





## APPLICATION AND RULES STATE RECORD FISH

- RULE 1: Fish must be caught by a legal method other than traditional bait fishing with rod and reel or pole (this does not include commercial fishing gear).
- RULE 2: Fish must be weighed on certified scales or scales legal for trade. The weighing must be 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 snout 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 **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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