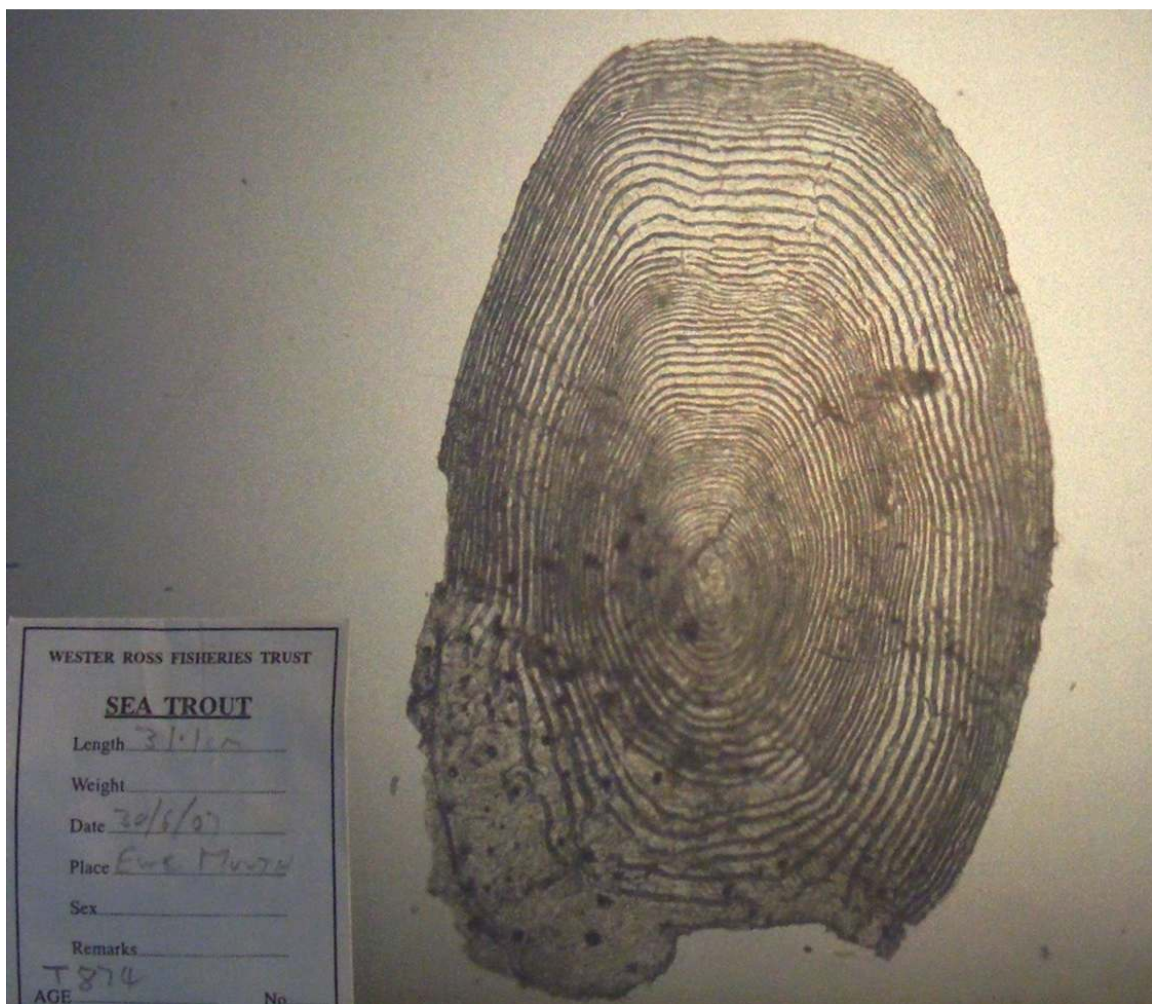


Sea trout, 311mm, Poolewe gill net, 30th June 2007, Loch Ewe.



This sea trout was taken in the gill net (set to target early-returned sea trout) at the mouth of the River Ewe on 30th June 2007. The fish has been aged as a three year old smolt (good freshwater growth in third summer in freshwater), having gone to sea and grown well in 2006. However, in summer 2007 (to date of capture) only a few widely spaced circuli have been added, demonstrating poor growth for the time of year. Although no weight is recorded, the fish is clearly thin for the time of year. Fish photo by Ben Rushbrooke. Reading 3.1+

101 *L. salmonis* sea lice were recorded for this fish, of which 96 were small attached chalimus lice and 5 were adult/pre-adult lice. The dorsal fin was slightly eroded.