THE HUTS

The outlawing of drift netting in 2006 has had a dramatic effect on the fishing at Sneem. More fish have been spotted in the river and in the estuary than for a long time. The 3 year average 2007 – 2009 for rod catches is 90 salmon and grilse. These statistics are compiled by the South West Fishery Board and are taken from figures supplied by licence holders and include released fish. From 2010 to 2015 around 100 grilse and salmon have been caught each year.

The Sneem Village Fishing Club have made a significant contribution to these figures. It is a Club set up by the owners of the fishing rights some years ago. For a nominal fee members are permitted to fish outside the main pools near The Huts. In exchange they clear banks, spike the main holding pools to prevent illegal netting, and generally keep an eye out. Their contribution to improving the river has been considerable.

A good spate in Sneem River

2014 was a year of prolonged drought which contributed to a slightly disappointing bag of around 70 grilse and salmon.

There are signs of an increase in sea trout entering the river, and we are hopeful that this trend will continue. The best time to catch sea trout in low water is at night starting at dusk and continuing until sunrise. In 2015 a fish of 19 lbs was caught within spitting distance of The Huts!

Looking through the fishing register it was interesting to note that the two best days fishing in the last 8 years were – Sept 2005 5 grilse and Aug 2004 14 grilse. Two great days.

One of the syndicate members and his guests had 13 salmon & grilse caught and six hooked and lost in a marvelous 10 days during September 2011.

Also in the fishing register I picked out the following comments from renters –

"*Brilliant time had by all*",

"*2 great weeks of fun*",

"*Another wonderful stay at The Huts*",

" *All delighted with our stay, dying to come back, sad to be leaving*",

"*Every moment in this beautiful hidden gem was an absolute joy*".