	Tommy Marshall	33.780kg

A Pairs competition also took place over the four day and the winners are listed below:

1 <sup>st</sup> .	Willy Wheeler/Eddie Brydon	76.050kg
2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Mark Renshaw/Paul Lee	60.590kg
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Dave Slater/Andy Greg	54.300kg

4<sup>th</sup>. Dave Lawrence/Russ Dowding 54.020kg  
5<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Fuller/John Potters 52.720kg

Leonards Shore on Lough Gowna has been fishing consistently over the past few weeks with mixed bags of 70 – 90 lb of fish. However, one angler from Hamstead who fished Leonards Shore bagged 144 lbs. of fish over one day mostly Bream some up to 7 lbs. Kevin's Shore also on Lough Gowna has been giving bags of fish up to 100 lbs., meanwhile Church Lake, Gowna and Dernaferst are producing bags from between 70 and 100 lbs. Hollybank and Gulladoo are also producing mixed bags of 70 – 80 lbs.

Trinity on Lough Oughter is producing good bags of fish while the bridge at Killykeen is also giving good bags of fish. Garadice is reported to be giving bags up to 40lb with advanced ground baiting.

Drumlona is producing good mixed bags of 60-70 lbs. Plenty of Roach are being caught on Haltons at the new bridge. Annamakerrig is producing some Bream and mixed bags of 60-70 lbs., also Barnagrove mixed bags 70-80 lbs.

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### **UPPER SHANNON**

**contact Bodo Funke, Angling Services Ireland, Boyle, Co Roscommon**  
<http://www.anglingservicesireland.com/> reports

Pike fishing is very slow due to the prevailing weather conditions with very high water.

### **MID SHANNON AREA**

**ShRFB reports for the RIVER SUCK VALLEY - Mid River Suck**

Water levels are very high in the Suck Valley - no pike anglers or news this week.

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## **ATHLONE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

report courtesy of Eamon Cunningham P.R.O. Athlone Anglers Association

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Next Pike competition is the Ladies competition to be fished on the 19th August

### **FOR YOUR DIARY...**

The following is the schedule of competitions that it is proposed to hold over the next few weeks. Please note this list may change due to unforeseen circumstances, however the details of each competition will be published in the local newspaper, on the posters, the [www.athlone.ie](http://www.athlone.ie) website and sent out to members by text message in the week prior to each competition.

- Sunday 12th August – No competition.
- Sunday 19th August – Ladies Competition

**Dermot Killeen Shannonbridge Tel 090 96 74112 Email: [derry.killeen@gmail.com](mailto:derry.killeen@gmail.com) reports for SHANNONBRIDGE area**

It was a mixed week weatherwise with rain, sun, cloud sunshine. The river level has risen to 3.46 Metres on scale alongside the Shannonbridge Bridge. Thanks to all that recorded their catches. Some people had phone cameras and will try to share their catch with the [www.shannon-fishery-board.ie](http://www.shannon-fishery-board.ie) site.

Glab Haley from Germany fished the Shannon on a warm 23rd July and used a spinner to catch a 90 cm. pike which he returned alive. Oliver Mc Kiernan from Rathcoole fished the Shannon on a windy 25th July and used a Voblex lure to catch a 4 lbs pike which he returned alive. Mike Gavin from Belmont went trolling a spinner on 29th July on the Shannon and caught 2 pike to 67 cm. Returned alive. Molleus Kirt from Belgium fished the Shannon on a sunny 29th July using a F-Z spinner. He caught 5 pike which were all 30 cm. They were released alive. Schopf Uwe from Frankfurt fished the Shannon on a sunny 29th July using a blinker to catch one pike measuring 60 cm. Returned alive. Teenager Joshua Mulholland (13) from Dublin fished Lough Derg on an overcast day 28th July and caught a 15 lbs pike using a plug lure. The fish was returned alive. Fred Gledhill from Rush, County Dublin fished on the Suck on a sunny 30th. He rigged up a dead bait and in a few minutes hooked a 25 lbs pike approx. Fish was returned alive.

**Mick Flanagan, Angling Correspondent for the Westmeath Topic and Sunday World Newspaper Tel: 087 2797270: [mick@midlandangling.com](mailto:mick@midlandangling.com) reports on Midland Lakes & Rivers.**

### **ANGLING COMPETITIONS GALORE IN THE COMING WEEKS ....**

The competition scene is in full swing over the August weekend, with Glore, Owel, and Lene holding events. Plus the across the Country some big competitions are taking place. It has being a fantastic week for Lough Glore anglers. Mark Donoghue finished 2nd in the All Ireland Pike fly fishing championships on Carrowmore lake, in Co. Mayo. On Saturday last club

member Charlie Maples got caught himself and got married. Charlie and his angling pal Alan O' Rourke spend many a day here in the Midlands.

## **LOWER SHANNON AREA**

**TJ O'Brien, TJ's ANGLING CENTRE KILLALOE Tel: 061 376009 Mob 087 8108225 reports for the Lower Shannon, Lough Derg and East Clare Lakes.**

Very quiet on the pike angling front.

## **SEA ANGLING**

### **South Western Region:**

Charter skipper, Mark Gannon reports on some recent deep sea fishing with his clients out from **COURTMACSHERRY** E-mail: [csal@iol.ie](mailto:csal@iol.ie) Web: <http://angling.erin.ie/Courtmac.htm>

The past week the fishing started off great with plenty of Specimens and great sport but as we went through the week the fishing went a bit slack. On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> July 3 sharks were tagged and released, on the wrecks Specimens caught included Specimen Coalfish of 16.7 lbs., 15.6 lbs. and 18.7 lbs. for Niall O Sullivan, Specimen Coalfish of 24.6 lbs. for Alan Browne, Specimens of 23.3 lbs. and 24.5 lbs. for Paul O Callaghan and a Specimen of 16.1 lbs. for Hans Drexler of Holland. Fishing the reefs the tides were a bit on the strong side and could account for poor catches, Regards Mark.

Hi All, Wrecking today and what a days fishing! 7 Specimen Coalfish for a group of Anglers from the Guilford Sea Angling Club, (who incidentally also caught over 20 Specimens on last years visit to Courtmacsherry) and plenty of Cod in double figures, the heaviest Coalfish was a fish of 24 lbs. (**which is our catch of the week, see [www.cfb.ie](http://www.cfb.ie)**) caught by Mark Gannon the skipper of the Lady Louise, It was my first day back fishing since a recent operation.

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### **George McCullough, chairman of the EFSA Ireland reports on shore and boat fishing in the CAHERSIVEEN area in the past week.**

It has been a great week for shore and boat anglers fishing in the **CAHERSIVEEN** area. A big run of Trigger fish into the river in the town brought out shore anglers in force. Many big fish were landed by the bridge but as many were lost due to their ability to bite the strongest monofilament. Local angler, Ger Evans caught 22 Triggers in a day and landed the heaviest fish of the week at 4 lbs. 10 oz. All the fish were taken on shrimp. Last weekend there was a deep sea angling competition and 45 anglers took part. Limerick angler Heiko Drier won with 496 points and nine species of fish were recorded including Congers, Pollack, Whiting, Ling, Cuckoo and Ballan Wrasse and other smaller species. Elsewhere, there was a huge skate landed on board charter skipper Adrian Hanley's boat "**Wey Chieftain**". The fish was estimated to weigh 210 lbs. and the fish was tagged and released.

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**Brian McManus** reports:

### **Clare Dragoon**

**LOCHIN 366, 650 HP.**

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**Luke Aston operating the Clare Dragoon Sea Angling Charter out of Carrigaholt\_reports on recent deep sea fishing trips**

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### **Shark season commences on the Clare Dragoon**

Fishing last week was much more like it should be at this time of year. I did not have to worry too much about the weather and it was a pleasure to be at sea. Alas it was not to last and we are back again to our unseasonable summer!

For most of last week I had a group of Scottish lads fishing with me. We had some very nice fishing on the reefs west of Loop Head, with a good range of fish coming to the boat. I also tried for a Tope although going off other years we are now coming to the end of our tope season. This session produced only one fish, but it did weigh in at a healthy 37 lbs. But the highlight of this week was the first Blue Shark of the season for me. A 5 hour drift produced 4 fine fish to the boat. The best went an estimated 90 lbs. Unfortunately we did not get him into the boat as he broke the line on what must have been his last run before I could rope him. However he gave us a good 20 minutes with much sweat. I could have landed him if I used a gaff but I don't think a photo is worth that.

The week ended with a strong wind which confined me to the upper estuary. We did have a short session at the Tope but got no run. It would be nice to get another few but unlikely now. However they gave us a good season. The rest of the fishing was also very bad with Ray very hard to come by. It would be nice to think I would not have to try them again for a few weeks but that looks unlikely! But fishing is like that and next time might be fine, I hope so!!

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### **Ocean Star**

26' Fastworker, 200HP.

**Skipper:** Martin Brennan

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**Notes:** Sails from Kilrush.

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## REPORT TO August 1<sup>st</sup>

Martin Brennan operating the Morning Star Sea Charter out of Kilrush

**AUGUST 8th, 2007**

have been at sea this week with again some Dutch anglers, a party of four. The fishing has been steady with fish turning up in expected numbers and quantities, at all the usual haunts. I have been concentrating on some of the less fished and closer reefs. You must remember as with shore fishing it is often easy to cast beyond the fish and behind the zone where the fish are feeding. As I am steaming along I always keep a good lookout with binoculars on some of the closer reefs, where you can sometimes spot intense bird activity from afar and plan a few drifts along the reef to check out the activity in the area, where bait fish are bigger fish always swim. These Dutch anglers have been enjoying some Pollock, and Tope, fishing on light tackle at Beal Bar, and the Reefs close to the Clare Coast. Some nice conger can be expected at Moneypoint, which is fishing very well on the ebb tide. a Mackerel bait preferably the head tipped with some squid has been the bait to use for the bigger fish.

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Bill Ryan, Shore angling guide reports on recent fishing near **KILKEE** in Co. Clare.

### **Good Ballan Wrasse near White Strand**

#### **REPORT TO AUGUST 8th, 2007 - WEST CLARE AREA**

##### **Bealeice, Baltard Bay North**

##### **Wrasse**

Good Wrasse fishing in this area near The White Strand.

11 Ballan Wrasse on hard back crab several fish around 4 lbs.

##### **Poulnasherry Bay, Cammoge Point**

##### **Bass**

School Bass are still turning up with some fish to 3.5 lbs.

Late evening best, spinning in close with small lures.

## **Poulnasherry Bay, Ferry Point**

### **Ray/Huss**

Thornback Ray to 7 lbs. and Bull Huss to 8 lbs. while night fishing with fresh Mackerel.

## **Seafield**

### **Bass**

Reports of a nine pound bass caught from the beach last week.

## **Kilbaha, Kiltrellig**

### **Conger**

Good Conger fishing from flat rocks late evening. Several big conger were lost.

## **The Castle, Kilkee**

Mackerel are plentiful. An angler had a surprise this week when he landed a big squid!

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**Kevin Crowley** reports:

John Brittain from Bluewater Angling in Clifden reports on good blue shark fishing recently. Currently operating Cleggan, where good access and sheltered fishing grounds mean no lost days, John had a party of German anglers out on the 30<sup>th</sup>, in glorious weather. Accompanied out of harbour by the local bottlenose dolphins, they also saw many sunfish on the day. Fishing 10 miles west of High Island, the day was topped off perfectly with 4 blue shark to 70 lbs brought to the boat, tagged and released.

For details and to book fishing you can contact John or Sue Brittain at Blue Water Fishing, Sharamore House, Streamstown, Clifden, Co. Galway, (Tel.) 095 21073 or check <http://seafishingireland.net/>