

Slaney Report 25th May 2011

The Sunny South East has lived up to its reputation with no significant rain falling in the Slaney catchment in April or May leaving the river at a very low level for this time of year. Despite this, many of the fishermen who ventured out this week managed to land a Slaney Springer.

Not surprisingly, most of the fish were caught in the tidal area of Enniscorthy. It is estimated that 10 to 15 fish were caught and released at the bridge, all taken on prawns mounted on single barbless hooks (shrimp and prawn permitted from Enniscorthy Bridge down). Amongst the lucky anglers was George O'Connor who had an 8 pounder on Thursday while the day before 2 good fish were caught, one of 14 pounds.

Up river Francis Connolly had a 10 pounder and lost another at Solsboro while Anthony Walsh also had a 10 pounder at Riversdale. Paul Aisher, the owner of Clobemon had an 8 pounder for his 2 days fishing and Willie O'Connor had 2 fresh fish of 9 and 10 pounds on a small Silver Stroat taken at Strahart Fishery. Johan Van Der Flier, who had his first fish of 13 pounds during the opening week landed another cracker of 12 pounds from the same pool at Clohamon on a Silver Doctor. Johan's father Dirk then managed to land his first ever salmon of 8 pounds. There is one correction from last week's report, Jackie Byrne had 4 fish and lost another on the opening day rather than landing 5 as previously stated. It was also reported that 2 salmon were caught on The Tullow anglers water on the opening day.

Reports from Enniscorthy suggest there are good numbers of fish waiting to run the river and fishing up river could be excellent if the rain arrives. For further information on the river Slaney and fishing availability log onto www.slaneyrivertrust.ie