

**The Irish Sea Cod Tagging Project, along with East Antrim Surfcasters S.A.C are hosting a TAG A COD COMPETITION**

TAG A COD COMPETITION 28 APRIL 2018 1500-2100 HRS.

ROVING MATCH FROM GARRON POINT TO NORTHERN END OF CUSHENDUN.

COD ONLY MATCH WITH NO MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT AS ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED AFTER BEING TAGGED AS PART OF AN ONGOING SCIENTIFIC PROJECT.

ENTRY €5 IFSA AFFILIATED ANGLERS. €10 NON MEMBERS (EXTRA COST IS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES).

OVER €1000 OF PRIZES.

NON IFSA AFFILIATED ANGLERS WELCOME. UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

**THE MATCH WILL BE RUN ON A MOST COD CAUGHT/TAGGED AND RETURNED BASIS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE €350 BELFAST ANGLING CENTRE VOUCHER**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE €250 BELFAST ANGLING CENTRE VOUCHER**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE €150 BELFAST ANGLING CENTRE VOUCHER**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE SHIMANO ULTEGRA 10000**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE SHIMANO ULTEGRA 10000**

**6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE €75 BELFAST ANGLING CENTRE VOUCHER**

**7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE €50 BELFAST ANGLING CENTRE VOUCHER**

**LONGEST COD 80% OF POOL MONEY (€2 OF EACH ENTRY WILL MAKE UP POOL PRIZE)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> LONGEST 20% OF POOL MONEY**

1 ROD AND MAX OF 3 HOOKS PER ANGLER IN WATER AT ANYTIME (SPARE RODS ARE PERMITTED SET UP WITHOUT A TRACE ATTACHED).

ALL FISH TO BE RETAINED ALIVE IN A BUCKET (BROUGHT BY ANGLER) AND RETURNED AFTER TAG INSERTED.

DEAD FISH WILL NOT BE TAGGED NOR COUNTED IN MATCH

CARD WILL BE SIGNED OFF BY PERSONS FROM AFBI OR MARINE INSTITUTE TAGGING FISH. EACH ANGLER WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CARD ON THE DAY TO PHOTOGRAPH FISH AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CATCH.

MOBILE NUMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED OF "TAGGERS" TO ENSURE AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE TURN AROUND OF FISH.

IN THE EVENT OF A POOR SHOWING OF CODLING THE PRIZE POOL WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BIGGEST SINGLE FISH OF ANY OTHER SPECIES CAUGHT WHICH SHOULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED CLEARLY BESIDE A MATCH MEASURE WITH THE ANGLERS CARD CLEARLY VISIBLE.

CHECK IN WILL OPEN IN MARINERS BAR WATERFOOT AT 13:30 HRS AND WILL CLOSE AT 14:15 SHARP. ALL CARDS MUST BE RETURNED BY 10PM SHARP.

THIS IS A NON SERIOUS COMPETITION WITH AN ULTIMATELY SERIOUS PURPOSE, TO HELP MONITOR COD STOCKS.

ANGLERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING SOME SERIOUS PRIZES!

**PRE BOOK ENTRY ONLY BEFORE 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL (to organise cards)**

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The Irish Sea Cod Tagging Project is a collaborative project between the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute in Northern Ireland, Marine Institute in the Republic of Ireland and CEFAS in the U.K, funded by the European Commission. For more information please visit:

<https://www.afbini.gov.uk/articles/cod-tagging-project-irish-sea>

<https://www.marine.ie/Home/site-area/areas-activity/fisheries-ecosystems/irish-sea-cod-tagging-project>