

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES (CONTINUED)

CATEGORY - CATCH AND KEEP ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. Have fish weighed on a commercial scale (grocery store, meat market, etc.) and record the name of person weighing the fish and the business information where the fish was weighed. If there is a date the scale was last inspected please provide in the business information section. We will not accept entries for fish that have been weighed on household or handheld scales, or entries that do not comply with this rule.
2. **Obtain the signature of two witnesses verifying weight.**
3. Entries received without proper identification (photo and/or Fisheries Biologist's signature will be returned).
4. **STATE RECORD FISH** - If the fish exceeds the listed State Record (see below), you **MUST CONTACT** a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist for positive identification and verification. To be certified as a state record, the fish must be **FRESH** or **FRESH FROZEN**. Mounted fish will not be considered for a record. Entries should be kept frozen for at least two weeks past submission of application form in the event further identification is required.

CATEGORY - CATCH AND RELEASE ENTRIES: (in addition to the required photographs)

1. It is not necessary to submit a weight for *Catch and Release* entries. However, for *Catch and Release* entries you must have the signature of one witness to verify length.
2. Do not keep the fish out of the water any longer than you can hold your breath underwater. Entries received without proper identification (photo and/or Fisheries Biologist's signature will be returned).
3. Length measurements for *Catch and Release* fish should be made with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick. Measurements to be in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see **Length Measurement Directions**).

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, minimum lengths for case of Catch and Release. No more than one patch will be awarded to each angler per species per year. Certificates are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or are one of the top 5 fish of each species in both categories. Have your 2012 Master Angler catch added to our website photo album by sending your name, species, category, and photo to masterangler@michigan.gov.

Minimum Lengths apply to Catch and Release entries Only *** Minimum Weights apply to Catch and Keep entries Only**

SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)	SPECIES	MIN. ENTRY LENGTH	MIN. ENTRY WEIGHT	STATE RECORD (YEAR)
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7 (1990)	Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6.24 (2000)	Splake	25"	6-0	17-8 (2004)
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15 (1934) 11-15 (1959)	Fresh. Drum	21"	7-0	26-0 (1973)	Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14 (1986)
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10 (1965)	Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2 (1996)	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8.6 (1994)
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4 (1906)	Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6.4 (1992)	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2 (1991)
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7 (1989)	Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0 (1974)	Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3 (1982)
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12 (1983)	Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0 (1995)	Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8 (1990)
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	24-12 (2008)	Musky, Grt. Lks.	42"	20-0	50-8 (2009)	Sunfish, Hybrid	10"	0-12	1-7 (1991)
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	33-4 (2004)	Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12 (2000)	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	0-12	2-2.4 (2009)
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7 (1999)	Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3 (1919)	Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	2.36 (2010)
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10 (1989)	Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0 (1961)	Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8 (1996)
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6 (2003)	Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14 (2002)	Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	41-7.2 (2009)
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0 (1981)	Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12 (1947)	Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	68-1 (1997)
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4 (1980)	Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10 (1981)	Trout, Rainbow (steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8 (1975)
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8 (1974)	Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1 (1978)	Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3 (1951)
Carp sucker	19"	3-0	8-0 (2000)	Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9 (1976)	Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6 (2001)
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0 (1964)	Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9 (1987)	Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5 (1993)
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8 (1943)	Sauger	21"	5.0	6-9 (1976)	Whitefish, Menominee	15"	1-0	4-1 (1992)
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2 (1947)	Smelt*	10"	None	12.0" (1996)				

*The minimum entry requirement for Smelt is 10" for both Catch and Keep and Catch and Release entries. The Smelt State Record is recognized by length rather than weight.

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Fish Identified From (See Rule No. 2 on reverse side)	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Specimen	<input type="checkbox"/> Photograph	
_____ <i>Print Name of Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist</i>	_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Title</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>