

Some notable days catches in 2018

Brown Trout:	No's	Total Weight	Seasons Best
East Bee	15	14lbs	2lb 12oz
Upper Kildoanan	20	17lbs	2lb 8oz
Bornish	16	15lb 6oz	3lb 4oz
West Ollay	25	32lb	7lb
Stilligarry	24	20lbs	2lb 8oz
Grogarry	18	17lbs 8oz	3lbs

Sea Trout:	No's	Total Weight	Seasons Best
Roag	15	20lb	4lb 8oz
Fada	15	25lbs 8oz	8lb 8oz
Kildonan	9	12lbs	4lb 8oz
Bharp	22	27lbs 4oz	3lb 8oz

Salmon:	No's	Total weight	Seasons Best
Roag	3	15lb 4oz	10lb

Catch Returns & Reports

For the latest catch numbers and reports, which are updated weekly, please visit www.southuistfishing.co.uk

For the purposes of reporting it is **essential** that all anglers return completed catch returns to Oifis Stòras or John Steele **before** their departure, even if zero.

Popular Brown Trout Flies 2018

Soldier Palmer	Claret Bumble	Kate McLaren
Green Peter	Black Pennel	Clan Chief
Bibio	Butcher	Georgeous George

Popular Salmon & Sea Trout Flies 2018

Green Peter	Clan Chief	Goats Toe
Delphi Silver	Brusier	Teal Blue & Silver
Black Zulu	Machair Claret	Donegal Blue



Please note that SUAC permits **do not** allow you to fish the lochs below.

<u>Name of Loch</u>	<u>Grid Reference</u>
East Bee	783429
Grogarry	763395
Stilligarry	758384
Druidibeag	787282
Aili's Loch	768352
Altabrug	751345
West Ollay	745324
Mid Ollay	760313
Bornish	731296
Upper Bornish	745295
Upper Kildonan	735277
Mill	744272
Sgairbh	731267
Hallan	740219
Castle	765372
Schoolhouse	764366
Howmore River	755363
Roag	756357
Upper Roag	792353
Lower Kildonan	735276
Fada	754348
<u>Bharp</u>	780210
<u>Crocabhat</u>	759227
<u>Coragrimsaig</u>	796224
<u>Stulabhal</u>	795224
<u>Snigisleit</u>	297250

Please note that the grid references may change. If unsure, please contact the office to confirm.



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Fishing Newsletter 2019

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South Uist and Benbecula has some of the finest Wild Brown Trout and Sea Trout in the country and is **fly fishing only**. We have 24 Estate boats and up to 12 South Uist Angling Club boats available throughout the season. Please note that Stòras Uibhist owns all fishing rights and is the largest community owned Estate in Scotland.

All revenue generated is reinvested for the benefit of the local community.

Brown Trout - Machair Lochs

The best of the Brown Trout fishing is on the Machair Lochs on the west side of the island. Which include lochs such as Grogarry, Stilligarry, West Ollay and Bornish to name just a few. These unique lochs are based on a shell sand bottom and thus are alkaline with excellent feeding.

The 2018 season produced 2880 Brown Trout with an average size of 15ozs The heaviest fish of 7lb came from West Ollay in May.

Brown Trout - Hill Lochs

For the more adventurous and those who enjoy walking, there are numerous Hill Lochs on the east coast of South Uist and Benbecula - most of which contain Trout of various sizes. Boats are available on some lochs, please ask for the most up to date boat locations

Sea Trout & Salmon

The Sea Trout lochs of South Uist offer an excellent opportunity to catch Salmon as well as Sea Trout. The 2018 season produced 537 Sea Trout with an average weight of 11b 8oz and the heaviest sea trout of 8lbs 8oz from Fada in September. *We saw a decrease in Salmon numbers for the 2018 season* with only 26 caught, with an average weight of 4lbs 8ozs and the heaviest fish being 10lbs from Roag in September.

Size Limits

All undersized fish must be carefully returned if below the following weights:

Brown trout: 10oz or below

Sea trout: 11b 8oz or below

While the release rate on sea trout is encouraging we ask that anglers release the larger Sea trout particularly the hen fish that are between 3lbs to 10lbs + this guaranteeing the numbers and continuing quality of our seatrout stock for the future.

Salmon:

Salmon conservation measures for 2019 is that all salmon caught on the Bharp and Kildonan / Mill System are to be released

Anglers wishing to retain a salmon for the table, can do so on the Howmore System which includes the lochs Roag, Fada, Schoolhouse, Castle, Upper Roag, and loch Bee, and the preferred months to retain would be July and August and only fish that are under the 6lbs mark, there after all salmon should be returned carefully for the remaining months of the season September and October when signs of maturity become more evident.

We ask anglers again for their continuing support for these conservation measures for 2019.

Catch and Release

As a guide to anglers on stock release, the percentage returned for 2018 was as follows:

Brown Trout - 92%

Sea Trout - 91%

Salmon - 100%

Safety

For reasons of Health and Safety, all anglers **MUST** wear lifejackets, obtainable from the Stòras Office. Please take the time to read our H&S policy on www.southuistfishing.co.uk or request a copy from the Stòras Uibhist office

Equipment

We have a selection of Fly Fishing equipment for sale and also available to hire, including outboard motors, all of which can be obtained from the Stòras Uibhist office.

Availability, Pricing & Bookings

All Bookings for fishing as below should be made through:

Oifis Stòras, Daliburgh, Isle of South Uist, HS8 5SS

Phone : **01878 700 101**

Email : info@storasuibhist.com

Stòras Uibhist Prices for the 2019 Season

(per boat per day)

Brown Trout	£ 45.00	All season
Sea Trout & Salmon	£60.00	2 Jul - 31 Jul
	£60.00 - £80.00	1 Aug - 30 Sep
	£60.00	1 Oct - 31 Oct

These prices are based on two rods per boat.

Each additional angler will be charged at half the boat rate.

John Steele, our Fishing Manager, allocates the fishing on a fair rota basis to give anglers a chance to sample the variety of lochs throughout the island.

Ghillies

Ghillies can be arranged through the Stòras Uibhist office at a cost of £65 to £80 per day which is payable direct to the Ghillie.

South Uist Angling Club Prices (SUAC)

Fishing Permit	Bank Only	Per day	£8.00
Fishing Permit	Bank Only	Per week	£40.00
Boat Permit	In addition to bank permit	Per day	£10.00
East Bi, Clachan, Druidibeag, Dun Na Cille, West Bee, East Olavat, North Olavat	Boat including bank permit (2 rods)	Per day	£40.00

Angling club permits can be obtained through Daliburgh Post Office, MacGillivray's Shop in Balivanich, Kilbride Cafe and Stòras Uibhist's Office in Daliburgh. Anglers Retreat, Ardmore,

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