

## Sea Angling (Shore and Boat)

Sea fishing for marine sport fish does not require a licence

### Bass

- Bass Fishing in Ireland is now bound by recently introduced EU regulations
- There is no closed season for bass
- Catch and release for between January 1st and June 30th
- Bag limit for bass of 1 fish per day from July 1st to December 31st
- Size limit of 50cm applies

### Bluefin Tuna

- Bluefin tuna Fishing is now CLOSED in all Irish Waters
- Any bluefin tuna hooked inadvertently must be safely unhooked and returned unharmed

### Finally.....

We encourage ALL anglers to respect private property, adopt the Leave No Trace principles, fish sustainably and practice the highest levels of equipment hygiene to minimise the risks posed by invasive species. Enjoy!

## Catch and Release

We ask all anglers to practice catch & release in relation to ALL species regardless of rules. Where permissible, any fish taken should be for consumption only.

## Bullet Point Reminder of rules

### Salmon & Sea Trout

A total of one salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day for the period beginning January 1st to May 11th (three fish in total may be retained for this period).

#### Daily Bag Limits:

Three salmon (any size) or seatrout (over 40cm) per day from May 12th to August 31st (except where a salmon rod (one-day) ordinary licence is held, 1 fish). One salmon (any size) or seatrout (over 40cm) per day from 1st September to the close of the season.

There is an angling bag limit of three sea trout (under 40cm) per angler per day.

Please ensure you have the relevant State Licence with you at all times and that you return it as required at the end of your trip.

### Brown trout

Please ensure you are familiar with local size and bag limits.

### Bass

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Size limit of 50cm applies.

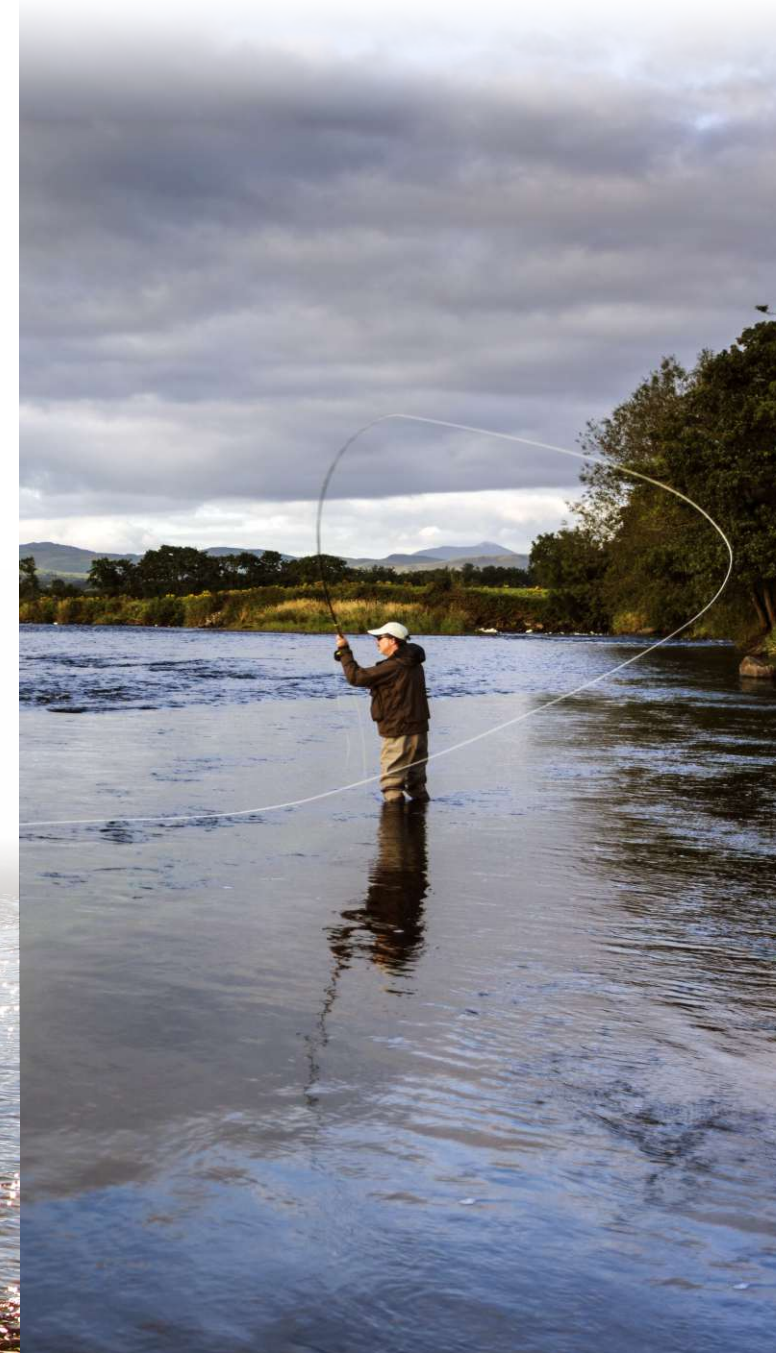
### Coarse Fish

Bag Limit of 4 coarse fish on any one day applies. It is prohibited to kill more than 1 pike in any one day. It is prohibited to kill any pike greater than 50cm in length.

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# Angling in Ireland



# Fishing in Ireland

Ireland offers a range of fishing experiences for an angler and indeed there is always some form of angling available regardless of the time or year or the weather. Whether it is a secluded mountain lake with its native population of brown trout, a river or lake offering seatrout and salmon, coarse fishing or sea angling, there is an opportunity and experience to suit all anglers regardless of their skills or interests. The County of Kerry, with its extensive coast and myriad of rivers and lakes will give you the chance to focus on your chosen quarry or to try many different methods of angling for a variety of species during the course of your trip if you so wish.

Most local tackle shops will be good sources of information as are websites such as [fisheriesireland.ie](http://fisheriesireland.ie) or [goanglingkerry.ie](http://goanglingkerry.ie)

Local anglers you may meet are always happy to share information (and perhaps a tall tale) with a visiting angler. It might also be worth considering taking a local guide if you are on your first visit to the region as they will provide you with some key insights to enhance your experience.

## Types Of Fishing

### Freshwater Fishing for:

Salmon, seatrout, brown trout & coarse fish (mainly in midland region)

### Saltwater Fishing for:

A wide range of species from shore and boat including bass, pollack, cod, mackerel, ray, flounder etc.

Boat angling – again a wide range of species



## Licences

A State Rod Licence is required to fish for salmon and sea trout fishing in Ireland. Please Note: A Rod Licence is not a right to fish. Most waters require anglers to have an additional Permit in order to fish - see [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info) and many other club/waters websites for local details

There are a number of different variants of Rod Licence (duration & district) that can be purchased from a number of sources:

1. Online at [www.fishinginireland.info/salmon/salmon\\_licence.htm](http://www.fishinginireland.info/salmon/salmon_licence.htm)
2. Local tackle shops, Inland Fisheries Ireland offices and some tourist or other outlets servicing the public across the country. Notices will be displayed in such outlets.
3. At some fisheries around the country Prices vary depending on the district/duration of the license being purchased but range in general between €20 and €100.

Tags and a logbook are distributed with these licences and all salmon (and sea trout over 40cm) caught and not released must be tagged by the angler on landing. All fish, whether kept or released must be noted in the logbook by the angler. A maximum of 10 tags are issued to an angler over the course of a season. Restrictions as to bag limits during specific periods also exist - see [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info)

All logbooks and unused tags must be returned to Inland Fisheries Ireland at the end of the season. The opening of the salmon fishing season varies across waters and can run between the 1st of January and the 30th of September (Most waters open in March)

Please note some waters are completely closed to fishing for salmon and sea trout while other waters are strictly catch and release only. Fishing method restrictions also apply on many waters.

Permits are relatively widely available through local tackle shops and local retail outlets and can be booked online at [goanglingkerry.ie](http://goanglingkerry.ie) Access to some water may not be available to the general public. We ask you to respect local rules when accessing water at all times.

## National Fishing Rules

- It is prohibited to sell rod caught salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) in Ireland
- The only legal method to catch freshwater fish is by rod and line
- An angler may fish with not more than 2 rods at any time
- It is illegal to use live fish as bait
- National Bag Limit for Sea Trout – 3 sea trout in a 24 hour period (in open rivers)
- It is prohibited to kill or possess foul hooked fish at anytime

### Local Bye-laws

- Particular waters have local bye-laws associated with them - see [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info) for more details

### Coarse Fishing

- No licence is required for pike or coarse fishing however coarse anglers in the Shannon Region are required to have a Permit on waters controlled by the Midlands Fisheries Group
- It is prohibited to kill more than 1 Pike in any one day or any Pike greater than 50cm in length
- It is illegal to transfer live roach from one water to any other waters
- A maximum bag limit of 4 coarse fish on any one day applies
- See [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info) for full details of all relevant bye-laws

### Brown Trout

No licence is required for non-migratory trout. Almost every river and lake has defined size limits for brown trout. While many fisheries also have specific bag limited, anglers are asked to fish sustainably and practice catch and release even where these are not in place Fly only regulations and other method restrictions may be in place on some waters - see [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info) for full details