



California Inland Water Angling Records

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RULES:

1. Freshwater anglers submitting a catch as an inland record must be in possession of a current, valid California freshwater sport fishing license, or be under 16 years of age. Anglers must abide by all California freshwater sport fishing regulations.
2. The facts regarding the catch must be recorded on a California Inland Water Angling Record Verification Form (FG 737A). The form must be signed by a permanent Department of Fish and Game employee.
3. An international Game Fish Association application may not be submitted in place of the California Inland Water Record Verification Form.
4. The new record application must be reviewed and approved by the Fisheries Branch (FB) Chief. Any dispute regarding the authenticity of any application for any reason, shall be resolved by the FB Chief.

PROCEDURES:

1. Once the fish is landed, attempt to weigh the fish as soon as possible to prevent the loss of weight from drying out. Potential record fish must be weighed on a certified scale in the presence of a witness or witnesses. Record the names and addresses of each witness for inclusion on the application. Obtain a receipt of the weight, or the scale certification # and date of certification.
2. Submit one or more clear pictures of the fish at full length. It is recommended, but not required to include a picture of the fish on a measuring device which clearly shows the length of the fish.
3. Contact the nearest Fish and Game office (list provided below) to arrange for a Department of Fish and Game biologist to positively identify the fish. The fish may be examined by the biologist in a fresh/frozen/preserved condition.
4. Submit the Verification Form, along with all required supporting documentation, to the California Department of Fish and Game, 830 S Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.
5. After review and approval of the submitted application, the angler will receive a letter of acknowledgement and a certificate, suitable for framing, signed by the Director of the Department of Fish and Game.

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

Redding¹ (530) 225-2300
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

Rancho Cordova¹ (916) 358-2900
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Yountville (707) 944-5500
7329 Silverado Trail
Napa, CA 94558

Fresno¹ (559) 243-4005
1234 Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710

Los Alamitos (562) 342-7199
4665 Lampson Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Ontario (909) 484-0167
2602 Inland Empire Boulevard
Suite C-220
Ontario, CA 91764

San Diego (858) 467-4201
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

¹DFG office where certified scale is available