

Sea trout, 315mm, River Ewe, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007, Loch Ewe.



This fish is an early returned post-finnock which has returned to the river carrying a heavy lice burden, causing dorsal fin damage. Although the fish has clearly been to sea for a second time (becoming infected with lice), there is no fresh 'sea growth' at the outer edge of the scale, and the fish is in poor condition.

56 *L. salmonis* lice were counted on this fish (30 small chalimus, 26 pre-adults and adults, 0 ovigerous females). The dorsal fin is eroded and ulcerated.

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