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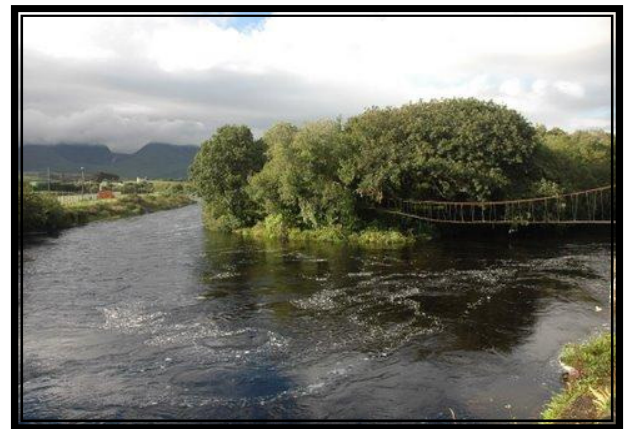
# SNEEM RIVER FISHING LODGE NEWSLETTER 2011



## 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. In 2010 & 2011 over 100 fish were 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, and as most of their members live in or close to the village they are in an ideal position to benefit from the conditions when they are right.



A good spate in Sneem River

The runs of sea trout in 2010 and 2011 were disappointing but five sea trout were caught after dark one evening. Most of us prefer a glass or two of whisky rather than a nights fishing which we enjoyed so much when we were younger - so it is reasonable to assume that many more could have been caught!

Looking through the fishing register it was interesting to note that the two best days fishing in the last 6 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 marvellous 10 days during September 2011.

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

*“Brilliant time had by all”, “Every moment in this beautiful hidden gem was an absolute joy”,*  
*“2 great weeks of fun”, “Another wonderful stay at The Huts”,*  
*“ All delighted with our stay, dying to come back, sad to be leaving”*