

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 (includes hybrid)								
Marine	30	23	0	21	0	53	13	
Landlocked Lake	23	10	0	7	8	53	12	
Bass, White	14	2	0	1	8	3	15.7	
Bluegill	8	0	12	0	8	2	9	
Carp	28	14	0	11	8	52	0	
Catfish, Bullhead	11	1	8	1	0	4	4	
Catfish, Channel & White	24	10	8	8	0	35	2.5	
Catfish, Flathead	34	20	0	16	0	43	9	
Crappie	10	1	4	1	0	4	2.88	
Drum, Freshwater	21	5	0	4	0	19	14	
Muskellunge (includes tiger)	39	28	0	20	0	54	3	
Perch, White	9	0	12	0	8	1	7	
Perch, Yellow	11	1	4	0	12	2	9	
Pickereel, Chain	20	4	0	3	0	8	14.8	
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	
Sucker	17	2	12	2	0	12	9	
Trout, Brook	15	2	0	1	8	7	0	
Trout, Brown	21	5	8	4	0	19	10	
Trout, Lake	30	15	0	12	0	27	13	
Trout, Palomino	20	5	0	3	8	11	10	
Trout, Rainbow	20	5	0	3	8	15	6.25	
Trout, Steelhead	24	10	0	8	0	20	3	
Walleye	23	8	0	6	0	17	9	

Rules

1. Program open to resident and non-resident
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.
4. Kept fish must be weighed and measured by fishing license agents, Official Weighing Stations, or tackle stores or authorized employees of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.
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 of the fish IS required UNLESS its species has been verified by an official weighing station or authorized employee of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.
For catch-and-release fish: A clear, side-view photograph of the fish IS always 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. In addition, photos showing mishandling will be disqualified.
8. Applications must be received within 60 days of the catch.
9. To be considered as a potential STATE RECORD fish, additional requirements must be met, and a separate application is required. See any official weighing station or contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.
10. 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.
11. Only one patch per species will be awarded annually to each applicant.
12. 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.
13. Parental signature is required when applicant is under 18 years of age.

NOTE: State record fish require a separate application. Contact an official weighing station or Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission office.

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.
Qualification based on length.
- First Fish**
certificate recognizing a new angler's first fish. There are no size qualifications.

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

Date Caught _____

Angler's Name _____ Age _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Water Where Caught _____

County 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. _____

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