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**County Sligo  
Game Angling  
Guide**



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**Ferry Ports:** Sligo can be easily accessed from Dublin in the South and Belfast and Larne in the North.

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Dublin	180 mins	Rosslare	300 mins

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# Introduction

County Sligo, and the wider Sligo Fisheries District, possesses a wide variety of game fisheries, set in some of Ireland's most scenic locations. From the productive Ballisodare and Easkey salmon rivers to the quality wild brown trout fishing in Lough Arrow, this area has fisheries to please almost every game angler.

This guide covers the main game angling waters in the district. It contains information on the location of each fishery as well as details in relation to contacts, permitted angling methods, angling seasons etc. For up to date information on angling conditions and water levels, intending anglers should contact Inland Fisheries Ireland or the fishery owner.

In the west of the district, the River Moy rises in the Ox Mountains and flows to the sea on the Sligo/Mayo border. East of the Moy Estuary is the spatey Easkey River which is well known for salmon fishing. The Easkey River drains Easkey Lough, a mountain lake, which contains only very small brown trout and the occasional sea trout. Also in the Ox Mountains, nestles the picturesque Lough Talt which contains a nice stock of brown trout which can weigh up to about .45 kg (1lb).

Further east, the Ballisodare River boasts an impressive salmon run. Close to Sligo town is Lough Gill, a popular spring salmon fishery which opens for fishing on New Year's Day. The inflowing Bonet River also gets a reasonable run of salmon later in the season.

At the northern end of the district lies Glencar Lough, a fine sea trout fishery, located in one of the most spectacular settings in Ireland. On the Sligo/Roscommon border, Lough Arrow's rich waters have a reputation for producing some top quality brown trout; this lough has traditionally been rated among the top brown trout lakes in the country while the outflowing Unshin River also holds some fine brown trout.



# Map of Fisheries



## Regulations

### General

Game angling regulations, especially in relation to salmon angling, can change from year to year and it is the responsibility of anglers to familiarise themselves with the laws and regulations governing each fishery before commencing angling. Anglers can get up to date information on fishing regulations by contacting Inland Fisheries Ireland or by visiting [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info).

### Licences and Logbooks

Anglers engaged in fishing for salmon or sea trout must be in possession of a valid state salmon licence and must have it on their person at the time of fishing. Licences can be purchased from most tackle shops or online from Inland Fisheries Ireland at [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info). An angler's logbook is issued with a licence as well as a number of blue gill tags and an angler must also be in possession of the logbook when fishing. All salmon and sea trout over 40cm which are killed must be tagged immediately. Additional tagging requirements may apply in the case of some fisheries.

### Permission/Permits

Where a fishery is privately owned, permission must be sought from the owner before commencing angling; this normally involves the purchase of an angling permit. Whether or not a permit is required, private property should be respected at all times and only recognised access points to a fishery should be used.

### Catch & Release Fisheries

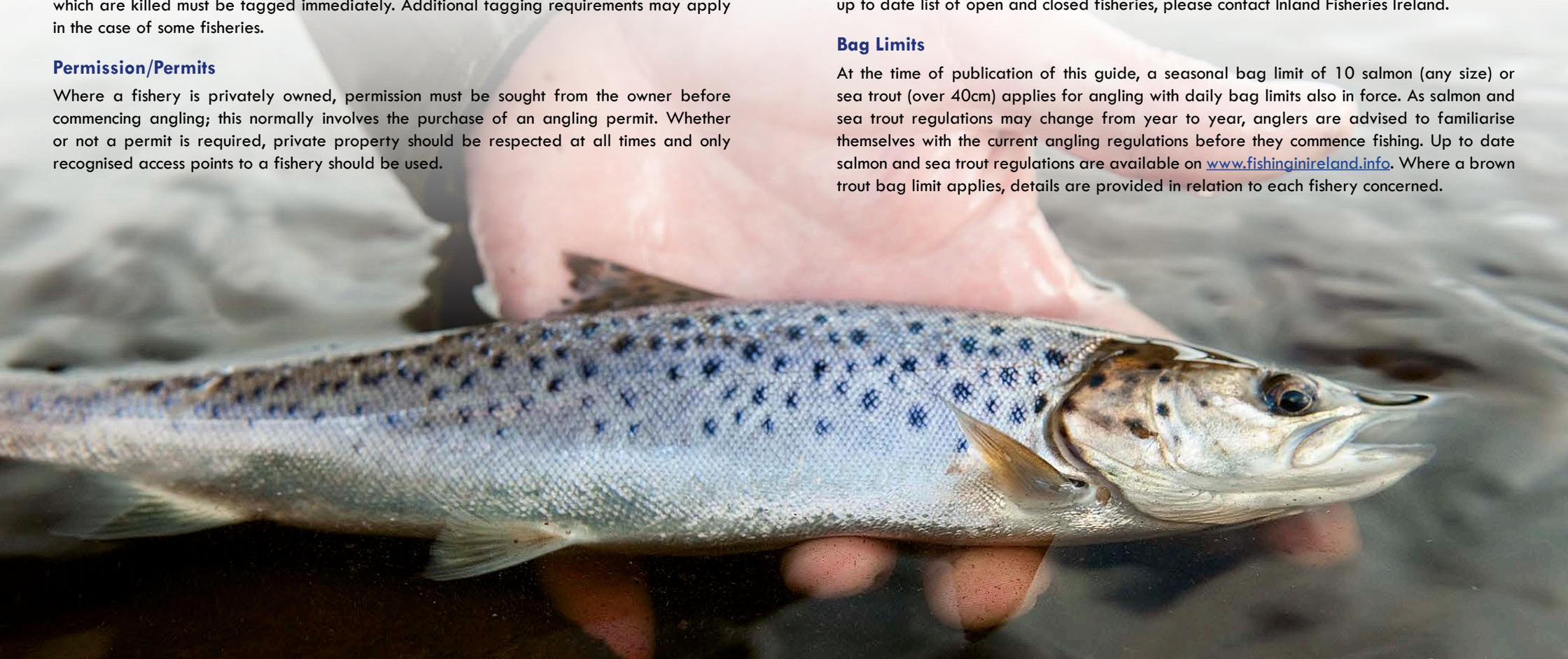
As a conservation measure salmon angling may only be carried out on a "Catch and Release" basis, for all, or part of the angling season, on certain specified fisheries. Where a "Catch and Release" regulation applies, worm fishing is prohibited and only single or double barbless hooks may be used. This regulation also applies to anglers that have caught their daily/yearly bag limit of salmon and wish to continue fishing. In all such cases, fish should be played firmly and brought to the net as quickly as possible in order to avoid over tiring the fish; the fish should then be handled in a gentle manner and promptly returned to the water unharmed. Fish should be unhooked in the water where possible; if removed from the water, hands and unhooking mat should be wetted first. The use of a forceps will greatly assist in removing a hook and a landing net with a knotless mesh should be used.

### Closed Fisheries

Some rivers or lakes may be completely closed for salmon angling and for sea trout over 40cm in order to protect salmon stocks that have fallen below their conservation limit. For an up to date list of open and closed fisheries, please contact Inland Fisheries Ireland.

### Bag Limits

At the time of publication of this guide, a seasonal bag limit of 10 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) applies for angling with daily bag limits also in force. As salmon and sea trout regulations may change from year to year, anglers are advised to familiarise themselves with the current angling regulations before they commence fishing. Up to date salmon and sea trout regulations are available on [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info). Where a brown trout bag limit applies, details are provided in relation to each fishery concerned.



## Leave No Trace

Please adhere to the seven principles of Leave No Trace Ireland:

Plan ahead and prepare; Travel and camp on durable surfaces; Dispose of waste properly; Leave what you find; Minimise campfire impacts (be careful with fire); Respect wildlife; Be considerate of other visitors.

Vehicles should be parked in designated areas and in such a manner that they do not cause obstruction.



**Anglers should fish responsibly and sustainably – where possible use single barbless hooks and practice no-weight, “in the water” catch and release.**

[www.leavenotraceireland.org/](http://www.leavenotraceireland.org/)

## Safety

Angling is a water based activity with changing conditions and dangers that are sometimes hidden. Drowning is an ever present risk and you should exercise utmost care for your own safety and that of angling partners/buddies.

Please consider the following when going fishing:

- Wear a life jacket
- Follow advice on warning signs, permits and notices
- Don't take any risks when wading or fishing from boat, shore or bank
- Check the weather forecast and tide tables before you go
- Take time to observe weather, water and tide conditions while fishing
- Fish with a partner/buddy or let someone know where you're going
- Take a fully charged mobile phone in a waterproof case/bag
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear

For a more detailed guide to safety when angling please visit:

[www.fishinginireland.info/safety.htm](http://www.fishinginireland.info/safety.htm)



## Catch & Release

We all have a responsibility to protect and conserve our fisheries so that they can be enjoyed by future generations. Most fisheries face multiple threats including pollution, water abstraction and illegal fishing, all of which have a negative impact on fish stocks. For that reason, we would ask that all anglers consider practicing Catch, Photo & Release for the majority of fish they catch. Record any trophy fish with a quick photo and then carefully return to the water. Remember: Catch, Photo, Release, **#CPRsavesfish**

## Invasive Species Prevention

Aquatic Invasive Species and fish pathogens are readily transferred from one watercourse to another on angling tackle, boats and protective clothing. These can be very damaging to resident fish stocks, the aquatic habitat and the general environment. We would ask that all anglers inspect and clean their gear prior to traveling to Ireland to fish.

Full information on prevention of invasive species is available on our website at:

[www.fisheriesireland.ie/Research/invasive-species.html](http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Research/invasive-species.html)

Or via Invasive Species Ireland at

<http://invasivespeciesireland.com/cops/water-users/anglers/>

## Weather Forecasts

Weather forecasts are broadcast daily on RTÉ Radio, television and at [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie). Check programme guides in the daily newspapers for times. Forecasts are also available on Aertel. Telephone weather forecasts are available from Irish Meteorological Service - Met Éireann at [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie). Wind speeds for the whole day should be carefully checked before venturing out on lakes as weather conditions can vary throughout the day.

## Access and Country Code

Irish waters are usually reached by passing through farmland and anglers are generally allowed this access by courtesy of local farmers. If in doubt please ask farmers/land owners for permission to enter on to their land to fish the water. Please respect their property, light no fires, leave no litter and close all gates. Cars should be parked in designated parking areas where available and should be parked so that they do not cause obstruction.

## Errors or Inaccuracies

Every effort has been taken to ensure accuracy in the compilation of this publication and associated maps and web pages. Inland Fisheries Ireland cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions therein. Some sporting activities may by their nature be hazardous and involve risk. It is recommended in such cases to take out personal accident insurance. While many operators would have public liability insurance it is always advisable to check with the establishment or operator concerned as to the level of cover carried.

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River Moy	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February - 30 <sup>th</sup> September (from the Ridge Pool upstream) 17 <sup>th</sup> April - 30 <sup>th</sup> September (downstream of the Ridge Pool)
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February - 10 <sup>th</sup> October (from the Ridge Pool upstream) 17 <sup>th</sup> April - 10 <sup>th</sup> October (downstream of the Ridge Pool)
	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February - 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed, however, some fisheries will have specific restrictions.
<b>Permission</b>	Permit required to fish the managed fisheries. Contact IFI - Ballina for further details.

### Fishery Description

The River Moy system is undoubtedly Ireland's most productive salmon fishery, with a five year average reported rod catch of over 6000 salmon. The system drains a catchment of 2080km<sup>2</sup>, with a main channel length of 99.75 km. The catchment extends from the Ox Mountains in the east, to Castlebar in the south and contains the drainage basins of Loughs Conn and Cullin which encompass much of the Nephin Beg mountain range in North Mayo. Notable tributaries of the Moy catchment include the Rivers Deel, Manulla, Clydagh, Gweeston, Glore and Pollagh. The main channel can be up to 40m wide in places and enters Killala Bay through the Moy Estuary north of Ballina.

The system is most famed for its prolific grilse run, which normally enters the river between June and late August, with the peak run occurring in mid-July. In addition, the numbers of spring salmon appear to be on the increase, with better early season runs being noted by many fishery owners. The Moy also holds a population of resident brown trout and receives a run of sea trout from the productive feeding waters of Killala Bay.

The river is unique in that angling access is controlled by the state and a number of private owners, angling clubs and associations. Anglers can fish the Moy by either joining a club or association, or by purchasing a daily or weekly permit. All angling methods are allowed though angling regulations vary between fisheries.

The premier angling beats of the River Moy are those controlled by the Moy Fishery, mainly the world famous Ridge Pool, Cathedral Beat, Spring Wells, the Ash Tree Pool and the Fresh Water Beat, all located within Ballina Town. These beats offer great fly fishing in the heart of Ballina and anglers are advised to book in advance. Further details are available from the Moy Fishery office Tel: +353 (0)96 21332, Email: [moyfishery@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:moyfishery@fisheriesireland.ie) or from [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info).

The mid-stretches of the River Moy located between Ballina and Foxford include the following fisheries: Ballina Salmon Anglers' Association water, Mount Falcon Fishery, Knockmore Angling Club water, Attymass Angling Club water, Coolcronan Fishery, Byrne's Fishery, Armstrong's Fishery, Gannon's Fishery, the Foxford Fishery and Bakers Fishery (the Foxford Rocks). Here the river is most suitable for bait fishing and spinning as the river tends to be deep and slow flowing. However, there are some beats in this section for example the Foxford Rocks which also provide good fly fishing opportunities in low water conditions.

Upstream of Foxford town, waters are controlled by the Foxford Salmon Anglers, Inland Fisheries Ireland (Cloongee) and the East Mayo Anglers' Association. Much of this water is better suited to fly fishing, being faster flowing and shallower. Of particular interest is the East Mayo Anglers' Association water, which is licenced to the association by Inland Fisheries Ireland and offers 10.5km of double bank fishing. This water includes a 3km fly only section. The upper Moy (upstream of the Ballintemple Fishery) can also provide some good salmon fishing particularly after a flood. For further information on this section of the Moy contact IFI Ballina.

Further details on all of the above fisheries, including contact details and permit prices can be obtained from Inland Fisheries Ireland - Ballina, +353 (0)96 22788 or from [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info)

<b>Moy Estuary</b>	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Sea Trout: 17 <sup>th</sup> April - 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed. Minimum size limit for sea trout is 10 inches (25.4cm). Daily bag limit of 3 sea trout per angler. Sea trout over 40cm must be tagged.
<b>Permission</b>	Permit not required however anglers should be in possession of a valid state rod licence when angling for sea trout.

**Fishery Description**

The Moy Estuary comprises an area of 1200ha of tidal waters with channels, sand bars and islands. It is a rich sea trout feeding ground with sand eel, herring fry, sprat and crustaceans. Angling takes place from particular areas of the shore, most notable are the back of Enniscrone Beach, the north eastern shore of Bartra Island, 'The Walls', the Castle area and Rosserk Bay. Perhaps the most successful and enjoyable method, is to fish as part of a group from one of the charter boats available in the area. There are distinct drifts and tidal conditions which produce the best results and experienced skippers have an intimate knowledge of these. Spinning or ledgering with sand eel or fresh mackerel strip are a favourite method. In recent years many anglers have fished the fly with considerable success, with trout of 0.2kg - 1kg now regularly caught. For further details on angling guides operating on the Estuary, please contact IFI-Ballina.



*The Moy Estuary*



Easkey River	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Fortland Fishery: <a href="http://www.thefortlandfishery.com">www.thefortlandfishery.com</a> <a href="mailto:granville@thefoxfordfishery.com">granville@thefoxfordfishery.com</a> Tel: +353 (0)86 8032350 Easkey River Angling Association (ERAA): <a href="http://www.facebook.com/River-Easkey-Angling-Association-710220359141224">www.facebook.com/River-Easkey-Angling-Association-710220359141224</a>

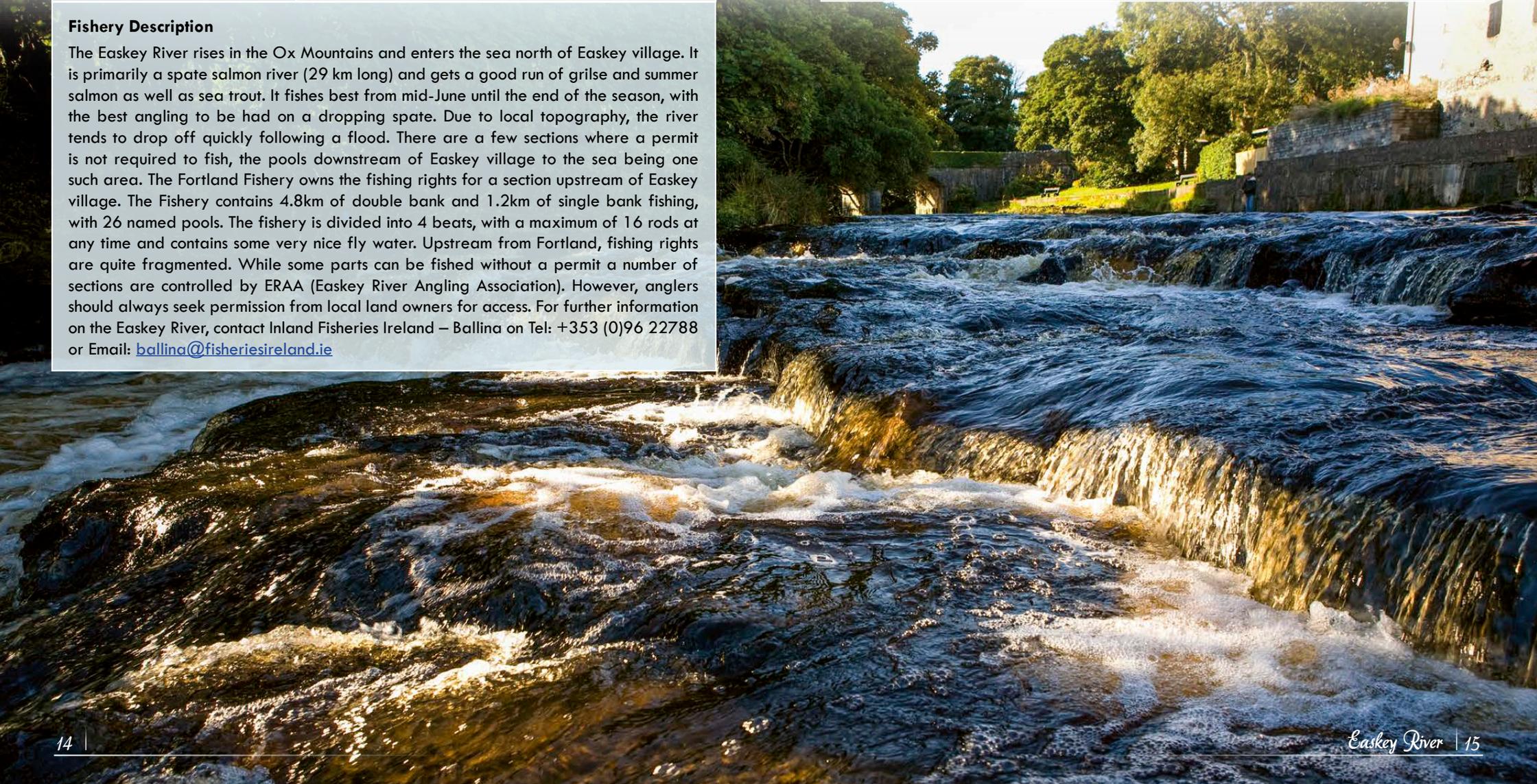
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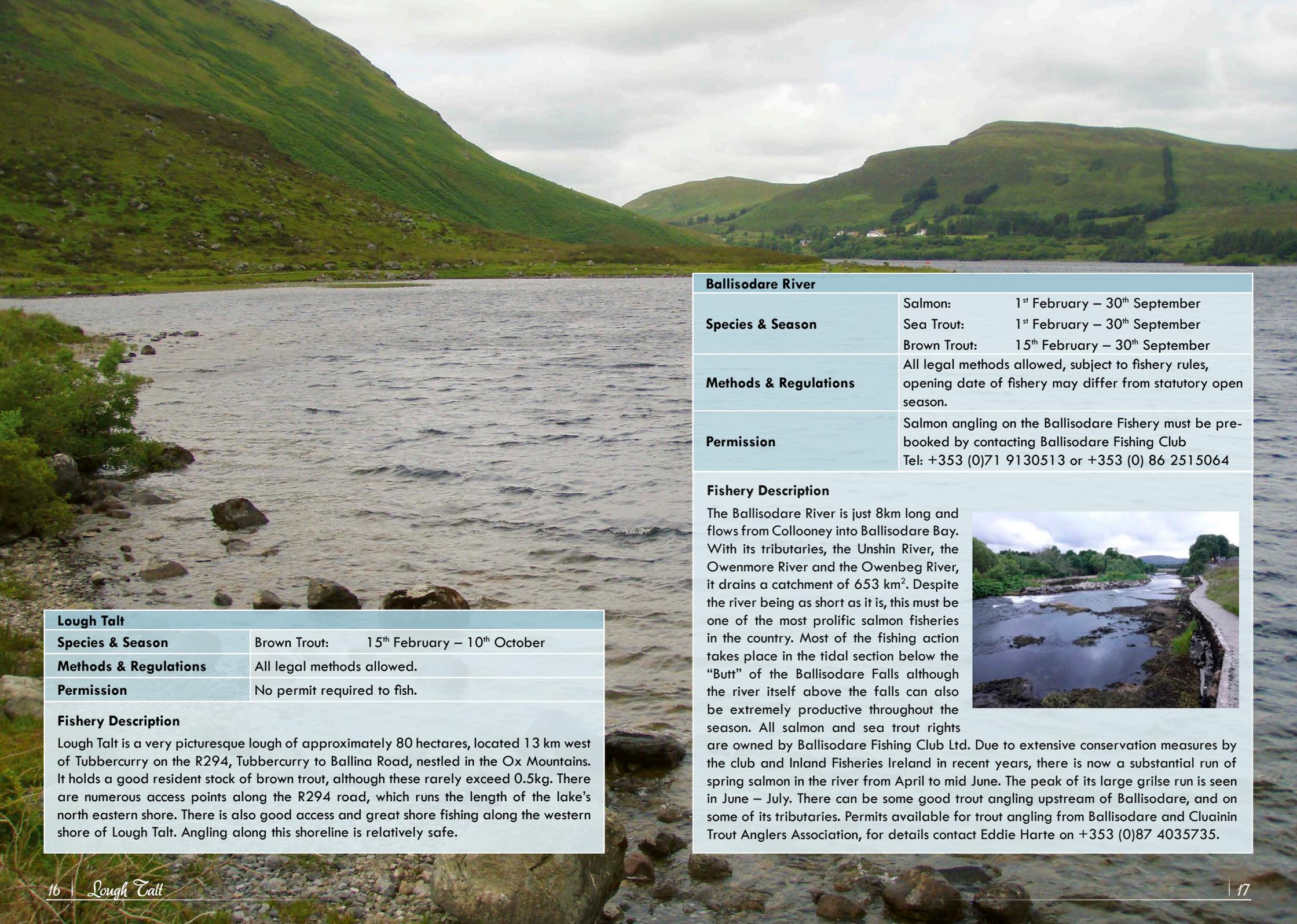
The Easkey River rises in the Ox Mountains and enters the sea north of Easkey village. It is primarily a spate salmon river (29 km long) and gets a good run of grilse and summer salmon as well as sea trout. It fishes best from mid-June until the end of the season, with the best angling to be had on a dropping spate. Due to local topography, the river tends to drop off quickly following a flood. There are a few sections where a permit is not required to fish, the pools downstream of Easkey village to the sea being one such area. The Fortland Fishery owns the fishing rights for a section upstream of Easkey village. The Fishery contains 4.8km of double bank and 1.2km of single bank fishing, with 26 named pools. The fishery is divided into 4 beats, with a maximum of 16 rods at any time and contains some very nice fly water. Upstream from Fortland, fishing rights are quite fragmented. While some parts can be fished without a permit a number of sections are controlled by ERAA (Easkey River Angling Association). However, anglers should always seek permission from local land owners for access. For further information on the Easkey River, contact Inland Fisheries Ireland – Ballina on Tel: +353 (0)96 22788 or Email: [ballina@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:ballina@fisheriesireland.ie)

Easkey Lough	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Not normally required.

### Fishery Description

Easkey Lough is located high in the Ox Mountains and is over 40 hectares in size. There are no boats available but there is ample opportunity for shore fishing, with the safest place to fish being along the road on the east side. The Lough holds a stock of small resident brown trout and occasionally, after high water, receives a run of sea trout.





Lough Talt	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	No permit required to fish.
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
<p>Lough Talt is a very picturesque lough of approximately 80 hectares, located 13 km west of Tubbercurry on the R294, Tubbercurry to Ballina Road, nestled in the Ox Mountains. It holds a good resident stock of brown trout, although these rarely exceed 0.5kg. There are numerous access points along the R294 road, which runs the length of the lake's north eastern shore. There is also good access and great shore fishing along the western shore of Lough Talt. Angling along this shoreline is relatively safe.</p>	

Ballisodare River	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed, subject to fishery rules, opening date of fishery may differ from statutory open season.
<b>Permission</b>	Salmon angling on the Ballisodare Fishery must be pre-booked by contacting Ballisodare Fishing Club Tel: +353 (0)71 9130513 or +353 (0) 86 2515064

#### Fishery Description

The Ballisodare River is just 8km long and flows from Collooney into Ballisodare Bay. With its tributaries, the Unshin River, the Owenmore River and the Owenbeg River, it drains a catchment of 653 km<sup>2</sup>. Despite the river being as short as it is, this must be one of the most prolific salmon fisheries in the country. Most of the fishing action takes place in the tidal section below the “Butt” of the Ballisodare Falls although the river itself above the falls can also be extremely productive throughout the season. All salmon and sea trout rights are owned by Ballisodare Fishing Club Ltd. Due to extensive conservation measures by the club and Inland Fisheries Ireland in recent years, there is now a substantial run of spring salmon in the river from April to mid June. The peak of its large grilse run is seen in June – July. There can be some good trout angling upstream of Ballisodare, and on some of its tributaries. Permits available for trout angling from Ballisodare and Cluainin Trout Anglers Association, for details contact Eddie Harte on +353 (0)87 4035735.

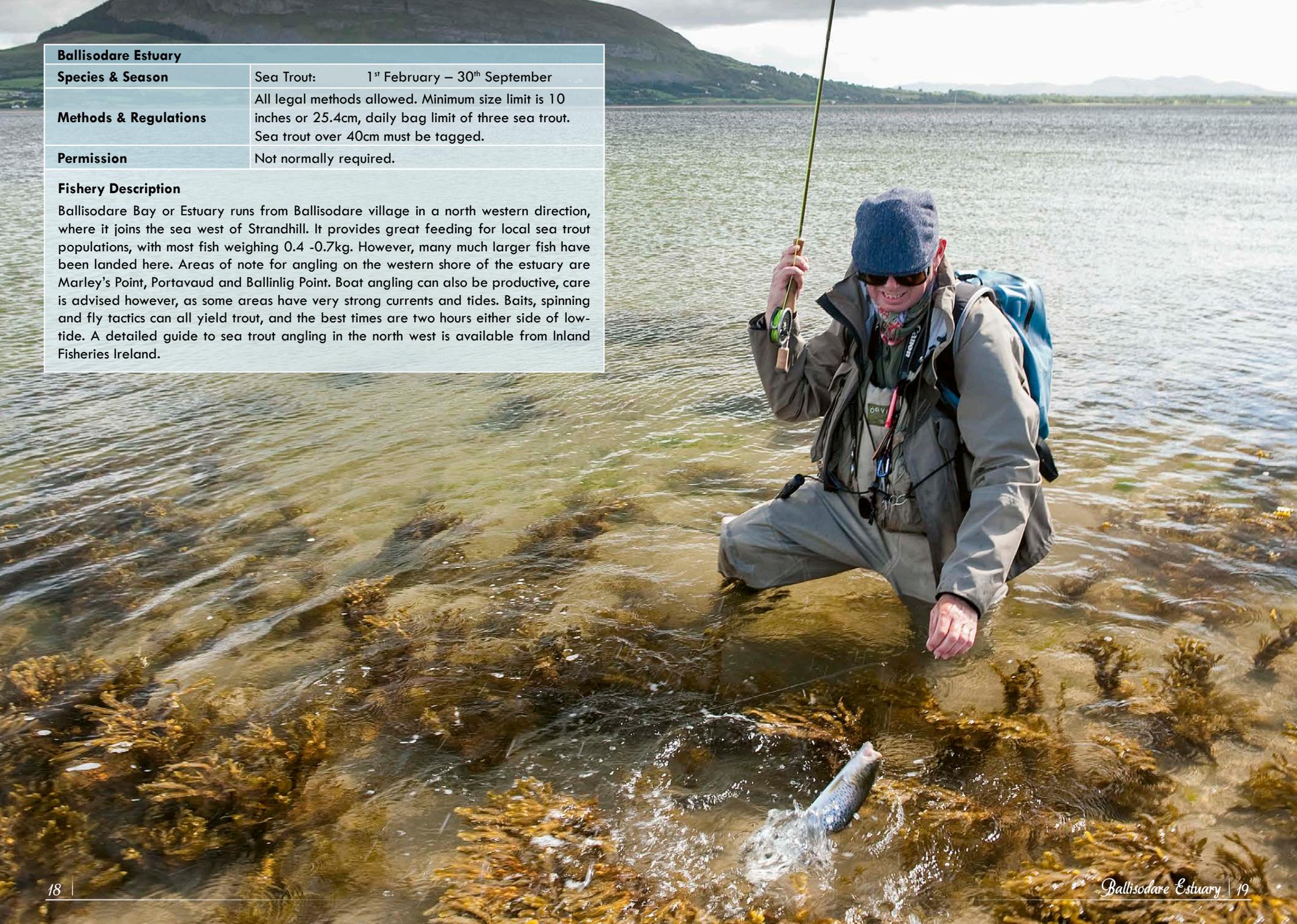


## Ballisodare Estuary

<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed. Minimum size limit is 10 inches or 25.4cm, daily bag limit of three sea trout. Sea trout over 40cm must be tagged.
<b>Permission</b>	Not normally required.

### Fishery Description

Ballisodare Bay or Estuary runs from Ballisodare village in a north western direction, where it joins the sea west of Strandhill. It provides great feeding for local sea trout populations, with most fish weighing 0.4 -0.7kg. However, many much larger fish have been landed here. Areas of note for angling on the western shore of the estuary are Marley's Point, Portavaud and Ballinlig Point. Boat angling can also be productive, care is advised however, as some areas have very strong currents and tides. Baits, spinning and fly tactics can all yield trout, and the best times are two hours either side of low-tide. A detailed guide to sea trout angling in the north west is available from Inland Fisheries Ireland.



Lough na Leibe	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Rainbow trout and brown trout: Open season subject to change. Please see <a href="http://www.ballymoteangling.com">www.ballymoteangling.com</a> or contact local IFI office for details.
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	Daily bag limit 2 trout. Fly fishing, worm fishing with float only (no ledgering) and spinning are the only permitted methods of fishing. No maggot, shrimp or any other bait to be used.
<b>Permission</b>	Permit required from Ballymote and District Angling Club, available from Henry's Gala Service Station Ballymote, Co. Sligo Tel: +353 (0)71 918 3343

#### Fishery Description

Lough na Leibe (or Lough Labe) is a spring fed mountain lake situated between Ballymote and Castlebaldwin. It is stocked with rainbow trout and is set in a beautiful, tranquil location. Many fish successfully overwinter here, some reaching in excess of 2kg. The lake is managed by Ballymote and District Angling Club, who have details on angling conditions and competitions available on [www.ballymoteangling.com](http://www.ballymoteangling.com)

Lough Gara	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed, minimum size limit 25.4cm (10 inches).
<b>Permission</b>	Not normally required.

#### Fishery Description

Located in the southeastern corner of Co. Sligo, and west of Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Lough Gara is part of the vast Shannon River Basin District. Lough Gara is a large lake with a small stock of brown trout between 0.5 and 1 kg. Trout fishing is confined to the main fly hatches during the year with the mayfly fishing being the most productive. For more information on Lough Gara, contact Inland Fisheries Ireland – Limerick on Tel: +353 (0)61 300238 or Email: [limerick@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:limerick@fisheriesireland.ie)

Lough Bo	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed. The minimum size limit is 23cm (9 inches) and the daily bag limit is 4 trout.
<b>Permission</b>	A permit is required in order to fish Lough Bo and can be obtained from Mrs. Mary McDonagh Tel: +353 (0)71 9165126.

#### Fishery Description

Lough Bo is situated 4 km north of Lough Arrow, south of the R284 road and is approximately 20 hectares in size. It is managed by Inland Fisheries Ireland and stocked annually with brown trout that provide lively sport. It also holds a resident population of trout, which average 0.5kg. Access is good from the road running along the north-western side of the lake.



### Lough Arrow

<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed, four trout bag limit, minimum size 30cm. One rod per angler when trolling. Two trolling rods allowed per boat.
<b>Permission</b>	Not required.

### Fishery Description

Lough Arrow is one of the outstanding brown trout fisheries in Ireland. It is famous for the quality of its trout which average 0.7kg, although fish up to 3.5kg are a possibility due to the rich feeding in this very productive limestone water.

The lough lies 24km south east of Sligo town and 6.5km north west of Boyle, Co. Roscommon. There is public access for boats at Brick Pier on the eastern shore, Ballinfad Pier on the southern shore and Rinn Bán Pier on the western shore. Famed primarily for its mayfly hatch and great falls of spent gnat (generally mid-May until Mid-June), the lough also has notable sedge hatches later in the summer (from mid-July), and it is these sedges, Green Peters and Murroughs, which can bring the biggest of the fish to the surface. These hatches often occur well after the fall of darkness. Good sport can also be had during the duckfly, olive and buzzer hatches. The lake is well serviced with guides and ghillies, and boats are available for hire from several sources. An up to date, detailed angling guide for the lough including map, ghillie and boat hire contact details, is available [here](#) or from Inland Fisheries Ireland – Ballina.

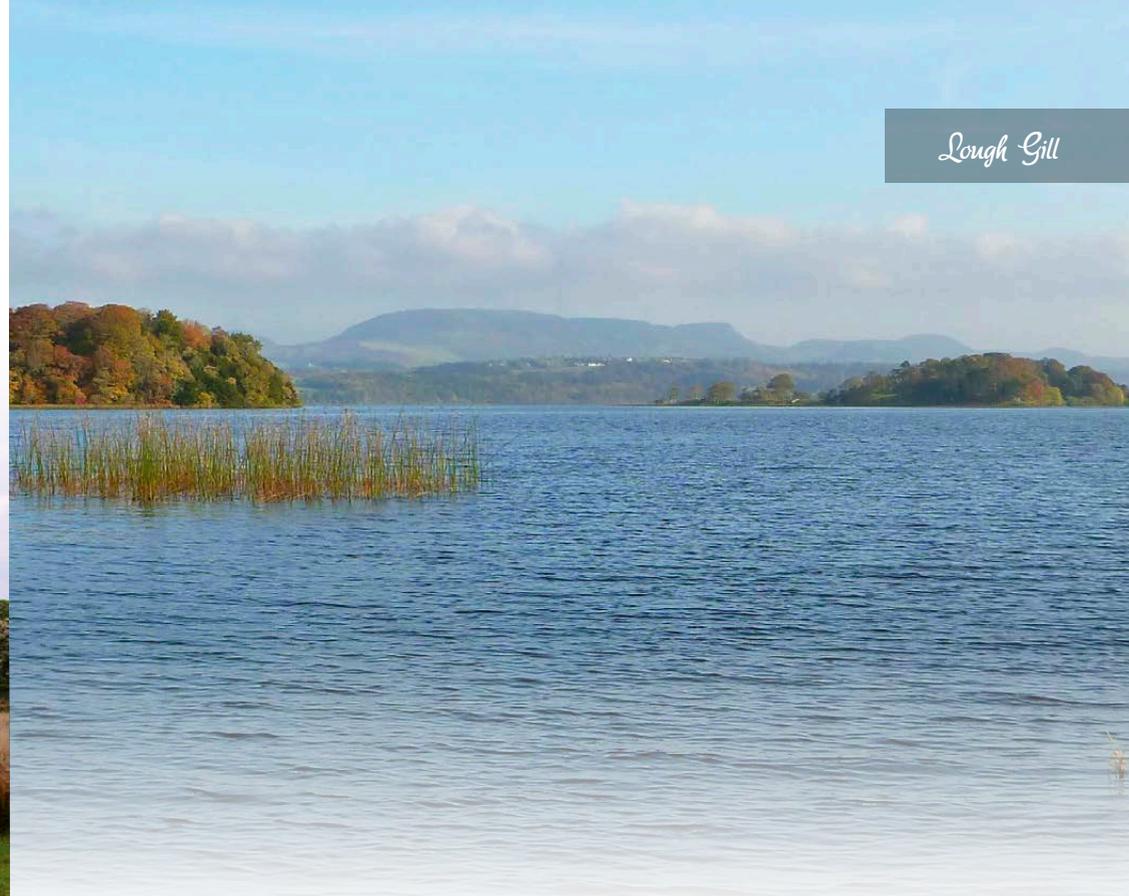


**Unshin River**

<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Permit not normally required. Anglers should check with riparian land owners for access.

**Fishery Description**

This is a rich limestone river with deep weed beds and an abundant and varied invertebrate fauna. The Unshin River drains Lough Arrow and flows in a north-westerly direction from the lough until it joins the Owenmore River to become the Ballisodare River. The river does not hold a very high density of trout but is home to some large, fine quality fish, generally ranging from 0.5-1kg, with many larger trout also present. It is best fished early in the season before the weed beds become too dense. It has a good variety of fly hatches, including a large and extended hatch of mayfly. The spent gnat fishing can be very productive in May, yet the river can produce good sport from early April through to late June.



**Lough Gill**

<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> January – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> January – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Brown Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Not normally required.

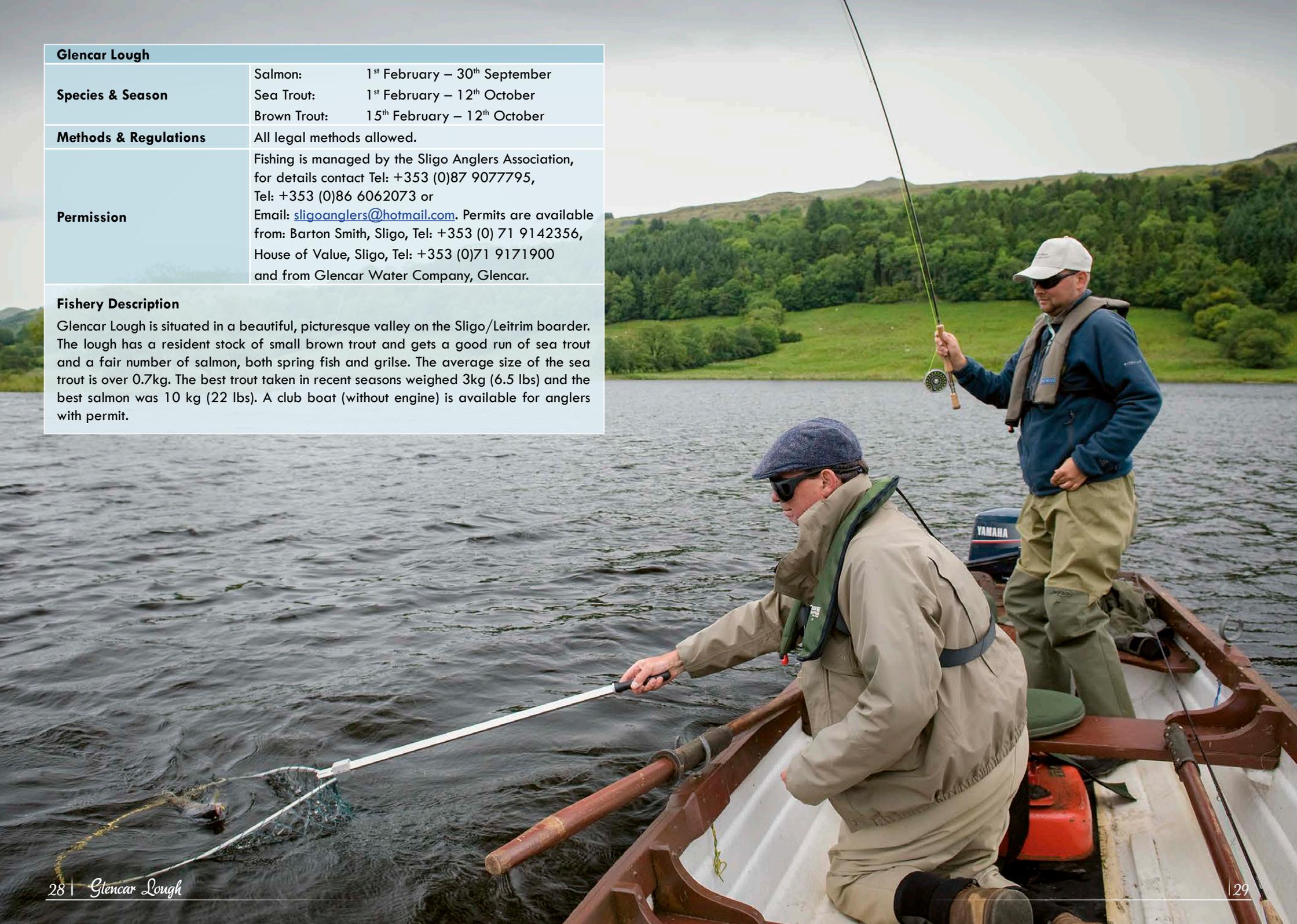
**Fishery Description**

Lough Gill, located just 3km east of Sligo town, is predominantly known as a salmon fishery. Trolling with Flying-Cs and Spoons early in the year (January to May) is the main form of game fishing on this lough, which receives a run of spring fish. Gill also holds a stock of brown trout, averaging 0.5kg, but they are noted for being slow to rise. Most of the trout angling is concentrated around the Mayfly hatches, from mid-May to mid-June. There are public access points at Inisfree, Sriff Bay, Aughamore and Hazelwood Bay. The system may be subject to catch and release restrictions, or a quota system, and anglers are advised to check with IFI-Ballina before angling.

Garavogue River	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> January (1 <sup>st</sup> Feb. below the 'Lodge') - 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> January - 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February - 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed, however, catch and release or a quota system may be in place at times. Due to local bye-law, the river is closed from 1 <sup>st</sup> October - 31 <sup>st</sup> May to all game angling from Hyde Bridge, to a point 548m (600 yards) upstream of the 'New Bridge'.
<b>Permission</b>	Fishing is managed by the Sligo Anglers Association, for details contact: Tel: +353 (0)87 9077795, Tel: +353 (0)86 6062073 or Email: <a href="mailto:sligoanglers@hotmail.com">sligoanglers@hotmail.com</a> Permits are available from: Barton Smith, Sligo, Tel: +353 (0) 71 9142356, House of Value, Sligo, Tel: +353 (0)71 9171900
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
The Garavogue is a relatively short river of 2km in length, and flows from Lough Gill, through Sligo town into Sligo Bay. It is predominantly fished on the east side of Sligo town, close to where it flows from L. Gill. It can produce some good spring and grilse fishing, and late evening fishing in July-September can yield good sport for sea trout anglers. The system may be subject to catch and release restrictions, or a quota system, and anglers are advised to check with IFI-Ballina before angling.	

Bonet River (Co. Leitrim)	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed. The system may be subject to angling restrictions, contact IFI – Ballina for further details.
<b>Permission</b>	A permit is required to fish much of the system, contact IFI – Ballina for further details.
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
The Bonet River rises north of Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, at Glenade Lake. It flows south past Manorhamilton, and then turns in a westerly direction, past Dromahair, and into the eastern end of Lough Gill. It is a relatively good spring salmon and grilse fishery with fishing dependent on water levels. The river also holds good stocks of brown trout to 0.7kg, particularly downstream of Lurganboy Bridge. The Bonet River has a number of privately owned fisheries, syndicate waters, and club waters, including those of Dromahair Anglers Association, Breffni Holiday Cottages, Dromahair and Cluainin Angling Club. Permits are required to fish these waters, contact local IFI office for further details.	

<b>Glencar Lough</b>	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Fishing is managed by the Sligo Anglers Association, for details contact Tel: +353 (0)87 9077795, Tel: +353 (0)86 6062073 or Email: <a href="mailto:sligoanglers@hotmail.com">sligoanglers@hotmail.com</a> . Permits are available from: Barton Smith, Sligo, Tel: +353 (0) 71 9142356, House of Value, Sligo, Tel: +353 (0)71 9171900 and from Glencar Water Company, Glencar.
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
Glencar Lough is situated in a beautiful, picturesque valley on the Sligo/Leitrim boarder. The lough has a resident stock of small brown trout and gets a good run of sea trout and a fair number of salmon, both spring fish and grilse. The average size of the sea trout is over 0.7kg. The best trout taken in recent seasons weighed 3kg (6.5 lbs) and the best salmon was 10 kg (22 lbs). A club boat (without engine) is available for anglers with permit.	





*Drumcliffe River*

Drumcliffe River	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Salmon: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods upstream of the N15 road bridge. From this bridge to the estuary, a fly only bye-law applies.
<b>Permission</b>	For most of the river not generally required. Sligo Anglers Association has fishing rights on a few mid-river sections.
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
This river drains beautiful Glencar Lough and crosses the main Sligo-Donnegal N15 road 8 km north of Sligo town. No permit is required to fish on the fly only beat from the N15 road bridge to the estuary. A catch quota may be in place on this system, please check with local IFI office for details.	

Colgagh Lough	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Not generally required but public access to this lake is limited and permission of the relevant land owner should be sought where appropriate.
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
Colgagh Lough holds a good stock of brown trout and has, on occasion, produced trout up to 2.5kg. It is best fished early in the year.	

Lough Doon (Co. Leitrim)	
<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Brown Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	Fly fishing only, juveniles under 14 are permitted to fish bubble and fly from the shore. Daily bag limit of 3 trout, minimum size 25.4cm (10 inches).
<b>Permission</b>	Permits available from The Blue Devon, Dromahair Co. Leitrim Tel: +353 (0)71 9164134
<b>Fishery Description</b>	
Lough Doon is located 12km west of Sligo town. It is a rich hill lough which holds a good stock of free rising trout, some of over 1kg. The lake has a hatch of olives, and can fish well with sedge patterns and daddies. Day permits and boats are available; however, it can also be fished from the shore at a reduced rate.	



## Grange River/Estuary

<b>Species &amp; Season</b>	Sea Trout: 1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Methods &amp; Regulations</b>	All legal methods allowed.
<b>Permission</b>	Not normally required.

### Fishery Description

The system receives a small run of salmon and sea trout, and as such it is predominantly known as a sea trout fishery, with most angling occurring in the tidal section or estuary. The river may be restricted to catch and release or closure, contact local IFI office for details.

