

# State Record Fish Application Directions

See Application Form on Reverse Side



Return application form to:  
Fisheries Program Administrator SD Game, Fish and Parks 20641 SD Hwy  
1806

Ft. Pierre, SD 57532-6100



**\*\*\*\*No new species will be added to the state record fish list.  
If a species is not currently on the list, it is not eligible for a state record.\*\*\*\***

## Application guidelines

1. All applicable information must be completed. Please **print** legibly or **type** when filling out application.
2. Possible state record fish **must** be identified and verified by a qualified professional ichthyologist or fisheries biologist.
3. Possible state record fish **must** be weighed on registered scales and weight slip attached if available.
4. Two witnesses other than the angler must be present during the weighing process **OR** one Department of Game, Fish and Parks Fisheries or Law Enforcement employee must be present. Witness signature(s) must be present on application form.
5. Weight must be rounded **down** to the nearest ounce. To replace the existing record, a fish must weigh at least one ounce more.
6. A fish must weigh 1 pound (16 ounces) or more to be eligible for state record status.
7. A color photograph of the angler with the fish can be submitted to Game, Fish and Parks personnel along with the completed application (photo can be emailed also).
8. Sturgeon species (shovelnose, pallid and lake sturgeon) and any state threatened or endangered species may not be harvested and are therefore, not eligible for state records.

## Definitions of eligibility

1. **\*Hook and line** records must be caught by a licensed angler (anglers younger than 18 years of age exempt from license requirements) by legal means during legal open season and hours with rod, reel and line; pole and line; or any legal ice fishing method (not speared or snagged).
2. **\*Unrestricted** records may be taken by a licensed angler (anglers younger than 18 years of age exempt from license requirements) by any other legal method than hook and line. This includes spearing, snagging, floatline, setline or seining (smelt only). \*Aid in landing the fish (i.e. netting, gaffing, etc.) is acceptable.
3. **\*Bowfishing** records may be taken by a licensed angler (anglers younger than 18 years of age are exempt from license requirements) by legal bow and arrow, including crossbow.
4. Fish should be measured for total length in inches, as measured in a straight line along a flat surface, from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. (Paddlefish should be measured from the front of the eye to the fork in the tail)

## Eligible Fish Species

Bass, Largemouth	Carp, Bighead	Gar, Longnose	Salmon, Coho	Sturgeon, Shovelnose
Bass, Rock	Carp, Grass	Gar, Shortnose	Salmon, Kokanee	Sucker, Blue
Bass, Smallmouth	Carp, Sucker, River	Goldeye	Sauger	Sucker, White
Bass, White	Catfish, Blue	Herring, Lake (Cisco)	Shad, Gizzard	Sunfish, Green
Bass, Hybrid	Catfish, Channel	Herring, River	Shiner, Common	Sunfish, Orange-Spotted
Bluegill	Catfish, Flathead	Mooneye	Shiner, Golden	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed
Buffalo, Bigmouth	Chub, Creek	Muskellunge	Shiner, Red	Trout, Brook
Buffalo, Smallmouth	Chub, Flathead	Muskellunge, Tiger	Shiner, Sand	Trout, Brown
Bullhead, Black	Crappie, Black	Paddlefish	Smelt, Rainbow	Trout, Cutthroat
Bullhead, Brown	Crappie, White	Perch, Yellow	Splake	Trout, Lake

Bullhead, Yellow  
Burbot  
Carp, Common

Drum, Freshwater  
Eel, American  
European Rudd

Pike, Northern  
Red Horse, Shorthead  
Salmon, Atlantic  
Salmon, Chinook

Stonecat  
Sturgeon, Lake  
Sturgeon, Pallid

Trout, Rainbow  
Trout, Tiger  
Walleye  
Whitefish

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### Angler information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing License Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Angler Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### Catch information

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Scientific Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Caught \_\_\_\_\_ Time Caught \_\_\_\_\_  
Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of bait or lure \_\_\_\_\_ Other legal method \_\_\_\_\_

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### Weight and length information

Owner/agent of scale \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight: Pounds \_\_\_\_\_ Ounces \_\_\_\_\_ *Rounded down to nearest ounce*

Total Length \_\_\_\_\_ inches *Measurements should be from tip of tail to tip of snout*  
*Note: Paddlefish fork length should be measured-From the front of the eye to the fork in the tail*

Girth \_\_\_\_\_ inches *Measure around the widest portion of the fish's body*

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## Witness information

*Must be witnessed and signed by EITHER two witnesses OR one SD GFP fisheries or law enforcement official in lieu of two witnesses*

Witness 1 (non-GFP witness OR GFP fisheries or law enforcement employee)

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 2 (non-GFP witness-only necessary if Witness 1 is also non-GFP employee)

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Verification and Approval

*Must be verified by a qualified ichthyologist or fisheries biologist*

Verified by (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Fisheries Program Administrator (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_