



2017 MASTER ANGLER ENTRY APPLICATION

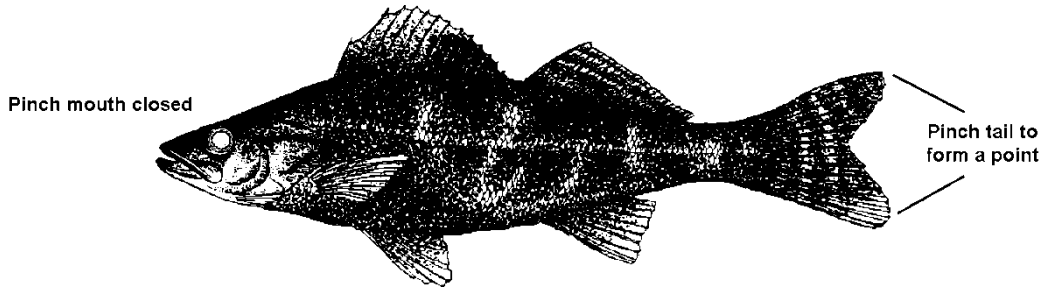
By authority of Part 487 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, P. A. 1994, as amended.
Submission of this information is required to be eligible for Master Angler awards.

It's All About the Fish! It's All About the Fish! It's All About the Fish!

Please complete all information. (see RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES below and on page 2)

CATEGORY - SELECT ONE	Name of Angler		Please check if Youth Angler 16 years or younger:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CATCH & KEEP		Please check if this is a new address since your license purchase:	
<input type="checkbox"/> CATCH & IMMEDIATE RELEASE	Current Mailing Address			
	City, State and ZIP		Telephone including area code	
CATCH DATA	Species	Name of bait or lure used	Date Caught	Time of Day (include AM or PM)
	Name of Lake, River or Stream		County	
METHOD USED	<input type="checkbox"/> Baitcasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Driftfishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Flycasting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fishing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stillfishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Trolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Spear (Catch & Keep Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowfishing (Catch & Keep Only)

LENGTH MEASUREMENT DIRECTIONS



Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line. DO NOT measure in a curve around body from nose to tail. Measure to closest 1/8 inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.

FISH STATISTICS		MAILING ADDRESS USED FOR LICENSE ISSUE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	
As of 2015 both Catch and Keep AND Catch and Immediate Release will be based on LENGTH only for all Master Angler submissions	Length to the nearest 1/8 inch	If Name Changed please list name used when fishing license was issued:	Telephone including Area Code
	_____ inches	Address	
		City, State, ZIP	

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES (CONT'D ON BACK)

- All fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportfishing methods, during open season, and in Michigan waters OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- Color photographs of the entire fish must be submitted for identification.** Provide close-up and clear photographs with side-views. Show the fins and tail in a spread-out position, if possible. Color photographs are required. **Entries received without a color photo will not be accepted.**
- DNR Fisheries Division reserves the right to showcase all submitted photos which become DNR property and will not be returned unless specifically requested by the angler to have their printed photos mailed back to them.
- Entries for the previous calendar year must be received by the DNR Fisheries Division no later than January 10th.
- DNR Fisheries Division reserves the right to reject any application if the entry does not meet the established criteria.
- See *Catch and Keep Entries* or *Catch and Immediate Release Entries* for additional entry requirements. (Continued on the back)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division

Angler Signature (if submitting your application by email please type in your name) _____ Date _____

Submit entry and photograph to: **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FISHERIES DIVISION
PO BOX 30446 LANSING MI 48909-7946**

Or submit entry by emailing fillable application entry form and attached photo to: **MasterAngler@michigan.gov**

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES (Continued from previous page)

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

1. Length should be measured with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see *Length Measurement Directions* on previous page). Weight is no longer collected as of 2015.

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

1. Fish must be immediately released after capture and may not be transported away from the body of water. Fish should not be kept out of the water any longer than necessary to measure and take a picture (*no more than 60 seconds*).
2. Length should be measured with a good grade metal tape measure, wood or metal yardstick in inches to the nearest 1/8-inch (see *Length Measurement Directions*).
3. Pictures submitted for Catch and Immediate Release must display the environment where the fish was caught. Entries submitted with pictures taken in an unnatural setting will not be accepted. Unnatural settings include but are not limited to: garages, kitchens, cleaning stations, parking lots, driveways, etc.

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum requirements. Anglers will only receive one patch per species, per year regardless if the fish is kept or released. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the contest year (January 1 to December 31) for the top five fish in each category.

STATE RECORDS

1. If the fish exceeds the listed State Record weight (see below), you **must contact a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist** for positive species identification and verification of the weight. The DNR biologist must sign the entry form as witness. 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 or verification is required. Contact your local DNR Customer Service Center to have a fisheries biologist verify your entry.
2. State record entry submissions use a different form from the Master Angler entry form. This form may be found on our website at: www.michigan.gov/MasterAngler

SPECIES	Master Angler MINIMUM ENTRY LENGTH	STATE RECORD LBS (YEAR)	SPECIES	Master Angler MINIMUM ENTRY LENGTH	STATE RECORD LBS (YEAR)	SPECIES	Master Angler MINIMUM ENTRY LENGTH	STATE RECORD LBS (YEAR)
Bass, Largemouth	22"	11.94 (1934) 11.94 (1959)	Freshwater Drum	25"	28.61 (2015)	Sucker, Longnose	17"	6.88 (1986)
Bass, Rock	11.5"	3.62 (1965)	Gizzard Shad	16"	4.12 (1996)	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	2.54 (1994)
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	9.98 (2016)	Lake Herring (Cisco)	16"	5.40 (1992)	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	12.89 (1991)
Bass, White	16"	6.44 (1989)	Lake Sturgeon	50"	193.00 (1974)	Sucker, White	20"	7.19 (1982)
Bluegill	10"	2.75 (1983)	Longnose Gar	32"	18.00 (1995)	Sunfish, Green	9"	1.53 (1990)
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	24.74 (2008)	Muskellunge	42"	GL: 58.00(2012) N: 49.75 (2000)	Sunfish, Hybrid	10"	1.44 (1988) 1.44 (1991)
Buffalo, Black	26"	44.54 (2015)	Northern Pike	40"	39.00 (1961)	Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	2.15 (2009)
Bullhead	14"	BL: 3.44 (1999) BR: 3.77 (2014) Y: 3.60 (2003)	Perch, White	10"	2.00 (2015)	Sunfish, Redear	10"	2.36 (2010)
Bowfin	27"	14.00 (1981)	Perch, Yellow	14"	3.75 (1947)	Trout, Brook	15"	9.50 (1996)
Burbot	26"	18.25 (1980)	Salmon, Atlantic	32"	32.62 (1981)	Trout, Brown	32"	41.45 (2009)
Carp, Common	30"	61.50 (1974)	Salmon, Chinook	39"	46.06 (1978)	Trout, Lake	34"	61.50 (1997)
Carp sucker (Quillback)	19"	9.42 (2015)	Salmon, Coho	31"	30.56 (1976)	Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead)	32"	26.50 (1975)
Catfish, Channel	29"	40.00 (1960) 40.00 (1964)	Salmon, Pink	21"	8.56 (1987)	Walleye	29"	17.19 (1951)
Catfish, Flathead	29"	52.00 (2014)	Smelt	10"	No Weight 12.0 " (1996)	Warmouth	9"	1.38 (2001)
Crappie	14"	B: 4.12 (1947) W: 3.39 (2000)	Splake	25"	17.50 (2004)	Whitefish, Lake	23"	14.28 (1993)
A more detailed listing of State Records and Master Anglers may be found online by visiting: www.michigan.gov/MasterAngler						Whitefish, Menominee	15"	4.06 (1992)