

## *Stòras Uibhist Fishing Report 2016*

2016 proved yet again to be an excellent season with catches on brown Trout recorded at 2165 of fish over 10ozs. Average weight was 15ozs majority of fish were caught in June and August and a returning percentage of 87%.

Best lochs in terms of numbers caught were, Upper Kildonan, Stillgarry and Grogarry. Heaviest fish from the popular machair lochs came from, West Ollay 5lbs 12ozs, East Bee, 4lbs 12ozs, Upper Kildonan 3lbs 8ozs, Grogarry 3lbs 8ozs, Stillgarry 3lbs, Lower Bornish, 3lbs, Mid Ollay 2lbs, Hallan 2lbs 4ozs, Druidibeag 2lbs, All other remaining lochs on the rota, Upper Bornish, Loch aird an Sgairbh, Altabrug, Mill, their best fish were 1lb 8ozs to just under 2lbs.

Lochs such as Altabrug, Druidibeag, Mill, Sgairbh, and castle had much higher numbers recorded unfortunately a number of them were under 10ozs so are not included in the main summary and all were returned safely.

Seatrout overall numbers were slightly better this year although some systems performed better than others we continue to monitor and make improvements where necessary to improve the areas where catches are low.

Salmon catches were again slightly better this year an increase of 20% overall and more encouragingly seeing more fish showing on some of the lochs. Lochs that faired not as well we continue to monitor to improve. Catches this year were best in July and October for some reason nevertheless after a good start to the season nice to know they were there at the end also.

The three new fishing huts are now complete on Grogarry, Lower Bornish, and Roag and the introduction of new boats to our fleet we look forward to 2017 season for all our visiting anglers to come and enjoy.



## Brown Trout Summary 2016

Loch	Fish Caught	Average Weight	Best Fish
Upper Kildonan	355	13ozs	56ozs
Mill Loch	210	11ozs	28ozs
East Bee	101	18ozs	76ozs
West Ollay	52	37ozs	92ozs
Druidibeag	110	10ozs	32ozs
Fada	43	12ozs	32ozs
East Bee (SUAC	17	15ozs	72ozs
Altabrug	216	11ozs	28ozs
Lower Kildonan	90	13ozs	24ozs
Mid Ollay	80	17ozs	32ozs
Castle	32	12ozs	16ozs
Hallan	96	15ozs	38ozs
Stilligarry	251	17ozs	48ozs
Grogarry	132	26ozs	56ozs
Lower Bornish	182	16ozs	48ozs
Upper Bornish	112	12ozs	28ozs
Roag	35	17ozs	36ozs
Loch aird an Sgairbh	51	13ozs	24ozs

Best brownie caught in May - **92ozs** by Mr Pearson on West Ollay. (Ghillied by Ian Kennedy)

## Sea Trout Summary 2016

Bharp	28	22ozs	32ozs
Mill	8	30ozs	56ozs
Upper Mill	1	16ozs	16ozs
Lower Kildonan	28	24ozs	48ozs
Fada	155	28ozs	128ozs
Roag	165	27ozs	160ozs
Schoolhouse	32	30ozs	88ozs
Castle	12	12ozs	64ozs
South Ford	10	26ozs	32ozs

Best Sea Trout caught in July was **160ozs** by Mr Williams on Loch Roag. (Ghillied by John Gray)

## Salmon Summary 2016

Fada	33	70ozs	112ozs
Roag	17	70ozs	105ozs
Lower Kildonan	1	72ozs	72ozs
Schoolhouse	6	97ozs	276ozs

Best Salmon caught in October was **276ozs** by Mr MacKay on Schoolhouse. (Ghillied By Colin Mackenzie)

Some notable day catches in the season:



<b>MAY</b>	Stilligarry	19 for 264ozs best was 28ozs.
	West Ollay	4 for 244ozs best was 92ozs.
<b>JUNE</b>	Grogarry	7 for 296ozs best was 53ozs.
	Hallan	11 for 256ozs best was 38ozs.
	Bornish	10 for 192ozs best was 20ozs.
<b>JULY</b>	Fada	5 for 172ozs best was 56ozs.
	Fada	10 for 216ozs best was 36ozs.
	Roag	8 for 168ozs best was 38ozs.
<b>AUGUST</b>	Fada	10 for 280ozs best was 72ozs.
	Schoolhouse	4 for 160ozs best was 56ozs.
	Roag	4 for 128ozs best was 64ozs.
	Upper Kildonan	24 for 560ozs best was 38ozs.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Lower Kildonan	4 for 128ozs best was 48ozs.
	Fada	6 for 168ozs best was 52ozs.
	Fada	1 for 128ozs.
	Roag	2 for 204ozs best was 104ozs.
	Castle	1 for 64ozs.
	West Ollay	5 for 164ozs best was 44ozs.
	Stilligarry	6 for 169ozs best was 48ozs.
	Bornish	9 for 132ozs best was 28ozs.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Roag	12 for 250ozs best was 24ozs.
	Roag	2 for 88ozs best was 56ozs.
	Fada	8 for 232ozs best was 72ozs.
	Fada	10 for 232ozs best was 40ozs.

Congratulations also to 16 year old Jamie Carruth who won the Outer Hebrides Fisheries trust, Catch and Release for 2016.

Jamie a regular visit to South Uist with his father hooked and returned his fresh run Sea Trout of 4lb 10ozs on Loch Fada in October. His fish took the clan chief. (Ghillied by Colin Mackenzie)

