



MINNESOTA STATE RECORD FISH CATCH AND RELEASE LENGTH APPLICATION
for
Flathead Catfish, Lake Sturgeon, Muskellunge, and Northern Pike

Angler Information *print as listed on your fishing license*

Name _____ Daytime phone _____
 Address _____ Cell phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 MDNR 9-digit license number _____ Email _____

Catch and Release Information *mark appropriate box*

Flathead Catfish - 53" minimum Muskellunge - 57" minimum
 Lake Sturgeon - 70" minimum Northern Pike - 40" minimum

Length (use 1/8 inch increments) _____ Girth *optional* (use 1/8 inch increments) _____

The required photo is attached (see exact specifications on back) Yes No

Date and Location of Catch

Date of Catch (Month-Day-Year) _____ Time _____ AM PM
 Name of Lake or Stream _____ County _____ Nearest town _____

Method of Fishing *mark appropriate boxes*

Casting Trolling Still fishing Other, fly fishing, etc.
 Type of lure/bait _____ Type of line/leader _____
 Were you fishing from: Boat Shore Ice Other (Barge, pier, etc.)

Witnesses to the Catch and Release

I, the undersigned, witnessed the catch, measure and release of the fish described above. You may be contacted to verify. Please provide the best phone number and information to contact you.

Name _____ MDNR 9-digit license number *if applicable* _____
 Daytime phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Statement of applicant

I certify that the information given above is true and accurate and that I have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in the Catch & Release Fish Rules and Application Instructions which are contained on the reverse side, to make my catch eligible. I also give permission and rights to the State of Minnesota to the use of this information. I understand that this use includes the rights to reproducing, publishing, publicity displays, distributing, licensing with the copyright to these recorded images in all formats. In addition, I authorize my name to be used in connection with said uses, I will not be paid for these uses and I waive all rights to inspect, approve or control how these images and the State of Minnesota will not intentionally distort or misrepresent these images in use of them. I further agree not to sue and to hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its officials, employees, contractors and licensees from any claims or damages arising from use of these images. If under 18 years of age, parental signature is required.

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

Signing this application is a statement of a true affidavit. False applications can be prosecuted by law.

For more catch and release recognition, visit the [Master Anger program with the Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota](#).

MINNESOTA STATE RECORD FISH RULES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all information requested in the blocks on this application. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** when filling out the application. Incomplete applications may be returned or rejected.
2. To be considered for the Minnesota Catch and Release program, anglers must submit at least one (1) good photograph of the fish displayed alongside a measuring stick, ruler, or tape **that clearly shows the total length** and (1) good photo of the angler with the fish.



Please email an electronic version of your photos to cassandra.hawkenson@state.mn.us.

NOTE: All photographs will become property of the State and will not be returned.

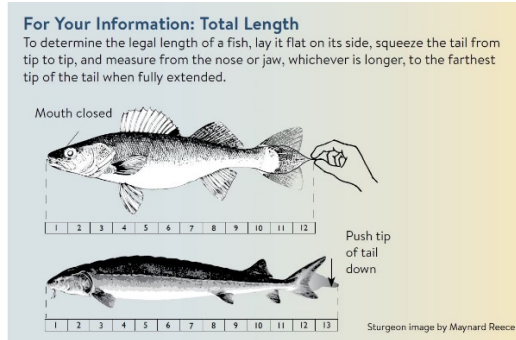
3. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to further check identification or verification of witnesses, and/or documentation of catch, and to reject any applications which are questionable.
4. Fish caught from any fish hatchery (private, club or government) are ineligible.
5. **Each fish must be:**
 - a. Caught on rod, reel and line; pole and lure; and hooked (not snagged) with any legal hook or lure and played by only one (1) person. Landing assistance **only**, i.e. netting, etc. is allowed.

- b. Taken during the legal open season and hours in Minnesota waters, including those boundary waters where a Minnesota Fishing License is valid, by a person licensed or otherwise legally entitled to angle in Minnesota.
- c. Released in good condition.

6. Witness to the catch is mandatory.
7. Two (2) professional Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologists/Managers **will** identify your catch as to species and attest to the correct identity on the application before it will be added to the list.
8. **Length and Girth Measurements** of the fish: (SEE DIAGRAM)

- a. The **length** of the fish **must** be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail with the tail squeezed (not using the contours of the fish).

- b. The **girth** of the fish **must** be measured around the thickest portion of the body, desirable, but not mandatory.



9. Only catch and release fish caught during the current calendar year will be accepted.
10. Applications are not approved until all information is received and verified by the program consultant.



Minnesota State Record Fish Catch and Release Rules and Application Instructions

Species include Flathead Catfish, Lake Sturgeon, Muskellunge, and Northern Pike

Please mail completed application to:

Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources
Division of Fish & Wildlife
Attn: Fisheries
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4020