STANDARD ROD & REEL DIVISION ONLY
Fresh & Salt Water
LOUISIANA FISH RECORD APPLICATION
LOUISIANA OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION
Type or print clearly

NAME OF ANGLER:____________________________________

SPECIES OF FISH:________________________ DATE CAUGHT________

Weight: _____ lb. _____ Oz.  Total length: ______ inches
Where caught:______________________________________________

If offshore, name of boat, captain and port landed: ______________________________________________

Type of tackle used: Rod: _______________________ Reel: ______________________
Line used and lb/test:______________________________
Type of bait used:______________________________
Where weighed: __________________________________
Type of scales used (Name & Model #):________________________ digital__ standard__
LA Inspection Certification #: ____________________ Date Inspected: ______________

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true and that the fish was caught as specified by the official LOWA record rules:
Signature of the applicant: ________________________
Mailing address of applicant: ________________________
(City, State, Zipcode): ________________________________
Area Code/Phone number: ___________________________
email address:____________________________________

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Witness Section: We hereby declare that we personally witnessed the weighing of the fish and that the weight is correct
(please print clearly):
Signature: ___________________________________ Signature: ______________________
Print Name: ___________________________ Print Name: ______________________
Address: ___________________________________ Address: ______________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________ City/State/Zip: ______________________
Area Code/Phone: __________________________ Area Code/Phone: ______________________

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FISH BIOLOGIST SECTION:
I hereby declare that I have examined the fish described above and that it is correctly listed as to species and data. I also
certify that the fish shows no signs of mutilation by shooting, foul hooking, snagging or other illegal capture methods as
described in Rule #2 of the Official LOWA Fish Record Rules:
Scientific name of fish: ____________________________
Common name of fish: ____________________________
Signed: ______________________________________ Print name: ______________________
Title/Position: ______________________ AC/Phone: ______________________
Mailing Address: __________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________________

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WHEN THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE MAKE A PHOTO COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES

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PLEASE NOTE: All applications are held for 30 days before certification is sent to allow for rebuttals

OFFICIAL LOWA FISH RECORDS RULES
STANDARD ROD & REEL DIVISION/FRESH & SALT WATER

☐ a $25.00 non-refundable Money Order or personal check must accompany each individual application to cover verification expenses. It should be made out to: (LOWA Fish Records)

THIS RULES PAGE MUST BE CHECKED OFF AND SENT WITH APPLICATION

☐ READ THIS NOTICE: ALL SPECIES OF FISH MUST BE EXAMINED BY A FISH BIOLOGIST FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES OR A BIOLOGIST OR RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY FROM A LOCAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE SPECIES, VERIFY ALL DATA AND WILL CHECK THE FISH FOR ANY SIGNS OF MUTILATION FROM SHOOTING, FOUL HOOKING, SNAGGING OR OTHER VIOLATIONS TO RULE #2.

☐ 1. Fish must be caught in Louisiana waters with access to the general public. If caught offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, the fish must be caught from a boat fishing out of a Louisiana port and weighed in Louisiana. For Toledo Bend fish to be eligible or fish from other border waters the fish must be caught by an angler fishing out of a dock on the Louisiana side and the angler must land and weigh the fish on the Louisiana side.

☐ 2. A.) Fish must be caught by a sporting means (hooked by the mouth) on rod, reel and line or some other conventional form of regular fishing tackle. Fish caught on hand lines, set lines or any form of net, trap or seine are not eligible. Fish mutilated by shooting, foul hooking, snagging or by other fish, such as sharks are not eligible.

        B.) Fish caught using electric reels or other such type of mechanical reel assists (winches, etc) are NOT eligible.

☐ 3. Only one person may handle the rod, reel or line while the fish is being hooked, played or landed; except that one person may assist by using a net or gaff to land the fish after it has been brought to the side of the boat.

☐ 4. Application must be filled out completely.

☐ 5. Only scales inspected by the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture may be used. The total weight must include fractional weight information. For larger fish, scales regularly inspected and used in salt water rodeos at major boat docks are acceptable. However, fish must be examined by a biologist from the scientific community. Indicate whether scales are standard or digital on application.

☐ 6. A clear photograph showing the side of the fish from nose to tail must be submitted with the application, along with a photo of the angler and rod/reel used to catch the fish. LOWA reserves the right to publish/distribute any photographs. (Digital photos are preferred. Send hardcopy print with application and also email jpg file photo to fishrecords@yahoo.com with your name in subject line)

☐ 7. Each application must be signed by the angler making the application for a record and by two witnesses who declare that they personally witnessed the weighing of the fish and that the weight shown is correct.

☐ 8. Completed applications, photographs and $25.00 application processing fee should be sent to the chairman of the Fish Records Committee of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association:
   LOWA Fish Records
   P.O. Box 8571
   Clinton, LA 70722-8571

☐ 9. Applications will be automatically rejected if: (a) any rule is violated, (b) application fee is not enclosed, (c) application is improperly filled out or (d) rules check off page is omitted

☐ 10. Application must be submitted within 60 days of catch.

Any member of LOWA in the state will assist fisherman in completing the application. The current records are for fish that rank in the top ten (10) in weight in its species. Anglers whose catches are ranked in the top ten in the state records will receive a certificate from LOWA and will be eligible for the LOWA Fish of the Year Award.

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