



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: _____

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:** _____

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: _____

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

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.