

**AFFIDAVIT FOR RECORD FRESHWATER GAME FISH**

Affidavit must be filled out in entirety and returned to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources within 45 days of catch.  
(Please print.)

Name (species) of fish:

Weight (please record based on the graduation of the scales used):

Standard:

Scientific Name (to be completed by certifying biologist):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ tenths/lbs.

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_ Metric:

Total Length (inches): \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ kg. \_\_\_\_\_ gm

Girth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Waterbody where Entry was Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:** Please provide a brief narrative of how the fish was caught (i.e. time of day/night, type of bait or lure, fishing method and details of the location, etc.)

**CERTIFICATION:****SCALE INFORMATION:**

Scales must be certified by the USDA or other officially accredited organization.

Location of Certifying Scales: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Scale: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Digital, Balance, Dial, Table, Other)

Registered Scale #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Scale Last Checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby swear in registering this fish for state record that the above information is true, that in taking this fish I complied with all the rules (on reverse side) and that the witnesses actually witnessed the weighing of this fish on certified scales.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Biologist Verifying Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rules and Registering a South Carolina State Freshwater Fish Record:**

1. Fish entry must be caught on standard sport fishing tackle; rod, reel and line or pole and line. Entry must be hooked and played by one person only.
2. Records are maintained on “all tackle” records only. Line size and angling device used are not considerations for “all tackle records, only that the tackle must be standard and available commercially.
3. The catch must be made in accordance with any laws or regulations governing the species and/or waterbody from which it was caught.
4. No fish caught from any hatchery or aquaculture facility is eligible.
5. No estimated weights acceptable for registration. Fish entry must be weighed on scales of known accuracy in the presence of two witnesses at least 18 years old. (Most grocery stores have certified scales). You may be asked to prove the accuracy of the scales used.
6. To replace an existing record fish weighing less than 25 lbs, the replacement must weigh a minimum of 2.0 oz (57 grams) more than the existing record, otherwise the entry will be considered a tie and the applicant listed as a co-holder of that record. Entries to replace a fish greater than 25 lbs must weigh a minimum of 8.0 oz (266 grams) more than the existing record, otherwise the entry will be considered a tie and the applicant listed as a co-holder of that record.
7. Because of technicalities, a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist must identify all entries as to species. If possible, the biologist should also witness the weighing of the entry. In the event a biologist is not readily available, the entry should first be weighed, measured and witnessed then frozen or otherwise preserved intact until a biologist is notified. The verifying biologist's decision is final and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to refuse the registration of any questionable entry.

Records are kept for the following species: Striped Bass, White Bass, Hybrid Bass and White Perch, Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Bartram's Bass, Bluegill Bream, Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker), Redbreast, Warmouth, Flier, Pumpkinseed, White Crappie and Black Crappie, Brook Trout, Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout, Sauger, Yellow Perch and Walleye, Chain Pickerel (Jackfish), Blue Catfish, Bullhead Catfish, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish and White Catfish, Bowfin (Mudfish) and American Shad.

### **World Record Information**

Anglers with an entry for a possible world record should contact the International Gamefish Association for information on the rules, procedures and application for a world record submission.

International Angling Rules

<https://igfa.org>

Any question about freshwater angling records, rules or further information should be directed to Chief of Fisheries, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202. Telephone 803-734-3808.

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