

CALIFORNIA SALTWATER DIVING RECORDS

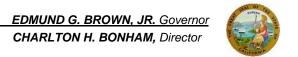
PROCEDURES:

- 1. Print the California Saltwater Diving Record Verification form available at www.dfg.ca.gov. Be sure to record the date and location of your catch.
- 2. Once you have landed your potential record size catch, you should have it weighed as soon as possible to prevent the loss of weight by drying out. Weigh the fish on a scale certified by a government agency for accuracy in the presence of two witnesses, preferably unknown to the angler. Record the names, phone numbers, and addresses of the witnesses on the application. In addition, ask for a weight receipt.
- Take several clear pictures of the fish at full length with a measuring device in the background with which the length of the fish can be clearly determined.
- 4. Contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game office (listed below) to arrange for a biologist to identify your catch. If a Department office is not located nearby, you can take your fish to a museum or university where a biologist can identify it for you. The fish may be examined by the biologist in a fresh/frozen/preserved condition.
- Upon verification of the authenticity of your submitted application, you will receive a letter of acknowledgment and certificate signed by the Department of Fish and Game Director.

RULES:

- 1. To qualify for a saltwater diving record you are required to have a current California saltwater fishing license, or be under 16 years of age. In addition, you must adhere to all fishing regulations.
- The act of persons other than the diver touching any part of the spear, spear gun reel, or tag line either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish is speared, until the fish is landed, or in giving any aid is prohibited.
- 3. Your application must be submitted within one year of the date of catch.
- 4. An International Game Fish Association application may not be submitted in place of the California Saltwater Diving Record Verification form.
- 5. Only the species found on the sport diving record list (see Record Ocean Sportfish section on DFG website) can be turned in as a new record. Any species not on the list will not be accepted.
- 6. In order to defeat a record, the fish must exceed the current record by at least one ounce. A catch that matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than one ounce will be considered a tie. For invertebrates in which measurements are used, the record length is to the nearest 1/8 of an inch and is rounded down to the nearest 1/8 inch.





Department of Fish and Game Offices Where Species Identification May Be Verified

Eureka 619 Second Street Eureka, CA 95501	(707) 445-6493
Fort Bragg* 32330 N. Harbor Drive Fort Bragg, CA 95437	(707) 964-9078
Santa Rosa 5355 Skylane Boulevard, Suite B Santa Rosa, CA 95403	(707) 576-2882
Belmont 350 Harbor Boulevard Belmont, CA 94002	(650) 631-7730
Monterey 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100 Monterey, CA 93940	(831) 649-2870
Santa Barbara* 1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9 Santa Barbara, CA 93109	(805) 568-1231
Los Alamitos 4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C Los Alamitos, CA 90720	(562) 342-7199
San Diego 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123	(858) 467-4201

^{*} Field offices have variable office hours, so please call before visiting.