

# OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

## ALABAMA STATE AND/OR LAKE RECORD FRESHWATER FISH

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Applying for (check one):       STATE RECORD       LAKE RECORD

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight (Certified Scales Only): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Digital weight (give weight exactly as shown on certified scales): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Scales: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone where Scales are Located: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler's Fishing License No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Measurement of Fish:

a. Length from tip of snout to tip of tail: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Girth (measurement around the largest part of body): \_\_\_\_\_

How Caught: Rod and Reel \_\_\_\_\_ Pole and Line \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Body: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

*Continued on Reverse*

Specific Location (Info will not be made available to the public): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

May the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division include your photograph, name, and hometown on the Department's webpage and in annual fisheries reports?     **YES**     **NO**

May the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division contact you occasionally to conduct angler opinion surveys that help us develop our management strategies?     **YES**     **NO**

**We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish above:**

<b>Witness A</b>	<b>Witness B</b>
Signature _____	Signature _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____

Name of Certifying Biologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Certifying Biologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

Signature of Angler

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

**RETURN TO:**    Attn.: Damon Lee Abernethy  
Reservoir Management Biologist  
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
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## Requirements for State and/or Lake Record Freshwater Fish

1. Fish must be caught from a private pond within the State of Alabama or from public waters under Alabama's Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries jurisdiction.
2. Fish must be caught by legal angling methods either on pole and line, or rod and reel.
3. Weighing of the fish must be witnessed by two persons other than the angler.
4. Fish must be weighed in an unfrozen state, on scales that have been checked and certified for accuracy by government agencies or other qualified and accredited organizations within the twelve (12) months prior to the catch.
5. Any weights that fall between two graduations will be rounded down to the lower of the two.
6. Fish weighed only on a body of water will not be considered.
7. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 25 pounds, the replacement weight must weigh at least two (2) ounces more than the existing record. To replace a record for a fish weighing 25 pounds or more, the replacement weight must be at least 0.5 % (0.005) more than the existing record. Examples: At 50 pounds, the additional weight required would be four (4) ounces; at 100 pounds the additional weight required would be eight (8) ounces.
8. Any catch that matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record will be considered a tie. No fish weighing less than the original record will be considered.
9. The fish must meet the minimum size requirements listed in Table 2 (on back), which corresponds with Table 1 (below).

<b>Table 1. Minimum qualifying sizes for Alabama's Angler Recognition Program.</b>				
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>MASTER ANGLER</b>		<b>TROPHY ANGLER</b>	
	<b>Weight (lbs.-oz.)</b>	<b>Length<sup>a</sup> (inches)</b>	<b>Weight (lbs.-oz.)</b>	<b>Length<sup>a</sup> (inches)</b>
Black Crappie	3-00	16"	4-00	17"
Blue Catfish	50-00	46"	70-00	51"
Bluegill Sunfish	1-00	10"	2-00	13"
Channel Catfish	15-00	32"	25-00	37"
Flathead Catfish	30-00	38"	50-00	44"
Hybrid Striped Bass	12-00	27"	16-00	29"
Largemouth Bass	8-00	23"	10-00	25"
Redear Sunfish	1-00	11"	2-00	13"
Redeye Bass	0-12	11"	1-00	13"
Sauger	2-00	17"	3-00	19"
Smallmouth Bass	5-00	20"	7-00	22"
Spotted Bass	4-00	19"	6-00	21"
Striped Bass	25-00	38"	35-00	42"
Walleye	5-00	22"	8-00	26"
White Bass	3-00	17"	4-00	19"
White Crappie	3-00	16"	4-00	18"

<sup>a</sup>Qualifying sizes are derived from the standard weight ( $W_s$ ) equation with a relative weight ( $W_r$ ) of 110 %.

10. The fish must be available in fresh or frozen state to verify the correct species and weight by a fisheries biologist of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries or a Certified Fisheries Scientist approved by the Chief of Fisheries. Fish may be taken to any of the district fisheries offices which are located in Tanner (Dist. I), Eastaboga (Dist. II), Northport (Dist. III), Prattville (Dist. IV), Spanish Fort (Dist. V), and Enterprise (Dist. VI).

11. Applicant must possess a valid Alabama fishing license at time application is submitted (persons under the age of 16 and Alabama residents 65 years of age or older are exempt).
12. Application must be **fully completed**, notarized, and submitted on an official application form within three (3) months of the catch.
13. Fish caught prior to January 1, 2007, may be submitted for Lake Record consideration if 1) all other requirements are met, or 2) the fish is currently recognized by the International Game Fish Association.
14. Polygraph tests will be randomly administered to Lake Record and State Record applicants and their catches may be disallowed if questions arise regarding the legitimacy of the catch.
15. Final judgment relating to the legitimacy of each entry will be the responsibility of the Chief of Fisheries for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
16. Applications for State Record fish are exempt from Requirements No. 9 and No. 13.

### Application Procedures

1. Application must include a photograph showing side view of the fish with a ruler or yardstick clearly visible beside the fish for use as a reference to its length. Graduations on the ruler must also be visible.
2. Application should include a second photograph of the angler with the fish to be included on the Department's website.
3. A photocopy of the angler's fishing license must be included with the application.
4. Application must be **fully completed**, notarized, and returned to the address below.

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 Reservoir Management Biologist  
 Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
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<b>Table 2. Alabama's current Lake Record black bass.</b>				
No weight indicates a vacancy. To be considered for a lake record, fish must exceed the minimum Master (M) or Trophy (T) Angler weights referenced below.				
RESERVOIR	BASS SPECIES			
	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Spotted	Redeye
Aliceville	T	—	M	—
Bankhead	M	—	T	—
Barbour Co.	T	—	—	—
Bibb Co.	T	—	—	—
Big Bear	T	M	M	—
Big Creek	M	—	M	—
Cedar Creek	T	M	M	—
Chambers Co.	T	—	—	—
Claiborne	M	—	M	—
Clay Co.	T	—	—	—
Coffee Co.	T	—	—	—
Coffeetown	M	—	M	—
Columbia	T	—	M	—
Crenshaw Co.	T	—	—	—
Dale Co.	T	—	—	—
Dallas Co.	T	—	—	—
DeKalb Co.	T	—	—	—
Demopolis	M	—	M	—
Escambia Co.	T	—	—	—
Eufaula	T	—	M	—
Fayette Co.	T	—	—	—
Gainesville	T	—	M	—
Gantt	M	—	M	—
Geneva Co.	T	—	—	—
Goat Rock	M	—	M	—
Guntersville	<b>14-08</b>	M	M	—
Harding	M	—	M	—
Harris	M	—	M	<b>2-06</b>
Holt	M	—	M	—
Inland	M	—	M	—
Jones Bluff	M	—	T	—
Jordan	M	—	T	M
Lamar Co.	T	—	—	—
Lay	M	—	M	—
Lee Co.	T	—	—	—
Little Bear	T	M	M	—
Logan Martin	<b>14-11</b>	—	M	<b>3-02</b>
Madison Co.	T	—	—	—
Marion Co.	T	—	—	—
Martin	M	—	M	<b>2-11</b>
Miller's Ferry	M	—	T	—
Mitchell	M	—	T	M
Mobile Delta	M	—	M	—
Monroe Co.	T	—	—	—
Neely Henry	M	—	M	M
Oliver-Chat.	M	—	M	—
Oliver-Tusc.	M	—	M	—
Pickwick	M	T	M	—
Pike Co.	T	—	—	—
Point A	M	—	M	—
Private Ponds	<b>16-8</b>	—	M	—
Purdy	M	—	M	—
Smith	M	M	<b>8-15</b>	—
Thurlow	M	M	M	M
Tuscaloosa	M	—	M	—
Upper Bear	T	M	M	—
Walker Co.	T	—	—	—
Warrior	M	—	M	—
Washington Co.	<b>14-08</b>	—	—	—
Weiss	M	—	M	M
West Point	M	—	M	—
Wheeler	M	M	M	—
Wilson	M	<b>10-8</b>	M	—
Yates	M	M	M	M