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# EFSA

CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2024



## GAME

**Hout Bay,  
South Africa.  
6-10 May**



## BOAT & LINE

**Weymouth,  
England.  
9-13 September**



## SPECIES

**Langeland,  
Denmark.  
6-10 October**



## SHORE

**Conwy,  
North Wales.  
30 October -  
2 November**



# THE TANANGER FESTIVAL

## Stavanger Deep Sea Fishing Festival / European Federation of Sea Anglers

by Engwall Pahr-Iversen and Roar Sandvoll

**This is a short story of how the fishing festival in Tananger started. Some of the text is taken from our festival brochure in 2012 written by Engwall with some updated information included.**

They shared a dream, the group of anglers who had gathered outside The Hummeren Hotel in Tananger on a sunny summer's day in 1959. They took in the wonderful view, the sea, and the sky above, united in their determined purpose, they declared unanimously:

“We shall overcome all the potential problems ahead and invite people from all over the world to an international fishing festival here in Tananger.”

On that sunny afternoon The Stavanger Deep Sea Fishing Club was born.

The founders were all familiar with the often quoted words from the famous play “Peer Gynt” by the Norwegian author Henrik Ibsen (here revised a little):

“You may think about it; wish it to happen; even wanting it to become a reality - but the only thing that really matters, is this simple fact that you have to do it too. You simply have to do the job - if you want your dream to come true.”



And that's exactly what the group did. They started preparations towards hosting a fishing festival that would find its place at the top of the international calendar.

On the afternoon of the 16th of August 1960, 4 to 5 thousand local spectators gathered in the harbour and outside The Hummeren Hotel to witness the opening ceremony of the first International Fishing Festival in Tananger and Norway. It was a resounding success.

Captain A. Norton-Bracy - who at that time chaired the International Deep Sea Fishing Organisation - turned out to be clairvoyant. He said in his inaugural speech that he felt very sure that this festival would be the best festival ever. The Tananger Festival will set a new standard for fishing festivals in the future. He was correct.

SDSFC's organizing committee followed up and really set a new standard for fishing festivals worldwide. Saturday evening, again thousands of spectators followed the final “thank-you-and-



see-you-again-next-year-party”. Captain S. Norton-Bracy, Colonel Gardisse and Prince Baudoin de Ligne spoke on behalf of all the participants: ‘We have taken part in many fishing festivals, but none like this. Fantastic, we will be back next year’. They came back. Captain S. Norton-Bracy won this 1960 competition (and again in 1961), he got the biggest catch on one day of fishing as well as the largest fish of the festival. Norton-Bracy really left his mark on the first Tananger fishing festival.

The success of 1960 inspired Stavanger Deep Sea Fishing Club to carry on dreaming. Under the leadership of Rolf Ring, Odd Ødegård and Walther Søliland they wanted to take their dream a step further.

They wished to establish a European Federation of Sea Anglers, and they wanted Tananger to host the first European Championship in deep sea fishing. No more, no less.

Both dreams came true - thanks to hard work and many loyal supporters.

The board of the Stavanger Deep Sea Fishing Club worked in the spirit of the old farmers living on the local countryside: “If you want to make a fence that shall stand for generations to come, you have to build it with one stone at a time. You have to carry on, step by step...”, and that is exactly what they did.

In 1961 the European Federation of Sea Anglers was born in Looe in England. And the following year, on the 16th of August 1962, the first European Championship in deep sea angling took place in the deep waters outside Tananger. The dream had come to fruition.

Throughout the years the European Championship in deep sea angling has taken place nine times in Tananger; 1962 - 1969 -1972 - 1975 -1984 -1989 -1995 -2002 and 2012 (the 50th anniversary).

Each event was a resounding success. Tananger has been a venue where participants have enjoyed a warm welcome, great fishing, and friendship.

The European Boat Championships has also been hosted at other venues in Norway: Haugesund (1979), Harstad (2006) and Maaloy (2017).

EFSA Norway hope to welcome EFSA anglers once again to a European Championship in 2025 to the beautiful island of Fedje.

Fedje is a small island situated off the west coast of Norway. Access is by ferry from the port of Saevroy. The community has 440 inhabitants, and their Mayor has offered Fedje Havfiskeklubb (Fedje Deep Sea Fishing Club) all the assistance required to host a European Boat Angling Championship. The fishing areas west and north of Fedje are amazing. Targeting big fish. Ling, cod, coalfish, hake.

Say no more.

You are all more than heartily welcome...

In the beginning a lot of great trophies were a part of the prize table at each European championship. These trophies were transported annually from nation to nation wherever the championship was taking place. This became very expensive.

In 1986 SDSFC transferred EFSA approximately €3500, (NOK 30.000) for the 30 trophies. Today EFSA Championships offer up to 23 different opportunities to win gold medals in various classes, some classes also award silver and bronze medals. Medal categories originate from these trophies and bear the name of the trophy.

The trophies are today in a display - together with many historical items from SDSFC - centrally located in the largest shopping centre in Tananger.



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## DEAR EFSA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

**It has been a while since we produced a yearbook. The last four years have seen all sorts of disruptions with the pandemic and a reshuffle of our championships as a result.**

Many members questioned if a yearbook was in keeping with the times as most of us have access to social media and our website [efsafishing.org](http://efsafishing.org) to keep up with current affairs in EFSA. However, there has been consensus that another one-off souvenir yearbook containing a bit of EFSA's history plus the usual content is a great idea. This will be issued to existing and new members as well as anyone else interested in our organisation in the years to come. Of course, the content will be published on our website, too.

2022 and 2023 saw the EFSA family returning to fishing all disciplines of EFSA European Championships. We travelled to the Cap Verdes, Iceland, Denmark, Sardinia, the Netherlands, Weymouth and Ireland. Those events were superbly run by the host sections. Also, for the next couple of years we have a full schedule with many interesting destinations to travel to.

As always, I hope I will see many of you at our events and I wish you tight lines.

EFSA - Nulli Secundus

**Marcus Wüst**  
President/Chairman EFSA



## EFSA BOAT, LINE AND SPECIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

**There are 3 formats within the 'Boat' discipline in The European Federation of Sea Angers. The Boat Championship, The Line Class Championship and the EFSA Species Championship. The main event is the Boat Championship, which is fished over 3, 4 or 5 days depending on the host section. The Line Class and Species are 2 day events.**

EFSA strives to have one of each European Championship each year. The variety of venues provides the EFSA member with great opportunities to partake in many varied types of fishing.

Some years the Line Class Championship is run as a part of the traditional Boat Championship, some years not, it depends on the venue and the organizing section. The Line Class is usually a single hook event targeting larger fish. The Species Championship targets specific species.

In the past 10 years the Boat Championship has been arranged in Stromness, Orkney Islands, Scotland, Helsingor, Denmark (twice), Tananger and Måløy, Norway, Olafsvik, Iceland and Cobh, Ireland (twice).

All these destinations provided excellent sport fishing.

Participants are drawn onto their boat for each day prior to the event, the place on the boat is drawn when onboard.

All Championships are 'bait provided'. Bait cannot be shared. Some venues may provide an opportunity to catch fresh bait prior to the start of the day's fishing. This must be pooled among the anglers on board.

We fish for different species to a score card suitable to the venue. At the end of the day the boat winner is the angler with the highest points score onboard. This angler gets 100% and all the others a percentage of the winners compared to their own points.

It is a competition to look forward to all year, meeting up with friends, old and new from many European Countries and others further afield.

You don't need a lot of gear to participate, and it is great fun.

Prizes are awarded in the various categories chosen by the host section. Usually the following:

- Medals are awarded to all categories.
- Individual (overall) - Pins for gold, silver, and bronze.
- Ladies
- Seniors over 65 year
- Junior under 18-years
- Team of two
- Team of four
- Executive team (Drawn)
- National team
- (Lars Hellum - Boat Festival Officer)

## EFSA SHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The EFSA Shore Championships are fished over 3 separate days, each being a 5 hour match on a catch and return basis. Size limits are set by the host country.**

All fish attaining the minimum size are recorded at 1 point per centimetre of length with an additional 5 points per fish. Strict catch and release protocols are enforced to ensure maximum survival rates for returned fish.

Championships are individual events where anglers compete for the coveted EFSA Gold, Silver and Bronze Pins. National teams of 5 anglers are also invited and each section may enter 2 teams.

Anglers are divided into 5 zones with 1 team member drawn into each and any remaining individuals also drawn. The zone draw occurs at registration on the evening prior to the first match. Peg positions are drawn on the day, shortly before the commencement of the match.

The Championships are scheduled every year, in a different country to the previous event. Sections that have hosted Championships are Germany in Denmark, England, Gibraltar, Iceland, Ireland, Italy on the mainland and also in Sardinia, The Netherlands, Malta, and Wales.

Other Sections are invited to suggest new locations and venues. Just let EFSA H.Q. or The Shore Festival Officer know of your interest.

I am available to assist in any way I can.

**Philip Lustig**, EFSA Shore Festival Officer

## EFSA GAME CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The purpose of the Championships are to fish for sea going offshore game fish, such as marlin, sailfish or tuna.**

The EFSA Game Championships are normally held on a bi-annual basis and last for three or four days, with there normally being one or two practice days. Unlike the other EFSA disciplines the Game Championships are a team event, with teams consisting of three or four anglers, depending on the size of the boats to be used. Each member of the winning teams is awarded a pin.

Where possible Championships are held in Europe but often this is impossible. Events have previously been held in the Azores, Capo Verde, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, the USA and Thailand.

Proposals for future Championships are made by individual national sections and are then vetted by EFSA Headquarters.

By its nature game fishing can be fairly expensive and wherever possible we endeavour to keep the costs as low as possible.

**Andy Smith**, Game Officer

## WHO'S WHO OF THE HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE, AND WHEN

### PATRON

Prince De Ligne 1970 -85

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R. Ring 1970 -80  
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Comm. R. Gordon  
O.B.E. 1988-94  
H. Clausen 1995-2005

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M. Neville 1971-1972  
J. McCallum 1973-75  
Comm. R. Gordon  
O.B.E. 1976-87  
H. Clausen 1988-93  
P. Lobs 1994-97  
A. White 1998-99  
H. Schneider 2000-21

### VICE CHAIRMAN

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O. Larsen 1973-80  
L. Phil 1981-92  
P. Lobs 1993-94  
H. Schneider 1995-2000

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W. Soyland 1961-70  
H. Poulton 1964-69  
R. Hughes 1971-72  
A. Perrin 1972-74  
D. Dallas 1975-82  
J. Crawford 1983-87  
J. Robinson 1988-90  
S. Rott 1991-94  
H. Holmes 1995-2011  
M. Wuest 2011-21  
W.Doyle 2021-

### ASST. SECRETARY

C. Burke 2019

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E, Scheuer 1961-70  
J. Boon 1971  
K. vanden Tooren 1972-75  
A. White 1976-2016  
K. Bowden 2016-

### FISHERIES OFFICER

W. Persoon 1965  
W. Makowski 1966-70  
D. Burkel 1971-77  
M. Bert 1978-80  
M. Ashbridge 1981-83  
R. Rush 1884-87  
D. Wood 1988-2016  
S. Asbjornsson 2016-2022  
N. Cottingham 2023-

### SUPPLIES OFFICER

A. Jorgensen 1973-87  
H. Lange 1988-94  
A. Jorgensen 1995-2009  
J. Edward 2009-2024  
H-J. Glaeser 2024-

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D. Proudfoot 1993-95  
D. Davies 1996-2000  
Mrs. E. Walker 2000-2006  
D. Styles 2006-2015  
J. Connolly 2015-2023  
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### SHORE FESTIVAL OFFICER

P.Lustig 2006-

### GAME FESTIVAL OFFICER

P. Peck 1993-95  
E. Entwistle 1996-2000  
K. Muskat 2000-2009  
P. Lobs 2009-2011  
M. Brogna 2011-2016  
A. Smith 2016-

### CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICER

G. Weinecke 1973-77  
H. Clausen 1978-87  
P. Peck 1988-92

### PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

C. Chapman 1970-71  
H. Poulton 1972  
M. Shepley 1973-78  
J. Crawford 1979-81  
K. Anderson 1982  
J. Crawford 1983-84  
H. Broekema 1990-94  
M. Amato 2015-2016  
D. Baturin 2017-2022  
A. Smith 2022-2023  
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H. Trodd 1970  
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P. Jacobsen 1973-75  
J. Robinson 1976-91

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D. Rapoport 1961-68  
M. Fuchs 1962-2001  
P. Ouwendijk 2011-2019



# LINE CLASS RECORDS & CLAIM FORM



Record Plaice – K. Ramsvik













Line Class kgs	Line Class lbs	Weight in kgs	Weight in lbs.ozs	Place of Capture	Country of Capture	Date of Capture	Name of Angler
<b>TUNA, LITTLE / EUTHYNNUS ALLETTERATUS / 2 to 37 plus AT and SH</b>							
4	8	11.5	25.6	Porto Barricata	Italy	12/11/05	S. Bersanetti
6	12	9.96	21.5	Marina Di Ravenna	Italy	03/07/99	T. Melandri
8	16	11.37	25.1	Porto Barricata	Italy	11/09/04	S. Bersanetti
10	20	16.5	36.6	Albarella	Italy	13/07/99	M. Vittadello
15	30	10.07	22.3	Porto Empedocle	Italy	02/11/02	R. Scalzo
AT	AT	16.5	36.6	Albarella	Italy	13/07/99	M. Vittadello
SH	SH						
<b>TUNA, SKIP JACK / EUTHYNNUS PELAMIS / 2 to 37 plus AT and SH</b>							
4	8	6.05	13.5	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	18/01/88	M. Bartels
6	12	10.5	23.2	Catania	Italy	21/10/09	M. Brogna
8	16	6.6	14.9	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	23/09/96	H. Damierius
10	20	17	37.8	Catania	Italy	21/10/09	P. Bottino
15	30	7.05	15.9	Catania	Italy	11/10/99	G. Barbagallo
24	50	5	11	Faial	Azores	25/11/90	A. Bolton
37	80	17	37.8	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	02/11/95	H. Lehmkühl
AT	AT	17	37.8	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	02/11/95	H. Lehmkühl
AT	AT	10	37.8	Catania	Italy	21/10/09	P. Bottino
<b>TUNA, YELLOW-FINNED / THUNNUS ALBACARES / 2 to 60 plus AT and SH</b>							
8	16	12.73	28.1	Neos-Marmaras	Greece	04/09/88	I. Kilbourn
15	30	44.25	97.9	Graciosa	Canary Is.	05/08/92	E. Arienti
24	50	98.15	216.6	San Miguel	Azores	06/08/04	G. Kukhtim
37	80	95	209.7	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	20/10/95	H. Lehmkühl
60	130	70.5	155.7	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	23/10/93	H. Lehmkühl
AT	AT	98.15	216.6	San Miguel	Azores	06/08/04	G. Kukhtim
SH	SH						
<b>TURBOT / PSETTA MAXIMA / 2 to 15 plus AT and SH</b>							
4	8	6.69	14.12	Dartmouth	England	16/08/85	L. Saunders
6	12	11.79	26	Newhaven	England	13/06/90	P. Dalby
8	16	9.5	20.15	Hirtshals	North Sea	02/06/85	H. Moller
10	20	7.71	17	Pevensey Bay	England	16/06/90	J. Whippy
15	30	8.16	18	Brixham	England	03/06/78	R. Hansson
*AT	AT	15.3	33.12	Salcombe	England	1980	R. Simcox
SH	SH						
<b>TUSK / BROSME BROSME / 2 to 24 plus AT and SH</b>							
4	8	5.73	12.1	Kabelvag	Norway	20/06/98	N. Hearn
6	12	13.66	30.2	Vest Tjorn	Sweden	15/02/89	B. Hall
8	16	6.15	13.9	Kabelvag	Norway	20/06/98	N. Hearn
10	20	9.75	21.8	Lubbegrund	Sweden	04/04/81	R. Magnusson
15	30	10.66	23.8	Saltstraumen Bodo	Norway	9/28/2016	P. Hambrook
24	50	10.45	23	Langesund	Norway	17/08/91	D. Kallman
AT	AT	16.05	35.6	Langesund	Norway	22/08/95	U. Stahre
*SH	SH	12.92	28.8	Dunwich	England	1973	J. Doring
<b>WAHOO / ACANTHO CYBIUM SOLANDERI / 2 to 37 plus AT and SH</b>							
6	12	11	24.4	El Hierro	Canary Is.	30/08/96	H. C. Clausen
8	16	18.15	40	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	03/08/05	S. Friedrich
10	20	42	92.9	Funchal	Madeira	06/10/13	B. Johnson
15	30	25.7	56.1	Graciosa	Canary Is.	09/10/92	W. Bucca
24	50	20.4	44.15	Puerto Rico	Canary Is.	07/08/12	J. Friedrich
37	80	19.6	43.3	Azores Bank	Azores	17/09/91	W. Kleyer
AT	AT	42	92.9	Funchal	Madeira	06/10/13	B. Johnson
SH	SH						
<b>WHITING / MERLANGUS MERLANGUS / 2 to 15 plus AT and SH</b>							
2	4	1.42	3.2	Isle of Wight	England	11/01/99	R. Barron
4	8	1.56	3.7	Bridport	England	02/11/85	C. Roberts
6	12	2.04	4.8	Newhaven	England	28/12/75	B. Constable
*AT	AT	3.06	6.12	Falmouth	England	1981	N. Croft
*SH	SH	1.82	4	Abbotsbury	England	1984	T. Dell
<b>WRASSE, BALLAN / LABRUS BERGYLTA / 2 to 15 plus AT and SH</b>							
2	4	1.7	3.12	Baggy Point	England	19/06/84	R. White
4	8	3	6.1	Guerande	France	29/07/95	G. Berthelot
6	12	2.65	5.13	La Seca	Gibraltar	11/06/91	A. Cano
8	16	2.06	4.9	Cahersiveen	Eire	05/09/04	W. Doyle
*AT	AT	4.25	9.6	Eddystone	England	1981	M. Goodacre
*SH	SH	4	8.13	Jersey	Channel Is.	1994	S. Gavey
<b>WRASSE, CORKWING / CRENILABRUS MELOPUS / 2 to 15 plus AT and SH</b>							
8	16	1.13	2.8	Falmouth	England	23/06/98	C. Cox
AT	AT	1.13	2.8	Falmouth	England	23/06/98	C. Cox
SH	SH						
<b>WRASSE CUCKOO / LABRUS MIXTUS / 2 to 15 plus AT and SH</b>							
6	12	0.79	1.12	Cahersiveen	Ireland	03/09/01	A. Meyer
AT	AT	1.13	2.8	Dungeness	England	16/05/98	K. Marden
SH	SH	0.79	1.12	Alderney	Channel Is.	1984	A. Smart
<b>WRECKFISH / POLYPRION AMERICANUS / 2 to 37 plus AT and SH</b>							
10	20	5.5	12.2	Belle Ile	France	24/08/02	J. Raimon
24	50	57	125.1	East Side	Gibraltar	29/07/99	C. Gornila
37	80	56	123.7	East Side	Gibraltar	01/07/99	E. Zammit
AT	AT	57	125.1	East Side	Gibraltar	29/07/99	C. Gornila
SH	SH						

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# APPLICATION FORM GUIDE

## EUROPEAN, EFSA-LTC AND BRITISH LINE CLASS RECORD CLAIMS

### GUIDE AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CLAIM FORM

The claim form may be used by ANY angler to claim the capture of a fish of record weight. If the claim is ratified the angler will be recorded as holding the EUROPEAN and/or NATIONAL line class record for a specific line class.

If the angler is also a member of EFSA and/or LTC he/she will also be entitled to any record or award due.

The same form may be used by members of the LTC to claim the capture of a fish of unusually heavy weight, while less than the established all-time record, may yet be the record for the year of that species and entitle the member to enter for the appropriate line class trophies, "Angler of the Year" trophy, or the receipt of a specimen capture certificate. The claim should reach the EFSA or LTC fish recorder as soon as possible and in any event within 60 days after the date of capture. (Some reasonable latitude may be allowed in respect of fish caught in remote areas).

It is the claimant's responsibility to see that:

1. The species of fish is established
2. The weight of the fish is accurately recorded, and a scale certificate is obtained.
3. The required sample of reel line forwarded WITH the claim.
4. The names and address of witnesses to the capture and the weighing-in of the fish are forwarded WITH the claim.
5. All other requirements specified in the rules are complied with.

#### SPECIES OF FISH

Clear sharp photographs, colour preferred, of the fish must be submitted. All fins should be extended. At least two such photographs are required. A ruler, graduated scale, or other object of known size (e.g. a coin or matchbox), should rest on or beside the fish and should be included in the photographs.

In the case of skate, rays and other flat fish, photographs must show the upper and underside of the fish. In the case of sharks, a photograph showing the shark's head and teeth is also required. If possible actual teeth of the shark should accompany the claim. It is recommended that in the case of fish being difficult to identify, that the body of the fish for which the claim is made, should be preserved, either in cold storage or in a formalin solution (one tablespoon of formalin to one pint of water), until the Fish Recorder has expressed his satisfaction with the identification claimed.

Some of the species which are likely to be difficult to identify are Brill, Dogfish, Gurnards, Mulletts, Bream, Ray, Scad, Wrasses, Shads, and the less commonly known migratory species.

#### WEIGHT OF FISH

There is an overall minimum acceptable weight for any specie of 450grammes (1 GB Pound approx.)

The fish must be weighed on accurate scales for which a recent local government certificate of accuracy has or can be obtained. A copy of the certificate MUST be forwarded to the Fish Recorder with the claim. The scales must have been certified within ONE year of the weighing. Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed on private or club scales for which a current certificate of accuracy is not available, and also for fish weighed on scales inappropriate to the size of the fish, (e.g. fish in the 2-Slbs range weighed on scales weighing up to 100lbs or over and graduated in large divisions). Claims cannot be accepted in respect of fish weighed aboard a boat. Exception to the above, are in countries that have no government agency to test scales. In this case fish must be weighed on commercially tested and used scales, such as those used in Post Offices. In any event the serial number of the scales must be recorded. The signature of the weigh master (who must NOT be the angler or the skipper of the vessel) his/her name, and address, and at least one reliable witness to the weighing must be on the claim form.

#### LINE

At least 30 feet (10 m) of reel line used in the capture of the fish, MUST accompany the claim form. The line submitted must be in good condition, free from fraying, scuffing and corrosion, failing which, the claim may be rejected at the discretion of the Fish Recorder. It is recommended that the line sample be wound onto a spool, such as those used by line suppliers, or wound around a rectangular piece of cardboard, and, regardless of method, the ends should be secured in position with tape so as to facilitate easy removal. Metal lines should be washed in hot fresh water and lightly oiled to prevent any possible corrosion. However, packed the sample must be capable of being unwound without damage, e.g. kinks, twist, that would result in insufficient sample for tests and possible rejection of the claim.

#### GENERAL NOTES

1. The completed claim's form must be signed by the angler and witnesses to the capture and weighing, of the fish. In the case of an angler fishing alone, the declaration and signature should be made in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths.
2. The weigh master and witnesses to the weighing should be persons other than the angler.
3. There may be a delay in obtaining photographs while the negatives are being processed. and, in obtaining the certificate of accuracy for the Scales used to weigh the fish. Whilst some delay may be inevitable in some cases, this should not prevent the claim form being completed in every other respect and submitted with the line sample and scale certificate.
4. All photographs submitted are not returnable and become the property of the EFSA/LTC.
5. As a conservation measure, (1979), Common Skate (raja batis), are suspended from the list of species eligible for claims and should be returned to the sea with the least damage possible.
6. All claims should be forwarded to the Fish Recorder by the quickest means possible with a S.A.E.

EFSA members should send their claims via their own country's Fish Recorder.



# EFSA

## APPLICATION FORM FOR EUROPEAN LINE CLASS & ALL TACLE RECORD CLAIMS

1. BOAT/ShORE (Delete as appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

2. SPECIES  
Common Name .....  
Scientific Name .....

3. WEIGHT  
.....lb.....oz.....kg

4. LENGTH  
Inches X to X.....XX to XX.....  
Cm X to X.....XX to XX.....

5. GIRTH or WIDTH (see measurement diagrams)  
Inches Y to Y.....Z to Z.....  
Cm Y to Y.....Z to Z.....

6. DATE OF CATCH .....

7. PLACE OF CATCH .....  
Port/Place & Country .....

8. METHOD OF CATCH .....

9. ANGLER – Mr/Mrs/Ms  
Surname .....  
Forename .....

10. PERMANENT ADDRESS  
.....  
.....

11. MEMBERSHIP OR ANGLING CLUB  
.....

12. TACKLE USED (Every item in this section must be completed. A sample of the actual line must accompany the claim)

ROD  
Make .....

Tip Length (center or reel to end of tip) .....

Butt Length (center of reel to butt cap) .....

REEL  
Make & Model .....

Size .....

LINE  
Make .....

Manufacturer's breaking strain .....

Length of double line .....

Length of trace or leader .....

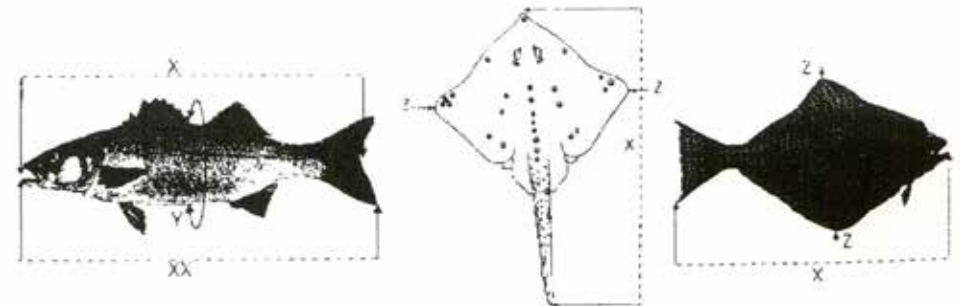
Type of gaff .....

Length .....

Number & type of hooks .....

Type of lure or bait .....

Measure as indicated below taking X to X from tip of nose to fork of tail and XX to XX from tip of nose to tip of tail. For round fish take girth measurement Y to Y around the widest part of body, for skates, rays or flat fish take widest measurement Z to Z across widest part.



13. BOAT (if used)  
 Name .....  
 Length .....  
 Skipper's Name .....  
 Skipper's Address .....

Skipper's Signature.....

14. LINE CLASS ENTERED (see acceptable classes)

2lb	4	8	12	16	20	30	50	80	130	AT	SH
1kg	2	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60	AT	SH

AT – All Tackle/SH - Shore

15. SCALES  
 Location .....  
 Type .....  
 Manufacturer .....  
 Serial .....  
 Date of Last Certified .....  
 Person or agency certifying scales .....

Weighmaster .....  
 Address .....

Signature .....

16. WITNESS (to weighing other than angler)  
 Name .....  
 Address .....

Witness to catch other than skipper (two names & addresses if possible)

Name .....  
 Address .....

Name .....  
 Address .....

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- I am an EFSA member, enclosed is Euro 20 application fee
  - I am not EFSA member, enclosed is Euro 30 for an annual membership and application fees
  - Please send ..... extra copies of my record certificate at Euro 5 each
  - Please send .....extra European record patch(es) at Euro 10 each
- Enclosed is a Euro ..... check or money order for the European record application processing fee  
 or  
 Enclosed is a copy of record application fee wire transfer made to:  
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 Code 20-50-40 Account EFSA No. 43575688  
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**DECLARATION OF ANGLER**

(Note: Signature of angler required for all claimants. Oath and notary seal only required in the event of no witnesses to the catch)

I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in the application was hooked, fought and brought to the gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with EUROPEAN LINE CLASS RULES; and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Angler ..... Date .....

Sworn by me this .....day of .....20.....

Notary Signature and seal .....

**Please Do Not Write Below This Line**

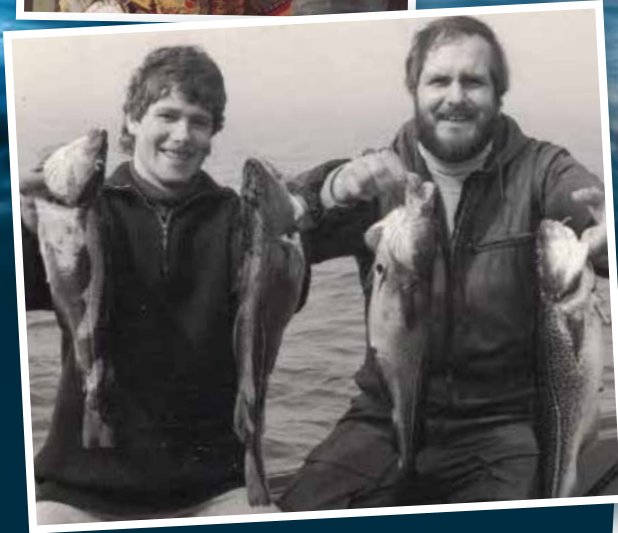
Line strength test ..... Fish Identified by .....

Registered Under Line Class ..... Signature .....

Date Ratified ..... Date Identified .....

Signature of Fish Recorder ..... Record Category .....





## ACCEPTABLE SPECIES AND LINE CLASSES FOR EUROPEAN RECORDS

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LINE CLASSES (KG)
Atlantic Stargazer	<i>Uranoscopus scaber</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Albacore	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Amberjack	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Angler Fish	<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Argentine Greater	<i>Argentina silus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Barracuda European	<i>Sphyrna sphyraena</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bass	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bass Spotted	<i>Dicentrarchus punctatus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltador</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bluemouth	<i>Helicolenus dactylopterus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bonito	<i>Sarda sarda</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Borriquette	<i>Clectorene mediterraneus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Black	<i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Couches	<i>Sparus pagrus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Dentex	<i>Dentex dentex</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Gilthead	<i>Sparus aurata</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Hurta	<i>Sparus caeruleostictus</i> val	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Rays	<i>Brama brama</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Red	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Red Banded	<i>Pagrus auriga sparus auriga</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Sama	<i>Dentex maroccanus</i> val	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Sheephead	<i>Puntazzo puntazzo cetti</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Soldier	<i>Diplodus cervinus lowe</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Two Banded	<i>Diplodus vulgaris geof</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream White	<i>Diplodus sargus L</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Zapata	<i>Sparus ehrenbergi C &amp; V</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bream Zebra	<i>Diplodus cervinus cervinus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Brill	<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Bull Huss	<i>Scyliorhinus stellaris</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Canary Drum	<i>Umbrina canariensis</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Catfish Common	<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Catfish Jelly	<i>Anarhichas denticulatus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Catfish Spotted	<i>Anarhichas minor</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Coalfish	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Cod Greenland	<i>Gadus ogac</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Comber	<i>Serranus cabrilla</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Conger Eel	<i>Conger conger</i>	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Dab	<i>Limanda limanda</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Dentex Pink	<i>Dentex gibbosus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Dogfish Black Mouthed	<i>Galeus melastomus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Dogfish Lesser Spotted	<i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Dolphin	<i>Coryphaena hipparus</i>	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Eel Common Saltwater	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Escolar Black	<i>Lepidocybium flavobrunneum</i>	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Flounder	<i>Platichthys fleshus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Forkbeard	<i>Phycis phycis</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Forkbeard Greater	<i>Phycis blennoides</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Garfish	<i>Belone belone</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Grouper	<i>Epinephelus guaza</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Grouper Dusky	<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i>	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Grouper Golden	<i>Epinephelus alexandrinus</i> val	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Grouper Pointed Nose	<i>Mycteroperca rubra</i> bloch	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Grunt African Striped	<i>Parapristipoma octolineatum</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Grunt Rubber Lipped	<i>Plectorhinchus mediterraneus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Gurnard Grey	<i>Eutrigia Gurnardus</i>	2 to 15 plus AT and SH



SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LINE CLASSES (KG)
Gurnard Piper	Trigla lyra L	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Gurnard Red	Aspitrigla cuculus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Gurnard Tub	Trigla lucerna	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Hake	Merluccius merluccius	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Halibut Atlantic	Hippoglossus hippoglossus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Halibut Greenland	Reinhardtius hippoglossoides	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Horse-Eye Jack	Caranx latus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Herring	Clupea harengus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Jack Cravaille	Carane hippos	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
John Dory	Zeus faber	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Leer Fish	Lichia amia	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ling	Molva molva	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ling Blue	Molva dipterygia dipterygia	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ling Mediterranean	Molva elongata otto	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Lumpsucker	Cyclopterus lumpus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mackerel	Scomber scombrus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mackerel Frigate	Auxis thazard lacepede	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mackerel King	Scomberomorus cavalla	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Mackerel Spanish	Scomber japonicus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Marlin Blue	Makaira nigricans	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Marlin White	Tetrapturus albidus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Meagre	Argyrosomus regius	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Meagre Brown	Sciaena umbra L	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Monkfish	Squatina squatina	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Moray Eel	Muraena helena L	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Mullet Common Grey	Mugil cephalus L	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mullet Golden Grey	Mugil auratus risso	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mullet Grey Thick Lipped	Chelon labrosus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Mullet Grey Thin Lipped	Liza ramada	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Oil Fish	Ruvettus pretiosus	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ombrine	Umbrina cirrose	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Opah	Lampris guttatus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Pandora	Pagellus erythrinus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Pelamid	Sarda sarda Bloch	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Pollack	Pollachius pollachius	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Pouting	Trisopterus luscus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Black	Dasyatis thetidis	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ray Blonde	Raja brachyura	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Ray Cuckoo	Raja naevus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Eagle	Myliobatis aquila	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ray Electric	Torpedo nobiliana	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ray, Round Sting	Taeniura grabata	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ray, Sail	Raja lintea	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Small Eyed	Raja microcellata	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Spiny Butterfly	Gymnura altavela	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Ray Spotted	Raja montagui	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Starry	Raja asterias	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Sting	Dasyatis violacea	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Thornback	Raja clavata	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Undulate	Raja undulata	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Ray Violet Sting	Dasiatis violacea	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Redfish	Sebastes marinus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Redfish Deepwater	Sebastes mentella	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Salema	Sarpa salpa	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Salmon Saltwater	Salmo salar	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Scabbard Fish	Ledidopus caudatus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Scad	Trachurus trachurus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Scorpionfish	Scorpaena porcus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Scorpionfish Large Scaled	Scorpaena scrofa L	2 to 15 plus AT and SH

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LINE CLASSES (KG)
Sea Comber	Serranus Cabrilla	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sea Comber	Serranus Cabrilla	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sea Trout Kahawai	Arripis trutta	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sea Trout Saltwater	Salmo trutta	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Shat Allis	Aloosa alosa	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Shad Twaite	Alosa fallax	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Shark Big Eye Thresher	Alopias superciliosus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Blue	Prionace glauca	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Copper	Carcharhinus brachiurus gun	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Greenland	Somniosus microcephalus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Hammerhead	Sphryna zygaena	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Mako	Isurus oxyrinchus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Porbeagle	Lamna nasus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark S/nose 7 gill	Heptranchias perlo	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Six Gilled	Hexanchus griseus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Smalltooth Sand Tiger	Ondontaspis taurus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Spotted Seven Gill Cow	Notorynichus cepedianus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Shark Thresher	Alopias vulpinus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Skate Common	Raja batis	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Skate Long Nose	Raja oxyrinhus	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Skate Sharp Nose	Raja lintea fries	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Skate Thorny	Raja (ambly raja) radiata	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Skate White	Raja Alba	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Smelt Silver Greater	Argentina silus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Smooth Hound	Mustelus mustelus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Smooth Hound Starry	Mustelus asterias	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Snapper Golden	Centroberyx affinis	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Snapper Grey	Lutjanus griseus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Snapper Squirefish	Pabrus auratus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sole Dover	Solea solea	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sole Lemon	Microstomus kitt	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Spearfish Long Billed (Atlantic)	Tetrapturus pfluegeri	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Spearfish Long Billed (Med.)	Tetrapturus belone	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Spurdog	Squalus acanthias	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Sunfish	Mola mola	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Swordfish	Xiphias gladius	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Tarakih	Nemadactylus macropterus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Tope	Galeorhinus galeus	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Torsk (Tusk)	Brosme brosme	2 to 24 plus AT and SH
Trevally	Caranx lutescans	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Trigger Fish	Balistes carolinensis	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Trigger Fish Ocean	Canthidermis sufflamen	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Tuna Big Eye	Thunnus obesus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Tuna Blue Fin	Thunnus thynnus	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Tuna Little	Euthynnus alletteratus	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Tuna Skipjack	Euthynnus pelamis	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Tuna Yellow Fin	Thunnus albacares	2 to 60 plus AT and SH
Turbot	Psetta maximus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Wahoo	Acanthocybium solanderi	2 to 37 plus AT and SH
Whiting	Merlangus merlangus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Wrasse Ballan	Labrus bergylta	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Wrasse Corkwing	Crenilabrus melops	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Wrasse Cuckoo	Labrus mixtus	2 to 15 plus AT and SH
Wreckfish	Poltprion americanus	2 to 37 plus AT and SH

Overall minimum acceptable weight is 450 grammes (1LB.) All tackle and Shore records defined as all lines testing up to 60 Kilos. As a conservation measure Skate common has been suspended from the record list and should be returned to the sea alive. Not all species listed are found in European waters as the list also covers Light Tackle Club Records which apply world wide. List complete as of March 2020. A new species may be added to this list once verified and weighing 450 grammes or more.



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# VISITING ITALCANNA

Marcus Wuest, President EFSA



**It was fantastic for me to travel to Italy for the EFSA European Shore Fishing championships hosted by EFSA Italy on Sardinia. Not only could I fish in Sardinia for the first time in my life but I also took the opportunity to ride my motorbike around this beautiful island.**

I have come away from there with great memories. Not so much the fishing itself for me personally but returning some day at a different time of the year sounds extremely promising.

My trip did not end there, though. Next stop was near Lucca to visit Italcanna. This was again a first for me. Italcanna have been a proud sponsor of EFSA for many years. Everyone who has ever seen EFSA's yearbooks will know their full page adverts on the back.

After travelling across an incredible scenery in Italy I arrived in Segromigno in Monte at the foot of a mountain range.

There I met with the D'Olivo family namely Carlo, Gian Marco and Giovanni Battista.

I could not have possibly been welcomed any friendlier.

After discussing some ideas for further collaboration (watch this space!) Giovanni Battista gave me a tour of the surrounding area - including showing me his collection of motorcycles. This also included a Harley Davidson.

After that they showed me their production facility. Italcanna produce all their fishing rods from scratch in Italy. It is very rare this days and re-assuring that there is no China dependency here. All is top quality and some of the game fishing rods proudly feature the EFSA logo. Just recently Italcanna won the Long Casting World Championship 2022 in both the men's and women's categories, plus 12 World Championships, 13 European Championships and a further 49 Italian Championship - this further proof of the quality of their products.

The day finished with a dinner during which Giovanni Battista and I solved all the world's problems over a typical Italian meal.

As president of EFSA I cannot be more proud than having our association supported by Italcanna and the committed D'Olivo family.

More on the fishing in Sardinia on <http://efsafishing.org/>

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EFSA



The European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) is an organisation that represents the interests of recreational sea anglers across Europe. It was founded in 1961 with the aim of promoting and developing the sport of sea angling and protecting the marine environment.

The EFSA was initially established by representatives from seven European countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, and the United Kingdom. These countries recognised the need for a unified voice to address common concerns and challenges faced by sea anglers.

Over the years, the EFSA has grown in size and influence. It has expanded its membership to include numerous other European countries, and it now represents anglers from more than 20 nations. The organisation's membership consists of both individual anglers and affiliated national associations.

The EFSA's primary objectives include promoting ethical angling practices, encouraging sustainable fishing, and safeguarding the marine ecosystem. The federation organizes international angling competitions, where anglers from different countries come together to showcase their skills and sportsmanship. These events help foster camaraderie among anglers and promote a sense of community within the sport.

Additionally, the EFSA actively engages with policymakers, conservation organisations, and other stakeholders to advocate for the protection and responsible management of marine resources. The federation has played a significant role in shaping fisheries policies at both the national and international levels.

Through its activities and initiatives, the EFSA strives to enhance the status of sea angling as a legitimate sport and ensure the long-term viability of marine ecosystems. It continues to work towards fostering cooperation among anglers across Europe and promoting sustainable practices that will benefit both the angling community and the environment.

**Marcus Wüst**

President/Chairman EFSA

# A NOT TOO SERIOUS HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEA ANGLERS

(reprinted from Yearbook 2000)

Quite when the original idea of a European Federation came into being is unclear (there are differing opinions), but what is known is that a small group of fishing friends from a number of nations, fishing together in Looe, Cornwall, England met together on the 3rd of October 1961. These friends had over a number of years enjoyed both their fishing and socialising and felt that it would be great to extend this fellowship to others, on a wider and more permanent basis. Out of this meeting came an agreement to found the Federation and the following Officers were agreed:

<b>President</b>	“Bobs” de Ligne	Belgium
<b>Vice-President</b>	Brigadier J. A. L. Caunter	England
<b>Chairman</b>	Captain S. Norton -Bracey	England
<b>Secretary</b>	W. Soyland	Norway
<b>Treasurer</b>	Major E. B. Scheuer	Holland

Other founding members were Pierre Decantelle and Michel Fuchs from France, W. Persoon Holland, Jens Frandsen Denmark, Rolf Ring Norway, Y. Ronsmans Belgium, and Maurice Marks England. Apparently, the agreed subscription was the equivalent of 50p giving the Federation a starting capitol of six pounds.

Following this meeting a formal Committee Meeting took place in Brussels on November 22nd, 1961, to draw up rules for sea fishing in Europe and international angling competitions. In addition, they agreed that an Annual European International Fishing Festival would be held and that a list of record European fish be established based on line strength. The draft set of rules was largely based on the then existing IGFA and Shark Angling Club of Great Britain rules. The objects of the federation laid down at that time still form the basis of the current Constitution.

The first European Sea Angling Championships were fished out of Stavanger, Norway in August 1962. The event being won by Ojvind Asbjorn of Denmark with a catch of 641.6 kilos. Eight countries were represented - Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, England, Scotland, France, and Belgium. By the end of the year membership had grown to 16 nations with the addition of Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Gibraltar, Monaco, Wales, Germany, and Malta. The first A.G.M. of the Federation was held during these Championships when the second Championships were awarded to England to be fished out of Littlehampton with sponsorship from Butlins Holiday Camps.

From the beginning member sections began to organise their own festivals, the first A.G.M. approved one in Gibraltar, three in Scandinavia as well as in Iceland, Wales, England and Scotland.

In 1964 the Championships moved to Als, Denmark fished in late August by which time the majority on Trophy Names, now fished for, had been established. Subsequent '60's Championships were held in Scotland, Gibraltar, Ireland, Iceland, and Norway.

In April 1969 a Middle East Championship was fished from Hurghada, Egypt with meals and accommodation paid for by the Egyptian Fishing Federation. The then cost of a return flight from London was 120 pounds, Copenhagen DKK 2377, Munich DmK 997 with an optional one week extended stay to visit Egyptian Tourist Sites costing 81 pounds.

In 1965 subscriptions remained at 50p per year and a letter in August that year confirmed that A. Selim of unknown country had paid five years subscription - probably could not afford the then life membership of ten pounds.

Certain problems never change - in the 1966 Championships in Gibraltar fishing was not permitted inside Spanish waters due to political issues between the two countries.

The A.G.M. of that year reported a life membership of fourteen for the Federation as a whole. Important matters were also the subject of correspondence in that year - for example a detailed letter from Jens Frandsen to Prince de Ligne - subject: The correct way to prepare a Gravad lax.

In 1967 the Danish section reported substantial numbers of dogfish in their waters with a record one day catch by one angler of 357 kilos. The Championships in Cobh, Ireland produced an English winner in R. Edwards with 150 lbs. England also taking the ladies' and Junior titles. South Africa appeared in the prize list with 3rd in the International Teams.

Largest fish of the Championships was a common skate of 160lbs for F. Calon from Belgium. The trophies were not awarded at the Championships as a number had been damaged in transit and others were delayed enroute from Gibraltar.

The European Championships continued to grow during the '70's and once again it is interesting to pick out items from the brochures at the time - Stromstad, Sweden August 1970 - First class hotel S.Kr 475 for a week. Farewell party S.Kr. 30.

Caithness, Scotland - October 1971 - Boat, bait, and entertainment 22 pounds - hotel, full board 50 to 60 pounds weekly.

Stavanger, Norway - August 1972 - Flight and one week's bed and breakfast 50 pounds, single supplement 85p per night.

Akureyri, Iceland - August 1974 - Entry fee 47 pounds. Maximum line strength 30lbs. Optional halibut fishing, price unknown.

An example of the evolution of EFSA can be seen from the minutes of the AGM in Caithness, Scotland where there were three nominations for a vacant post on the Executive. In those days all full members present had a vote - the winner polled 51 votes to a combined 13 for the other two. No need to say where the winner came from - hence the move to Member Section votes at the A.G.M. of headquarters. Initially 15 per section and subsequently altered to one per section.

1973 saw a full revision of the EFSA angling rules, a review of trophies and awards and substantial alterations to the Constitution. The '70's saw considerable work on the rules and a revised Constitution was adopted at A.G.M. in Haugesund, Norway. This period also saw the provision of bait at European Championships - probably the most far reaching of competition rules.

A great advance was made in 1981 when the then British Light Tackle Club agreed to collaborate in the maintaining on the European Record List, a venture which has proved a great success through the years. In that year the EFSA trophies were sold to the Norwegian Section to remove the burden of considerable shipping, insurance, repair, and tax. To this day they remain on permanent display in Norway for those members interested.

The mid 1980's saw the start of the EFSA Yearbook which has developed over the years to its present format, hopefully to the benefit of members and non-members alike. In 1989 the Federation was fortunate to obtain sponsorship from Ande Inc. of America who since then have given great support by way of line provision for the Line Class Championship as well as financial assistance. The Federation remains greatly indebted to them.

Over the years the Federation has seen changes and refinement in its' executive structure, certain offices such as Membership registrar and PRO have disappeared, we have seen a split in the Festival officer function but probably the most important one has been the introduction in the mid 1990's of Executive Vice presidents. The first of these being Peter Peck and Dickie Gordon. Their experience over the years has been of great value in these offices, their views being highly respected by all Standing Committee Delegates. The introduction of specific Executive Officers meetings during the last decade has without doubt smoothed the functioning of Headquarters and shortened the duration of most Standing Committee meetings.

The Federation continues to develop and hopefully the imminent creation of our website will prove to be a benefit to current and future members. We remain indebted to all our may Officers over the past forty years of our history, too numerous to name, who have steered the federation to its current position. Thanks, must also go to those members who have provided information on the past, from which this brief, somewhat sketchy history has been compiled. Hopefully given time, and any further recollections from our older members, a comprehensive history document can be developed.

With thanks to all concerned,

**Arthur White**

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## SHORT HISTORY OF EFSA BY COUNTRY

### EFSA BELGIUM

EESA Belgium is co-founder of EFSA in 1961, as several fishermen from various countries always attended a competition in Looe in England? Fishermen from England, Belgium, France, Holland, Denmark, and Norway,

The Belgian fisherman included someone of royal blood, Prince de Linge.

Who later founded EFSA Belgium in Belgium with some colleagues from the bank of Brussels, whose departure port was Ostend, and made their fishing trips with small boats from the royal Royal Yacht club.

President Prince de Linge was the first president to organize an EFSA boat Championship competition abroad in 1963 in South England in Littlehampton, for example a trophy was named after the Prince de Linge. The EFSA (Golden medal) to be won during the boat championships for the highest number of fish caught by a participant.

Later in 1971, he transferred the task as chairman to Mr. Hostens Oscar supervisor at the Fina Refinery Antwerp and who ensured that the membership expanded significantly with members of the Bank of Brussels and the refinery in Antwerp in the years which succeeded EFSA Belgium, the first Cod festival organized in 2003 and later in 2008 the species champion chip, in Ostend.

EFSA Belgium section currently has 24 members, almost all of whom are seniors, and some still try to participate in the annual EFSA boat championships, or other EFSA events.

The younger members are more interested in annual competitions in Weymouth UK, as well as species hunting in foreign waters and record catches.

EFSA Belgium is currently unable to set up an EFSA championship, due to a lack of boats and not enough fish to hold a decent competition, as

well as no alternative port in bad weather.

The catches for Belgian fishing waters have not improved, cod is caught sporadically, in the month of April dab and whitefish and sea bass, in the summer months it is sole and small dogfish and occasionally thornback ray and smoothhound.

Commercial fishing is the culprit here regarding fishing.

The current board in EFSA Belgium consists of chairman Van Renterghem, Willy and secretary/treasurer Kanora, Robert.

### EFSA ENGLAND

The European Federation of Sea Anglers was formed in 1961 by a group of international anglers who were taking part in a fishing festival being held out of Looe in England. Initially there were 7 nations represented, England, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, and Scotland.

The principals of the organisation were laid down in the early years and have changed little since.

England has a good membership number and a strong committee. Each year we host a 2day boat Championship, a 2-day species Championship (fished from boats), and a 2-day shore Championship. All these are pin events and are hotly contested. Also, in the latter years a Fun fish day after our AGM, primarily just to have a day's fishing with good humoured chat.

Besides our own events the English section has hosted its share of European events including the Boat and Line Championships principally out of Weymouth. Also, many European Species events, fishing for species such as Bream, Conger Eel, Flat fish

## THE NETHERLANDS

After 7 years of being a subdivision of EFSA England it was decided to form an own section in June 1969. The number of Dutch competitors fishing the Festivals in Looe grew considerably making this a wise choice. Peter Lobs is one of the founders and still a member. Over the years EFSA The Netherlands has grown into a section that has not only produced Pin winners but also proven to be a great organiser of The Scheveningen Festival, fished by many. Not to mention Shore championships. In 1996 the first Shore Championship was fished on Texel. Our section has done 4 others since. 2022 a Game Championship was organized for the first time. Who knows what the future will bring. Our objectives are all the same: Promote Sea Angling on Shore or Boat regardless of race, religion or skin colour.

## EFSA SCOTLAND

When the European Federation of Sea Anglers was born away back in 1961, Scotland was one of the seven nations proud to be a founder member. Within six months sixteen countries had joined. It is a credit to our Federation that some 63 years later it still exists and continues to uphold the principal of equality - no restrictions or limitations based on race, colour or creed.

As a section, we have, over the years been an active member of the Federation and have hosted the European Boat Championships on ten occasions. Sadly, gradually declining membership numbers have seen the size of these events reduce from the heady days when in excess of 150 entrants took part to the present day when an entry of 100 is good. Now, due to reducing numbers of charter boats holding the European Boat Championships might not be feasible for our section at this time. Our Section continues to run its own championship throughout the year where our members amass points towards winning our Order of Merit. Various clubs around our coasts organise open competitions where our

members can take part and can score points counting towards the Order of Merit. This league, taken over a three year period, is used to facilitate National Team selection.

I see looking at past records that our section has supplied several Executive Committee members and, in the late Hamish Holmes, who having served for 16 years, the longest serving secretary in the federation's history (to date).

EFSA Scotland wishes the Federation a long and successful future.

## EFSA IRELAND

EFSA Ireland was first formed in 1961 and hosted the EFSA Boat Championship in Cobh, County Cork in 1967. Affiliation lapsed a number of years afterwards.

The Section reformed in 1997 and ran the EFSA Shore Championship in the same year in Wicklow. Since then, EFSA Ireland have run many Championships.

Boat Championships 2001, 2004 in Cahersiveen, County Kerry and 2008, 2016 and 2023 in Cobh, County Cork. Shore Championships in 1997, 2002, in County Wicklow. 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 in County Wexford. EFSA Species Championship, 2002 in East Ferry, County Cork, 2006 in Kilmore Quay, County Wexford, 2012 in Dunmore East, County Waterford. Several British and Irish Shore Championships were also hosted in Bray, County Wicklow. Courtown, County Wexford. Ballyvaughan, County Clare and Valentia, County Kerry.

Membership numbers rose steadily in the early years however in more recent post Covid years numbers have stabilised.

Boat and Shore leagues are run each year. Teams for EFSA Championships are qualified through the leagues, over 2 years for boat and in current year for shore. Eight events are scheduled in both disciplines with best six to count.

EFSA Ireland wish all sections a successful 2024.

## EFSA RUSSIA BRIEF HISTORY

Established in April 2006 with its very 1st official appearance during the EFSA Line & Boat Championships held in Harstad, NORWAY 2006 followed by EFSA Species Boat Championships in the Westman Islands, ICELAND 2007. The Icelandic waters were very favorite to the team bringing individual silver and bronze medals to our Victor Alikin and Oleg Bartenev respectfully.

The main achievements since the successful debut have also included: the international teams silver medals during the EFSA Species Championships (conger) in Plymouth, ENGLAND 2009 with the individual silver medal won by Takhir Allautdinov; winning the overall ladies' championship by Julia Goncharova secured during the EFSA Line Class & Boat Championship in Dalvik, ICELAND 2010. The highest 5th rank among the international teams was secured during the EFSA Line & Boat Championships in Olafsvik, ICELAND 2018.

More than 20 European line class records (and 6 world records) were approved for different species including cod, Atlantic halibut and red fish with the most impressive cods weighing 26 kg and 35,15 kg caught by Oleg Bartenev and Dmitry Baturin using 4 kg and 8 kg lines respectfully.

Dmitry Baturin has also successfully served a number of years for the EFSA Office as PRO Officer.

## EFSA FRANCE

EFSA French Section was founded in 1971. At the beginning, more than 80 anglers were members. Today there are 7 to 8 of us to maintain the history of the French Section. We are happy whenever we can to be back with the European family of sea fishing.

## EFSA GERMANY

Deeply impressed by taking part in an EFSA event in Ullapool, Scotland, German EFSA members decided to set up a German section. This took place in March 1965 in the

city of Kiel by 6 members, namely Werner Makowski, Inge and Karl Droste, Leo Caunter, Lotti Makowski, Günter Schlue.

By 1978, EFSA Germany fully was established, events were set-up, and its own festivals and championships were then organised according to EFSA rules.

February 22, 1979, marked the official registry in the HH association register as a section in the Federal Republic of Germany in the European Federation of Sea Anglers e.g.

Overseeing this were: Kurt Füssel, Lotti Makowski, Johannes Alesius, Hans-Werner Scheeper, Reinhard Nuhn, Fide Martens, Kurt Röhrs, Ekhard Sendker, Harald Wunsch and CWSL.

In the coming years things progressed rapidly, building up big game championships and taking part in further competitions abroad. Development of public relations work and presentation of our section via so-called information days. Further development of our rules for sport fishing, first created by Kurt Muskat, and our rules for festival organisers. We have been keeping record lists of large fish caught for years.

Our fishing divisions at the moment are surf fishing and boat fishing. Unfortunately, Big Game is no longer occupied at the moment. Increased participation of our members at international EFSA events in these two categories: surf and boat.

Our section is doing well financially, balanced membership structure, many life members who remain loyal to us.

Conscious of tradition: We want to stay as we are, small but nice with around 100 members.

There are many German fishing associations (with sea fish), but only we are the specialists for sea fishing and are active on an international basis.

Our principles are to foster friendship across borders with fellow anglers sporting the same hobby. We want to catch fish and have fun competing against each other on an international basis.

## EFSA ICELAND - BRIEF HISTORY.

The beginning of sea angling in Iceland as a sport can be traced to the late fifties when American soldiers stationed at the Keflavik airbase in South-Iceland invited some of their Icelandic co-workers to go sea angling on local fishing boats out from Keflavik fishing harbour. This led to the establishment of the first local sea angling club in Iceland, The Sea Angling Club of Reykjavik in May 1961. On that same meeting EFSA Iceland was established.

Some of Reykjavik's Sea Angling Club members worked in management for the airline Flugfelag Islands that later became Icelandair. They organized international angling tournaments by invitation of Flugfelag Islands where foreign anglers took part in, and the first Sea Angling Tournament was held in the Westman Islands in May 1962. After that, five other international angling tournaments from Keflavik, Akureyri and the Westman Islands were held until 1968.

In 1966 four anglers from EFSA Iceland competed for the first time in an EFSA European Championships or in Gibraltar. In that championship EFSA Iceland got its first Champion in the Ladies class, V. Bara Gudmundsdottir.

In 1968 EFSA Iceland held its first European Boat Championships from Reykjavik, but the boats sailed out from Keflavik. An Icelander, Matthias Einarsson won the Individual class, Erla Eiríksdóttir won the Ladies class og Einar Kr. Einarsson won the Junior class, all members of EFSA Iceland.

The next European Boat Championships organized by EFSA Iceland was in 1974 from Akureyri. We got three Champions or Matthias Einarsson in the Individual class, Margret Helgadóttir in the Ladies class and Stefan Einar Matthiasson (son of Matthias Einarsson) in the Junior class.

After the Championships in 1974 EFSA Iceland lay dormant for almost 24 years. In 1998 EFSA Iceland was re-established by the initiative of SJOL, The Federation of Iceland's Sea Angling Clubs. The Federation pointed out the

10 founding members of the re-established EFSA Iceland and in the same year (1998) EFSA Iceland sent its first anglers for more than 20 years to compete in Elsinore, Denmark.

In 2001 almost half of EFSA Iceland's members (14) competed in the European Boat & Line Championships in Cahersiveen, Ireland. From that time EFSA Iceland's anglers have competed in most of the Boat & Line Championships and Species Championships. And from 2010, in many Shore Championships and at least in one Big Game Championship, the Azores.

Since 2007 EFSA Iceland have had four European Champion or two for ladies (2008 Species Ostende and 2011 Species Weymouth) and two for juniors (2007 Species Westman Island and 2008 Species Ostende).

EFSA Iceland have organized and been the host country for nine Championships from 1968 to 2022:

Year	Place	Venue	No. of anglers
1968	Keflavík	Boat	140
1974	Akureyri	Boat	90
2007	Vestmannaeyjar	Species	99
2010	Dalvík	Boat & Line	138
2012	Akureyri	Shore	66
2014	Ólafsvík	Species	81
2018	Ólafsvík	Boat	134
2019	Akureyri	Shore	55
2022	Ólafsvík	Species	64

EFSA Iceland have had one member serving on EFSA Executive Committee or Skarphedinn Asbjörnsson as the Fisheries Officer from 2016 to 2022. One or two delegates from EFSA Iceland's Board has attended the yearly EFSA HQ SC- and AG-meetings and we have been doing so for more than 20 years.

Each year EFSA Iceland organize a two day Boat fish festival and one day Species fish festival. Also Shore fishing venue (started 2008) for one to two days. The venues takes place all over Iceland but most often from Ólafsvík and Dalvík

(Boat and Species) but the Shore venue from fishing spots in the Snæfellsness peninsula or in North-Iceland.

We keep fish record list for fish caught from boats by our members in Icelandic sea water. Now we have 27 species on record, the oldest one from 1998 (Dogfish) and the newest one from 2022 (Grey Gurnard).

In 2021 we started a new on-going competition the whole year, The Ulli's Cup for most species fished in Icelandic waters and claimed within the fishing year (January-Desember) and The Sigga's Cup for the longest fish caught in the same period. The claims and a picture of the fish and some text must be published on EFSA Iceland's Facebook side so all our members can see the fish and read about it.

EFSA Iceland has now 32 member, 28 men og 4 ladies. Life members are 7, Seniors 9, Junior 1, ladies and not life members 2, and ordinary 13.

## SOUTH AFRICA

In 1957, an organization named the South African Game Fish Association (SAGFA) was formed and catered mainly for anglers fishing from larger game fishing boats in South African waters. At that stage SAGFA had six Provincial bodies and two clubs, the S.A. Marlin and Tuna Club - Simonstown and the Natal Rod & Reel Club - Durban who, as founder members, enjoyed full Provincial status.

In October 1958, the South African Ski Boat Angling Association (SASBAA) was formed in the Turfontein Hotel, Johannesburg in the presence of Dave Brunt, Basil Ashington, Leo Rossetenstein and Alf Jones. Alf is still living today. This name was subsequently changed to the S.A. Ski-Boat Light Tackle Game Fishing Association (SASBLTGFA). The name change was the result of the very futuristic vision that (a) Light Tackle was identified as a conservation method and (b) game fish, in being pelagic, was less threatened than bottom fish. This was during the time when South Africa's 200 mile Economic Zone came into being and it was considered merely a matter of time before a

ripple effect would also affect the near-shore areas as we are now experiencing.

After a period of extended negotiations between SAGFA and SASBLTGFA the two organizations amalgamated in 1988 when and the name was once again changed to the present South African Deep Sea Angling Association (SADSAA).

SADSAA is internationally affiliated to the European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) and to the Federation Internationale de Peche Sportive en Mer (FIPS-M) through its membership to the S.A. Federation of Sport & Sea Angling.

# THE CONSTITUTION

## DECLARATION

The Articles of the Constitution of The European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) as laid out below may only be amended or added to at a properly convened meeting and passed by a two thirds majority of those present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote.

## ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

**1. TITLE.** The name of the Federation is the European Federation of Sea Anglers, and it shall be referred to hereafter as the Federation or E.F.S.A.

### 2. OBJECTS OF THE FEDERATION.

The objects of the Federation are:

**2.1** To promote the sport of Sea Angling with rod and line and to co-operate with similar bodies where and when appropriate.

**2.2** To encourage the study of fish for the sake of whatever pleasure, information, conservation or other benefit it may provide.

**2.3** To establish and maintain standards of ethics for the Sport of Sea Angling, and to agree rules governing the Sport in Europe, especially in Championships, Festivals and Competitions of all kinds.

**2.4** To provide information, as appropriate, to interested persons or organisations.

**2.5** To establish and maintain a duly attested list of European Sea Fish Records under the appropriate headings of (A) Line Classification, (B) All Tackle, (C) Shore, (D) Fly, such records being open to all anglers.

**2.6** To encourage the keeping of National Sea Fish Records by all Members on the same basis.

**2.7** To keep a watching brief on all commercial fishing interests in European waters and take appropriate action when and where necessary, either directly or in concert with other interested organisation(s).

### 3. LIMITATIONS.

The Federation shall have no restrictions or limitations based on race, colour, sex, age, disability, or creed, nor shall it have any local, national, or international political affiliations.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership of the Federation shall be open to and consist of the following:

**4.1** National Sections, duly constituted in accordance with clause 14 below, of countries in the continent of Europe, defined by longitude 30° W to 65° E and latitude 23.5° N to 80° N and including Greenland.

**4.2** Affiliated Member – A recognised Sea Angling Organisation outside Europe or a Scientific/Marine Organisation in or outside Europe or other recognised angling organisation as approved by Standing Committee.

**4.3** Honorary Life Members of the Federation (as opposed to Hon. Life Member/s of Sections) may only be nominated and elected at the A.G.M. for outstanding services to The Federation.

**4.4** Individual Members – Headquarters. An individual resident in a European Country where no EFSA Section exists, or in a country outside of Europe may become a member of Headquarters, such membership conferring the same rights as those of a member of a Section, but without voting rights.

### 5. DEFINITIONS.

Associated Member – An Individual Member of an Affiliated Member. Such membership gives no individual rights of the Federation.

### 6. GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION.

The government of the Federation shall be vested in the Standing Committee, which shall consist of:

**6.1** The Executive Officers (The Executive).

**6.2** Delegate(s) from each Member Section.

### 7. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ARE:

I. The Chairman.

II. The Vice-Chairman (optional).

III. The General Secretary.

IV. The Treasurer.

V. The Fisheries Officer

VI. The Championship and Festival Officer, Boat.

VII. The Championship and Festival Officer, Shore.

VIII. The Championship and Festival Officer, Game.

IX. The Supplies Officer.

X. The Public Relations Officer.

Other Officers as from time to time deemed necessary by the Standing Committee. Any of the above offices may be left vacant if deemed appropriate by the Standing Committee.

**7.1** The Chairman shall not hold any office in a Member Section with voting powers and on election as Chairman shall relinquish such office, if held.

**7.2** The Chairman, or if absent the Vice-chairman, shall preside at all General Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings. In the event of both the afore mentioned Officers being absent, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman for that meeting from one of the Executive Officers present.

**7.3** Executive officers may appoint their own assistant for the period that they hold office, and such assistant shall be an individual member of a Member Section, unless otherwise approved by Standing Committee.

**7.4** Executive Officers shall not hold office in any other International Sea Angling Body. On election to the Executive, they shall immediately relinquish such office.

### 8. PATRON(S).

The Federation at Annual General Meeting may nominate a Patron or Patrons, such nominee(s) need not be a member(s) of the Federation.

### 9. DELEGATES.

**9.1** Each member shall appoint Delegate(s) to Standing Committee and notify the Federation in writing. Members with 10 or more fully paid up members may nominate 2 delegates. Members with less than 10 fully paid up members may nominate 1 delegate.

**9.2** A Member whose Delegate(s) is/are unable to attend a Standing Committee meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote, provided such proxy is in writing and shall have been received by the Federation prior to the meeting.

**9.3** Any Officer, may be appointed by a Member as its Delegate to Standing Committee with the voting powers of a Delegate in addition to those as an Executive Officer.

### 10. STANDING COMMITTEE.

**10.1** Meetings of Standing Committee shall be called at the discretion of the Chairman and not less than four weeks' notice shall be given to all those entitled to attend.

**10.2** The Quorum shall be not less than one third of the Member Sections, present by Delegate in person or by proxy.

**10.3** The Patron(s) shall be entitled to attend and speak but not vote at Standing Committee.

**10.4** The official language of the Federation is English.

**10.5** The Constitution of the Federation shall not be negated if any of the Executive Offices is/are temporarily vacant.

**10.6** Voting powers at Standing Committee are: Executive Officers: One vote each  
Member Sections : One vote per Delegate present in person or by proxy. (Maximum two).

### 11. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

**11.1** The Executive and Standing Committee shall represent and have the power to act for and on behalf of the Federation in all matters and for all purposes (provided it is not contrary to this Constitution or elsewhere provided for) and inter alia.

**11.2** Collect, manage and expend the finances of the Federation and vouch all accounts in respect thereof.

**11.3** Do anything that they believe to be in the best interests of the Federation and furtherance of its objects.

**11.4** Draw up and publish rules and byelaws regulating the actions of the Federation and the conduct of all its Members. Such rules shall be subject to confirmation by the next meeting of the Standing Committee and shall be shown on the agenda. These rules as confirmed, will be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

**11.5** Suspend any Member Section, or Individual Member(s) thereof, on reasonable grounds, pending confirmation at the next meeting of the Standing Committee which is empowered to take any action it deems necessary. The Section or Member(s) concerned, or a representative thereof may appeal in writing and attend the next A.G.M. where notice has been given that the appeal will be heard but shall retire while the meeting is making its decision. The decision is final.

**11.6** To appoint Sub-committees to investigate, advise or report, as Standing Committee shall direct. There shall not be less than three members of Standing Committee on each Sub-committee and they shall have power at their unanimous discretion to co-opt additional members, who need not be members of the Federation. The Chairman of the Federation shall be ex-officio a member of every sub-committee.

**11.7** Maintain a procedural guide for the conduct of the Executive and Standing Committee, outlining the duties of the individual officers.

**11.8** Minutes of all Standing Committee and General Meetings will be taken and read, or taken as read, and confirmed at the next meeting.

### 12. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

**12.1** Executive Officers shall be elected for a three year term and are eligible for re-election. They shall hold that office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

**12.2** The Chairman, Gen. Secretary and the Treasurer shall vacate office in rotation, thus leaving two Officers of some experience within the Federation.

**12.3** Nominations for the Executive must be submitted in writing by the Secretary of a Member Section to the General Secretary TWO months prior to the A.G.M. Notice of nomination to be sent no later than four weeks prior to the A.G.M., to all members of the Executive and the Standing Committee. Serving Executive Officers vacating office are not required to be nominated as they come up for re-election automatically.

**12.4** Any officer not wishing to be re-elected or to resign shall state their intention in writing to the Gen. Secretary SIX months prior to the A.G.M. An Executive officer resigning their office prior to the completion of their three year term of office without just cause shall not be eligible for an Executive or Standing Committee post in The Federation for a period of TEN years. In the event of a position being vacated during the term of office, any replacement shall initially serve out only the un-expired term of that officer but may be elected thereafter.

**12.5** All property of the Federation must be handed over to an officer appointed by the Standing Committee within 28 days of notice to this effect on termination of office or before termination of office if required.

### 13. GENERAL MEETINGS.

**13.1** The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held in conjunction with the spring Standing Committee Meeting. Where possible these 2 meetings will be held on the last weekend in March or nearest suitable weekend each year. The venue for the meetings may be in any Member country.

**13.2** The time and place of the spring Standing Committee Meeting and the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed at the previous Standing Committee Meeting.

**13.3** Three months' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Federation to all Members.

**13.4** The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- To approve the accounts.
- To elect Officers to the Executive.
- Approve amendments to the Constitution and special notice having been given:
- The election of a Patron(s).
- Appointment of Honorary Life Members.

**13.5** The Quorum for any General Meeting shall be not less than one third of Member Sections, present through their accredited Representative(s) or proxy.

**13.6** Any Individual Member of the Federation or in its Member Sections shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, but only Member Sections through their Representatives are entitled to vote.

**13.7** Voting shall be by a show of voting cards, which will be issued by the Gen. Secretary of the Federation to the representatives of each Member Section and they shall each have ONE vote.



**13.8** The election of Officers to the Executive shall be by secret ballot if there be more than one nomination for the vacant Office.

**13.9** The only Executive Officers entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings are the Chairman, Gen. Secretary and Treasurer, in the event of a tie in the number of votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote and the majority shall decide the issue and such decision shall be final except for articles of the Constitution which require a two thirds majority. This applies to changes and additions to the Constitution.

**13.10** At the request of not less than one third of the fully paid up Member Sections an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within TWO months of the application being made, the time and the place of the Meeting being decided by the Chairman. Only the subject(s) for which the meeting has been convened will form the business of the meeting.

**13.11** No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a Quorum is present. If within half an hour of the appointed time for the start of the Meeting a quorum is not present; in the case of an extraordinary General Meeting, called in accordance with sub-section above, such meeting shall be dissolved.

**13.12** In any other case the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week or to such place and time as the Chairman of the meeting shall determine. If at such adjourned meeting, there is no quorum present within fifteen minutes of the appointed time those Members present shall form the Quorum.

#### **14. MEMBER SECTIONS.**

**14.1** A European Country wishing to become a Member of the Federation shall:

I) Form its own Executive Committee modelled on the EFSA Executive. The minimum for such a Committee to be a Chairman, Secretary, and a Treasurer.

II) Formulate rules applicable to that Country. Such rules shall incorporate the aims and the objects of the Federation and in no way shall they contravene any rules of the Federation without the express permission in writing, of the Standing Committee.

III) Submit such rules to the Standing Committee for approval.

IV) Determine its own annual subscription fee and cause an up to date register to be kept recording names of all its members and affiliated bodies. An entrance fee may also be charged, and in the event of membership lapsing for a period of in excess of three months, such entrance fee may be re-imposed.

**14.2** Membership may consist of: Individual Members, Life Members, Hon. Life Members, Associate Members, Junior Members, and membership otherwise provided for in the rules.

**14.3** Individual Members are those who have paid the annual subscription to the Section.

**14.4** Life Members are individuals, who have attained 30 years of age and have been an Individual Member for not less than three consecutive years. Sections may also choose a monetary aspect if so desired. There are no medals awarded for this category in EFSA events.

**14.5** Associate Members are individual members of a body affiliated to the Member Section, such membership gives no individual rights of the Federation.

**14.6** Junior Members are individuals who are under 18

years of age and have been accepted in membership with the written consent of a parent or guardian who shall be responsible and liable at all times.

**14.7** Provided a Member Section shall have a minimum of 10 paid up Individual Members it shall have the right to appoint a maximum of two delegates to represent and vote for the Section at Standing Committee Meetings. Sections with less than 10 paid up members are entitled to 1 voting delegate only.

**14.8** Member Sections should endeavour to affiliate other nationally recognised Sea Angling organisations in any manner they think fit, considering any circumstances. Bodies may only affiliate to the section where they are geographically based.

**14.9** An Individual Member of a Section of their choice may also become a Member of any other Section(s) provided their subscriptions are paid to each Section where membership is desired, and that International Team Membership is limited to one Section. An Individual Member must be a member of the Section in which they are domiciled and must seek approval to participate as a member of another Section's National Team. Any exception to this rule requires the approval of the Standing Committee.

**14.10** An Individual Member who has been suspended by the Section of their choice, has a final right of appeal to Headquarters, the appeal to be heard under the procedures set out in rule 11.5.

#### **15. LEGALITIES.**

**15.1** The unauthorised use of the name, logo, or headed stationery of the European Federation of Sea Anglers is prohibited. The written approval of the Chairman and one other Executive Officer is required for authorised use.

**15.2** The use of E.F.S.A. symbols and rules cannot be adopted by anyone without permission in writing from the Federation. Flags will be of standard size, design, and colour, as stipulated by the Standing Committee. Stationery also is standardised and all printed matters using the E.F.S.A. emblem must have approval in writing from the Standing Committee. This also applies to ties, badges and other item using the E.F.S.A. emblem.

**15.3** No member of the Federation shall be entitled to any remuneration or profit, direct or indirect, by or through any Federation activity, unless authorised by resolution passed at a General Meeting of which notice has been given, but reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred for a special assignment may be made if authorised by the Standing Committee and subsequently approved by the Treasurer and one other Officer not involved.

**15.4** The Chairman of E.F.S.A., or their authorised representative(s) shall have expenses paid by E.F.S.A. Headquarters for travelling and accommodation where approved.

**15.5** Other Executive Officers will be allowed expenses for travel only to attend each of two Executive meetings in each financial year, one of which must be the Annual General Meeting. Expenses will only be paid against travel receipts up to a maximum to be determined by the Standing Committee.

**15.6** Sections may be awarded an allowance towards Delegates expenses in attending Standing Committee. Such amounts shall be fixed by The Executive on advice from The Treasurer.

**15.7** The Federation undertake no responsibility whatsoever for any loss or damage of any kind (including personal injury or loss of life) suffered by any member or their property, incurred while the member is taking part in any event, held under the auspices of the Federation, or incurred in the furtherance of the business of the Federation. It is a condition of membership that neither the member nor their representatives shall make any claim against the Federation for any such loss or damage.

**15.8** Host Sections shall take absolute responsibility for or take out a third party insurance policy to cover itself and Headquarters during all Championships organised on behalf of E.F.S.A., against all possible claims. The cost of the said insurance cover shall be paid by the host Sections. Insurance cover for national festivals is the responsibility of Member Sections.

#### **16. FINANCE.**

**16.1** The financial year of the Federation shall end on 31st December and a Revenue Account for the year, together with a balance sheet as at that date, duly certified, shall be submitted at the next following Annual General Meeting of the Federation. The currency used will be Sterling.

**16.2** Membership subscription fees are payable on the 1st of January each year, based on membership numbers on the 31st of December of the preceding year. Such fees MUST be paid by 31st January of that year, failing which Section membership is INVALIDATED. No exceptions will be considered. Such

subscriptions shall be fixed by Standing Committee from time to time.

**16.3** Affiliation fees, if any, shall be determined by Standing Committee and such fees will be payable on a yearly basis.

**16.4** A Championship or Festival fee shall be determined by Standing Committee and shall be payable by the host Member Section. The fee shall be levied for Championship events, which shall be decided by Standing Committee from time to time. The fee shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Federation within ONE calendar month of the event occurring, unless otherwise determined by Standing Committee.

**16.5** If the Federation falls into an overall deficit at any time said amount shall be recouped by dividing equally between Members (Sections & Affiliates) for payment into central funds.

#### **17. TERMINATION.**

**17.1** The Federation shall have continuous succession and existence not withstanding changes in membership, unless and until three quarters of all members of the Federation, present in person or by proxy at a General Meeting of the members specially convened for such purpose, shall vote for the dissolution of the Federation.

**17.2** All or any property of the Federation, after the payment of any debts, remaining at dissolution shall be divided among the Member Sections in equal shares, irrespective of the numbers of Individual Members which each Member Section may have.



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## 2024

**BOAT EVENTS**  
KILMORE QUAY: April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>. 1 day – 2 sessions for each.  
Valentia: August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. 2 day – 1 session per day.  
Best 6 results count for league.

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# FISHING RULES, LINE CLASSES & FLY FISHING RULES

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## FISHING RULES

### 1. CHAMPIONSHIPS & FESTIVALS GENERAL

- 1.1** The Federation will stage the European Championships – Boat- (European Boat, European Line Class, and European Species), Shore and the EFSA Game Championship annually if possible. At least four months prior notice of an application by a section to act as hosts for the European Championships two years hence should be received by the General Secretary, and at least two months prior to the A.G.M. Information with estimated costs should be circulated to all member Sections. Consideration should be given to minimising attendance costs. Such application must be subject to the approval of the A.G.M. and must, if necessary, be vetted by a sub-committee set up for that purpose.
- 1.2** It is desirable that the different Championships are held in a different country each year and that they be spaced sufficiently apart to attract entries.
- 1.3** Member Sections having no national sea water may, with the full co-operation of another Section, nominate their Championship to be held in that Section's waters, but the organisation of such events shall rest with the Section applying, which will be recognised as the Host Section.
- 1.4** All Championships and Festivals held under the auspices of the Federation shall be open to all members of the Federation.

#### SIZE LIMITS.

- 1.5** All events are to be run as 'catch and return'. Minimum sizes as laid down by the Government of the Country concerned must be recognised for retention of fish for culinary purposes.
- 1.6** Size limits shall be published prior to the Championship. Any physical attempt to interfere with the size of the fish (e.g., extend its length) shall lead to immediate disqualification of the competitor.
- 1.7** Any competitor bringing a fish under the stipulated size may be disqualified from the event or have a penalty imposed.
- 1.8** No allowance can be given for shrinkage occurring from the time of capture to the time of weigh-in or recording.

#### OFFICER'S PARTICIPATION.

- 1.9** All members' fish as members, no special privileges will be extended to the holder of any office in the Federation.

#### AWARDS.

- 1.10** The decision of the Organising Committee of the Section concerned with the running of any competition shall be final so far as the award of trophies and prizes is concerned.
- 1.11** In the event of bad weather, the Organising Committee reserve the right to award trophies and prizes on a total number of days fished.
- 1.12** The EFSA Award Pins and certain other trophies allocated to Championship are only awarded to individual members.
- 1.13** Championship Pins with Laurel wreath (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) to be presented only to the winner, runner up and third place in the European Boat Championship. Championship Pin Game to be presented only to the winner, runner up and third place in the European Game Championship Teams. For other Championships:

Line Class, Species and Shore, the winner, runner up and third place will be presented with the Pin Line Class, Species and Shore respectively.

#### 1.14 Dress Code.

EFSA uniform consisting of Jacket/Blazer with section wire badge affixed, white shirt, EFSA/Section tie, dark grey slacks/skirt & dark shoes are preferred. Uniform to be worn by HQ Officers, Section Executive Officers & delegates attending official functions. Members are required to wear full uniform when attending a prize giving function to receive awards. Where members of a section are new to EFSA, or they do not attend events regularly a derogation may be sought to dispense with the full uniform requirement. In this event members should wear a suitable top/polo shirt with section badge, trousers/chinos & dark shoes. Jeans & shorts should not be worn. All members of a team should wear the same attire.

A section may also dress its members in suitable sports clothing (track suit type) provided all team members wear the same & the EFSA logo is prominently & permanently positioned.

#### 1.15. DRONES/ASSISTED BAIT DELIVERY.

Mechanical or assisted bait delivery of any kind is prohibited including but not limited to drones, kites, balloons, mini boats, rockets etc. Drones are not to be used by competitors or management teams at any time during competitions.

### 2. GENERAL BOAT FISHING RULES.

- 2.1** A Section may choose the format for the championship being applied for. This must be fully detailed in the application. Options may include:
- Boat Championship. Schedule for a minimum of 3 days. 4 or 5 days optional.
  - Species Championship. Schedule for a minimum of 2 days.
  - Line Class Championship. Schedule for a minimum of 2 days.
  - Species Championship and Line Class Championship may be a combined event.
  - Boat Championship and Line Class Championship may be a combined event.
- 2.2** A points system shall be used that has been approved by The Standing Committee. The angler with the highest number of points accumulated over the total available number of fishing days of the Championships shall be declared The European Champion for that year.
- 2.3** Members of Section Teams and Reserves must be registered by name with the Organising Committee by the closing date for entries of the Championship. One reserve angler per team will be allowed. When a member of a team is unable to fish, their name, together with the name of the reserve angler being substituted must be submitted to the Organising Committee prior to commencement of fishing. This may affect both teams from the same section. No reserves are allowed after commencement of the Championship. A Section is allowed to enter a maximum of two official Section Teams into an event, there is no restriction on the number of individuals allowed per Section. However, participation is subject to spaces being available.
- 2.4** Any sponsorship can only be accepted if it is in the spirit of EFSA and does not conflict with accepted ethical standards.

- 2.5** In the interest of conservation, and if possible, all fish should be returned alive to the sea, unless required for record purposes or for consumption.
- 2.6** Where fish are retained, they must be killed after landing and before fishing commences.
- 2.7** There shall be a limitation to the number of any species to be recorded per angler per day in European Boat Championships, however, the Organising Committee can request a waiver. If there is a weigh-in or variable points awarded for size, then after a fish is killed it cannot be replaced by a heavier/larger fish within the anglers bag.
- 2.8** The Host Section must bear responsibility and / or take out third-party insurance to cover the Section and HQ against all possible claims. Article 15.8 of The Constitution applies. The Organising Committee shall insure the event against unavoidable losses arising from cancellation of the event. It is the responsibility of the individual angler to insure themselves against losses arising from illness, breakdown, or their cancellation for other reasons. Any deviation from these rules must be sanctioned by the Standing Committee.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITATION.

- 2.9 Section Team events are open to two official Section Teams consisting of 2-5 members from any Member Section, except for the Game events. These teams must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Member Section and only teams so nominated can be accepted by the Organising Committee of the host Section. Section Teams shall consist of A maximum of five anglers with the lowest results each day not counting, where less than five anglers represent a Section, no scores are dropped. No member may compete in more than one team in any category within a Championship. A Member Section may not enter an official Section Team into the Championship unless membership fees have been paid as under clause 17.2 of the Constitution. In addition, a Member Section must be represented at the Standing Committee meeting held in conjunction with the Championships to qualify for the Section's Team entry.
- 2.10** Official Section Team members shall not be allowed to fish together in the same boat on any day of the Championship. These anglers must be seeded before the boat draw.
- 2.11** No more than two members of any Official Section Team can be members of any other team apart from the randomly drawn Executive Team category. No member may compete in more than one team in any category within the Championship.
- 2.12** All fish caught in weigh-in Championships and Festivals organised by, or on behalf of the Federation shall be ethically disposed of at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 2.13** Under no circumstances shall any Section, club or individual be allowed to reserve a boat for their own use in any Championship.
- 2.14** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for selecting the competitors for each boat. Competitor's names will be drawn for named boats by public ballot, witnessed, and signed by independent people, followed by a draw for boat positions in the same way or by drawing for boat positions onboard.
- 2.15** For reasons of disablement only, the Organising Committee may allocate a special safe boat place, provided application is made on the application form. If man and wife or adult/junior wish to fish together, this must be stated on the application form. The safe boat

- position rule may also be applied at the discretion of the fishing captain, but only for Senior anglers over the age of 65 and Juniors under 18 years of age.
- 2.16** An Angling Captain shall be selected for each boat, and they shall be responsible for the liaison with the skipper of the boat and the observance of the Federation rules.
- 2.17** Each competitor shall have equal angling time. The qualification being that those competitors in smaller, slow boats will have no handicap in relation to competitors angling on larger and/or faster boats. In the event of significant (minimum ½ an hour) angling time being lost, due to breakdown of boat, the anglers on that boat will be allocated points / weight proportionally to the angling time they have lost, to bring their result up to a full day's angling. It will be the duty of the boat skipper and angling captain on each boat to enforce the time for "lines down" and "lines up". Boats may leave and arrive at port at staggered intervals as decided by the organising Committee.
- 2.18** In the event of an angler being in the process of playing a fish at the end of angling time, and provided that they have announced that a 'fish is on', this angler shall be allowed to attempt to land this fish. Any fish hooked after 'lines up' has been called does not count. This and/or any other cause resulting in a late arrival at the port must be reported in writing or via a radio or telephone to the Organising Committee by the boat skipper and angling captain of the boat concerned. Non acceptance of such a report by the Organising Committee may result in the anglers from the boat concerned being disqualified. Catches should, however, wherever practicable, be recorded and information passed to the Organising Committee whose decision will be final, subject to appeal to the event Appeals Committee. Any deviation from these rules must be sanctioned by the Standing Committee.

#### BOAT COMPETITION RULES.

- 2.19** A competitor taking part in any event organised by, or on behalf of the Federation in conjunction with any Section, Federation or Club, shall use only one rod and reel with running line, a second rod and reel may be assembled and ready for use, but terminal tackle must NOT be attached to both rods at the same time. Terminal tackle is classed as the trace/s to which the hook/s is attached. Additional totally unassembled reserve rods may be carried, but these must not be assembled in any way whatsoever including having a reel attached. No more than 2 rods are permitted on deck per angler.
- 2.20** Terminal tackle and species limitations shall be laid down by the Section's Organising Committee but shall meet the approval of the Standing Committee. Only justifiable limits on tackle and methods will be approved.
- 2.21** The Committee organising the competition may prohibit the use of any type of equipment which in their opinion is likely to cause danger or discomfort to any competitor or other person. Casting is only allowed if sanctioned by the Organising/Standing Committee.
- 2.22** Bait Angling: a maximum of two single hooks may be used. Each hook must be a separate single hook and must be free swinging. Positioning of hooks may be spaced on the trace above or below the weight. A pennel rig is permitted as 2 hook. Pirks: may be fitted with or without free swinging hooks (single, double, or treble). Only a hook with a single point may be baited. Plugs/Artificial Lures: double or treble hooks are

- permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically manufactured/designed for this use. Those hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double, treble or a combination of any three). If a lure has 4 or more hook points, embedded or otherwise, they are the only hooks permitted. Modified lures with additional single, double or treble hooks are not permitted.
- A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications. If not satisfactory the plug or lure itself may be requested. When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing materials, not more than two single hooks may be attached to the lure, leader, or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hooks must be not less than an overall hook's length (the overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 30cm apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany a record application.
- 2.23** Length of Shock Leader: Shock leaders must not exceed 4.5 metres for up-tide angling, and the combined length of shock leader and trace shall not exceed 6.0 metres.
- 2.24** Hand lining is barred, as is the shooting, harpooning, or lancing of a fish.
- 2.25** Beaching or driving of fish hooked from a boat into shallow water in order to deprive said fish of its normal ability to swim is prohibited.
- 2.26** Persons other than the angler are not allowed to adjust the reel drag or touch any part of the tackle during the playing of a fish, nor may they give aid other than taking hold of the leader (trace) for gaffing purpose, or in replacing or adjusting the harness or gimbal. Only one person is permitted to hold the leader/trace, but others may gaff or net.
- 2.27** At no time during the playing of a fish shall the rod rest on the gunwales or any part of the boat, except by special permission granted by the Organising Committee to disabled persons. Permission for dispensation must be requested on the application form.
- 2.28** Competitors must bait their own hooks. Assistance is allowed with the extraction of hooks.
- 2.29** Fighting chairs may be used but the gimbal must be free swinging. Any gimbal which allows the angler to reduce the strain or rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
- 2.30** The Organising Committee for Championship events shall apply to Standing Committee for permission to disallow any species of fish other than Weavers. Weavers cannot be weighed-in or recorded for points.
- 2.31** A foul-hooked fish is one which has not been brought to the gaff or landed, hooked in front of the rear edge of the gill cover.
- 2.32** A fish having one hook in its mouth and another hook in its body shall count for the angler who has the hook which is in the mouth of the fish. Any fish having hooks from more than one angler in its mouth shall be disqualified. If two or more anglers hook a fish in front of the rear end of gill cover or gill slit, and none of the hooks are in the mouth, in this instance the fish shall be disqualified. The responsibility for adjudicating on these matters comes under the jurisdiction of the person appointed as angling captain of the boat.

- 2.33** In the interest of conservation, slow growing species, particularly Common Skate, should be returned to the water without undue delay, and whilst still alive, if taken in a competition such species should if possible be weighed on board and returned to the water after witnessing by at least two other anglers and the boat skipper.
- 2.34** As an alternative to weighing on board a points system may be applied according to measurement e.g., in the case of Skate and Rays the maximum width in a straight line from wing tip to wing tip. Any such system must be approved by the EFSA Standing Committee before being applied.
- 2.35** Bait: Natural bait must be supplied by the Host Section, same kind and same amount to each competitor and only that may be used in the Championship. Any natural bait left at the end of the day must be disposed of as directed by the organisers and must not be used on any subsequent day. The only other bait allowed will be any bait caught by the competitor during the day's angling at sea. Bait for Festivals and Section competitions are at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Artificial baits and lures may be used by any competitor.
- 2.36** The angler is totally responsible for their catch until it is brought to the scales and a receipt is received or until it is formally recorded and signed for.
- 2.37** Where a fish, hooked fairly, is lost in the process of being gaffed or netted, it shall be allowed to count provided it is immediately recaptured by the gaff or net handler. Any fish lost by any angler whilst attempting to lift it into the boat unaided shall not count. Recaptured fish shall not be eligible for record purposes.
- 2.38** In the event of a dispute as to the identity of a fish, then the angler who has caught the fish must retain the fish and bring it to the weigh -in point so that formal identification can be carried out by the event organisers.
- 2.39** Any deviation from these rules must be sanctioned by the Standing Committee.
- 2.40** Power assisted reels are only allowed when so designated.
- 2.41** All tackle and terminal tackle for the Line Class Championship must comply with the record requirements of Line Class Rules section 5.

#### GROUND BAIT.

- 5.42.** Groundbait and the use of rubby-dubby is permitted on all occasions during a competition by an individual angler; but may not be laid previous to a competition. This groundbait or rubby-dubby can only consist of the bait given to the individual angler, or any fish, mollusc, or crustacean they catch during the competition period. The blood of mammals is not permitted. Rubby-dubby for the benefit of all the anglers on a boat can only be deployed with the agreement of the majority of anglers onboard, and this must consist solely of unwanted species, bait discards and remnants returned to a common box solely for the purpose of baiting a rubby-dubby device for the benefit of all anglers on the boat. Personal swim-feeders are not permitted.

#### BOATMEN AND BOATS.

- 2.43** Boatmen in charge of boats that have competitors on board are barred from angling except from the catching of bait prior to the commencement of the competition. Any deviation from these rules must be sanctioned by the Standing Committee.

### 3. GENERAL GAME COMPETITION RULES.

- 3.1** For all Game Fishing events or for anglers wishing to submit a claim for a world record catch, rules will be laid down by the International Game Fish Association ([www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org)), details of which can be obtained from the H.Q. Secretary, or Secretary of the member's Sections.
- 3.2** The EFSA Game Championship is a Team event. Teams will consist of 2 and up to 5 anglers (the number of anglers allowed per team will be decided by the Organising Committee, depending on the available space in the boats).
- 3.3** There is no restriction on the number of teams allowed per Section in the European Game Championship, however, subject to spaces and boats being available.
- 3.4** The EFSA Game Championship, fishing shall be over three or four consecutive days with a minimum of six hours fishing. In case of four days Championship a lay day can be included within the fishing days.
- 3.5** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for allocating the team for each boat. Teams will be drawn for named boats by public ballot, witnessed, and signed by independent people, followed by a draw for boat positions in the same way if requested.
- 3.6** Terminal tackle, species limitations and fishing rules shall be laid down by the Section's Organising Committee but shall meet the approval of the Standing Committee. Only justifiable limits on tackle and methods will be approved.
- 3.7** As an alternative to weighing on board, a points system may be applied according to measurement. Any such system must be approved by the EFSA Standing Committee before being applied.
- 3.8** If natural bait is to be used it must be supplied by the Organising Committee, same kind, and same amount to each team and only that may be used in the Championship. Any natural bait left at the end of the day must not be used on any subsequent day. The only other bait allowed will be any bait caught by the competitor during the day's angling time at sea. Bait for Festivals and Section competitions are at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Artificial baits and lures may be used by any competitor.
- 3.9** In the event of an angler being in the process of playing a fish at the end of angling time, and provided that they have announced that a 'fish is on', an extra time not exceeding 60 minutes shall be allowed to attempt to land this fish. Any fish hooked after "lines up" has been called does not count.
- 3.10** Each Team shall have equal angling time. In case of failure or breakdown of a boat, when possible, it will be replaced. In case will not be possible to replace the boat, in any case, no extra time will be allowed.
- 3.11** Each Team is totally responsible for their catch, video, and photos (when requested) until it is formally recorded and signed for.
- 3.12** Each Team is totally responsible for compliance of any fishing tackle with IGFA and EFSA rules, even those provided by the Charter Boats.
- 3.13** In the event of any dispute as to the identity of a fish, then the Team who has caught the fish must photograph or video the fish so that formal identification can be carried out by the Organising Committee. Any deviation from these rules must be sanctioned by the Standing Committee.

### 4. GENERAL SHORE COMPETITION RULES.

- 4.1** Angling will be from a peg allocated by means of a draw which will take place on peg 1 of each zone every day. Competitors must fish from their allotted peg number.
- 4.2** All matches to be pegged in 5 zones. The fishing zones for each competitor for each day of the overall competition will be drawn on the registration evening.
- 4.3** All Shore Championships shall be fished over 3 qualifying days.
- 4.4** A minimum size list shall be given to all competitors before the competition starts.
- 4.5** The start and finish of the match will be signalled by a whistle, or other audible or visible signal.
- 4.6** Competitors are allowed to wet and stretch their lines with the use of a plain lead with no trace attached, but not in the 15 minutes immediately prior to the start of the match.
- 4.7** Competitors shall not have in use more than one rod at a time. Additional rods are permitted but must not have terminal tackle attached. A maximum of three single hooks per trace is allowed, a pennel rig will count as 2 hooks. Spare baited traces are allowed.
- 4.8** The use of bait additives or extracts is not permitted, and the practice of 'ground baiting' and/or the use of 'rubby-dubby' is prohibited.
- 4.9** Beads, sequins, tubing, muppets and other attractors. All of these are allowed on hook lengths, with no restriction on length, quantity, or combination of these, as long as nothing hangs below, or protrudes over, the eye of the hook.
- 4.10** Floats and float fishing are not allowed unless the float is tethered to a ledgered line.
- 4.11** Assistance may be given to land a fish, but no one other than the competitor shall handle the rod, except for reasons of safety.
- 4.12** A fish which is hooked behind the gill cover is classed as 'foul hooked'. If a fish is so hooked, or is hooked on more than one line, it is automatically disqualified and should be returned to the sea immediately where practicable. This also applies to fish landed on lost traces. The responsibility for observing, and implementing this rule, comes under the jurisdiction of the neighbouring angler.
- 4.13** All competitors must bait their own hooks and must cast and retrieve their own tackle/traces. Assistance is allowed with the extraction of hooks. In the case of a Junior sharing a peg or on an adjoining peg the fishing sponsor may cast on their behalf, but they must bait up & retrieve themselves.
- 4.14** Bait will be provided each day, by the organizers, sufficient for that day, and will be placed in similar bags to be picked at random by the participating anglers. Competitors are not allowed to use any bait other than that supplied. Any infringement of this rule will result in automatic disqualification. Upon conclusion of each day's fishing any unused bait shall be disposed of. No bait shall be carried over to the next day.
- 4.15** All competitions are to be run on a 'catch and release' basis, and points awarded at 1 point per centimetre length, and 5 points per fish. No fish = no points. The angler with the greatest number of points will be awarded first place, and 2nd, 3rd, 4th places etc. given to competitors in descending order of points scored. In case of a 'tie' those concerned will receive the same 'zone' points. Descending number will continue to take account of tied scores.
- 4.16** The zone winner will receive a point per number of anglers in the zone i.e., 9 anglers = 9 points, 2nd place angler will receive 8 points. In the event one zone has

- 10 anglers, then the winning angler of EACH zone will receive 10 points and the rest of the positions will be scored pro rate.
- 4.17** The winner of the Championship will be the angler with the most zone points over the 3 days. In the event of a tie total fish score will decide followed by greatest number of fish. If there is still a tie, then the total length of fish caught will be calculated. This rule only applies to the overall results and not the daily results.
- 4.18** When an angler catches fish, they are permitted to cast out another trace before taking the fish to be recorded. However, they must not retrieve that trace until their previous catch has been dealt with. All competitors must have their fish recorded by an angler who is not a member of their own team or Section.
- 4.19** It is a condition of entry that all anglers must be prepared to act as stewards. All competitors must have their scorecard signed by their neighbouring angler and must sign the zone master sheet before leaving the zone. Failure to comply will result in disqualification for that day.
- 4.20** Fish may be kept in water, but any physical attempt to interfere with the size of the fish (e.g., extend their length) shall lead to the disqualification of the competitor. The match organisers' decision, regarding the size of the fish at the time of recording, or in the event of any dispute not covered by these rules, shall be final. All undersized fish must be returned alive immediately after capture where practicable.
- 4.21** No allowance can be given for shrinkage occurring from the time of capture to the time of recording. This rule mainly applies to events where a dispensation has been granted to retain captured fish.
- 4.22** No competitor shall fish along the waterline closer than five metres to another competitor, other than by mutual consent.
- 4.23** Any fish to be kept for culinary purposes must be over the minimum size and must have the tail removed once being humanely dispatched in full view of the angler signing for it.
- 4.24** Competitors are only permitted to wade into the sea up to their knees in order to cast but must then return to the beach.
- 4.25** No competitor shall fish in the match area in a period commencing seven days before the start of each day's angling.
- 4.26** The match organisers have the right to refuse any entry.
- 4.27** Double drawing of pegs is not permitted.
- 4.28** Any complaints must be submitted in writing to the match organisers not later than 1 hour after the end of the match. The decision of the match committee shall be final.
- 4.29** All competitors must return their peg marker to the zone official and return their angling scorecard when signing out.
- 4.30** Any competitor who acts in a manner considered by the organisers to be against the spirit of the competition or the interests of the other anglers and fair play may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the organisers.
- 4.31** Weavers, Mackerel, Sandeels and/or Launce cannot be recorded. A dispensation may be sought by an organizing section when applying for an event.
- 4.32** A shock leader of minimum 24kgs. breaking strain and not less than 7 metres long shall be used by all competitors. Tapered shock leaders are permitted.
- 4.33** All competitors shall collect and remove their rubbish and used traces from the beach at the end of each day's fishing and dispose of responsibly.

- 4.34** The Organising Committee and EFSA shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage, accident, or injury occurring during the event. (See 2.8 in General Rules)
- 4.35** The Organising Section shall appoint a protest committee consisting of four members of separate competing Sections wherever possible and an HQ officer if present.
- 4.36** All open 2-, 3-, and 4-man teams to be a blind draw.
- 4.37** A National / Section Team shall consist of 5 anglers. The best 4 scores will count each day.
- 4.38** A maximum of 2 teams can represent a Section.
- 4.39** All fishing will be to EFSA fishing rules. Any dispensations from the EFSA rules for Championships, whether from the check list or the main shore rule list, must be applied for in a Standing Committee meeting and communicated to all anglers competing prior to commencement of the event.
- 4.40** In the event of 2 or more anglers' traces becoming tangled in the water, none of the traces or lines may be touched or interfered with until all the anglers concerned are present and the said traces are on the beach ready to be untangled. Any fish that falls off the hook while the tangled traces are in the process of retrieval will be discounted for all concerned. Only fish that are witnessed to be hooked and with agreement to ownership from all concerned parties may be recorded on the score card, after disentanglement if necessary.

### 5. LINE CLASS AND FLY FISHING RULES.

- 5.1. Eligibility.**
- 5.1.1** All fish caught in accordance with the EFSA Record Rules shall be eligible for consideration for record status providing the fish have been caught within the area defined by longitude 30° W to 65° E and latitude 23.5° N to 80° N and including Greenland.
- 5.1.2** Only fish which are hooked in front of the gills/gill slit can be considered for record status. A fish which is landed or brought to the gaff/net hooked behind the gills shall be deemed as "foul hooked".
- 5.2. Record Categories.**
- The minimum weight for new species entering the record list is 450 grammes (1 pound approx.)
- 5.2.1** All Tackle Records - The heaviest fish of any species caught either from a boat or from the shore with a Rod, Reel and Line not exceeding the strength of 60kg.
- 5.2.2** Line Class Records - Boats. The heaviest fish of a species taken on any of the following Line Classes, angling either from a boat or from the shore. (Separate acceptable Line Classes apply to each individual specie.)
- "4 pound" Class: lines up to and including 2kg breaking strain.
- "8 pound" Class: lines over 2kg and up to 4kg breaking strain.
- "12 pound" Class: lines over 4kg and up to 6kg breaking strain.
- "16 pound" Class: lines over 6kg and up to 8kg breaking strain.
- "20 pound" Class: lines over 8kg and up to 10kg breaking strain.
- "30 pound" Class: lines over 10kg and up to 15kg breaking strain.
- All species are eligible for records in the above categories. (2kg to 16kg, 4 pounds to 30 pounds)**
- "50 pound" Class: lines over 15kg and up to 24kg breaking strain.
- "80 pound" Class: lines over 24kg and up to 37kg breaking strain.
- "130 pound" Class: lines over 37kg and up to 60kg breaking strain.

### 5.2.3 Shore Records

The heaviest fish of any species caught from the shore with Rods, Reel and Line not exceeding the strength of 60kg.

**5.2.4 Boat caught:** – includes those fish caught from any man-made structure which may be moored but not permanently anchored to the seabed.

**Shore caught:** – means those fish caught from a natural shore or any man-made structure permanently secured to the seabed.

**5.2.5** For all the above records the average of several dry tests will be taken to record the line strength. Should this result in the line testing over the strength stated on the claim form then wet tests will be undertaken to determine the average strength. A latitude of one line class either side of the manufacturer's stated breaking strain is allowed. That is to say that if the claim form states the line to be 6kg it can test between 2 kg and 6 kg to be given the 6 kg record. If it over tests between 6 kg and 8 kg and the fish is also a record in that class, then it will be given the 8 kg record for the species. Claims with lines testing outside these limits will be rejected.

### 5.3. Acceptance of Records.

**5.3.1** Only those fish caught in accordance with the rules will be accepted for record consideration.

**5.3.2** Claims will only be accepted if the date of the catch was not more than two months prior to the date of receipt of the claim by the European Federation of Sea Anglers

**5.3.3** If a claim for a record is submitted without full particulars, a period of two months from the time of notification to this effect by EFSA will be allowed for the claimant to complete the claim to the satisfaction of EFSA.

**5.3.4** To replace an existing record a fish must exceed the weight of that record by at least the following weights:  
– Weight Range Margin (Not less than)  
0 to 10kg (22lbs) 50 grammes (2oz)  
10 to 25kg (56lbs) 100 grammes (4oz)  
25 to 50kg (110lbs) 200 grammes (8oz)  
50 to 100kg (220lbs) 500 grammes (18oz)  
Over 100kg (220lbs) 0.5 per cent, ½%.  
If the difference is less, then it will be considered as a tie with the existing record.

**5.3.5** If an angler is submitting a fish for consideration as an I.G.F.A. record the responsibility rests solely with the angler to ensure the method of capture and requirements of the I.G.F.A. are complied with.

### 5.4. Record Lists.

**5.4.1** The Fisheries Officer will compile and publish an accredited list of current records in all classes at the end of each calendar year. Copies will be available to Members Sections, and all interested anglers.

**5.4.2** Provision will be made in the Record List to show where the holder is a member of EFSA by placing an asterisk before the name if this information is available.

### 5.5. Tackle limitations.

**5.5.1** Boat Rods: minimum length of rod tip including foregrip 130cm. (51") with the maximum butt length 70cm. both measured from the centre of the reel. A curved rod butt is to be measured in a straight line.

**5.5.2** Shore Rods: no maximum length restriction, minimum as for boat rods. Fishing with Poles from the shore, the maximum length of elastic attached to the pole allowed is 0.5 metres and the line class claim should be the breaking strain of the longest length of line, whether this is the main line or that deemed to be the trace.

**5.5.3** Reels: there is no size restriction but ratchet handled reels, motor or hydraulically driven or double handed types are prohibited.

**5.5.4** Lines: Mono and multi-filament lines are permitted.

Wire main lines are not permitted. In Line Class the main reel line must be provided by the host Section, whether sponsored or not and such line must be used by all anglers. The use of any other line will lead to disqualification of the competitor.

**5.5.5** Traces/Leaders: Traces or leaders may be of single or multiple strand wire, braided wire, or any other material in use as a fishing line and may be of any breaking strain. The leader on 'line classes' up to and including the 10kg class shall be limited to 4.5m, the combined length of the leader and double line shall not exceed 6.0m. The leader on all classes of tackle above 10kg shall be limited to 9.0m and the combined length of leader and double line shall not exceed 12m.

**5.5.6** Terminal Tackle: The maximum number of hooks permitted shall be two.

"Bottom Rig": may consist of up to two single hooks on separate leader or drops.

"Troll and Live-Bait Rigs": A maximum of two single hooks may be used with both hooks embedded in a single bait in such a way that the distance (measured eye to eye) between them is at least one hook length and at most 45cm apart. Plugs/Artificial Lures: double or treble hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Those hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double, treble or a combination of any three). A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications. If not satisfactory the plug or lure itself may be requested.

### 5.6. Other equipment.

**5.6.1** A rod belt with butt pad and shoulder harness may be used. When a harness is attached directly to the rod it must not be positioned more than 30cm ahead of the centre of the reel, provided this is not forward of the handgrip.

**5.6.2** Fighting chairs may not have any mechanical device which aids the angler in fighting fish. Gimbals must be totally free swinging and must not be such that they allow the angler to rest or reduce strain whilst fighting a fish.

**5.6.3** The use of a float is permitted for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait or for drifting a bait.

### 5.7. Gaffs and landing nets.

**5.7.1** The handle on any gaffs (fixed or flying) and/or landing net shall be such that the overall length of the gaff or net shall not be greater than 250cm. These limitations do not apply when shore angling or when the size of the boat is such as requires a longer gaff or net handle to reach the water.

**5.7.2** The use of a drop net is permitted.

**5.7.3** In the case of a flying or detachable gaff the attached line may not exceed 920cm the length being measured from the point of attachment.

### 5.8. Playing and landing a fish.

**5.8.1** If a rod holder is used, the angler himself must remove the rod from the holder and must hook, fight and bring the fish to the gaff unaided by any other person.

**5.8.2** No person other than the angler may touch any part of the rod, reel or running line when the fish is being played, but other persons may hold the leader and gaff the fish.

**5.8.3** Where a fish hooked fairly is lost in the process of being gaffed or netted, it shall be allowed to count provided it is immediately recaptured by the gaff or net handler. Any fish lost by any angler whilst attempting to lift it into the boat unaided shall not count. Recaptured fish shall not be eligible for record purposes.

### 5.9. Acts causing disqualification.

The following will cause disqualification for recognition of record status:

**5.9.1** Failure to comply with the rules concerning tackle specifications and playing of the fish.

**5.9.2** Changing the rod or reel, splicing the line or removal or addition thereto of any item during the playing of the fish.

**5.9.3** A rod which breaks at a point which reduces the length of the tip below the minimum requirements.

**5.9.4** Hand-lining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.

**5.9.5** Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish including sharks at any stage of the catch.

**5.9.6** Mutilations caused by sharks, other fish or propellers that penetrate or remove flesh (injuries caused by line or leader, scratches, old, healed scars and regenerations shall not be considered as disqualifying injuries).

**5.9.7** Chumming with any part or products of mammals.

**5.9.8** Beaching or driving into shallow water any fish hooked from a boat in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.

**5.9.9** Resting of the rod on the gunwale or the boat or any handrail, capstan etc., while playing a fish.

### 5.10. Weighing.

**5.10.1** Only weighing done ashore will be accepted.

**5.10.2** No estimated weights will be accepted e.g., grammes or divisions of an ounce included in the weight must actually be shown as marked divisions on the weighing device. In the case of weight indications falling between indicated marks on the scale, the mark below the indication of the actual weight shown must be read, i.e., the weight must not be upgraded to the mark above that actually indicated.

**5.10.3** Checking: Weighing devices should be such that they can be checked for accuracy by a Government Agency or similar body.

**5.10.4** The weighing must be confirmed by two independent witnesses.

### 5.11. Claim requirements.

**5.11.1** The fish must have been caught and weighed in accordance with the rules.

**5.11.2** Claims will not be accepted for consideration if more than two months have lapsed between capture and receipt of claim by EFSA Fish Recorder unless special circumstances apply at the discretion of the Fish Recorder.

**5.11.3** The claim must be submitted on an official claim form duly completed.

This requires:

(a) Information concerning the exact place of capture, together with the description of tackle used (maker's name etc), boat or shore designation, captor's full name and address, club membership (if any).

(b) The signatures and address of two independent witnesses to the capture. Witnesses must not be related to the angler.

(c) A notarisration or its equivalent must be provided with the claim in the case of no independent/unrelated witnesses actually seeing the capture taking place.

(d) The completion of the declaration to the correctness of detail of the capture by the claimant.

(e) The exact weight of the fish, details of the place of weighing and description of the scales used (maker's name etc) and a scale certificate of accuracy.

(f) Signatures and address of two witnesses to the weighing. These witnesses to be different from the witnesses of the actual capture and must not be related to the angler.

(g) The claim may be submitted on an Entry Form for any other recognised governing angling body, or record committee, provided that the entry details stated contain all the information as required by EFSA.

(h) All claims must be accompanied by the following: A certificate indicating the accuracy of the scales used if these are not regularly approved by a Government Agency. The certificate should not be pre-date the actual weighing by more than 12 months.

(i) Photographs: The fish in question must be photographed on its side showing all fins spread, and in the case of flat fish (and rays and skates) complete views of upper and lower surfaces. In the case of sharks, a close up photograph of the open mouth, clearly showing the teeth must also be provided. All photographs must include an object of definable size or a measuring scale i.e., matchbox or ruler.

(j) 15 metres of the actual running line. Photographs of the rod and reel, including the terminal tackle, used in making the capture.

(k) If the identity of the fish is likely to be in doubt the body of the fish should be kept deep frozen or otherwise preserved in the flesh whenever possible, so that it can be produced if required for inspection by a person or persons appointed by the European Federation of Sea Anglers.

### 5.12. European Fly Fishing Records.

These rules relate specifically to additional or alternative requirements required for the capture of records using fly-fishing methods.

**5.12.1** The European Saltwater Fly Fishing Records will be single All Tackle entries for fish caught using fly fishing methods. All applicable Fishing and Line Class Rules will still apply, and the rules set out below should be read in conjunction with those rules. There is no restriction on the breaking strain of the fly and backing line. The breaking strain of the leader, excluding any shock tippet or butt or taper section, should not exceed 10kgs (22lbs 10z).

There will be only one entry for each species irrespective of whether the fish has been caught on a boat or from the shore.

The minimum acceptable weight for any fish to be considered for a record will be 1kg (2lbs 3ozs). Claims for all existing acceptable species will be accepted together with any for a new specie where the fish weighs at least 1kg.

### 5.42.2. Line.

Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The breaking strain of the fly line and backing, if used, must not exceed 60kgs.

### 5.12.3. Leader.

Leaders must conform to generally accepted fly fishing customs.

A leader may incorporate a shock tippet. In addition, a butt or taper section between the fly line and the leader may be used.

A leader must be made of non-metallic material and should be attached directly to the fly or shock tippet. A shock tippet which must not exceed 30.48cm (6ins) in length may be added to the leader and tied to the lure. It can be made of any type of material and there is no limit on its breaking strength. The shock tippet is

measured from the eye of the hook to the single strand of leader and includes any knots used to connect the shock tippet to the leader. In the case of a tandem hook fly, the shock tippet shall be measured from the eye of the leading hook. The total length of the leader, including any shock tippet, butt or taper section, must not exceed 6 metres (19 feet 8ins)

**5.12.4.1 Rod.**  
Regardless of materials used or number of sections, rods must conform to generally accepted fly fishing customs and practices. A rod shall not measure less than 1.82 metres (6 feet) in overall length. Any rod that gives the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified.

**5.42.2.2. Reel.**  
Extension butts are limited to 15.24cm (6ins).  
The reel must be designed expressly for fly fishing. There are no restrictions on gear ratio or type of drag employed except where the angler would gain an unfair advantage.

**5.42.2.3. Hooks.**  
A conventional fly may be dressed on a single, double, or treble hook or two single hooks in tandem. The second hook in any tandem fly must not extend beyond the wing material. The eyes of the hooks shall be no further than 15.24cm (6ins) apart.

**5.42.2.4. Lures.**  
The lure must be a recognised type of artificial fly, which includes streamer, bucktail, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, nymph, popper, and bug. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited.

Only a single fly is allowed.  
Dropper flies are prohibited.  
The fact that a lure can be cast with a fly rod is not evidence in itself, that it fits the definition of a fly. The use of any lure designed to entangle or foul-hook a fish is prohibited.  
No scent, either natural or artificial, is allowed on flies. The use of scented material in a fly is prohibited.

**5.42.2.5. Fishing Method.**  
Casting and retrieving must be carried out in accordance with normal customs and generally accepted practices. The major criterion in casting is that the weight of the line must carry the lure rather than the weight of the lure carrying the line. Trolling a lure behind a moving watercraft is not permitted. The craft must be completely out of gear both at the time the fly is presented to the fish and during the retrieve.

**5.42.2.6. Line Testing.**  
The complete length of leader, excluding any shock tippet, butt, or taper section, should be sent in with the claim for testing. To be awarded the European fly record this must not test above 10kg (22lbs 1oz).

**5.13. Claim Procedure.**  
The normal claim form for European, British and Light Tackle Club records should be used but it should be clearly marked **FLY RECORD**. Care should be taken on completing the various sections to demonstrate that the above requirements have been met. For example, under the entry for **Type of Lure or Bait** the detailed description of the lure should be given. If necessary additional information should be attached to the claim form.

**FOOTNOTE:**

*Whereas these requirements almost agree with those of the IGFA for the capture of World fly records, there are some differences. For example, the use of a treble hook will disqualify a claim for the World Record. Anglers are advised to check on the requirements of the IGFA if they are concerned about claiming World Records.*

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# EFSA NEW INITIATIVE FOR 2024

Dear EFSA SC Delegates and section secretaries,

We have been very successful in 2022 and 2023 in building a fund to support junior anglers fishing EFSA European Championships. Those initiatives are the 400 club and the fantastic raffle of an Italcanna rod in Cobh in 2023.

In 2024 we are introducing the EFSA Specimen Award. This will be a pin for catching specimen size fish (European eligible species and lengths see below).

The main idea is that it is for a fish that is big enough to be hard to catch but not impossible.

To claim an award you need to take a picture of your catch lying next to or on your measuring device. You e-mail this picture to our EFSA Fisheries Officer (NEIL COTTINGTON EMAIL) and transfer £10 or €12 via paypal (XXXPAYPAL ACCOUNT) and you will be posted the pin. This pin you can attach to your EFSA blazer or your fishing hat to show your achievement to a larger audience.

EFSA HQ have decided to start with an initial list of 14 species. Skarphedinn from Iceland has been working with a couple of university research experts to produce a weight to length table. For the European specimen sizes we used our EFSA European Records and translated them to lengths. As European specimen is 70% of that length.

We understand that those sizes might not be achievable in all European waters. Therefore we encourage sections to produce a list of up to 10 species and their respective minimum lengths. EFSA HQ will ratify this list and claims of the EFSA specimen pin can be made through the process described above. As an example Ireland have specimen sizes for most species caught in Irish waters and for the EFSA award we could run with 90% of those lengths.

There won't be, though, 2 pins awarded for the same fish (i.e. for beating a national specimen size and the European one).

All of this is set up to start this off. We will monitor the uptake of the pin by our members and adjust if necessary.

I trust this will be well supported by you and your respective sections' anglers.

**Marcus Wüst**

President/Chairman EFSA

## BOAT

	SPECIES	CM
1	Cod	106
2	Coalfish	96
3	Ling	131
4	Pollack	77
5	Tusk/Brosme	80
6	Smoothound	125
7	Tope	140
8	Spurdog	95
9	Ballan Wrasse	48
10	Black bream	43
11	Flounder	44
12	Plaice	55
13	Turbot	80
14	Whiting	49

## SHORE

	SPECIES	CM
1	Cod	97
2	Coalfish	87
3	Ling	116
4	Pollack	69
5	Tusk/Brosme	74
6	Smoothound	125
7	Tope	125
8	Spurdog	86
9	Ballan Wrasse	46
10	Black bream	39
11	Flounder	44
12	Plaice	51
13	Turbot	62
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## EFSA SPECIMEN FISH AWARD PINS



In 2024 EFSA are introducing the EFSA Specimen Fish Award Pins. These are lapel pins, 22mm diameter, Blue for Boat, and Green for Shore. The objective is to promote the targeting of larger fish other than line class or record fish which can be rewarded.

Initially a target list of 14 species has been chosen to kick the initiative off. This will be added to as time goes on. The criterion for applying is based on fish length which must be verified with a photograph taken on an approved measure or mat and witnessed independently.

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Sections that have a national specimen award system may apply to use theirs and suggest a reasonable percentage (90%?) which must be approved by HQ. Applications must be sent directly to the EFSA Fisheries Officer on the Official Claim Form within 90 days of capture with proof of payment of application fee.

## EFSA SPECIES AWARD

### APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Shore: \_\_\_\_\_

Where captured: \_\_\_\_\_

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1966	Gibraltar, Gibraltar	Fred Perez	Gibraltar
1967	Cobh, Ireland	Ron Edwards	England
1968	Reykjavik, Iceland	M. Einarsson	Iceland
1969	Stavanger, Norway	S. R. Hughes	England
1970	Stromstad, Sweden	Not awarded	
1971	Thurso, Scotland	Ted Simons	Scotland
1973	Plymouth, England	Rodney Trudgeon	England
1977	Plymouth, England	C. Hagensson	Sweden
1978	Helsingor, Denmark	Willie Aggerholm (6lb), Wolfgang Grimm (20lb)	Denmark, Germany
1979	Haugesund, Norway	Steve Swartz	South Africa
1984	Norway, Stavanger	Kjell Naden	Norway
1985	Scotland, Thurso	Jan Ring	Norway
1986	Denmark, Helsingor	R. Christensen	Denmark
1987	France, Bayonne	Jan Ring	Norway
1988	England, Plymouth	Jens Klaus	Germany
1989	Norway, Stavanger	Sten Eriksson	Sweden
1990	Sweden, Varberg	Bosse Nilsson	Sweden
1991	Netherlands, Scheveningen	J. Van Noorloos	Netherlands
1992	Denmark, Hirtshals	Dennis Larsson	Sweden
1993	Scotland, Thurso	Egil Holmedal	Norway
1994	England, Plymouth	Marc Lefrere	France
1995	Norway, Tananger	Jan Ring	Norway
1997	Scotland, Pittenweem	Thomas Hellgren	Sweden
1998	Denmark, Helsingor	Thor Rasmussen	Denmark
1999	Wales, Tenby	Erik Amberntsson	Sweden
2000	England, Weymouth	Roland Larsson	Sweden
2001	Ireland, Cahersiveen	Bob King	England
2002	Norway, Tananger	Bob King	England
2003	Stromness, Orkney	Steve Riley	England
2004	Ireland, Cahersiveen	David Proudfoot	Ireland
2005	Helsingor, Denmark	Per Anders Skoglund	Sweden
2006	Harstad, Norway	Ronald McDonald	South Africa
2007	Weymouth, England	Colin Searles	England
2008	Cobh, Ireland	Jim Pressley	England
2009	Stromness, Orkney	Richard Russell	England
2010	Dalvik, Iceland	Roy Shipway	Ireland
2011	Weymouth, England	Gareth Croft	England
2012	Tananger, Norway	Marcus Wuest	Germany
2013	Helsingor, Denmark	Brian Jensen	Denmark
2014	Weymouth, England	Richard Wheeler	England
2015	Stromness, Orkney	Cliff Newbold	England
2016	Cobh, Ireland	Charles Lara	Gibraltar
2019	Weymouth, England	Martin Hubert	Denmark
2023	Cobh, Ireland	Marcus Wuest	Germany

## MILBRO AMERICA CUP - LINE CLASS - 2 PERSON TEAM

1971	Thurso, Scotland	H. Poulton, T. Simons	Scotland
1973	Plymouth, England	Clive Stone, Ron Norman	England
1978	Helsingor, Denmark	Willie Aggerholm, Holger Bollerup	Denmark
1986	Denmark, Helsingor	R. Christensen, Helge Jensen	Denmark
1989	Norway, Stavanger	Jim Whippy, Brian Meades	England
1993	Scotland, Thurso	Jerry Svensson, Jan Ring	Sweden/Norway
1994	England, Plymouth	Gus Mackenzie/Alastair Forsyth	Scotland
1995	Norway, Tananger	Jerry Svensson, Jan Ring	Sweden/Norway
1997	Scotland, Pittenweem	Bengt Larsson, Mats Therning	Sweden
1998	Denmark, Helsingor	Peter Lobs, G. J. Lobs	Netherlands
1999	Wales, Tenby	Erik Amberntsson, Dennis Anderson	Sweden
2000	England, Weymouth	Steve Spencer, Andy Selby	England
2001	Ireland, Cahersiveen	Richard Russell, Ken Smith	England
2002	Norway, Tananger	George Bell, David Proudfoot	Scotland
2003	Stromness, Orkney	Steve Riley, Bob King	England
2004	Ireland, Cahersiveen	David Proudfoot, Derek Yuille	Scotland
2005	Helsingor, Denmark	Roland Larsson, Dennis Larsson	Sweden
2006	Harstad, Norway	Michael Clarges, Joe Byrne	Ireland
2007	Weymouth, England	Colin Searles, Glen Milligan	England
2008	Cobh, Ireland	Donald Morrison, Alastair Forsyth	Scotland
2009	Stromness, Orkney	Richard Russell, Kenneth Smith	England
2010	Dalvik, Iceland	Roy Shipway, Tommy Squires	Ireland
2011	Weymouth, England	Steve Souter, Scott Gibson	Scotland
2012	Tananger, Norway	Ray Barron, Neil Bryant	England
2013	Helsingor, Denmark	Thor Rasmussen, Niels Godsk Jorgensen	Denmark
2014	Weymouth, England	Richard Wheeler, Simon Norman	England
2015	Stromness, Orkney	Kim Bowden, Richard Russell	England
2016	Cobh, Ireland	Ernest Ripson, Joop Schik	Netherlands
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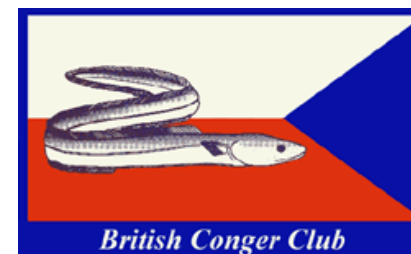
1963	Littlehampton, England	Not awarded	
1971	Thurso, Scotland	Mrs. T. Simons	Scotland
1974	Akureyri, Iceland	M. Helgadóttir	Iceland
1976	Stornoway, Scotland	Mrs. M. MacKay	Scotland
1977	Plymouth, England	Mrs. N. Musk	Netherlands
1978	Helsingør, Denmark	Toril Nielsen	Denmark
1980	Stornoway, Scotland	Ria van Marren	Netherlands
1983	Wales, Anglesey	Jacqueline Rainjard	France
1995	Norway, Tananger	Madeleine Andersson	Sweden
2005	Helsingør, Denmark	Benedikte Havemann	Denmark
2006	Harstad, Norway	Mary Gavin Hughes	Ireland
2010	Dalvík, Iceland	Yulia Goncharova	Russia
2011	Weymouth, England	Mary Gavin Hughes	Ireland
2012	Tananger, Norway	Liv Oeglaend	Norway
2013	Helsingør, Denmark	Benedikte Havemann	Denmark
2014	Weymouth, England	Katharina Schleiff	Germany
2016	Cobh, Ireland	Trude Astrid Johnsen	Norway

## DUNLOP SEALEY TROPHY - MOST UNUSUAL FISH

1963	Littlehampton, England	W. Oltman	Netherlands
1964	Als, Denmark	J. Samman Jr.	Germany
1965	Ullapool, Scotland	Ian W. Clark	England
1974	Akureyri, Iceland	K. Arnason	Iceland
1975	Stavanger, Norway	Gunnar Rui	
1977	Plymouth, England	E. Richards	England
1978	Helsingør, Denmark	Leonard Jones	Scotland
1979			
1980	Stornoway, Scotland	D.A. Reyes	Gibraltar
	Netherlands, Scheveningen	W. Haining	Netherlands
1982	Plymouth, England	Not awarded	
1992	Denmark, Hirtshals	Fridolin Schreiner	Austria
2005	Helsingør, Denmark	Neil Powdrill	England
2006	Harstad, Norway	Harry Roofthoof	Belgium
2008	Cobh, Ireland	Cees Vader	Netherlands
2011	Weymouth, England	VictorAlikin	Russia
2013	Helsingør, Denmark	Cees Vader	Denmark
2014	Weymouth, England	Vanni Erani	Italy
2016	Cobh, Ireland	Ernest Ripson	Netherlands
2017	Maloy, Norway	Colin Searles	England
2019	Weymouth, England	Pat Wright	Ireland
2022	Helsingør, Denmark	Michael Lorenzen	Denmark
2023	Cobh, Ireland	Marcel van Kolfshoten	Netherlands

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1997	Scotland, Pittenweem	Bengt Larsson, Mats Therning	Sweden
1998	Denmark, Helsingør	Peter Lobs, G. J. Lobs	Netherlands
1999	Wales, Tenby	Erik Amberntsson, Dennis Anderson	Sweden
2000	England, Weymouth	Steve Spencer, Andy Selby	England
2001	Ireland, Cahersiveen	Richard Russell, Ken Smith	England
2002	Norway, Tananger	George Bell, David Proudfoot	Scotland
2003	Stromness, Orkney	Steve Riley, Bob King	England
2004	Ireland, Cahersiveen	David Proudfoot, Derek Yuille	Scotland
2005	Helsingør, Denmark	Roland Larsson, Dennis Lasson	Sweden
2006	Harstad, Norway	Michael Clarges, Joe Byrne	Ireland
2007	Weymouth, England	Colin Searles, Glen Milligan	England
2008	Cobh, Ireland	Donald Morrison, Alastair Forsyth	Scotland
2009	Stromness, Orkney	Richard Russell, Kenneth Smith	England
2010	Dalvík, Iceland	Roy Shipway, Tommy Squires	Ireland
2011	Weymouth, England	Steve Souter, Scott Gibson	Scotland
2012	Tananger, Norway	Ray Barron, Neil Bryant	England
2013	Helsingør, Denmark	Thor Rasmussen, Niels Godsk Jorgensen	Denmark
2014	Weymouth, England	Richard Wheeler, Simon Norman	England
2015	Stromness, Orkney	Kim Bowden, Richard Russell	England
2016	Cobh, Ireland	Ernest Ripson, Joop Schik	Netherlands
2019	Weymouth, England	Petter Skudal, Lars Hellum	Norway
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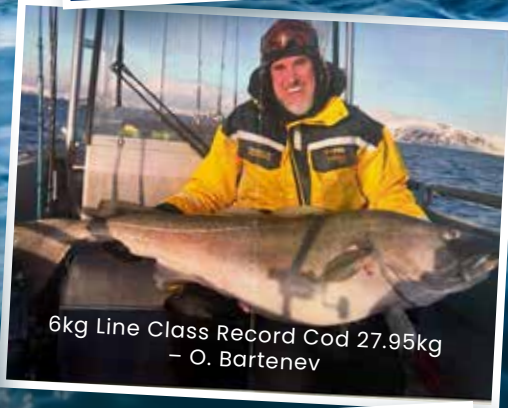
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2006	Kilmuckridge, Ireland	Paul Curtice, John Campbell, Reg Clough, Dave Lovelock, Brian Flack.	England
2007	Pwllheli, Wales	Clarinda Van Der Zande, Frank Van Der Zande, Theo Rijnber, Philip Franke, Jan Gorissen	Netherlands
2008	Zeeland, Netherlands	Cancelled	
2009	Langeland, Germany	Jan Gorissen, Frank v.d.Zande, Arno Vermeiren, Theo Rijnberg, Clarinda v.d. Zande	Netherlands A
2010	Pwllheli, Wales	Philip Lustig, John O'Connor, Haydn Cole, Alan Cheswick, Ken Gainfort	Wales
2011	Kilmuckridge, Ireland	Paul Curtice, Dave Lovelock, John Campbell, Reg Clough, Brian Booker	England
2012	Akureyri, Iceland	Charles Lara, Charles Dario neale, Charles Bear, Jesus Balban, Charles Carreras	Gibraltar
2013	Heinkenstrand, Netherlands	Clive Ivory, Shay O'Neill, Micheál Quinn, Joe Byrne, Warren Doyle	Ireland
2014	Pwllheli, Wales	Peadar Taite, Paul Tyndall, Ian Knight, Stephen Glynn, Shay O'Neill	Ireland
2015	St. Paul's Bay, Malta	John Attard, Charles Caruana, Simon Axia, John Cardona, Miguel Cutajar	Malta
2016	Kilmuckridge, Ireland	Hans Juergen Glaeser, Andreas Burkhardt, Volker Claus, Frank Wielgoss, Darragh Farrell	Germany
2017	Domburg, Netherlands	Bjorn Hansen, Michael Schramm, Hans Juergen Glaeser, Andreas Burkhardt, Volker Claus	Germany
2018	Foce Varano, Italy	Remi Lindhout, Arjan Rijnberg, Ilonka Rijnberg, Jan van Pietersen, Eddy op den Brouw	Netherlands
2019	Akureyri, Iceland	Frank van der Zande, Clarinda van der Zande, Arjan Rijnberg, Wilco Keur, Maurits Keur	Netherlands
2021	Kilmuckridge, Ireland	Micheál Quinn, Shay O'Neill, John Hughes, Paul Whelan, Stephen Glynn	Ireland
2022	Santa Maria Coghinas, Sardinia	Arjan Rijnberg, Ilonka Rijnberg, Wilco Keur, Miranda Koop	Netherlands
2023	Noordwijk, Netherlands	Arjan Rijnberg, Ilonka Rijnberg, Jan van Pieteron, Heidi Leeuwis. Albert Leeuwis	Netherlands

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