



IDAHO STATE RECORD FISH APPLICATION

Please refer to the back of this application for program guidelines and instructions

Record Applying For: (check one)

☐ Certified Weight (refer to section 1) ☐ Catch and Release (refer to section 2)

ANGLER INFORMATION

Name of Angler, (First)	(Last)	Application Date
Idaho Fishing License Number		Telephone (including area code)
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email (optional)		

CERTIFIED WEIGHT RECORDS

Species	Date of Catch	Water Body & County
Catch Method (check one) ☐ Rod/Reel ☐ Archery/Spearfish		Lure/Bait Used (optional)
Official Weight (Decimal lbs.)	Total Length	

CATCH AND RELEASE RECORDS

Species	Date of Catch	Water Body & County
Total Length		Lure/Bait Used (optional)

WITNESS INFORMATION

Name	Address
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SIGNATURES

Biologist signature is required for verification of certified weight record applications.

_____ IDFG Fisheries Biologist Signature	_____ IDFG Fisheries Biologist Printed Name	_____ Date
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PHOTO PERMISSION☐

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_____ Angler Signature	_____ Date	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)	_____ Date
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Program Guidelines

- All applicants must have a valid Idaho fishing license at the time the fish was caught.
- Record fish can only be caught in publicly-accessible waters during an open season for that species. Only legal fishing methods are allowed. No records will be awarded for fish caught during salvage seasons or from fee-fishing operations.
- Applications must be submitted within 30 days of the catch date, and will be processed during a 30-day review period. IDFG will review and verify all application materials.
- Species taken by archery or spearfishing will be combined into a single category by species separately from rod/reel records, only awarded for legal species, and are not eligible for Catch and Release Records.
- **Certified Weight Records** are based on the weight of the fish as determined on a certified scale.
- The official weight is the weight at the time of weighing shown on the receipt. No adjustment for weight loss will be allowed.
- The fish must be weighed on a scale certified for legal trade and include a printed receipt. This type of scale can typically be found at grocery stores or US Post Offices. The weighing must be witnessed by (a) one person other than the applicant or (b) by a Department of Fish and Game employee.
- **Catch and Release Records** are based only on the total length of the fish and must be released alive.
- White Sturgeon records must be broken by a minimum of 2 inches to qualify as new records. All other fish species must be exceeded by 0.5 inches to qualify as a new record.

How to apply for a state record fish

Anglers must submit completed a Record Fish Application Form, accompanying photographs, and certified weight receipt (if applicable) to IDFG.

Certified Weight Records require:

- ✓ A receipt from the certified scale documenting the weight.
- ✓ Verification of species and by IDFG staff from an IDFG office.
- ✓ At least one witness to the weight.

Catch and Release Records require:

- ✓ Total length must be measured flat from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with lobes of tail squeezed together.
- ✓ Salmon, Steelhead and White Sturgeon must be measured and photographed in the water.
- ✓ Sturgeon should be measured upside down along the belly from the snout to tip of the upper lobe of the tail fin.
- ✓ At least one photo of the fish verifying the species and length of the fish with a measuring device (ruler or tape measure).
- ✓ At least one photo of the angler with the fish.
- ✓ At least one witness to the measurement and release of the fish.
- ✓ The fish must be released alive as quickly as possible.

Applications may be submitted by email or postal mail (addresses below) or delivered to an IDFG office.



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