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 16 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 16 years of age exempt from license requirements) by any other legal method than hook and line. This includes spearing, snagging, bow and arrow, setline or seining (smelt only).
   *Aid in landing the fish (i.e. netting, gaffing, etc.) is acceptable.*
3. 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)

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Angler information

Name___________________________________  Fishing License Number__________________________
Address_________________________________________City____________________________________
State_______________  Zip Code__________________ Phone Number_(________)__________________
Angler Signature_____________________________________________

Catch information

Species___________________________________   Scientific Name_______________________________
Date Caught________________________________  Time Caught_________________________________
Water where caught______________________________   County_________________________________
Type of bait or lure__________________________ Other legal method_______________________________

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

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__(________)_____________________________________

Verification and Approval

Must be verified by a qualified ichthyologist or fisheries biologist
Verified by (print)________________________ Signature________________________ Date_____/_____/_____
Fisheries Program Administrator (signature)_____________________Date______/______/______