# Your Essential Guide To Sea Angling In Ireland

With a unique geographical position on the edge of the European continental shelf and 5,000km (3,000 miles) of spectacular coastline, Ireland is one of the world's premier sea

- > If you've ever dreamt about visiting and wondered how to turn that dream into a reality, the answer is right here at your fingertips! This easy-to-use guide will help you start planning the trip of a lifetime, with advice on the best fishing locations, species to
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### whiting in winter. **Small Boat**

Shore Fishing

Slipways at Balbriggan and Skerries (both tidal), Howth, Dun Laoghaire, and Bullock Harbour. Main species: ray, codling, spurdog, smooth hound, whiting and plaice. Small boats can also be launched on the Boyne Estuary.

When to Fish Codling: September - February Tope: June – September Ray: June - October

fishing around Dunany in July, August and September. Bass: August - October

> This is a very busy area for cargo vessels and cross channel ferries. Great care should be taken to ensure that boats are not anchored in shipping channel.

In Wicklow slipways are found at Bray, Greystones and Wicklow. Main species: codling, spurdog, smooth hound, ray, tope and plaice. In Wexford slipways are located at Courtown, Cahore, Rosslare, Kilmore Quay and Duncannon. Top quality small boat fishing for bass in spring and autumn, excellent smooth hound and ray fishing in spring and

## When to Fish

Codling: September – February Bass: April - October Smooth Hound: April – July (shore) up to September in boats Tope: May – October Ray: May - September Plaice: May – August

# **East Coast**

Wicklow and Wexford

### Deep Sea Angling

Charter vessels are available at Courtown, Kilmore Quay, Ballyhack and Duncannon for wreck and reef fishing. Species caught in this area are, bass, tope, smooth hound, ray, dogfish, spurdog, cod, whiting, flatfish, pollack and conger.

### **Shore Fishing**

There are numerous access points to the 'steep-to' shingle beach which runs all the way from Bray Head to Wicklow Town. Winter fishing produces codling, coalfish and dabs while the warmer months can yield smooth hound, plaice and ray. Pier fishing is available at Bray and Wicklow Harbours.

At night in early summer, bass, tope and smooth hound can be taken from the eastern facing beaches in Wexford. Pollack, conger and wrasse are available from rocky headlands. Bass, flounder, sea trout and gilthead bream from south facing beaches and estuaries. Mullet are caught from harbours in the area. Cod can be taken on the estuary at Ballyhack during the winter months.

### **Small Boat**

superb tope fishing in summer.

# **Waterford and East Cork**

**South Coast** 

### Deep Sea Angling

**Shore Fishing** 

Charter vessels are available at Dunmore East, Up to eight deep sea, licensed Dungarvan, Helvick, Youghal and Ballycotton to fish charter boats are based in for blue shark, pollack, ling, cod, coalfish, conger, Cobh, Glenbrook/Monkstown and Crosshaven. Shark pouting and many other species. There is excellent fishing is a very popular attraction and boats also wreck fishing for conger and ling and reef fishing for offer fishing for large conger, ling, pollack, coalfish pollack in this area. The best period is from April to and cod that abound over offshore wrecks and reefs outside the confines of the harbour. Sheltered October.

# **Shore Fishing**

**Cork Harbour** 

Deep Sea Angling

established marks. All boats have tackle for hire. Beach fishing at Woodstown Strand, Tramore, Annestown, Bunmahon, Dungarvan, Ardmore, Youghal (Ferry Point and Redbarn Strand) and Ballycotton (particularly Garryvoe). Bass are found There is a choice of pier, beach, estuary and rock on the majority of these beaches for much of the yielding a wide range of species such as wrasse, year. Codling, flounder, dab, and sole are available in conger, bass, ray, codling, dogfish, mullet (both grey autumn and winter. Plaice, ray and dogfish are also and golden-grey) mackerel, dabs, gilthead bream, possible in summer. Mullet and gilthead bream are plaice, flounder and whiting. Shore tackle can be annual inshore visitors to creeks and harbours while hired in Cobh. Twaite Shad appear in the estuaries of the Rivers Suir **Small Boat** Rock fishing is available from numerous vantage points including Dunmore Head, Helvick Head, Cork Harbour is one of the most popular small boat Knockadoon Head and betweeen Ballycotton and centres in the entire country with over 22 different Power Head. Species available include, wrasse, species on offer in very sheltered surroundings,

# rockling, pollack and conger.

Slipways are available at Dunmore East, Dungarvan, Helvick, Ferry Point (River Blackwater Estuary) and Ballycotton. From May to September there is good inshore fishing for ray, bass and flatfish in Waterford Harbour, Tramore and Ardmore Bays. Estuary fishing for codling, flounder and bass at Youghal. Inshore reef fishing for conger, ling, pollack and wrasse off Dunmore, Dungarvan and Ballycotton.

Bass: April - October, Blue Shark: June - September, Codling: October - February, Flounder: October -

When to Fish

This is generally a very good area for bass particularly at first light or dusk. Bottom fishing, spinning, plugging and fly fishing will all take fish.

hired at Cobh and Aghada. When to Fish Bass: May – October, Blue Shark: June – October,

where fishing is available for much of the year.

Blonde ray to 30 lbs. (13.608 kg) and turbot over 15

lbs. (6.804 kg) have been recorded and boats can be

fishing is available inside the harbour on the Turbot

Bank, Harbour Rock and at a number of other well

Codling: September – January, Ray: May – October.

## There are numerous deep water quays in Cobh which

# offer safe shore angling during the hours of darkness.

# **South Coast**

### **West Cork**

### Deep Sea Angling This area contains many world famous angling centres where much of Ireland's good sea

angling reputation was first established. Charter boats are available at Kinsale, Courtmacsherry, Clonakilty, Union Hall, Baltimore, Schull, Goleen and Castletownbere. Blue Shark fishing during the summer months is a major attraction at all of the centres, while offshore reefs such as the Ling Rocks and Fastnet Reef provide excellent fishing for pollack, ling, conger and coalfish. Top quality wreck fishing is available over the numerous sunken vessels dotted along this coast including probably the most famous Castletownbere. wreck of all, the Cunard liner 'Lusitania' which was torpedoed off the Old Head of Kinsale in 1915. Excellent catches of big ling, conger, pollack, coalfish species to be expected. and cod are taken annually over these wrecks. General ground fishing over sand and gravel produces When to Fish a wide range of species including bull huss, haddock,

## **Shore Fishing**

There are a large number of estuarine locations in the area including the Bandon River, Timoleague, Rosscarbery, Glandore and Ballydehob where bass, flounder, gilthead bream and mullet (both grey and golden-grey) are available. Bass, codling, flounder,

common skate and various species of ray.

ray and dogfish are also found on several beaches including Garretstown, Inchydoney, Barleycove and Ballydonegan. The Mizen and Beara Peninsulas also provide excellent rock fishing for conger, ray, pollack, wrasse and bull huss.

### **Small Boat**

There are numerous slipways in the area but the easiest to access are at Kinsale, Courtmacsherry (where self drive boats can be hired), Clonakilty, Union Hall, Baltimore, Schull, Crookhaven and Bass, ray, garfish, bull huss, dogfish, pollack, codling,

and flounder are just some of the wide range of

Blue Shark: June – October, Bass: May – October, Conger: May – September, Codling: May – August & November – January.

Shad type rubber or plastic lures fished on a long 'flying collar' account for the majority of big specimen pollack and coalfish from the reefs and wrecks in West Cork

"As an angling journalist for

most of my working life I've

been lucky enough to fish all

over the world and many of the

big fish I'll never forget. But

for me, and without question,

Ireland will always be my very

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with a high number of specimen

sized fish and always that fish of

a lifetime is there to be caught.

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working trip is over it's always

nice to come home, but not

want to come home!"

favourite destination. The

places I've fished have produced



# **West Coast**

### **Ring of Kerry**

Deep Sea Angling Charter boats are based at Sneem, Caherdaniel, Cahersiveen, Valentia and Cromane. The more common species are blue shark, pollack, ling, coalfish, conger, gurnard, pouting and cod. Some common skate, bull huss, tope and blue mouth are

also available.

**Shore Fishing** Superb beach fishing at Caherdaniel, Waterville, Finian's Bay and Rossbeigh for bass, flounder and dogfish. The rocks at Hogs Head and Valentia are ideal venues for mackerel, pollack, wrasse, conger and rockling. Casting from rock over sand yields ray, dogfish and bull huss. Sea trout are occasionally

### Small Boat

found at Rossbehy Creek.

The main centres are Ballinskelligs, Valentia, Cahersiveen and Cromane where accessible slipways are located. Good general ground fishing in Ballinskelligs Bay and excellent tope fishing in Castlemaine harbour on a flooding tide. Bull huss, ray, bass and dogfish also occur in the area.

Bass: May - November, Blue Shark: June - October, Ray: May – September, Tope: June – September.

One of the world's most sought after big game fish the albacore or 'long finned tuna' (Thunnus alalunga) is common, on migration, off the Kerry Coast in September each year. Anglers interested in catching this very sporting species should therefore organise their visit to coincide with this period.

# The Dingle Peninsula

### Deep Sea Angling There is very deep water close

to this area and the 100 metre line lies about 20 km from the western point of the peninsula. Charter boats are based in Dingle, Smerwick and Castlegregory. All centres offer blue shark fishing while other species to be expected include tope, pollack, spurdog, common skate, six species of ray, gurnard, ling, cod, John Dory and

### **Shore Fishing**

Some first class beach fishing is available for bass on famous surf beaches such as Inch Strand, Ballinrannig and the Black Strand in Smerwick Harbour and the Brandon Bay beaches of Fermoyle, Kilcummin and Stradbally. There is also excellent fishing for bass and sea trout at Cloghane. The rocky marks from Clogher Head to Smerwick Harbour produce ballan wrasse to over 7 lbs. (3.175 kg), pollack to 10 lbs. (4.536 kg) and conger to 30 lbs. (13.608 kg).

### **Small Boat**

areas for fishing for thornback ray, dab, gurnard, pollack, flounder, bull huss, spurdog and even

There are slipways at Ventry, Dingle, Ballydavid,

Brandon and Scraggane harbour which are popular

## When to Fish

Bass: May - December, Blue Shark: June - September, Ray: May – September, Tope: June – September.

# When the surf beaches are calm and clear and bass

fishing is proving difficult, try fishing at night when hungry fish will venture close to shore under the cover of darkness.

# **West Coast**

# Deep Sea Angling

Fenit and Tralee Bay

Charter boats are based at Fenit Pier in Tralee Bay. Main target species are tope, sting ray, undulate ray and occasional monkfish.

# **Shore Fishing**

Sting ray are the main target species from the beaches at Camp and Kilfenora with dogfish, thornback ray, bass and flounder also probable. The surf beaches from Fenit to Ballyheigue offer quality fishing for bass and flatfish, including turbot. Kerry Head provides excellent rock fishing for pollack, mackerel, wrasse, conger, bull huss and rockling. Fenit Pier yields ray, flatfish, bass, dogfish, whiting, conger, mullet and a large variety of 'mini species'.

### **Small Boat** The sheltered Tralee Bay is an excellent venue for

common skate, bull huss, bass and occasional monkfish. When to Fish

Sting ray: May - June, Tope: June - September, Bass:

June – December, Blue Shark: June – September.

inshore boat fishing. There is a purpose built slipway

in Fenit where boats can be launched to seek tope,

six species of ray including sting and undulate,

## Tips

When fishing on Fenit Pier, anglers should be aware that it is a working facility. Cars should be parked safely, ideally in the car park and fishing should be conducted from the western side of the viaduct taking care when casting to avoid contact with traffic or pedestrians.

# **County Clare**

The Ling Rocks always yield

consistent catches of pollack,

thornback ray and six gilled shark.

ling, conger, cod, wrasse and many other species.

The area holds 4 Irish records i.e. garfish, haddock,

"My whole perspective on life

changes when I board the ferry

to Ireland. For I know that once I

touch Irish soil the pressure will be

off, I can relax, travel the by-roads

in peace, catch some wonderful

fish, enjoy the stunning scenery,

which is only available to the sea

angler and then down a pint at the

end of the day. I have travelled and

fished the world but Ireland draws

me back time after time.'

IEL RUSS, SEA ANGLER MAGAZINE

# Deep Sea Angling

been caught in the Clare area.

Charter boats operating out of Kilrush, Kilbaha and Carrigaholt experience excellent inshore fishing in the Shannon Estuary for tope, bull huss, dogfish and thornback ray. Boats working outside the estuary and from Liscannor will target blue shark, ling, pollack, coalfish and gurnard. Record six gilled shark have also

# Shore Fishing

There are numerous shore fishing marks on the Shannon Estuary which consistently produce ray, bull huss, tope and dogfish. Surf beaches such as Doughmore Strand, located on the western coastline produce bass, ray and flatfish. Excellent rock fishing at venues along the Burren Shore at vantage points such as Ballvreen and Blackhead. Float fishing. spinning and bottom fishing are all productive methods for a wide range of species including bass, codling, conger, ray, wrasse and pollack. Beach fishing at Fanore for bass, bull huss and flatfish

### **Small Boat**

The Shannon Estuary is one of Ireland's premier small boat fishing locations. There are several slipways from which to launch including Killimer (permission necessary), Kilrush, Carrigaholt and Kilbaha. Fishing is for tope, thornback ray, bull huss, bass, dogfish, conger, pollack and rockling. Launching from the tidal slipway at Ballyvaughan leads to sheltered fishing on the southern side of Galway Bay for tope, ray, pollack, codling and dogfish.

### When to Fish Blue Shark: July - September, Porbeagle Shark: June

afraid to try big baits.

- September, Tope: May - September, Thornback Ray and Bull Huss: - All Year, Flounder: September -December, Bass: July – October (best when water is clear in the estuary). Tips

Tope are caught with a fair degree of regularity from

the shore in South Clare. Distance casting is not

essential as fish run close to the shore, so don't be

# **County Galway**

**West Coast** 

# **Deep Sea Angling**

Shore Fishing

Charter boats are based at Spiddal and Barna in Galway Bay and also Rossaveal, Roundstone, Clifden and Cleggan further west. All these centres offer blue shark angling as well as fishing for a wide range of reef and clean ground species including pollack, cod, ling, plaice, dab, gurnard, turbot, ray and wrasse.

Mullet are common in the harbours at Rossaveal and Roundstone. Pollack, wrasse and dogfish will be found around the small quay at the mouth of Bertraghboy Bay. One of the more popular beaches in this area is Gurteen Bay, a mile south west of Roundstone where catches include dogfish, flounder and thornback ray. Ray are also the main target species from the 'White Lady' at the mouth of Cuitden Bay and the rocks at Little Killary. Beach fishing at Lettergesh and Glassilaun offers flounder, turbot, dogfish, ray and occasional bass.

### **Small Boat** There are dozens of slipways in this area but the

vast majority are only viable around high water. Some of the better slips are at Rossaveal, Kilkieran, Roundstone, Clifden (Boat Club permission required) and Cleggan. Ray, turbot, pollack, coalfish and cod are among the most common species for small boat

### When to Fish Blue Shark: July - September, Pollack: April - October

Ray: May - October. Tips

Dogfish can be horrible to handle and their abrasive skin can cause a nasty burn if it comes into contact with human flesh. When unhooking a dogfish the tail should be brought round to the head and both held firmly together in one hand leaving the other hand free to unhook the fish. This way neither the human nor the fish get hurt!

# **County Mayo**

### Deep Sea Angling Charter boats are available

at Westport, Newport, Clare Island, Achill Island, Blacksod, Ballyglass and at Killala on the western shore of Killala Bay. Sheltered fishing is available in Clew Bay, Blacksod, Broadhaven and Killala Bays where catches include common skate, tope, ray, bull huss and dogfish. Outside marks at Clare Island, Achill, Belmullet and Killala produce possibly the widest range of species anywhere in Europe with over 60 different fish types to date. All the gurnards and wrasses have been recorded, as have rarer species such as white skate, electric ray, trigger fish, hake, red bream, ray's bream and halibut.

**Shore Fishing** 

There is a wide choice of beach, rock and pier fishing locations. The beaches on Bertra, Mulranny, Achill and Belmullet fish well at night for flatfish, sea trout and dogfish. The hotspots are Keem, Keel and Portacloy where catches of ray, turbot, flounder, dogfish, plaice, gurnard and wrasse have been recorded.

### **Small Boat**

At Clew Bay, Clare Island, Achill, Blacksod, Broadhaven and Killala, small boats have adequate launching facilities with good slipways at Roonagh, Old Head, Purteen, Blacksod, Ballyglass and Porturlin. The slipway at Killala is tidal but secure launches can be made in the Moy River channel near Ballina. Anglers can expect catches of ray, bull huss, dogfish,

# tope, pollack, ling, cod, sea trout, turbot and gurnard.

When to Fish Blue Shark: July – September, Tope: July – August, Common Skate: April – June & September – October,

# General Species: May – October.

Attractor spoons work very well for many species in the clear waters of County Mayo. A ledger rig tied with three hooks and red spoons attached has proven extremely effective for all the gurnards, plaice, dabs, turbot and ray.

# **West Coast**

# **County Sligo**

**Shore Fishing** 

Deep Sea Angling Charter boats are based at Enniscrone, Rosses Point and Mullaghmore, fishing for blue shark, tope, cod, ling, conger, pollack, ray, gurnard and wrasse.

Enniscrone and Streedagh Strands fish well in

autumn, particularly when the surf is up. Bass,

dabs, turbot, flounder and sea trout all become

### available in these conditions. The rock marks around Mullaghmore Head are good for wrasse, pollack and conger.

**Small Boat** There are several good slipways at Enniscrone, Raghley, Sligo, Rosses Point and Mullaghmore. The

inshore waters of Drumcliffe Bay and Ballysadare Bay

produce good catches of tope, ray, bull huss, dogfish

# When to Fish

Blue Shark: June – September, Tope: July – August, Pollack: May – October Sandeel is the number one bait on the beaches of

Mayo and Sligo. In order to present sandeel properly,

a baiting needle should be used to slide the eel up

hook and tie the tail to the line with elastic thread.

the hook snood. Then slide the eel back over the

# **North Coast**

# **County Donegal**

Deep Sea Angling Charter boats are available at Bundoran, Killybegs, Teelin, Rosbeg/Portnoo, Burtonport, Kincasslagh, Magheraroarty, Downings, Rathmullan and Culdaff. The common species are blue shark, pollack, ling, coalfish, haddock, spurdog, gurnard, tope and conger. Porbeagle shark and common skate are also regularly taken at Downings. Wreck fishing in the North Western approaches is excellent for pollack, coalfish and ling with torsk also appearing fairly regularly in catches. Exceptional early summer tope fishing is

St. John's Point on the eastern side of Killybegs is popular for mackerel, pollack and ballan wrasse. Teelin Pier is noted for good conger catches. Most of the rock marks will produce mackerel, pollack, wrasse, conger and dogfish. The beaches tend to produce catches of flounder, plaice, dogfish and sea trout. Kincasslagh Pier fishes well at high water at night for mackerel, pollack, flounder, dab, conger and codling. There is also good shore fishing at Trá na Rossan Bay for gurnard, dabs, ray and pollack.

# Small Boat

The Mount Charles channel leading into Donegal Town is Bunbeg, Downings, Mulroy (Mevagh) and Rathmullan.

### found on Lough Swilly. **Shore Fishing**

a traditional mark for tope in sheltered waters. Some sheltered fishing is available behind Aranmore Island and in Sheephaven Bay for ray, gurnard and flatfish. Mulroy Bay and Lough Swilly offer superb inshore sport with tope, ray, plaice and gurnards. There are good slipways at Killybegs, Teelin, Burtonport,

### When to Fish Blue Shark: July – October, Porbeagle: July – September, Tope: June - August.

Due to the exposed nature of much of the coastline of the north coast, crab and ragworm are difficult to obtain. Anglers visiting the area are advised to carry a selection of baits in a freezer box. Bait will stay in good condition as long as the ice blocks are replaced

# **North Coast**

# Donegal, Derry/Londonderry, Down and Louth

### Deep Sea Angling Charter boats operate out of Carlingford, Warrenpoint and Greencastle (County Down), fishing Carlingford Lough and into the Irish Sea. Specimen tope (31kg in 2009) are regularly caught and other species include wrasse, pollack, mackerel, codling and conger. In the Foyle area, charter boats are based at Bunagee, County Donegal. Blue fin tuna have been caught off this coast and there is excellent tope

fishing. The Inishtrahull Trench runs deep between

to the north. Wreck fishing is excellent, producing

many specimen fish – including ling to over 11 kg,

### August and early September, porbeagle shark are hooked in the vicinity of these wrecks.

Shore Fishing In the Carlingford Lough area there is excellent sport around Greenore and nearby Ballagan Point for bass, mackerel, pollack, spurdog, ray, conger and dogfish. Carlingford harbour produces good catches of mackerel in summer. Beach fishing at Cranfield and Greencastle. In the Lough Foyle area, Malin Head area offers shore fishing for pollack, coalfish, wrasse and occasional conger. The pier on the northeastern side affords deep water. Glengad Head and Bunagee Pier offers spinning for pollack and mackerel with beach fishing at Culdaff Bay (night tides best) for dogfish, dabs, flounder, turbot and bass. Moville and Greencastle Piers offer mackerel and mullet in summer with bottom fishing for conger. Longfield Bank offers float fishing for mullet in summer and occasional bottom feeding bass and flounder. Benone

# Strand offers bass fishing (often specimen size).

Small Boat An increasing number of anglers are fishing with a fly at sea, mainly for mackerel, pollack and garfish. Foyle area – slipways at Malin, Glengad, Bunagee, Culmore, Moville and Greencastle. Carlingford Lough

slipways at Greenore, Carlingford and Cranfield.

# When to Fish

# June - September, Mackerel: June - September.

Tope: June – September, Bass:

Check tide and weather and watch out for onshore winds that can push up big waves! Keep an eye on commercial shipping!

# Malin Head and the island of Inishtrahull, lying 10km coalfish to over 7 kg and pollack to over 6 kg. In late

"I travel all over the world for my work in fishing, but the place I always look forward to going to the most is Ireland. I am head over in heels in love with the country. Wide open spaces deserted coastlines, stacks and stacks of fish, fantastic peopl and year round fishing. Wh

# **North Coast**

Deep Sea Angling Charter boats are available at Red Bay, Ballycastle, Carrickfergus and Portrush. Anglers are attracted to the area for record catches of skate, pollack, dogfish

# Shore Fishing

**Small Boat** 

The rocks directly alongside Ballycastle beach are very good for spinning for pollack and bait fishing for ballan wrasse

Torr Head, Cushendun, Glenarm, Carrickfergus

Harbour and Ballycastle beach are all recommended

When to Fish Ballan wrasse and mackerel in the summer months with dogfish, whiting and codling available in the autumn and winter months

been known to attract pollack and wrasse, with the

### Deep Sea Angling Kilkeel, Portavogie and

Portaferry offer excellent

**County Down** 

Portavogie are well established trawler ports while Portaferry can offer some excellent tope. Shore Fishing Bangor Pier is a good place to start given the access and ease of fishing. Orlock Head between Bangor and Donaghadee, Donaghadee Pier, Ballyhalbert Pier,

Portavogie and Portaferry all offer excellent fishing.

(40 feet) of water from the shore. Popular spots

include the Ferry Slip and the Small Pier at the end

Portaferry offers the possibility to fish into 12 metres

opportunities for deep sea angling. Kilkeel and

### of the town. Its possible to catch dogfish, codling, mackerel, pollack, coalfish and flatfish in Strangford

**Small Boat** Small boats can also be hired at Portavogie and Portaferry where some good fishing is evident just offshore. Portaferry gives full access to Strangford Lough which is rich in marine life with codling,

# mackerel, pollack, coalfish and flatfish present.

When to Fish Fish the summer months for pollack, coalfish, wrasse, codling and mackerel. Whiting, pouting, coalfish,

Feathers and lures work well in summer.

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# **County Antrim**

# and tope. Many specimen fish are recorded every year from the Red Bay area.

Boats can also be hired at Ballycastle and Carrickfergus and offer some excellent fishing just offshore.

To try for the tope, cast a large mackerel bait on at least a 6/0 and heavy mono or wire biting trace. Ballan wrasse and mackerel in summer will take spinners. In the winter months codling, flounder and whiting will take lugworm. Feathers have also possibility of a few cod, ragworm bring in the best

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# dabs, rockling and some small codling can be caught during the winter months.

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# Louth, Meath and Dublin

**East Coast** 

Deep Sea Angling Licensed charter boats are based in Dundalk, Rush, Malahide and Howth. The main target species are tope, ray, spurdog, whiting and flatfish. Excellent tope

Spinning and fly fishing on the River Boyne Estuary and Rogerstown for bass and sea trout. There is also good fishing for bass, flatfish and mullet on the south beach at Laytown. Mullet fishing in the harbours at Balbriggan and Skerries. Pier fishing at Howth and Dun Laoghaire for pollack and flatfish in summer and

# Sea Angling in Ireland





**Anglers Welcome** 

Tourism enterprises signing up to the Anglers Welcome charter promise to deliver an outstanding angling holiday experience to visiting anglers. Look out for the Anglers Welcome sign as you travel around Ireland and be assured of quality service, a warm welcome and of course

Bass angling in the Republic of Ireland is subject to the following regulations:

• A bag limit of 2 bass per angler in any one 24hr period.

• An overall size limit of 40cm (tip of snout to end of tail), with all smaller fish returned alive.

• A closed season from 15 May to 15 June.

• Sale or offer for sale of bass (other than bass which has been imported into the Irish State) is prohibited.







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