

# Fisheries Protection Review 2017 Key Statistics

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# 1. Introduction

IFI is responsible for the protection and conservation of Ireland's fisheries resource, the fish and their habitats in all inland waterways and out to a twelve mile limit offshore from baselines. The species protected comprise all freshwater fish species including migratory fish such as salmon, sea trout, eel as well as lamprey and other important conservation species including char and shad. IFI is also responsible for protecting and licensing wild Oyster fishing and through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sea Fisheries Protection Association (SFPA) the organisation enforces bass fisheries legislation.

In addition to enforcing the provisions of the Fisheries Acts 1959 to 2017, IFI is empowered to enforce the Water Pollution Acts 1977 & 1990 when discharges to fisheries sensitive waters lead to a deterioration in water quality and on occasion fish kills.

# 2. Protecting our Fisheries

In 2017, over 187,000 man hours were dedicated to safeguarding Ireland's fisheries resource in a protection programme which comprised planned day patrols, covert night patrols and intelligence led surveillance operations.

Protection Patrols were carried out using a suite of different methods on lakes, rivers, estuaries and at sea. This protection programme specifically targeted the species most at risk during particular seasons and covered salmon, trout, sea trout, conservation species, bass, coarse fish including pike, as well as oysters. Emphasis was placed on monitoring known poaching hotspots with protection efforts strengthened at vulnerable times.

## 2017 Statistical Snapshot



During the year, 104,006 person hours were dedicated to patrolling rivers with protection activity peaking in Q3 when 30,686 hours were utilised patrolling rivers nationwide. A total of 33,370 hours were dedicated to patrolling lakes with the greatest activity taking place in Q2 with 9,178 hours being recorded for this period. Person hours committed to patrolling coastal, estuary and sea areas totalled 42,748.

## 2017 Person Hours on Anti-Poaching Patrols

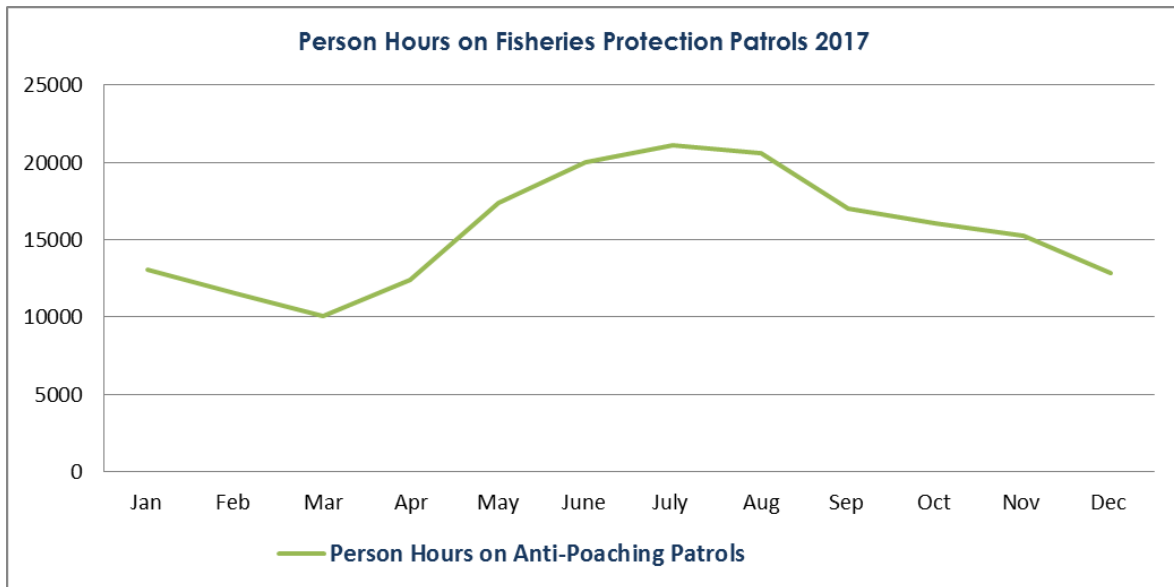
	2017 Total	2016 Total
Person Hours on Lake Patrols	33,370	37,263
Person Hours on River Patrols	104,006	108,186
Person Hours on Sea Patrols	6,078	6,197
Person Hours on Coastal/Estuary Patrols	36,670	36,759
* Person Hours on Bass Patrols	7,302	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,426</b>	<b>188,405</b>

\*Recording of person hours specific to bass patrols commenced in July 2017.

Table 1: Patrol Person Hours by Quarter

Person Hours on Patrols	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	ShRBD	WRBD	NWRBD	National Total
Person Hours on <b>Lake</b> Patrols	7,400	193	6,602	7,148	6,808	5,219	<b>33,370</b>
Person Hours on <b>River</b> Patrols	14,413	14,012	14,648	13,175	32,487	15,271	<b>104,006</b>
Person Hours on <b>Sea</b> Patrols	85	689	856	148	2,085	2,215	<b>6,078</b>
Person Hours on <b>Coastal/Estuary</b> Patrols	5,138	5,215	9,261	3,359	11,189	2,508	<b>36,670</b>
Person Hours on <b>Bass</b> Patrols *	2,518	1,493	2,988	236	67	-	<b>7,302</b>

\*Recording of person hours specific to bass patrols commenced in July 2017.



**Figure 1: Person Hours on Fisheries Protection Patrols 2017**

### 3. How IFI Patrol Our Fisheries

IFI utilises a range of methods to patrol fisheries around Ireland. The principle methods used for water based patrols are boats, kayaks and PWCs (Personal Water Craft). Land based patrols are carried out using quads, bicycles, vehicles and foot patrols. In addition to the use of traditional patrol methods, the availability of advanced surveillance equipment including night vision scopes, infra-red heat sensing scopes and enhanced optical surveillance scopes have proven instrumental in the apprehension of a number of individuals.

	2017 Total	2016 Total
No of Boat Patrols	873	1,151
No of Kayak Patrols	190	188
No of PWC Patrols	30	37
No of Quad Patrols	18	84
No of Bicycle Patrols	489	363
No of Vehicle Patrols	29,899	29,357
No of Aer Corp Patrols	2	0
<b>Total Patrols</b>	<b>31,501</b>	<b>31,180</b>

## 4. Inspections of Anglers

In 2017, IFI carried out 35,630 inspections of recreational anglers as well as licence holders. Some 343 anglers received cautions from fisheries staff where very minor breaches were detected. There were 675 spot checks carried out on Fish Dealers and Restaurants/Hotels/Guesthouses for regulatory compliance. This marks an increase of 61 inspections on 2016 figures. A total of 128 Fixed Charge Penalty Notices were issued for breaches of the Fisheries Acts,

	2017	2016
Commercial Salmon & Sea Trout Licence holders	1,363	969
Recreational Anglers for Licence and/or Permit	17,448	16,499
Other Anglers	15,506	19,511
Bass Anglers	1,301	-
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>35,618</b>	<b>36,979</b>

\*Recording of inspections specific to bass patrols commenced in July 2017.

**Table 2: Inspections of Licence Holders by River Basin District- 2017**

Inspections of Licence Holders	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	Shannon RBD	WRBD	NWRBD	National Total
Commercial Salmon & Sea Trout Licence holders	0	0	520	518	325	0	<b>1,363</b>
Recreational Anglers for Licence and/or Permit	1,656	544	3,621	2,996	7,350	1,281	<b>17,448</b>
Other Anglers	4,874	1,018	783	2,849	2,986	2,996	<b>15,506</b>
Bass Anglers	392	329	566	2	12	0	<b>1,301</b>
<b>Total</b>							<b>35,618</b>

**Table 3: No of Compliance Checks**

Compliance Checks	Total 2017	Total 2016
No. of Fish Dealers Checked	375	320
No. of Restaurants/Hotels/Guesthouses Checked	300	294
<b>Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>614</b>

## 5. Illegal Items Seized

An extensive range and number of illegal items were seized during 2017 ranging from fishing rods, dinghies, spears, hand lines and nets. In total 651 illegal fishing items were seized which included 264 nets measuring 14,055 m.



**Figure 1: Two illegal fixed nets (over 600 m in length) and 28 salmon seized in June 2017**

**Table 4: National Figures for Items Seized in 2017 and 2016.**

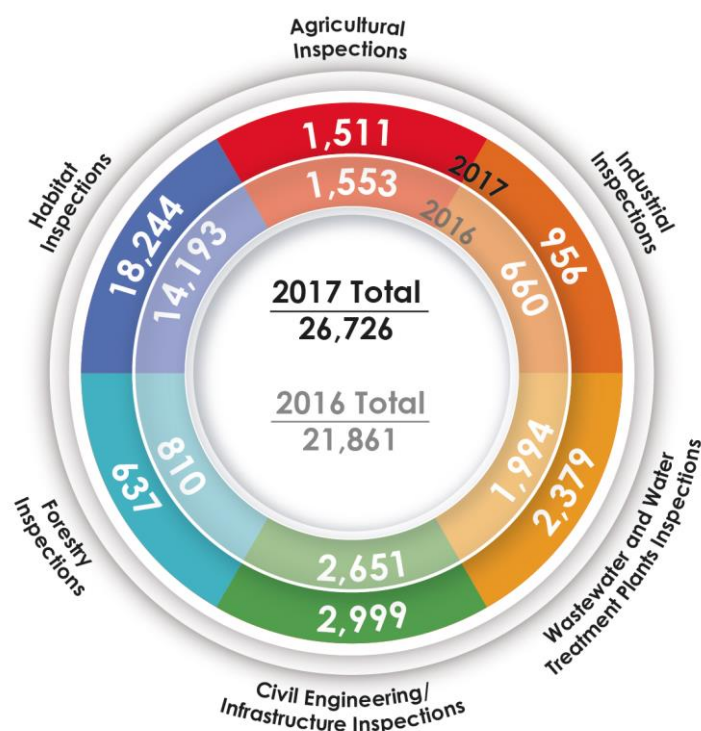
Seized Items	2017	2016
Total Number of Nets	264	301
Total Fish	184	818
Total Rods Seized	114	204
Other items	89	164
<b>Total Number of Items Seized</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>1487</b>
Location and Length of Nets		
No of Nets at Sea	54	8
No of Nets in Freshwater	145	170
No of Nets in Estuaries	65	123
<b>Total Length of Net (metres)</b>	<b>14,055</b>	<b>14,782</b>

## 6. Environmental Inspections

### Water Quality/Pollution

In 2017 a wide range of environmental issues were addressed to assess their impact on water quality and fisheries habitats. Over 26,000 inspections were carried out with a significant increase in the number of habitat inspections which increased from 14,193 in 2016 to 18,244 in 2017.

During this period there were 16 prosecution cases initiated for environmental offences and 8 prosecutions concluded.



**Table 5: Environmental Inspections by RBD in 2017**

2017 Environmental Inspections	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	Shannon RBD	WRBD	NWRBD	National Total
Agricultural Inspections	274	196	172	626	148	95	<b>1,511</b>
Industrial Inspections	151	209	56	104	134	302	<b>956</b>
Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants Inspections	742	226	224	288	211	688	<b>2,379</b>
Civil Engineering/Infrastructure Inspections	435	934	404	644	315	267	<b>2,999</b>
Forestry Inspections	10	185	123	115	168	36	<b>637</b>
Habitat Inspections	2,454	936	2741	1372	665	10,076	<b>18,244</b>
<b>Total</b>							<b>26,726</b>



## Fish Kills

In 2017 there were 14 reported incidents of fish kills around the country, four fish kills were caused by municipal works and three are attributed to disease and natural causes. In seven instances the exact cause of the fish kill was difficult to ascertain and remain unconfirmed. The number of fish kills has decreased significantly from 2016 when there were 31 reported incidents of fish kills. In many instances water levels and temperatures have a major influence on fish kill statistics. In 2017, there was approx. 2,123 fish casualties recorded and 7,800 metres of river affected.

**Table 6: Fish Kills Report- 2017**

Fish Kills	ERBD	SERBD	SWRBD	SHRBD	WRBD	NWRBD	Total
Reported Fish Kills	3	3	4	1	1	2	14
Fish Kills attributable to Agricultural Practice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fish Kills attributable to Industrial Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fish Kills attributable to Municipal Works	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
Other (Disease, Natural Causes)	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Cause unconfirmed	0	3	2	0	1	1	7

## 7. Prosecutions for Illegal Activity

In 2017, **82** prosecutions cases were initiated for breaches of fisheries and environmental legislation. During this period there were 66 prosecution cases initiated for fisheries offences and 14 prosecutions concluded.

Prosecution is regarded as one of the most important deterrents in terms of preventing illegal fishing activities in the long-term. In order to secure a prosecution very many hours of dedicated surveillance may be required as well as a very significant amount of time preparing and presenting a case.

**Table 7: Prosecutions in 2017**

Prosecutions	Total
No of Prosecutions initiated for Fisheries Offences	66
No of Prosecutions initiated for Environmental Offences	16
No. of Prosecutions concluded for Fisheries Offences	14
No. of Prosecutions concluded for Environmental Offences	8

## 8. Conclusion

2017 was a difficult year for fisheries enforcement with a legal impediment identified in February that was not resolved until July which resulted in a significant number of legal cases being withdrawn. Given this legal difficulty it was not surprising that illegal activity remained at a significant level throughout the country particularly at times when substantial numbers of fish are running.

The approach taken by IFI is to risk assess the key fisheries and plan patrols in areas where particular vulnerability has been identified. From the data gathered it is evident that there continues to be significant illegal netting of fish. The number and length of illegal nets seized in 2017 was 264 nets measuring 14,055 metres – these nets were targeting salmon at sea and in freshwater, bass along the South coast in particular and eels in the midland lakes. These are all areas where significant manpower resources were invested to protect the threatened and valuable fish stocks.

Following a review of fisheries protection for 2015 – 2017, IFI identified the need to upgrade and ultimately replace the off shore patrol fleet of Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs). The roll out of new boats will commence in 2018 and new boats will arrive on a regular basis throughout the year and be deployed around the coast.

Similar to previous years the number of apprehensions and the range of offences recorded during the year affirmed the need for strict enforcement and continued protection of the fisheries resource in 2018. IFI will be launching a number of high profile protection programmes for 2018 which will be accompanied by advance promotion in an effort to ensure angler compliance with the current angling regulations. In addition IFI will continue to undertake surveillance on all known poaching hotspots to eliminate the destruction of fish in vulnerable locations.

In 2017 the number of fish kills recorded was significantly reduced over the previous year. This reduction is welcome but can be attributable in some part to wetter and cooler summer weather which left rivers and streams with adequate water and less high temperature incidents. It is hoped that this reduction can be sustained in 2018.

IFI has always welcomed the assistance of the public in protecting the nations fish stocks and in particular reporting illegal activity especially at the time it is happening – to this end we encourage people to utilise our Free Phone Hotline number to report pollution or poaching 24 hours a day please phone **1890 34 74 24**.

## Appendix I- Items Seized in 2017

Date	IFI Office	District	Location	Description of Seized Item	Quantity	Length of Net (m)	Net Location
01 January 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Lough Ramor	Rod and Line	1		
11 January 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Fergus	Drum Net	1	1	Freshwater
13 January 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Ree	Long line	1	150	
22 January 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Laune Estuary	Salmon net	1	23	Sea/Estuary
27 January 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Corock River	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
30 January 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Derrymore	Salmon/Bass net	1	26	Sea/Estuary
31 January 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Derrymore	Salmon/Bass net	1	26	Sea/Estuary
01 February 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Robe River	Rod and Line	2		
01 February 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Balliachalla Bay	Fyke Net	1	30	Freshwater
01 February 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Fergus River	Rod and Line	1		
04 February 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Waterville	Kelt salmon	1		
04 February 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Waterville	Rod	1		
5 February 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Caragh	Trout	1		
5 February 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Caragh	Kelt salmon	1		
05 February 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
05 February 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Lough Ramor	Rod and Line	1		
05 February 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Lough Ramor	Rod and Line	1		
05 February 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Lough Ramor	Rod and Line	1		
12 February 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Grange Strand	Sea Net	1	50	Sea
15 February 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Lough Mask	Rod and Line	1		
15 February 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Lough Mask	Trout	1		
15 February 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater

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16 February 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
17 February 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Rod and Line	1		
21 February 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
13 March 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Cashen	Freshwater Net	1	18	Estuary
17 March 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	1		
20 March 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	1		
21 March 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Garravogue River	Rod and Line	1		
25 March 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenduff River	Freshwater Net	1	31	Freshwater
26 March 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	3		
26 March 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Salmon	3		
27 March 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	80	Estuary
27 March 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Arklow	Sea Net	1	50	Sea
30 March 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Oranmore Bay	Oysters	63		
07 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	1		
07 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater
07 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Ballystraw Bay	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
07 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Ballystraw Bay	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
07 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Ballystraw Bay	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
08 April 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Derg	Fyke Net	1	50	Freshwater
15 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	2		
15 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Salmon	1		
19 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
19 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
19 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater

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19 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
19 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
21 April 2017	IFI Shannon	Mullingar	River Inny	Fyke Net	6	50	Freshwater
21 April 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Cashen	Freshwater Net	1	12	Estuary
22 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare	Rod and Line	1		
23 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Estuary	Rod and Line	2		
23 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Estuary	Sea Net	1		Sea
23 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Estuary	Sea Trout	3		
23 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare	Rod and Line	2		
23 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare	Stroke Hauls	2		
28 April 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Upper Shannon Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	200	Estuary
29 April 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Cloongee Fishery	Rod and Line	1		
29 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Rod and Line	1		
29 April 2017	IFI Clonmel	Wexford	Slaney River	Salmon	1		
01 May 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Brittas Bay	Juvenile Bass	5		
01 May 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Brittas Bay	Rod and Line	1		
01 May 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Brittas Bay	Stand	1		
03 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Ree	Fyke Nets	6	180	Freshwater
06 May 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Cloon River	Rod and Line	6		
06 May 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Cloon River	Bream	10		
06 May 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Cloon River	Keep Net	1		Freshwater
06 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
06 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
08 May 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Erne River	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater

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10 May 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Garravogue River	Rod and Line	1		
11 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Derg	Fyke Net	1	25	Freshwater
11 May 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
12 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Galey	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
12 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
12 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
12 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
12 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	14	Estuary
12 May 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Brown Flesk	Cage	1		
14 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Shannon Estuary	Freshwater Net	2	100	Estuary
15 May 2017	IFI Macroom	West Cork	Ilen river	Freshwater Net	1	5	Freshwater
16 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Fergus	Freshwater Net	4	160	Freshwater
18 May 2017	IFI Macroom	West Cork	Rosscarbary	Sea Net	1	6	Estuary
20 May 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Estuary	Rod and Line	1		
20 May 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Estuary	Sea Trout	5		
24 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Galey	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
26 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Inagh	Cage	1		
27 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
27 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
27 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
27 May 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
29 May 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumanny Lake	Fyke Net	7	15	Freshwater
29 May 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Rod and Line	1		
30 May 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Castlegregory	Salmon net	1	14	Sea
30 May 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Laune Estuary	Salmon net	1	17	Estuary

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31 May 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Inishmuck Lake	Blue Plastic Eel Barrel	1		
31 May 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Inishmuck Lake	Eel Poke	1		
01 June 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Moy Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	150	Estuary
02 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Garfinny Lake	Fyke Net	6	15	Freshwater
02 June 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	2	50	Freshwater
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Freshwater Net	1	26	Freshwater
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Electric Outboard, car battery	1		
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Rod and Reels	4		
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	6ft Fiberglass Boat	1		
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Freshwater Gill Net	1	26	Freshwater
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Electric Outboard,	1		
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Car battery	1		
03 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Drumlonan Lake	Rod and Reels	4		
03 June 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Potters River	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater
07 June 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Ballisodare Fishery	Rod and Line	2		
08 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Inishkeel Island	Sea Net	1	120	Sea
08 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Inishkeel Island	Sea Net	1	120	Sea
08 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Buninver Bay	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
12 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Mulkear	Salmon	1		
13 June 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Youghal	Freshwater Net	1	60	Estuary
15 June 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Salmon	1		
16 June 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Rod and Line	1		

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16 June 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	2	50	Freshwater
16 June 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
17 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Ardnacrusha	Freshwater Net	1	45	Freshwater
17 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Ardnacrusha	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
17 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Ardnacrusha	Salmon	9		
19 June 2017	IFI Macroom	West Cork	Ouvane River	Salmon	1		
19 June 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Bride River	Salmon	1		
20 June 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Corrib River	Salmon	1		
20 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Feale tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
20 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Feale tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
20 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Feale tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
20 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Feale tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	8	Estuary
20 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Feale tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	20	Estuary
23 June 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Salterstown	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
23 June 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Belmullet	Salmon	40		
24 June 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	4	150	Freshwater
25 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Owenea River	Freshwater Net	1	35	Freshwater
25 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Arranmore Island	Sea Net	1	300	Sea
25 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Arranmore Island	Sea Net	1	300	Sea
25 June 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Rod and Line	3		
25 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
25 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	River Feale	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
25 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon	Rod and Line	1		
25 June 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon	Pike	1		
26 June 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Laune Estuary	Salmon	1	48	



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27 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Leenan Bay	Sea Net	1	120	Sea
27 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Fintra Bay	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
27 June 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Cleggan Head	Freshwater Net	1	50	Sea
27 June 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Gurteen Point	Freshwater Net	1	30	Estuary
28 June 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Mc Swyne's Bay	Sea Net	1	250	Sea
28 June 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Ballyconneely Bay	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
28 June 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Salmon	1		
02 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Leannan River	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
02 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Culfin Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
02 July 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Cong River	Salmon	1		
02 July 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Cong River	Rod and Line	1		
02 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Clare	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	100	Estuary
02 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	40	Estuary
02 July 2017	IFI Macroom	West Cork	Lough Farranamanagh	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
03 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Gorthalia	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
03 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Gorthalia	Dingy	1		
03 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Glenamoy River	Freshwater Net	1	41	Freshwater
03 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	46	Estuary
03 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Dinghy	2		
04 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Dunaff Bay	Sea Net	1	80	Sea
04 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Dunaff Bay	Sea Net	1	50	Sea
04 July 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
05 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Glanmire	Rod and Line	2		

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06 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Cleggan Head	Sea Net	1	90	Sea
06 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Cleggan Bay	Freshwater Net	1	70	Sea
07 July 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Carrig na Gceairc	Sea Net	1	165	Sea
07 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Galey tidal waters	Freshwater Net	1	6	Estuary
08 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Inishbroon Island	Sea Net	1	228	Sea
08 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Argideen River	Salmon	1		
09 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Owenea River	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
09 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Eske Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	40	Estuary
09 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Portumna	Rod and Line	1		
09 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Portumna	Pike	1		
10 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Tor Boe	Sea Net	1	240	Sea
11 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Kilcummin	Sea Net	1	300	Sea
11 July 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
12 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Teelin	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
12 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	100	Estuary
12 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Dinghy	1		
12 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Glanmire cork	Rod and Line	2		
13 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Little Killary	Sea Net	1	68	Sea
13 July 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Spiddle	Trout	1		
13 July 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
14 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenduff River	Freshwater Net	1	38	Freshwater
14 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Bandon	Bandon River	Salmon	1		
15 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Bandon	Argideen River	Rod and Line	1		

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16 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Loughros Beg	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
16 July 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Slyne Head	Sea Net	1	130	Sea
16 July 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Slyne Head	Salmon	1		
17 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Bandon	Bandon River	Salmon	1		
17 July 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Lee River	Rod and Line	1		
18 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	70	Estuary
18 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
18 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Listowel	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
19 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Magheroarty	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
20 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Kilcummin	Sea Net	1	98	Sea
21 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Leannan Estuary	Sea Net	1	70	Estuary
21 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Muckcross Head	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
21 July 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Carrownisky	Rod and Line	1		
21 July 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
21 July 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Lough Muckno	Pike	3		
21 July 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Lough Muckno	Bottles with Line/Hooks/Bait	3		
22 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Arranmore	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
22 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Arranmore	Sea Net	1	200	Sea
22 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Kilcummin	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
22 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	River Moy	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
22 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	River Moy	Dinghies	2		
22 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Clare	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	100	Estuary
23 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Annalee River	Rod and Reels	2		

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23 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Annalee River	Rod and Line Bait Box	1		
23 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Clare	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	100	Estuary
23 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon-Meelick	Freshwater Net	1	60	Freshwater
23 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Iniscarra	Rod and Line	1		
24 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenduff River	Freshwater Net	1	73	Estuary
24 July 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare River	Rod and Line	3		
25 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenmore Estuary	Sea Net	1	81	Estuary
25 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Kinsale	Salmon	6		
25 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	River Lee	Salmon	2		
25 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	River Lee	Rod and Line	1		
25 July 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
27 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Leannan Estuary	Sea Net	1	50	Estuary
27 July 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Bracky River	Freshwater Net	1	40	Freshwater
27 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Ballinglen River	Freshwater Net	1	80	Freshwater
28 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenmore Estuary	Sea Net	1	67	Estuary
28 July 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Aughris Pier	Sea Net	1	80	Estuary
28 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Meelick	Rod and Line	3		
28 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Meelick	Dinghy	1		
28 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Meelick	Coarse Fish	5		
28 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Shannonbridge	Rod and Line	9		

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28 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Shannonbridge	Coarse Fish	2		
29 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Banagher	Rod and Line	1		
29 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Banagher	Coarse Fish	5		
30 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Banagher	Rod and Line	1		
30 July 2017	IFI Shannon	Birr	River Shannon - Banagher	Pike	1		
31 July 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Ballyconneely Bay	Sea Net	1	60	Sea
31 July 2017	IFI Macroom	Kenmare	Roughy River	Strokehaul	1		
01 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Cork Weir	Rod and Line	1		
01 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Kenmare	Kenmare Bay	Sea Net	1	80	Estuary
02 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Owenea River	Freshwater Net	1	40	Freshwater
02 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Lough Easkey	Otter Board	1		
02 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Lough Easkey	Trout	4		
02 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Inny River	Sea Net	1	20	Freshwater
03 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Dunaff Bay	Sea Net	1	240	Sea
03 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Saltmills Nook	Freshwater Net	1	75	Freshwater
03 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Dee River	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
04 August 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Shannon Estuary	Sea Net	1	30	Estuary
04 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Glashaboy	Rod and Line	1		
05 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Easkey River	Freshwater Net	1	15	Freshwater
05 August 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Slyne Head	Sea Net	1	90	Sea
05 August 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Cleggan	Sea Net	1	40	Sea

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06 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Owenamarve River	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
06 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Unshin River	Rod and Line	1		
06 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Unshin River	Salmon	1		
06 August 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Glencoaghan River	Trout	5		
06 August 2017	IFI Macroom	West Cork	Curraghalickey lake	Pike Trap	1		
07 August 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Ballyquirke	Rod and Line	1		
08 August 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Erriff	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
09 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Drumcliff River	Rod and Line	2		
10 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	River Dee	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
12 August 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Inishdawros	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
12 August 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Inishdawros	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
13 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Lough Inchin	Dinghy	1		
13 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Lough Inchin	Battery	1		
13 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Lough Inchin	Electric Outboard,	1		
13 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Pullaheeney	Sea Net	1	35	Sea
14 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Lough Inchin	Floats with line and hooks	30		
14 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	Lough Inchin	Freshwater Gill Net	1	66	Freshwater
16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	2	25	Freshwater
16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	2	25	Freshwater
16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	West Waterford	Cheekpoint	Freshwater Net	1	19	Estuary
16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	West Waterford	Piltown	Freshwater Net	1	28	Estuary
16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	West Waterford	Piltown	Freshwater Net	1	45	Estuary

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16 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	West Waterford	Piltown	Freshwater Net	1	45	Estuary
17 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Glenagannon River	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
17 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Kenmare	Roughy River	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
17 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Barrow River	Freshwater Net	2	50	Freshwater
17 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Barrow	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
18 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Grand Canal Edenderry	Freshwater Net	1	40	Freshwater
18 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Grand Canal Edenderry	Freshwater Net	1	25	Freshwater
19 August 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Bunowen	Sea Net	1	30	Sea
19 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Harbour, Nook	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
19 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Buttermilk Castle	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
19 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Churchtown Point	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
20 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Woodpool Moy	Freshwater Net	1	40	Freshwater
20 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Woodpool Moy	Freshwater Net	9		Freshwater
20 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Owenmore River	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
20 August 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Little Brosna River	Rod and Line	1		
20 August 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	River Shannon - Banagher	Rod and Line	1		
20 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Lough Muckno	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater
22 August 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Boluisce lake	Trout	1		
22 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Blackwater Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	49	Estuary
22 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Baltray	Sea Net	1	80	Sea
22 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Baltray	Sea Net	1	50	Sea
22 August 2017	IFI Dublin	Drogheda	Baltray	Sea Net	1	50	Sea
23 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Kenmare	Roughy River	Longline	1	20	

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24 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Killybegs	Sea Net	1	100	Sea
24 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenduff River	Freshwater Net	1	34	Freshwater
24 August 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Blackwater Estuary	Sea Net	1	133	Estuary
26 August 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Kilcummin	Sea Net	1	78	Sea
28 August 2017	IFI Galway	Connemara	Lough Inagh	Freshwater Net	1	10	Freshwater
28 August 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Buttermilk Castle	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
29 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Letterkenny	Arranmore	Sea Net	2	378	Sea
31 August 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Stragar	Freshwater Net	1	50	Freshwater
02 September 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenmore River	Freshwater Net	1	35	Freshwater
02 September 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	River Nore	Freshwater Net	1	100	Freshwater
03 September 2017	IFI Ballyshannon	Cavan	West's Pool	Rod and Line	6		
03 September 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Moy River	Freshwater Net	1	55	Freshwater
03 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Laune Estuary	Freshwater Net	1	15	Estuary
03 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Keel	Freshwater Net	1	45	Sea
05 September 2017	IFI Dublin	Dundalk	Lordship, Dundalk	Sea Net	1	150	Estuary
05 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Argideen River	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
06 September 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenduff River	Freshwater Net	1	42	Freshwater
12 September 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Coast Grange Strand	Freshwater Net	1	800	Freshwater
12 September 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Saltmills Nook	Freshwater Net	1	100	Freshwater
14 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Aglis	Freshwater Net	1	27	Estuary
15 September 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Erriff	Freshwater Net	1	15	Freshwater
15 September 2017	IFI Clonmel	West Waterford	Piltown	Freshwater Net	1	19	Estuary
19 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Inniscarra Reservoir	Rod and Line	2		



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21 September 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Owenmore Estuary	Sea Net	1	68	Estuary
21 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Kerry	Keel	Trout	1	65	Sea
23 September 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Finny River	Rod and Line	2		
23 September 2017	IFI Galway	Corrib	Finny River	Trout	3		
27 September 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Aglish	Freshwater Net	1	28	Estuary
30 September 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Ballyquirke	Rod and Line	3		
04 October 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Skerries South Beach	Sea Net	1	45	Estuary
06 October 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Killeenaran	Oysters (1 bag of 86 oysters)	1		
07 October 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Kinale	Freshwater Net	1	60	Freshwater
07 October 2017	IFI Shannon	Limerick	Lough Kinale	Rod and Line	3		
08 October 2017	IFI Macroom	Lismore	Ballyduff	Rod and Line	2		
09 October 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Carrigeen Lake	Dinghy	1		
09 October 2017	IFI Macroom	Cork	Iniscarra Reservoir	Rod and Line	2		
11 October 2017	IFI Shannon	Kerry	River Feale	Freshwater Net	2	16	Freshwater
13 October 2017	IFI Ballina	Bangor	Glenamoy Estuary	Sea Net	1	30	Sea
22 October 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Harbour, Nook	Freshwater Net	1	70	Freshwater
22 October 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Dodder River	Rod and Line	1		
27 October 2017	IFI Clonmel	New Ross	Saltmills Nook	Freshwater Net	1	30	Freshwater
01 November 2017	IFI Shannon	Clare	Doon lake	Rod and Line	2		
03 November 2017	IFI Ballina	Sligo	Lough Gill	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
10 November 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Erriff	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
10 November 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Erriff	Freshwater Net	1	20	Freshwater
10 November 2017	IFI Galway	Ballinakill	Owenglin River	Freshwater Net	1	60	Freshwater
12 November 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Grand Canal	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater
12 November 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Grand Canal	Crayfish (1 bag of 50 crayfish)	1		

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16 November 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Grand Canal	Freshwater Net	1		Freshwater
24 November 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare Lake	Pike	5		
24 November 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clare Lake	Coarse Fish	6		
27 November 2017	IFI Dublin	Dublin	Grand Canal	Rod and Line	1		
02 December 2017	IFI Shannon	Mullingar	River Inny	Fyke Net	7	210	Freshwater
05 December 2017	IFI Macroom	West Kerry	Castlegregory	Sea Net	1	40	Sea
07 December 2017	IFI Galway	Galway	Clarinbridge	Oysters ( one bag of 1,425 undersized oysters)	1		
30 December 2017	IFI Ballina	Ballina	Owengarve River	Rod and Line	1		

<b>Total Number of Items Seized</b>	<b>651</b>
Total Number of Nets	264
Total Fish	184
Total Rods Seized	114
Other items	89
<b>Location and Length of Nets</b>	
Nets at Sea	54
Nets in Freshwater	145
Nets in Estuaries	65
Total Length of Net (m)	14,055