



Kentucky State Record Fish Application

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

To qualify for consideration as a state record, the fish must have been legally caught in Kentucky waters by rod and reel or on a pole and line. Fish taken on commercial gear or by non-traditional methods (trotlines, gigging, snagging, bowfishing, etc.) are not eligible. Please see Page 2 for instructions on certifying your catch.



Part A:
To be completed by applicant

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

KDFWR License number _____ Date of application (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____

Date of catch (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____ Time of catch _____ AM PM

Fish species _____

Total length _____ inches Girth _____ inches

Weight _____ lbs. (to the nearest hundredth of a pound e.g., 2.15 lbs. If available please provide scale's print out.)

Body of water (Be as specific as possible.) _____

County _____

Tackle used: Line strength _____ Rod length _____ Reel type _____

Lure or bait type _____ Method of fishing _____
(Casting, trolling, etc.)

Part B:
To be completed by three impartial witnesses other than applicant

I certify that the fish described above was weighed in my presence on (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____ at (location of scale) _____, (city) _____, (county) _____ and weighed _____ lbs. (If available please provide scale's printout.)

1. Witness: Scale operator/owner (If KDFWR is scale owner only 2 witnesses are required)

Print name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

2. Other Witness:

Print name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

3. Other Witness:

Print name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

Part C:
To be completed by KDFWR fisheries or Wolf Creek Hatchery biologists

I have inspected the fish described above and have verified the species as:

Common name _____

Scientific name _____

(Continued on reverse)

There is no evidence that would disqualify this fish from consideration as a Kentucky state record.

Print name _____

Signature _____

KDFWR or WCNFH fisheries biologist

Date _____

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and accurate and that I have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in this document to make my catch eligible for consideration as an Official Kentucky State Record. Submitted photos may be used by the department for promotional purposes.

Signature of angler _____ Date _____

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reserves the right to reject any submission or require additional information/documentation necessary to ensure validity of the catch and application.

Information and Instructions

1. The angler has the right to release the fish and not submit it for a state record. If the angler chooses to submit the fish for a state record, the required transportation for positive identification will likely result in the death of the fish.
2. To be considered for a state record certification, the fish must be weighed on certified scales or scales legal for trade in an unfrozen state. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers, farm and feed stores, United Postal Service (UPS) or FedEx locations, and at KDFWR regional fisheries offices and fish hatcheries.
3. Three witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must fill out and sign part B of the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
4. A new state record fish must have a minimum weight of 0.10 lbs and will only be recognized if the weight of the fish exceeds the present record weight by 0.10 lbs. or more. However, ties will be acknowledged.
5. It is the responsibility of the angler to contact and transport the fish to a KDFWR fisheries biologist or Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery manager for positive identification (see KDFWR regional and hatchery offices below). The fish must be alive, fresh, or frozen until positive species identification can be established. Keep the fish intact (do not open or remove any part of the fish) until it can be identified by the biologist or hatchery manager. The weight of the fish may need to be further examined if suspicion arises. Note: A taxidermist can mount a fish that has been frozen after verification.
6. Only two hybrid crosses, the Hybrid Striped Bass and Saugeye, will be considered for state record certification. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status.
7. Anglers of any age are eligible for state record fish submission, however 16 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number on the application.

KDFWR Fisheries District Offices and Fish Hatcheries

Central District
#1 Sportsman's Ln
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 892-4464

Northeastern District
120 Fish Hatchery Rd
Morehead, KY 40351
(606) 783-8650

Southeastern District
135 Realty Ln.
Somerset, KY 42501
(606) 677-4096

Western District
30 Scenic Acres Dr.
Murray, KY 42071
(270) 753-3886

Eastern District
2744 Lake Rd.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 889-1705

Northwestern District
398 Highway 81N
Calhoun, KY 42327
(270) 273-3117

Southwestern District
970 Bennet Ln.
Bowling Green, KY 42104
(270) 746-7127

Minor Clark Fish Hatchery
120 Fish Hatchery Rd
Morehead, KY 40351
(606) 783-8650

Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery
1883 Indian Gap Rd
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-4957

Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery
50 Kendall Rd
Jamestown, KY 42629
(270) 343-3797