

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

ANGLER AWARD PROGRAM

Qualifying Minimum Weights and State Records

Species	Catch & Release		Sr.		Jr.		State Record	
	Inches	Pounds	Ounces	Pounds	Ounces	Pounds	Ounces	
Bass, Largemouth	20	5	0	4	0	11	3	
Bass, Rock	8	0	12	0	8	3	2	
Bass, Smallmouth	19	4	0	3	8	8	8	
Bass, Striped Marine (includes hybrid)	30	23	0	21	0	53	13	
Bass, Striped Inland (includes hybrid)	23	10	0	7	8	53	12	
Bass, White	14	2	0	1	8	4	0	
Bluegill	8	0	12	0	8	2	9	
Carp, Common	28	14	0	11	8	52	0	
Catfish, Bullhead & White	11	1	8	1	0	4	10	
Catfish, Channel	24	10	8	8	0	35	3	
Catfish, Flathead	34	20	0	16	0	56	3	
Crappie	10	1	4	1	0	4	3	
Drum, Freshwater	21	5	0	4	0	19	14	
Muskellunge (includes tiger)	40	28	0	20	0	54	3	
Perch, White	9	0	12	0	8	1	12	
Perch, Yellow	11	1	4	0	12	3	0	
Pickereel, Chain	20	4	0	3	0	8	15	
Pike, Northern	27	11	0	8	0	35	0	
Salmon, Atlantic	21	5	8	4	0	17	2	
Salmon, Chinook	30	14	0	11	8	28	15	
Salmon, Coho	24	8	0	6	8	15	5	
Salmon, Pink	17	3	0	2	8	4	8	
Sauger	18	2	0	1	8	4	0	
Shad, American	22	6	0	4	8	9	9	
Suckers	17	2	12	2	0	12	14	
Trout, Brook	15	2	0	1	8	7	0	
Trout, Brown	21	5	8	4	0	20	9	
Trout, Lake	30	15	0	12	0	31	13	
Trout, Golden Rainbow	20	5	0	3	8	13	8	
Trout, Rainbow	20	5	0	3	8	15	6	
Trout, Steelhead	24	10	0	8	0	20	3	
Walleye	23	8	0	6	0	18	1	

Rules

1. Program open to residents and non-residents.
2. All fish must be caught in Pennsylvania waters open to the public without charge or fee. Except for First Fish, fish taken from farm ponds, fee-fishing lakes, ponds or streams, or waters restricted to use by club members or their guests, do not qualify.
3. Fish must be caught by legal methods during legally open seasons. Fish caught under No Harvest- Catch and immediate release only regulations will be disqualified.
4. Kept fish must be weighed and measured. Weight and measurement by fishing license agents, Official Measuring Stations, tackle stores, or authorized employees of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is encouraged.
5. Catch-and-release and First Fish catches must be witnessed.
6. Measurements must be made with a metal ruler or tape measure. Measure from tip of the nose (with closed mouth) to tip of the tail.
7. Photographs: For kept fish – a clear, side-view photograph is preferred but not required. For catch-and-release fish – a clear, side-view photograph of the fish IS required. Photographs for catch-and-release category must be taken at the catch site. Driveway, bait shop or kitchen shots are unacceptable for catch-and-release fish. Photos showing mishandling will be disqualified.
8. First Fish – need only a witness signature. Photos are encouraged but not required.
9. To be considered for the annual "Biggest Fish of the Year" list, applications must be received no later than February 28 of the following year.
10. To be considered as a potential STATE RECORD fish, additional requirements must be met and a separate application is required. See any Official Measuring Station or contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission at 717-705-7835 for an application. For more information on Official Measuring Stations, visit www.fishandboat.com.
11. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission reserves the right to investigate the identification, methods used in catching, and the accuracy of measurement and weighing. It also reserves the right to reject any application.
12. Only one patch will be awarded annually to each applicant.
13. Each entry becomes the property of the Fish & Boat Commission with all publication rights. The information contained on the application and accompanying photograph may be used in, but not limited to, press releases, published articles and promotional materials. Photographs cannot be returned.
14. Parental signature is required when applicant is under 18 years of age.

Application for: (check one)

☐ Senior Angler Award

for those anglers 16 and older.
Award includes certificate and patch.

☐ Junior Angler Award

for those anglers under 16 years of age. Award includes certificate and patch.

☐ Husky Musky Club

anglers who land a musky that is 50 inches or longer. Award includes certificate and patch.

☐ Catch and Release

award for those anglers who practice catch and release. Qualifications based on length.

☐ First Fish

certificate recognizing a new angler's first fish. There are no size qualifications.

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Please print clearly.

Fish Species _____

Only the species with qualifying weights (in table above) are eligible for Angler Awards. Applications for other species will be returned.

Angler's Name _____ Age _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Fish Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz. Length _____ in. Girth _____ in.

Date Caught _____ County Where Caught _____

Water Where Caught _____

Rod _____ Reel _____ Line _____

Name of Bait or Lure _____

Weighed and Measured by _____

Catch Witnessed by _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parental Signature if Applicant is Under 18 Years of Age _____

Mail application and photograph to: Angler Award • Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission • P.O. Box 67000 • Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000