



APPLICATION FOR MINNESOTA STATE RECORD FISH

See reverse side for Minnesota State Record Fish Rules and Application Instructions

Angler information (print as listed on your fishing license)

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

Catch Information - fish species or hybrid

Common name _____
 Scientific name _____
 Photo attached? yes no

Date and location of catch

Date of catch (month-day-year) _____
 Time _____ AM PM
 Name of lake or stream _____
 County _____
 Nearest town _____

Fishing Method mark appropriate box(es)

casting trolling still fishing other (fly fishing, etc.)
 boat shore ice other (barge, pier, etc.)
 Type of lure/bait _____
 Type of line/leader _____

Species identification

This is to be done by two Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologists/ Manager. The undersigned, being Fisheries Professionals, do hereby verify authenticity of the above information.

Name (print) _____
 Area office location _____
 Day phone _____
 Signature _____
 Name (print) _____
 Area office location _____
 Day phone _____
 Signature _____

Certified scale verification and location

Store name _____
 Store address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day phone _____
 Type of scale _____
 Brand name (serial or reg. no. if available) _____
 Date of state certification _____

Certified weight

Pounds _____ Ounces _____
 Length (inches) _____ Girth (inches) _____
Must be weighed on a certified scale and weight slip attached if available. Weight must be rounded down to the nearest ounce (e.g. 4.5 oz = 4 oz).

Witnesses to weighing

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above and attest to the weight listed. You will be contacted to verify. Please provide the best phone number to contact you.

Name (print) _____
 Email _____
 Day phone _____
 Signature _____
 Name (print) _____
 Email _____
 Day phone _____
 Signature _____

Notary Public

Applicant has sworn and subscribed to me
 this _____ day of _____, 20____
 Notary's official signature _____

Statement of Applicant - must be signed in witness to Notary Public

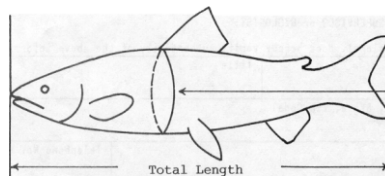
I certify that the information given above is true and accurate and that I have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in the Minnesota State Record Fish Rules and Application Instructions contained on the reverse side, to make my catch eligible for consideration as a Minnesota State Record.

Applicants signature _____ Date _____

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

MINNESOTA STATE RECORD FISH RULES & 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. At least one (1) good photograph of the fish (taken broadside for further identification) **must** be submitted with your application. Submit additional photographs (this is not mandatory) of yourself and the fish for news and publicity purposes by the Department. **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. All applications **must** be notarized.
4. Fish caught from any fish hatchery (private, club or government) are ineligible.
5. Fish caught from a water body without public access are ineligible.
6. Except for fish species already established as State Records as of January 1, 1984, fish under one (1) pound in weight will not be accepted for State Record status.
7. **Each fish must be:**
 - a. Caught on rod, reel and line; pole and lure; or any legal ice fishing device; and hooked (not snagged) with any legal hook or lure and played by only one (1) person. Landing assistance only, i.e. netting, gaffing, 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. Retained by the angler for possible inspection by Department of Natural Resources Central Office (St. Paul) Fisheries Personnel until State Record status is either granted or denied.
8. Witnesses to the catch are desirable but not mandatory.
9. Two (2) professional Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologists/ Managers **must** identify your catch as to species and attest to the correct identity on the application. The locations of Department of Natural Resources Fish Management Field Stations are listed within the Minnesota Fishing Regulations synopsis.
10. Weigh your potential record fish on a certified commercial scale legal for trade which carries a sticker affixed by the Minnesota Department of Public Service, Weights and Measures Division; showing that the scales inspection and approval falls within the Minnesota Statutes for Weights and Measures Chapter 239, Section 10 Annual inspection (currently 36 months, cited April 2002). Round weight down to the nearest ounce. The certified weight of the fish must be recorded within this inspection period. Certified scales are found in grocery stores, feed mills, post offices, industry, etc.
11. The weighing **must** take place in the presence of two (2) witnesses other than the applicant, or witnessed by a Department of Natural Resources Fisheries or Division of Enforcement person in lieu of the two (2) witnesses, who **must** sign the application attesting that the official weight was witnessed.
12. **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 (not using the contours of the fish).
 - b. The **girth** of the fish **must** be measured around the thickest portion of the body.



Measure girth at point of greatest circumference



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Please mail completed application to:

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

Applications are not approved until all information is received and verified by the program consultant. A letter will be sent to the applicant verifying or denying the application.