

## Slaney Fishing Report 22 June 2011

I am delighted to report that the Slaney Valley finally got rain last week resulting in a 3 foot spate on Saturday. Following this fishing has been excellent for salmon and sea trout. Anglers are reporting seeing good numbers of salmon running the river and some have had very good fishing for this time of year. Some people say they have not seen such a good run of fish so late in the season for many years. One reason is obviously due to the low water that prevailed for so long causing a build up of fish in the estuary but with fresh fish entering the system this is not the only reason, as there seems to be more fish in the river than over the past few years. Most of the fish are multi sea-winter salmon ranging from 8 to 12 pounds, with the odd grilse amongst these. The hope now is that the grilse might follow over the next week or two.



As the river fined down on Sunday anglers were greeted with taking salmon. Some of the anglers who reported fish include Bill Connolly from Kilkenny, fishing at Clohamon, who landed a brace of 10 pounders and had two other offers. Down river at Riversdale, Anthony Walsh hooked 2 fish, landing one of them. Tom Tynan hooked 5 fish from one pool up river, successfully landing 3 of them. John Wilding fished for 2 days at the start of the week and reported hooking 4 fish but only landed one of 7lbs. Up river at Kildavin Andy Kelly had a fresh nine pounder and Stuart Feeney had one of 7. Yesterday was another good day, David Dobbs had 2 fish, one of them pictured above, and Paddy Syme had one and had 3 other plucks. Before the spate on the Friday Tiernan Sludds reported a fish from Enniscorthy.

Following the spate sea trout numbers have increased through out the system with fish being caught up as far as Tullow where a 2 ½ pound trout was reported. In the lower reaches some anglers have reported the fishing being similar to mackerel fishing. However, the majority of these trout seem to be on the small side with perhaps only 1 in 8 making it over the pound mark. Lets hope the bigger ones decide to run next week.

Slaney anglers are reminded that the Slaney River Trust AGM is being held this coming Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at Redmond's Pub, Bunclody. I would also like to remind sea trout fishermen to participate in the Celtic Sea Trout Project by taking scale samples and sending them to Dr. Willie Roche in Inland Fisheries Ireland. For further information on how to help please log onto [www.slaneyrivertrust.ie](http://www.slaneyrivertrust.ie) and view the annual newsletter.

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