

# State Record Fish Application

## ANGLER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Fishing License Number \_\_\_\_\_

## TYPE OF FISH CAUGHT

Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## METHOD OF FISHING

Conventional rod and reel

Snagging

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Bait/lure used \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

The undersigned, being a professional fisheries person, do hereby verify the identity of the described fish:

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS(ES) TO THE CATCH** (Optional, but recommended. See rules.)

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## DATE AND LOCATION OF CATCH

Date (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

Location (name of lake, river, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

County/nearest town \_\_\_\_\_

Specific location on river or lake (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## MEASUREMENTS OF FISH (optional)

Total length, tip of nose to tip of tail \_\_\_\_\_

Fork length, tip of nose to 'V' in tail \_\_\_\_\_

Girth, around fish in front of dorsal fin \_\_\_\_\_

## WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

Fish weight: Pounds \_\_\_\_\_ Ounces \_\_\_\_\_

Location of scale (name of store, etc., nearest town) \_\_\_\_\_

Date scale last certified \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being an employee of the AGFC or the USFWS, does hereby verify the weight of the described fish.

Signature of witness \_\_\_\_\_

Title of witness \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Weigh-in must be witnessed by an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee.)

## PHOTO INFORMATION (optional)

Is a photo enclosed?  Yes  No

If yes, check one:

Please return photo.

The AGFC may keep the photo and use it for publicity purposes.

## STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

By my signature, I certify that the information on this application is correct and that the fish described was caught by me in accordance with state-record rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES OF RECOGNITION

- ☛ The fish must have been legally caught in Arkansas waters where a sport fishing license is required. This rules out fish taken from hatcheries and pay lakes. Fish taken from club waters and private ponds will be considered if all other requirements are met.
- ☛ The fish must be caught on rod or pole using hook and line. Fish caught on hand-held snagging equipment will be considered if taken from waters where snagging is legal. Exception: A fish caught using other legal sport tackle (trotline, limblines, jug, yo-yo, etc.) can be submitted for consideration in the "unrestricted tackle" category, **if it exceeds the record weight established for that species by an angler using rod or pole.** However, only catches made by an angler possessing a valid sport fishing license using legal sport fishing methods will be considered. Commercial fish catches do not qualify. Regardless of what type of tackle is used, only one person may be involved in subduing the fish, except for help in netting or gaffing.
- ☛ To apply for a state record, the angler must submit a completed State Record Fish Application which is printed on the opposite side of this flyer.
- ☛ On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable. Unwitnessed catches may be disallowed if questions arise regarding their authenticity.
- ☛ A fisheries professional must identify the species of fish. The identification need not be made at the time of the weigh-in, but the professional's name, address, phone number, signature, and title (or qualifications) must appear on the application form or on a separate document confirming the species identification. When possible, a good photograph of the fish should accompany the application.

- ☛ The fish must be weighed on a certified scale legal for trade. Certified scales can be found in stores, post offices, feed mills, etc. An employee of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must witness the weigh-in and must sign the application or a separate document confirming the fish's weight. Only that weight witnessed at the official weigh-in will be acceptable, regardless of the fish's weight when it was caught. Any fish establishing a new record weight will be considered, regardless of the size and species. One-ounce graduations are used for record purposes. Fractions of an ounce will be dropped. The fish cannot be altered by any means to induce additional weight beyond the fish's normal weight.
- ☛ To assure the integrity of the record listings, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may reject any fish believed to have been taken in violation of the official rules for recognition. Its decision will be final.

For a copy of the state fish records, write:

Fish Records  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Communications Division  
2 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205



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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

