

CATCH & RELEASE APPLICATION

FOR OFFICIAL WORLD FRESH WATER RECORD SPORTCAUGHT FISH

A NON-PROFIT MUSEUM-EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame

THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED!

NOTE: Do not write! Type or print plainly!

Return entire form to:

FRESH WATER FISHING HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 690, 10360 Hall of Fame Drive
Hayward, WI 54843 U.S.A.
Phone 715/634-4440
Fax 715/634-4440

Use additional sheets for other supporting information. Enclose line sample as per rules.

APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT:

In submitting this application, the applicant agrees to allow the Hall of Fame to use record photos and stated facts for publication as it sees fit.

READ THIS BEFORE SUBMITTING CATCH & RELEASE APPLICATION!

This Hall of Fame program encourages "water release." Fish should be released at the catch site as quickly as possible to minimize stress. 10" minimum to qualify.

Record released fish are recognized by length only and listed in the record book and quarterly updates by line class in their respective division.

Include an accurate measurement of the fish. A clear full length non-digital photo. (Fish should always be held in a horizontal position to minimize stress.) One witness is required. The fish must be hooked and played by only one person and only that person can submit this application. Angler may be assisted in landing the fish. Angler species identification is accepted, subject to qualifier verification. "Catch & Release" is largely an honor program with fish survival being of the highest priority.

**NOTE: All fractions in length will be rounded down to the nearest even inch mark.*

Member applications processed without charge. Non-members, please submit a \$20 processing fee with application.

NAME OF ANGLER

Name (print) _____ Age (if 12 & under) _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
State/Province _____ Phone _____

NAME OF FISH SPECIES CAUGHT

Common Name _____
Scientific Name _____
Caught (month, day, year) _____
If Salmon or Trout _____
(Landlocked or Sea-Run)
(NOTE: Private water catches not allowed)
Location of Catch _____
(Name of river, lake, etc.)
State/Province _____ Country (Note: not county) _____
Closest Town or Village, etc. _____

SUBMIT 25 FEET OF LINE

Used on Rod/Reel or minimum 25 inches Tippet if Fly Fishing. Do not submit Cane/Pole or Ice Fishing line. Hall lab determines line class by test of your sample.

Line Class Used/Make _____

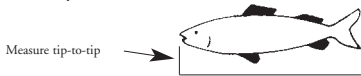
DIVISION APPLIED FOR

CHECK ONE ✓

- DIVISION #1 ROD/REEL
 DIVISION #2 FLY FISHING
 DIVISION #3 POLE/LINE/NO REEL
 DIVISION #4 ICE FISHING
- CAPTURE METHODS ALLOWED

TOTAL LENGTH OF FISH (10" MINIMUM)

Inches Only _____



Bait/Lure Used _____

HOW CAUGHT?

Conventional Angling _____
Power Trolling _____
Outrigger/Downrigger _____
IF ICE FISHING? Tip-Up _____
Pole & Line _____

FISH SPECIES RECOGNIZED

1. Amur, White (Grass Carp)
2. Bass, Largemouth
3. Bass, Peacock
4. Bass, Redeye
5. Bass, Rock
6. Bass, Shoal
7. Bass, Smallmouth
8. Bass, Spotted or Kentucky
9. Bass, Striped (Inland)
10. Bass, White
11. Bass, Whiterock or Rockfish Hybrid
12. Bass, Yellow
13. Bluegill, (Brim) (Bream)
14. Bluegill, Hybrid
15. Bowfin or Dogfish
16. Buffalo, Bigmouth
17. Buffalo, Black
18. Bullhead, Black
19. Bullhead, Brown
20. Bullhead, Yellow
21. Burbot (Eelpout/Lawyer)
22. Carp, Common
23. Carp, Mirror
24. Carpsucker (Quillback)
25. Carpsucker, River
26. Catfish, Blue
27. Catfish, Channel
28. Catfish, Channel (Albino)
29. Catfish, Flathead (Mud-Cat)
30. Catfish, White
31. Char, Arctic
32. Crappie, Black
33. Crappie, White
34. Drum, Freshwater (Sheepshead)
35. Gar, Alligator
36. Gar, Florida
37. Gar, Longnose
38. Gar, Spotted
39. Grayling, Arctic
40. Herring, River or Skipjack
41. Inconnu
42. Koi
43. Mooneye
44. Muskellunge, Natural
45. Muskellunge, Hybrid or Tiger
46. Paddlefish (Spoonbill)
47. Perch, White
48. Perch, Yellow
49. Pickerel, Chain
50. Pike, Blue-Silver
51. Pike, Northern
52. Redhorse, Shorthead/Northern
53. Redhorse, River
54. Salmon, Atlantic (Inland)
55. Salmon, Atlantic (Sea-Run)
56. Salmon, Chinook (Inland)
57. Salmon, Chinook (Sea-Run)
58. Salmon, Chum
59. Salmon, Coho (Silver) (Inland)
60. Salmon, Coho (Silver) (Sea-Run)
61. Salmon, Kokanee
62. Salmon, Pink (Inland)
63. Salmon, Pink (Sea-Run)
64. Salmon, Pinook (Hybrid)
65. Salmon, Red (Sockeye)
66. Sauger
67. Saugeye, Hybrid
68. Shad, American
69. Splake (Hybrid Trout)
70. Sturgeon, Lake
71. Sturgeon, White
72. Sucker, Utah
73. Sucker, White
74. Sunfish, Green
75. Sunfish, Longear
76. Sunfish, Pumpkinseed
77. Sunfish, Redbreast
78. Sunfish, Redear (Shell Cracker)
79. Tilapia
80. Trout, Brook
81. Trout, Brown
82. Trout, Bull
83. Trout, Cutthroat
84. Trout, Dolly Varden
85. Trout, Gila
86. Trout, Lake (Mackinaw)
87. Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead) (Inland)
88. Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead) (Sea-Run)
89. Walleye
90. Warmouth
91. Whitefish, Bonneville
92. Whitefish, Lake

WITNESS TO RELEASE & MEASURE

Name (print) _____
Address _____
City State/Province _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
Signature _____

DID YOU SUBMIT ...?

- One application per envelope?
- A photo for further species I.D.?
- A line sample if applicable?
- Your application notarized?
- Legal catch – legal season?

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I, _____, state that the fish described in this application was legally caught by me in accordance with the rules as established by the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame for "World Record Fish". The line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that all the information and statements in this application are true and correct.

Subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT) All persons read before signing
(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY) My commission expires (is)

(Optional)
Local Radio Call Letters _____
Name of Your Area Newspaper _____

YOU RECEIVE AS A WORLD RECORD HOLDER ...

If qualified as a world record holder, you will receive a certificate for framing. Your record will also be listed in the annals of the Hall of Fame for posterity and in the Hall's annual Official World Fresh Water Angling Records Book.

KEPT FISH APPLICATION

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WITNESSES TO CERTIFIED SCALE WEIGHING

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above and attest to the weight as listed.

#1

Name (print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
Signature _____

#2

Name (print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
Signature _____

SCALE INFORMATION

WEIGHT ON LEGAL-FOR-TRADE SCALE

Fish Weight/Pounds _____ Ounces _____
Scale Reading if metric or computer style _____
Registered Scale Number/Make _____
Date Scale Last Checked _____
Where Scale? Name Store, etc. _____
Where Scale? Name City/Camp, etc. _____

INCLUDE PHOTO OF SCALE IF POSSIBLE

WEIGHT ON SPRING-TYPE SCALE

Allowed only if spring scale certified for accurate weight by witnesses, by signed statement, or by qualified agent.
If Spring Scale, Fish Weight/Pounds _____ Ounces _____
Describe scale, send documents, photo. _____
Location of spring scale? _____
Make? _____

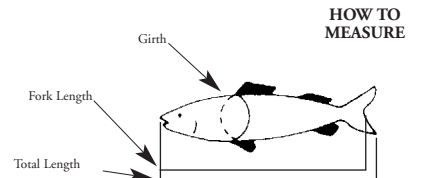
Positive identity of fish species or hybrid

The undersigned, being a professional fisheries person, does hereby verify the identity of the described fish:

Name (print) _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City State/Province _____
Zip Code _____ Country _____
Place of Employment _____
Signature _____

MEASUREMENTS FOR KEPT FISH. THIS FORM NOT FOR RELEASED FISH.

Total Length of Fish - Tip to tip _____
Fork Length - Tip to 'V' in tail _____
Girth - See diagram below _____



HOW TO MEASURE

Name of Reel Used _____
Make of Rod & Length _____
Make of Line (Define) _____
Bait/Lure Used _____

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NOTICE

Entire form must be filled out. Did you enclose line or tippet sample if applying for Div. #1 or Div. #2?

(Optional)
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NAME OF ANGLER

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NAME FISH SPECIES/HYBRID CAUGHT

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Power Trolling _____
Outrigger/Downrigger _____
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Rules and Guidelines for Application for a World Fresh Water Sportfishing Record

DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL

DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING

DIVISION #3 - POLE/LINE/NO REEL

DIVISION #4 - ICE FISHING

DEFINITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Division #1-ROD/REEL (Open Water Only)

The use of a fixed or revolving spool affixed to a fishing rod both which are carriers of line to which are affixed legal single or multiple hooks by which the fish is captured. All-Tackle (heaviest) and line classes recognized. Submit 25 feet or more of line sample used in the catch.

Division #2-FLY FISHING (Open Water Only)

The use of regulation fly fishing equipment cast to the prey in conventional fly fishing manner All-Tackle (heaviest) and line classes recognized. Submit 25 inches of the tippet. Detach the fly/hook from the tippet at the knot. Do not send the fly/hook, as it cannot be returned. (Note: Hybrid equipment not allowed.)

Division #3-POLE/LINE/NO REEL (Open Water Only)

The use of a pole and line without a reel for retrieve purpose. Only heaviest catches recognized. No line sample needed.

Division #4-ICE FISHING

A fish captured through the ice by accepted legal ice fishing devices such as a pole/line, tip up and other varied legal devices. Only heaviest catches recognized. No line sample needed.

ELIGIBLE WATERS:

Any world fresh water except private, club or fish hatchery waters or private ponds not accessible for angling by the general public. Fee waters and ponds for angling by permit to public allowed. Inquire.

SPECIES RECOGNIZED FOR WORLD RECORDS ... MINIMUM WEIGHTS/LENGTHS:

Any sport caught fish species will be recognized that meets rules requirements. Species not currently listed because of no demand will be added if demand dictates.

Fish catches less than one (1) pound or ten (10) inches will not be considered. Weights may be certified in lbs/ozs or metric. One (1) ounce graduations recognized for record purposes. Fractions are rounded down to nearest ounce or inch mark. **TIES WILL NOT BE GRANTED.**

LEGAL SEASON .. LEGAL CATCH:

Fish must be taken legally during legal season and hours for the specific geographic location.

THE CATCH:

More than one person involved in subduing the fish will disqualify the catch (except for help in netting, gaffing or beaching.)

THE ROD/POLE:

Hall of Fame world line class or all tackle records are recognized only when a rod/pole (minimum 36" open water conventional angling; minimum 12" ice fishing; minimum 72" fly fishing lengths) to which a line and bait are attached is used.

Hand lines, jig boards, spears, snag-hooks, trot lines, gill nets, set lines, or stub line carriers, etc., will not be considered.

The only exception to the rod/pole regulation is the use of a tip-up for ice fishing, whose catch may be a contender for only the "heaviest" in Ice Fishing, Division #4.

THE REEL:

Power driven reels (motor/electric) are prohibited.

THE BAIT:

The word "bait" as used here is that portion of tackle which entices the fish to bite whether live, plug, lure, fly, etc.

ALL TACKLE (HEAVIEST) CLASS:

The heaviest fish caught of the species regardless of the line test used. Only rod/bait catches eligible.

LINE CLASS CLASSIFICATION:

The heaviest fish caught of the species on a line test or strength. The following line classes are recognized:

DIVISION #1: 2 lb., 4 lb., 6 lb., 8 lb., 10 lb., 12 lb., 14 lb., 15 lb., 16 lb., 17 lb., 20 lb., 25 lb., 30 lb., 36 lb., 40 lb., 45 lb., 50 lb., 60 lb., 70 lb., 80 lb., 130 lb., and Unlimited.

DIVISION #2: Tippets 2 lb., 4 lb., 6 lb., 8 lb., 10 lb., 12 lb., 14 lb., 16 lb. ... up to 50 lb. and Unlimited for larger fish.

A range of line classes have been determined for each listed species. Fish caught on line classes beyond the listed range for that species are placed in a record class defined as "Unlimited." Example: Panfish may have a recognition class from 2 lb. test to 12 lb. test, while larger species class recognition may culminate in heavier maximum fine strengths.

LINE TESTING PROCEDURE:

DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL:

The first 25 feet or more of the line used in the catch **MUST** be submitted with the application for Division #1 - Rod/Reel. Five tests are made of each line to average breaking load. Example: A line may test stronger or weaker than its stated strength due to many variables. To accommodate this, parameters are used.

Example: A six (6) lb. test line parameter is from 5.01 to 7.00. An average breaking point below would place that line in the 4 lb. class while an average breaking load above would place that line in the 8 lb. class, etc. Each qualifying applicant receives a detailed lab copy of his line's test results. Our lab uses only certified line test equipment. Line tested wet strength. **Pre-tests will not be accepted when submitted with an application.**

LINE TESTING PROCEDURE:

DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING:

Submit tippet with fly/hook detached. Fly/hook cannot be returned. Because of the shortness of the tippet only a single break load test is possible. The .01 to .00 parameter for test is used as in Division #1.

POLE/LINE/NO REEL ... ICE FISHING ...

Do not submit line samples for these divisions. Only heaviest/longest recognition, no line classes honored.

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DO NOT OPEN FISH IF "ALL-TACKLE":

Before status is determined. This may later be required by a biologist to authenticate weight.

YOU ARE NOW READY TO DO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

WEIGH-IN ON LEGAL-FOR-TRADE SCALE:

Weigh your potential record *only once* on a certified/balance-type scale *legal for trade* which carries a certification inspection and date or sliding weight and balance type scales.

Do not use a spring-type scale unless it has been, or can be, certified for accuracy by quality or later proper authority. Certified scales are found in stores, post offices, feed mills, industry, etc.

WITNESS TO WEIGHT AND CATCH:

While witnesses to catch are desirable but not mandatory, two disinterested witnesses to weight are positively required. (The applicant cannot be a witness.)

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION:

A professional fisheries person **MUST** identify your catch as to species and attest to the correct identity by his declaration. If all-tackle record or hybrid, a taxonomist or DNR fish biologist is required.

SEND IN LINE SAMPLE:

Division #1 - Rod Reel—Submit at least the first 25 feet of line used in the catch wound on notched stiff cardboard to prevent tangles or kinks. Line tested wet strength. Do not use tape on line.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing—Submit tippet (25 inches) or more with fly/hook detached. Fly/hook cannot be returned. Line tested wet strength. Do not use tape on line.

SEND IN PHOTOS:

A good color non-digital photo of the angler and the fish (taken broadside for further identification) **MUST** be submitted. This photo will ultimately be displayed in the Hall's museum records gallery. Also, submit one (1) other color non-digital photo of you and the fish (broadside), for news and publicity purposes. Fish should predominate in all photos, not the angler. For small fish, waist shots are best.

NOTARY PUBLIC ATTEST:

All applications must be notarized as provided on the form.

ONE RECORD PER ENVELOPE:

Each record application must be submitted in its own envelope.

THE APPLICATION:

Do not submit unless complete. Please print information **PLAINLY**, especially your full name and correct address. You're on your sportsman's honor. Misrepresentation or falsifying an application with intent to defraud the program will disqualify the catch and create suspect of past or future catches.

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame reserves the sole right to grant or reject any record, past or future, for good reason which it has listed or established and its decision will be final.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION:

Applications lacking the vital requirements as determined by the qualifier will be returned or rejected.

QUALIFIER'S OPTIONS:

The qualifier reserves the right to review, investigate, reject, disqualify or accept any declaration of record submitted, or any record inadvertently granted. In cases of dispute, the Hall's "Records Board of Review" shall be the final authority. In submitting application, the angler voluntarily submits to these options of the qualifier.

TIME LIMITATION:

Application must be received within 90 days of catch. Exceptions may be allowed for good reason only as determined by the qualifier. Properly documented older records may be considered.