



ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION STATE RECORD FISH APPLICATION

Failure to completely fill out this application voids the entry.

Angler Information

Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone: Fishing License Number:

Witness(es) to catch (Optional): (List Name, address, phone number and signature)

Statement of applicant: By my signature, I certify that the information on this application is correct and this fish described was caught by me in accordance with state-record rules.

Signature Date

Only AGFC Employees fill out below - All information is mandatory

Date and location of catch (including County and nearest town):

Measurements of fish

Total length, tip of nose to tip of tail: inches
Fork length, tip of nose to "V" in tail: inches
Girth, around fish in front of dorsal fin: inches

Species and Weigh-In Information

Species (Common name and Scientific name):
Fish weight: Pounds Ounces
Location of scale (Name of store, etc., nearest town):
Date scale last certified:

Method of Fishing

(Circle one) Rod and reel Snagging Other (Describe)

Bait/Lure used

The undersigned, being an employee of the AGFC or USFWS, does hereby verify the weight of the described fish.

Signature of AGFC or USFWS Employee Date

Printed Name and Title of AGFC or USFWS Employee Date

Note weigh-in of fish MUST be witnessed and recorded by AGFC/USFWS Employee.

The undersigned, being a fisheries professional of the AGFC or USFWS, does hereby verify the species of the described fish.

Signature of AGFC or USFWS Fisheries Professional Date

Printed Name and Title of AGFC or USFWS Fisheries Professional Date

Note species identification of fish MUST be witnessed and recorded by AGFC/USFWS Fisheries Professional

**Other Witnesses to Weigh-in / Catch of fish, note address, phone number and signature on the back of this application.**

**Photo Information**

An electronic photo of the angler with the fish is required and must accompany application or be emailed within 4 days of verified catch. Send to: Fisheries Staff Biologist: AGFC, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205. Questions? Call Fisheries Division at (501) 223-6428.

Arkansas State Record Fish Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Fisheries Date

## **Arkansas State Record Fish Rules**

The fish must have been legally caught in Arkansas waters where a sport fishing license is required. Fish taken from hatcheries and pay lakes are not eligible. Fish taken from club waters and private ponds will be considered if all other requirements are met.

The fish must be caught on rod or pole using hook and line. Fish caught on handheld snagging equipment will be considered if taken from waters where snagging is legal. Exception: A fish caught using other legal sport tackle (trotline, limblime, jug, yo-yo, etc.) can be submitted for consideration in the “unrestricted tackle” category, if it exceeds the record weight established for that species by an angler using rod or pole. However, only catches made by an angler possessing a valid sport fishing license using legal sport fishing methods will be considered. Regardless of what type of tackle is used, only one person may be involved in subduing the fish, except for help in netting or gaffing.

To apply for a state record, the angler must submit a fully completed State Record Fish Application which is printed on the opposite side of this flyer.

On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable. Unwitnessed catches may be disallowed if questions arise regarding their authenticity.

An employee of AGFC or USFWS must witness the weigh-in. An AGFC or USFWS fisheries professional must identify the species of fish. The professional’s / employee’s name, signature, and title must appear on the application form, verifying the species and the weight. Fish identification may be verified by another AGFC/USFWS fisheries professional at a later time if questionable. A good photograph of the fish and angler must accompany the application.

The fish must be weighed on a certified scale legal for trade. Certified scales can be found in stores, post offices, feed mills, etc. Only that weight witnessed at the official weigh-in will be acceptable, regardless of the fish’s weight when it was caught. Any fish establishing a new record weight will be considered, regardless of the size and species. One-once graduations are used for record purposes. Fractions of an ounce will be dropped. The fish cannot be altered by any means to induce additional weight beyond the fish’s normal weight. Contact the AGFC at 1-800-364-4263, or AGFC website ([www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)) to obtain a list of certified scales for your area. AGFC employees will have the list of certified scales as well. It is incumbent upon the applicant to locate certified scales for the weighing of the fish.

To assure the integrity of the record listings, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may reject any fish believed to have been taken in violation of the official rules for recognition. Its decision will be final. The Commission reserves the right to establish genetic verification on an entry if it's deemed necessary.

For a copy of the state fish records, write:

State Fish Records  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Fisheries Division  
2 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Witness(es) to Weigh-In (List Name, address, phone number and signature)

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Witness(es) to Catch (List Name, address, phone number and signature)

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