Online Map Tools

New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's Office of Fish and Wildlife Information Systems develops and maintains geographic information systems (GIS) data, produces web mapping applications and provides GIS/IT assistance to support fish and wildlife management throughout New Jersey. Below is a listing of the public-facing online interactive mapping tools that allow access to spatial information, and in some cases, the ability to submit data or observations directly to Fish and Wildlife.

License Agent Locator

Displays locations of NJDEP-authorized fishing and hunting license agents: nj.gov/dep/dfwlicenseagents



Marine Protected Wildlife Reporter

A citizen science application to submit observations of protected marine wildlife to Fish and Wildlife for various conservation projects: nj.gov/dep/njmarinewildlife

NJ Hunting & Trapping Explorer

Helps users plan hunting outings and navigate in the field. Includes interactive maps of hunting and trapping zones for multiple wildlife species plus seasons, regulations and harvest statistics: NJFishandWildlife.com/hunt

Recreational Saltwater Volunteer Angler Survey

A voluntary survey to collect information on catch and effort from recreational fishing trips in state marine and estuarine waters and surrounding areas. An update to the former web-based survey, this application is optimized for mobile and desktop use: nj.gov/dep/marineanglersurvey

Sedge Island Living Shoreline

Overview of the Sedge Island Education Center, the need for a living shoreline at the island, and Fish and Wildlife's 2019 installation process: nj.gov/dep/ livingshoreline

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New Jersey Skillful Angler Program

The Skillful Angler Program is designed both to supplement the New Jersey Record Fish Program and to acknowledge that many anglers catch freshwater and marine fish that are not record size but are still worthy of recognition because the size and weight of the fish sufficiently tested the angler's skill. Open to resident and non-resident anglers. All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters using a hook and line during legally open seasons.

Saltwater 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. Anglers can now submit their application and photo(s) electronically! Program rules and steps to enter are found here NJFishandWildlife.com/skflang.htm. Anglers qualifying for a Skillful Angler award receive a certificate along with a **Skillful Angler patch** as a testament to their achievement.

The Program has three main divisions: Adult (for anglers age 16 and older), Junior (under age 16) and Catch and Release (based on length). A clear, side-view photo that allows accurate species identification must be included with each application. Additional good quality (and high resolution) photos with the angler are welcome and appreciated.

The Skillful Angler Program recognizes different levels of fishing expertise. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying size for the same species will receive a Specialist Certificate. An angler who submits five applications of qualifying fish of different species will receive a Master Certificate. Catch 10 or more qualifying fish within the year, and the angler will earn an Elite Angler Certificate.

For new anglers, the Program also recognizes your first fish caught no matter the age of the angler. Qualified anglers will receive a First Fish certificate.



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Skillful angler Ed Braunsdorf hooked this 10lbs., 14oz. fluke measuring 29 inches with a 25-inch girth. He was using a Spro jig with Gulp and Spearing as bait while fishing the Sea Girt Reef.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

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Species	Adult Weight (lbs., oz.)	Junior Weight (lbs., oz.) Catch & Release (in 3 20			
Black Sea Bass	4	3	20		
Striped Bass	40	36	42		
Black Drum	70	63	46		
Bluefish	18	16	33		
Cod	30	27	42		
Dolphin	30	27	n/a		
Winter Flounder	2	1 lb., 8 oz.	16		
Fluke	8	7	27		
Kingfish	1	8 oz.	13		
Mako Shark	250	225	n/a		
Blue Marlin	400	360	n/a		
White Marlin	60	54	n/a		
Pollock	25	22 lbs., 8 oz.	41		
Tautog	8	7	22		
Albacore Tuna	50	45	n/a		
Big Eye Tuna	200	180	n/a		
Bluefin Tuna	500	450	n/a		
Yellowfin Tuna	120	108	n/a		
Tuna (other)	250	225	n/a		
Weakfish	10	9	30		

The New Jersey State Record Fish Program (see page 28) requires a different application and is based on weight alone. Scale certification documentation and a weighmaster's signature are required for State Record Fish entries. Other rules apply. Visit Fish and Wildlife's website at **NJFishandWildlife.com/recfish.htm** for a complete list of current state records.

Four additional categories may bring out your competitive nature. Personalized certificates are also awarded for the Slam Series which includes:

- Inshore Slam I catch one each qualifying Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke
- Inshore Slam II catch one each qualifying Black Sea Bass, Tautog and Weakfish
- Offshore Pelagic Slam catch one each qualifying Bluefin Tuna, Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Dolphin
- Marlin Slam catch one each qualifying White and Blue Marlin

Each month, the leaders of each category and species will be posted on our Skillful Angler Leader Board webpage. At the end of the year, special recognition is given to anglers who catch the largest fish in each species category. The winner of each category is sent a special certificate recognizing his/ her accomplishment along with a **winner's patch** as the best of New Jersey's Skillful Anglers.

Fish must be measured from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. For catch and release categories, the fish must be measured and photographed alongside a ruler. For Adult/ Junior Division, fish must be weighed and measured by a fishing license agent, tackle shop or authorized Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologist.

Anglers must submit a photograph of the fish caught, alongside a ruler, for clear identification and measurement verification. Be sure the ruler markings are legible. Please also include an attractive, well-composed, high-resolution (large file size) photo to be considered for printing in this Digest. *Smilet* All photos become the property of the NJDEP Fish and Wildlife and may be used for promotional purposes. To apply, go to: https://ni.gou/dep/fow/pdf/

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Email your entry and photo from any device! NJFishandWildlife.com/skflang.htm

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Operation Game Thief – Short Stripers Net Fines

On March 28th, 2021, shortly after 10 a.m., the Operation Game Thief tip line received an anonymous call concerning an individual keeping short striped bass from the Raritan Bay. The angler in a yellow raincoat was seen throwing three fish on the beach in the area of Ocean Blvd in Old Bridge Township.

Conservation Police Officer James Woerner responded to the call, taking up surveillance from a distance. Once he witnessed the man in the yellow coat and a companion catch and keep an undersized fish, Officer Woerner moved in to make an inspection. The men—both from Bound Brook, New Jersey—were found with ten, undersized striped bass. The smallest fish measured 18 inches. The limit at the time was one fish per person, measuring 28 inches to less than 38 inches.

Both men received summonses for the violations, later paying \$300 in penalties, plus court costs.

Operation Game Thief: (855) OGT-TIPS



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George Hanakis of Perth Amboy reeled in the new state record Blueline (Gray) Tilefish on September 1, 2021. He landed the 23 lbs, 8 oz. fish while bottom fishing Wilmington Canyon from the *Jamaica*. New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife's Record Fish Program honors anglers who catch the largest of select species of freshwater and saltwater fish. Record size is based on weight alone; there are no line classes. Currently there are 75 marine species eligible for entry into the program, which includes a new spearfishing category with 16 additional species.

Anglers are reminded that the objective of the Record Fish Program is to increase awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found on or off the coast of New Jersey.

Fourteen species are now retired from the list of program-eligible fish, but remain on a separate list posted on Fish and Wildlife's website. One historical catch is also retired and posted on the list.

Anglers should be aware of the procedure in effect for entering the Record Fish Program. First, separate applications are required for freshwater and saltwater species. Second, for saltwater entries, it is now mandatory that a marine biologist inspect any potential record fish, as identification solely by photo is not always accurate. Anglers must call Fish and Wildlife's Nacote Creek Research Station at (609) 748-2020 to make arrangements for inspection. In most instances, the fish must be transported to this office in Port Republic. However, in the case of extremely large fish (i.e., shark and tuna), a biologist should be available to travel for dockside inspection. Note that all scale certification requirements still apply, including a valid Certificate of Inspection/Test Report and current Registration Certificate issued by the County Office of Weights and Measures.

The entry deadline is now no later than one month after the date of catch. Please include an attractive, well-composed, high-resolution (large file size) photo to be considered for printing in this *Digest*. **Smile**!

For a complete list of state record fish, including retired species, or to print an application with complete program rules, visit New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's website at **NJFishandWildlife.com/recfish.htm.**

New Jersey State Record Marine Fish

New records shown in red. * Fish was certified by the IGFA as a world record.

Species	Lbs.	0z.	Year	Angler	Where Caught	
Amberjack, greater	85	0	1993	Edwin Metzner	Off Cape May	
Bass, black sea	9	0	2015	Steve Singler	Atlantic Ocean	
Bass, striped	See ret	red spe	cies list:	NJFishandWildlife.co	om/recfish-salt.htm	
Bluefish	27	1	1997	Roger Kastorsky	5 Fathom Bank	
Bonito, Atlantic	13	8	1945	Frank Lykes, Jr.	Off Sandy Hook	
Cobia	90	6	2019	Len Andalis	McCries Shoal	
Cod	81	0	1967	Joseph Chesla	Off Brielle	
Crab, blue	8¾" pt	8¾" pt. to pt. 2008 Raymond Ponik		Bayonne		
Croaker, Atlantic	5	8	1981	Frederick Brown	Delaware Bay	
*Cunner	3	8.8	2019	John Zema	Atlantic Ocean	
Dogfish, smooth	22	0	2020	Ed DiMarcantonio	Strathmere (Beach	
Dogfish, spiny	15	12	1990	Jeff Pennick	Off Cape May	
Dolphin	63	3	1974	Scott Smith, Jr.	Baltimore Canyon	
Drum, black	109	0	2008	Nick Henry	Delaware Bay	
Drum, red	55	0	1985	Daniel Yanino	Great Bay	
Eel, American	9	13	1988	Warren Campbell	Atlantic City	
Fluke	19	12	1953	Walter Lubin	Off Cape May	
Flounder, winter	5	11	1993	Jimmy Swanson	Off Barnegat Light	
Hake, red (Ling)	12	13	2010	Billy Watson	Off Manasquan	
Hake, white	41	7	1989	Wayne Eble	Off Barnegat Light	
Kingfish, Northern	2	8	2004	Chester Urbanski	Barnegat Bay	
Mackerel, Atlantic	4	1	1983	Abe Elkin	Manasquan Ridge	
Mackerel, king	54	0	1998	Fernando Alfaiate	Off Cape May	
*Mackerel, Spanish	9	12	1990	Donald Kohler	Off Cape May	
Marlin, blue	1,046	0	1986	Phil Infantolino	Hudson Canyon	
Marlin, white	137	8	1980	Mike Marchell	Hudson Canyon	
Perch, white	2	12	1998	Michael King	Little Beach Creek	
*Pollock	46	7	1975	John Holton	Off Brielle	
Porgy	5	14	1976	Victor Rone	Delaware Bay	
Sailfish	43	4	2006	Dr. John Tallia	Linden Kohl Canyon	
Seatrout, spotted	11	2	1974	Bert Harper	Holgate Surf	

Species	Lbs.	0z.	Year	Angler	Where Caught		
Shad, American	7	0	1967	Rodger West	Great Bay		
Shad, hickory	2	13	2011	Robert Macejka	Mantoloking		
Shark, blue	366	0	1996	William Young, Jr.	Mud Hole		
Shark, bull			Vacant	(Minimum Weight 15)	0 lbs.)		
Shark, dusky	530	0	1987	Brian Dunlevy	Off Great Egg Inlet		
Shark, hammerhead	365	0	1985	Walter Thackara	Mud Hole		
Shark, porbeagle	Vacant (Minimum Weight 100 lbs.)						
Shark, s-fin mako	856	0	1994	4 Christopher Palmer Wilmington Cany			
Shark, thresher	683	0	2009	Bennett Fogelberg Fingers			
Shark, tiger	880	0	1988	Billy DeJohn	Off Cape May		
Sheepshead	19	3	2014	William Catino	Longport		
Spadefish	11	6	1998	Cliff Low	Delaware Bay		
Snearfich longhill	42	0	1989	George Algard	Poor Man's Canyon		
Spearfish, longbill	42	0	1997	Joseph Natoli	Hudson Canyon		
Spot	0	13	2003	Robert Belsky, Jr.	Little Sheepshead Creek		
Swordfish	530	0	1964	Edmund Levitt	Wilmington Canyon		
Tautog	25	13	2020	Chris Sullivan	Atlantic Ocean		
Tilefish, golden	63	8	2009	Dennis Muhlenforth	Lindenkohl Canyon		
Tilefish, blueline (gray)	23	8	2021	George Hanakis	Wilmington Canyon		
Triggerfish, gray	6	11	2016	James Massimino	Sea Girt Reef		
Tuna, albacore	77	15	1984	Dr. S. Scannapiego	Spencer Canyon		
Tuna, big-eye	364	14	1984	George Krenick	Hudson Canyon		
Tuna, bluefin	1,030	6	1981	Royal Parsons	Off Pt. Pleasant		
Tuna, skipjack	13	4	1999	Craig Eberbach	Wilmington Canyon		
Tuna, yellowfin	290	0	1980	Wayne Brinkerhoff	Hudson Canyon		
Tunny, little	24	15	1977	Mark Niemczyk	Off Sea Bright		
Wahoo	123	12	1992	Robert Carr	28-Mile Wreck		
Weakfish	18	8	1986	Karl Jones	Delaware Bay		
Whiting (silver hake)			Vacant	: (Minimum Weight 2.5	ō lbs.)		

For information concerning the New Jersey State Record Fish or Skillful Angler programs, visit New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's website at **NJFishandWildlife.com**.

New Jersey State Record Marine Fish — Spearfishing Category

In 2014, the NJ Record Fish Program expanded with the addition of a Spearfishing category for saltwater. Sixteen species commonly sought after by spearfishers are part of the Program. Spearfishers now have a unique opportunity to be recognized in New Jersey's 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 and routinely found in or off the coast of New Jersey.

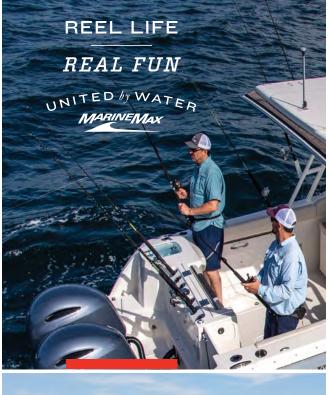
New records shown in red.

Species	Lbs.	0z.	Year	Angler	Where Caught		
Amberjack, greater	Min. Wt. 60 pounds	VACANT					
Bass, black sea	Min. Wt. 5 pounds		VACANT				
Bluefish	22	2	2017	Igor Kotov	Shark River Reef, USS Algol		
Cobia	74	5	2019	Joe Cunningham	Off Sea Isle City		
Cod	Min. Wt. 50 pounds	VACANT					
Dolphin	Min. Wt. 40 pounds	VACANT					
*Fluke	15	5	2014	Robert A. Davis	Off Barnegat Lighthouse		
Flounder, winter	3 pounds	7	2018	8 Jim Oriscak Shark Riv "back ba			
Hake, red (ling)	Min. Wt. 9 pounds	VACANT					
Pollock	Min. Wt. 30 pounds	VACANT					
Porgy	Min. Wt. 4 pounds	VACANT					
Sheepshead	12 pounds	8 oz.	2021	Russ Griffin	Off Long Beach Island		
Spadefish	Min. Wt. 9 pounds	VACANT					
*Tautog	23	14	2007	Luke Dylan Hickey	Off Cape May		
Triggerfish, gray	5	5	2019	Kevin Cavanagh	Off Monmouth Beach		
Weakfish	11.8	n/a	2009	Tai Menz	Off Cape May		

* Fish was recognized by the International Underwater Spearfishing Association as a world record.



Russ Griffin of Manahawkin landed a new state record Sheepshead on September 20, 2021 while free diving off Long Beach Island. The fish weighed 12 lbs 8 oz. and measured 26 inches in length. It is the first record fish to be caught for this category.







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Easy Fish Chowder

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Black sea bass, ling or fluke fillets, about 1–1.5 pounds

- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- ¹/₄ cup sweet onion, finely chopped 3–4 tablespoons butter
- 4 medium fingerling potatoes, chopped
- 1–2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2–3 cups milk

Salt Pepper Smoked salt Garlic powder

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Directions

- 1. In a large deep-dish skillet, dutch oven or stock pot, sauté onion and celery in 2–3 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Add salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste. Cook until very soft. Add small amounts of water; cover and steam if needed.
- 2. Move onion and celery to one side of pan. Add remaining butter and fish fillets. Season fillets with smoked salt on one side. Sauté about 3 minutes, flip, then sauté another 3 minutes until fish is mostly cooked. (Meat will turn white.)
- 3. Add chopped potatoes and about ½ cup of water; cover and steam to cook potatoes, about 5 minutes. If needed, add small amounts of water to prevent sticking or burning. Water helps to steam the food, not to serve as broth, so use very little.
- 4. Thoroughly mix 1 tablespoon of cornstarch into 2 cups of cold milk. (For a thicker broth, use 2 tablespoons.) Slowly add to the pan; stir gently. Let simmer until potatoes are tender. Remove from heat and serve.

NOTE: Shrimp (shelled), scallops and littleneck clams work well if additional seafood is desired. Add at the same time as the fish fillets. Ensure the clam shells open from cooking.

2022 Sedge Island Summer Programs

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Visit **NJFishandWildlife.com/sedge_summer.htm** for details, date and cost or contact Karen Byrne at Karen.Byrne@dep.nj.gov.



Conservation Police and Regulation Information

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