

REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR STATE RECORD FISH

Any angler landing a potential record breaker should immediately contact someone from the list below to report the catch to the Fish Management Section of the Division of Natural Resources. A DNR fishery biologist must verify the species of fish as well as the weight and length and complete the form below.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
(Please print clearly)

Address: _____
(Street, Route) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Species: _____ Date Caught: _____

Weight: _____ Length: _____
(to **hundredths** of a pound) (to **hundredths** of an inch)

Lure/Bait: _____ Line Test: _____

Check One: ☐ Shore ☐ Wade ☐ Boat

Name of stream or lake: _____ County where caught: _____

Where fish was weighed: _____
(Fish must be weighed on certified scales)

WV DNR Witness: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

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Official Protocol for WV State Record Fish

A record of the largest fish of each species legally taken with rod and reel by a licensed angler in West Virginia waters is maintained by the Division of Natural Resources. Certificates of accomplishment are awarded for each record holder. Anglers landing a potential state record fish should report the catch as soon as possible to the district fisheries biologist, or other approved personnel as listed on the official application, in the closest DNR district office. Please follow these guidelines to ensure accuracy of reporting.

- Fish must be weighed on a scale certified by the West Virginia Division of Labor.
- Signatures and telephone numbers of one person who witnessed the length and weight measurements will be required.
- A DNR fisheries biologist must verify the species, length and weight of the fish.
- A photograph of the fish is desirable.

If a DNR biologist is not immediately available, wrap the fish in plastic wrap and freeze it. Contact the local DNR biologist as soon as possible.