

# OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

## ALABAMA MASTER/TROPHY ANGLER RECOGNITION

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Applying for (check one):  MASTER ANGLER  TROPHY ANGLER

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

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

***Continued on Reverse***

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**

I, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish above and/or can verify the accuracy of the information provided on this application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO:**            Attn.: Angler Recognition Coordinator  
                                 Fisheries Section  
                                 Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
                                 64 N. Union St., Suite 551  
                                 Montgomery, AL 36130



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## OPTIONAL INFORMATION (FOR B.A.I.T. REPORT CATCH STATISTICS)

### QUESTION 1: On what type of lure was the fish caught?

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lipless Crankbait | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Creature Bait | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerkbait     | <input type="checkbox"/> Buzzbait    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diving Crankbait  | <input type="checkbox"/> Finesse Worm          | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimbait     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pig and Jig |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Worm      | <input type="checkbox"/> Topwater Popper       | <input type="checkbox"/> Chatter Bait | <input type="checkbox"/> Live Bait   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Lizard    | <input type="checkbox"/> Topwater Stickbait    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinnerbait  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### QUESTION 2: What was the primary color of the bait you used?

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White  | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Green      | <input type="checkbox"/> Chrome      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange | <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Chartreuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red    | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### QUESTION 3: What type of rigging was used?

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Rig    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaky Head | <input type="checkbox"/> Weightless | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Rig | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Shot  | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspending | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### QUESTION 4: What type of lure presentation was used?

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casting  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flipping | <input type="checkbox"/> Trolling     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Sticking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pitching | <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Rolling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### QUESTION 5: What type of structure were you fishing?

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline | <input type="checkbox"/> Creek/River Channel | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Ledge       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hump                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bluff    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### QUESTION 6: What type of cover were you fishing?

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Stumps    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Piling | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blow-Down  | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Dock | <input type="checkbox"/> Rip-Rap       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____     |

### QUESTION 7: In what depth water were you fishing?

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 feet  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 15 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 - 30 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 50 feet      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 20 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 40 feet | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 50 feet |

### QUESTION 8: What was the water temperature?

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Below 40 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 55 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 70 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 - 85 degrees  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 45 degrees  | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 60 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 - 75 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 - 90 degrees  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 50 degrees  | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 - 65 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 80 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> Above 90 degrees |

### QUESTION 9: What was the air temperature?

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Below 30 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 50 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 - 70 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 - 90 degrees  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 40 degrees  | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 60 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 - 80 degrees | <input type="checkbox"/> Above 90 degrees |

### QUESTION 10: What was the percent cloud coverage?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 25 % | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 50 % | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 75 % | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 100 % |
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### QUESTION 11: From which direction was the wind blowing?

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> North | <input type="checkbox"/> South | <input type="checkbox"/> East | <input type="checkbox"/> West |
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### QUESTION 12: In the space below, list any other factors that you think may have contributed to your catch:

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## Requirements

- 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.
- Fish must be caught by legal angling methods either on pole and line, or rod and reel.
- Fish must meet the minimum size requirements listed in Table 1.
- 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).
- Application must be completed in full and submitted on an official application form within three (3) months of the catch.
- 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.

## Application Procedures

- 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. The photograph must be of high enough quality that the species can be determined by Fisheries Section biologists.
- Application should include a second photograph of the angler with the fish to be included on the Department's website.
- Application must be witnessed by someone who can verify that all the information on the application is accurate.
- A photocopy of the angler's fishing license must be included with the application.
- The catch statistics portion of this application is optional and specific locations of each catch will not be published.
- Application must be **fully completed**, witnessed, and returned to the address on the application.

<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	2-08	15"	3-08	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	2-08	16"	3-08	18"

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