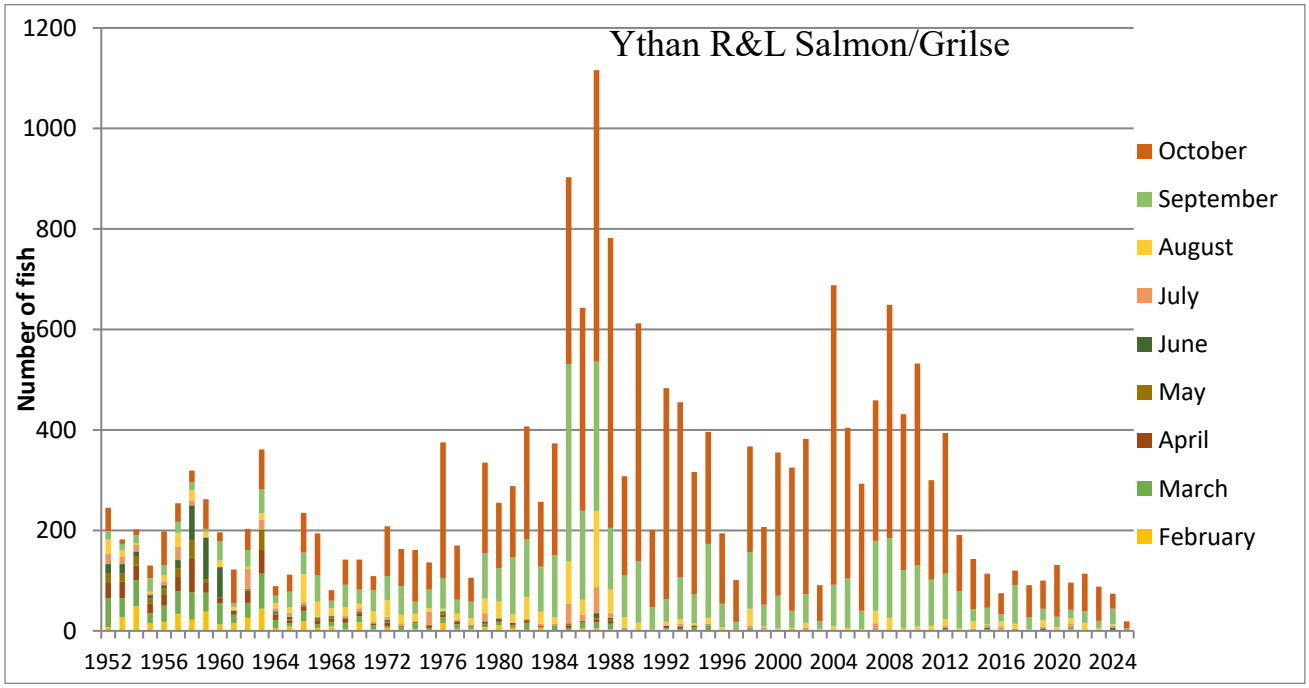
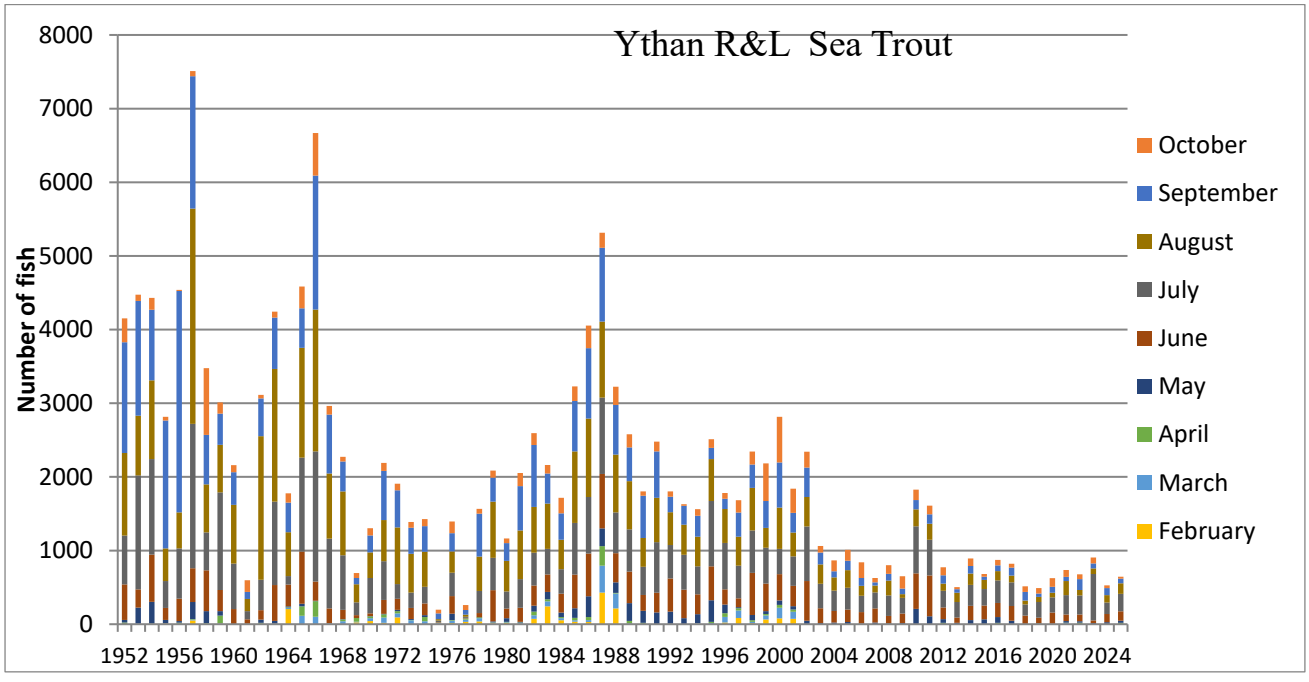
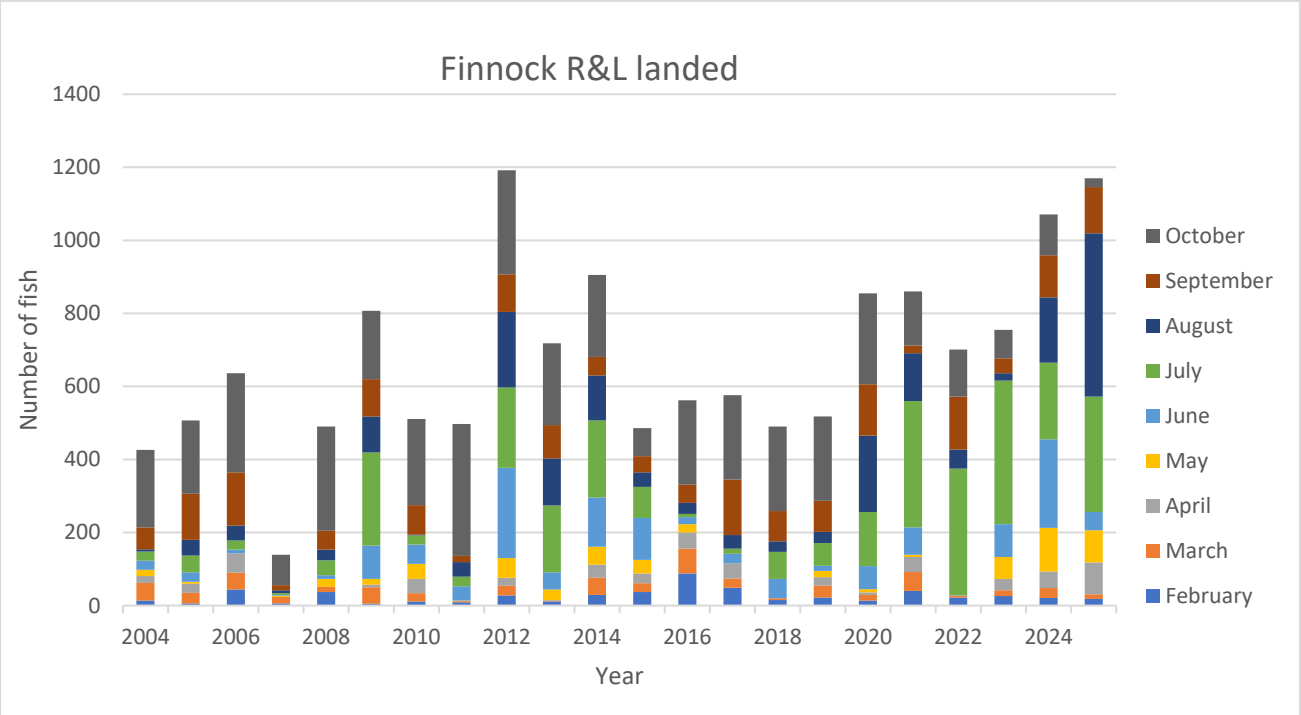
HIGHS and LOWS

Another document in this section, 'YthanFisheries25' shows reported catches within the Ythan Salmon Fishery District as running five year averages to best illustrate trends. That document also includes a commentary on the catches which notes wide variations in reported annual catches.
In this document the catches as reported year by year are presented to show these wide variations reported year on year. Dry years lie behind some of the low salmon/grilse catches by anglers but there must be additional factors at play in the sea trout catches by anglers which are mainly taken in the estuary and tidal part of the river.

The data (1952 to 2025) used in the figures below is Crown Copyright and the source is the Marine Directorate.






Finnock R&L landed
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
0
Number of fish
2004
2006
2008
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2016
2018
2020
2022
2024
Year
October
September
August
July
June
May
April
March
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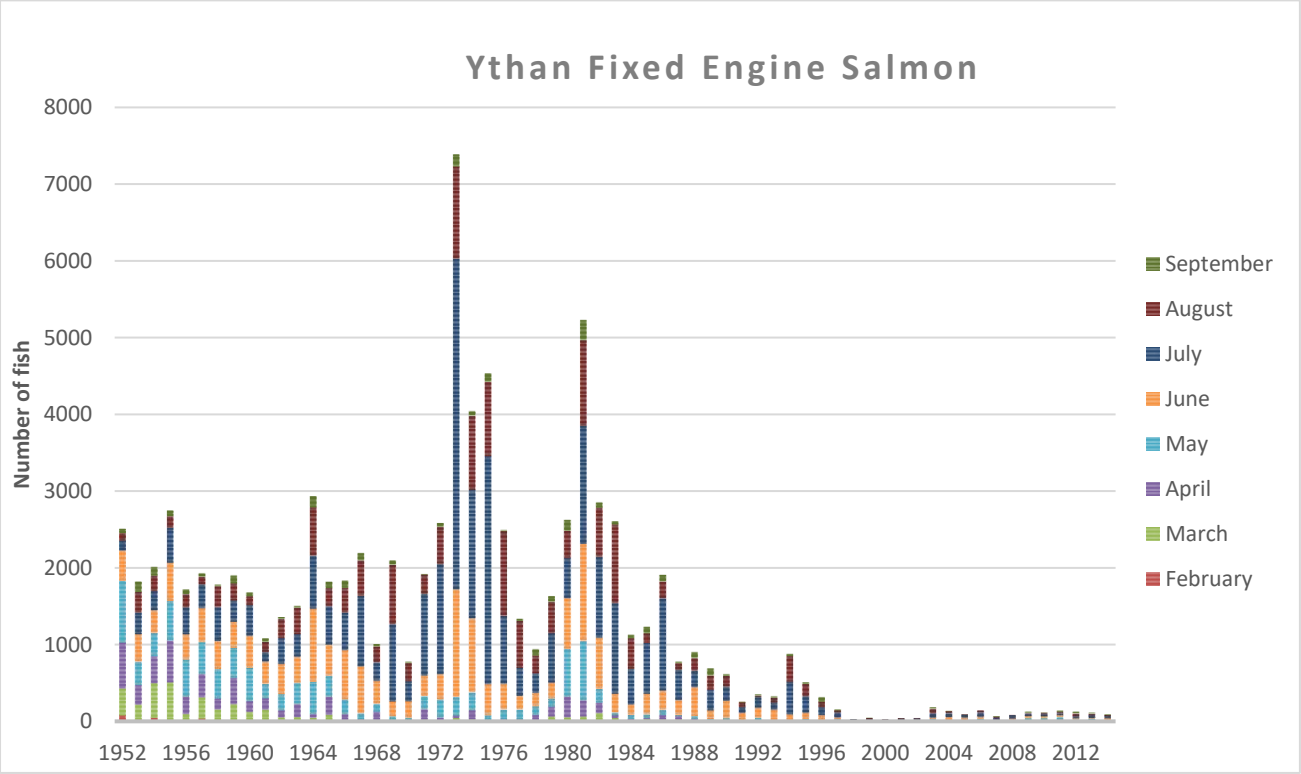
Ythan Fixed Engine Salmon
8000
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
Number of fish
1952
1956
1960
1964
1968
1972
1976
1980
1984
1988
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1996
2000
2004
2008
2012
September
August
July
June
May
April
March
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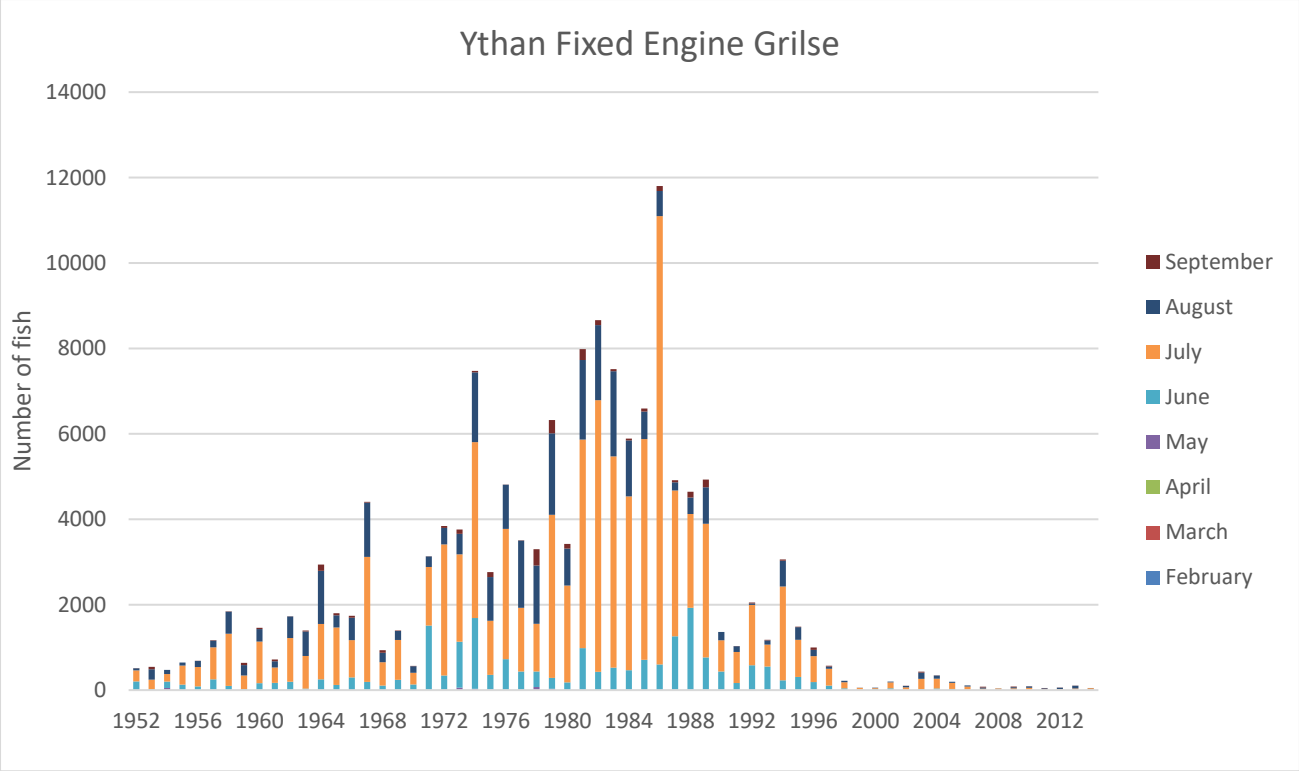

The year on year variations are quite striking both in rod & line and in net catches. The reported catch of salmon/grilse of 19 in 2025 is note worthy.