



The North Western Regional Fisheries Board Moy Fishery Guide

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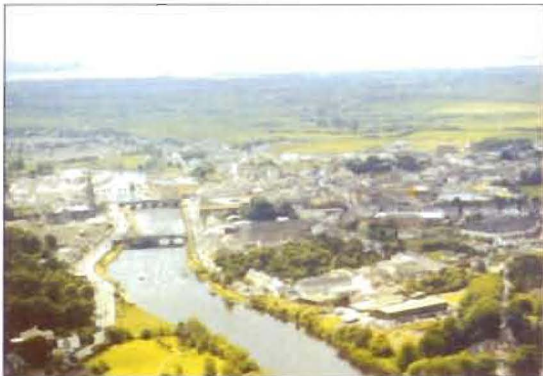
The Moy Fishery is one of Ireland's premier salmon fishing rivers, situated on the lower reaches of the River Moy, running through the town of Ballina.

The Moy Fishery is divided into 7 separate beats and all but one of these (Beat 4, The Point) must be booked in advance. Applications should be submitted on the appropriate forms to the Moy Fishery at the above address before the 31st of December each year. All applications are considered in January and February and at this time most of the angling for the season is allocated. Letters outlining offers of angling are sent to anglers, by post, usually in early March.

All waters within the Moy Fishery are affected, to some extent, by the tide and depending on height of tide and location of beat, may be unfishable for up to 2 hours on each side of full tide. To avoid disappointment and wasted fishing effort, anglers should inquire locally about tide times prior to angling.

Moy Fishery Beats

Ridge Pool
Cathedral Beat
Polnamonagh
Spring Wells
Fresh Water
Ash Tree Pool
The Point



Cathedral Beat

The Cathedral beat, immediately downstream of the Ridge Pool has also become a prolific salmon rod fishery since development works were carried out in 1996. It can accommodate 8 anglers per session, provides excellent fly water and has produced over 1,500 salmon in its best season. This beat is also in great demand and booked anglers may commence fishing at sunrise and continue until 6 p.m. after which time the angling is reserved for locals. A ghillie, appointed by the Moy Fishery, is in attendance on this beat as well as the Ridge Pool, to register and advise all booked anglers.

Ridge Pool

The most famous Moy Fishery beat is, undoubtedly, the Ridge Pool, situated at the head of the tidal waters it is an extremely productive stretch of angling water. With an average annual catch of over 2,000 salmon, it attracts considerable interest from anglers. During peak season it is fished on a two session per day basis with the first session from sunrise to 2 p.m. and the second from 2 p.m. to sunset. Five rods per session are allowed and each angler must move constantly through the beat and then recommence at the top of the pool. In addition, to these five rods, an extra space has been added to the ridge pool since the suspension of the salmon traps in 1999. This additional space, "the weir pool", is fished separately from the rest of the Ridge Pool and can only be booked two days in advance. It operates on the same 2 session and price basis as the rest of the Ridge Pool.

Polnamonagh and Spring Wells

Beats 1 & 2 known as "Polnamonagh" (the monk's pool) and "Spring Wells" are located about 200 m downstream of the Lower Bridge in Ballina. Polnamonagh is deep and slow, making it more suitable for spinning and worming, while Spring Wells is comprised mostly of shallower water, ideal for fly fishing. Although less heavily fished than the Ridge or Cathedral, these beats do require advance booking but may appeal more to the angler who prefers to do his fishing away from public view. They operate on a single session basis and can be fished from sunrise to sunset. They can accommodate up to 8 rods each per session.

The Freshwater Beat

This beat comprises 300m of single bank fishing which produces best results during periods of high water. It has recently been developed to improve angling and access. It is already a great favourite with some regulars and has produced good bags of both salmon and sea trout immediately subsequent to development works. This beat also provides access for disabled anglers and fishes best in moderate to high water.

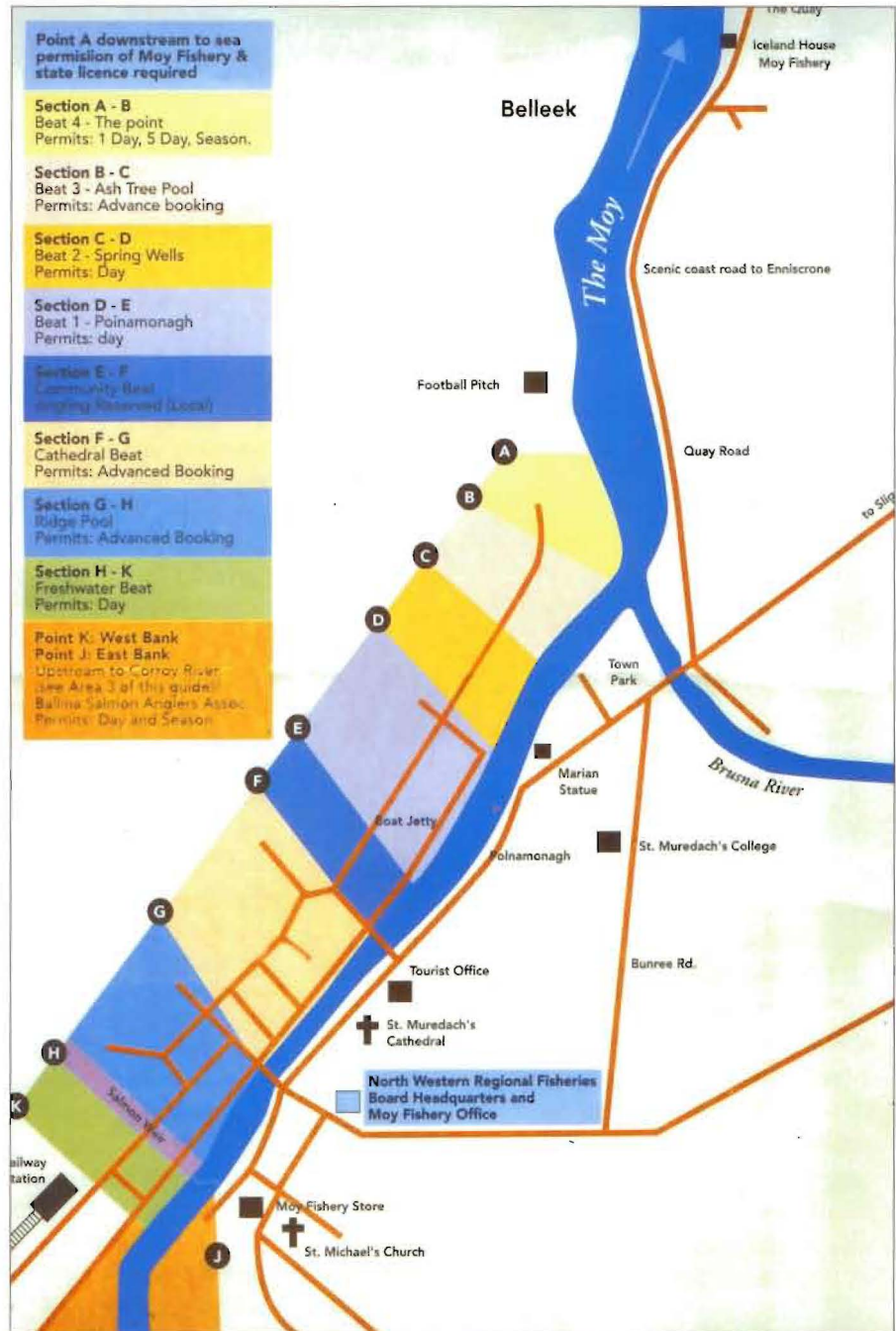
Ash Tree

Beat 3, The Ash Tree Pool, is a lovely, tree lined beat, located alongside the town park. It is a haven for the angler who wishes to fish in peaceful surroundings and can be fished with fly, spinner or worm, depending on conditions. A boat and Ghillie are provided on this beat which can accommodate two rods and a further two rods may fish from the bank. Given its proximity to the estuary this beat is substantially affected by the tide, so anglers are advised to arrange fishing times with the ghillie prior to their allocated angling day.

The Point

Beat 4, located at the mouth of the Brusna (or Bunree) river, the Point is a public beat, where no restriction is placed on the number of anglers. It is nonetheless a prolific salmon and Seatrout fishery, which is popular with locals and visitors alike. Tickets are available on a daily, weekly or seasonal basis and can be purchased from local tackle dealers or from the Moy Fishery Office. Anglers must be in possession of a valid permit before they commence angling.

| Tariff 2010 | | |
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| Beat | Period | Price |
| Ridge Pool | 1 Feb. - 16 Apr. | €15.00 |
| | 17 Apr. - 23 May | €40.00 |
| | 24 May - 30 June | €100.00 |
| | 1 July - 15 Aug. | €130.00 |
| | 16 Aug - 30 Sept | €60.00 |
| Cathedral Beat | 17 Apr. - 23 May | €20.00 |
| | 24 May - 30 June | €50.00 |
| | 1 July - 15 Aug | €90.00 |
| | 16 Aug - 30 Sept | €50.00 |
| Pollnamonagh | 17 Apr. - 31 May | €15.00 |
| | 1 June - 30 Sept. | €20.00 |
| Spring Wells | 17 Apr. - 31 May | €15.00 |
| | 1 June - 30 June | €20.00 |
| | 1 July - 15 Aug | €30.00 |
| | 16 Aug - 30 Sept | €20.00 |
| Ash Tree Pool | 17 Apr. - 31 May | €15.00 |
| | 1 June - 30 June | €50.00 |
| | 1 July - 15 Aug | €120.00 |
| | 16 Aug - 30 Sept | €120.00 |
| Point | 17 Apr. - 30 Sept. | €100.00 |
| | (Weekly) | €50.00 |
| | (Day) | €20.00 |
| Freshwater Beat | 1 Feb. - 30 Sept. | €20.00 |



State Licences

N.B. All anglers must be in possession of a valid state salmon rod licence, tags and a log book. Failure to produce these on demand may lead to prosecution and will disqualify from angling without refund.

Licences may be obtained from local tackle shops or at the main office of The North Western Regional Fisheries Board. Anglers are required by law to return the log book and all unused tags to the issuing Regional Fisheries Board.

Rod Licence 2010

| Licence Type | Price |
|----------------|-------|
| A - (Annual) | €120 |
| B - (District) | €58 |
| R - (21 Day) | €46 |
| P - (Juvenile) | €18 |
| S - (One Day) | €32 |

Safety:

In the interest of safety, anglers are advised to take special care when fishing. The following guidelines should be adhered to at all times: Whether bank fishing, wading or fishing from a boat, anglers should always wear a flotation device. Anglers should take care on slippery banks and rocks. Use a wading staff for support and for locating hidden hazards. Care should also be taken when casting, particularly when back casting.