



Tennessee State Record Fish Application

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

(See reverse side for instructions.)



Part A
To be completed by applicant

Name _____ Date _____

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

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone number _____

Fish species _____ Date of catch _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ ozs. Time of catch _____

Total length _____ inches County _____

Class A – Angling

Tackle used: Line strength _____

Rod length _____

Reel type _____

Lure or bait type _____

Class B – Other fishing methods (Check one.)

Trotline Limblime Jug Slat Basket

Grabbing Grabhooks Snatch hooks Tubbing

Archery Speargun Dipping 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 (Date) _____

at (Location of Scale) _____, (City) _____,

(County) _____ *and weighed* _____ lbs. _____ ozs.

Witnesses:

1. 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 _____.

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

Signature - TWRA Fisheries Biologist 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 _____

Comments _____

Class A

Class B

Signature - Chief of Fisheries

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).
5. It is the responsibility of the fisherman to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish must be fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established.
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. 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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