Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
OFFICIAL "STATE RECORD FISH" APPLICATION
Please Print (See backside for special instructions)

Name of Angler ___________________________________________ Date of Birth __________________________

Street Address __________________________________________ City __________________________

State ___________ Zip ___________ County ________________ Telephone No __________________________

Species of Fish Caught __________________________________

Certified Weight _________________ lbs. _________________ oz.  Must be weighed on certified scales
(grocery store or meat market type)

Total Length ___________________ Inches

Fork Length_____________________ Inches

Girth ___________________________ Inches

Check type of tackle used:

Bait Casting _______ Spin Fishing _______ Fly Casting _______ Pole and Line _______

Fishing Line Test Weight _________________ Lbs.

Location of catch ___________________________

Lake, Reservoir, River __________________________

Nearest Town __________________________

Date of Catch __________________________

Month _______ Day _______ Year __________

WITNESS TO THE WEIGHT:

Signature _________________ Address __________________________

Signature _________________ Address __________________________

City _____________________ Phone _______________ City _____________________ Phone _______________

WITNESS TO THE CATCH:

Signature _________________ Address __________________________

Signature _________________ Address __________________________

City _____________________ Phone _______________ City _____________________ Phone _______________

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT:

I, _______________________, state that the fish described in this application was legally caught by me
by the above described legal method within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

Date of Application __________________________ Signature of Applicant __________________________
APPLICATION AND RULES
STATE RECORD FISH

RULE 1: Fish must be caught on rod, reel and line, or pole and line, and hooked with any legal hook or lure.

RULE 2: Fish must be weighed in the presence of MDWFP personnel on certified scales or scales legal for trade. The weighing must witnessed by others, who MUST sign the application form. No provision for weight loss will be allowed. The actual weight of the fish AT THE TIME OF WEIGHING will be the OFFICIAL WEIGHT. It is desired (but not mandatory) to have signature(s) on the application form of witness(es), if any, to the actual catching of the fish.

RULE 3: Two (2) photographs (preferably in color) should be taken of the proposed record fish.

A. One (1) of the angler and fish.

B. One (1) showing a clear, close up side view of only the fish.

RULE 4: Length of the fish must be measured using a flatboard and with fish mouth closed, from tip of snout to tip of tail (with tail squeezed together to give longest possible measurement) which gives the maximum overall measurement. Fork length measurement should also be taken from the tip of shoul to the fork of the tail. (See diagram on application)

RULE 5: Girth of the fish will be measured around the thickest portion of the body. (See diagram)

RULE 6: Applications for black bass, crappie and sunfish MUST be positively identified AND verified by a Professional Fisheries Biologist with the MDWFP.

RULE 7: The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks reserves the right to further check fish identification or verification of witnesses and to refuse any application that is questionable. It will be considered "just cause" for disqualification of current application and any previous records established by anyone who knowingly falsifies a record fish application. If the rules are not clear, PLEASE reread them. All rules will be strictly adhered to! The decision of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will be final.

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