



# Georgia's Freshwater Fish State Record Program

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division recognizes anglers who catch trophy fish through the **Freshwater Fish State Record Program**.

**Freshwater Fish State Records** are set when the catch weight exceeds the existing state record by one ounce or more. To see if your catch qualifies for a **Freshwater Fish State Record**, check the official rules on the following pages. After reviewing, please complete and submit information.

### ANGLER INFORMATION

Angler Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing license #: \_\_\_\_\_

### FISH INFORMATION

Fish species: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lb, \_\_\_\_\_ oz  
Length (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Caught: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Bait Used: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tackle Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Body: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT SIGNATURE and DATE

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*(Applicant's signature or parental signature if under 18 years of age) (Date)*

### GEORGIA WRD INFO

This fish qualifies as: \_\_\_\_\_ Freshwater Fish State Record  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*(Name and Signature of WRD employee identifying/weighing fish) (Date)*

### CERTIFIED SCALE INFO

Scale Owner (Business Name): \_\_\_\_\_; Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of scale operator/witness (store manager or employee): \_\_\_\_\_

### WITNESSES *(only required for Freshwater Fish State Records)*

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above, and verify the weight on this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_; Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	CURRENT STATE RECORD*
Bass, Hybrid	25 lb, 8 oz
Bass, Largemouth	22 lb, 4 oz
Bass, Redeye	3 lb, 7 oz
Bass, Shadow	0 lb, 10 oz
Bass, Shoal	8 lb, 5 oz
Bass, Smallmouth	7 lb, 2 oz
Bass, Spotted	8 lb, 2 oz
Bass, Striped	63 lb, 0 oz
Bass, Suwannee	3 lb, 9 oz
Bass, White	5 lb, 1 oz
Bowfin	16 lb, 3 oz
Bullhead, Brown	5 lb, 8 oz
Bullhead, Yellow	4 lb, 15 oz
Catfish, Blue	110 lb, 6 oz
Catfish, Channel	44 lb, 12 oz
Catfish, Flathead	83 lb, 0 oz
Catfish, White	8 lb, 10 oz
Carp, Common	35 lb, 12 oz
Crappie, Black	4 lb, 4 oz
Crappie, White	5 lb, 0 oz
Gar, Longnose	31 lb, 2 oz
Muskellunge	38 lb, 0 oz
Perch, Yellow	2 lb, 9 oz
Pickrel, Chain	9 lb, 6 oz
Pickrel, Redfin	2 lb, 10 oz
Pike, Northern	18 lb, 2 oz
Sauger	4 lb, 3 oz
Shad, American	8 lb, 3 oz
Shad, Hickory	2 lb, 10 oz
Sunfish, Bluegill	3 lb, 5 oz
Sunfish, Flier	1 lb, 4 oz
Sunfish, Green	1 lb, 7 oz
Sunfish, Redbreast	1 lb, 11 oz
Sunfish, Redear	4 lb, 2 oz
Sunfish, Spotted	0 lb, 11 oz
Sunfish, Warmouth	2 lb, 0 oz
Trout, Brook	5 lb, 10 oz
Trout, Brown	20 lb, 14 oz
Trout, Rainbow	17 lb, 8 oz
Walleye	14 lb, 2 oz

\*Records current as of 3/22/22

For info on Angler Holders, Dates of Catch and Images of Record Fish (where available), visit [georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram/rules](http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram/rules)

## GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

**ELIGIBLE FISH:** See listing on reverse side.

**WHO CAN APPLY?** Both resident and non-resident anglers are eligible. WRD reserves the right to refuse any questionable entry.

**APPLICATION AND PHOTOS:** The angler must submit an application (reverse side) with a clear, side view photo of the fish, and a photo of the angler with the fish.

**LEGAL SEASON, SPORTING TACKLE AND OTHER INFORMATION:** Fish must be caught in Georgia during the legal angling season for the species taken in accordance with all fishing laws and regulations. Fish must be caught on sporting tackle and be hooked and landed by the entrant. Bush hooks, trot lines, jugs, baskets, nets, etc., are not considered sporting tackle. Fish caught from hatcheries or intensive fish culture facilities are not eligible. Freshwater fish caught from private waters in which adults of the species in question are stocked are not eligible.

**CERTIFIED SCALE:** Fish must be weighed on a scale that has been certified accurate to the nearest ounce, or lesser weight, by the Department of Agriculture within the last year. Fish may be weighed in pounds and ounces or in metric; however, metric weights will be converted to pounds and ounces. Estimated weights will not be accepted. The weight of the sling, platform, or rope (if one is used when weighing the fish) must be deducted from the total weight. Only one-ounce graduation will be recognized. Visual fractionizing of graduations is not allowed. Weights that fall between two graduations of the scale must be rounded to the lower of the two. The owner of the scale must provide an address and telephone number.

### NEED MORE FISHING INFORMATION?

Check out our **Weekly Fishing Report:** [georgiawildlife.blog/category/fishing](http://georgiawildlife.blog/category/fishing)

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- YouTube ([www.youtube.com/GeorgiaWildlife](http://www.youtube.com/GeorgiaWildlife))
- Georgia Wild, a free e-newsletter ([www.georgiawildlife.com/archive](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/archive))

## OFFICIAL RULES: Freshwater Fish State Record Program

<http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram>

### FRESHWATER FISH STATE RECORD PROGRAM

• **Time Frame:** Applications must be submitted within 90 days of the catch.

• **Qualifying Weight:** The fish must weigh at least one ounce more than the existing record. Any catch which matches the existing record, or that exceeds the record by less than an ounce, will be considered a tie.

• **Certified Scale:** State Record Fish must be weighed on a certified scale. See "Certified Scale" under "GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS."

• **Identification:** A WRD Fisheries Section biologist or technician must identify the fish and sign the application.

• **Unacceptable Entries:** No frozen fish or mounted fish are eligible.

• **Witnesses:** Fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses, both of whom must be at least 18 years old and not a member of the entrant's immediate family. Both witnesses must provide an address and telephone number on the application. Witnesses are not necessary if the fish is weighed on a certified scale at a WRD office.

**RECOGNITION:** Anglers whose fish qualify for an Freshwater Fish State Record will receive a certificate (in presentation binder), a personalized hat, and two free passes to the Go Fish Education Center. Names and photos of State Record recipients will be used in a media release, social media and posted on the WRD website.

**SUBMIT:** A state record submission must be brought to a WRD Fisheries Management office. **Office locations:** [georgiawildlife.com/about/contact](http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact).

**CURRENT LISTING OF STATE RECORDS FOUND AT:**  
[georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram/rules](http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram/rules)

