

State Record, Whopper and Catch & Release Clubs

State Record Requirements

1. All recognized fish must be harvested by legal methods for Recreational Fishing and come from North Dakota waters that are open for public fishing.
2. All new state record fish must be weighed on a scale used commercially and subject to certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.
 - a) All weights must be rounded to the nearest ounce.
3. The fish must be visually verified by an employee of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
4. Angler must thoroughly complete and submit to the Department a whopper card application or a hand-written or typed note with all similar information.
5. A recognizable photo of the fish must be furnished to the Department.
6. A fin sample may be required/collected for some species for genetic analysis.

Whopper Club Requirements

Only species listed and meeting minimum weight requirements will qualify for patch and certificate. All fish entered must have been harvested by legal methods as described in the North Dakota fishing guide and come from North Dakota waters open to public fishing. Entries must be weighed on scale used in trade. An application card must be filled out, giving weight and length of fish, date and where caught, signature of

applicant, and signature of person weighing the fish. Only one application may be made for each species in a lifetime. You receive a patch for the first whopper of a species, and Expert patch for a whopper of another species, and a Master patch for a whopper of the third species. After that only certificates will be awarded for whoppers of additional species.

Catch And Release Club Requirements

Eighteen species of fish qualify for Catch and Release Club. Entries must meet minimum length requirements and be released unharmed back to the water. Another fisherman must witness and verify the measurement and release. A maximum of five entries per year per species will be recognized. Anglers will receive an official membership certificate and a choice of jacket patch or boat decal.

STATE RECORD / WHOPPER CLUB (circle one) APPLICATION

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Species: _____ (_____)

Weight (pounds) _____

Weight (ounces) _____

Length (inches) _____

Lake or River where caught _____-(_____)

Approximate Location _____-(_____)

Date Caught _____

Manner of Taking (Check One)

_____ Hook and Line

_____ Bow/Spear Fishing

_____ Paddlefish Snagging

_____ Darkhouse Spearfishing

I hereby certify that I caught the fish described on this application, and that it is my only application for this species.

(Signature of applicant)

Weighed by: _____

(Address)

Application for State Record, Whopper Club, and Catch and Release Club

These forms are included here for you to print, fill out, and mail to the department. They are not available on line because both the Whopper Club and Catch & Release Club require signatures. Mail to Whopper/Catch & Release Club, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

CATCH AND RELEASE CLUB APPLICATION

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Species: _____ (_____)

Length (inches) _____

Lake or River where caught _____-(_____)

Approximate Location _____-(_____)

Date Caught _____

Test line _____

Bait Type: (Circle one) Minnow Frog Worm Leech Other None

Lure Type (Circle one) Crank-bait Jig Spoon Spinner Other None

Circle award you wish to receive Jacket patch Boat decal

(Signature of applicant)

(Signature of witness)