

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES (CONTINUED)

CATEGORY - CATCH AND KEEP ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. Have fish weighed on a commercial scale (grocery store, meat market, etc.) and record the name of person weighing the fish and the business information where the fish was weighed. If there is a date the scale was last inspected, provide it in the business information section. We will not accept entries that have been weighed on household or handheld scales.
2. **Entries must have the signatures of one witness verifying the fish's weight.**

CATEGORY - CATCH AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. Fish must be immediately released after capture and may not be transported away from the body of water. Fish should not be kept out of the water any longer than necessary to measure and take a picture (no more than 60 sec.)
2. Length should be measured with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see Length Measurement Directions).
3. **Entries must have the signature of one witness verifying the fish's length.**
4. Pictures submitted for Catch and Immediate Release must display the environment where the fish was caught. Entries submitted with pictures taken in an unnatural setting **will not** be accepted. Unnatural settings include but are not limited to: garages, kitchens, cleaning stations, parking lots, driveways, etc.

CATEGORY - STATE RECORD FISH ENTRIES:

1. If the fish exceeds the listed State Record (see below), you **must contact** a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist for positive identification and verification. **The DNR biologist must sign entry as witness.** To be certified as a state record, the fish must be **fresh or fresh frozen.** Mounted fish will not be considered for a record. Entries should be kept frozen for at least two weeks past submission of application form in the event further identification is required.

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum requirements. No more than one patch will be awarded to each angler per species per year. Certificates are awarded to the top 5 fish of each species in both categories. To have your Master Angler catch added to our website photo album, send your name, species, category, and photo to masterangler@michigan.gov.

Minimum Lengths apply to **Catch/Release** entries **Only**

Minimum Weights apply to **Catch/Keep** entries **Only**

For State Records: Bullhead: BL = Black, BR = Brown, Y = Yellow Crappie: B = Black, W = White Muskellunge: GL = Great Lakes, N = Northern

SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	Tie 11-15 (1934) 11-15 (1959)	Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2 (1996)	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2 (1991)
Bass, Rock	11.5"	1-0	3-10 (1965)	Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6.4 (1992)	Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3 (1982)
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-4	9-4 (1906)	Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0 (1974)	Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8 (1990)
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7 (1989)	Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0 (1995)	Sunfish, Hybrid	10"	0-12	1-7 (1991)
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12 (1983)	Muskellunge	42"	20-0	GL: 58-0 (2012) N: 49-12(2000)	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	0-12	2-2.4 (2009)
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	24-12 (2008)	Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0 (1919)	Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	2.36 (2010)
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	37-1 (2012)	Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14 (2002)	Trout, Brook	15"	2-0	9-8 (1996)
Bullhead	14"	1-8	BL: 3-7 (1999) BR: 3-10 (1989) Y: 3-9.6 (2003)	Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12 (1947)	Trout, Brown	32"	16-0	41-7.2 (2009)
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0 (1981)	Salmon, Atlantic	32"	12-0	32-10 (1981)	Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	68-1 (1997)
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4 (1980)	Salmon, Chinook	39"	27-0	46-1 (1978)	Trout, Rainbow (steelhead)	32"	14-0	26-8 (1975)
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8 (1974)	Salmon, Coho	31"	12-0	30-9 (1976)	Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3 (1951)
Carp sucker	19"	3-0	8-2 (2012)	Salmon, Pink	20"	3-0	8-9 (1987)	Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6 (2001)
Catfish, Channel	29"	8-0	40-0 (1964)	Smelt*	10"	None	12.0" (1996)	Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5 (1993)
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	49-13 (2012)	Splake	25"	6-0	17-8 (2004)	Whitefish, Menominee	15"	1-0	4-1 (1992)
Crappie	14"	1-12	B: 4-2 (1947) W: 3-6.24(2000)	Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14 (1986)				
Freshwater Drum	25"	7-0	26-0 (1973)	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8.6 (1994)				

*The minimum entry requirement for Smelt is 10" for both Catch and Keep and Catch and Immediate Release entries. The Smelt State Record is recognized by length rather than weight.

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Fish Identified From (See Rule No. 2 on reverse side)

Actual Specimen

Photograph

Print Name of Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist

Signature

Title

Date