



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 disinterested 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 must be left intact and not filleted, gutted or cut up. The fish species identification **must** be verified in person by a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fishery biologist or the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery manager to be considered.

If any questions or problems arise, call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. Detailed requirements are listed on the third page of this application. 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 (in.) _____ Girth (in.) _____

Location caught _____

Rod _____ Reel _____ Line size _____

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

Fish weighed at _____ Phone # () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

KDFWR Fishery Biologist's or Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Manager's Signature

(over)

Weighing witnessed by:

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of witness _____ Date _____

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of witness _____ Date _____

Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of witness _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and accurate and that I have fulfilled the requirements as outlined above and on page 3 of this document 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 ensure applications and catches are valid.

Requirements for Establishing a Kentucky State Record Catch

1. Get the fish to a certified 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.
2. To ensure unquestionable accuracy, use a scale to which is affixed a seal bearing a number, inspector and date of check.
3. 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). Get the names, addresses and telephone numbers as well as a signature from each witness.
4. Measure length and girth of the fish. Girth can be measured by wrapping a fabric ruler around the fish at its widest point (belly). The ruler should be wrapped perpendicular to the length of the fish. If a fabric ruler is not available, wrap a string around the fish at its widest point marking where the string overlaps and then measure the distance between the overlapping points on a conventional ruler.
5. Contact a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources fisheries biologist or the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery manager and arrange to have your fish identified as to species.
6. Have photos taken of the fish. Color photos work best. Hold the fish broadside for further identification purposes. Use a good camera and take a well-lighted, clear, sharp, close-up photo.
7. 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. Keep the fish cold-fresh or frozen until status is determined. A taxidermist can mount a fish that has been frozen.