

AGENCY USE ONLY

Applicant's name

A. Justin Bythwood
First name Middle initial Last name

Date of catch

5/12/24
MM/DD/YYYY

Date application received

5/16/24
MM/DD/YYYY

Division of entry (check one):

MEN WOMEN

Species common name

Graysby Grouper

Genus and species

Cephalopholis cruentata

Current record weight:

N/A
Pounds Ounces

Entry weight:

2 2.24
Pounds Ounces

Weight needed:

N/A
Pounds Ounces

REVIEW COMMITTEE

	Approve NEW Record	Approve TIE Record	Disapprove Record	Approve Outstanding Catch	Disapprove Outstanding Catch
Tyler Jones Program Coordinator	<u>TJ</u>				
Paul Medders Program Advisor	<u>PM</u>				
Jared Flowers Research and Surveys	<u>JF</u>				
Carolyn Belcher Chief of Marine Fisheries	<u>Carolyn Belcher</u>				
Doug Haymans Division Director	<u>DH</u>				

Notes

IGFA world record → 3 lb. 8oz (2023)

GEORGIA SALTWATER GAME FISH RECORDS PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR STATE RECORD

Prior to completing this application, please read the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program rules and regulations at CoastalGaDNR.org/SaltwaterRecords. This application must be accompanied by photographs as specified in the Program's rules and regulations. Incomplete applications may be rejected or take longer to process. By completing this application, you agree to allow the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to release to the public photos and relevant information regarding a new record, tie record, or outstanding catch.

I. ANGLER IDENTITY

Angler name (as you would wish it to appear on your state record certificate):

Date of Birth:

1. Justin S Bythwood
 First name Middle initial Last name

[REDACTED]
 MM / DD / YYYY

Permanent address:

[REDACTED]
 Street Apartment/Unit
Waycross Ware GA 31501
 City County State ZIP

Phone number:

Email address:

229 [REDACTED]
 Including area code

[REDACTED]

Fishing license information:

Division of entry (check one):

Fishing club affiliation (if any):

[REDACTED]
 Georgia fishing license number

MEN WOMEN

Saltwater Information Program (SIP) Permit expiration date: 09/13/2025
 MM / DD / YYYY (Note: A valid SIP permit is required by law, O.C.G.A. 27-2-20.1)

Note: You do not need a fishing license or SIP permit if you are covered under a Georgia Charter/Guide License. To be eligible, you must have been on a paid charter trip when you caught your fish, and the guide must be appropriately licensed. Be sure to include the charter guide's information in Section "TV Vessel".

II. CATCH INFORMATION

Species (common name):

Date of catch:

Graysby grouper

5/12/24

Place of catch (be specific):

Method of catch:

5 miles Past Tower RS



Bottom Fishing
 Trolling, casting, fly fishing, et cetera

Weight:

Length (in inches):

Girth (in inches):

2.14#
 Pounds Ounces
2 lbs, 2.24 oz

14 1/2" (14.685) NA
 Total length Fork length
 
373mm

306mm
 Distance around the thickest part of body

III. EQUIPMENT

Rod:

Shakespeare Tidewater
Make and length

Reel:

Shimano Torso 30
Make

Line:

65lb braid
Make and test

Name of lure or type of bait:

Live bait (Pogy)

Terminal rig description:

1002 Egg weight 12ft Leader 60lb line 7/0 Gamakatsu Circle Hook
Number of hooks, type, arrangement

IV. VESSEL (IF APPLICABLE)

Vessel name:

Long Lost

Vessel captain:

First and last name

Captain's permanent address:

Street Apartment/Unit

City County State ZIP

Captain's phone number:

Captain's signature:

X

Including area code

V. SCALES

Weighmaster's name

Dawn Franco
First and last name

Scale owner:

GA DNR
Name of business, fishing club, etc cetera

Physical address of scale:

One Conservation Way
Street Unit
Brunswick, Colton GA 31520
City County State ZIP

Agency of scale certification:

Dept. of Agriculture
i.e. Georgia Dept. of Agriculture

Date of last scale certification

May 2024
MM / YYYY

Weighmaster's phone number:

912 204 7218
Including area code

Weighmaster's signature:

X Dawn Franco

VI. EYEWITNESS TO CATCH

Name of eye witness to catch (other than angler or captain):

Sean Tarpley (Sean Tarpley)
First and last name

Phone number:

[Redacted]

Including area code

Signature of eye witness to catch:

X Sean Tarpley

VII. EYEWITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name of eye witness to weighing (other than weighmaster):

Tyler Jones, GA DNR
First and last name

Phone number:

912 204 7218

Including area code

Signature of eye witness to weighing:

X Tyler Jones

VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Fighting time, equipment used, additional witnesses, et cetera:

IX. ANGLER AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Program, and it was caught in accordance with the Program's rules and regulations. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of angler applicant:

X Oliver Justin Bythwood

Date of signature:

5/14/24
MM / DD / YYYY

Applicants who lack a valid Georgia fishing license, active Saltwater Information Program Permit, or other necessary permits will be disqualified. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division will check permits as part of this application.

When this application is completely filled out and signed, mail it with the necessary photos to:

Saltwater Game Fish Records Program
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, GA 31250

or email the complete application and photographs to tyler.jones@dnr.ga.gov

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ALLEN BYTHWOOD



Thank you for purchasing a license!

For information on hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation visit georgiawildlife.com

Be proud of your contribution to wildlife

Hunters and anglers are the largest contributors to conservation—paying for programs that benefit America's wildlife and all who enjoy the outdoors.

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AND ALSO

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT



UPGRADE NOW FOR ONLY \$25

RECEIPT - Order #: 124389588 Issued: 4/27/2024 6:21:22 AM

Georgia DNR License	Valid	Cost
Resident Fishing - Stack Two Annual 2 years	4/27/2024-4/27/2026	\$30.00
Resident SIP Permit 1 year	9/13/2024-9/13/2025	\$0.00
Transaction Fee		\$3.00
Renewal Discount		\$0.00
Total		\$33.00

All purchases are final and non-refundable

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COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

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WALTER RABON
COMMISSIONER

DOUG HAYMANS
DIRECTOR

May 17, 2024

Mr. Allen Justin Bythwood

Waycross, GA 31501

Dear Mr. Bythwood:

I wish to personally congratulate you on your new men's Georgia state-record of a graysby grouper (*Cephalopholis cruentata*), caught May 12, 2024, offshore in a location known as the near Navy Tower R5. Enclosed is a certificate that serves to recognize not only the size of the catch, but your skill as an angler and the sportsmanship displayed in landing a record-setting game fish.

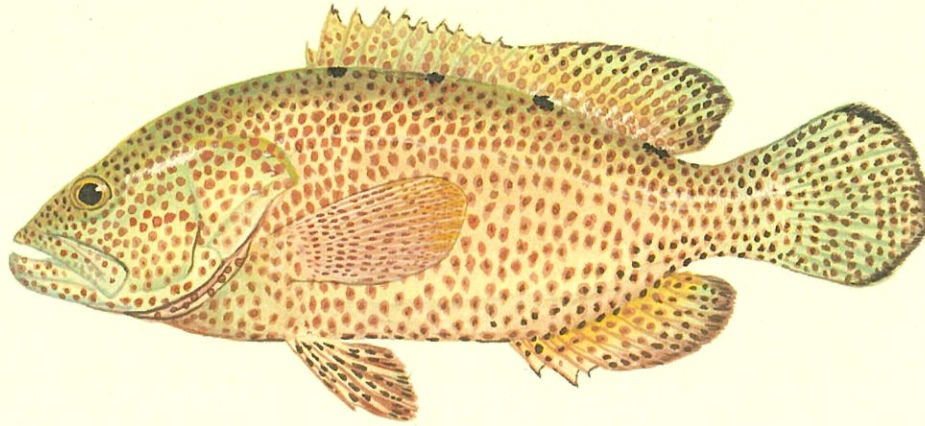
Your name will be added to the official record on our website at CoastalGaDNR.org and will appear in the next edition of the Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations guide, assuming a new record is not set before publication.

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for your participation in Georgia's Saltwater Game Fish Record program.

Sincerely,

Doug Haymans
Director
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Enclosures: Records Review Committee package (copy), Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record certificate



STATE RECORD

Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources hereby recognizes that

ALLEN JUSTIN BYTHWOOD

has been awarded the men's state angling record for a catch of the heaviest Graysby Grouper (*Cephalopholis cruentata*) under the rules of the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program and in accordance with its regulations.

GRAYSBY GROUPER
Cephalopholis cruentata

2 POUNDS, 2.24 OUNCES
0.97 kilograms

MAY 12, 2024
Date of Catch

Witness, this day, May 17, 2024,



GOVERNOR
State of Georgia

COMMISSIONER
Department of Natural Resources

DIRECTOR
Coastal Resources Division