



Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers

Welsh Record Sea Fish Committee

Club and PM

Information Pack

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Claims Procedure

Specimen Claims

Specimen fish forms must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS, in full and sent to the National Fish Recorder, no later than 2 weeks after the capture of the fish.

It is the responsibility of the captor to ensure that this form is completed fully and handed to the National Fish Recorder or posted in time to meet this deadline.

All claims should be accompanied by clear photographic evidence; Photographs can be emailed to the Fish Recorder.

When identification is difficult or questionable the National Fish Recorder will seek advice from a Marine Biologist.

It is not necessary to kill any fish for it to be weighed on 'official' scales. Most anglers now carry scales and it is the responsibility of the individual angler to ensure regular checking of their scales to ensure accuracy. Witnesses are therefore very important and their details must be completed in full on any claim form. Random checks will be undertaken with witnesses to verify claims.

A stamped addressed envelope must accompany any claim if a receipt is required. The National Fish Recorder will not accept any claim queries without production of a receipt.

Record Claims

Record fish forms must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS, in full and sent to the Regional or National Fish Recorder, no later than 2 weeks after the capture of the fish.

It is the responsibility of the captor to ensure that this form is completed fully and handed to the National Fish Recorder or posted in time to meet this deadline.

All claims should be accompanied by clear photographic evidence, alongside a measure. Photographs can be emailed to the Fish Recorder.

When identification is difficult or questionable the National Fish Recorder will seek advice from a Marine Biologist.

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Assessment of Tope and Smoothound

These fish may be assessed using the girth/linear chart with measurements taken. All claims must be witnessed and full details of those witnesses be stated on the claim form.

The Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers does not condone the practice of killing fish in order for it to be weighed either on the boat or shore. Accurate measurements using the girth and linear calculation will be accepted for all claims.

Girth & Length calculation

Girth x Girth x Length divided by 800 = weight

- 1) Measure the fish's girth in inches, and then square it.
- 2) Multiply the arrived at figure by the fish's length, again in inches.
- 3) Divide the final figure by 800 to achieve the approximate weight of the fish.

Here's an easy to follow example:

Fish's girth=26-inches

Fish's length=55-inches

$26 \times 26 = 676$

$676 \times 55 = 37180$

$37180 \text{ divided by } 800 = 46.475 \text{ lbs}$

The girth should be measured across the widest part and the length taken from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail

Shore Minimum & Specimen size

SPECIES	Min cm/kg	Spec kg	SPECIES	Min cm/kg	Spec kg
Almaco Jack		No Record	Pollack	36cm	4.088kg
Angler Fish	61cm	14.515kg	Pouting	20cm	0.609kg
Bass	45cm	3.841kg	Ray Blonde	*	6.818kg
Bream Black	23cm	1.219kg	Ray Cuckoo	*	1.006kg
Bream Red	21cm	No Record	Ray Electric	*	No Record
Bream Gilthead	21cm	0.708kg	Ray Small Eyed	*	3.537kg
Brill	31cm	0.326kg	Ray Spotted	*	1.885kg
Bull Huss	61cm	4.507kg	Ray Sting	*	12.360kg
Bonito Atlantic		0.538kg	Ray Thornback	*	4.100kg
Coalfish	36cm	1.616kg	Rockling 3B	23cm	0.638kg
Cod	36cm	10.092kg	Rockling 5B	16cm	0.240kg
Dab	23	0.581kg	Sandeel Greater	23cm	No Record
Dogfish	45cm	0.836kg	Scad/Horse Mackerel	23cm	0.453kg
Eel Conger	61cm	9.072kg	Sea Scorpion SS	23cm	0.226kg
Eel Silver	????????????	??????????	Shad Twaite		0.425kg
Flounder	25cm	0.886kg	Shark Blue	140cm	No Record
Garfish	31cm	0.453kg	Shark Porbeagle	140cm	No Record
Gurnard Grey	18cm	0.419kg	Smoothhound Common	61cm	3.572kg
Gurnard Red	25cm	0.312kg	Smoothhound Starry	61	4.819kg
Gurnard Tub	25cm	2.764kg	Spurdog	61cm	2.991kg
Haddock	31cm	0.251kg	Sole Dover	25cm	0.949kg
Hake	31cm	0.793kg	Sunfish		3.501kg
Herring	20cm	No Record	Tadpole Fish	18cm	0.255kg
John Dory	25cm	No Record	Tope	140cm	14.447kg
Ling	63cm	2.048kg	Trigger Fish	25cm	1.077kg
Lumpsucker		2.041kg	Turbot	38cm	2.324kg
Mackerel	31cm	0.964kg	Weever Greater	25cm	0.220kg
Megrim		No Record	Whiting	28cm	0.808kg
Monkfish	77cm	11.992kg	Witch		0.255kg
Mullet Golden Gray	20cm	0.666kg	Wrasse Ballan	31cm	1.474kg
Mullet Thin Lipped	31cm	1.119kg	Wrasse Cuckoo	18cm	0.340kg
Mullet Thick Lipped	31cm	3.203kg	Wreckfish Stone Bass		No Record
Mullet Red	18cm	0.420kg			
Plaice	27cm	1.601kg			

Boat Minimum & Specimen size

SPECIES	Min cm/kg	Spec kg	SPECIES	Min cm/kg	Spec kg
Almaco Jack		0.172kg	Pollack	36cm	4.989kg
Angler Fish	61cm	8.391kg	Pouting	20cm	0.921kg
Bass	45cm	3.402kg	Ray Blonde	*	7.030kg
Bream Black	23cm	1.219kg	Ray Cuckoo	*	1.275kg
Bream Red	21cm	0.283kg	Ray Electric	*	7.721kg
Bream Gilthead	21cm	No record	Ray Small Eyed	*	3.430kg
Brill	31cm	1.275kg	Ray Spotted	*	1.516kg
Bull Huss	61cm	4.649kg	Ray Sting	*	15.479kg
Bonito Atlantic		No record	Ray Thornback	*	7.129kg
Coalfish	36cm	3.969kg	Rockling 3B	23cm	0.566kg
Cod	36cm	10.319kg	Rockling 5B	16cm	No record
Dab	23	0.382kg	Sandeel Greater	23cm	0.240kg
Dogfish	45cm	0.864kg	Scad/Horse Mackerel	23cm	0.652kg
Eel Conger	61cm	13.806kg	Sea Scorpion SS	23cm	0.226kg
Eel Silver	????????????	No record	Shad Twaite		0.510kg
Flounder	25cm	0.808kg	Shark Blue	140cm	48.534kg
Garfish	31cm	0.552kg	Shark Porbeagle	140cm	67.132kg
Gurnard Grey	18cm	0.419kg	Smoothhound Common	61cm	5.103kg
Gurnard Red	25cm	0.277kg	Smoothhound Starry	61	5.755kg
Gurnard Tub	25cm	2.055kg	Spurdog	61cm	4.338kg
Haddock	31cm	1.511kg	Sole Dover	25cm	0.765kg
Hake	31cm	3.274kg	Sunfish		24.494kg
Herring	20cm	0.186kg	Tadpole Fish	18cm	0.212kg
John Dory	25cm	1.233kg	Tope	140cm	17.955kg
Ling	63cm	7.129kg	Trigger Fish	25cm	1.430kg
Lumpsucker		No record	Turbot	38cm	5.499kg
Mackerel	31cm	0.567kg	Weever Greater	25cm	0.283kg
Megrim		0.244kg	Whiting	28cm	0.822kg
Monkfish	77cm	13.466kg	Witch		No record
Mullet Golden Gray	20cm	0.226kg	Wrasse Ballan	31cm	1.091kg
Mullet Thin Lipped	31cm	No Record	Wrasse Cuckoo	18cm	0.439kg
Mullet Thick Lipped	31cm	1.403kg	Wreckfish Stone Bass		1.587kg
Mullet Red	18cm	0.326kg			
Plaice	27cm	1.290kg			

Mini Species Minimum & Specimen Size

SPECIES	Minimum cm	Specimen kg
Anchovy		0.02kg
Blenny Tompot	15cm	0.07kg
Blenny Yarrells		0.04kg
Cornish Blackfish		0.11kg
Dragonet	15cm	0.08kg
Goby Black	10cm	0.02kg
Goby Painted		0.006kg
Goby Rock	8cm	0.01kg
Pilchard		0.07kg
Pilot Fish		0.14kg
Pogge		0.02kg
Poor Cod	16cm	0.15kg
Rockling Shore	20cm	0.23kg
Sand Smelt big scale		0.02kg
Sand smelt		0.01kg
Sea Scorpion LS	15cm	0.10kg
Shanny	15cm	0.08kg
Stickleback 15 spined		0.003kg
Topknot		0.07kg
Weever Lesser	10cm	0.04kg
Wrasse Corkwing	13cm	0.14kg
Wrasse Goldsinny	10cm	0.05kg
Wrasse Smallmouth		0.003kg



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Specimen of the Month Claim Form

Please complete in full using BLOCK CAPITALS

Name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Club.....PM Yes/No.....

Email Address.....

Species.....

Weight.....Kilo's.....Grams.....

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Length.....Girth.....

Where
Caught.....

Date of Capture.....

Boat/Shore.....Port.....

Please circle Junior Age() Senior Lady

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

There should be at least two witnesses to the capture & weighing to support any WFSA claim. If there are no witnesses to capture, the claimant must verify their claim by affidavit. All claims must be accompanied by clear photographic evidence of the fish alongside a measure. Claims must be received within 2 weeks of the date of capture.

WITNESS TO CAPTURE

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO CAPTURE

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

I declare that I have caught the fish as described in my claim and that it was caught by fair rod and line angling in the waters of the Principality of Wales

Claimants signature.....

All claims for Specimen of the Month (rod caught) sea fish must be sent to:-
Mr Carl Worrall, WFSA National Fish Recorder, Welsh Record Sea Fish Committee,
24 Heol-y-Garth, Penparcau, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1TE,
Telephone 01970 620061
E-mail: worrall116@btinternet.com

Please send or email a photo for inclusion on the WFSA website.
Awards will be decided at the National Executive Committee Meetings, awards will then be announced on the WFSA website and all winners will be notified by email or letter.



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Welsh Record Claim Form

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Name.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Club.....PM Yes/No.....

Email Address.....

Species.....

Weight.....Kilo's.....Grams.....

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Length.....Girth.....

Where
Caught.....

Date of Capture.....

Boat/Shore.....Port.....

Please circle Junior Age() Senior Lady

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

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WITNESS TO CAPTURE

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO CAPTURE

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

WITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone Number.....

I declare that I have caught the fish as described in my claim and that it was caught by fair rod and line angling in the waters of the Principality of Wales

Claimants signature.....

All claims for a Welsh Record (rod caught) sea fish must be sent to:-
Mr Carl Worrall, WFSA National Fish Recorder, Welsh Record Sea Fish Committee,
24 Heol-y-Garth, Penparcau, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1TE,
Telephone 01970 620061
E-mail: worrall116@btinternet.com

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Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers Award List

The award list will commence from the 1st January and end on the 31st December each year. Claims must be received by the National Fish Recorder within 2 weeks of capture – the postmark of the envelope will be used to determine this rule. It is the responsibility of the individual submitting the claim to ensure that this rule is complied with.

Best Specimen of the Month from the Shore

Best Specimen of the Month from the Boat

Best Junior Specimen of the year

Best Ladies Specimen of the year

Best Shore Specimen of the year

Best Boat Specimen of the year

Best Personal Member Specimen of the year

Best Mini Specimen of the year

Best Specimen out of Area

Specimen Hunter of the year

South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee

Fish Sizes

Bass	37.5 cms	
Blue Ling	70 cms	
Cod	35 cms	
Grey Mullet (thick lipped, C Labrousus)	35 cms	
Haddock	30 cms	
Hake	27cms	
Herring	20 cms	
Horse Mackerel (Scad)	15 cms	
Ling	63 cms	
Mackerel	20 cms	
Megrim	20 cms	
Plaice	27 cms	
Pollack	30 cms	
Saithe	35 cms	
Skate and Ray	45 cms	Across wings
Skate and Ray	22 cms	Single detached wing
Sole	24 cms	
Whiting	27 cms	

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**North Western & North Wales Sea Fisheries
Committee**

Finfish Species		
Scientific name	English	Minimum size (mm)
<i>Conger conger</i>	Conger eel	580
<i>Chelon labrosus</i>	Grey mullet	200
<i>Clupea harengus</i>	Herring	200
<i>Dicentrachus labrax</i>	Bass	360
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	Cod	350
<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	Witch flounder	280
<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Megrim	200
<i>Limanda limanda</i>	Dab	150
<i>Melanogrammus aelefinus</i>	Haddock	300
<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Whiting	270
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Hake	270
<i>Microstomus kitt</i>	Lemon sole	250
<i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Blue ling	700
<i>Molva molva</i>	Ling	630
<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>	Red mullet	150
<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	Red seabream	250
<i>Platichthys flesus</i>	Flounder	250
<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Plaice	270
<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Pollack	300
<i>Pollachius virens</i>	Saithe	350
<i>Psetta maxima</i>	Turbot	300

<i>Sardinia pilchardus</i>	Sardine	110
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Mackerel	200
<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	Brill	300
<i>Solea solea</i>	Sole	240
<i>Spondylisoma cantharus</i>	Black seabream	230
<i>Thunnus thunnus</i>	Blue fin tuna	6.4kg or 700
<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	Horse mackerel	150
<i>Xiphas gladius</i>	Swordfish	25kg or 1250mm spine

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