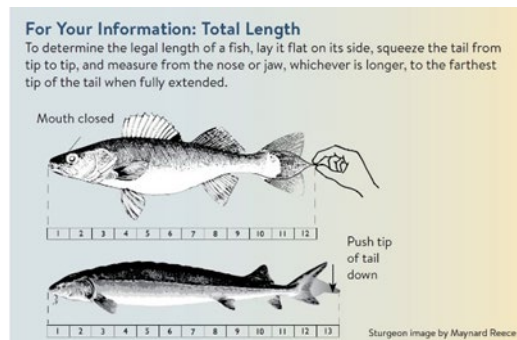


MINNESOTA STATE CERTIFIED WEIGHT RECORD FISH RULES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for a Minnesota Certified Weight record, anglers must follow all instructions below. Please print clearly when filling out the application. Incomplete applications may be returned or rejected. Applications are not approved until all information is received and verified by the DNR Fisheries. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to verify identification, verify that the applicant held a valid fishing license at the time of capture, verify witness identify, investigate catch documentation, and reject any applications that are incomplete or not able to be verified.

- Fish may not be caught using any methods other than angling and may not be snagged.
- Fish caught from any fish hatchery (private, club or government) are not eligible to be considered for a state record. Fish caught on a body of water without a public access are not eligible to be considered for a state record.
- Fish must be caught 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.
- Fish must be weighted on a certified scale, available at most bait shops and butcher shops.
- Fish must be brought to an Area Fisheries Office for species identification/verification. Two (2) Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologists will attest to the correct species identity.
- Length measurements must be clear and documented with photos. The length of the fish must be measured in a straight flat line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail with the tail squeezed. Photograph the fish next to, or on top of, a flat measuring stick, ruler, or tape that clearly shows the snout lined up with zero and the pinched tail (see photo). The entire length of the measuring device must be seen in the photo. Any questionable measurements will not be accepted. All photographs become property of the State, will not be returned, and may be used for promotional purposes.
- The girth of the fish, measured around the thickest portion of the body, is desired, but optional.
- Applications must be submitted within 90 days of the date on which the fish was caught.
- Questions? Please call Mandy Erickson at 651-259-5011
Please email or mail completed application to: mandy.erickson@state.mn.us or mailing address listed below.

State Record Fish Program
Section of Fisheries
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road, Box 20
St. Paul, MN 55155-4020





Minnesota State Certified Weight Record Fish Application

ANGLER INFORMATION *print as listed on your fishing license*

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

DATE AND LOCATION OF CATCH

Date of catch (month-day-year) _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM
Name of body of water _____ 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.)

CERTIFIED SCALE VERIFICATION AND LOCATION

Business name _____
Business address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact name _____ Contact phone number _____
Type of scale _____ Serial number or registration number _____
Date of scale certification _____ Fish weight _____

CERTIFIED WEIGHT INFORMATION

Minimum weight for application must exceed the minimum weight listed for species in the instructions or be at least one ounce greater than an existing record.

Species (list of eligible species is listed in the instructions) _____

Weight (pounds, ounces) _____

Length (*optional* - use ¼ inch increments) _____ Girth (*optional* use ¼ inch increments) _____

The required photos are attached (see exact specifications in the instructions) ☐ Yes ☐ No

WITNESS TO THE WEIGHING

I, the undersigned, am at least 18 years of age and witnessed the weighing of the fish described above. I understand that I may be contacted to verify information provided.

Name _____

Daytime phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

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

Name _____ Position _____ Area Office _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____ Position _____ Area Office _____
Signature _____ Date _____

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 and Release Fish Rules and Application Instructions, 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 reproduce, publish, publicly display, distribute, and license with copyright to 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 are utilized. 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 true affidavit. False applications can be prosecuted by law.