



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION



MARINE RESOURCES OFFICIAL SALTWATER STATE RECORD APPLICATION Rev 22.3

SPECIES:

(Common and Scientific names)

Weight (**certified scale only**): _____ lbs. _____ oz.

Location of certified scale: _____

Date of Scale Certification: _____

Measurements of Fish:

a.Length and units, Tip of snout to centerline or fork of tail: _____

b.Girth and units (measurement around largest part of body): _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name of Angler: _____

(First)

(MI)

(Last)

Address of Angler: _____

(Street or P.O. Box)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Angler Date of Birth: _____

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

Phone Number of Angler: _____

What port did you leave from: _____

What port did you return to: _____

Date of catch: _____

Was fish caught on a conventional rod and non-powered reel ? Yes No

I authorize Marine Resources to determine sex and extract age structure. Yes No

My signature certifies that the information and permission given above is true and accurate.

Angler's Signature

Date

Names, addresses and phone numbers of two persons, besides the angler, who witnessed the weight of the fish;

1st Witness

Witness to Weight Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

2nd Witness

Witness to Weight Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

Marine Resources Fish ID Verification: _____

(Signature)

(Date)

_____ by photos _____ in person Otoliths _____ Sex _____

Fish may be brought to a Marine Resources Division office for verification of species.
Application and photos may be emailed to: marine.resources@dcnr.alabama.gov.
To schedule Marine Resources Division species verification, call Mon-Fri 8am-5pm.
Dauphin Island: 251-861-2882 or Gulf Shores: 251-968-7576.

Outdoor ALABAMA

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO RELEASE

I hereby grant the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, Inc., and their employees, agents and assigns permission to use my likeness or the likeness of my dependent in a photograph and or video in any and all of its publications, advertising, promotional videos, including web sites, social media, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo or video for purposes of publicizing the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph or video.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, Inc., and their employees, agents and assigns of either of such entities, of from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am at least 19 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

(DATE) (SIGNATURE)

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

Parent or Guardian Consent — If the person being photographed or videoed is under age 19, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of

_____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person. (PLEASE PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE) (DATE) (PARENT/GUARDIAN'S

(PRINTED NAME) (PARENT/GUARDIAN'S

RULES FOR ESTABLISHING ALABAMA SALTWATER FISH RECORDS

1. Angler must leave and return to an Alabama port without making landfall in another state, except in cases of emergencies involving safety of the boat or crew.
2. An official application must be submitted to the Marine Resources Division at marine.resources@dcnr.alabama.gov or at a Marine Resources office within 30 days of the catch. Marine Resources must verify the species prior to or during the submission of the application.
3. Application must include the following photos:
 - a. the fish and the recorded weight of the fish while on the scale
 - b. whole fish viewed from the side
 - c. close ups of dorsal and anal fins extended
 - d. any distinct features such as large teeth, finlets, scutes, barbels etc.
4. Weighing of fish must be witnessed and attested to by two persons not related to the angler and fish must be weighed on certified scales. Record date scales were inspected.
5. Fish must be caught using a conventional rod and a non-powered reel, as allowed by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) rules, using natural or artificial bait.
6. Fish must be on list of accepted species established by the [International Game Fish Association \(IGFA\)](#), unless otherwise certified by the State Record Fish Committee.
7. Size of fish must be representative of the species. The weight must fall into the top half of the maximum reported weight for the species. If a recognized weight is not available, then the top half of recognized length would be accepted. The minimum weight for any species is one pound.
8. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 25 pounds, the replacement must weigh at least 2 ounces more than the existing record. To replace a record for a fish weighing 25 pounds or more, the replacement fish must weigh at least one-half of 1 percent more than the existing record.

Example: at 50 pounds, the additional weight required would be 4 ounces.
9. Any fish, which matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record would be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two fish, weights must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught).
10. Applications must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the State Record Fish Committee. Their decision is final.
11. The angler on the application is the only one allowed to fight the fish. Assistance in gaffing or netting is allowed. Applicant must be in possession of the fish.
12. Fish should be kept (frozen) for at least 15 days after forwarding of application, should there be any question regarding identification or weight of the fish. An employee of Marine Resources may request the fish be returned to the Marine Resources Division for further inspection. If the fish is not available for verification the application will not be accepted.
13. For additional guidance, the IGFA rules will be referenced.