



Tennessee State Record Fish Application

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

(See reverse side for instructions. Please print.)



Part A
To be completed by applicant

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone number _____
 License number (TWRA ID#) _____
 Date of application (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____
 Date of catch ____/____/____ Time of catch _____

Fish species _____
 Weight _____ lbs. _____ ozs.
 Total length _____ inches
 Body of water (Be as specific as possible.) _____

 County _____

Check either Class A or B and complete accordingly

Class A – Angling
Tackle used:
 Line strength _____
 Rod length _____
 Reel type _____
 Lure or bait type _____

Class B – Other fishing methods (Check one.)
 ___ Trotline ___ Grabbing ___ Archery
 ___ Limbline ___ Grabhooks ___ Speargun
 ___ Jug ___ Snagging ___ Dipping
 ___ Slat basket ___ Tubbing ___ Cast net
 ___ Other commercial gear (Describe.) _____

Part B
To be completed by two 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. _____ ozs.

1. Witness: Scale operator/owner

Signature _____ Address _____ Telephone Number _____

2. Other witness:

Signature _____ Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Part C
To be completed by TWRA Fisheries staff

I have inspected the fish described above and have verified the species as { (common name) _____
 (scientific name) _____

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

Signature - TWRA Fisheries Biologist/Manager _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Part D
TWRA Fisheries Division use only

Date application received _____ Approved Rejected

Date application processed _____ Genetic ID: Positive Negative Not performed

Date certification issued _____ Class A Class B

Comments _____

Chief of Fisheries signature _____

Tennessee State Record Fish Application Instructions

1. To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on certified scales. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers or at TWRA Regional Offices.
2. Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must sign the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
3. Only species recognized by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be considered for Tennessee state record certification. These are available at <http://www.igfa.org>.
4. A new state record will be recognized only if the weight of the fish exceeds 1 oz or more than the weight of the previous state record for that species or recognized hybrid (see instruction 6). However, ties will be acknowledged.
5. It is the responsibility of the angler to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish (see TWRA offices below). The fish must be alive, fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established. Photographs of the fish will not be accepted.
6. Only two hybrid classifications, the striped bass x white bass (Cherokee bass) and the walleye x sauger (Saugeye), will be considered for state record classification. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status.
7. TWRA reserves the right to conduct genetic testing on any fish submitted as a state record to verify its species or hybrid status.
8. Applicant(s) 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA ID#) on the application.
9. The completed application must be forwarded to the TWRA Fisheries Management Division within 30 days of the catch in order to be considered for a state record certificate.

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