



Tennessee State Record Fish Application

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

(See reverse side for instructions. Please print.)



Part A
To be completed by applicant

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

TWRA ID number _____ Date of application (mm/dd/yy) ____/____/____

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

Fish species _____ Weight _____ lbs. _____ ozs.

Total length (To be verified by TWRA fisheries staff in Part C) _____ inches

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

County _____

Check either Class A or B and complete accordingly

<input type="checkbox"/> Class A – Angling Tackle used: Line strength _____ Rod length _____ Reel type _____ Lure or bait type _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Class B – Other fishing methods (Check one.) __ Trotline __ Giggling __ Archery __ Limbline __ Grabbling __ Speargun __ Jug __ Grabhooks __ Slat basket __ Snagging __ Commercial gear (Describe.) _____
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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
Print name _____ Signature _____
Address _____ Phone number _____

2. Other witness:
Print name _____ Signature _____
Address _____ Phone 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 _____

Verified TOTAL length _____ inches **Girth** _____ inches

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

Print name _____ Signature _____
(TWRA Fisheries Biologist/Manager)
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 _____

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 resulting examination will likely result in the death of the fish.
2. To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on certified scales or scales legal for trade. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers, farm and feed stores, United Postal Service (UPS) or FedEx locations, and at TWRA regional offices.
3. Two 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. Only the current fish species listed in Class A and B, or those approved by TWRA, will be considered for a Tennessee state record fish certification.
5. 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 #7). However, ties will be acknowledged.
6. 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 for identification, but are welcome for publication purposes.
7. 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.
8. TWRA reserves the right to conduct genetic testing on any fish submitted as a state record to verify its species or hybrid status.
9. Applicant(s) 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA ID#) on the application.
10. 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 certification

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