

SEA TROUT COMPARISONS 2000-2012

YEAR	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
2000				8	11	11	15	7	52
2001				9	15	14	17	11	66
2002				8	16	15	19	14	73
2003			8	26	123	75	53	9	296
2004			9	38	83	168	160	20	478
2005		3	31	103	142	181	199	84	743
2006	0	0	7	18	61	71	66	40	263
2007	0	0	5	19	66	37	22	8	157
2008	0	7	15	66	161	187	98	27	561
2009	0	5	34	53	118	183	85	13	491
2010	0	7	23	78	100	135	68	22	433
2011									
Caught	0	8	68	137	257	175	91	26	762
Released	0	5	61	125	184	158	89	26	648
2012									
Caught	6	36	62	145	236	204	100	28	817
Released	5	25	56	111	207	181	88	27	700

Observations

The number of Sea trout caught during 2012 is the highest ever recorded over the past 12 years. The numbers shown in the table include 324 Sea Trout weighing less than 2lbs, the heaviest fish being 16lbs caught by Robert Morgan. It is noted that 225 Sea Trout under 2lbs were caught by Ken Foster who had a total of 244.

The Sea Trout and Salmon were caught by 76 members representing 18.5% of the membership, of these 25 members caught in excess of 5 Sea Trout or Salmon, June, July and August appear to be the most productive months. Credit must be given to those members who have released their Sea Trout catches achieving a return rate of 85%.

Again it would appear that the increase in Schoolies may be the result of the brood stocking introduced three years ago.

The comments regarding members not renewing hence no catch returns applies to the Sea Trout numbers.