



Application for Official Kentucky State Record Fish Program

To qualify for consideration as a state record, the fish must have been caught in Kentucky waters by rod and reel or on a pole and line. Fish taken on commercial gear, by trotlines or by snagging, snaring or bowfishing are not eligible.

The fish must be weighed on a scale certified legal for trade, and the weighing must be witnessed by at least three persons whose signatures must appear either on this form or on a separate sheet attached to this form. If available, also provide the scale's printout. The fish species identification **must** also be verified in person by a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fishery biologist to be considered.

If any questions or problems arise, call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. Mail completed form and a photograph of the fish to: KDFWR, Record Fish Program, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Angler's name _____ Phone #(____) _____

Fishing License # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Species of fish _____ Date caught _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ ozs. Length _____ Girth _____

Location caught _____

Rod _____ Reel _____ Line Size _____

Method of fishing _____ Lure or bait _____

(casting, trolling, etc.)

Fished weighed at _____ Phone #(____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

KDFWR Fishery Biologist's Signature _____

(over)

Weighing witnessed by:

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and accurate and that I have fulfilled the requirements as outlined above to make my catch eligible for consideration as an Official Kentucky State Record.

Signature of angler _____ Date _____

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reserves the right to reject any submission or require additional information/documentation it feels necessary to insure applications and catches are valid.

Tips on Establishing a Record Catch

- Get the fish to a certified or balance type scale (one legal for trade) as soon as possible. Such scales are found in stores, post offices, medical facilities, industry, feed mills and often in sport shops, tourism centers or resorts.
- To ensure unquestionable accuracy, use a scale to which is affixed a seal bearing a number, inspector and date of check.
- Weigh your fish in the presence of three disinterested witnesses (one of which should be the owner of the scale used in weighing the fish) and get their names, addresses and telephone numbers. Measure length and girth.
- Contact a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fisheries biologist and arrange to have your fish identified as to species.
- Have photos taken of the fish. Color photos work best. Hold fish broadside for further identification purposes. Use a good camera and take a well-lighted, clear, sharp, close-up photo.
- Do not open the fish. This may be required later in the presence of witnesses to verify weight if suspicion arises. Meanwhile, keep the catch cold-fresh or frozen until status is determined. A taxidermist can mount a fish that has been frozen.