

WEST VIRGINIA TROPHY FISH CITATION PROTOCOL

The trophy fish citation program was initiated to recognize outstanding fishing achievement. Beginning in 2022, the citations were redesigned with new artwork. The color fish illustrations on the citations are original artwork and copyrighted by artist Joseph Tomelleri. Also, anglers will only receive one citation per calendar year for each species for which they applied. This citation will list the number of trophy citations the angler has caught of that species during the calendar year. Applications to register a trophy fish can be obtained from the WV Division of Natural Resources website at www.wvdnr.gov.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

- Fish must be legally caught with rod and reel by a licensed angler in West Virginia.
- Common carp legally taken by bow and meeting minimum size requirements qualify for a trophy citation.
- Fish must meet or exceed the minimum length.
- Fish must be measured in the presence of a witness who must sign the application form, or fish must be measured, and a photograph must accompany the application. Measure total length of fish to nearest 1/8 inch from tip of snout to end of tail. **See Measuring a Fish in the current WVDNR Fishing Regulations for proper measuring technique.**
- A clear side view photograph of the fish is desirable.
- Nonresidents and residents are eligible for trophy fish citations.
- Applications must be submitted within 60 days of the date of catch.
- Mail to: DNR Wildlife Resources | Room 306, 324 4th Avenue | South Charleston, WV 25303

MINIMUM SIZES

Brook Trout	15 in.	Blue Catfish	35 in.
Brown Trout	21 in.	Bullhead Catfish	16 in.
Rainbow Trout	21 in.	Channel Catfish	25 in.
Golden Rainbow Trout	21 in.	Flathead Catfish	35 in.
Tiger Trout	21 in.	Crappie	15 in.
Largemouth Bass	21 in.	Sunfish	10 in.
Smallmouth Bass	20 in.	Chain Pickerel	20 in.
Spotted Bass	14 in.	Northern Pike	32 in.
Rock Bass	10 in.	Walleye	28 in.
Striped Bass	30 in.	Sauger	17 in.
Hybrid Striped Bass	24 in.	Yellow Perch	13 in.
White Bass	15 in.	Freshwater Drum	22 in.
Muskellunge	45 in.	Fallfish	18 in.
Tiger Musky	40 in.	Common Carp	31 in.



APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA TROPHY FISH CITATION

FILL OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Species: _____

Date Caught: _____ Length: _____ Inches

Name of Stream or Lake: _____

County where caught: _____

☐ Length Certification (Check if certifying your fish by length with a witness)

Witness Signature: _____

Address of Witness: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Length Certification (Check if certifying your fish by length with a photograph)
Please print your name, address, and species of fish on the back of the photograph.
Photographs become property of the West Virginia DNR and will not be returned.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Phone: _____

**Mail to: West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
112 California Avenue
Charleston, WV 25305**