

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Application for New Jersey State Record Fish
SALTWATER SPECIES

Rules:

1. Fish must be caught off New Jersey's coast or any other marine waters. Species taken from a boat must have been caught from a boat that left from and returned to a New Jersey port during the same trip.
2. Fish must have been caught on sporting tackle, hooked and landed by entrant. For lobsters and crabs, hand-harvesting, traps and hand lines are acceptable catch methods.
3. New Jersey state records are determined by weight alone. There are no line classes.
4. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale as soon as possible. A copy of the current scale Registration Certificate and valid Inspection/Test Report issued by the County Office of Weights and Measures is required to achieve record status.
5. A *clear, side-view* color photograph of the fish must be submitted. All photo entries become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and will not be returned.
6. Entry **MUST** be inspected by a marine biologist for identification purposes. Call the Division's Nacote Creek Research Station at 609-748-2020 to make arrangements. The fish will need to be brought to this office. In the case of extremely large fish (i.e., sharks and tunas), a biologist will be available for dockside inspection. Fishes should be kept refrigerated prior to inspection.
7. Application **MUST** be submitted within one month of catch.

<p>Please note that 61 species of marine fish are currently eligible for entry in the Record Fish Program. Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase the awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought after and routinely found in the freshwaters or off the coast of New Jersey.</p>
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Application Must Be Filled Out Completely

The following is submitted for consideration as a New Jersey State Record Fish:

Species: _____

Weight: _____ lbs. _____ oz.

Length in inches: _____ in.
(Tip of jaw with mouth closed to tip of tail)

Girth in inches: _____ in.
(Thickest portion around fish)

Date caught: _____

Place caught: _____

Method of catch (trolling, casting, etc.): _____

Harvested from: Boat Shore Surf Jetty

Other (specify): _____

Boat name: _____

Captain: _____

Type of rod: _____ Type of reel: _____

Line Test: _____ lbs. Type of Line: _____ Lure/Bait used: _____

Certification

Important: This section must be filled out completely. A copy of the current scale Registration Certificate and valid Inspection/Test Report issued by the County of Weights and Measures must accompany this application.

I hereby certify that on _____
(Date)

I weighed a _____ that
(Species)

Was brought in by _____.
(Angler's Name)

I found the weight to be _____ lbs. _____ oz.

I further certify that the scale on which this fish was weighed was tested and its accuracy certified within the 12 months prior to this weigh-in by the Superintendent of Weights and Measures of

_____ County.

Scale certification number: _____

Date of last certification: _____

Signed: _____
(Person weighing the fish)

Witnessed by: _____
(Store manager/employee)

Store/Business name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Species Verification (To be completed by NJDFW biologist)

Species: _____

Identified by: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Angler Affidavit

I, the undersigned, attest that the fish described in this application was hooked and landed by me without assistance and that it was caught in New Jersey waters or from a boat that immediately left from and returned to a New Jersey port, and that all aspects of the harvest conform to federal and NJ State Law and the rules and regulations pertaining to saltwater fishing.

Angler's Name: _____
(Please print)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Angler's Signature: _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Notary Public of New Jersey

My commission expires: _____

Submit application to:

Record Fish Program
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
605 Pequest Rd.
Oxford, NJ 07863