

Florida Saltwater Fishing Record Application

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) maintains state records for marine fishes caught in Florida state waters or in federal waters extending directly outward of Florida state waters between latitude 30.71 in the Atlantic and longitude -87.52 in the Gulf of Mexico. Records are maintained for the heaviest fish in all tackle, youth and fly-fishing categories, and the longest fish for several species in the all-tackle and youth categories. Catches must follow Florida's fishing regulations, the Catch a Florida Memory - Saltwater Angler Recognition Program: General Angling Rules, and the Florida Saltwater Fishing Records Program Rules.

To qualify for a record, **photographs must be submitted** clearly showing the weight displayed on a **certified scale** for a weight record, length **over** a measuring device for a length record, gear used to make the catch, the angler with their catch and various views of the fish for identification purposes. Species that are difficult to identify must be confirmed by a qualified fisheries biologist. The angler's signature on a completed application form **must be witnessed by a notary**. Anglers must be **age 15 or under** at time of catch to qualify for a youth record. For more information, visit CatchaFloridaMemory.com and click on "Records," or contact AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com.

I AM SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY FOR:

<input type="checkbox"/> Florida all-tackle weight record
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida youth all-tackle weight record
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida youth length record
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida adult length record
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida fly fishing record

ANGLER (print name as you wish it to appear on certificate)

Mailing address (include country and postal code)

Phone number _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address _____

CATCH INFORMATION

Common Name _____

Scientific Name _____

Lbs. _____ Oz. _____ Digital Weight _____

Total Length _____ Fork Length _____

Fish released alive? Yes _____ No _____

Vessel Name _____ Vessel Registration Number: _____

Catch Date _____ Time of Fight _____

Catch Coordinates _____

City Where Catch was Landed _____

Method of Catch _____

TACKLE INFORMATION

Method of Take _____

Lure, fly or bait used _____

Rod or Gear Make and Model _____

Reel Make _____

SCALE

Type _____

Manufacturer _____

Date of last certification _____

Location of scale _____

CAPTAIN OR GUIDE

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

WITNESSES TO CATCH & WEIGHING

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Name _____

Phone number _____

VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY

Signature of examining ichthyologist _____

Title, degree or qualifications _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, or the legal parent/guardian/representative of the angler, hereby take oath and attest that the fish caught for the purpose of this program were legally caught in Florida, hooked, fought and boated by myself or the angler without assistance from anyone except as specifically provided in the regulations, and that it was caught in accordance with FWC angling rules. I further declare that all the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by any ruling of the FWC relative to this application. The FWC may use this information for research and informational purposes. I also hereby grant FWC, FWC's assigns, and the media nonexclusive, irrevocable permission to use, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, and/or distribute my or the angler's submitted photographs, comments and catch information for purposes of publicizing FWC programs or for any other lawful purpose without payment or any other consideration, and give permission for the FWC to perform a records check regarding wildlife violations.

Signature of angler: _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ year _____

Notary signature and seal: _____

When completely filled out, signed and notarized, mail this application and photographs to:

FWC - FL Saltwater Fishing Records, 1875 Orange Ave. E., Office 192, Tallahassee, FL 32311

***OR email the completed application and photographs to AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com**

Contact (850) 487-0554 with questions or visit www.CatchaFloridaMemory.com

HOW TO MEASURE FISH FOR LENGTH REQUIREMENT

TOTAL LENGTH

Total Length is measured from the most forward point of the head, with the **mouth closed**, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side (See Figure A). For fish that have "ragged-edge" type filaments, these "pieces" of the tail should be included in the measurement of total length and measured to the "farthest tip of the tail" in the definition for total length (See Figure B).

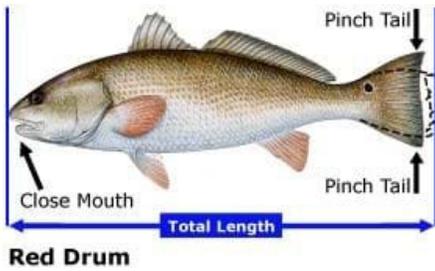


Figure A

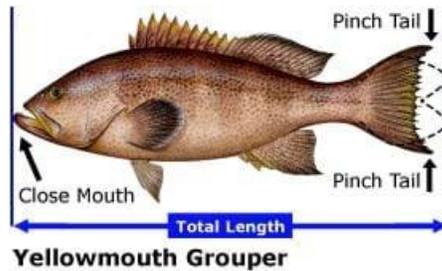


Figure B

FORK LENGTH

Fish regulated by fork length are measured from the tip of the jaw or tip of the snout with closed mouth to the center of the fork in the tail (See Figures C and D).

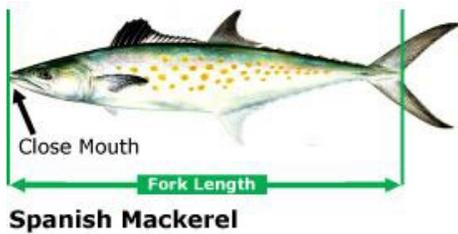


Figure C

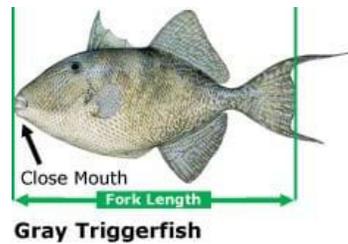


Figure D

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission does not allow discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability.

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